

*Emile Faurie Foundation*  
*Reaching Children Through Horses*

# Newsletter

SPRING / SUMMER 2016

EFF is a registered charity no 1121710

The EFF funds disadvantaged children living in Inner Cities and remote areas in the UK to have riding lessons and contact with horses. The Foundation funds over 40 School and Youth Projects enabling hundreds of children each year to experience the joy of being with horses. As a self-funded charity we face tough challenges with raising money and need as much help and support from you!!

## Emile on BBC Breakfast TV

Emile appeared on Breakfast BBC News in February to talk about Kai, a young lad from Manchester who has had a CBBC programme 'My Life – Never Give Up' made on how riding and being with horses has helped him with his ADHD.

The Foundation has funded Kai's riding lessons at Ryders' Farm in Manchester for the past two years. The programme featured Kai visiting Emile's yard, meeting the horse and even being allowed to ride one of Emile's horses! Kai explained – 'THE FOUNDATION IS LIKE MY ISLAND – IT KEEPS ME AFOAT - WITHOUT IT I WOULD JUST SINK!'

Kai is hoping to gain some Equine Qualifications and follow a career with horses – a great success story!



## Success for Rider at British Riding Schools Nationals Championships

Emile is delighted that one of our young riders from the Young Scholars Scheme which the Foundation helps to fund at Stepney Bank Stables in Newcastle came 5th in her class at these Championships.

A huge achievement for Sevgi who when she started the course a year ago had little confidence and self esteem – her she is competing at the show. Stepney Bank students will be visiting Heath Farm soon so Sevgi will get to meet Emile and his horses!

## Work Experience For Amy

Amy a pupil from Co-op Academy in Stockton-on-Tees which the EFF fund spent a weeks' work experience at Heath Farm last Summer; she had a memorable week working in the yard and getting the opportunity to watch Emile ride and teach. Amy hopes to go and follow a career with horses.



**STOP PRESS!! – OLYMPIA INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW HAS CHOSEN THE FOUNDATION AS THEIR CHARITY FOR 2016!** This will be such a great boost to the EFF and will be a fantastic showcase for the work we do and we are delighted!

THE FOUNDATION HAS PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE UK WHO RIDE AT NEARBY BHS RIDING CENTRES in Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Cleethorpes, Scunthorpe, Boston, Newcastle, London, Stoke-on-Trent, Scotland, Bedford, Reading, Hull, Leeds, Stockton-on-Tees, Gloucester, Essex, London, Yorkshire, Brighton, Norwich, Kettering

FUND RAISING EVENTS: 2015 was a great year for our events ...



Auction of Sally Martin's painting of Valegro

## Masquerade Christmas Ball

Held once again at the fabulous ASHDOWN PARK HOTEL, this event raised almost £10,000 for the EFF. Guests all had a lovely time great entertainment with live band, magician and opera singer also one of the teachers from our project in Stockton-on-Tees came and spoke to the guests about the effect horses have on their children. This year's will be even bigger with a amazing celebration for our 10th year!! Saturday November 26th is the date!! Thank you to all our Sponsors and those who donated to our fab Auction and Raffle.



Pashley Manor Garden Event – was held later this year in September but the weather was kind and it was a lovely friendly evening. The event raised over £7,000 with some fantastic Auction Prizes. We are having a Summers' Garden Party this year at the Blue Bell Vineyards on August 17th this will be in 1920/30s style and a lavish event so book early!

Pauline and Linzi Wright held a very successful Horse Show up in Scotland and worked incredibly hard. They raised over £2,000 for us which we are very grateful for so again big THANKYOU!



Cheque being presented to Emile by Andrew Wright

## Strictly Come Dressage

As usual this event drew an amazing colourful number of entries. Held at Oldencraig Equestrian Centre in October by kind permission of Ian and Vicky Winfield the standard just gets better ... The childrens' Quadrilles were both entertaining and skill ful with fanatastic costumes as was the Pas de Deux ... the afternoon Gala was great fun with the Horsemen of the Knight doing a Western stunt display. Thank you again to kind sponsors of classes and those who donated prizes it is such a popular event. However we are revamping the show this year and will be posting further details on our Facebook page.



Sarah Fiton and her team held a HOE DOWN again at Ryders Farm in Salford by all accounts they had a fantastic time and again raised nearly £2,500 for us. Sarah manages a number of our projects and was the first Riding Centre to work with us so has been on the journey with us as well !! We need you to help and if you feel you can hold an event for us please get in touch ...



## SEAN – POSITIVE DIVERSIONS IN SCOTLAND

Sean is a young man who first met Emile back in 2008 and was part of our first project the EFF funded in Scotland – this project worked closely with the Mounted Police. Sean was a troubled soul but found a pathway through the Foundation and now has a good job on a farm and keeps in touch with the students who are now on their course. – Here is Sean with the students at Glenrothes School.



The EFF receives many stories concerning the children that ride through the Foundation, the overwhelming comments that come through are that these children have an amazing time, their confidence improves, as does their self esteem, ability to communicate with others and their skills at school. Some of the children have very tough backgrounds and live in near poverty in deprived areas – the access to horses gives them not only joy but enables these children to feel they have achieved personal goals. Both



teachers and Youth workers notice a real change in these kids behaviour and we hope we can continue this work and keep inspiring these children.

• **These are a number of photos from our projects**



## Christmas Card Competition

This was our winner from last years' Competition and is done by one of our children from Glenrothes in Scotland. We will be holding this again this year and having cards printed to sell for Christmas!



*Emile receives many letters and photos from the children and their teachers. Here are a few and some quotes from the children and their project workers.*

- "I feel safe when I am with the horses"*
- "I leave my troubles behind me at home"*
- "I love being with them, they are my friends"*
- "I have learnt so much and feel so much happier and more confident at school"*
- "Learnt to canter today and loved it look forward every week to my riding"*
- "The best part is brushing Molly's mane and talking to her, she is my best friend"*
- "I was heading for trouble. Gangs and drugs, and then through the EFF I found horses and my life changed. Thank you"*

*(this pupil is now at College doing an Equine Science Course)*

### Quotes from teachers:

- "We notice a huge change in the pupils' attitude, their school attendance often improves and they are friendly and happier in school making learning an easier task!"*
- "Their self-esteem and confidence has grown and they try harder in their studies"*
- "I am delighted that the students at HFCA have been given the opportunity to learn to ride and care for the ponies and we are very grateful to The Emile Faurie Foundation for funding the programme."*
- "It has been wonderful to witness the students grow in confidence and riding ability and especially to listen to them talk so enthusiastically about their time at the stables."*



# MID-SUMMER'S GARDEN PARTY

AUGUST 17th @ BLUE BELL VINEYARDS, EAST SUSSEX – by kind permission of owners. Set in the style of 1920/30s this will be a lavish evening with Sparkling Wine / Dinner and live entertainment. Ladies dress up if you so wish! Book online.



## Christmas Charity Party

Celebrating our 10th ANNIVERSARY – to be held at ASHDOWN PARK HOTEL & SPA on NOVEMBER 26th. This really will be a fabulous event and we will push the boat out so we hope to see ALL our Friends there ...

## STRICTLY COME DRESSAGE

... with a difference. Date to be announced

## THANK YOU TO ...

... Bothwell Charity Trust for donating £5,000 to us. We very much value their support.

... the National Equestrian Schools Association for presenting a cheque for £1,000 to the EFF. Emile is delighted to have your support and we are hoping to work closely with them in the future.

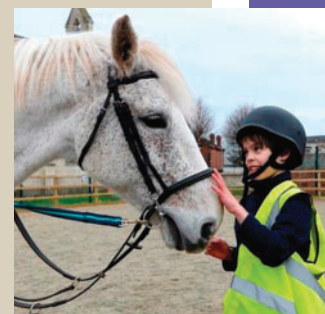
... Charlotte Wickington and her team once again held a Christmas Ball and raised £2,000 for the Foundation – a huge THANK YOU!!



## COULD YOU BE A FOUNDATION SPONSOR?

We are inviting Individuals, Businesses and Organisations to become FOUNDATION SPONSORS AND FRIENDS to enable us to fund more projects and offer riding to more children. You can help the foundation by

- BECOMING A FRIEND OF THE FOUNDATION
- HOLDING A FUND RAISING EVENT
- SPONSORING A CHILD TO RIDE
- SPONSORING AN EVENT
- ENCOURAGE YOUR LOCAL RIDING SCHOOL/CLUB TO HOLD AN EVENT FOR US
- DONATING THROUGH OUR WEBSITE



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