



Mid-Cheshire Bridleway Association

Newsletter

Summer 2018

Dates for your Diary: Sun 16 Sept - Tile Farm Ride. Sat 22nd Sept - Anderton Boat Lift trip.
Mon 22nd October - Visit to Merseyside Police Stables.

SOCIAL EVENTS

These events are for members and their family or friends as numbers are restricted. For non members or those who have not re-joined this year, half yearly membership is available now and forms can be downloaded from website and BACS payment made.

Annual Ride Sunday 16 September. Tile Farm, Wicker Lane, Guilden Sutton. CH3 7EL. From 1pm. £7.50 including food. Follows farm tracks, woodland, river and meadows with lovely views. Please contact Alison Ardern on 07776 295334 or alison@ardenschester.co.uk by 10 September. Good access and parking

Anderton Boat Lift trip with lunch. Saturday 22nd Sept.

11.00am Meet at the Anderton Boat Lift, Northwich. CW9 6FW (note £2 car park charge)
11.30 am Take the Boat Lift
12 Noon River Trip to Northwich and return
12.45pm Lunch including Soup, Sandwiches, Cake and Tea or Coffee

The visit will commence at 11:30am by boat up to the top of the lift (or in reverse order depending on timings.) Return for a cruise up to Northwich and back, we would arrive back at Anderton at 12.45pm for lunch served in the cafe. At the lift centre there is a viewing platform, the visitor centre, gift shop and a maze. The journey will be by a glass-topped boat with a lively commentary detailing the history and mechanics of the oldest boat lift in the world. This massive iron framework a masterpiece of Victorian engineering lifts canal boats 50ft between the Weaver Navigation and the Trent and Mersey Canal

Please let me know by Friday 31 August tony_overland@yahoo.co.uk the number of places you wish to book for the trip, also **please confirm your method of payment**. The cost including lunch will be £20 (please note that this is the group rate and we will need a minimum number of 12 people to attend).

Payment can be by BACS transfer, using the reference **canal** followed by your **surname**: Sort code: 09 01 51 Account number: 87308209

Payment by cheque (please write your name on the reverse of the cheque) payable to: **MCBA** and sent to: Tony Overland, Stonyford Cottage, Oakmere, Northwich. CW8 2TF

Visit to Merseyside Police Stables, Allerton. Liverpool Monday 22nd October, 7pm

Please contact Tony Overland if interested.

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Future Events :

Mid November	Quiz Night with refreshments at Little Budworth Village Hall
Early January 2019	Bridleway Dinner at the Carriers Inn, Delamere
Late January 2019	Bridleway AGM with Speaker at the Bluecap, Sandiway
February 2019	Skittles evening and carvery meal at the Bickerton Poacher

BRIDLEWAY NEWS

Whitegate Way – Good news! The bottom section near the railway to Waste Lane is now open following sewer works by United Utilities which means that the Delamere Loop can now be ridden in full.

Aston Ring – Pickering’s Cut – Sadly the closure by the Council of the bridleway over the badger holes has been extended for another 6 months while they await approval of the funding to apply for a licence from Natural England and carry out repairs.

LOST WAYS

Willington Footpath 7 – part of the Sandstone Trail between Rock Farm and Tirley Lane. We are currently trying to get this upgraded to a bridleway as riders have been using this track for decades without problems.

Arley / High Legh and Dunham on the Hill areas – if you ride in these areas or know anyone who does, please get in touch as we have had had enquiries regarding potential lost ways.

Greenhill Common Lane, Whitley – Halton Borough Council accept that this route should be classified as a restricted byway but do not have the resources to progress further at the moment which is very frustrating!

Despite the dry weather this summer, the brambles and hedges have grown like mad and many routes are overgrown so do report any problems to the relevant Council online as well as letting us know as there are so many issues we are investigating at the moment. (Links are on our website). If anyone is willing to check out any problems reported if near them and take photographs, please let us know as we do cover quite a large area and can only do so much!.

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