

NORTH LANCS BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2006

1. Eve Hall, Chairperson, welcomed members to the meeting. The following new members were also welcomed:- Katie Blenkinship & Danny Parsonage (Lancaster), Joyce Bullock (Hincaster), Eileen Clark (Dalton-in-Furness), Christine Sims (Hutton, Preston), Sarah Dawson (Little Hoole, Preston), Clare Black (Milnthorpe), John Threlfall (Inskip), Harriet Ferrier (Blackpool), Janet Pearce (Rawtenstall) and Sarah Clare (Galgate).
2. Apologies for absence:- Lesley Owen, Rosemary Worrell, Claire Simpson, Lynda Dobson, Pauline McCartney, June Chapman, Janet Bebbington, Chris. Evans & Pat Hodgkinson
3. Minutes of the meeting on 11th July 2006 were accepted and signed as a true and accurate record.
4. Matters arising:-
 - i. Website update. After meeting with a website designer, it has become apparent that NLBS needs a website manager to collate information from members to enable the site to be updated regularly.
 - ii. Vicky Lowe has now had a meeting with Lancaster City Council regarding the designation of Morecambe Promenade.
 - iii. Barbara reminded members of the saddle microchipping scheme. She still needs additional participants in order to reduce the price sufficiently.
5. Tack sale. Posters were handed out to all members to display. The event is on Oct 22nd, and helpers, refreshments etc would be very welcome. Phone Hilary on 01524 761184 (evenings) for information.
6. Members Rides. Janet Bebbington was thanked for organising the Out Rawcliffe ride on 26th August. Future rides will be organised by Jason Lee, Vicky, and a 'sedate' ride by Eve.
7. Speakers are a very important part of our meetings. If anybody has a subject/speaker they think would be interesting to other members, please let Eve know.
8. The voluntary organisation CVS is giving away 27 computers to charities. NLBS has applied for one.
9. 10 more 'Think Horse' signs have been produced and are available for distribution to key areas.
10. Any other Business.
 - i. A Trec day is to be held on 5th November at Valliants. For a schedule etc please send a sae to Diane Richmond at Brookside, Bay Horse, Lancaster LA2 0HH. Also, advance notice that Beaumont Cotes Stables is planning to hold a show next May Bank Holiday. Details later.
 - ii. Jenny our researcher has been awarded a grant to continue her work into bridleways.
 - iii. Sandra on 01229 466992 or 07749 720330 has a Fell pony for sale

There followed a video and presentation on 'Trec' by Helen Wain. The 3 phases ,Orienteering, Paces and Cross-Country were detailed and Helen emphasised that any person with any horse could take part. It is a fast-growing sport, resulting in more and more events taking place. Helen told members of her personal experience of Trec and demonstrated the equipment needed. It was a very interesting and informative presentation, and judging by the responses it certainly seemed to fire members' enthusiasm.

Helen also mentioned an equine course she is running at Over Kellet Village Hall and that she is a qualified riding instructor should anybody want her services. She can be contacted on

07910 252888

Date of next meeting 14th November 2006 8pm at Hest Bank Memorial Hall.

A lay-person's experiences with a treeless saddle!!

Led by Barbara Hartley but with input from other 'experimenters'.

If you have experiences of your own, good or bad, then please come along & share them with us.

Everyone welcome and please bring a friend.



Autumn/Winter Pleasure Rides

Sunday 29th October

Approx 3 hr ride with optional pub stop. A walk/trot ride but with an opportunity for a good gallop (weather permitting), there will be an alternative route for those not wanting to gallop. You will be fed & watered!

11 am start, ample parking. Beaumont Cote Stables, Beaumont Cote Farm, Slyne, Nr Halton. Please ring Jason Lee 07867 626922

Sunday 19th November

Approx 2 ½ hr ride, approx 9 miles. Walking & trotting only. Mainly on quiet lanes with some BW's. A very pretty route, through the woods, through the valley of the Barbon fells and round the lanes of the very pretty village. (This ride is not going up Barbon Low Fell). There are a few becks/fords to cross. Parking for 5 vehicles only.

Contact Lorraine Hind, 015242 41441.

It is hoped to arrange a ride for Dec. but venue & date not yet decided. This information will be available at the next meeting & will be sent round by e-mail when sorted. If you cannot be at the meeting & are not on the internet then 'phone for details to 015242 21026 **after** the next meeting.

