



# VOLUNTEERS

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### Thank you.

The country show in May and the donkey show in July were both great successes. Not only were they financially successful, but also raised the profile of the Sanctuary. These events would not have been possible without the invaluable help of our loyal volunteers who are so generous with their time and talents. Once again John and the trustees would like to thank you all most sincerely for all your hard work. Please see the next item - we now have another event coming up and once again would be grateful for your support.

### **YEKNOD RALLY 29 - 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST**

The motor cyclists have really enjoyed the hospitality at Island Farm and have shown their appreciation in many ways. They have chosen to use the venue for all their big events, which are very profitable for the Sanctuary. They have also spent some weekends doing 'food runs' where they have sent convoys out to food merchants and persuaded them to donate food to the Sanctuary for the donkeys. They have also undertaken some straw runs which has also resulted in bonus straw for the donkeys.

**Our next big event is a Yeknod event over the weekend, August 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.**

This three day event, Friday night, all day [and evening] on Saturday and Sunday morning and we really need help to make sure that this event is as successful as possible. Please sign and return the attached form to the office - if you are able to help at Yeknod.

As the Bikers enjoyed our hospitality last year they already have 100 tickets sold for this year. The bikers have also been running events for us during the year which has raised additional much needed feed for the donkeys.

Last year was our first year for **YEKNOD** and obviously we learn as we go. We are using the planning sheets as for last year and now we have a clearer idea of the numbers attending we hope that this will make for a better experience all round.

The bikers have been really very complimentary on their Facebook page about Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary - the service that they received and the food on offer last year. This is all good publicity - for which we thank you.

### Percy the Pig.

There has been some good news with regard to dear old Percy. On a very hot day in July Charlotte has been giving Percy a much enjoyed shower. He obviously enjoyed the experience and it was also clear that it was not a new experience for him, in fact he looked very content. We were really pleased to hear that Linda had been talking to someone visiting the sanctuary who was an expert on pigs who said that when Percy paces up and down in the winter it is not distress it is to keep warm! Apparently pigs who live with other pigs also do it. Clever old Percy, taking a bit of exercise to keep healthy and warm!

### **Equine Hospital Appeal**

We continue to thank Keith and Brian for their continued efforts for the hospital appeal. . We have a meeting to plan a launch date this week and we are looking for a 'celebrity' to launch the Appeal.

### **STOP PRESS!!**

Ladies short sleeve round neck M&S t-shirts available from the office in all sizes, cost £4.50.

**Finally**, if volunteers want to raise any matter of concern please refer them in the first instance to John McLaren, Sanctuary Manager