



# Newsletter

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**Bess** arrived this summer. There was a Road Traffic Accident in the early hours on the A465 near Merthyr Tydfil. A group of seven horses had wandered onto the new road attracted by the smell of sweet, newly sown grass-seed on the new verges. Six were killed when cars ploughed onto them in the darkness. Bess was thrown into the bushes and stood quiet and in shock. We will spare you the full details. Enough to say she was in a poor state as you can imagine. Away

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from her friends and hurting from the impact. Initially she was not seen when the team arrived to clean up. However, several hours later some-one spotted movement and the clean-up team had to come back, then they found poor Bess terrified hiding in the bushes. They called for horse transport and She was then finally picked up by the local pound and taken to safety. We visited her at the pound and fed her carrots etc. When she had done her legal seven days and the vet had finished treating her. We were able to get her to the Centre you help fund Thank you. Here she is pictured after being cleaned up and fed. She is a beautiful big girl and as she was running with a large Stallion so is probably in foal. She has been owned by rough men so is understandably very shy of touch. We tried to get her to the Farrier but she was getting agitated so decided to leave her. Apparently, her last owner is on the run.



Her teats tell us she has previously had foals. We will keep a careful watch on her as it is not the ideal time of year to have a foal.



**Cassie** has had a good summer and made friends in the herd. She is still very shy but loves hot cross buns so has been watching for Angela and Roy to come out to check all the ponies as often they have buns and other goodies in the scooter bonnet. The third picture is of her all muddy. She has been in the bottom pond eating pond weed.

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Cassie with James  
the Farrier and Carlie.

We recently saw Cassie cantering freely. It makes us remember how sore her feet were when she first came. They were badly worn down and so low, from the road work she had been made to do by her previous owners. When a gypsy gives a pony away you know she has been abused and abused again.

Letters from friends.

Lloyds bank sent their dividend cheque for our 1,213 donated to the ponies shares of £9.70. When we were first given the shares that dividend was for over £200. Funny how everything goes up except dividends and interest.

Amazon smile sent £28.95 for your Amazon activity during 1st January and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Thank you all who dabble.

They then sent another for 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 of £34.17. We done you lot. And of course Amazon, <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1002833-0> Heavy Horse Magazine brought news that the Boat-horse Cracker who had been pulling canal boats for his adult life and is now 18 years old. That his owners The Montgomery Waterway Restoration Trust were giving up. We have offered Cracker a retirement here at the Centre but had no response.

Geraldine has suddenly decided to trust us. She was so, so nervous and head shy when she came. She seemed to mellow somewhat this summer and autumn and she is now coming to us for food and just to be near it seems. Her damaged eye is still a problem for her and her sight is poor on that side. She has learned to cope well with it.

Spike developed a spot on his sheath a while ago. It looks like a Sarcoid. He is very well in himself and enjoying life. He has mellowed a lot with age but still need a lot of respect as he is a big scared cat really.

I am sure you are all probably sick and tired of the cost of living crisis. Sadly, the cost for Horse keepers like us are also escalating Pony food now just under £10 bag. We expect there will be many a hungry pony this winter.

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**Bess** has not yet got a stable for the winter. She is a big girl and possibly in foal. These are the footings going in for a good-sized stable to hold her foaling box. We have been having a



building with random Welsh Pennant stone collected over the years from the Farm lands and any digging we have done. The walls will be 2 feet six inches thick so she should be snug as a bug once the slated pitched roof is on. We will finish the walls so they can be easily cleaned with

bit of a wet time here but luckily concrete sets even under water! Today the building is well underway and has started to rise out of the ground. The ground levels are a bit of a challenge but what else can you do for some serious fun?

Paul is smiling as it has actually stopped raining! We are



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jet wash should veterinary work be carried out in the future.



Here is a series of pictures Angela managed to capture of some of the Ponies pinching the fish & Ducks bread. Picture one left to right Rocket, Cassie, Tigger, Annie behind. Tigger gets right in swimming for bread a slice at a time! It must be a nice cool down on a hot day!



Some of the Ponies go mud collecting when its wet. StarII who is quite elderly now has a nice collection.

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Iggy has found some nice soggy patches to roll in! He is also quite elderly now.



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In Australia they continue to remember their mining history with Artists from Melbourne's Murals, Brigitte Dawson and Melissa Turner, continue the work this week of adding another stunning mural to Wonthaggi's public art collection. The project has been organised and financed by Alex Scott and Staff, whose story in Gippsland stretches back to 1886.

*In memory.*

Mrs Madeline Barnard, Mrs Pauline Evans, Mrs Eileen Sullivan.  
Hazel Evelyn Redgwell, Joan Brown, Mr John Eder,  
Helga Bellenger, Violet Rose Lang, Mrs Joan Brown.

We seem to have lost so many good supporters in the last few years. Whilst it is lovely to get legacies from many supporters wills it means we have lost friends.

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## *A little Taste of Wales.*

*Welsh rarebit.*

### *Ingredients;*

*1 x lightly whisked free range egg,  
1 x level tea spoon of English mustard  
Lots of grated Llangollen cheese,  
(other cheeses will do but will alter the taste)*

*Method; Mix the ingredients together in a  
Pyrex bowl. Place bowl in a Ban Marie  
i.e lowered into a saucepan with some boiling  
water in and stirred with a fork until well mixed  
and thick and creamy. Spread the mixture thickly  
on the untoasted side of the bread and toast  
until golden and bubbling. Allow to cool until  
safe to nibble.*

*Serve as a lunchtime snack or supper with lashings of hot tea.*



King looking very Cute, handsome & well.

***Mwynhewch y pryd! (Enjoy your meal)***

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