



# Acorn Community Care

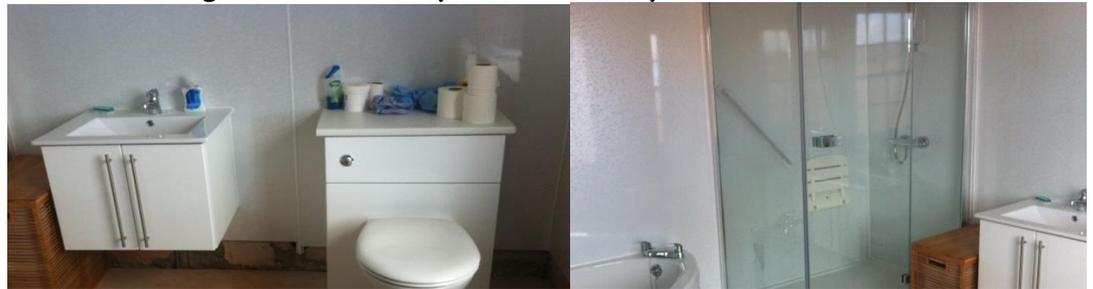


## 'Friends of Acorn Newsletter'

Welcome to the April 2015 issue number 4 of our Newsletter. Spring is on the way and we have many new arrivals. The king post for the barn is coming along and should be ready soon to be put in place in the new Training barn. We are in desperate need of scaffolding, clips and safety fencing for our project. If anyone is able to help, or knows of anyone, could they please get in touch with Chris or Steve at Acorn. We have joined Facebook with a "Friends of Acorn Community Care" page. On here you will find updates, photos and information about us. Please feel free to join the page and add your own comments and photos. Our Coffee morning on the 4<sup>th</sup> April raised £130.35. Many thanks to all who helped and supported on the day. We have charity wrist bands for sale at £1.50 each.



Update on the refurbishment at Whinflower Hall. The new bathroom is nearly finished complete with walk in shower and corner bath. Thanks to Paul Cuthbertson Plumbers for all their hard work. We are now waiting for the new flooring to be fitted by Calvert's Carpets.



The first spring lambs to be born on the farm this year. We are still awaiting more births. Thanks to Paul Nicolson.

We have free range sausages and pork chops for sale from our own pigs. Please ask for details

### News from the Annual General Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2015

- Andrea Allison chaired our AGM;
- Annual Report to 31.03.14 was agreed and seconded;
- The Annual Accounts were agreed and seconded;
- Trustees present were re-elected;
- Fund-raising events and activities were evaluated;
- 2015/16 fund-raising ideas were discussed and agreed.

If you would like a copy of the minutes, please email using the address below. Many thanks!

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Watch out for our new Website!

### How can you help?

You can help us by doing a fundraising event?

Have a look at our events page to see what we have planned and join in

You can come and visit Whinflower Hall to see what we do and spread the word

You can put on an event here at Whinflower Hall.

### Upcoming Events:

We are organising another Onesie Walk!  
ON SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1PM START  
FROM WHINDFLOWER HALL  
PICK YOUR SPONSORSHIP FORM UP!  
TRUSTEES MEETING 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 5:30PM  
OPEN DAY  
SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2015  
EVERYONE WELCOME HOG ROAST, RAFFLE,  
TOMBOLA AND MUSIC

### Personal profile -

Hi, I am a young man who attends Acorn. I've been living in my own home for 2 years now, supported by the staff at Acorn. They have supported me to fulfil my aspirations of going to my favourite theme parks. I have been to Alton Towers twice, Thorpe Park, Light Water Valley and Flamingo Land. I have also been to Spain on holiday twice. I have found it difficult to adjust to having my own home fulfilling my daily tasks like cleaning and laundry cooking and shopping, but the staff at Acorn have supported me to do these. I enjoy attending Acorn two days a week, where I help to look after the animals but, I prefer going in the summer months when I can go on the ride-on lawn mower. I've recently joined a club in Scarborough. At the club I enjoy activities like Zumba class and drama supported by my staff. I'm loving the independence and freedom of choice I have now.



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March was a night out for some of the service users and staff to an Irish night at Slingsby Village Hall.

### Arboretum Poem by Toby Bell

Birds in the trees,  
Shiny blue sky.  
Four people walking into a woodland,  
Green grass over hills  
Walking on crisp dry leaves

New arrivals - We have 6 more Saddlebacks piglets born on the farm this last month!



Mother and babies are doing well. We have two more Saddlebacks due to give birth any time soon.

The Harlequins singing group have raised £200 for our cause. We appreciate all their hard work and commitment to charity. We would also like to thank Debbie and Derek Richardson of the Moorside Alpaca's for their kind donation of £100. Pickering Rotary Club have also raised £400 which they have donated to us.

We are holding a RAFFLE of  $\frac{1}{2}$  a pig in aid of Acorn Community Care. Numbers 1 to 49 drawn on Lotto Bonus Ball. This will be drawn the Saturday after the last number is sold and all monies are in. this is one of our own outdoor reared pig. Jointed boxed. Tickets £5 each available from Acorn or Facebook:  
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