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The onset of outstandingly beautiful weather has meant that we have taken the unprecedented step of turning the horses out extremely early; it has been so warm that many of them haven't even needed rugs at night. The horses look in brilliant shape, it is certainly hats off to our small team: James, Robbie, Hannah, Charlotte and Mike who have been the fab five throughout the winter. The dark, cold mornings together with a lot of mucking out does tend to daunt even the most enthusiastic person, but they have borne it with fortitude and now happily, this is all behind us until late Autumn. We have to remain hopeful and optimistic that rehoming will be easier this year. Disappointingly, and despite best efforts with as many 16 horses in work at any one time, the rehoming in 2016 was poor. We looked back upon a newsletter written as long as ten years ago, and we are almost echoing the same sentiment as then, in that (and now more than ever) people are wishing to rehome young fit horses, not the horses in their mid/late teens, with miles on the clock and the attendant injuries and issues. We remain the only charity that doesn't insist upon criteria for entry and therefore, by default, we will always find rehoming more challenging. It is essential to acknowledge that rehoming will be integral to our work owing to the number of horses retiring from racing each year, but

it is also imperative to continue to offer safe haven to the horses that don't have anywhere else to go. It is excellent that the number of commercial retrainers increase each year and thanks to the continual work from RoR the opportunities for racehorses to enter into successful further careers following racing are also growing and growing. There will always be a gap in finding work for the sort of horses we have and as many as fifty percent of our horses are used for another purpose as opposed to riding. Our work with children and young people, expands, grows and changes each year whilst remaining true to our core principle; horses helping children helping horses. The education team Emma, Jane and Alex have also worked hard in the winter months, it can be hard motivating children and young people on dark wintry days, but despite all they have achieved amazing results, a 51% increase in learners passing the accredited programmes in 2016 is testament to

their dedication and commitment.



Happy Easter and as always, many thanks for your help and support, Helen and all at Greatwood.

Greatwood in the Media

2017 has been a busy time for Greatwood in the media spotlight. A lovely three page article in the Wiltshire Life was then followed by an extensive piece in The Times; this added exposure about our educational programmes using the ex-racehorses has resulted in many unsolicited donations, which is remarkable.

Not only have we had journalists here but film crews too. We were honoured that the launch show of ITV Racing on 1st January, included a

taster of their visit to Greatwood at the end of 2016. The full length piece with Gold Medallist, Victoria Pendleton, was then aired on the morning our raceday on Saturday 4th March. Since then we have also had a visit from BBC Points West, which was shown ahead of the Cheltenham Festival.

For anyone wishing to see the videos please go to our website www.greatwoodcharity.org where they can be viewed.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED TO THE 2016 WINTER APPEAL

Over the past few years we have sent out our Winter Appeal to assist with the cost of stabling our equine residents through the inclement weather:

**2016 WINTER APPEAL
RAISED AN INCREDIBLE
£18,182.00
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR
SUPPORT**

GREATWOOD WINTER APPEAL

"We are all ready to come in..."

"...time to be in, out of the rain, warm and dry in our beds."

Greatwood Thoroughbreds come into their stables over the winter, this is a huge expenditure.

Please help us with the basic winter costs of bedding, whether the horses are here to be rehomed for a new career, participate in our Educational Programme helping the young students with additional educational needs or they simply have a place in our community. Each Greatwood horse deserves to be well fed, warm and comfortable.

PLEASE HELP US TO REACH OUR TARGET OF £18,000

How Can You Help?
We are looking for donations to cover the cost of advice through the long winter.
Stable: £300 per horse x 95 horses = £28,500
Please see website for more information and return this form to Greatwood.

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Aqueos produce a range of products, many of which we use, Greatwood would like to thank Tracy Richards for the supply of the shampoo that is used in abundance when the horses come in for the winter, for the various leather care products and for the Silver Spray on plaster.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Greatwood Charity Golf Day at Frilford – Monday 8th May 2017
Greatwood Presentation Day – 13th July 2017

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Trustee Alison Cocks



John Jarvis



NEWS at *Greatwood*

The winter has been kind to us, the lack of freezing weather and the quality of the haylage has meant that we have only had to feed concentrates to less than half the horses. All the horses have come through the winter in excellent condition.



*Transpique, Knock a Hand, Ard Special
- Two's Company - Three's a Crowd*

Deano's Beeno – has had probably the best winter for two or three years. His head can be a bit of a puzzle to keep right during the long rather boring winter months. It is doubly thought provoking to work him out because he is a silent worrier and loses condition at the drop of a hat. Anyway, we reverted back to putting him into his quiet old stable this winter so that, together with the fact we kept him to a rigid regime (timed almost to the minute), he has wintered remarkably well, his weight is good, his coat is shining and he is now out at grass with his long term pal of 14 years Paul Cass. These two are very amusing, if it suddenly starts to rain; they hightail in to their field shelter at top speed, shuffle about, and just poke their heads out to keep an eye on what is happening with the weather.

We're also very pleased with the way that a few more old timers have overwintered. Horses in their mid to late teens are most likely to succumb to dental issues more than anything else, and managing their forage intake can be challenging. Diastema is common in older horses and dislodging food stuffs in the gaps to try and prevent the build of bacteria and further difficulty in eating can be a bit of test. For these old horses we have to keep an eye on their forage intake and monitor how much they can actually eat and digest because a horse's digestive system is designed for constant grazing of grass forages. Lack of teeth eating haylage and hay makes this

difficult for them in the winter but we use soaked grass pellets for them and this appears to alleviate this difficulty to a large extent.

Seek The Faith at the great age of 28, looks and behaves like a much younger horse, still charges out of his box on daily turn out and is quite capable of bucking, kicking and rolling the same as any other horse half his age.



Potentate and Sunshine Boy

Pennybridge (28) and Potentate (26) have also fared well and despite the fact we feared for Penny some months ago because he looked as if his old knees were giving him gyp, he has recovered well and is gleaming and happy. He is also happy because he has teamed up with another old horse Sunshine Boy and walk around the field together stride for stride. Potentate has now been with us for 14 years and still works hard for his living as an integral part of the educational programmes.



Suehall



Healed up injury site for Suehall

Another challenge we have during the summer months is to keep the horses interested and happy. Our style of stabling always helps with this because they are able to see each other, lean over to groom one another, have the odd game throwing a ball or an errant rug about and generally keep

NEWS at *Greatwood*

track of all the various activities that go in the yard. Inevitably, this can result in scratches, bites and the occasional bit of fur flying, but it is rare to have anything more than that. Unfortunately, Suehail sustained a particularly nasty injury on his throat; there was a two inch tear in the muscle, very narrowly missing anything fatal, our vet managed to put him back together again and we are pleased that he has made a full recovery.



Natterjack

As the winter wears on the horses become impatient to go out into the fields and the playtimes in the school can be a little hair raising to say the least. Natterjack one of our most placid and well-mannered horses went out with Irequois Warrior and somehow it ended in a scrap and Natterjack was kicked on his nearside. Normally, this wouldn't have been this dramatic, but when he came in, he sat on the back of his box and wouldn't move. We called our vet who scanned him but by this time there was such a large haematoma he was unable to see if there was any further damage. After a course of antibiotics, Natterjack seemed to be on the mend and was walking quite well considering the bruising. One morning, however, the



Ard Special & Transpique

haematoma burst out of his side, our vet was called back in and the wound was opened, lavaged and we have been draining the abscess since. He has been in a lot of pain with it but now we are glad to report he is well on the road to recovery.

Happily, these types of injuries are few and far between.



Potentate and Nelly

Potentate & Nelly the Goat, on most mornings Po could be seen grooming Nelly's back and then in return using Nelly's horns to itch his face.

Edge Closer has had a good winter too, although relatively young in comparison to the likes of Seek The Faith (only 13)

he too suffers from bad teeth but somehow this didn't seem to have the same impact upon him as last year. He was a lot happier in a smaller herd last summer because we needed him to be a schoolmaster to the recently gelded Beacon and this seems to have done him a lot of good.



Vamos & Albuhera - Reasons to be Cheerful

All the horses will have a lovely time out at grass for the next couple of weeks until such time we think they are ready to come and start work. Let's hope for better rehoming this year. We do have a number of younger horses with lots of untapped potential so we are looking for experienced homes. Our aim is to find good permanent homes for Beacon, Suehail, Ubetterbegood, Quick Touch, Tresor de Bontee, Geoff, Penny Max, Vamos, and Prince Villevert.

Fundraising News...Newbury Race Day 2017

10 years since the first running of the Greatwood race day at Newbury, the racecard has evolved thanks to clever race planning including the introduction of two veteran races. So notwithstanding Greatwood's race day falling less than two weeks before the Cheltenham Festival, our race day is far from overshadowed by National Hunt's blue ribbon event and it not only attracts ferocious competition amongst top class equine athletes from England, Ireland and France but also loyal race sponsors and supporters.

Each year our event flourishes and this year was even bigger and better than anticipated with 360 guests lunching in the Racegoers Restaurant, who were thoroughly entertained by the hilariously funny Gyles Brandreth. The interactive silent auction, with over 110 Lots, broke all records generating over £22,000. The entire race day made a staggering £90,000 (net) – a phenomenal amount of money that will have a hugely positive impact on the charity.

In 2014, Newbury Racecourse was kind enough to allow Greatwood to introduce a charity race to the racecard. Run over 1m 5furlongs, 12 intrepid jockeys go head-to-head at the end of the day; for many, riding in such a race is a life-long dream realised. Months and months of hard work go into preparing for the race, not only getting fit; finding a horse to ride; but also in raising the riding fee of £3,000. Each year the fundraising efforts of the charity race riders surpass all expectations, contributing to the overall success of the day more than the riders probably realise. This year was no exception with 10 incredible riders going to post. Thanks to their momentous and ingenious fundraising efforts, including a quiz night, raffles and breech sponsorship, the riders raised a whopping **£40,000**.

Richie Marks Richie is 54 years old and works for HM The Queen delivering the mail. He returns here today from Newcastle-upon-Tyne having ridden in this race last year. Richard enjoys fundraising regularly for many charities and enjoys riding at Murton Equestrian Centre.

Georgie Norton Georgie is an International Event rider and trainer based in the Cotswolds. She rides out on a regular basis for Fergal O'Brien. Georgie also rode in this race last year – her first experience

of race riding – and loved it so much that she cannot wait to repeat the challenge.

Sheikh Fahad Al Thani Sheikh Fahad rode in his first race in 2015 and has since ridden in charity races both in Ireland and in the UK, as well as taking part in the world's longest horserace, the Mongol Derby in 2016. He is a major owner, breeder and investor in British Racing.

Hannah Bishop A busy Mum of two boys, Hannah is Racing Manager to Mrs Liz Prowling caring for retired racehorses at home whilst also overseeing the breeding and racing stock. Hannah is probably best known for Annacotty's successful career and is delighted to return here gamely having won this race in 2014 and also ridden last year.

Sarah Milsom Sarah team chases with her current point-to-pointer Euro Trash and also point-to-points for fun! She also hunts voley regularly with the Beaufort and has played polo in pony club days. Sarah is based near Badminton.

Simon Cross Simon was apprentice jockey to Dermot Weld from 1978 to 1980 and had 12 rides in Ireland followed by 5 amateur races from 2002 to 2005. Simon is currently Managing Director of Access to Healthcare.

David Dennis An ex National Hunt jockey who rode over 240 winners, David now enjoys training with a dual licence in Malvern, Worcestershire.

Lisa Kozak Lisa has worked in racing for 22 years, the last 14 years with Oliver Sherwood where she is Travelling Head Girl. Lisa enjoys hunting and showing with her two ex-racehorses and rides Rayvin Black every day.

Polly Greco Polly has hunted and ridden all of her life and works at Weatherbys, the administration headquarters of the racing industry, in Wellingborough.

Steph Cameron Steph has worked for 8 years in the yard and is Travelling Head Lass for Graeme McPherson. This is Steph's debut wearing racing silks but she has her own horse with which she enjoys eventing, show jumping and cross country. Steph has looked after Harry Hunt aka Boo for 7 years and plans on convincing his owners to retire him with her!

Fundraising News...Newbury Race Day 2017



Riders in the Bloor Homes Supporting Greatwood Charity Race: Lisa Kozak, Sheikh Fahad Al Thani, David Dennis, Simon Cross, Hannah Bishop, Georgie Norton (winner), Richard Marks, Steph Cameron, Sarah Millsom & Polly-Anna Greco

The charity race wouldn't be possible without the support of Richard Osgood, Clerk of the Course at Newbury as well as the Stewards, who we can't thank enough. However special thanks must go to Sarah Oliver, Chief Executive of the AJA (Amateur Jockeys Association of Great Britain). The amount that is required to stage the race as well as supporting the riders along the way is considerable and without Sarah's tireless work each year the charity race wouldn't take place. Thank you Sarah!



Winning Rider Georgie Norton aboard Eddiemaurice trained by John Flint and owned by Mel Mathias



Sarah Oliver, Chief Executive of the AJA

Finally we must thank Bloor Homes who have generously sponsored the charity race every year since its first running in 2014.



Post-Race Presentation

THANK YOU

Greatwood Charity Race Day at Newbury Racecourse on March 4th March

Behind the Scenes:

Heartfelt thanks goes to our Patron, **Jenny McCrick** as well as **Fred and Rowena Cook** of Equine Management and Training, who worked so tirelessly to secure silent auction prizes from so many generous supporters.

We appreciate our Patrons longstanding support of this event: **Kim Bailey, Nigel and Penny Bunter, Russell and Lesley Field, Mick Fitzgerald, Richard and Jemima Hannon, The Hon Harry Herbert, Chica Herbert, Nicky Henderson, John Jarvis, Mike O'Kane, John and Jenny McCrick and Lady Whent.**

Our thanks to **Bob German** for his hard work in achieving so many Colours for our racecard.

Acknowledgements:

Race Sponsors - Greatwood would like to thank our generous race sponsors:



& Mr & Mrs Field

With gratitude to:

MC – renewed thanks to **Neil Phillips**, The Wine & Racing Tipster, for so kindly donating his invaluable time once again.

Heads & Tails - we were honoured to have celebrity international auctioneer **Charlie Ross**, of Bargain Hunt fame, in attendance once again. Thanks to an incredibly entertaining game of 'Heads and Tails' conducted by **Charlie**, we were able to make a record amount.

Flowers – **Chrissie Wilshire** is owed a great debt of thanks for arranging and supplying the superb table arrangements, her sponsorship together with that of **Anabel and Aiden Murphy's** is fantastic.

Table Sculptures – thanks to **Garden Art** for so kindly supplying some wonderful table sculptures.

Photographer – with grateful thanks to **Francesca Altoft**, racing photographer, for kindly donating her time and amazing images.

Birdie Art – thanks to **Darren Bird**, for not only donating an auction item but also for kindly donating his time to sketch wonderful caricatures of our guests.

Auction Software - we must thank **Irish Thoroughbred Marketing** for their generous sponsorship of the Bidsmart software



Racecard Colours - thanks to all the owners who generously placed their colours in the racecard: **J David Abell, Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, Mrs Peter Andrews, Mr Robert Ballin, Mr R Barnett, Mr Ronnie Bartlett, Mr & Mrs Beard, Mr & Mrs Clee, Mr David Cliff, Lady Bamford, Mrs Johnny De La Hay, Mr Darby Dennis, Evelyn Faber, Lesley Field, Paul Fitzsimmons, Mrs Jane Gerard-Pearce, Lady Grosvenor, Noodles Racing, Mrs Patrick Hickey, Lady Howard de Walden, Mrs KT Ivory, Mr & Mrs Kelvin Hughes, Kimmins Family & Friends, Mr Alan King, Mr David Klein, Julia Langton, Lady Sarah Whent, Mr Tim Leadbeater, Lord Lloyd-Webber, Lady Lloyd-Webber, Lynne MacLennan, Jamie Magee, Mr Patrick Moorehead, Mr Simon Munir & Mr Issac Souede, Sandy & Caroline Orr, Mr Jonathan Palmer-Brown, Penny Perriss, John Perriss, Michael Pescod, Allen B Pope, Elizabeth Roberts, Campbell Ross, Sir David Sieff, RJ Skan, A Solomons, Anthony Speelman, Mr Jonno Spence, PT Tellwright, Lord Vesty, Lady Vesty, PJ Vogt, Robert Waley-Cohen, Mrs G Widdowson & Mrs R Kelvin Hughes, Anita Wigan, Grendray Wilson, Julie Wood, Al Shaqab Racing, Highclere, Glebe Farm Stud, The Might Bite Partnership, John Spence, Brian Stewart-Brown & J Greenall The Pheasant Inn**

Racecard Adverts – thank you to those who also placed adverts in the racecard: **Windsor Clive International: Styles Silverware: The Pheasant Inn; The Queens Arms; & Bellmans, Auctioneers & Valuers.**

Silent Auction - there was a record number of silent auction lots this year, it is astonishing that so many people can continue to be so generous to us. Thank you all:

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Greatwood's 7th Charity Golf Day
Frilford Heath Golf Club
Monday, 8th May 2017
'Lambourn All Stars' versus 'The Wiltshire Wanderers'

The 7th Greatwood Charity Golf Day at Frilford Heath Golf Club is to be held on 8th May and we very much hope that you will be able to join the fun.

- On arrival, bacon butties, Danish pastries and coffee available from 8.30am
- Shotgun start at 10am
- The format will be teams of two players from each code playing against one another in a better ball Stableford
- The winning Captain to be presented with The Greatwood Trophy
- Additionally, there will be a prize for the best individual player with highest Stableford score, and also prizes for the three highest scoring teams
- Golf is followed by a 2-course luncheon, on-course catering and the Awards ceremony.

If you would like to join in on this fun-filled day of golf with racings elite please contact our Patron & Organiser Russell Field

Email: russell_field@btconnect.com Telephone: 07836 618814

Or

Celia Matthes, Greatwood Administrator

Email: celiamatthes@greatwoodcharity.org Telephone 01672 514535

All proceeds from this event go to Greatwood Charity
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Greatwood in the Garden



Spot the intruder – hyacinth amongst the daffodils

Following a rather mixed bag of winter weather, spring has finally sprung at Greatwood with early displays of daffodils and hyacinths showing off the best of their eye-catching colour.



Broad bean seedlings

All the hard work and effort put in by the learners over the gloomy seasons – digging over the vegetable plots, clearing weeds and cutting back any dead plants – is slowly starting to pay off with broad beans, peas and

garlic which were planted before Christmas all making a much welcomed appearance and, pleasingly, we are currently winning the battle with the hungry mice.



Polytunnel seedlings

Inside the polytunnel, we are having some very good hits with rocket, kale, beetroot, peas and leeks seedlings all coming along strongly, but unfortunately we have a few misses from the cucumber and aubergine seeds who just don't seem to want to make an effort.

Our learners have also been busy sowing many non-edible seeds and bulbs such as gladioli, freesias, anemones, sweetpeas and verbena, which are slowly pushing their way through the soil and threatening a fantastic display through the summer months.

So as the weather warms and the days lengthen, both staff and students look forward to the abundance of fresh, home grown vegetables and the opportunity to get into the kitchen and make homemade pizzas and the now Greatwood staple leek and potato soup.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Leeds Building Society for their very kind donation of £800 towards some new garden equipment which will go a long way to fulfilling our garden wish list including a new tool storage shed.



Leeds Building Society

Many thanks to Leeds Building Society for their generous donation



Lavender photobombing Gordon Fred

Away from the garden, our poultry residents are finally experiencing a bit more freedom following months of being 'cooped up' inside their barn as dictated by the guidelines set by Defra to prevent

the spread of avian flu, which unfortunately hit many flocks hard over the festive period. Although our feathered friends seemed to thrive being indoors - keeping warm, dry and full of corn - they have certainly relished being able to dust bathe and feel the sunshine on their backs once again.



Sunbathing geese

Racing Ahead



Having attended Greatwood regularly for over seven years, one of our students recently presented us with a unique but happy problem. He had successfully completed every relevant course that we offered. Having first started as a keen youngster on our own Horse Power programmes, he had progressed to NOCN

Developing Confidence and the yearlong Engagement programme; finally becoming so competent around horses that he was able to undertake two 1st4sport vocational programmes alongside our older learners and become a helpful volunteer on the yard.



Where next? Greatwood had committed to supporting his development towards achieving his dream of becoming a jockey but he was still two academic years away from being able to start a residential foundation course at the Northern

Racing College. The only answer seemed to be to create a new programme and pilot it with him; this indeed is how Racing Ahead came into existence – a yearlong programme combining yard experience, specialist support and a new 1st4sport qualification - "An Introduction to the Racehorse industry".



This Level 1 Award is ideal for someone who wishes to gain a basic understanding of the racing industry and is the first in a suite of qualifications that

provides knowledge and understanding of how racing operates, including information about its structure, governance and administration. It enhances our learners' awareness of the wider industry and the people they will potentially, and hopefully, be working with in the future.

The course is comprehensive and fascinating; there are three units which cover the history of horseracing

and the Thoroughbred, key organisations and major race festivals and racecourses in the UK.



This is a step away from our current qualifications as the course is assessed by an external online exam rather than continuous tutor assessment and internal verification. This does present a different challenge for our learners but as it is becoming a key factor in industry training programmes it is important that we help prepare our learners for future work training. Remembering and revising acronyms and important information about more than seventeen different organisations within the racing industry was quite a task in itself. However, it motivated both learners and tutors to research and employ creative study methods; including Methods of Loci and Memory Palaces (as used by Sherlock Holmes)! Walking through the yard, identifying specific locations to link knowledge to visualisations and student spatial memory strengths, allowed Greatwood to shine through as a unique learning environment capable of nurturing individual progress at any level.

Of course the other really wonderful thing about our new programme is that it is suitable for adults and young people alike who would like to learn more about racing in the UK. For the less confident, we also run an Entry Level 3 Award in Basic Knowledge of the Horseracing Industry – if you are interested in either course please let us know.

Living the dream

Abdul first attended Greatwood several years ago after arriving in Swindon as a refugee and being referred by Swindon Care Leavers Services. Abdul was quiet and struggling with English as another new language to learn but he immediately found a bond with the horses at Greatwood. Abdul completed several courses at Greatwood including the Get Going and Initial Bit which are both ideal programmes for those young people wishing to pursue a career with horses. The syllabus is designed to meet the needs of individual learners and employers and provide a specific equine skillset. Our programmes are fully aligned with requirements for progression – to further study at Level 1, into an Apprenticeship or into the workplace.



Abdul was assisted in his application by Greatwood staff to the Northern Racing College (NRC) in Doncaster last year and was successful in securing a place starting in November 2016. In the time between completing the Greatwood courses and starting at the NRC it was felt that Abdul would benefit from some work experience in a racing yard, so with help from all at Greatwood and financial backing from Mr Al Basti to supply him with the equipment required for riding racehorses, Abdul started a three month adventure working for racehorse trainer Nikki Evans in Abergavenny, Wales. In this position he learnt to work to industry speed, be responsible for the health and welfare of the horses he cared for, take horses to the races and lead winners into the parade ring but his biggest goal to date was riding a racehorse on the gallops.



November arrived and Abdul started his course at the NRC along with 20 other young aspiring jockeys. He worked hard to achieve the equine and social skills required of a successful member of stable staff. Greatwood staff followed his progress with interest and felt that he had worked so hard to get where he was that he deserved some public recognition. Greatwood nominated Abdul for the Pride of Sports Awards in the Young Achiever section. He was interviewed and on the awards ceremony evening in London he was presented with first place, thrilled to be able to meet some of the sports stars from the Rio Olympics and other celebrities including the presenter Claire Balding.

Abdul graduated from the NRC in February 2017 and started a six week work placement with top flat racehorse trainer Andrew Balding in Newbury. He has since spent each day working with the thoroughbred racehorses that he fell in love with at the start of his journey at Greatwood. He rides out on the gallops each morning and has secured a position in full time employment. His dream of becoming a jockey is getting closer each day. He still has a long journey ahead and will need a little luck to be the next winning jockey but he has the determination and drive to achieve all his dreams.

Abdul has given all his effort and determination to be where he is today but he wouldn't have succeeded without the support from those at Greatwood, Mr Al Basti, Nikki Evans, NRC and Mr Balding and it is wonderful to see so many drawing together to support a very deserving individual.

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Are you looking for a career working with animals? If so why not become a Volunteer at Greatwood.

The volunteer training day at Greatwood is designed to assist those wishing to volunteer as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award or for personal satisfaction; or to gain the skills and knowledge they will need to work effectively and safely in an equine environment.



What you will gain.....

Skills and knowledge enabling you to become an effective, safe volunteer and earn a Greatwood certificate of competence

Pathways....

The potential to:

- Progress to become a regular Greatwood volunteer
- References to assist with the progression to Further Education with equine or animal studies
- Complete volunteering hours required by Duke of Edinburgh

Key Features...

- Learn how to care for the animals at Greatwood
- Be hands on with the Thoroughbreds, Shetlands, Donkeys, Goats, Chickens and Geese.
- Learn how to stay safe around Greatwood's animals



Details...

- Thursday 20th April 2017 and Tuesday 30th May
- 10am-3pm
- Limited places available
- Volunteers must be 14+

Only £20 *

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!



Rainscombe Hill Farm, Clench Common, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 4DT
T: 01672 514535; education@greatwoodcharity.org; www.greatwoodcharity.org

There are now opportunities to volunteer at Greatwood as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

“The Duke of Edinburgh is all about going the extra mile – gaining new skills, pushing yourself physically, helping others and exploring new territories. At the same time, you’ll gather friendships, experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.”

Participants will be required to attend a short training day before hand to ensure they understand the dangers of working around animals and how to stay safe. The training days are running on the 20th April and 30th May

2017 and they work on a first come first served basis with limited numbers.

The dates in 2017 for volunteering are;

1st June, 20th July, 27th July, 3rd August, 10th August, 17th August, 24th August, 31st August.

The volunteering hours will be 9am to 12pm and volunteers are required to book in for these sessions.

Greatwood is hoping to raise awareness of our charity and assist the young people in the society become the best they can be in this new venture.

The GREAT Walk of Fame

Your chance to create a lasting memory at Greatwood Charity

Last year saw the official opening of Greatwood Charity’s Wooden Spoon Sensory Garden by former England rugby player Andy Deacon and London 2012 multiple medal winning swimmer Stephanie Millward. One year on Greatwood would now like to build a pathway through our beautiful orchard down to the sensory garden to make access easier all year round. We are therefore inviting you to become part of this lasting feature by sponsoring a paving stone to be included in the wheelchair-friendly pathway. By sponsoring a paver not only will you have a permanent memento of your support of Greatwood but you will also be contributing to the future of Greatwood through your generous donation.

How it works . . .

- Order your paver and tell us the name and tribute you would like engraved.
- Once we receive your order by phone or email we will send you a proof.
- As soon as your paver has been laid we will write to you so you can come and see your lasting tribute.

OPTION 1: A Greatwood paver engraved in black lettering, 210 x 105 x 50mm, and carries 2 lines of up to 16 characters per line including spaces (32 characters in total) COST: £20 per paver.

OPTION 2: A large Greatwood paver engraved in black lettering, 210 x 210 x 50mm, and carries 4 lines of up to 16 characters per line including spaces (64 characters in total) COST: £35 per paver.

OPTION 1:

OPTION 2:

I enclose a cheque/postal order for £ _____

I would like to pay an amount of £ _____ by credit or debit card

Card Number

Valid from (MM/YY) ____/____/____ Expiry Date (MM/YY) ____/____/____ Security Code: _____

Title: _____ First Name(s) _____ Surname: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Tel. No: _____ Email: _____

GIFTAID IT: - Gift Aid - a donation is worth more with Gift Aid
 (Please tick if applicable) You must pay an amount of Income Tax and / or Capital Gains Tax for this tax year at least equal to the tax that the Charity will claim from HM Revenue & Customs on your Gift Aid donation. Please notify the Charity if you change your name or home address. Tax claimed by the charity. The Charity will claim 25p of tax on every £1 you give between April 2008 and 5th April 2011. This transitional relief for the Charity does not effect your personal tax position.

Become a Friend of Greatwood



BASIC

- Greatwood newsletter & updates on all progress at Greatwood
- Complimentary visit to Greatwood annual Friend's Day
- Free entry to Greatwood Open Day

£5.00 per month Adult
£2.50 per month Junior

PREMIER

- Greatwood newsletter & updates on all progress at Greatwood
- Complimentary visit to Greatwood annual Friend's Day
- Free entry to Greatwood Open Day
- Greatwood car sticker
- Set of 2 gift cards

£7.50 per month Adult
£5.00 per month Junior

LIFELONG

- Greatwood newsletter & updates on all progress at Greatwood
- Complimentary visit to Greatwood annual Friend's Day
- Free entry to Greatwood Open Day
- Greatwood car sticker
- Set of 2 gift cards
- Appear on the Lifelong Friends Wall

£2000 donation

I would like to support Greatwood by purchasing the _____ package

Title	<input type="text"/>	Name	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
Postcode	<input type="text"/>		
Telephone No.	<input type="text"/>		
Email	<input type="text"/>		
I heard about Greatwood...	<input type="text"/>		

This is how some of your money is spent...

- U A step up meal-** Getting the feed regime right for thoroughbreds is essential for their health and condition, especially for those who arrive poor or emaciated. Your gift provides a balanced meal with essential supplements.
- U A winter wardrobe-** Thoroughbreds are renowned for feeling the cold and will lose condition at the drop of a thermometer. Thick rugs appropriate to wintry weather conditions keep Greatwood horses warm all winter. Your gift helps to buy a rug or contributes to repairs and reproofing.
- U Sumptuous bed-** Thoroughbreds feel the cold more than most. A deep straw bed with burgeoning banks keeps a Greatwood horse comfortable and content. Your gift helps to keep a Greatwood horse warm for 5 days.

Become a Friend of Greatwood



GIFT AID – A donation is worth more with Gift Aid

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(Please tick if applicable) I want the charity to treat all donations that I make from the date of this declaration until I notify the Charity otherwise, as Gift Aid donations. Gift Aid allows us to claim back 25p for every £1 you give to us, boosting the value of your donation.

Please note: you must pay an amount of Income Tax and / or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that Greatwood reclaims on your donations in the tax year. Please notify us if you change your name or address, or cease to be a taxpayer, while this declaration is in force.

The most convenient way to give your donation is through a Bankers Order.

Each transaction is recorded on your bank statement – and you are able to cancel at any time.

INSTRUCTION TO YOUR BANK TO PAY BY STANDING ORDER

To the Manager of: (name of bank)																	
Bank Address																	
Postcode																	
Account No to be debited											Sort						
Please pay to: Weatherbys Bank Ltd, Sanders Road, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 4BX for the credit of Greatwood Account No. 00585745, Sort Code 60-93-03																	
I wish to pay the sum of	£	Every month / quarter / year (please circle)															
Starting on (date)							Until further notice										
Signature (s):											Date:						

FOR PAYMENTS OTHER THAN BANKERS ORDER PLEASE COMPLETE THE BOXES BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/>	I enclose a cheque for £																
<input type="checkbox"/>	Payment by Mastercard/ Visa/ Access/ Switch/ Delta for £																
Card No.																	
Valid From (MM/YY)			/			Expiry Date (MM/YY)			/								
Issue No. (if applicable)			Security No. (last 3 digits on signature strip)														
Signature (s):											Date:						

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Registered Charity No: 1117322

Greatwood's Lottery is ready to Gallop!



Greatwood, the Wiltshire based charity which uniquely combines the rescue and care of ex-racehorses with educating and inspiring children with additional needs, is about to launch its very own weekly lottery.

Costing just £1 per week per entry, the lottery will help raise some of the £523,000 per year it needs to keep the centre at Marlborough operating and give weekly cash prizes back in return. With a jackpot of up to £1,000 per week it really is a cause worth supporting!

Speaking ahead of the official launch charity founders Michael and Helen Yeadon said:

"We are so excited to be launching our new lottery which we believe to be the first for a charity like ours. Lotteries are a proven way of generating much needed sustainable funds and provide a really fun way of supporting your favourite cause. The fact that we will be giving cash prizes back to our supporters makes it even better, especially as some of our horses spent their careers earning lots of money for race enthusiasts."



Registered Charity 1117322

PERSONAL DETAILS

Title (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Other) First Name

Surname Date of Birth

I confirm I am over 16 years of age

Home Address

Postcode

Tel (Home) Tel (Mobile)

Email

Signed Date

DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT

We will not use your details for anything other than contact from Greatwood. If you do not wish your name to be published if you are a winner please tick here We will not disclose your address in any case.

How it works

- For each 'chance' you purchase, you receive a lucky number
- Your personal number is entered into each draw whilst your membership remains paid
- There is no need to claim, all prizes are paid automatically
- Lottery is only open to persons aged 16 years and over

Unlike the National Lottery, you won't have to buy a ticket every week, or bother to check your number(s) - we'll do that for you. We'll enter your unique lottery number in our independent computerised draw every week. So that's 52 chances a year to win £1000.

Take a look at the Entry Form. Decide how many £1 entries per week you require, then fill in the form and return it to us at the address below. We'll write to acknowledge your entry.

If you have any further questions call us today on **01672 514535**

OPTION 1 - Payment by standing order

To the Manager of Bank/Building Society

Address

Postcode

Account Name

Account Number Sort Code

Please debit my account above and pay:

Weatherbys Bank Limited

Account Name: The Greatwood Lottery Account

Sort code: 60-93-03 Account number: 00301339

The sum of (tick one box only)

One Chance

£4.34 Monthly

Two Chances

£8.68 Monthly

£13.00 Quarterly

£26.00 Quarterly

£26.00 Six Monthly

£52.00 Six Monthly

£52.00 Annually

£104.00 Annually

First payment due on / / until further notice

Signed Date / /

OPTION 2 - Payment by cheque

Please make cheques payable to Greatwood Lottery

Please send completed application form to:

Greatwood, Rainscombe Hill Farm, Clench Common, Marlborough, Wiltshire SN8 4DT

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Office Reference

Planning for Greatwood's Future

Our vision is simple:



One of Greatwood's students with Sunshine Boy

We would like to secure a long-term future for Greatwood by purchasing the farm we currently lease, thereby ensuring that for generations to come, the charity can continue to rescue and rehabilitate vulnerable ex-racehorses as well as educating children and young people with additional educational needs.

One way in which you can help secure Greatwood's vision is by leaving us a gift in your Will and so becoming an integral part of Greatwood's future.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Greatwood has helped over 1,500 horses since 1993
- Since 2006 Greatwood has helped over 3,500 young people
- Greatwood was the first charity to use ex-racehorses to educate young people
- Greatwood is the only ex-racehorse charity that does NOT have criteria for entry – we will never turn away a horse at risk; in danger; or who is in fear of neglect or suffering
- It costs Greatwood £4,318 to care for each horse; a total of £215,903 each year
- It costs Greatwood £136 per student per day to deliver our educational programmes, a total of £313,000 each year
- For every £1 Greatwood spent on fundraising we raised £4.24

We know that creating a Will is a very private affair and that you will want to put your loved ones first but IMAGINE the difference a gift would make in securing Greatwood's future. If the time is ever right for you to remember us in your Will, we're here to help. Every gift, no matter the size, means a great deal to us and to those that we help.



James Paget, one of Greatwood's NEET students who completed the Get Going programme, subsequently went onto the Northern Racing College and is now pursuing a career within the racing industry.

Our promises to you:

- We will treat you fairly when giving you the opportunity to leave a legacy – we won't intrude on your privacy by telephoning you unless you request that method of contact.
- We will never ask you the size or type of legacy if you decide to support our work this way – because every gift makes a difference.
- We absolutely recognise your family and friends come first in your Will.
- We understand that circumstances change and there may be a time where you need to take Greatwood out of your Will.
- We promise to use your gift wisely

If you need any further support on this subject please contact Greatwood's Co-Founder, Helen Yeadon on: 01672 514535 or helen.yeadon@greatwoodcharity.org
Thank you

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APPLICATION FORM TO JOIN ELITE RACING CLUB

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Send to: Elite Racing Club, PO Box 100, Devizes, SN10 4TE

- Please send me your **FREE** information pack.

Cheques payable to 'Elite Racing Club Ltd.', OR pay by credit/debit card below. Membership lasts for 12 months from the date we receive your application. **GWSRING17**

Address:

Postcode:

Name:

Card no:

Expiry date:

CSC no:

SECURITY CODE

Signature: