



# Highfields Happy Hens News Letter

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**This is the first news letter to be 'posted' only on our website to save a lot of stamps, (although we have posted a few) - we will only know if it is successful if you respond - then we will know!**

**Highfields**  
A place where everyone can feel loved and released to move forward in their lives.

## My little sermon!

It cannot have missed anyone's notice that there is a war going on between good, selfishness and evil - Love and Hate. Nero fiddled while Rome burned; evil thrives while good men do nothing. 'Leave God out of education and you get little devils!' (Quote from early Prime Minister.)

There are many Christian projects like ours, looking after the lost and broken sheep - drug addicts, alcoholics, single mums and for us a generation of youngsters who are totally confused. I have told this story many times but we have few rules here, we try to live by example; swearing is discouraged and sometime ago I stopped a lad whose use of the F... word was excessive. "Do you really need to use that

word?" says I. "Roger, there's a chef on the telly who earns millions, not because he's a good chef but because he swears" says he! What horrendous double standards our children are faced with!!

Then we have our politicians - am I imagining it but we have been blessed with local politicians who really care about people; senior London politicians however, seem to be on a different planet - do they know people exist? They seem to have vast amounts of money and commonsense time to spend on 'internal' or 'international' matters; the expenses scandal (how double standards is that); we have now decided to leave Europe what is the problem; like all other great

ideas in history, people are in charge and sadly it will fail. We must pray for our leaders that once again we can become a leading light in the world. At last the Church has the opportunity to stand up and lead through projects like ours. But do not despair! We have a God who cares, a Jesus who came to show us a better way and who died at the hands of evil that is once again spreading its ugly claws throughout the world.

Well that's my little rant! I guess many will disagree but look around you and see the TRUTH  
**'Oh God awaken your people in Jesus mighty name!'** (Hollybush 1984)

## Please Use Us

Children's Birthday Parties

School Trips

Conferences

Alpha Away Days

Family Camps & Picnics

Leaders Meetings

Prayer Days

Eat Our Eggs & Produce

Book Roger for a talk

## The Farm

We have planted almost 1000 trees around our chicken sheds with posh fencing to stop the sheep eating them. Thank you to all who made that possible - they look great!

This time last year, everything looked derelict, as a trust intended to take over and had told us not to spend anything - 'leave it to them'; that didn't happen and after a few months of depression, as a team we 'rose up.' We have spent thousands of pounds on paint, fencing, tress and improvements - all through the winter we worked like demons (oops sorry, meant to say angels) to be open in time for Easter. The whole place looks great! Thank

you again for all those who made that possible. There were several really good articles about us in the papers which gave us huge positive publicity (isn't God good) and our Tea Room, Shop and Open Farm have been busy. Thank you again to everyone who supports us and for the positive e-mails received.

We have had a lot of egg production problems; our breed of birds have not stood up well to the challenges of Free Range, so we have included as antacid medication to the feed (2 months supply for free!) Isn't God good again and on the 7th May we took delivery of 9000 pullets of a new breed being bigger and

more roust. By mid September all the birds will have been on the new feed from day one and half the birds will be the new breed (nearly £60,000 worth), as you can see, we are in faith, throwing everything at the project and we need your prayers that by mid September we will have a viable farm to sustain the amazing work we do with so many young people who come to us. We have seen so many lives change and although there has been a lot of talk about us retiring, we know that more lives will be changed the longer we keep going!

## This Project has been built on Prayer

- ♦ **Open Prayer Meeting each month to encourage local Christians to come and represent their Church, take our news back with you and to pray for our special 'lost sheep'.**
- ♦ **1st Tuesday of the month : 7.30pm (no meeting in December)**

## *The Future!*

Other trusts have taken a big interest in taking over here but we are resigned to the fact that due to charity laws, they cannot pay off a private mortgage - can you help? So, the future is in good hands with us and if the new chickens and feed work well we will be able to make larger re-payments. We all know that God's timing is incredible. He will never leave us or forsake us and at the right time, we can hand it over in good shape.

## *Our Family!*

The good news is that our daughter Nicky recently got married to Mick! He is welcome into our family and is a great member of the team here. Sadly, however, our youngest daughter Kelly and Derek (our farm manager) have separated. For the time being, I will be the farm manager (big change from retiring last July!). It has always been a struggle for us having a family and personal life whilst running an emotionally and financially huge project - through my son being run over 23 years ago, our mums and dads and my brothers dying - eggs have to be collected and delivered and our young people need to be blessed. The good news is that we have a fantastic, supportive team and more than that, we have a Great and Generous God!

## *We still need you!*

### **We need your prayers and support.**

- ◆ We have a big mortgage which will be a problem to anyone who has the vision to take over here.
- ◆ Please, please use our Tea Room and Farm Shop and Open Farm, it encourages us and of course provides necessary income.
- ◆ Book a Birthday Party, School Trip, Group Visit/Bufferet or just use the farm.
- ◆ **PLEASE RESPOND**

## *Dates for your diary!*

**Prayer** - Please try to support our monthly prayer meeting: 7.30pm 1st Tuesday of the month (No meeting in December)

## *Recommended:*

**Reading:** 'How can everything be alright when everything is all wrong.' by Rob Parsons

**Watching:** 'The War Room' DVD

Well that's about all from us!

**The Farm Shop, Tea Room and Open Farm can stand alone for their excellent atmosphere and quality but also help to finance this very special place - USE US!**

Love from  
Roger & Beryl and All at Highfields

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