



Newsletter

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Visitors £10:00 each. Child £6:00. Groups/Schools/Clubs by appointment. Special needs visitors please telephone to discuss your needs.

NB All visitors need to telephone 07798584735 before your visit.

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Meet Polly! A chunky Gypsy mare who arrived this March. She came from Cardiff Animal Warden. Apparently, she was found wandering. She was microchipped following a previous wander so the owner could be contacted. He pleaded poverty and would not pay the dues to have her back. As far as he is concerned she has been put down! She has very bad feet and will see our Farrier shortly. Since she came she has been treated for Lice and internal parasites and is now beginning to meet the herd. Oreo seems to have taken a liking to her. Oreo on the right watching her arrival was also found wandering in Cardiff perhaps they knew each other before? She looked quite different when she arrived here, really grimy & greasy. Her tail is a bit short! It was really unclean. Its really clean now. She shares her space with Bess. They are both very happy and look very pregnant!



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Bess's shed is on stop for a few days as its too cold to use cement mortar. The bags of stone will be going up on the scaffold shortly. The second hand but un-used roof trusses are here.



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In memory.

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

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Nova Devlin's Dog Meg,

Letters from some friends of the Ponies!

“Amazon smile” has been abandoned by Amazon! No real explanation! Thank you all who signed up. I know it seems a waste of time but we have to try these things. Their final cheque is for £29.14 So better that a poke in the eye with a sharp stick! And it would take a fair while stood in the rain with a collection pot outside Tesco's

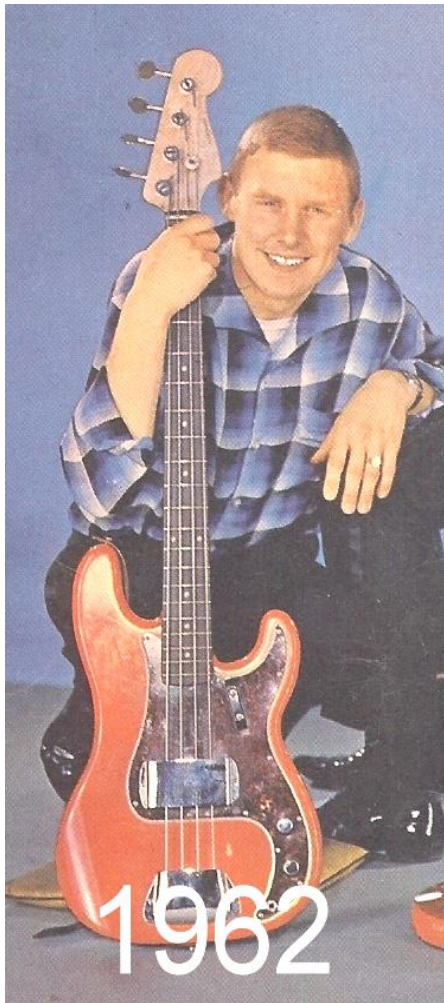
Pay Pal giving fund also donated £7.00. Sadly, it does not tell us who did what. If it was you!

Then thank you!

Easyfundraising sent £83.00 for up to 30th September 2022.

Then £15.20 for up to 31st December 2022, Thank you all who go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pitpony/> and sign up.

Roy Woodman is a long-term supporter with his friend and neighbour Kate. Sadly, news has come that Kate passed away. It would have been nice to know her better.



Brian Locking (AKA “Liquorice”) replaced Jet Harris in the Shadows. He was very talented and worked with many different bands and performers of the time. He composed music as well and collaborated on many more. He heard about the Pit Ponies in 1998. By then he had serious eyesight problems and Roy & he had quite a long chat many years ago. Brian passed away but has remembered the Pit Ponies in his will. He has left part of his music royalties to the ponies. The process of getting them for the ponies is very complicated. It was quite a surprise and we had no idea it was coming or what it entails. He was nicknamed “Liquorice” as he was a very good clarinet player.

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Bess comes in at night into the middle of the Pit Pony Stables with a big feed. A while later the gate is opened. She can and sometimes does go into the front field which is hers. However, she sometimes eats her feed. Then her hay and then turns to the bales of straw stacked up in the back. She starts eating and by the morning she has created a hole into the bale and left quite a mess for Angela to deal with when she comes to clean up and do the stables for the five of them to be able to come back in the next night. Bess is still very frightened but is getting better with us! Bess can't tolerate the Farrier!



The **Camden Catacombs** are a system of underground passages in [Camden Town](#) in north London underneath part of the [Camden markets](#), constructed in the 19th century, and as of 2012 owned by [Network Rail](#). They are not true [catacombs](#) as they were never used as repositories for dead bodies, instead being an underground area originally used as stables for horses and pit ponies working on the railways. The catacombs also included an underground pool for canal boats operating on the nearby [Regent's Canal](#). They are not open to visitors owing to danger of flooding.

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As a Charity we are supported by a local organisation “Interlink” who assist all the Charities and community groups in our County RCT which are the old Rhondda, Cynon and Taff valley areas combined. We receive the same service from “VAMT” that is based and works in Merthyr Tydfil. We were invited to their AGM to meet the High Sherriff of Glamorgan. Mrs Maria Thomas. She was a lovely lady and explained her role to the gathering. She listened to us about our dealings and frustrations with the Travellers horse in and around Cardiff.



Who dun it? This is Rocket. In His stable having his tea. He has just come in. The water barrel is under a bar that is hinged to the right and held down in place by a chain fixed to the wall on the left and below the bar. The second picture is next morning? The larger bowl on the left is Tinkerbells. Rockets is to the right. Who goes under the bar, without braking it! gets his bowl, drags it out, and eats it? The water is not moved or spilt! Does Rocket slide it over to her? (She is a beautiful filly!) How does it move each night? Do the mice push it over? Have we got poltergeist? What do you think?



We had quite a nice fall of snow recently. About 3 inches. It stayed about a week. Nice to see, not so nice to have work out in the yard in.

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We noticed some dead bits had appeared in two magnificent Ash trees that tower over the yard up on the bank behind the Pit Pony Stable. We called some Tree Surgeons to come and see them. Sadly, they had both come to the end of their life. The team came for a day with ropes and saws and carefully took them down piece by piece. Both had serious problems the larger one had a dead hole in the centre of the main trunk about a foot across. Once the site is cleaned we will plant new Trees in their place. It is lucky we noticed when we did as the March winds may well have brought them down.

It seems the mystery of Rockets slippery feed bowl has

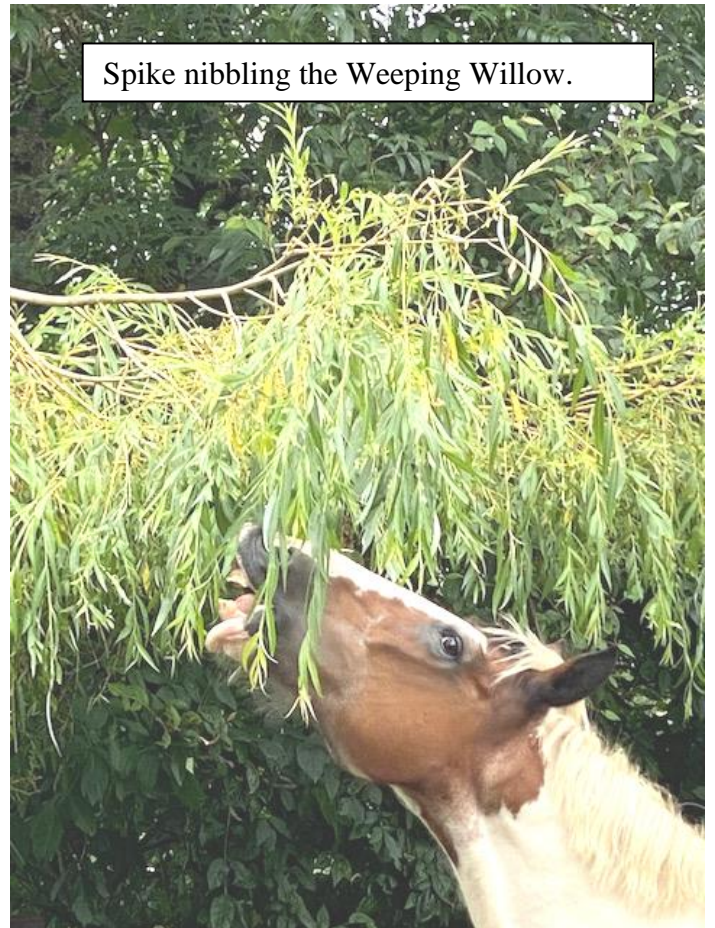
been revealed. When Roy went up to feed the feral cats he looked over their door. It was being moved by Tinkerbell. Unbelievably she was going on her side under the bar. Using the water barrel to support her shoulder whilst she stretched out to reach in. Little Rocket just stood and watched her. Sadly, as soon as she heard Roy by the door she stood up before he could get his phone out and turn it into picture mode.



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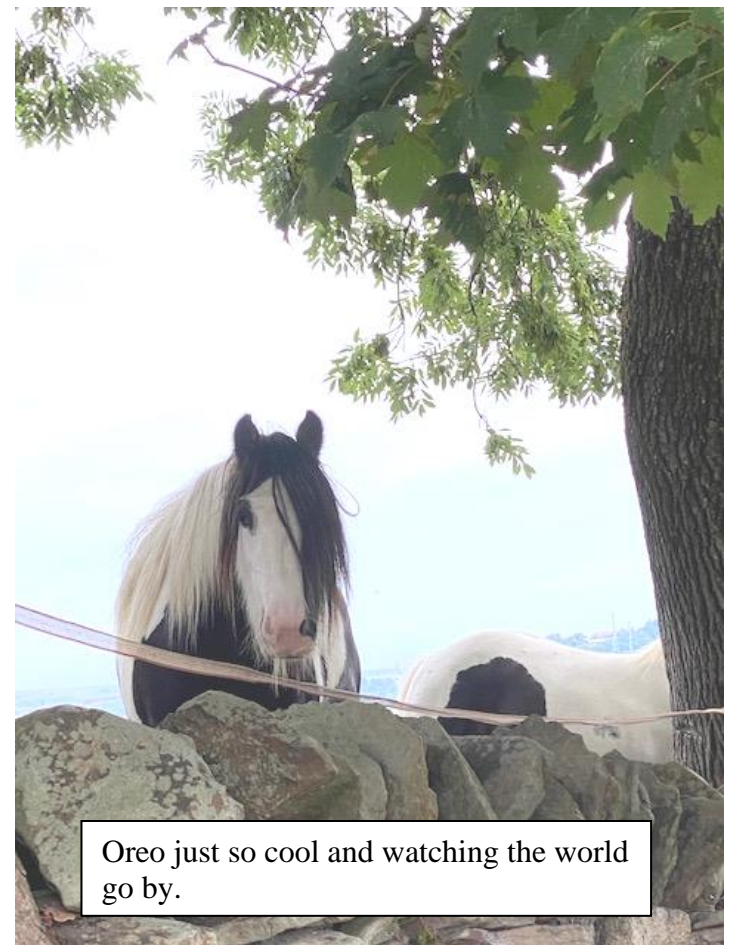
Poor little Cassie
Frightened of everything
Finds anything new
Like a gate Very difficult.
Angela has now sorted her
tail and is working her way
up her mane & Forelock.



Spike nibbling the Weeping Willow.



Handsome Duke playing Peek-a-boo. He
gets so excited when its tea time and we
let them all in. He wants to jump on us!



Oreo just so cool and watching the world
go by.

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Welsh rarebit muffins.

Ingredients

50g plain flour, 225g self-raising flour, 1 tsp [baking powder](#), ½ level tsp [bicarbonate of soda](#), ¼ tsp salt, ½ level tsp mustard powder, 100g strong cheese Caerphilly is best but Wensleydale will do, half grated, half cubed, 6 tbsp vegetable oil, 150g Greek yogurt, 125ml [milk](#), 1 large free range [egg](#), 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce.

Method

1. Heat oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6.
2. Mix together the self-raising and plain flour, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, salt and mustard powder in a bowl.
3. In a separate bowl, mix the cheese, oil, yogurt, milk, egg and Worcestershire sauce.
4. Combine all the ingredients and divide between the muffin cases in the muffin tin.
5. Place in the oven for 20-25 mins until golden. Remove and cool slightly on a rack.
6. What you will need: Ask the kids to help? get everything ready, weighing scales, measuring jug, fork, 2 mixing bowls, 12 paper muffin cases, muffin tin, cheese grater, sharp knife, tablespoon, cooling rack. And off you go!

Mwynhewch y pryd! (Enjoy your meal)



Thunder, came to us in 2013 with another pony Lightening. They were kept in a disgusting tin shed and enclosed yard by a man who dreamed of being a Gypsy. Luckily his sister persuaded him to let us take the ponies when it was discovered they did not have passports. Sadly, lightening has since passed. Thunder has been out

as a companion to Judy who has sadly recently passed away. He is a nice little lad but has now been spoiled by un supervised children etc and is now very difficult to catch or handle.

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