



# THE SCRUBDITCH SCOOP

Welcome to our first Scrubditch Scoop- Our termly newsletter to update you on all things Scrubditch Care Farm related!

This term has been a busy one and we're thrilled to introduce the latest members who have joined our team and extend a warm welcome to them.

## Staff Additions:

- Nicki W – Care Farm Manager: A heartfelt welcome to Nicki W,. With a background in safeguarding and supporting vulnerable individuals, Nicki W is set to be a valuable addition to the farm. Here's to the next chapter of farm life with Nicki W on board!
- Jason – Student Support Worker: A dynamic addition to the farm, Jason brings a diverse skill set, wearing multiple hats as Animal Handler, and the official Kitchen Disco DJ. We're excited to welcome Jason's positive impact, energy and enthusiasm to the farm!
- Annabel- Annabel joins us as SCF Support Assistant and provides support to our Tuesday groups. Annabel has an extensive nursing background and is an asset to have on the farm!



## Volunteer Welcomes:

A warm welcome to our new volunteers – Pat, and Anna! Your decision to contribute your time and skills to SCF is truly appreciated.

## SCF Family Update:

A heart-warming announcement – our dedicated volunteer, Lauren, has joyfully welcomed a baby boy this term. Sending heaps of love and best wishes to Lauren, and we can't wait to meet the adorable little one soon!

## STAR OF THE TERM



*Lucy*

Lucy stands out as the shining star this term. Demonstrating exceptional dedication, she has diligently enhanced her listening skills and consistently shows eagerness to engage in every activity. Superstar! Well Done Lucy!

## Baz's Bulletin

Neighs from the heart of our thriving farm!

As we step through March, the air is filled with the warmth of community, the aroma of freshly prepared dishes, and the pitter-patter of new life.

**Culinary Adventures:** Our students have been busy donning their aprons and creating culinary wonders alongside Tom. From hearty curries to delicate vegetable tarts, delectable cakes to soul-warming soups, the kitchen has been a hub of creativity and flavour. The verdict is in – every dish, a masterpiece of taste and teamwork

**Feathered Arrivals:** In a burst of fluff and feathers, SCF welcomed six adorable baby chicks this term! The chirps of these tiny newcomers have added a symphony of joy to our days. Let's nurture and watch them grow into integral members of our feathery family.

**Farewell to Piglets:** As we bid a fond farewell to four of our piglets, we sent two off to Shropshire, and the other two have found a cosy spot just up the road on a neighbouring farm. Wishing them happy grunts and muddy adventures in their new homes.

**Ewe Update:** Our barn took on a different rhythm as I happily vacated my enclosure for a day to make way for the scanning of our ewes. The results? All are in lamb! With Easter around the corner, we anticipate a flurry of activity as we welcome the newest members of our woolly family.

**Workshop & DIY:** Huge thanks to Alan, Garry, Janet, Sam, Harvey, David V, John and Bill for their enormous efforts in creating a new workshop space in the barn and the field shelter lean-to. I wholeheartedly approve of the changes!

As we embrace the changing season, here's to the vibrancy of Spring!

Baz xxx

## Griff & Gruff's Goss

We're thrilled to share the exciting news that a group of daring SCF crew members will be embarking on a **wing walk** to raise funds for our cause!

These adventurous individuals will be soaring high atop a plane in September 2024. Your support means the world to us, so please help spread the word! Details of how you can support coming soon!

Word on the farm is that some thrilling events are unfolding this summer for our students and local community. More information to follow!

G&G xx





## in the spotlight

**Name:** Alan

**Role at the farm:** Volunteer

**How long have you been coming to SCF?** 11 years

**What do you like most about it?** Being out in the countryside with the students. I get a lot of satisfaction from helping others. It is a joyous place to be and I think of everybody here as another family

**Favourite animal on the farm and why?** Sheep and pigs. I spent my career as a shepherd and a farm worker so I have worked with them for a long time! I love the wildlife here, I saw 10 roe deer in the bottom copse only last week!

**Tell us something we might not know about you?** I have driven a steam engine, a diesel engine and flew an army plane. This was an Air Corps Beaver plane., just after the Aden Emergency and we were flying up and down the coast looking for infiltrators. The pilot let me take over the controls, which I was not expecting!

**Favourite song-** Lark ascending- Ralph Vaughan Williams

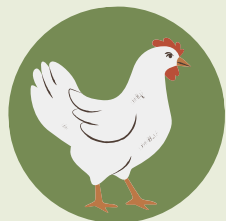
**Best advice you've ever been given?** Be as happy as you can

**Top tip for anyone joining SCF?** Be prepared for anything and enjoy being here!



## Dee Dee's Diary





## Clarice's Community Connection Update

**Community Coffee Morning:** Our Community Coffee Morning was a delightful gathering, bringing together neighbours, friends, and familiar faces. Amidst the aroma of freshly brewed coffee, laughter echoed through the Ark. Thank you to everyone who joined, contributing to the sense of community that makes SCF so special.

**Dementia Mornings:** The heartwarming sessions dedicated to our community members affected by dementia have been a source of comfort and companionship. The commitment of our team and the engagement of participants creates a nurturing environment for all involved.

**Staff and Volunteer Social:** A special shout-out to Emma for orchestrating a wonderful evening of incredible food and camaraderie!

We participated in two events at National Star College this term—an engaging transition event and an interactive workshop featuring our chickens and hens.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled about the prospect of two more workshops in the upcoming term.

Thank you to our whole community for being an integral part of SCF!



## Thank you for your feedback!

We recently carried out a survey at the Care Farm, where we asked students, volunteers and staff for their opinion about the Care Farm. Thanks to those who responded, we have had some great suggestions and ideas. We wanted to share some of the positive responses received...

*'Something to look forward to every week – Friendly, safe, secure environment*

*Mixing student and volunteers from many different backgrounds – learning New skills*

*Staff are so kind and caring – Enjoyment in all weathers– Good facilities – Variety of tasks – Good team work –*

*Confidence building – Supportive staff – Watching students change for the better – Life enhancing activities*

*Coming to the farm has been a lifeline*

**Thanks to everyone who contributes to making SCF such a lovely place to be!**

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### SUMMER TERM DATES

Students return w/c 8th April 2024

Half term– 27th–31st May 2024

Students return w/c 3rd June–19th July 2024\*

\*Monday 22nd July will run for Monday students as a Monday session was missed earlier in the year