



SPRING INTO SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

**The creation of a thousand forests is in
one acorn.**

Well, after a very wet Winter, we had a very wet Spring! It seems to have gone on and on and the front fields have been waterlogged. Thankfully it hasn't stopped the usual busy activities here at Acorn. There has been lots of planting of vegetables, painting of fences and strimming and mowing. Chief strimmer, Ben, is glad to get back to his favourite job. We have been busy making some more raised beds for Fay and the team to plant more vegetables and flowers. I feel like we need a drum roll for the next announcement..... WE HAVE IN HOUSE TOILET AND SINK FACILITIES!! They have been a long time coming and the weather really was against us but they are now installed and work perfectly. Hooray!

Down on the Farm

We have some very furry, four-legged newcomers!



There has been much excitement about the new Alpacas arriving at the farm. Their names are Herbert, Melvin and Rupert and then we have two girls called Betty and Wilma who are expecting baby Alpacas in Spring 2025! They are harness friendly and like going for walks. The pond is flourishing and has lots of baby fish in it and we have seen lots of dragonflies this year. We also have a new horse on the farm called Polo who has taken a shine to Russell!



We have three new people who are now attending Day Service at Acorn and one person living in our new Supported Living service – Barton Cottage. It is great to see some new faces and everyone is getting on very well.

We have news involving more animals, but not our own. Lynne raised £240 for the local hedgehog rescue centre and was invited to go and meet some of the staff and hedgehogs. There were even some babies that needed caring for. Well done for raising all that much needed money, Lynne! A lifelong dream was achieved by Tom who went 'Walking With Wolves' in the Lake District. It sounded a wonderful experience and as you can see from the photo, the wolves took a real shine to Tom and Lily – in a good way! Well done Tom!



Unfortunately, we have had to say goodbye to the lovely Gerald the billy goat after a short illness. Gerald was much loved by everyone here at the farm and also by the other goats. Gerald's favourite treat was grapes and he loved getting his toenails clipped!



One thing we all have in common here at Acorn is eating nice food! We have some excellent cooks in our services and this interest has been encouraged hugely by the cooking lessons at The Cooks Place with Gilly. Everyone loves the lessons and the delicious recipes. Gilly was particularly impressed with Toby's cooking skills and asked him to assist her at her at the Malton Food Festival in May. This was a great experience for Toby and we would like to give a big thank you to Gilly for all her help at Acorn. Anyone who is on our Friends of Acorn Facebook Page will see all the photos of the culinary delights that are being made by the people we support and some using our own produce from the farm. Bon Appetitie!



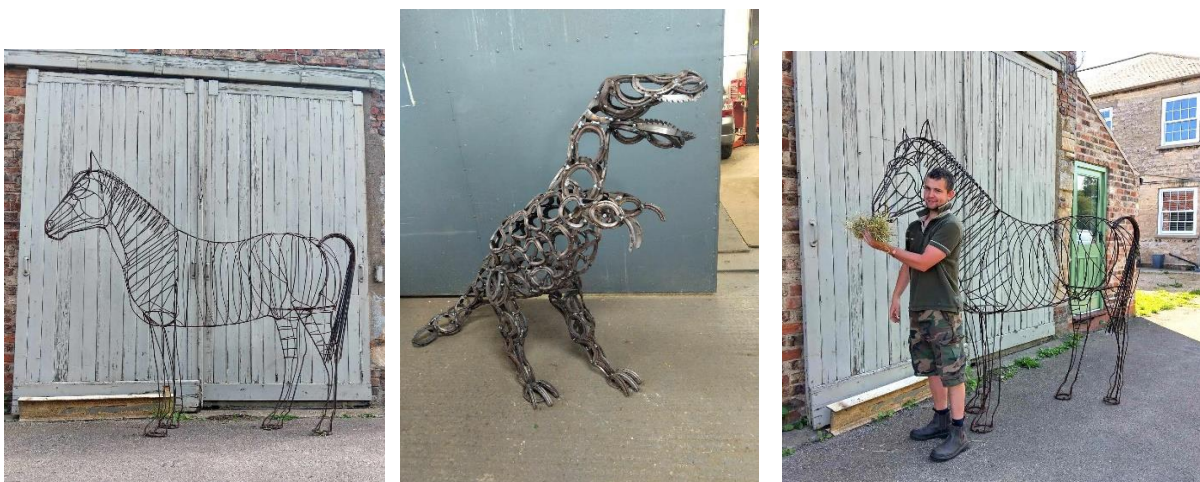
There have been lots of trips out to various places, including Chester Zoo, Country Fairs, Theatre and Cinema, Flamingo Land, Castle Howard, and also holidays at the Lake District, Cropton Forest and Chester. Lynne attended the Jess Glynn concert at

Dalby Forest, Joel went to see Tom Odell and Simon went to an Andre Rieu concert!
Great time had by all!

We have some sporty types in our midst and you can often see Kris, Steve and Toby down at the Norton gym where Ollie Varey puts them through their paces. The guys also had a go at archery and shooting at the Scampston Hall Game Fair.



The welding workshop has been very busy creating some magnificent sculptures. Most people will have seen the full-size horse that has been in the garden at Acorn but maybe not the huge Tyrannosaurus Rex. Well, they both went on a trip to Thornton le Dale Show and were greatly admired by the crowds that attended the show. The horse is going to be raffled off and is now on display at Steam and Moorland Garden Centre in Pickering. We had a great day at the Show and the sun shined for us for the third year running!



If anyone would like to buy a raffle ticket for the horse you can visit www.acorncommunity.care and click on the tab that says 'Charity Raffle'.

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