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Above: Peter Hunt, Founder of our Charity. (1932 – 2010)

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**Cover Photo:** Scout, a 18 year old Welsh pony gelding who arrived at the Home as a yearling. He tragically lost his right eye due to an infection.

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# Welcome to Bransby Home of Rest for Horses

**I**t has been a difficult six months for the Charity, not only did we have to cope with the adverse weather conditions, but also with the sad death of Peter Hunt, our Founder.

I was very fortunate to have worked with Mr. Hunt for a couple of years before he became ill in 2009. During this time I gained a good understanding for the ethos of the Charity and why it was set up by him over 40 years ago. The key objectives of the Charity remain the same as they were all those years ago; which give me clear guidance as we move forward in the future. Peter Hunt will be sadly missed by all that knew him; particularly by the staff that worked alongside him for many years.

The weather conditions in November and December caused us many problems, particularly with frozen water pipes. The staff at both sites worked incredibly hard each day to make sure that water and hay reached all of the animals; their dedication to the cause was incredible, for which I am truly grateful. Work will be carried out over the next six months to make sure that water pipes are re-routed and dug deeper into the ground, in preparation for harsh winters ahead.

Our two sites, Bransby and Leominster are at maximum capacity with animal numbers compared to the land and housing facilities that we currently have available. There is currently great pressure on our resources, but in order to provide further facilities at the Bransby site, we are planning to reclaim some land for grazing use and have now converted two disused hay barns into group winter housing. At Leominster we are renting additional land and will continue to look at ways in which facilities can be improved for the animals in our care.

The main focus of this Charity is to be able to continue to care for the animals at its' two sites at Bransby and Leominster and to provide education to help the welfare of horses everywhere. This depends completely on the successful management of the resources that we have available; resources being land, buildings, people, money and much more. I am currently working on a plan for the future that will help us manage those resources more effectively and will enable this Charity to thrive in the future.

Kind regards

Joanne Snell  
General Manager



Above: Jo and Dingle.

A part of our plan is to develop a policy for conservation and sustainability which as far as practicable will aim to recycle and reuse resources available to us and reduce the impact that the Charity has on the environment. Hopefully you will have noticed our new eco-friendly newsletter which has been printed on recycled paper and the enclosed gift catalogue which has been printed on paper made from a sustainable source and also includes a selection of gifts that have an eco friendly theme to them; the profit from all sales of gifts from the catalogue raising vital funds for the Charity.

We are currently in the process of creating a new website. It is hoped that the website will hold a database of information for our supporters and offer advice for horse owners; it will be a way in which we can communicate with the world and reduce our stationery and postage costs. You can view the new style website at www.bransbyhorses.co.uk with its' content being updated and modified gradually over the next twelve months. Over time we hope to build upon the data that we hold for you, our supporters, to enable electronic updates and newsletters to be available; again reducing the impact that this Charity has on the environment.

**I again cannot thank our supporters enough for their kind donations and support through this time. I wish you all well and look forward to the challenges that we are faced with over the next six months.**

## Sad Death of our Founder **Peter Hunt** ACP, FRSA 8th January 1932 – 15th November 2010

It is with great regret we have to report the death of our Founder and Honorary Chief Executive, Peter Hunt. His passing has deeply saddened us all at the Charity and this feeling will be shared throughout the horse welfare community.

### Mr Hunt rescued his first horse in 1947

Always concerned about the welfare of horses, Mr Hunt rescued his first horse in 1947. Sally a 4-year-old mare was being kept on a bombsite in South London, she was found tearing around a yard with a tyre round her neck after the furniture van she was kept in had overturned in a storm. When Mr Hunt moved to Bransby to start the Charity, Sally came with him. A further 1000 horses, ponies and donkeys have been rescued since.

Mr Hunt has left behind a very successful rescue charity, which will continue his work and provide a lasting memorial to his dedication.



Above: Mr Hunt and his first rescued horse Sally.

### September Open Day Success

**O**ur September Open Day was a great success, with over 1000 cars and a record amount of money taken on the bric-a-brac stall.

Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make the day such a success. It was great to see so many visitors who supported us on the day and who completed the questionnaire, your feedback was greatly appreciated.

*Thank you to all the staff and volunteers*



Top: Dipsy and Charlotte taking part in the pony games.

Left: Visitors enjoying fussing the donkeys.

Bottom: The bric-a-brac stall was a great success, thanks to the hard work put in by our volunteers.



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## Tribute

Firstly, I would just like to add a brief personal tribute to our founder, Peter Hunt whom I feel privileged to have known and worked with. He gave me an insight into the true 'roots' of Bransby and an understanding for Equine Welfare which we will continue in our daily work.

Left: Sally and Boots.

## Arctic Conditions

The past few months have proven very testing due to the arctic temperatures which we endured for several weeks. Prolonged temperatures as low as -17°C meant water caused us the biggest problem; the freezing conditions meant that we had a constant battle just to keep one main tap running, this tap then having to supply the whole site with water. Toilets froze; the roads and paths were lethal. Once again, the on-site staff stepped up to the mark and showed the sheer dedication required to work for a Charity with so many needy animals. Those staff that lived close enough with clear roads were collected by the charity's 4x4 and made it in. It was a very testing time, and no amount of thank you's seemed worthy of the true commitment shown by the staff.

# Welfare News

by Sally Howard

## Safe Haven

The current financial climate has meant that we have once again been inundated with requests from people struggling to find a safe haven for their beloved animals. Within the UK, and Ireland at present, there are currently more animals requiring places than the Welfare Charities can provide, which is frustrating and heartbreaking. Animals are living longer, indiscriminate breeding continues, and following the harsh winter, many owners struggled both financially and physically to battle the extreme conditions which were thrust upon us. We have already seen the sad and disturbing results of some horses whose owners chose not to battle the elements and neglected to provide essential such as food and water.

So many welfare cases and abandonments have come into our care, that for the time being we have had to close our doors to private retirements. We continue to promote responsible horse ownership, and we encourage owners to consider options for their animals' retirement from the onset of ownership. The welfare cases desperately need our help; they come in emaciated and sick, with no one to care for their needs but ourselves, so we have to make them our priority. The isolation yard can only house a limited number of animals, and those we are caring for where the owners are under prosecution, sometimes stay there until the case is heard, which can be over a year, sometimes two.



Ninky (above) and CoCo (right), two young ponies that have been taken into care due to being abandoned.



## Red Alert 24/7/365

At the time of writing, we are currently on 'red alert' for the RSPCA who are investigating a report of equine suffering. Bransby is on call 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days per year for such cases. Our rescue team attend calls at a moment's notice, still having the daily care of our 280+ residents to complete on return. In January and February alone we have attended 8 large rescues in the local area, taking into care 18 animals that required our help. The staff

remain focused and professional at all times, never knowing for definite the scale of the suffering until arrival on the scene. Quite often by the time the animal is brought back to Bransby and sorted with housing, food, veterinary care and nursing it is well into the early hours, and if the animal is really sick, then nursing care will continue throughout the night and possibly many nights to follow.

No two days at Bransby are ever the same, but the ethos and the wonderful work that goes on could not continue were it not for the continued financial support from our loyal followers who share our enthusiasm for improving the lives of equines wherever possible. **Thank you.**



Above: Charlie and Chisel, two ex-racehorses enjoying racing in the snow.



Left: Reggie and Cosmic and their mums were a group of Shetland ponies that were taken into care in poor condition. All required specialised care and feeding to return them to full health.

Left: Our Shetland herd in the snow.

Bransby is open to the public seven days a week, 365 days a year.

## Bransby Site Facts & Figures

1st March 2011	
Total of number animals at Bransby site	281
Number of animals in loan homes	137
Animals taken into care in 2010	34
Animals taken into care since 01/01/2011	18



Buck the Shetland in the snow.

## Recession Hits Horses

Prior to the onset of winter we were beginning to see an increase in the number of requests for help with either unwanted or abandoned animals. With many horse owners experiencing the effects of the recession, requests for help are now at an all time high. Increased hay and feed costs have not helped this situation.

Here at Stoke Prior the majority of our new residents over the last 6 months have been abandonment cases; in fact the centre is nearly always full and sadly we can only care for the number of animals that our resources will allow.

Right: Philip York holding Eve (on the left) and Spud, two residents at our Leominster centre.



# News From Leominster

By Philip York

Left: Our oldest resident Rachel at 34 years old



## The Plight of the Dartmoor Pony

Last year many of our supporters will remember that we took into care a small herd of Dartmoor ponies that were destined for slaughter. These were the lucky ones. Reports from Devon indicate that many more face a similar fate. With this in mind we hope that we can again arrange to take more into our care in the near future.

Left: Kate with our smallest resident Robin, who was found abandoned near Cardiff.



Above: Three abandoned colt ponies settling down after arrival into our quarantine yard.

Left: Our Thoroughbred group on a cold snowy morning.



Left: Two ponies taken into our care after being abandoned on wasteland in Wales.

Below: Stephan who was taken into care after suffering an appalling life in North Wales.

## Winter Freeze Chaos

Looking after our animals 365 days a year in all weathers can sometimes be very challenging. This winter was no exception, with temperatures at times down to minus 18 degrees. Every water tank was frozen solid for weeks which meant our staff were constantly breaking ice and filling water troughs 3, sometimes 4 times a day from a water bowser. The ponies surprisingly cope very well with these temperatures; as long as they have plenty to eat they are happy.



Please Note: Unfortunately The Priory Is NOT Open To The Public.

## Mountain Ponies

The weather this winter has severely restricted our movements back and forwards to Wales to monitor the mountain ponies. Fortunately we have someone who lives very close to the particular area that we monitor. We were able to leave some hay with her to feed during the hard weather.

## Leominster Facts & Figures

1st March 2011	
Total number of animals at Priory Farm	106
Number of animals in loan homes	7
Animals taken into care in 2010	25
Animals taken into care since 01/01/2011	4

# Welcome to Bransby Young Supporters Page

We love to hear from our young supporters so please post us your letters, photos or pictures to:  
 Bransby Home of Rest for Horses, Bransby, Lincoln, LN1 2PH or email them to:  
 shop@bransbyhorses.co.uk Please ask your parents' permission before contacting us.



## Darcy's Tails

### Hi, welcome back to Darcy's Tails.

Hope you had a nice winter. In the last Darcy's Tails I said that I hoped we would have more snow and my wish came true, but then it never seemed to stop! Luckily my friends and I have grown nice thick coats to keep us warm and protect us from the cold weather.

I have moved home, across the road to the Rehabilitation Barn. Sounds scary, but it's been great fun! I have found a new best friend in Ninky Noo, who lives in the stable next door to me. We get turned out in the field together during the day. He's also a Welsh pony boy like me, but a bit older, he's great fun and loves a game of chase and nip, but he can be a bit bossy sometimes. He says all the naughty ponies come to the rehabilitation barn to get used to lots of new experiences.

I have found a new human friend too – she's called Hayley and she's lovely and gives a great back scratch. She grooms me lots and keeps picking up my feet which sometimes I find ticklish, but apparently it's important that I have to learn to stand still and not kick out when someone holds my leg, so that the farrier can trim my hooves to stop them growing too long. I'm good for Hayley most of the time – but occasionally I wiggle a bit when I get bored.

There's lots going on in the Rehab barn – I love watching the bigger horses go out for rides with people on their backs – all very strange!!! They pull funny faces at me in the stables when they go past – Ninky says it's just because they are grumpy Thoroughbreds!!



Top: Darcy during the cold months.

Left: Darcy & Ninky – the best of friends!

Below left: Darcy enjoying the attention from a young visitor on Open Day.

Bottom left: Darcy enjoying a groom from Hayley with Ninky Noo looking on.



## Colouring Competition

### Win a Horse Goody Bag

Why not enter our Colouring Competition. Colour the picture on the right and send your completed picture to: Carole Bacon, Colouring Competition, Bransby Home of Rest for Horses, Bransby, Lincoln, LN1 2PH to reach us no later than the 22nd May 2011.

The visitors to our June Open Day on June 5<sup>th</sup> will pick the winning entry. **Good Luck!**



Almost forgot to tell you all, I had a lovely September Open day, it was very busy with lots of people stopping by my stable to say hi and give me a cuddle. It was great fun – I can't wait for the next one! I do hope you can call and see me and all my friends.

# Breeds of Horse Word Search

Horses and Ponies come in all different shapes and sizes and there are many different types and breeds. Did you know that the UK is the original home of some of the best known and ancient breeds of horses found anywhere around the world, many of which are now becoming very rare. Can you find the 16 different breeds in the word search on the right?

- HACKNEY
- CLEVELAND BAY
- ERISKAY
- FELL
- DARTMOOR
- SUFFOLK PUNCH
- HIGHLAND
- THOROUGHBRED
- IRISH DRAUGHT
- SHETLAND
- SHIRE
- WELSH
- NEW FOREST
- CLYDESDALE
- DALES
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## Carrot Caption Competition Winner

Thank you to all of you who sent captions for our Carrot Caption Competition, there were some very amusing captions. The winning caption selected was:



These tongue exercises don't seem to be working. I'm still no closer to that jam sandwich!

Congratulations to **Analysia Watley** from Denmark, hope you enjoy your Carrot goody bag prize.



Name:

Age:

Telephone No:

# Bransby Babies

## Where Are They Now?

Since the Home was founded in 1968 over 50 foals have been born on site. The birth of a foal is always a memorable time for all involved, the staff & visitors gain great enjoyment watching them grow and turn into healthy young horses.

We have a no breeding policy at the Home, so any foals born are due to the mares arriving in foal. Many of the foals have moved onto pastures new through our re-homing scheme. Some are backed and re-homed as riding horses, others are companions to lonely animals and many have found terrific homes as pets. Below are a few of our foals born at the Home and an update on what they are doing now.



Right: Billy helping out on the yard.



Above: William & Cobweb – two very cheeky donkeys.



Above: Billy taking his first tentative steps.

### Billy Brownie

Date of Birth: 29th August 2001

Billy's mum Snip arrived at the Home by request of another welfare charity. Billy's birth and first few months of life were featured on Channel 4's Pet Rescue. Billy became gravely ill with a serious lung infection at only 2 months old, which required intensive veterinary treatment, but after months of care he made a full recovery. He was given the name 'Billy Brownie' after the Billingham Brownie group who visited the Home shortly after he was born.

Billy was re-homed as a 2 year old to a local family as a companion for their riding horse. Billy has grown into a cheeky little pony who keeps everyone on their toes. He had been backed for riding by young children from the village but proved to be rather willful!



Above: A young Pip enjoying a cuddle with mum Apple looking on.



Above: Pip the oldest surviving donkey born at the Home.

### Ivan

Date of Birth: 29th April 2000

Ivan's mum Holly was collected from a local field where she had been abandoned. She was petrified of humans. Due to her having a brand on her shoulder, we assume she had originally come from the Welsh Hills. Fortunately Ivan was one of four foals born in 2000, as the others were happy for the staff to handle them, this gave him the confidence to come over and be fussed even though his mum wouldn't let us anywhere near her.

Ivan has recently been re-homed as a companion pony; his new family are happy that he has settled in very well and has bonded closely with their horse. Christine his new mum says "He is very gentle natured and craves attention. He is very cheeky and seems to enjoy picking up anything he can get hold of and waving it around in the air! He often goes for walks in the woods and through the village on the lead rein; he is very laid back and relaxed. We are hoping to get him backed in the summer for our young grandchildren to ride; as you can imagine he is very spoilt by them. He is well and truly one of the family!"

Below: Ivan with mum Holly.



Above: Ivan in his new home.

### Zepha

Date of Birth: 3rd June 1993

Zepha's mum Mistral arrived heavily in foal, with a group of ponies who had been rescued from moorland where the herd were struggling to survive after being turned 'back to nature'. All of the ponies were terrified of human contact.

Zepha has been re-homed with another riding pony from Bransby. His family say he loves being groomed and will stand with you for hours. He has a sweet and loving personality but also has a very cheeky side. He is excellent with other horses and young children.



Top: Zepha & mum Mistral.

Above: A very content Zepha with Shiann & his new mum.

Above right: Cobweb & proud mum Juliet.

Far right: William, only a few weeks old.

### Cobweb and William

Cobweb Date of Birth: 19th August 2002

William Date of Birth: 15th June 2002

Two donkey mares, Juliet and Gertrude, arrived with 8 other donkeys and a horse in 2001 by request of the RSPCA. They both had yearling donkeys and young foals at foot and were in foal again. Their hooves were badly overgrown and twisted. The birth of their foals Cobweb and William, during the summer of 2002, were followed by Channel 4's Pet Rescue crew.

Cobweb & William grew up together and became the best of friends; they were re-homed in 2009 to Helen who owns a small livery yard. She says "The boys have fitted in very well. I think the horses are



jealous of Cob and Will's life of pure leisure. They are like the yard mascots! They spend their days eating, charging round the field and begging for carrots over their stable door. Cobweb is the outgoing one and Will is a bit more shy

and reserved but is actually the bravest- Cobweb is all talk (literally!) and runs away at the first sign of anything scary. The pair of them play like little stallions, rearing up and climbing on each other's backs. I bought them a horse play ball and they take turns to run around with it and hit each other. They like to play tug with their feed buckets and Cobweb's favourite game in summer is to pull Will's fly mask off and run off with it while Will chases him. They absolutely love being groomed and try to push each other out of the way so they get brushed first, especially when they are moulting. Everybody loves them and they are great with the many children who come to pet them. The boys are my first donkeys and I'm hooked as they are such great characters and a lot of fun to have around. I hope we will have them for a very long time."

### Oscar

Date of Birth: 25th March 2000

Oscar's mum Sally, was taken into care heavily in foal, after being found wandering late one night on a busy road with 6 other horses.

Oscar was re-homed 5 years ago with the Clark family from Derbyshire, with his Shetland friend Andy, who is also from Bransby. Oscar is ridden by Dinah and mum. He enjoys jumping, lots of attention and eating! Ann reports that "There's a daily race between him and Andy to finish their food so they can swap bowls. We have found that no matter how long we spend grooming and bathing him, he looks just as unkempt as ever within 5 minutes! His major dislike is being wormed - he can curl his top lip and hold it for an incredibly long time, repeating this action several times throughout the day in case we have forgotten the discomfort we have caused him. Despite generally wearing a mildly disgruntled expression, he is a lovely pony to handle and is very well behaved in the stable, even around my youngest daughter Faith and my non-horsey husband - very much a family pony".



Above top: Oscar enjoying the sun.

Above: Oscar & Dinah.

# Adoption Scheme and Adoption Renewal

The adoption scheme allows us to continue our work of rescuing horses, ponies and donkeys from neglect and cruelty as well as enabling us to provide a safe and secure home for them for the rest of their lives.

If you would like to help, you can adopt one of our animals for the small sum of £5.00 per animal per year. These adoptions make super Birthday and Christmas presents. If you would like to adopt one of our animals please complete the order form accompanying this newsletter. Many of our supporters like to adopt a different animal each year. If your adoption has expired, and you wish to renew it, please send a minimum of £5.00 for each renewal and tick the renew column. Further renewal forms are available on request.

For that extra special gift, why not upgrade to the new Adoption Pack for only £12.50, which contains your choice of Adoption Certificate, ring, A4 laminated picture, rosette and notebook.

See our gift catalogue for more details.



## Visiting Us

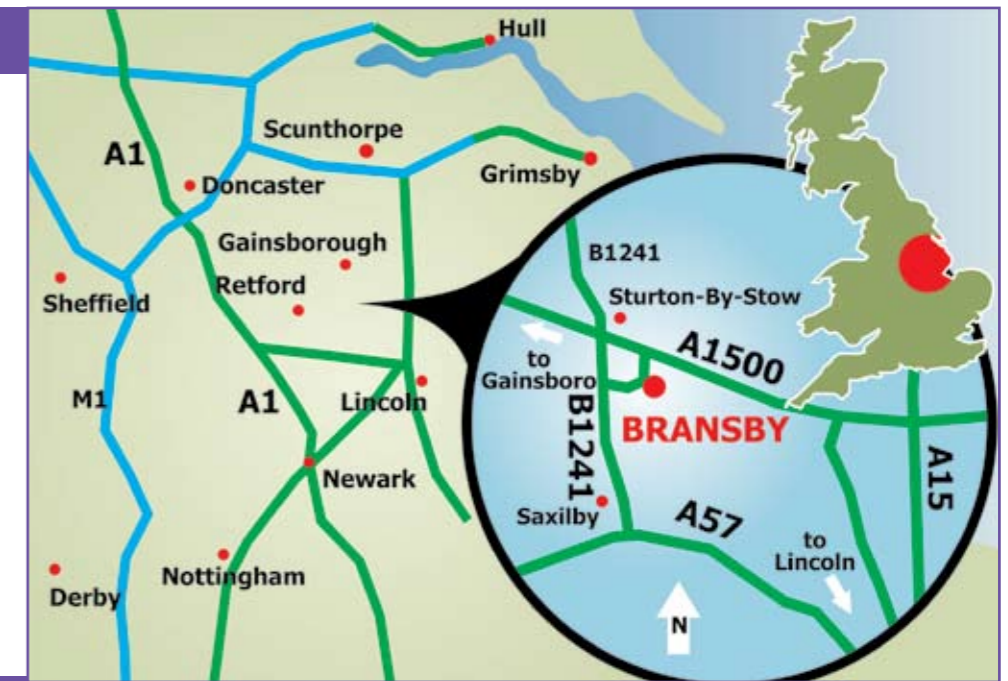
Bransby Home of Rest for Horses is open to the public seven days a week from 10am to 4pm.

Admission and parking are free.

There are parking facilities beside a picnic area, an Education area, a gift shop and tea room. There is plenty to do and see. There are a number of walks around the different sites and the countryside is beautiful. We are not far from Lincoln, Gainsborough and Market Rasen so why not make a day of it and combine your day or weekend away with a visit to one or two of the many other attractions in the region!

How to find us.....

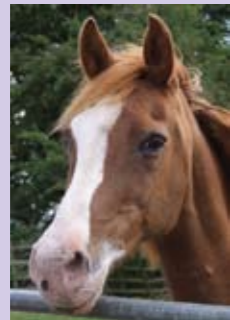
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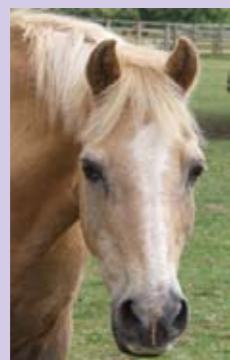
# ADOPTION ANIMAL UPDATE

Which one of our beautiful animals will you choose to adopt? Why not adopt an animal as a present for your child or grand children?

### Carrot & Spud



Carrot has had a good winter; he has lived out in the field with a small group of elderly ponies who also require extra feeding. He was rugged up throughout the cold weather with access to a shelter and chopped hay.



Spud has had a few problems during the bad weather due to mild episodes of colic. During his treatment he had to be stabled so his diet and condition could be closely monitored. He has made a new friend in a little Shetland pony called Tom.

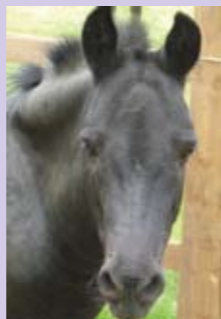
### Mumphy

Mumphy has wintered well. He has found a new play mate in a young gelding called Mikey, with whom he loves to play, rear and chase around the field after. The staff are finding him easier to handle, however he seems a lot happier now that he doesn't need sun cream applying to his nose!



### Gemma

Gemma spent winter in the donkey barns with her fellow donkey friends. She has made friends with Bluey one of our tallest donkeys at the Home. She loves basking in the winter sun with her friends.



### Craigie Boy

Craigie Boy has spent the winter months with a group of Thoroughbred geldings in the large barns at Walklands farm. They are turned out in the field for the day and love racing and playing in the snow. At the start of the year he had to be kept in for 3 weeks due to a cut on his leg. After antibiotics and bandaging it healed well and he was happy to be back out in the field with his friends.



### Lizzie

This year Lizzie celebrates her 21st birthday. She is starting to show her age and has been diagnosed with arthritis in her hocks for which she is now given anti-inflammatory medication. She spent the winter rugged up with access to a large straw bedded shelter with her new best friend Charlie.



### Digit

Digit wintered out in the fields with his friends. He was seen by the vet on numerous occasions as he seemed to be showing stiffness in his hind legs. He is now receiving a joint supplement to help ease this condition and is given in a yummy molasses sandwich which he eagerly awaits at his gate for every morning.

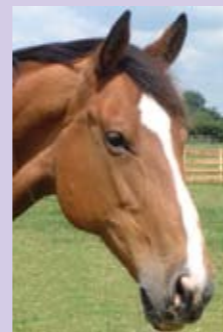
### Ebony

Ebony moved yards in the New Year to the Peter Hunt Yard, where she is stabled at night and turned out during the day with a small group of ponies who also need their diet restricting. Ebony loves coming into her stable at night to play with her feed ball and munch on her hay net.



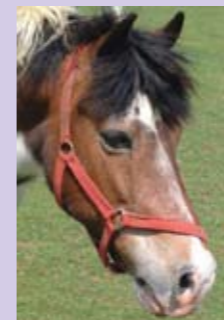
### Jigily

Jigily spent the winter in our new fields. He is still firm friends with Tonka. He loved all the attention he received on the September Open Day and spent most of the day having cuddles from his friends.



### Sparky

Sparky celebrates his 18th year. Still young at heart he comes out of winter with a spring in his step. He had a good winter living out with his boisterous friends eating lots of hay and playing chase in the snow. He has got over his naughtiness with the farrier and is very well behaved while having his feet trimmed (well most of the time!).



### Twiggy

Twiggy lived out during winter with her friends. With her thick coat and lots of hay she didn't seem to notice the cold weather, even when the snow was so deep it almost touched her belly! She loves spending time with the visitors but can be naughty especially when the staff try to catch her.



### Domino & Nero

Domino and Nero have spent the colder months in the large donkey barns with their donkey and mule friends. They are given access to the field during the day but during the cold conditions preferred to stay inside munching on the hay. They are often seen by the staff playing their favourite game of biting at each other's knees!



### Retired from the Adoption scheme Capricorn

Capricorn continues to do well and has had a good winter. During the snowy cold weather he didn't venture out of his lovely straw filled shelter but was happy snuggled up with girlfriend Bubble.

For adoption details & payment, please see the enclosed order form which came with this newsletter.

## Dates for Your Diary

### 2011 Gala Days

Summer Fayre Sunday 5th June 2011 11 am – 4pm  
Autumn Fayre Sunday 25th Sept 2011 11 am – 4pm

Come and see our rescued animals. It's a great day out for all the family! Numerous stalls, refreshments, bric-a-brac, gift shop & various demonstrations.

FREE ADMISSION

### Walk and Talk's

Every Tuesday from April to September guided tours will be given around the Home meeting at the gift shop at 1.15pm (lasting approximately one hour). There are lots of fun things to do at Bransby Home of Rest for Horses so come along and while away a morning or afternoon - bring a picnic and have a day out!

For groups please telephone to book on 01427 782870 or email Louise at [shop@bransbyhorses.co.uk](mailto:shop@bransbyhorses.co.uk)

### Remembrance Sunday Service

13th November 2011

A short service will be held at the memorial at the Home in memory of the crew of the plane that crashed in one of our fields.

### Lincolnshire Show

Visit our stand at the Lincolnshire Show on the 22nd and 23rd June 2011

### We Collect....

Used postage stamps, telephone cards (not mobile), old postcards and tea/cigarette cards, items of bric-a-brac, mobile telephones, unwanted Jewellery and gifts to sell.

Sorry but we cannot accept electrical items or clothes.

### Grand Christmas Draw

This was drawn on the 20th December and the winners of the Grand Christmas Draw 2010 were:

- 1st Prize Miss F Kennedy of Halstead
- 2nd Prize Mrs J Metcalfe of Hemel Hempstead
- 3rd Prize Mrs T Paton of Wirral
- 4th Prize Mrs M Clarke of Newport

# Thank you!

**Kind Donations of First Aid Equipment**  
Thank you to **Robinsons Animal Health** for their kind donation of First Aid Mud Buster packs.

Without the continued kindness of our supporters we would not be able to continue rescuing horses, ponies and donkeys in need. Support for our work comes in many forms, from financial donations, donation of equipment or like many of our volunteers do; give up their spare time.

All are equally important in helping us sustain our work. If you have photos and details of your fundraising activities please send them to us as we would love to print them in future newsletters.

*Photo right:* Our rehabilitation team from left to right Laura, Hayley and Sarah with Penny, a young Thoroughbred mare and some of the donated Mud Buster packs.



## How You Can Help Us...



### Legacies

Making a Will is something we all need to think about at some stage. When considering your wishes we would be grateful if you kindly remembered

our work for horses, ponies & donkeys in need. When advising your solicitor, the following details will ensure your legacy is effective: **Bransby Home of Rest for Horses - Registered Charity Number: 1075601.**

Adding a codicil is a simple way of updating your existing Will & be less expensive than preparing a new one. For further information please contact our legacy officer, Debbie Hall: [legacyofficer@bransbyhorses.co.uk](mailto:legacyofficer@bransbyhorses.co.uk)

## Recycle, Benefit your Environment...

### Raise Funds for our Charity

**Please donate your unwanted Gold, Silver, Costume Jewellery and Watches...**

We have come up with a simple way for you to help boost the much needed funds of our Charity and benefit your environment. We are running an unwanted Jewellery Recycling Collection.

Please donate any unwanted jewellery towards this recycling appeal; gold, silver, costume jewellery, watches... Then all your unwanted items can be turned into a donation for us.

You can do a full "spring clean" of your jewellery box or just give items you no longer wear. Even damaged, broken and incomplete items will help; so all the odd earrings and snapped chains are a great start!

Parcel up your jewellery & post free of charge to:

BRANSBY HORSES,  
FREEPOST,  
LICENCE RSKJ-AJAB-GSYA,  
FUNDRAISING, SUTTON  
COLDFIELD, B75 5BH  
(from within the UK only)

**If you can, please ask your family, friends and colleagues to participate in this Jewellery Recycling Collection.**

It's nearly here!!

# Hovis' Friday Diary

## From the Beginning

**H**ovis' Friday Diary: From The Beginning is a tongue in cheek look at the mad world of horse ownership and equestrianism for the average rider. Packed full with references that resonate with all who own and ride these magnificent creatures, it is a humorous view point on every aspect of caring for, providing for and riding horses whilst holding down jobs and homes.

Told from the view point of Hovis the 8 year old Clydesdale, his cheeky and irreverent narrative on his life is reflective of how many horse owners believe their own horses might view the world if only they could talk!

These two years in his life cover the difficulties of unrequited love, the fun of learning from elders, the delight of competitions that go well, the gloom of the off days, the odd antics of his humans and the heart break of illness and the loss of friends.



**"Hovis' diary is exactly what I think my horse would write if I left a laptop lying around"**

*Gemma Teed*

**"Hovis Friday Diary – straight from the horses mouth, girth busting laughs every week"**

*Kim Preskey*

Intended to make the reader smile, laugh out loud and possibly shed a tear or two; there are simply no horse owners who can get to the end of Hovis' Friday Diary: From The Beginning having not said "I can relate to that" at least once!

**"Hovis is the best thing since sliced bread"**

*Candy Wood*

The book costs £4.99. All profits raised from the sale of Hovis' Friday Diary - From the Beginning have been kindly donated to Bransby Home of Rest for Horses. Visit [www.bransbyhorses.co.uk](http://www.bransbyhorses.co.uk) for details on how to pre-order the book or pick one or two up at our Summer Fayre.

**"Humorous side to horsemanship"**

*Nicola Latham*

**"Hovis 'the Destroyer' is a legend"**

*Debbie Young*



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Coming Soon...

### A New Look Website & Online Shop

We are redeveloping our website which will hold lots of information about the charity, enable you to keep up to date with various news on the home, an online shop and lots more. View our website at [www.bransbyhorses.co.uk](http://www.bransbyhorses.co.uk) and send us your feedback.