



# Highfields Happy Hens News Letter

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

**You may be surprised to receive a news letter from Highfields Happy Hens — the last one in 2016 was posted on our website with little response so back to the old fashioned way. Or you may get an e-mail!**

## A little bit of history!

Back in 2015/16 a trust had agreed to take over the farm and project working with youngsters struggling or excluded from school - they named a date, offered us a pension and to buy us somewhere to live – our ultimate dream and the vision had a future! The date came and went and then an e-mail to say they were pulling out. Shortly after that, our farm manager left, so you can only begin to imagine how we felt. People keep telling us to let go but we can only do that when the right person or organization comes to take over.

## Where we are now!

Through 2016/17 God has provided us with an amazing team and has lifted us up and set us on a rock (we keep slipping off but underneath are the everlasting arms!) We have continued with our student work that is so special - often Beryl and I want to just run away but each term that goes by we see lives changed and I could fill pages but just 3 will do:-

*\* Last term we had a lad who came with 2 carers as apparently it takes 5 people to hold him down if he gets angry-the carers stay in the canteen in case there is trouble; he is genuinely lovely to work with and with no problems, he just loves it here, so in January he is coming back for an extra day a week - his teachers are amazed at the change in him (there is no end to what the Love of Jesus can do).*

*\* We have also had encouraging contacts from students from as long as 30 years ago-one saw us on the telly, had a whip round in the pub and brought us a cheque for £500.*

*\* Back in 2015 we had an email from a young man- his girlfriend, aged 25, had been diagnosed with terminal cancer with 6 months to live. She had apparently been a student here in 2004*

*and asked the lad to write to us and ask if she could plant a tree here as she had been so happy here (tears!) The BETEL lads dug the hole, she planted the tree and we all laid hands on her for healing - we kept in touch for a while, operations and chemo then nothing, so sadly we thought she had died. In December 2017 I found the original e-mail and contacted the lad to find out what had happened – the reply – she is clear of cancer, has a baby and married just before Christmas (I cried with joy but also with shame at my lack of faith!)*

We pray so much for things, often we stop praying or forget what we have prayed for, or even do not believe our prayer will be answered but somewhere in the bible it says that no prayer spoken in faith will ever be wasted. Think of all the hundreds of youngsters that have passed through here!!

Early in 2017, we were so tired and depressed that we asked friends to pray with us and accept that keeping the project and the farm going was not honouring God, leading us into debt and slowly destroying us health wise and it was agreed we should ask an estate agent to sell it for us. We went on holiday and

whilst away and relaxed Beryl felt the Lord say 'I already know who's going to buy the farm, I'm just waiting for you to let go and get on with it!' She also saw the garden of the house we would live in!!! Since then I have shown many people round but all the time feeling that this is Holy ground chosen by God and entrusted to us 'that we would build and others would run.'

So here we still are, still seeing lives change and knowing that God will give us the strength for each day.

Back in 1984 God gave us a vision to build an ARK, a refuge. We opened our home to homeless youngsters (that home is now run by BETEL-amazing people but that's another story!) We gave our visitors a bed and good meals expecting their lives to change but they had nothing to do all day long and got bored and often aggressive-then Happy Hens happened, eggs to collect and many other jobs, a shop and tea room were built to provide more work and the farm was opened to the public.

It is a difficult place to sell as it is not a commercial farm but a 90 acre school designed by Almighty God!

## 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

## 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)**

## Where we are now! (Continued)

Beryl and I are very stubborn and stand on the promises of God - 'My plans for you says the Lord are to prosper you and not to harm you, to give you a hope and a future' and in Psalm 20 :- 'May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed'; 'May the Lord grant all your requests.'

## What needs to happen?

The farm is for sale and we will be very sad to see such an amazing place return to the world unless the right person/organisation comes along. We do have a mortgage, which has been a real problem and short of a miracle, a sale is the only way to release us.

Until then, young lives will continue to be blessed and healed; we will get a bit older each day and depend on His provision and strength until that glorious day when we are released (one way or another!!)

## We still need you!

### We need your prayers and support.

- ◆ Please continue to pray for us and for someone to find a home for their vision here!
- ◆ Please, please use our Tea Room and Farm Shop and Open Farm, it is still a very special place.
- ◆ Book a Birthday Party, School Trip, Group Visit/Bufferet or just use the farm.
- ◆ **Prayer** - Please try to support our monthly prayer meeting: 7.30pm 1st Tuesday of the month (No meeting in December)
- ◆ **PLEASE RESPOND**

## A few thoughts that may bless you!

- \* **Mother Theresa when asked how to change the world replied 'go home and love your family!'**
- \* **We want to build a refuge 1 yard away from the gates of hell.**
- \* **My God knows the way through the wilderness all we have to do is follow!**
- \* **Courage is not the absence of fear but the triumph over it!**
- \* **Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass but learning to dance in the rain.**
- \* **My 'big boob' when writing an article for the local newspaper:- 'We just love hurting people!'**  
(You will have to think about that one!!)

Bless you all and a big thank you for the many who have blessed us so faithfully over the years.

**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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