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A Happy Christmas to Our Wonderful Flickaholics



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It's Christmas and here we are again!! Since we reduced our newsletter from three to two a year, time is going even faster! How can that be possible?!



We have had a very busy year, donkey rescues, donkey rehabilitations, veterinary hospital visits, foster home visits, donkeys out to new foster homes and lending a hand in France and saving donkeys on the continent to before they are loaded onto lorries bound to an horrific end.

We've had a summer with hundreds of visitors through our gates, which is wonderful and we love that so many people are genuinely interested in our work and animal welfare, so many of you ask lots of questions about them, their history, their care and their personalities and of course we will talk about them for a long... long.... long time!! We always stipulate (perhaps a little vehemently) that Flicka is not an attraction, it is a working sanctuary, which it is, but the lovely Tea Room is an added bonus with all the donkeys and ponies to see; and of course, proceeds help to keep Flicka alive!

2020 and the Flicka Foundation's Silver Jubilee is just around the corner, we have lots planned next year to promote and hopefully raise funds for our Lonely & Primrose Hospital (more in the newsletter). On 31st August, Flicka's official birthday, we will be having a big Birthday Bash details as and when confirmed will be on the Flicka website and Facebook.

So, let's give you a Flicka 6-month update...

16th June 2019

This is Sophia, 18 years old and had a very hard life, she arrived very underweight with a bacterial skin infection, her fetlocks were swollen with scars on her pasterns conducive with being hobbled. Sophia was heavily pregnant; no doubt she has been so many times before.

Sophia typifies the life of donkeys who are not lucky enough to be in loving private homes or sanctuaries. A life of work, pulling and carrying and when they cannot work anymore, they are kept in foal constantly to fuel the meat markets, once no longer able to bear any more foals they too succumb to the horror of live transport onto the continent.



Sophia was on our radar for a while and finally arrived at Flicka in July 2019, she was tired and depressed, but so beautiful with big kind eyes and an even bigger kind heart, she is friendly, and goodness only knows why, but loves people.

In the early hours of Saturday 13th July Sophia gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, a very large baby boy! Without doubt the biggest foal ever born at Flicka, such long legs!

He is just divine with his simply gorgeous white whiskers, long eyelashes & ears, he has been such a celebrity since his appearance at Flicka.

Mum, Sophia is such a wonderful Mother on the day he was born she kept him at quite a distance from everyone and was fiercely protective, and who can blame her, always expecting him to be taken away, but after several days she was quite happy and feeling more confident to bring him over to some of our visitors.

After running an online competition, he was finally named 'Archie'. What a sweetheart and now at almost 6 months old he is growing into a very big handsome donkey.

Meg, Cinders, Pebbles and Betty



Cinders, Meg & Pebbles.



Pebbles & Meg.

Flicka has known about these four beautiful ladies for some time now, when in July their owner, unable to care for them anymore due to ill health, contacted us and asked to relinquish them to our care. Four very friendly donkeys.

The four girls had quite severe teeth issues, especially...

Cinders, 19 years old, poor girl, her teeth had grown at an angle and dug into her cheeks both sides causing her severe pain and ulceration, she was packing food into her cheeks to protect them from the razor-sharp teeth.

Betty at 29 years old, had very poor teeth, but far worse were her feet. We had them x-rayed, it showed what we feared, irreversible bone crumbling. Sadly, this meant Betty's long-term prognosis was not hopeful, initially we managed her pain with drug therapy, but after just three weeks she stopped eating, lay down and did not want to stand.

It was devastating, to bring this dear sweet little donkey into Flicka in the hope we could love and spoil her for the rest of her life, to then have to let her quietly and peacefully go to the Rainbow Bridge. These are the times that leave us all grieving and feeling helpless we couldn't do anything to 'fix it'. The short time we shared with her was a joy, a few short weeks of privilege.

Pebbles, 9 years old, is tiny and such a pretty girl.

Meg, 8 years old, is an American Mammoth Jackstock, a very 'very' big girl!

Due to her great size she does have some conformity issues, despite being just 8 years old her knees cause her some problems and sometimes getting up from a lying position can be a bit of a challenge for her, she walks with an unusual gait. Unfortunately, like many 'pure' breeds of animals at some point 'inbreeding' can occur over the years and can create issues. Meg is just so very friendly and affectionate and incredibly 'large'!!

Some American Jackstock information for you...

The American Mammoth Jackstock was bred in the United States in the late 1700s early 1800s, George Washington (later to become president of the US) was one of the leading agricultural innovators of his day. Among his many interests was the improvement of livestock, including the development of an American ass breed that could be used to produce strong work mules. Washington, with Henry Clay and others, obtained by gift and purchase a small number of jacks and jennies of the finest European breeds. The Catalonian ass from Spain was of primary interest to American breeders, but the Andalusian (from Spain), Maltese (from Malta), Poitou (from France), Majorcan (from Majorca), and Italian strains were also used. Breeders blended these strains together, selecting the offspring for size, soundness, and strength and thus creating the American Mammoth Jackstock breed.

Large Jacks were crossed with horses (mares) to produce strong mules for agricultural work. Horses have 64 chromosomes and mammoths 62, mules have 63 which means they are sterile.

Large breeds of asses were found in Kentucky by 1800. Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri became the primary mule-producing states around this time.



Cinders & Pebbles.



Meg.



Pebbles, Cinders & Meg.

Between 1830 and 1890, several thousand large asses were imported from Spain and other parts of Europe, broadening the genetic base of the breed. The substantial investment in getting these donkeys from around the world demonstrates the significance of the mule industry at that time.

The population of American Mammoth Jackstock peaked in 1920, with an estimated five million animals in the national herd of America. Although these numbers have declined considerably today. The Livestock Conservatory of America now has the American Mammoth Jackstock listed as an endangered breed.

Mammoth Jacks are sturdy and tall, with massive legs and large, well-made heads. The ears are especially long, often measuring 33" from tip to tip. Selection has always been made for size and substance. Traditionally, males were expected to stand at least 14.2 hands (58") high at the withers and females 14 hands (56"). Many animals were taller than this. The weight varied



with the height and ranged between 900 and 1,200 pounds. Black used to be considered the only suitable colour for the breed, as black Jackstock bred to Percheron mare horses produced dark coloured mules that were easy to match as teams. For the last few decades, however, the market has favoured sorrel draft mules, produced by breeding a sorrel Jack and a Belgian mare. As a result, the predominant colour of the American Mammoth Jackstock has also become sorrel. With this change in colour has come a change in type as well, as the sorrel animals tend to be coarser in conformation than the blacks.



The Mammoth donkey is the largest size of donkey and is known for being easy going, kind and deeply affectionate towards people, donkey Mammoths are truly the gentle giants of the donkey world.

Meg has been introduced, with her friends, to the big herd, everyone is getting along wonderfully – we hope new friendships will be forged over the course of time.

Top: Meg. Above: Pebble & Meg.

AMOS & ERNIE

Last year we had two donkeys relinquished into our care, Ernie and Amos saved originally from live market where they were in very poor shape, their saviours after some years had to let them go due to their own health. We found them a lovely foster home, but sometimes life takes lots of unexpected twists and turns and the boys had



to come back into Flicka. They will probably stay at Flicka now and we are happy to have them with us.

Amos is a stunning looking donkey, he is quite quiet and a little bit reserved, he loves to be cuddled and adores his friend Ernie.

Poor Ernie has suffered with a most unusual skin issue which has left vets scratching their heads. It appears to be a little bit like alopecia in humans. Ernie has had the works for investigations, including extensive blood screening and skin scrapings. Nothing comes back with any answers, he does have some liver impairment for which we are giving him a supplementation. The general consensus is that it must be as a result of some past stresses and anxieties, we are ever hopeful it will grow back, but he has been like this for such a long time it may well be a permanent condition; it just confirms once again donkeys are very emotional and sensitive, whatever happens to them in life leaves a permanent deep seated scar that can never be healed.

Ernie's physical coat loss does not affect him in any way except that on a sunny day we have to be extremely vigilant with sun block and an all over fly screen rug that blocks UVA rays. He is very friendly and quite the little character.

Fabrice Update (A)

You may remember that Fabrice our little black donkey needed to attend the veterinary hospital for a few days, his good friend Rupert went with him to hold his hoof, actually it turned out Rupert was more worried than Fabrice!! After extensive tests, Fabrice was found to have scarring to the lungs and severe asthma, we have been managing his condition with drug therapy and steroids. The summer has been a challenge for his breathing with the warm and sometimes humid and oppressive heat.



Dear little chap, does get tired due to his chronic illness and as you can see from this photo taken in August, his coat doesn't behave quite as it should taking a lot longer to shed his winter layers nor does he carry as much weight as we'd like. He occasionally has skin issues due to the steroids which can affect his immune system. We feel desperately sad that such a young donkey is having to deal with this condition, we keep a close vigil over him. He still plays and when feeling particularly well will have a canter and play with his friends. It's just not as frequent and 'naughty' as it used to be and sometimes, he will go off and have a nap on his own.

After a further vet visit to Fabrice it was decided to stop the Ventipulmin (to help his breathing) for a while, sometimes its effectiveness wears off so the decision was made to only administer as and when necessary.

Fabrice Update (B)

At the time of writing this Fabrice developed what appeared to be an eye infection, we called the vet who discovered he had an ulcer on his cornea, not only did she find this, but he also has cataracts. These are not usual illnesses and conditions a young donkey should be suffering. We also discussed our serious concerns about his demeanour and weight loss, the suggestion is to have further investigations. All these health difficulties he is having to endure, it is just heart-breaking.

There is no way of knowing why he has this, but more than likely due to a very poor start in life, under nourished from a mother who could not feed him properly, these early days are critical, then the stress and anxiety of being travelled across the sea to be put through market. Dear lovely Fabrice, he has never been a particularly strong or robust donkey, such a gorgeous soul, we feel desperately worried about him... we love him so much and will do everything we possibly can for him, we will keep you updated.

Fabrice Update (C)

A further Fabrice update, we heard back from the vet today following Fabrice's blood screening, nothing remarkable has shown itself, the liver enzymes are marginally raised and white blood cells slightly elevated, but this could be due to his chronic lung inflammation. Having talked extensively to the vet, Julie, Fabrice's problems could have started even before he was born, maybe he contracted a virus from his mother (Matilda) as no doubt she was being shipped around Europe to various markets to be sold for meat whilst she was in foal.

Fabrice may not have had access to the crucial colostrum from Matilda immediately after birth, this can have catastrophic consequences later in life, he may have even had pneumonia, not uncommon for sickly foals. So we are now putting together a very tight and stringent management regime for Fabrice, more than he has already been having, this includes daily lactulose, liver supplement and small high protein feeds every couple of hours, also back onto the Ventipulmin, he will come into a small barn each evening with his friend Rupert so he can easily rest if he needs to.

Fabrice's physical and mental state writes its own story, we can only watch and monitor him each day, the only conclusions that we can draw from medical results and clinical signs is that Fabrice may be a donkey who is going to have health issues for the rest of his life, whatever length that may be, more than likely to the difficult start he had. We can never, ever, under estimate how vital those early days and can set the president for their overall health for their lifetime. His autoimmune system is just not doing its job.

So many of the donkeys who arrive at Flicka have had a poor start to their life, always later, at some point it manifests itself with their health, sometimes liver, kidneys, heart or like Fabrice an unnamed problem causing lots of issues for him. Our vets have considered his a grave prognosis, but we are doing all we can to manage this and just hoping and praying that somehow, he will get better.

Poor Fabrice, it seems so unfair that he has to endure these things, he takes it all so stoicall... but, that's donkeys for you...



Duchesse & Princesse



In our June newsletter we wrote about these two elderly girls who were shockingly emaciated, along with a gelding Charlie, they were saved from the horrific journey to the slaughter houses of Italy, temporary safety was found, but we had to relocate them as soon as possible, which was not ideal due their worrying condition. You may remember that they were taken to a lovely lady in the Dordogne – Carina Penny, who runs a small donkey refuge called ‘Heehaws’. The journey was completed in two halves, (Charlie was taken to his home en-route and is doing really well with his new bonded donkey friend) but nevertheless it was not what any of us wanted for them to have to make this journey, but we had no choice. Their arrival caused us all a lot of heartache, they were thin and depressed we feared they may not survive, especially Princesse who’s skeletal body was so weak.

Carina kept constant vigil over the girls, treated their body sores and lice, wormed them and gave them plenty of special feed as their teeth were not good. Within three short weeks what a turnaround, the girls started to take notice of their surroundings, even calling to Carina each time they saw her, were putting on weight, coats started growing back all shiny and glossy.what a transformation! It makes our spirits soar when these sad situations have a very happy ending and these gorgeous, friendly donkeys have their forever home.

Beatrice, Bluebelle, Lolita & Leo Update



We reported on these four donkeys in our June newsletter, Felicity at the Pegasus Sanctuary who had taken in Beatrice, Bluebelle, Lolita and Leo (aka Paquertette and Bijoux) contacted us in desperate need to find homes for these four, originally intending to keep Beatrice & Bluebelle at her sanctuary in Dangy and for Flicka to bring Lolita and Leo to the UK at some point Felicity was getting more and more rescues via the meat man and finding she was unable to cope she needed the space.

We were quite worried about Beatrice and Bluebelle making that journey, 'aged' girls and not in the best physical health, a journey of that distance and time can be so stressful for them it could possibly be fatal, we did not want to risk this unless there was no other avenue.

Once again, we contacted our good friend Carina at Heehaws, fortunately she had just extended her stable/field shelter and was happy to give a home to Beatrice and Bluebelle, she also put the word out for Lolita and Leo. It was within a week we had success! A home was sourced and checked and Lolita and Leo were taken to their new home on the 17th September, just prior to Beatrice and Bluebelle being taken to Carina's. Lolita and Leo, now finally have their permanent forever names... George and Mildred! Gets confusing eh!

From Heehaws media statement – by Carina Penny

"Back in May we were asked if we could take two emaciated elderly donkeys that had been saved from the meat-man and the harrowing journey to Italy, along with 3 others, by the wonderful Flicka foundation in Cornwall. Flicka secured their safety and Felicity at Pegasus in Normandy took them in temporarily.

Duchesse and Princesse came here and HeeHaws found Charlie a home.

Bluebelle and Beatrice stayed with Felicity as Bluebelle as well as being emaciated was really very poorly.

However, Felicity is still full to bursting and has to downsize. Flicka stepped in again and asked us if we could possibly take Bluebelle and Beatrice as the long journey to the UK at their age and in such poor condition would not be good for them and considerable risk.

Of course, we said yes, the paddock Duchesse and Princesse are in is big enough as is the shelter. We also managed to find a home for two other needy donkeys Paquette and Bijoux (Mother and son) at the same time, making the trip all the way down to the Dordogne well worth it. Four donkeys saved from the meat man, 4four donkeys in 5 homes, what could be better.*

Bluebelle and Beatrice still have a long way to go as you can see, they are still very thin and Beatrice has a skin condition, but with all the HeeHaws care and love, they will soon look as good as their field mates Duchesse and Princesse, who, it has to be said, look amazing”

Bluebelle and Beatrice update

The two girls have been settling in very well, but there have been some health issues, particularly with their skin, teeth and feet. Worrying Bluebelle had colic so Carina did not take any chances and called the vet immediately. Thank goodness she got over this bout, we may never know why, change of environment, stress after her move, any number of things can start a colic and physically, being underweight and weak from years of neglect, this was the last thing she needed. Thankfully they are in the best possible place.

The Four French Boys – Louis and Claude

Rocky, Pierre, Louis and Claude arrived at Flicka from France on 10th December 2018, their relocation was delayed due to various health issues



including having dental problems, eye infections and being significantly underweight. Now the boys have been here for just one year and settled in very well and have a 100% clean bill of health. They are so well in fact, that we found a 10* foster home for Louis and Claude. Their new foster family had been visiting them regularly.

Fiona Morcom, our donkey welfare manager has worked sympathetically with the boys, her compassion and kindness has allowed them to trust people and get used to being handled, groomed and fussed, in fact Fiona always says whenever she goes into their paddock now, she can hardly get out!



Then finally on Tuesday 1st October they loaded, easily, onto the lorry and were taken off to a new life of love and pampering. We have had umpteen reports of how much they are loved and how well they are doing. Fiona is visiting several times initially to help them settle in (although we think they did as soon as they arrived)!!

Top: Louis. Above: Claude.

Figaro



Staying with the "French" part of our newsletter, we had another donkey alert. The condition of the donkeys that we saved in conjunction with Pegasus and Heehaws always shocks and upsets us, but this one was exceptional. This poor little donkey of around 12 years old had been left tied by a heavy metal chain tied to the back of an old car for over two years. Two years, shackled, unable to move about freely, unable to graze or behave as a donkey.

When he was found it took a long time for the rescue services to cut through the chain using bolt cutters without causing more injury to Figaro's already severely lacerated neck. He was taken to Pegasus sanctuary where Felicity called the vet and began to treat his wounds... shortly after our team from Flicka sailed across the waters to help.

Amazingly, Figaro is a very friendly donkey and was quite happy to have his severely infected neck treated. Felicity is, as you can imagine, beyond full and needed a home for Figaro as soon as possible. We started to long winded task of trying to source a foster home for him and we found one! A wonderful lady in Liskeard Cornwall is having him to live with her two rescue donkeys. At the time of writing this he was packing his little red hanky to travel to the UK to his new 10* home!

THE FLICKA TEAM IN FRANCE OCTOBER 2019



Once again, this year three of our team did a self-funded trip to the Pegasus sanctuary in Dangy France; Laurie, Sam and Lucy left at the crack of dawn to get the ferry in October and spent a week with Felicity who runs the sanctuary.



Felicity has been rescuing equines at her home in rural Normandy for over 10 years. In 2016 The Pegasus Sanctuary registered charity was set up with the aim of increasing awareness of all equines in need, re-homing of equines destined for the abattoir, the meatman she deals with is called out every day to pick up donkeys and horses which he then puts in an area to wait for the transporters to take them to the Italian abattoirs or the Spanish bullfights every week.



He picks up a dozen or so from different trainers yards in the racing industry every week. They are fit and healthy beautiful animals, but discarded from the racing yards. He sends off more than 30 every week. He also collects many donkeys and ponies from private homes, they are often old and ailing, Felicity intercepts and rehomes as many as she can, it is harrowing and utterly heart-breaking work, all she can do is make a difference for some, her work is relentless. We here at Flicka do as much as we can to help and have sourced homes here in the UK. Sadly, the hole is just too big to plug, but we cannot stop... we mustn't stop.

A note from Helen who assists with admin at the charity...

"We are over the moon that 3 ladies from The Flicka Foundation have joined us for this week. Laurie, Sam and Lucy have come all the way from Cornwall just to help Felicity out for the week

They've already got stuck in, as you can see from the photos, and have done so much work around the yard that they've already transformed it!

As well as everything else, the ladies have cleared out and reorganised the feed room, including putting an old freezer in there to be used as a mouse-proof feed store. The ladies came over with lots of goodies for all the equine residents - ginger nut biscuits for the donkeys, and lots of carrots and apples for everyone else, as well as a few extra supplements for some of the older ones.

We are so grateful that the team were here yesterday as they spotted a wound on the inside of Bebe's leg, which Laurie did a great job of cleaning up and bandaging. She will be checking it again today and assessing if we need to get the vet out.

We really can't thank the Flicka ladies enough for coming all this way just to help out for the week. They have already made such a difference and still have a few days to go!

Thank you so much Laurie, Sam and Lucy xxx

Laurie - Trustee

"The crossing on the ferry was choppy on the way out and on the way back it was stormy and took longer than usual, much to Lucy's and my dismay, neither of us have sea legs!! The weather in Dangy was similar to the UK with intermittent showers, but it didn't stop us from getting lots done with the animals.

The work consisted with mucking out barns to helping with feeding, grooming, clearing out the feed room, vet cupboard, dressing wounds, particularly on the leg of one of the elderly horses. Sam and Lucy also rodded drains and cleared lots of liquid mud off the main yard to help Felicity get around a bit easier and create more hard standing for the horses and donkeys in that area.

The animals with Felicity have a lot of free will, are well cared for and always have lovely hay to eat; they go in and out of the barns to the fields whenever they want to. Felicity has very little help to run Pegasus physically and financially.

The Flicka Foundation hopes to return again next year in the meantime we would like to try and help wherever and however we can. We have helped with a number of donkeys already, finding them forever homes, in the last few months, but there is always a never-ending amount that come through Felicity's doors daily, hers is a huge and uphill struggle.

Pegasus needs people who are able to give forever homes to the constant cycle of horses, ponies and donkeys who arrive, whether you are in France or the UK it would help such alot and be so rewarding.

Lucy - Flicka Centre Manager

"I was lucky enough to have had the opportunity to visit the Pegasus Sanctuary so soon after joining the Flicka Team. It was an amazing experience and fantastic to gain further knowledge into donkey and horse welfare and to spend time with equines saved by Felicity from the brutal meat market trade. It certainly highlighted that further awareness of this industry and how animals suffer unnecessarily still needs to be raised and stopped. Sanctuaries like the Pegasus Sanctuary are essential and need help to continue – I was glad I was able to, if only for a short time".

Helen's goodbye

"The lovely ladies from The Flicka Foundation left us yesterday afternoon. Laurie, Sam and Lucy have worked so hard during their week here and have done so much that we really can't thank them enough.

It is hard to list all the things that the ladies have done whilst here - it would be a very long list! They just got stuck in with whatever needed doing from sweeping the yard and filling water buckets to giving the equines some tlc and tending Bebe's wound (thank you Laurie).

Bebe is a very sweet ex driving pony who is 30 years old, he had been on his way to the abattoir.

On Thursday, the farrier paid a visit and having the ladies here made it so much easier to get everyone into the yard and ready for him. The farrier was able to see 5 of our residents: Big Mimi, Pompom, Figaro, new donkey George (whose feet were in desperate need of a trim), and a newly-arrived trotter. Neither of which have been saved yet and will be taken back to go to the abattoir in a week or so if not saved.

Thank you so much Laurie, Sam and Lucy - you are a fabulous team and will be sorely missed by us all at The Pegasus Sanctuary"

Toby Update



Good news about Toby, we told you about his worrying health decline in June and after lots of drug therapy which did not improve his condition, he was taken to the veterinary hospital in Wadebridge for further investigations. We were still waiting for the biopsy analysis when we reported this to you in June, the results of this just showed mild inflammation of the lungs and stomach lining.

Toby was put onto steroids for three months then gradually weaned off. Miraculously he seems to have completely recovered, back to a normal donkey, we keep a watchful eye, but so far all is perfect. Was he grieving for his Mum, Bluebelle who we lost in February? We will never know, but we can never, 'ever' underestimate the depth of their feelings.

Foster Donkeys – Donald & Dominick



As you know Flicka is always looking for that special foster home to take a pair of donkeys and we have always been so fortunate to have the most wonderful homes for our donkeys. One such home had two of our senior rescues Dominick and Donald, a bonded pair of boys who were quite senior.

It was a very sad and traumatic day when we had to say goodbye to Donald, who after some low-grade health issues, became very ill. Their foster carer was devastated as was Dominick. As a temporary measure we took Basil to comfort Dominick, in the hope easy going Basil may distract him.

This will always be a heart breaking issues when donkeys, and indeed any animals, live and bond in pairs, especially when they have been together for a long time.

Top: Basil. Above: Donald & Dominick.

ANIMALS ARE SO SPECIAL



We often talk about ‘donkey therapy’ or animal therapy, but what does it really mean? Whilst it is all about the sanctity of their life, they give so much, and more, back. Animals, all they want is to live, not be hungry and without suffering, domestic animals ask for this, plus care and affection, simply that.

We feel honoured if a donkey will come to us and ask to be hugged, scratched or just to put their head in our arms or rest on our shoulders. We are always amazed and even puzzled that they are so forgiving and despite the horrors they have lived through (some more than others), they still seek our company and lavish us with affection.

Whatever the day has brought, whatever life has dealt, the most calming, and yes therapeutic, tonic is to stand amongst them in the evening and just let all that worry and stress wash away while they just lean all those heavenly bodies as close as they can, it makes you feel special that in some funny kind of way, they think you ‘are’ special and soak you with love. There is nothing we can give back that remotely compensates for what they have endured, but we’ll keep trying and every evening we smother them with kisses and say ‘sorry’...

“The animal shall not be measured by man. In a world older and more complete than ours, they are more finished and complete, gifted with extensions of the senses we have lost or never attained, living by voices we shall never hear.” – Henry Beston

Esmie Richards

Our long term supporter, and friend, Esmie Richards passed away in June; Esmie loved Marybelle and was her special adopted donkey.

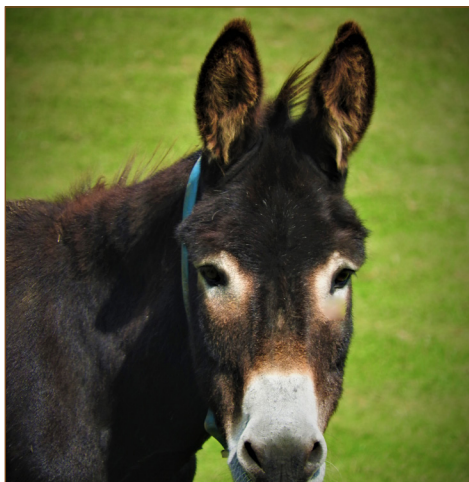
Esmie and her family, Alison & Ken have been so kind and generous to Flicka for many years, helped Flicka with vet bills, rescues and any number of occasions when we were in great need.

Our deepest condolences to Ken, Alison and all of Esmie's family, she will be deeply missed by all her Flicka friends.



Harry – Barbara Pellett

Harry went to visit Barbara for her 97th Birthday in April. Barbara had been a huge fan of Harry's for some years and when it became difficult for her to visit him here, we took Harry to Barbara. We decided following this visit we would retire Harry, also getting on in years we felt that perhaps now was time for him to step down as an ambassador for Flicka.



It was a very sad day when Barbara Pellett passed away in July, but we are so pleased we managed to get Harry to her for her last birthday. It was such a pleasure to know Barbara and become firm friends, a lovely lady who will be sorely missed.

The Lonely & Primrose Hospital



On the 31st August we officially launched our fund-raising appeal for the **Lonely and Primrose Hospital**, Flicka was founded in August 1995, the 31st August is our late founder, Mary Berryman's birthday, so it seems perfect to name such a date as Flicka's official birthday too!

Flicka started in 1995 by Mary with a pony called Mickey following closely behind with a pony called Flicka which is when the Flicka Foundation was born; Flicka has rescued and rehabilitated

hundreds of animals since it's early beginnings.

The Lonely & Primrose Hospital will be in memory of two special iconic donkeys who lived at Flicka in their twilight years after lives of misery and suffering. Two beautiful souls who will never be forgotten. You can read all about our hospital launch here;

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/hospitalappeal>

So, 2020 is Flicka's Silver Jubilee, we have lots planned next year to mark the occasion and there will be a big Birthday 'do' on 31st August 2020, details will be posted throughout the year on the Flicka Facebook page and web site.

Throughout next we will be going 'all out', to raise funds for the hospital, with so many donkeys who arrive in need of treatment, so many ailing and elderly residents it is a natural progression to be equipped to give even more medical care and round the clock observation.

As with Marybelle, your legacy will live on Lonely & Primrose.

An Amazing Result for Flicka's Online Auction

Angela Richards, Julie Andrew, Lisa Andrew and Jo Andrew are the four ladies who ran an online auction for Flicka in October, we cannot thank them enough, they did it so efficiently and professionally, at auction end they had raised over a whopping £3,500.00 towards Flicka's hospital appeal. A heartfelt thank you to them and everyone who donated auction items and all the bidders and winners, it was a huge success!

Samantha Gill is Wing Walking!...

Poor Sam, after her wing walking event was cancelled/postponed so many times by the Bodmin airfield (they have been waiting for plane parts), she then booked further afield at Dunkeswell Aerodrome in Devon, only to have two more cancellations due to plane parts! (really)? Poor Sam getting herself all keyed up only to be squashed every time to endure further weeks of nervousness.

At the time of this going to print she is still waiting for a confirmed date. The good news is that she has raised over £2000.00 in sponsorship for the hospital appeal, so is really keen to get this done!

Your Next Newsletter

Just a quick note to let you know that your next newsletter will be due to arrive in June 2020! Just to remind everyone once again, we took the decision to publish Flicka's newsletter twice annually instead of three times. Don't forget you can always follow us on Facebook, or if you have any questions about your special donkey or pony email info@flicka.org.uk and we will give you an update.

....2020, Flicka's Silver Jubilee, 25 years ago when Mary Berryman, not realising in those early beginnings, where her love and compassion for all creatures great and small, would lead.



Leaving a legacy to The Flicka Foundation - Make a Difference for Donkeys

Please consider leaving a gift in your Will to Flicka. Legacies mean we can continue to be here for the donkeys and horses that so desperately need us... now and long into the future.

You can find out more about making a Will and why it is so important on our website: www.flickafoundation.org.uk/a-gift-in-your-will

Donk E-news

We would love the opportunity to share more updates on our wonderful residents with you, as well as news about our charitable work, special appeals, events and more - simply visit this website link to sign up to start receiving Donkey News in your inbox! www.flickafoundation.org.uk/sign-up-to-our-e-news

Thank you, as always, for your support! X



FLICKA'S 2020 CALENDAR

Our fabulous 25 years of Flicka Silver Jubilee 2020 calendars are now on sale, extra special with two donkeys on every month and two extra months Jan & Feb 2021. Pages saturated with donkeys.

The calendars this year are just a little more with the extra pages at £9.50. They are on sale in our Gift Cabin and Tea Room or if you prefer to have one sent to you it is £1.50 p&p - so £11.00 total. All proceeds this year will go towards the 'Lonely and Primrose Hospital' Appeal.

If you would like to purchase one to be sent you can forward a cheque made payable to The Flicka Foundation with your name and address to:

The Flicka Foundation, Penty Noweth Farm, Trenoweth Lane, Mabe Burnthouse, PENRYN, Cornwall TR10 9JB

Please mark the envelope with Silver Jubilee Calendar.

Or you can do a BACS transfer to Flicka sort code 09-01-28 Acc No 63344234 - don't forget to email: info@flicka.org.uk if you do it this way, with your details for postage.

LIMITED NUMBER FOLKS



Carol Concert


CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

7pm, Friday 6 December
in the donkey barn at Flicka with Bedlam Bess
Tickets: Adults £5, Children £3
to include a mince pie and glass of mulled wine.
Vegetable, vegan and cheese & onion pasties, tea & coffee for sale in the interval.
Warm clothing recommended. Tickets available from:
tel 01326 373601 info@flicka.org.uk
www.flickafoundation.org.uk
 Penty Noweth Farm, Trenoweth Lane, Mabe Burnthouse, Penryn, Cornwall TR10 9JB 

Due to its popularity each year we have to turn so many people away from our Christmas Carol Concerts, which we hate having to do, so this year we have two dates, Friday 6th and Saturday 7th December. It is as usual with our fabulous singing duo Bedlam Bess (Kate & Sue).


CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

7pm, Saturday 7 December
in the donkey barn at Flicka with Bedlam Bess
Tickets: Adults £5, Children £3
to include a mince pie and glass of mulled wine.
Vegetable, Vegan and Cheese & Onion pasties, tea & coffee for sale in the interval.
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Tea Bray'k

The now extended Tea Bray'k Cabin (all vegetarian with vegan options) offers a whole range of home-made sandwiches, rolls, toasted sandwiches, cakes, scones, tea cakes, crumpets, cream teas, Barista coffee (vegan coffee too) and more.

So if you're ever passing and a bit peckish come and say hello to the donkeys and have something to eat. We should just add here that ALL proceeds from the tea room goes to the charity and is a great source of help to Flicka's survival. Thank you to everyone who has come along this year and hopefully tasted some of the delicious items on our menu. We also take group bookings for any occasions too!

Adoptions! Adopt a Donkey

Flicka adoptions make wonderful presents or a keepsake for yourself, presented in lovely glossy folders with a welcome letter, certificate, photo of your chosen donkey or horse and a brief history of them, the latest newsletter, a wristband, fridge magnet, pen, members card and car sticker. It really does make a difference too.



For Flicka's Silver Jubilee we are doing extra special packs, along with the adoption you can pay just £10 extra and receive a beautiful limited edition 40mm Silver Jubilee Flicka Coin – and a jubilee pen too! These are currently being manufactured, you will be able to see them on the Flicka website. Just visit our website to choose who you would like to adopt for yourself, family member or friend. **www.flickafoundation.org.uk/adopt-a-donkey**

Note: We do not share any of your details with anyone, our adopters and supporters are 'strictly' Flicka...!

If you have any Queries or Questions

Please remember if you would like to know anything about your adopted donkey/pony or have any questions about the foundation please email us at info@flicka.org.uk, we do our best to answer all emails within three days, but do allow us up to a week. Remember if you don't read something about your special friend for some time – rule of thumb, no news is good news! Thank you so much for your invaluable support and caring.

Our Special Thanks To...

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Mavis George

Barrie & Sharon Howell

Chris and Jane Keast

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Penwerris Post Office

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Jan & Arthur Main – as always for the hundreds and hundreds of magnets, bookmarks, cards, gifts etc etc etc you make for Flicka's Gift Cabin, thank you so so very much

To all our Amazing Volunteers – your help and hard work is invaluable.

To all our Wonderful Supporters – for all your donations, your generosity is overwhelming and Flicka would just not exist without you... thank you so very very much.

THANK YOU!

Wishing our Flickaholics a Very, Very Merry Christmas

Thank you for caring and being such a huge support.

Flicka just wouldn't exist without you.

Love and Hugs from all of us to all of you. Thank you xxx

See you in June 2020 Silver Jubilee Year

“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” Jane Goodall

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