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# Welcome

Welcome to this special anniversary edition of Brooke News! Over the next year we'll be celebrating 80 amazing years.

As we mark the centenary of the First World War we look back at just how far we've come since Dorothy Brooke first resolved to rescue desperate ex-war horses in 1930s Cairo. Eighty years after she founded the Old War Horse Memorial hospital we're still helping horses, donkeys and mules across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. The Brooke brings veterinary care to hundreds of thousands of working animals, helps them and their owners to enjoy a better way of life and supports communities during times of disaster and conflict.

When Karen and Rekha, in the Brooke UK team, visited Afghanistan earlier this year, the country was devastated by political upheaval and poverty. Discover how your donations make the difference between life and death for working animals and their owners on page 6.

We've been helping India's brick kilns horses and donkeys too. Read how our welfare training is transforming the way owners care for their animals on page 7.

While we are proud of our work, we are just as proud of our supporters! Following our request last year, we were inundated by inspiring recollections from wonderful supporters like you (page 11).

We hope you enjoy reading about how you're giving working animals across the world a better chance. From Nepal to Nicaragua, Egypt to Ethiopia, none of our work would be possible without your invaluable support. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Petra Ingram, Chief Executive



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# Hard times for war horse heroes

In 1930, a British woman travelled to Egypt with her cavalry officer husband. She was shocked to see emaciated old war horses on the streets of Cairo.

After risking their lives in WWI, they'd been sold – condemned to live out their days in drudgery. She resolved to end their suffering. Her name was Dorothy Brooke – and more than 80 years later, with the help of our loyal supporters, we're still helping working animals in her name.

## The letter that changed history

When Dorothy arrived in Cairo, she found the horses that had served her country so faithfully broken and starved. Having carried the allies into war, they had been 'sold into bondage in a foreign land.' Dorothy was outraged to see once noble animals reduced to little more than skin and bone, labouring in Cairo's streets and markets.

Then – as now – it was the compassion of ordinary people that helped Dorothy in her mission to rescue them. Haunted by the sights she'd seen in Egypt, she publicised the plight of the forgotten war horses in an impassioned letter to *The Morning Post* (now *The Daily Telegraph*). In response, the kind-hearted British public donated enough for Dorothy to buy 5,000 horses, allowing them to end their lives in peace and dignity. She went on to establish the Old War Horse Memorial Hospital in 1934. This was the first of many Brooke hospitals to be built, thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

Today, you're still helping us to deliver urgently needed veterinary care, educate owners and support communities to give their animals the care they need and deserve.

This year we would like to celebrate our story with you. Because, without you, none of our work would be possible.



▲ The buying committee assessing an old war horse in Cairo

## Working in war and in peace

This year also sees the centenary of the First World War, a conflict that endangered as many animals as it did humans. Of the million horses that went into battle, only 62,000 returned home.

The army relied on these long-suffering animals to carry soldiers, food and medicine, as well as dragging guns and carts and transporting the wounded.

Today, we still work in areas of conflict. Despite difficult circumstances, we continue to help working horses and donkeys in Egypt. In August, amidst the unrest and under tough conditions, we were able to keep our clinic open. In another alarming incident, the ceiling of a shade shelter in Luxor was burnt down, exposing animals to the scorching heat.

(Above) Brooke vet, Dr Emad, with a donkey in Luxor



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*'despite all the difficulties, the excellence of every side of the work was maintained throughout the Second World War'*  
Dorothy Brooke

## ➤ How you can help

**£20** could pay a vet's salary for a day, allowing them to deliver life-saving treatment to many horses, donkeys and mules.

If a hundred people gave **£40.93** we could build a sturdy shade shelter with a water trough, to bring relief from thirst and the blazing sun to hundreds of horses.

**£87.46** could run a mobile clinic for a day, including salaries, veterinary equipment and life-saving medicines.



▲ A donkey gets checked over by the Brooke vet at the mobile clinic in Northern Hagaza.

The recent unrest also had a devastating impact on the tourist trade, a main source of income for many Egyptians. The desperation of owners can drive them to work their horses and donkeys still harder. With your help, we have carried on working undeterred. Each week we're visiting the Pyramids, Luxor, Edfu and Aswan – where horses take tourists to the sites – educating owners, treating horses in need, and taking them to our clinics for care.

Just like Dorothy, all those years ago, we rely on your continued support to help. We're determined to be there for working animals in the future – thanks to the dedication of our staff and the generosity of our supporters at home.

**'It was the kindness of the British public which saved the animals in their hour of need'**

# Lives and livelihoods

When Karen Reed, our Head of Animal Welfare and Research, and Rehka Rajkumar, our Programme Advisor for Afghanistan, arrived in Afghanistan they were delighted by the incredible progress the Brooke has made to help working animals and their owners in isolated communities.

**It was a stark contrast to the distressing conditions in villages which haven't yet received our support. Their experiences highlighted just what a difference your support can make.**

The Brooke has been working closely with communities in Afghanistan for over five years. Karen and Rekha, two members of our Brooke UK team, went to see for themselves how our projects are progressing. The online diary they kept while they were on the road gives a fascinating insight into the problems we face there and how we're addressing them.

They visited two villages in the north of Afghanistan – one where the Brooke is about to start working, and another where the Brooke has been involved for two years. In Afghanistan during the winter months, horses and donkeys are traditionally housed within stables in

poor condition – the weather is harsh at this time of year with deep snowfall, and owners feel that they need to keep their animals sheltered from the cold when work is not possible. This was apparent in the first village where the animals are cooped up alone in a cramped, dark, airless stable, and can barely see the light of day. The cracked mud walls are crawling with ticks, fleas and scorpions. The stench of ammonia from faeces and urine is overpowering and many of the animals are infested with parasites and suffering from respiratory and eye diseases. Karen noticed disturbing evidence of painful mutilation too:

"In this remote community with no access to outside health care people often resort to traditional, and often harmful, remedies for illness or injury. Today we saw donkeys with slit nostrils – done in the mistaken belief that it improves the airflow into the nose."

The conditions in the second village, where the Brooke has been working, are very different. The stables are light and airy with windows and ventilation. The smooth, limewashed walls deter insects so the animals are happy and disease-free. Karen and Rekha were pleased to report a steady decline in the use of harmful traditional practices like nostril slitting too.

Your donations haven't just enabled us to improve the conditions working horses are kept in, they've helped us to train the local community to understand the needs of their animals and abandon harmful traditional practices. In poor communities, a working animal is often a family's only source of income; so happy and healthy working animals mean owners and their families can enjoy a better quality of life too.

**Thank you for helping the people of Afghanistan and their horses and donkeys.**

## Help us bring hope to India's brick kilns

**Visiting India's brick kilns last summer, we encountered horrific conditions. There is still so much to do – but, thanks to your support, we're making progress.**

Last August our Chief Executive, Petra Ingram, wrote to many supporters to tell them about the terrible conditions in India's brick kilns. Horses and donkeys toil in sweltering heat without a drop of water to ease their parched throats. The resulting heat stress and dehydration can be fatal.

Labouring under enormous loads, harnesses sometimes rub their skin raw. Often they work through the night, without respite. Sheer exhaustion can make them stumble and fall.

The best way to prevent injuries and ailments is education. That's why the Brooke team explains the importance of first aid, cart balancing and good nutrition to brick kiln workers. By understanding how to care for their working animals, owners can ensure they're as healthy and content as possible.

We rely on your continued support to help. Please consider giving a donation today. Simply visit [www.thebrooke.org/donate](http://www.thebrooke.org/donate) or complete and return the donation form.



**'In poor communities a working animal is often their only source of income; so happy and healthy working animals mean owners and their families can enjoy a better quality of life too.'**



## Our research brought to life

**Our in-depth knowledge of working horses and donkeys is based on decades of hands-on experience. Ten years ago, we took our understanding to a higher level through targeted research. In the initial study, we gathered data on nearly 5,000 working animals in five countries. This was the largest study the Brooke has ever undertaken.**

We used this data to identify the most frequently occurring diseases, injury types and management problems. Then we worked closely with local communities to establish the underlying causes.

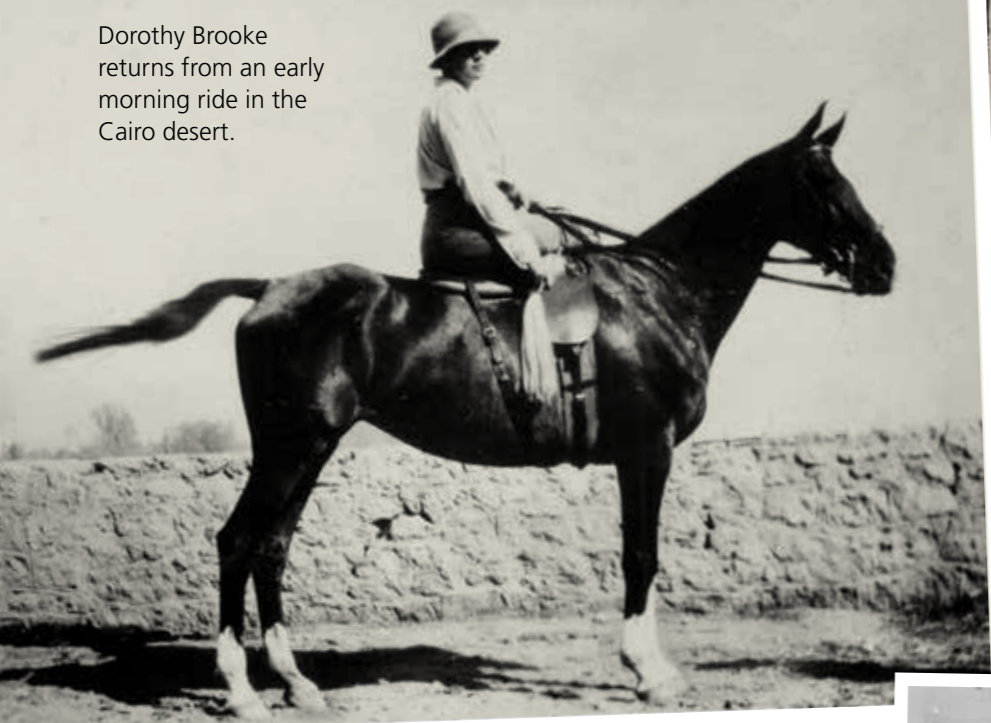
The final stage was to go about helping animals and their owners in the most appropriate ways – establishing techniques that will be passed on to

generations to come, ensuring a brighter future for working animals and their owners. With your help, we can fund research, ensuring that our work tackles the most critical local issues – and your donations go where they are needed most.

### ➤ Keep in touch

We've created a short animation, which brings our research programme to life. See it for yourself at [www.thebrooke.org/research](http://www.thebrooke.org/research)

Dorothy Brooke returns from an early morning ride in the Cairo desert.



### OLD WAR HORSES

#### MRS. GEOFFREY BROOKE'S APPEAL

Mrs. Geoffrey Brooke, wife of Brig. Geoffrey Brooke, the authority on horses, is making a further appeal on behalf of the "Old War Horse Fund," of which she is hon. secretary. She writes:

"Not only Army horses, but those given up to their country by countless hundreds of patriotic people—favourite hunters, cherished friends of many families, born and bred in English fields—were at the close of the war sold to bondage in a foreign land. Fourteen long years of toil in the hands of strangers—in scorching sun, in sand, in a land where water is scarce, where flies are a torment, and where, owing to the poverty of their owners, the work has been far beyond their wasted strength! Many hundreds still survive, pleading for release—old, utterly weary, so deserving of a kindly redemption. 'Home' now can only be represented by a peaceful death, but what a release that is, what further suffering it saves!

"To save what remains of the thousands sold, the Old War Horse Fund has been organised, and a responsible committee formed in Cairo to purchase and humanely destroy these old war horses. The average price paid is about £7, for all these animals are bred in the

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One of the first war horses rescued after Dorothy's 1931 appeal in *The Morning Post* at the Old War Memorial Hospital in Cairo.

*'An oasis of cleanliness and efficiency in one of the poorest districts in Cairo.'*

Dorothy Brooke

# Beginnings of the Brooke

The Brooke began in 1934 in one of Cairo's most run-down districts. It was there that Dorothy Brooke founded a hospital to end the suffering of abandoned war horses, unaware that decades later the Brooke would be transforming the lives of working animals all over the world.



Dr Murad and a donkey foal at the Mersah Matrouh clinic, Egypt.



(Above) George Gibson holding a baby donkey up to its mother's face in the 'kraal' of the hospital.

(Left) Children play with a healthy mare and her foal.

(Below) The Old War Horse Hospital 'kraal' (meaning animal enclosure) before it was devastated by fire.



(Above right) Dorothy Brooke in the yard of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with some of the old war horses they rescued in the 1930s.

(Above) The Brooke's mobile vet van outside the Cairo hospital.

(Left) Two lovely horses taking a long drink in the heat.



*'Free treatment, free instruction—that was what I wanted for all of the owners who relied on their animals for their livelihood.'*

Dorothy Brooke



**Keep in touch**

Scroll through our photos on Flickr [www.flickr.com/thebrookecharity](http://www.flickr.com/thebrookecharity)



In just one day, over 200 animals were fed and treated for injury and dehydration by a paravet Brooke team, joined by three government vets.

# Stranded no more

## Donate now!

We don't know when we'll be needed next. We need to complete our scoping project to make sure we're always on hand when disaster strikes. We can't do this without your help. Please make a gift today, online at [www.thebrooke.org/donate](http://www.thebrooke.org/donate) or with the donation form on your letter.

In the worst flooding India has seen in 80 years, thousands of working animals were stranded on the slopes of the Himalayas. The animals were exhausted and fragile. Many were severely dehydrated, while others had injuries ranging from cuts to broken limbs.

June's catastrophic floods left 4,000 villages affected, 6,000 people missing, nearly 10,000 working animals feared dead, and their owners cut off on the pilgrimage routes where they lived and worked. The devastation was immense. Thanks to your incredible support, the Brooke sent out

a support team to join the workers and paravets tirelessly treating the traumatised animals. To date, your donations have helped us to deliver five tonnes of balanced feed and treat 1,000 desperate working horses, donkeys and mules. We are currently planning a scoping exercise to find out

the extent of the devastation which will help inform us how to achieve the best outcome for those whose lives have been ruined by this disaster. Thanks to your continued support we can deliver the best possible emergency care.

# Welcome aboard!

## Retired army officer Sir Evelyn Webb-Carter joins the Brooke as Chairman

**What was your main motivation for joining the Brooke?** I have been around horses and ponies all my life and have an instinctive attraction to them. I have travelled all round the world and seen the suffering of horses and donkeys and this was an opportunity to be involved in making a positive difference.

security issues, I have had to postpone my trip to Pakistan.

### What are you most looking forward to in your role as Brooke Chairman?

I am looking forward to getting to know the charity and its supporters both here and abroad. I enjoy meeting people from all backgrounds and also look forward to working with the Board as I see them very much as part of the wider team.

**What do you think is the biggest opportunity for the Brooke?** To reach through community-based projects infinitely more working equines and to apply the knowledge we have developed in our existing country programmes to do this efficiently and effectively.

### Have you visited any of the Brooke's country programmes?

I recently visited my first Brooke country – Egypt – where we set up operations 80 years ago. I got a great sense of the Brooke philosophy at work. Unfortunately, because of

**What do you think is the biggest challenge facing the Brooke?** We get great support in the UK and abroad, but we are not as well-known as we could be. We have a great opportunity to increase our profile and raise more funds for our work.



Turn to page 12 to find out more about how Sir Evelyn is going to raise money for the Brooke's 80th Anniversary in 2014.

## QUICK FACTS

**Do you....**  
 ...have any hobbies? Military history, riding and combining the two. And I love photography.  
 ...have a favourite place to ride? Spain for its scenery, food and wine.  
 ...cook? I have prepared all elements of our Christmas lunch every year since my wife and I got married around 30 years ago.  
 ...have any guilty pleasures? Buying books I never read! And buying medals, the last being a Waterloo Medal from 1815.  
 ...have any children? One son, two daughters, three grandchildren.  
 ....have any pets? Three horses: Mr Stitch (pictured), Thomas and Spot. And one Labrador called Pebbles.

# Memories of the Brooke

Here are a selection of wonderful memories of the Brooke from our loyal supporters.\*



\*These messages have been transcribed exactly as they were written by our supporters.

## My Dear Reader

### Verity looks ahead to the next 80 years

Looking back over my life, there are some personal achievements I'm incredibly proud of. Nursing people with learning disabilities was hard work but rewarding, while travelling alone through South America, although challenging, was an unforgettable experience.

I count joining the team here at the Brooke as one of those achievements. I'm delighted to be helping to end the suffering of working animals.

It's incredible to think that the passion of one woman – Dorothy Brooke – made so much possible and inspired so many of you to dedicate your time and effort to such a worthwhile cause. It's thanks to you we can continue what she started.

We don't know what the next 80 years holds for the world's working animals. However, one thing is certain – there will be a need for the Brooke for many years to come. That's why gifts in Wills are so important. They ensure we'll be here to help wherever the need is greatest, well into the future.

If you would like to be a part of the next 80 years and beyond you can make an impact by leaving a gift to the Brooke in your Will. This wonderful gesture means you can help us to achieve even more in our mission to end their suffering and improve their lives.

If you would like more information about leaving a gift in your Will, please call or email me (see below) or visit [www.thebrooke.org/legacies](http://www.thebrooke.org/legacies).

To all those of you who have already made this special commitment – thank you for giving the gift of a lifetime.



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Verity is here to answer any questions you may have about leaving a legacy. If you would like to know more about leaving a gift in your Will, don't hesitate to call her on 020 7653 5860 or email: [verity.owers@thebrooke.org](mailto:verity.owers@thebrooke.org). Alternatively go to [www.thebrooke.org/support-us/giving-in-your-will](http://www.thebrooke.org/support-us/giving-in-your-will). Thank you.

## Celebrate with us

As we celebrate our 80th anniversary, we would love you to join us by remembering the Brooke on your own special occasion. From anniversaries to milestone birthdays, you can continue the good work that Dorothy Brooke began and make a lasting difference to the lives of many working animals overseas by choosing to ask for donations in lieu of gifts.

You could also celebrate the life of a loved one by giving a gift to the Brooke in their memory. Whether it's a close friend, a relative, or an animal who has been your loyal companion, this is a very special way to make a difference and ensure someone special is remembered for a long time to come.

You may choose to give a one-off donation, or set up a Tribute Fund where family and friends can help you work towards a fundraising goal. Whichever you choose, supporting the Brooke in this way helps your loved one to live on through the lives of the animals we support.

The Brooke's Personal Giving Funds website allows you to create your own bespoke online page, where you can add photos, leave messages in a guest book and donate. Please visit <http://givingfunds.thebrooke.org> or call 020 7653 5812 to find out more.

## 'Don't read the notes!'

Patricia has been a speaker for the Brooke for three years, and is a very dedicated supporter who is passionate about spreading the Brooke's message through her talks.



### When did you first hear about the Brooke?

I went to Egypt in 1996 to stay with a friend who was living there with her husband and she told me about the work of the Brooke. I thought that this would be a charity I would like to volunteer for when I retired.

### Why is the charity special to you?

I have taught Social Policy for over 30 years, which is historically about the relief of poverty. I'm also passionate about animal welfare and I was so glad to find a charity that combines the two things – improving animal welfare and improving life for the animals' owners and their families.

### What would you say to someone considering doing a talk for the Brooke?

Speaking in public can be daunting; the best way to counter this is to prepare very thoroughly. Some visual aids are a good idea. Above all – do not read from notes. Put anything you want to say on an overhead projector and read from that if necessary.

### What do you enjoy about speaking?

I stress that the Brooke is not 'just another animal charity' but one which can make a difference between making a modest living and destitution for the owners and their families, as well as relieving animal suffering. If there's only one message they take away from my talk, this is it.

If Patricia has inspired you and you would like to be a volunteer speaker, please contact [community@thebrooke.org](mailto:community@thebrooke.org) or call 020 7653 5812.

# Get involved

Celebrate the Brooke's 80th year by getting together with family and friends and raising funds for our vital work. Fundraising is a great way to meet like-minded people and spend your free time having fun and making a difference. There are countless ways you can help us raise money – the only limit is your imagination. But if you're stuck for inspiration we're here to help. Request our new Fundraising Pack for ideas to get you started!

### Foodie fundraisers

If you're the next Masterchef, why not hold a dinner party for friends and family, or alternatively organise a bake-off and sell the entries at a cake sale or office party? Or, if your skills lie in networking, you could hold a coffee morning and raise funds while you mingle.

### Show your passion

Speaking out helps spread the word. If you're as passionate as we are about the work we do, you can become a speaker for the Brooke. Contact the Community Team for a speaker information pack

and spread the Brooke's message of compassion in our 80th year.

### Stay in shape with the Brooke

We have a whole range of sports events from family fun-runs to long-distance challenges. Simply choose an event to suit you – we can offer you help along the way, as well as a snazzy Brooke vest and tips from our new running pack.

For more information on how to help the Brooke celebrate in our 80th year by raising funds and awareness, please call the Community team on 020 7653 5812 or email [community@thebrooke.org](mailto:community@thebrooke.org)



Two devoted members of Brooke staff and two donkeys at a clinic in Egypt

## > We need you!

More Brooke supporters than ever before are choosing to give by Direct Debit. When disasters like the floods in India strike, we need to be there to help animals from day one. But to do that, we rely on regular support. Direct Debit is the easiest way to make a significant difference – just visit [www.thebrooke.org/donate](http://www.thebrooke.org/donate) to start giving today. Your monthly gift will help support Brooke teams as they work tirelessly to change the lives of working animals.

### The Brooke through a lens

Talented photographer and former jockey Richard Dunwoody MBE captures the highs and lows of life for working horses, mules and donkeys in a series of captivating photographs recording the work of the Brooke.

Monday 6 January – Sunday 2 February 2014, The Gallery in the Crypt, St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London, WC2N 4JJ.

For more information please contact Tatjana Trposka on email [Tatjana.Trposka@thebrooke.org](mailto:Tatjana.Trposka@thebrooke.org) or call her direct line 0207 653 5824.

### Chairman's Memorial Ride

In commemoration both of the Brooke's 80th anniversary and the centenary of the start of the First World War, there will be a fundraising Memorial Ride next autumn led by Sir Evelyn our Chairman. Riders at times dressed in period uniform, will follow a route tracing the remount depots that existed during the war. Launching at Horse Guards Parade in London on Sunday 7 September, the ride will finish at the Romsey Showground (where the theme this year will be WW1) on Saturday 13 September.

For more information on joining us please contact Helen Marriott, on email [Helen.marriott@thebrooke.org](mailto:Helen.marriott@thebrooke.org) or on her direct line 020 7653 5831.

Join us

# Local heroes

## Exciting new plans afoot in Cambridgeshire and Penrith & North Lakes

We are delighted to introduce two new Supporter Groups: Cambridgeshire and Penrith & North Lakes. Let's give them a warm welcome into the Brooke family!

**Cambridgeshire Supporter Group**  
The Cambridgeshire group, led by Gill Meningen, is holding a sponsored walk along the Norfolk Coast (14-17 May), a 1930s themed dance in June, and many other smaller events including tack sales and talks throughout the year.

The sponsored walk along the Norfolk coast will be 80 miles long to celebrate the Brooke's 80th anniversary. Each day walkers will aim to complete 20 miles, and are free to participate for the whole duration or for one or two days only. Please contact Gill if you are interested in taking part or sponsoring the walkers, email [gillmeningen@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gillmeningen@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07876 770840

The group would also welcome donations of good quality clean tack for their sales, suggestions about places in the local area for holding events or talks, or interest from people who would like to be added to their forthcoming events mailing list.



The Cambridgeshire group at one of their fundraising car boot stalls.



John, Elaine and Tricia of the Penrith & North Lakes group manning their Halloween tombola stall last year

### Penrith & North Lakes Supporter Group

The Penrith & North Lakes group is led by Tricia Graham, who became aware of the Brooke over 50 years ago, after she was given *Training young horses to jump* written by Dorothy Brooke's husband, Geoffrey.

The group would love to hear from people who have fundraising ideas, or who can donate their time or skills to support their activities. So if you're a whizz in the kitchen and can bake cakes to donate, or would like to use your green fingers to grow plants for the group to sell - please get in touch!

The group will also be active in the West Cumbria and Carlisle regions. If you live in these areas and could spare some time to put up posters to advertise the group's activities they would be delighted to hear from you. Please call Tricia on 01768 899746

# Dates for your diary January - July 2014

### ABERDEEN

**1 June:** Horseman's Sunday and Pleasure Ride - Glen Tanar Estate

### CUMBRIA

**30 - 31 May:** Stall - Holker Hall Garden Festival, Cark-in-Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands

**1 June:** Stall - Holker Hall Garden Festival, Cark-in-Cartmel, Grange-over-Sands

### EXMOOR

**15 March:** Spring Fayre - Avenue Methodist Hall, Minehead 10am - 2pm

### JERSEY

**April:** Dress Sale - St Bernadette's Parish Hall

### LICHFIELD

**22 March:** Comedy Night with meal - Whittington, Nr Lichfield

**17 May:** Spring Fayre - Boley Park Community Centre, Lichfield 10am - 4pm

### SHROPSHIRE

**Every Monday:** Stall - Ludlow Market

### FARNHAM, SURREY

**5 April:** Quiz night - Tilford Institute, The Green, Tilford 6-9pm

**21 June:** Annual Dogs Race Meeting - Worthcote, Rushmoor

### SUSSEX

**16 February:** Stall - Horley District Dog Show, Ardingly Showground

**16 March:** Stall - Carriage Driving Fair, Merrist Wood College

**29 - 30 March:** Stall - KC Dog Agility Bentley Wildfowl Museum, Halland

**30 March:** Stall - Southdown & Eridge Hunt P2P, Godstone

**19 April:** Stall - Nat Pony Show, Crockstead Equestrian Centre, A22

**21 April:** Stall - London Harness Horse Parade, Ardingly Showground

**27 April:** Stall - SE Arabian Show, Merrist Wood College

**4 May:** Stall - SE Donkey Show Hook Arena, Surrey

**5 May:** Stall - Lions May Day Fair East Grinstead

**17 - 18 May:** Stall - SE Shire Horse Show, Blindley Heath

**7 June:** Stall - Donkey Derby, Oxted

**26 - 29 June:** Stall - Hickstead Derby, Sussex

### WEST KENT

**22 February:** Stall - Arndale Centre, Eastbourne

**29 March:** Collection - Eastbourne Town Centre, Sevenoaks

**5 April:** Collection - Polhill Garden Centre, Sevenoaks

**26 April:** Collection - Tenterden Town Centre

**10 May:** Stall - Plumpton College

**24 May:** Collection - Tonbridge Town Centre

**7 June:** Collection - Polhill Garden Centre, Sevenoaks

**14 June:** Stall - Hadlow College

**21 June:** Collection - Tunbridge Wells Town Centre

**1 March:** Stall - Craft Fayre - United Reform Church, Fleet

**16 April:** Stall - Craft Fayre - Basingstoke Village Hall

**1 March:** Stall - Craft Fayre - United Reform Church, Fleet

## Feel inspired?

If you would like to get involved in our groups' exciting activities please get in touch. You can become the face of the Brooke in your area! To find out more about how to hold a fundraising event or start a supporter group call 020 7653 5812 or email [community@thebrooke.org](mailto:community@thebrooke.org)

## Fantastic fundraisers - thank you!

At the Brooke we are always so impressed by the amazing fundraising work our supporters do. Here are some of last year's highlights.

**1** Thank you to **Kassie Hunter, Richard Bradford, Stuart Gardham and Suzanne Ruiz** for taking part in the Tandem Skydiving World Record this year in aid of the Brooke. Collectively they raised a staggering **£3400**. If you would like to take the jump, contact [community@thebrooke.org](mailto:community@thebrooke.org).



**2** A big thank to **Bodrwsiwn Vets** in Bangor who raised **£181.57** for the Brooke by giving a veterinary talk, which could provide over 24 First Aid Kits for owners to treat their animals!

**3** To all those at **Hadlow College of Agriculture & Horticulture** who organised a cake sale - thank you for raising a fantastic **£33.19**. We greatly appreciated your support!

By supporting the Brooke, you are making an incredible difference to the lives of thousands of working horses, donkeys and mules. Together, we can achieve our goal of improving the welfare of two million working animals every year.

Thank you for supporting the Brooke. We couldn't do it without you.



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