

THE LATEST NEWS FROM Shallowford Trust



July 2014



“*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases...*

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What a great day we had at the Country Fair. We were blessed as always with many people to help us before, during and afterwards. Many thanks to all of you, it would have been a complete impossibility without you.

Our friends from Providence House had arrived on the Friday evening, set up their tents in the back field and endured a terrifying thunderstorm during the night. The day started grey and drizzly, helpers arriving and setting up in the various venues that had been prepared with help from the folks of Providence. By 11.30am

we were almost ready and stopped to soak the event in prayer, at which point the sun came out and the band began to play!

Our musical friends made a great contribution to the atmosphere of the day, playing endlessly for over 3 hrs. Everyone had smiles on their faces, they wondered happily around the farm, admired the piglets, joined in the games, shot some arrows, ate heartily and went home satisfied, hopefully wiser as to the work of the Trust and touched by the Joy of the Lord.

For the friends who were able to stay and help clear up, the friends from Providence and the farm family, the day ended with a BBQ around the fire in the garden. Praise the Lord.

Thank you to everyone who helped, prayed, encouraged and sent contributions. We took £1200 on the day for which we are very grateful. Many have asked about next year! Once we have caught our breath and gathered the feedback and new ideas we will be planning for the next one, which with your help will be even better.

Young Photographers of OUR Year?



During May we hosted a small group of young people who are part of the media group at Providence House. What a talented group they turned out to be. They spent a few days searching for the hidden beauty that is all around the farm and found it in abundance amongst the bluebells, animals, trees, river and rocks. The photos were processed back at the farm and in the media room of Providence. The results are spectacular and will hopefully be made available for all to see through the PH website. Well done team.

Cream teas for our friends from Kingsbridge



We are fortunate this year to be supported by the people of the Kingsbridge Methodist Circuit who invited us to their church to tell them all about the work of Elizabeth Braund, the work at present and the challenges ahead. We were well received and invited them to the farm to see the place for themselves. About 20 people bravely made their way through the lanes and found us – eventually. Serena had prepared a wonderful afternoon tea, which was relished by them all. We shared some anecdotes from groups who had recently visited to emphasise the value of the work that is done here at East Shallowford. After very generous donations they bid their farewells. Thank you to all those that came and to the Methodist Circuit for your support.

Farm News



Paul has been extremely busy as always. The animals have been very productive this year with calving at 100%, sheep 170% and the 2 pigs have produced 20 piglets (1000%!). Now it's silage and hay making time.

The Sandels family have also acquired a new puppy to add to the fun on the farm. Timber is happily getting to know the chickens, lambs and ducklings but finds the pigs and ewes somewhat more challenging at the moment whilst he is small – but wait till he's big and strong!!!

Recent Groups



At the beginning of May we hosted a very successful group of women of all ages, 28 – 82. We enjoyed a good walk on the moor, an afternoon of crafts, a wander along the river, night time camp-fire, times of fellowship and sharing, all equally sprinkled with huge amounts of laughter. Many thanks to the volunteers that made the weekend possible: Shan, Emily, Darren, Simon and Hannah.



A mixed group of boys and girls enjoyed the farm helping to prepare for the Country Fair. They worked tirelessly clearing the barn and clearing out stables. Thank you.

We have just hosted a successful girls weekend and made the most of the glorious weather



by spending a day at the Coastguard's Beach near Mothecombe. Several of them braved the cold water to swim. Others preferred to clamber around the rocks and explore or sunbathe.

They enjoyed a walk on the moor and cooking their lunch on an open fire before heading home to London.

Help Needed:

At Widecombe Fair:

For the last two years we have run a very successful all-day food outlet at Widecombe Fair operating from the Church House in the centre of Widecombe. We buy in pasties and sausage rolls but everything else is home-made. We are selling flat out from 9.30am until 6pm, so are looking for as many volunteers as possible so that all the helpers can get a break and possibly time to enjoy the fair as well. We would also welcome cakes that can be sold. Please let us know either by phone or email if you can help us. The Fair is on Tuesday 9th September.

In the Cabbage Patch:

We have 8000 cabbage seedlings to plant in a field. This must be done by hand so we have a work party coming from Providence to help. We would be very grateful if any of you might be able to join our team of planters on Friday 4th July and maybe Saturday 5th July if we have not completed the task on Friday, lunch provided. Please let us know if you can come.

New beginnings?

At the Trustees' meeting in May two key appointments were made - a team to design a new logo and website for the Trust; and the architects who will help us move forward into the next stage of development for the farm.

FUTURE DATES

4th - 6th July
Work Party
Group

22nd July
Prayer
Meeting at
Shallowford,
7pm

25th - 27th July
Women of
Wandsworth
Group

28th - 31st July
Senior Lads
Group

9th - 15th Aug
Sailing
Group,
spend night
at farm before
joining sail
training ship at
Plymouth

8th - 10th Sept
Widecombe
Fair Group

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