



## Newsletter

January 2018

*The beginning of a new and exciting year serving young people here at the farm.*

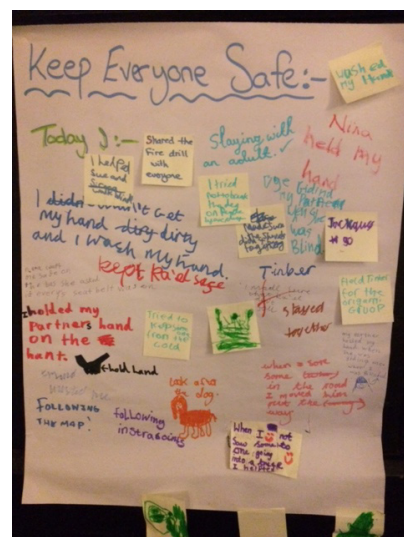
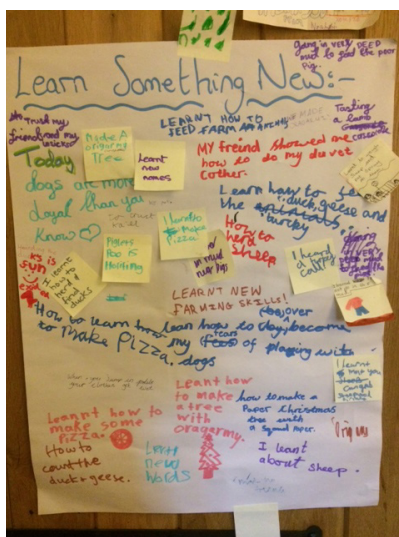
*Thank you for being a valued supporter.*

*Read on and find out how you can get involved this year.*

## Happy New Year to You All

This promises to be an exciting year with many events and activities happening, many young people benefiting from the farm, lots of supporters and volunteers being involved in so many different ways. We pray that this will be a year in which we will continue to follow Jesus into the future of the farm, that He has given us and which we must steward in a way that seeks to share His creation with many young people. Exciting.

Here are the three "Values" that we work to with the young people. Check out these feedback posters to see how much they have taken in over a weekend.



## Providence House Annual Dinner

In November we had a great evening with the team at Providence House attending their Annual Fundraising Dinner. Good food, good company, good entertainment and a good cause.





The young people waited on all the guests admirably, welcoming us all, making and serving canapés, attending to each table. Then they entertained us skilfully with song, dance, film and testimonies, such talent. They proved superb ambassadors for young people delivering a great event. The next dinner will be held on Saturday Nov 10th and all will be welcome - put it in your diary.

## Work Party

A small but carefully selected group blessed us with their hard work and good humour. We enjoyed a father and son team working together at the farm for the first time. Every task on the huge list was tackled and they kept coming back to ask for more!

Clearing the water leat that flows from the marsh was one of the tasks set before the team. It will allow the winter flood water to drain away more easily. We are so grateful to all those that helped out. Good Job!



## Animal Barn

The project began in November and is almost completed. It has been exciting to see the various stages of the process from preparation, through construction, to final touches nearing completion. There have been many different people involved in the barn all bringing a huge array of skills. Great team work.

We have been swimming in mud throughout but are looking ahead to the animals moving in, then the new stone walls and hedges adding the final screening. It's going to make SUCH a difference to the animals and the safety of the groups when they visit the farm.



## The Christmas Tree Festival



The theme this year at Widecombe church was "Colour" so it was decided by the October group of young people to focus on the colours of all the different people of the world. We went for "People of all nations, celebrate God! All colours and races, give hearty praise!"

*Romans 15 v 11 The Message*

The young people made CDs and "baubels" with all their different faces on them, "tinsel" made of flags from around the world and flags on sticks to give more colour. Good job.



## Christmas Nativity

What a great weekend we had sharing the Nativity story! The group included adults and young people that had not been to the farm before. Some saw stars for the first time, others appreciated acting in the Nativity with their teenage son whilst others had never experienced such power of the winds on our beautiful walk back to the farm from church. So many highlights – see our website to appreciate the benefits from the whole experience.



## Grand Draw

Following the gift of a wonderful handmade quilt from the Widecombe Sewing Group last summer, many of you helped us to sell draw tickets. We finally made the draw at the beginning of the Nativity and all the three blessed winners came from London. Thank you to everyone who bought/sold tickets. We raised £2000.00 to support the groups visiting the farm from inner cities.



## Coming Soon

## Help in the Animal Barn – a Weekly Clean Out?

Having the new barn will be such a delight especially if we can keep it as clean and tidy as it is now!!! I wonder if there is someone out there who would fancy helping us out each week to keep the animal barn spick and span. Get in touch if you think that you can help us out.

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## Farm 2 City

In June we will be repeating a venture first carried out by Elizabeth Braund when she took many of the farm animals to Providence House. This we will be repeating, in 5-9 June, in a slightly different way and with all the necessary paperwork in place. It will be a great occasion so keep an eye out for further details in the next newsletter.

