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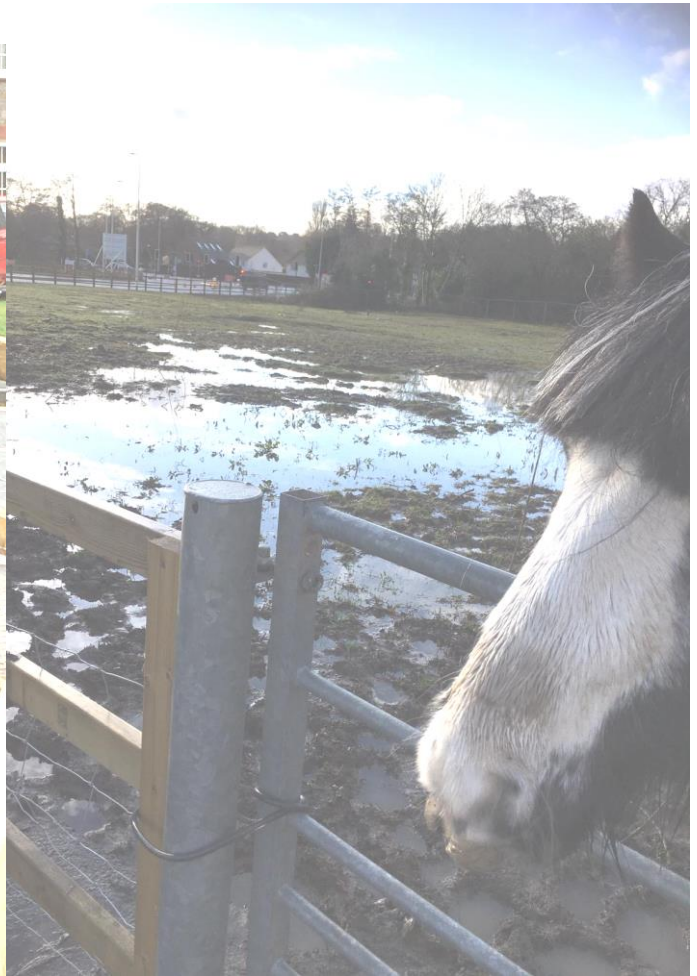
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This is Duchess who arrived late January.



A small group of nice people were moved to help her escape her very wet field and leave her friends the ducks who came to dabble. She is in foal. Her lower legs, tail etc. are caked in mud. The group had raised funds to buy Duchess from her gypsy owner. Not a good idea as he will probably go and get more ponies to put back in the field hoping the silly “gorgers” will feel sorry for them and feed them up and eventually buy them also. Her fringe is a haircut from a local lady who thought it would help her as her natural forelock tumbled down over her eyes. Also not a good idea as she uses her forelock to keep flies and other insects from her eyes. However, it will grow back. The Cardiff Horse Warden was called out to help her but would not take action as although she was Duchess continued. fly grazing illegally in a field that has planning permission for a care home and building is due to start when the weather allows. As the group were rightfully feeding and

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watering her. Sadly when the warden attended the pony, as she had water and food so to the Warden she obviously was not neglected or suffering. Surface water and mud don't count!

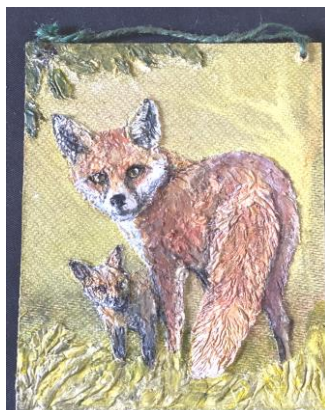
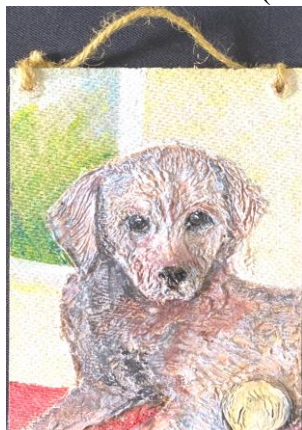


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Duchess trying out her stable! Probably for the first time ever. She has friends over the wall to



comfort her. And we will keep a special eye on her in case she gets stressed. Here she is pictured with a feed to keep her occupied whilst Roy sprinkles her and rubs in louse powder. She is definitely carrying a foal as we sometimes see it moving. We think the foal will be a Pie Bald colt maybe middle of April. What do you think? She is not yet trusting us and powdering her tail without getting kicked is a challenge! Her tail was full of thistle burrs and mud. Her mane was solid grease so we have given her a Mohican (hogged) and are trying to clean and tidy her up when she is not kicking or biting!



We have some small colour pictures on board, donated for the Ponies. The Artist is Mrs Diane Robertson who is now in a care home with her Niece and good a friend Nova helping her. *The pictures are beautiful and we hope to sell them at the summer shows etc. for £15 a pop. and we wish her well. Diane was very prolific and we have quite a lot. Mostly dogs! They were formed in clay then painted giving a 3d effect with lifelike texture. We think they are really brilliant!* Try us for your preference? Roy 07798584735 +£3.00 P&P

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Left Rocket and Arnie sharing nicely!
They have been friends a long time.



Small group enjoying the last of the summer grass and watching Roy fixing a gate.
Front left Poppy. Behind her Bonnie Behind again Arnie
Front right Megan. Behind her Rosie Behind again Geraldine
Over Bonnie's bum Rocket.
The bigger horses are in a different field with rich grass. Too rich for these ponies who seem to get fat at the sight of grass.

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Ponies out in the Snow for some fun.

When you feed the birds and they come to your garden. That also attract predators who come to eat them! This is one (Sparrow hawk, maybe) Matthew snapped in the act of chasing the sparrows.



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Letters from friends.



We have been a registered Charity 30 years this year. We had already been running the Centre for a few years and were advised that we needed to register as a Proper Charity which we did with the aid of some friends of the ponies. Angela and Roy are the only original Trustees still involved and together with a few other caring people look after the running of the Charity for the ponies.

Mrs D from Wakefield wrote “I was given an old battered jewellery box, containing all tangled up Jewellery to get rid of it. I spent hours untangling and sorting. I decided to send the items to you hoping you can get a few pounds for the animals. There is a few pieces of silver and all the chains may be silver. I have also enclosed the broken items.” *Thank you Mrs D it's all put safe for the future summer shows.*

Mrs J from Glossop wrote, “On October 27th I went on-line with Boots kitchen appliances to order a Microwave. I went through the ordering process which included your “Give as you live” box so a percentage would go to you. Every time I tried to finalise the transaction it would not let me do it. I then rang up them and placed the order with no problem. I mentioned I had tried to do it on-line and asked if they could forward the percentage to you. I was told it was not possible, it is very unfair so I am sending you £10:00 as I do not know what they should have sent you. Maybe Boots don't belong to the scheme anymore? Very sad if they do not. *Sadly, many things on-line don't work properly.*

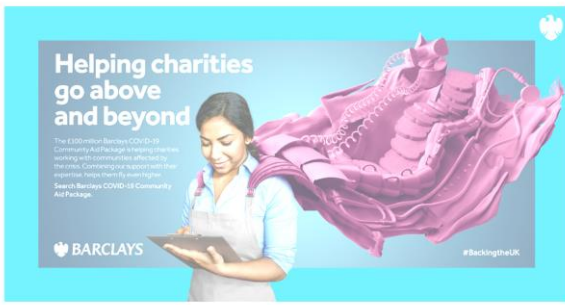
The Ponies are signed up to E Bay/Pay Pal giving fund. *January we had £291.14. Thank you all involved.*

“**Amazon smile**” is also beginning to bear fruit for the ponies and thank you all who have signed up and use it. For those of you who have not got around to it yet. Just go to www.smile.amazon.co.uk and find our charity No 1002933 and sign up. Then every time you shop on Amazon commission goes to the ponies account.

Guess who is leading the way to toughen up new laws on animal cruelty? RUSSIA! According to TASS the Russian news agency. Under the new law any act of cruelty which led to the animal's death or injury can be punishable with a three-year prison term. Only six people got real prison terms for animal cruelty in the last three years so lawmakers said, adding that Russian courts were hearing more than 100 criminal animal abuse cases each year.

In the UK The [Animal Welfare Act 2006](#) is the latest animal welfare legislation in England and Wales. It superseded and consolidated more than 20 other pieces of legislation, such as the [Protection of Animals Act 1934](#) and the [Abandonment of Animals Act 1960](#). The 2006 Act introduced tougher penalties for neglect and cruelty, including fines of up to £20,000, a maximum jail term of 51 weeks and a lifetime ban on some owners keeping pets. Enforcers of the act such as the police or local authority inspectors (but not organisations such as the [RSPCA](#) and us) have more powers to intervene if they suspect a pet is being neglected. The Animal Welfare Act 2006 also introduced a welfare offence for the first time. This places a [duty of care](#) on pet owners to provide for their animals' basic needs, such as adequate food and water, veterinary treatment and an appropriate environment in which to live. Previously the duty of care had only existed for farm animals. The minimum age for buying a pet, or winning one as a prize, is 16 without parental accompaniment. In Scotland, the [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006](#) bans giving animals as prizes altogether. The docking (cutting or removal) of animals' tails for cosmetic reasons is illegal in the UK, with the exception of working dogs such as those in the police and armed forces. In 2014, the [United Kingdom](#) received an “A” out of possible grades A, B, C, D, E, F, G on [World Animal Protection's](#) Animal Protection Index. However, it was lowered to a B rating in their 2020 index.

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Roy saw this image on the computer and when he had stopped laughing thought it would amuse you. We recently had an anonymous thick envelope full of cheques arrive in the post. We had sent them some time ago to Barclays in the Strand London to be paid in. No note, no paperwork just a wedge of cheques. Where they have been we don't know they were sent weeks before. Strange behaviour. We have to go que in our local branch and pay them in. However, we are now using the Post Office who

provide printed envelopes. Barclays still have not sorted out the name change issue they had but have stopped returning the cheques (shssss!)

This is Tigger who arrived in February.



He is another gypsy pony. Picked up with others by the Horse Warden. He is very undernourished, has rain scald on his back, is caked in mud but will soon look and feel much better. He has been treated for Lice and internal parasites and is now out on some good grass. He is quite friendly and

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sweet. The “V 2” mark painted on his side was his position on death row. He was lame with a painful injured stifle so was left behind. He does not seem to know how a pony behaves. He walks away from a good feed but at least is eating his good hay and has access to good grass 24/7. He has been named “Tigger” It is a nice warm feeling knowing he is safe and we can help this seriously un-loved (until he met us) poor little soul. In these pictures his thick winter coat is hiding so much!



At the Centre we have a turn out yard for the Horses and Ponies much of it Tarmac but some is slightly muddy. The Horse Warden brought Tigger to us. When she saw the muddy area she



told us he was removed from an area with less grass than that! Poor little soul! A week later and he is now eating heartily. Previously as a scruffy little colt he was described as worthless. However now castrated and groomed he has more hope of a future now. Your support means we can say yes when the phone-call comes. Hope that makes you feel good!

Donations have recently been received in memory of;
Mr Gareth Cairns-Jones, Mrs Evelyn Hopkins, Rome Duffy,
Mr James D Houston, Mrs Bettie Mair, Mrs Stella Smale,
Mrs J Whitaker, Mr Brian G Locking. Mrs Muriel Kerton.

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A little taste of Wales.

Monmouthshire Pudding
 Pwbin Mynwy

Ingredients.

6oz breadcrumbs, ¾ pint milk, 1oz sugar, 1 lemon, 1oz baking fat,
 4-5 tablespoons raspberry jam, 3 egg yolks.

Method

Grate the rind of the lemon, add to the sugar, baking fat and milk. Bring to the boil. Pour over the breadcrumbs and leave to stand for 15 minutes. Separate the egg yolks from the whites. Stir the yolks into the now cooled breadcrumb mixture. Melt the jam. Pour ½ the mixture into a greased ovenproof dish and spread with half the jam. Add the remainder of the pudding mixture and then the rest of the jam. Bake in a warm oven 325 F or Mark 3 for 40 – 45 minutes. For the Meringue Topping use the 3 egg whites and 3oz of Caster sugar. Beat the egg whites until stiff and fold in the caster sugar using a metal spoon. Cover the pudding and bake in a cool oven 300F or Mark 3 for twenty minutes until the meringue is gently browned.

Mwynhewch y pryd! (Enjoy your meal)

P.S. Knowing your support is there, all it takes is a phone call and we can help the in need ones!

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