

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.

Upcoming Events:

Ryedale Charities Together meeting on 26th
November 2014 (12-2pm)

Acorn Christmas Meals on

Thursday 11th December - 12 o'clock

Wednesday 17th December - 7pm

Both at the Toby Carvery on Malton Road, York.

Annual General Meeting at

Acorn Community Care on 5th January 5:15
registration for 5:30pm start. Refreshments
available. All welcome!

Personal profile

'My name is Steve. I ride a horse called Havana at Lacys Cottage Riding School at Scrayingham. My support worker Ruth takes me once a week. I have been riding for some years, but started at Lacys Cottage in August 2014. Chris Pimlott is my instructor, and has taught me how to do the rising trot, sitting trot, jockey trot, weaving in and out of cones, rein-back, figure of eight, and jockey trotting over poles.

When it was raining in the middle of October, Chris took me out of the Riding School on Havana for a mini-hack!

Riding Havana makes me feel on top of the world, she is great and I feel I am getting on with her really well. When I am riding her, I talk to her all the time. I like to encourage her to do things and when she works hard for me I like to tell her how good she is and give her lots of pats. I think she does really well, especially as she only has one eye!

Back at Acorn, Steve owns a common barn owl that he calls Speckles (born 06.09.13). He bought her when she was four weeks old. Steve followed a training programme where he learnt how to care for the chick, feeding her the correct amount of raw meat for her to develop well. Steve had to weigh her and record her weight so he could tell she was putting on the correct amount of weight for her age.

When she was fully fledged at 10 weeks, Steve started to work with her. With 1:1 support he was shown how to apply jesses to her legs, and he practises tying a falconers knot. Steve uses this knot to secure Speckles to her perch when she spends time outside her aviary on the garden at Whinflower Hall. Steve is learning how to fly Speckles. He uses small pieces of raw meat to teach her how to fly from her perch to his glove. Steve is always aware to do this safely, following health and safety procedures wearing safety goggles when working with all the birds of prey.

The Malton and Norton Musical Theatre Group
Are presenting **ROBIN HOOD** Pantomime

At the Milton Rooms

16th to 24th January 2015

Tickets at www.positickets.co.uk or the FAB shop or

No 1 Health and Beauty

£12 per ticket - £10 concessions

Acorn Community Care are beneficiaries this year!

There will be Collection Buckets at each performance

We hope to see you there!



Steve
Neal
With
Havana



Whinflower Hall in the snow





Acorn Community Care



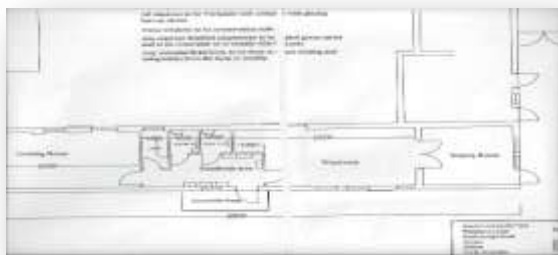
'Friends of Acorn Newsletter'

Welcome to the December 2014 issue number 2 of our Newsletter which we hope to send out to you every two months. It is our way of keeping you in touch of events that have happened at Acorn and of fundraising ideas that we are planning to hold in the future. Look out for our regular 'Personal Profile' feature starting this issue, where one of the people see support will tell you all about what they do at Acorn.

We are always happy to welcome visitors to look around, so give us a call and pop down if you have time - we would love to see you!

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DIDN'T SEE US..... we were featured on the front page of the Gazette and Herald on Tuesday 19th November. We have also been mentioned in the local Mercury and the York Press. We are celebrating the wonderful news that the Wilfred Jackson Will Trust and our Patron Sir Richard Storey are helping us fund the further alterations we need to the Farmhouse and the development of the Long Barn into a Training and Education Centre. As we mentioned in the press release, we have to thank many people who have helped and guided us over the past 12 months in making this happen - it's a fantastic achievement!

From now on we will be giving you regular up-dates of our progress in the re-development of the changes to the Long Barn. The re-roofing started on Monday 17th November. Graham Robinson is the local builder recommended by Sir Richard Storey. People started emptying the barn in the week before work started. This involved preparing a new home for all the birds of prey, particularly our pair of Red tails, who are not use to being handled. They have all been moved into the large barn until their new Aviaries are built in the inner courtyard. We are doing some of the work ourselves where possible, particularly preparing areas, clearing away rubbish and tidying away at the end of each day. Looking at the pictures below we all sense what a huge job we have undertaken!



These are the plans for the barn which have been submitted to Ryedale District Council by our architect Phil Markham Associates of Throxenby, Scarborough. It will provide us with a kitchen and dining area, toilets and a washroom facility (which are very important to have when working with animals), storage and a large training/education room, all with disabled access. Chris has been in meetings with the Birdsall Estates and the local tradespeople that are helping with the changes. This will be on-going - well into 2015!

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Watch out for our new Website!