## The Shallowford Trust March 2014

## Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the works thy hand hath made ... then sings my soul

## Dear Friends,

Although you have not heard from us since Christmas we have been busy at Shallowford with two groups of young people staying at the farm and another of youth leaders from Providence House. More young people will be with us for Easter.

Debbie and Alastair Sandels and their son Chris have moved into the farm house. James their younger son will soon be returning from a mission to Borneo with YWAM.

Paul, who works on the farm, and his wife Evie celebrated the birth of their first child, a son, Archie, and all are doing well.


Due to a night-time attack by, we believe, a mink we sadly lost all our chickens and the turkey a couple of weeks ago, but they have now been replaced by ten more hens and a fine cockerel.

Calving has just started and lambing should start in April. Piglets are expected in June.

The Shallowford Nativity, held just before Christmas, was well attended and although it had rained all day it stopped just before we began and remained dry for the evening although very windy, with a clear starlit sky! An answer to our prayers.

We are starting a monthly prayer meeting which will be held in the farmhouse on the $4^{\text {th }}$ Tuesday of each month at 7 pm . It will be a time to pray for the work at Shallowford, its visitors and future events. Do join us if you can. The first one will be on March $25^{\text {th }}$.


## Future Dates

Looking ahead through Spring there is so much happening. Here are the key dates for prayer please:

| Prayer meeting | $25^{\text {th }}$ March |
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| Easter Group | $18-21^{\text {st }}$ March |

Easter Sunrise Service $\quad 20^{\text {th }}$ March 6am on Buckland Beacon
Prayer meeting $\quad 22^{\text {nd }}$ April

Woman's weekend $\quad 2-4^{\text {th }}$ May
Providence $50^{\text {th }}$ Anniversary $10^{\text {th }}$ May
Bank Holiday group $\quad 28-31^{\text {st }}$ May

| Prayer meeting | $27^{\text {th }}$ May |
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| Families weekend | $6-8^{\text {th }}$ June |
| Shallowford Country Fair | $7^{\text {th }}$ June |

## My first group at the

## Farm by Debbie Sandels

This was a great experience for me, a much - anticipated introduction to the work at the farm. In Robert's words:

The choice of this group was in part to give to Debbie a group who would be quite willing; however the aim as ever will be to stretch them, grow their attachment to ESF and PH, and stimulate their thinking or spiritual awareness. The broad plan, with the limited time available for the group, was useful jobs on the farm, exploration on the moor, learning country skills (fedging!), and to have the chance to plan for future groups.

We did lots of learning and were all challenged on many levels. Highlights for me were to see them being brave enough to pick up frogspawn, climb over the wobbly rocks of the cairns, muck out the pigs, run and leap into huge muddy puddles and learn to lose graciously!

Good lessons.
Praise the Lord.
Please pray for Shammai, Sanches, Kai, Kyle, Morgan, Troy and Anita.

## Fruit and Veg

We are re-establishing the vegetable garden and need fruit bushes, rhubarb and strawberry plants. Please let us know if you have any to spare.


## Pam enjoys her album of memories

## "Thank - you" is not enough

We were very sad to say goodbye to Pam Nosworthy who has decided it was time to retire, having worked at Shallowford since Elizabeth \& Rosemary first moved here in the mid 1970's. Prior to that she starting by looking after Elizabeth's mother when they first rented Bagpark in Widecombe, before they bought Shallowford.

Pam's delicious cooking is fondly remembered by all who have visited over the years


