

**NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY**  
**Meeting held on 08.01.2013**

**1. Welcome:** Eve wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed two new members, Liz Holden and Sam Hayward.

**2. Apologies:** Sarah Webster, Sheena Robertson, Sharon Cash, Sue White, Adele McLoughlin, Pauline McCartney, and Janet Bebbington, Shirley Richardson.

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Sue Clowes and seconded by Diane Richmond.

**4. Matters Arising:** Used postage stamps will be collected for the Bransbury Home of Rest.

**5. NLBS Christmas Meal** will be held at the Smithy Inn, Holme on 25th January, 2013. The menu can be obtained from Sheila Kissak who will collect payment.

**6. Circulation of NLBS Minutes:** Carley has retired from this post and a card and present from NLBS has been sent with our thanks and appreciation for all her work. In future the minutes will be sent over the internet as postage has become too expensive. Please be sure to let NLBS know your e-mail address. If any member does not have access to e mails then please inform Kate on 01539558516.

**7. Routes for Riders - Westmorland Vets:** Paul Smith, one of their vets, has contacted Eve regarding advice on riding routes in various areas. as the practice would like to set up a plan of riding routes . Eve is setting up a meeting to advise and provide a sachet of routes.

**8. NLBS Fund raising Ride, Sunday, 5th May, 2013:** The usual request for help is required for the ride. Especially manning the gates. Please get in touch with Eve if you can help.

**9. AOB:** (i) Eve read out a report from the Lancaster Guardian regarding the discovery of the body of a black or dark brown Shetland pony, 18 months to 2yrs old dumped on the verge at Hale near Field House Farm. The RSPCA reported that the pony had terrible injuries, had been neglected and had no identification. Please contact Inspector Towler 03001234999 if you can help with enquiries.

(ii) Pete Green of Horse Watch is running a programme to mark tack to help against the growing number of thefts from yards. Andie reported that her horses had been a target on two occasions. Farmwatch came out immediately and details were circulated on their text messaging system. Report any plaited manes or tails or tampering of gates etc to Farmwatch at Lancashire Police.

(iii) Eve has had the missing book on tracks returned and has purchased another book on Holidays on Horseback for our 'library'. These books are available for borrowing. Contact Eve.

(iv) Eve reported that NLBS has an ongoing programme of replacing and repairing bridleway gates and handles. Gates at Kirkby Lonsdale and Yealand are due for maintenance. Gates and handles at Greenlands have been replaced. Two gates on Farleton Fell on the unfenced road have been repaired.

**Forthcoming Meetings and Events:**

30.03.2013 Whittington Races

14.05.2013 Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre (TRC)

09.07.2013 Barlows' Trailers

10.09.2013 Simple Systems

20.10.2013 Tack Sale

Members were treated to a comprehensive talk and demonstration given by Bev and Hilary on The Balance Saddling System. A number of members were familiar with this system and others not so. Many questions were asked and answers were constructively given. Saddles and photos of horses both before and after saddle fittings were circulated for scrutiny. All-in-all a lively, interesting evening for which our many thanks.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 12th March,2013 at Hest Bank Memorial Hall  
North West Air Ambulance**

**A raffle will be held and all prizes for this will be welcome.  
Please come along and bring a friend**