

Acorn Community Care - Friends of Acorn Newsletter



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Welcome to the very first issue of our Newsletter which we hope to send out to you every two months. It is our way of keeping you abreast of events that have happened at Acorn and fundraisers that we are hoping to hold in the future.

As we are a working farm, we often have news of new arrivals, changes to our buildings and produce for sale and are often asked "what is happening at the moment?" Now we can keep you informed.

We are always happy to welcome visitors to look around, with prior notice so, pop down if you have time - we would love to see you!

Acorn Community Care provides sheltered work-based training in horticulture, falconry and animal husbandry for adults (18+) with learning and physical disabilities in Ryedale. We help build communicative competence and widening horizons through practical activities which develop appropriate social skills. The underlying conditions range from autism spectrum disorders (ASD) to brain damage. Individuals are encouraged to reach their potential and gain confidence and independence through aided projects on the farm. We encourage healthy eating and learn about where our food comes from, how it is reared and cared for to produce a quality product. We provide respite care in our 5 bedroomed farmhouse set in the lovely, peaceful countryside. We often organise trips such as The Great Yorkshire Show and offer supported holidays at home and abroad each year for those wishing to participate. Started in April 2013, our Domiciliary Care Service provides support to individuals who have made that important step to move into their own home. A personalised service is developed to help people live as independently as possible, accessing facilities in their local community to achieve a full and active life. As we are a charity, we rely on grants and fundraising to provide a homely and friendly atmosphere for our service users to blossom in. The time and money we spend here is repaid many times over in lives changed and in benefits to the local community.



Two of our purebred Saddleback sows produced 20 piglets between them in August this year. All are healthy and running around in their own enclosure. They are now enjoying the outdoor life here on the farm. We also have our own Pietrain x Duroc boar, a Large Black sow, and two more Saddleback sows one of which is due to give birth any day now along with a Tamworth sow, Betsy. Sleepless nights to come!



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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



Welcome to our two Alpacas, Percy (left) and Titus who join our 5 sheep. Titus is a Solid white alpaca male born 3/9/13 and Percy is a Solid dark brown male alpaca born 5/8/13. They are a domesticated species of South American camelid and resemble a small llama in appearance. Both are pure Huacaya Alpacas born at Moorside Alpaca Farm in Kirkbymoorside. They have just had their summer haircut and the wool will be used for spinning. They are registered with the British Alpaca Society (BAS)

Ryedale Charities Together
Help local charities and put your affairs in order

Support Ryedale Charities Together
WILL WEEK
October 20th to October 24th

Local solicitors are giving their services **FREE** if you make an appointment during this week to either make or up-date your Will and give a donation to this partnership of seven local charities

A leaflet with full details is available from participating solicitors, and from any of the seven charities, including RVA, Community House Malton or phone 0845 519 2575

For further information on the charities involved, Phone 0845 519 2575 or Jane Cass at Acorn Community Care, Phone 01653 699922 charity no. 1095207

Coming Events:

RCT Will Week 20-24 October
Ryedale Book Festival 26 October

The **Onesie Walk** on 11 May raised a total of £1477.66. The heavens opened and we all had a free shower! Thank you to all who donated and to all who took part in this event.

Our **Open Day**, held on 26 August, was a success raising £400 after costs, with glorious weather and good food provided by our own Hog Roast. Thank you to all who donated prizes and bought tickets for our Tombola and Raffle.

We are currently raising funds to convert the old barn into a Day Service for our service users. It will provide a kitchen and dining area, washroom facilities, storage and an educational training area. This is a huge project that is rather costly but much needed. Any help that you could provide would be very welcome. Once the refurbishment is underway, we hope to keep you informed of the progress through the Newsletter.



Solicitors involved are:

Pearson & Ward
2 Market St, Malton O1653 692247

Crombie Wilkinson
Forsyth House, Market Place, Malton O1653 600070

Mitchells of York
2 Peckitt St, York O1904 623751

Ellis Lakin
8 Hall Garth, Pickering O1751 472121

North Yorkshire Law
50 Albemarle Crescent, Scarborough O1723 360001

Home Grown Produce for sale:

Chutneys
Pork sausages (various recipes)

Honey

Free Range Ducks

Free Range Geese (please pre-order for Christmas)

Jams

Pork Joints

