



Belmont Farm

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July 2016

“Opening the Farm to the Community”



Meet Our Staff

This month Belmont Farm are delighted to introduce our assistant farm manager Julien Lambertucci-Bonnet!

Julien is one of Belmont Farms longest serving members of staff and has been with us for 5 years! As well as being our farm manager, Julien is also a Lecturer in an agricultural college in London teaching animal care courses.

Julien really is the life and soul of Belmont Farm and is always looking for a good laugh and fun ways to work. He is fantastic with sharing his broad knowledge with all of our volunteers and prepares them for the real world of the farming industry!

If you're thinking about starting a career with animals, why not have a chat to Julien this month about the different paths that can be taken in the industry!



Summer has hit Belmont Farm....

Its finally the start of the school holidays and Belmont Farm are packed with lots of summer activities ...

****NEW MEMBERS OF THE PETTING ROOM****

Come and meet our new animals in our hourly petting sessions; Pearl and Trixie our Peruvian guinea pigs, Diamond and Violet our Dumbo rats and Dave; the most friendly cockerel you will ever meet!

****NEW EVENT ALERT****

Come and meet Ellie, our middle-white pig every day at 11.30am and 2.30pm where you can see her up close and personal while she is being fed her daily meals and take the chance to ask our staff any questions you may have about our curly tailed friends!



****MORE TO SEE ON OUR TRACTOR RIDES****

Join our Belmont farm tractor ride every hour this summer and take in the beautiful views of the best valley in London while also seeing some of our new arrivals roam in their enclosures! Come and see our large white piglets, our white Rhea and you may even be lucky enough to see our horses being ridden across the land!

Volunteer of the Month

Here at Belmont farm we have over 35 regular Volunteers that help us take care of our animals whilst gaining valuable experience and contributing to the local community. In 2016 we wanted to start a new initiative for particular volunteers who have gone the extra mile by naming them ‘Volunteer of the Month’.

This month we are proud to announce that **Sam Levy** is our volunteer of the month!

Sam is a relatively new member of the Belmont farm team, but his extensive knowledge, determination and passion for animals has got him nominated to be volunteer of the month for July 2016.

Sam absolutely adores all of the animals here at Belmont Farm and has fit in extremely well into the volunteer team.

He is excellent with all of our visitors and can often be found running public petting sessions and also on our tractor ride as a Belmont Farm tractor tour guide.

Keep up the good work Sam!



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Entry Costs:

Up to 18 Months—FREE
Children—£5.00
Adults—£7.00
Family—£17.00

****COUPON****

Cut out this voucher and bring it to Belmont Farm to purchase 2 gemstone panning pots for £4.50!



VALID FROM 16/07/16—16/08/16

Happy Birthday!

To...

Elijah, Eli, Emily, Iris, Liam, Mamie, Martha, Meggy-jane, Norik, Sasha, Sofia-maria, Sumile, Yana and Zaynab

Who are all celebrating their birthdays at Belmont Farm this month!

A huge thank you to our fabulous volunteers...

This month we took the opportunity to thank all of our volunteers for all of their hard work with a volunteer barbecue! On Friday 8th July, we invited all of our regular volunteers to dress to impress as their favourite Disney characters / Superheroes for an evening of socialising and quizzes!

We had a blast of a time and are already planning our next volunteer appreciation event which will be in December for our annual Christmas celebration!
A huge thank you to all of our volunteers for their constant hard work, effort and dedication to Belmont Farm! Here's to a fantastic summer!



Time to 'Bale' out!

This month our farming lads have been extremely busy out in the fields as it is hay cutting season! All of the haylage we cut off of our land feeds our animals for the whole of winter! See the diagram below to get an understanding of what our men have been up to with the tractors and it all begins by simply mowing a field...

1) We then began 'Tedding' the cut grass, A 'tedder' is a piece of machinery that spreads the hay out and allows the sun to dry it for 3 days. The hay is turned every day to ensure its completely dry.



2) When the hay is dry, it is raked into long, neat lines in the field to make it easier for the farmers to bale it all together.



3) The hay is then collected by a big machine and compressed into large square bales ready to be packaged. There are 3 types of balers; one for small square bales, one for large square bales and one for large round bales



4) The bales are then wrapped in three layers of hard wearing plastic that protects the bales from rain damage causing the bales to mould. This is also done with a tractor and attachment.



5) The bales are then moved from the field and are carefully stacked up next to our gallop ready to feed in the Winter! Our fresh bales can be seen stacked from our tractor ride!



6) By winter, our hay is ready for our animals to enjoy! All of the hay you see our animals eating is from our land. It all connects in the great circle of farming!

