

# Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary

newsletter

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## Announcement

**BOEKEFEES!!.....BOOK FAIR!!.....BOEKEFEES!!**



29, 30 & 31 Mei 2009

NG Kerksaal, McGregor

10h00 - 18h00

*Ons jaarlikse boek-makietie! Ongelooflike winskopies!*

*New and fresh second-hand books, CDs and DVDs*

*Come and spoil yourself.....or do some early Christmas shopping!*

*New books packed out every day*

*Kom geniet 'n verversing of ligte ete by Ada en Maxi se koffiekroeg terwyl jy jou leeslus pamperlang*

*We gratefully accept all donations of saleable items prior to the Book Fair - phone 023 6251 593 and we will collect.*

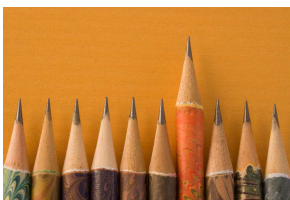
*Would you like to help.....packing out on the Thursday, selling from Fri - Sunday, or packing away on Monday? Please volunteer!*

## Donkey News



We now have 19 donkeys in the Sanctuary, and have placed 8 others into caring homes. We sadly had to euthanase Vlekkie, our most affectionate and sweet-natured donkey, after he developed chronic colic, possibly caused by a tumour. He stole the hearts of countless visitors and was a stalwart during educational visits. He spent a happy, carefree 21 months at Eseltjiesrus, and was treated with love, respect and dignity up to the end.

## Education Project



*Education project The pilot phase teachers' pack for use in Grade 3 classes is in the schools! Congratulations to Tony and Patricia on a most impressive product, the result of months of hard work. Eseltjiesrus is proud of this contribution to the education of youngsters, teaching compassion and respect for donkeys but also for all living creatures and our planet. Many of the schools involved will visit the Sanctuary in the next few months.*

## The Donkey Sanctuary - Devon, England



Our mentors and good friends in the UK continue to be most supportive. Apart from funding our Education Project, they sponsored our vet, Dr. Gerhard de Wet, on a Donkey Dental course that they offered at Onderstepoort Veterinary Faculty. This was run by their chief vet and a dental technician. Gerhard established invaluable contacts there and he will be able to provide the best quality dental care to all donkeys in this region, as soon as our specialised equipment arrives from UK.

Tony, our Secretary and Education Project Manager, is being sponsored to visit their headquarters in Sidmouth, Devon, during his private holiday in England in May. He has a full programme with them, with meetings with all their relevant departments to learn from their four decades of experience. We are green with envy and look forward to his report-back!

## Annual General Meeting



*This took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 and was well attended and most informative. It illustrated the complexity of the Sanctuary organisation. Reports were presented by members of Exco (Johan, Annemarie and Tony), and our vet. This was followed by the re-election of the Management Committee (Exco plus Margaret Milne, Marilyn Poole and Geoff Neil.) The meeting was a helpful and illuminating exercise for all concerned, and fun!*

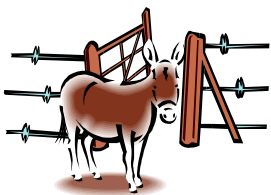
## **Reminder.....**



*Please remember that we are a registered charity and we do all our own fundraising. We derive no benefit from any items sold by the padstal/nursery, which is run as a business by the Naude family, or the Country Kitchen restaurant run by Debbie and Jimmy.*

*A few of our small souvenirs are on sale in the restaurant, and those proceeds go entirely to the donkeys. We now also have a bookshop space in The Frangipani Coffee Shop in the village, where a few Sanctuary items are also on sale. We thank Glynn and Marlene for their generosity in giving us space - at no commission!*

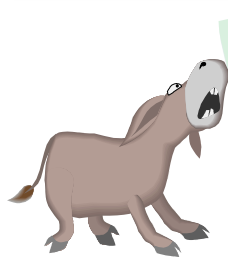
## **Opening Hours...**



We are open to visitors on Saturdays and Sundays, from 11am till 4pm, and on Thursdays and Fridays by appointment, with pleasure. On weekends our friendly guide, Patricia, will take you to meet the donkeys and tell you about them whilst you may choose to brush and pat them.

If you wish to bring a group, please contact us in advance so that we can make special arrangements to show you around.

Adopt-a-Donkey - [http://www.donkeysanctuary.co.za/adopt\\_a\\_donkey.htm](http://www.donkeysanctuary.co.za/adopt_a_donkey.htm)



PLEASE!

### Adopt-a-donkey

*This provides the funds for the daily care of the donkeys.  
An adoption is a perfect gift for special occasions, and provides  
an “anchor” for friends or relatives living overseas.*

*Details from us, or from our website.*

*ANY level of support is welcomed!*

### Bequests and donations



Please consider us when you draw up your will. We have a registered Trust in place, and will gladly provide details. The Sanctuary is a registered Public Benefit Organisation, so donations and bequests are exempt from tax. We provide receipts on request.

### You will hear from us again:



*The next Newsletter should reach you early in August, and if you are an adopter your six-monthly Donkey Progress Report will arrive during September. Please contact us if you are missing out on any of these communications.*

### Het u geweet:



Vir hulle grootte, is donkies baie sterker as osse en kan hulle baie harder werk, byv. om te ploeg. Hulle is ook makliker beheerbaar deur vrouens omdat hulle kleiner is, vandaar hulle gewildheid in landelike gebiede.

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Account Number 288 244 419

### Thank You!



*Eseltjiesrus has entered its third year of caring for destitute donkeys. The project has surpassed all our expectations in the scope of its influence, and in public interest and support.*

*We feel humbled by the richness of the donkeys’ influence on the thousands of people who have heard about or visited the Sanctuary. To all our valued donkey-loving friends - Thank You!*

**Warm wishes from Johan, Annemarie and helpers.**

*\*\*\* We thank Jimmy and Anne at Mulberry Studio for their continued generous support in designing and mailing our newsletters.*

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