



Newsletter

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PROVIDING TENDER LOVING CARE TO NEEDY HORSES & PONIES



February 2022 in Wales's Capital City Cardiff. Surely we should have laws to prevent keeping Horses like this? Without a change, scenes like this go on all over the UK. Roy has written again to the Welsh Office also based in Cardiff but the posh bit. So far been ignored. All we could do was pick up the Bailing twine everywhere in the muddy ground. There was so much. It would case such damage if eaten by a hungry pony. The Horse Keepers in the Lord Mayors parade are the opposite and have so much pride in their Horses.

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Duke and King met the vet and were castrated in the spring. The procedure went without incident and they are both fully re-covered. Duke seems a little stand offish since, but still comes for a treat or fuss. It is just that we know him so well. Visitors probably wouldn't notice it. King is as friendly as ever and is a proper Mr Cool.



Having King from a foal has made him confident and trusting! Sometimes a bit too forward! Here he is sneaking tit bits from the Mule under Angela's nose.



The ponies love the high pastures on the Farm



Right Cassie! She really wants it, but just can't be brave enough to take it, Left Angela is baiting Cassie to come close with a baguette. Munch and she has it! When she comes in in the winter she will be a lot more relaxed hopefully.



She has so far had the worst life possible!

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In memory.

Margaret Westen, Ed Buck, Thelma & Myra's Aunt. Judy Arena,
Mr John Mair.

Letters from friends of the Ponies!

Mrs Jo Lewis from Calverton is a long term supporter and often sends small packages of Jewellery. We take all we can find and make a sales display of it at a few summer shows. This year we hope to be at the Welland Steam Rally and Fair last weekend in July and Twin-wood Music Festival near Bedford August Bank Holiday weekend.

John Fisher is the son of a Bevin Boy. He and his mother Jean continue to support the ponies and save and send clippings from Newspapers of their part of the world Newton Aycliffe which has very a strong mining connection. The community in their area have not forgotten their Pit Ponies.

Amazon smile sent £39.20 donation for the period 1st October to 31 December. Thank you all who have signed up. Apparently just one click using the link: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1002933-0>

Pay Pal giving fund also donated £16.45. Sadly, it does not tell us who did what. If it was you! Then thank you!

Easyfundraising sent £53.46 for up to 30th September 2021. Then £104.09 for up to December 2021, then £83.59 for up to 31st March 2022. Thank you all who go to:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pitpony/> and sign up!

The Ponies donated Lloyds Bank shares sent a dividend of £16.13



Just giving sent a donation of £4.70 it's a pure donation generated by Volunteer Taylor Jones who has been working on the internet and has this QR code for people. We don't understand it but apparently if you point your smart phone or tablet camera at it, it will take you to Just Giving on the internet. So No typing! We think it's clever and you can't make a typing or spelling error. You can try it just for fun if you wish. Just point your camera at it and a title will come on the screen. Just press on the title and wham your there! It won't take any money until you go further and make a donation. The donation will appear on your Phone Bill. Apparently it's what all the young people use these days and they know all about it.

When new are lucky enough to go abroad we seem to go poking our noses about. We see quite a lot of bad things. Our summer has been difficult here, now a heatwave. When you are abroad many horses and Donkeys are stood in extreme heat with no shelter and they seem to cope ok with it! Perhaps we worry too much!

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Tigger has mellowed nicely and is very soft now. He loves tit-bits and now knows how to eat them properly.



Tigger at the front, Maybe Annie behind and Winston at the back.



Duchess, King and Cassie with Winston bringing up the rear.



Charlie in his latest bug rug to keep the flies at bay. He has one for his head but he hates it and always gets it off!

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Oreo looking windswept and wonderful! Much more relaxed and seems to have come to terms with her missing eye. She is very aggressive with the others over treats and tit bits though.



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Whilst Winston is looking handsome! He has put on a lot of weight. He will have to go with the little fatties on restricted grazing. He will not be impressed. Look out fences!



Left front Arnie, Bonnie behind, Geraldine, Poppy and Meghan at the front right

A little Taste of Wales.

Anglesey eggs

Ingredients.

6 small Leeks
1lb Cooked mashed potatoes
3oz Butter
1 tablespoon self-raising, flour
Salt & Pepper
1 Pinch of grated nutmeg.
½ pint hot milk
3oz grated mature cheddar cheese
8 hard boiled free range eggs
2 tablespoons of fresh toasted breadcrumbs

Method.

Chop the leeks, bring to boil & simmer until just soft, combine the leeks, mashed potatoes and half the butter; season and mix well together. Place in a buttered, ovenproof dish. Make a cheese sauce by melting 1 oz of butter in a small pan, add the flour, stir and cook for 2 minutes over a low heat. Stir in the milk; add the cheese and simmer, stirring, until it thickens (reserve half an ounce of butter and a little cheese for sprinkling over the finished dish). Arrange the halved hard boiled eggs over the potato and leek mixture. Pour the cheese sauce over. Mix the remaining cheese with the breadcrumbs and sprinkle over the sauce; dot with the remaining butter and sprinkle the grated nutmeg over. Bake for 15 - 20 minutes until nicely browned. Serve with vegetables in season.

Mwynhewch y pryd! (Enjoy your meal)



Roy's young wife Angela looking like a film star as she adjusts Charlie's latest bug rug.



Cassie sporting a lovely new little moustache to protect her muzzle from the ground when grazing. Many of the ponies sport them. Annie currently has the biggest and best.

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When it's really hot the ponies seek shelter away from the blazing hot sun and the flies that torment them in the summer.

Here are Duke, Annie, Tigger, Winston, Spike, Iggy, Rocket and Charlie in his (tatty already) rug

The ponies use the blue water butts as footballs. When there is no rain and they are empty they play with them. We have to get them from right down the yard or fields and put them back when rain is threatened.

It is lovely to have them in the field in front of our house. There is a lot of grass in there and all the ones who can cope with it have been munching their way through it. When it's all gone Roy will harrow the field and shut it up to rest. We have salt and mineral blocks for them with added garlic. Supposed to keep the flies at away!

We recently had a new enquiry from a Volunteer dad and daughter. Angela asked what he did for a living as he said he had to be up and on the road by 4am. He replied he travels to be a gardener in Essex! Near where our Daughter lives. It seems he gardens for Rod Stewart! He says he will take a Newsletter and leave it on a table there.

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