

The Shallowford Trust May 2014



All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord, Hallelujah

Dear Friends

The swallows and the cuckoos have arrived and the skylarks are singing their hearts out but we have had some extremely heavy April 'showers' amongst the sunny periods.

This years lambing went very smoothly with many twins & triplets

We have loads of beautiful healthy calves decorating the front field and being admired by all who pass by.



Seven young people, 3 boys and 4 girls, plus Robert, his wife Sue and daughter Rosie joined us over Easter. On Good Friday they helped carry a cross into

Widecombe church before the service and took part in an excellent sunrise Easter morning service at Buckland Beacon. The 6am start was a struggle for some! Although it was bitterly cold it was dry, and a group of about 50 people gathered to hear the Easter story, sing God's praises and enjoy bacon sandwiches cooked on a wheelbarrow fire!



The group also spent a lovely day at the beach near Start Point. Some braved the icy water for a paddle while others searched amongst the rock pools for fish and crustaceans

and climbed the rocks. We also managed to see several seals swimming about and sunbathing. A wet day led to great hilarity in the puddles and mud as

we enjoyed a wild walk through



the woods by the river. Never had the children been so wet, muddy and happy at the same time!

Prayer support

There have been two prayer meetings since the last newsletter. These have been such a blessing and a source of great encouragement to those of us working at the farm.

This month we will have a short prayer time from 7pm and then welcome all those who will hopefully by then be involved

in the planning of the Country Fair.

Country Fair - raising money to host the groups from Battersea

Our main fundraising event this year will be our Country Fair which will be held at the farm on Saturday 7th June from 12 noon – 5pm. There will be several different stalls selling cakes, produce, plants, craft, pre-loved items and much more. There will be games, demonstrations and attractions for all ages, refreshments available throughout the day including soup & a roll for lunch and a cream tea later on.

We will of course need lots of help so PLEASE let us know if you could help in any way – cook, bake, man a stall or game. Please let us know if you can bring some produce & cakes etc.

We will hold a Fair meeting here at 7.30pm, after our 7pm prayer meeting, on Tuesday 27th May so please come if you can.

There are plans to hold a raffle and a grand auction of significant prizes. So far we have been offered: A weekends use of a brand new Toyota Lexus car; a days Paint-Balling for 10 people; a hamper of food, and promises of many hours work from different people. We still need more so please, if you can help do email or phone the farm at the address at the bottom of the page. Cash to buy prizes would also be wonderful and for those in London – please ask Robert to

bring gifts down



Providence House Leaders poem

As we look out to the expansive space before our eyes,

It is plainly obvious that God in the Skies

An array of texture and colours in this rural place,

Are the true evidence of the smile upon His face

As the wild horses roam on this breezy sunny day

We sit high up in the mountains and ponder on his grace

We are thankful for the time He has allowed us rest

And for this reason we acknowledge we are the truly blessed;

We are bound together by our times spent at the farm

And we thank the Lord for keeping us safe from harm

John Muir Award for all.

John Muir is the founding father of all National Parks. The John Muir Trust offer an award

for people of all ages and stages that encourages us to Discover, Explore, Conserve and Share the delights of wild places. From 12th to 15th August ESF will be hosting the award for anyone who would be interested in working together to further our experiences of the wild place that we find all around us. To find out more visit <http://www.jmt.org/jmaward-home.asp> More info in the next newsletter but note the dates

Volunteers

It has been a real delight to have such local support for the work here at the farm. More volunteers have been working with us in many capacities and we are so very grateful. Thanks this month to Brenda, Miho, Shan and Marie Louise.

Future Dates

Looking ahead through Spring to the Summer there is so much happening. Here are the key dates for prayer please:

Woman's weekend 2-4th May

Providence 50th Anniversary 10th May

Bank Holiday group 28-31st May

Prayer meeting 27th May

Families weekend 6-8th June

Shallowford Country Fair 7th June