



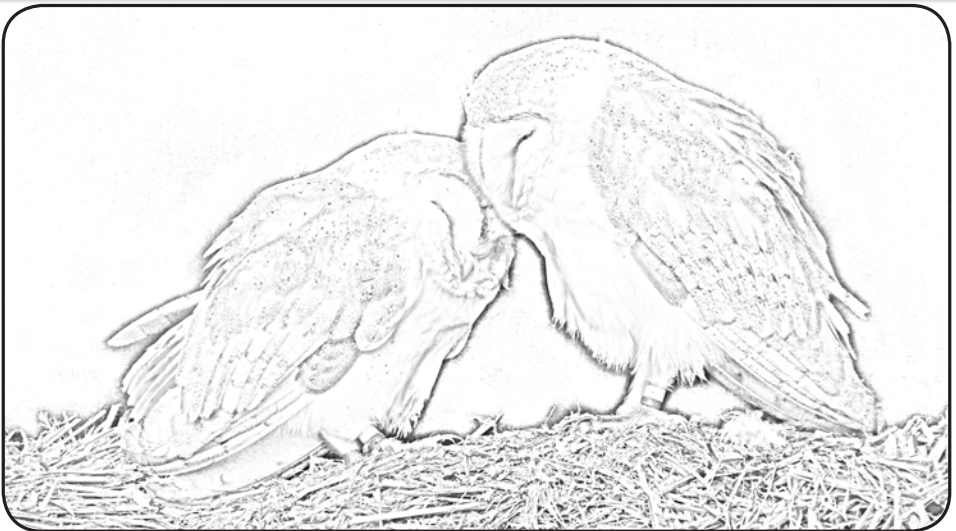
The Flyer



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Welcome to the Spring 2016 edition of The Flyer! In this issue, we have some great Barn Owl facts as well as a couple of puzzles to get you thinking. For starters, why not colour in the photo below of Hazel and Valentine, two of our sanctuary birds, roosting together.

Colour me in!



We Want Your Ideas!

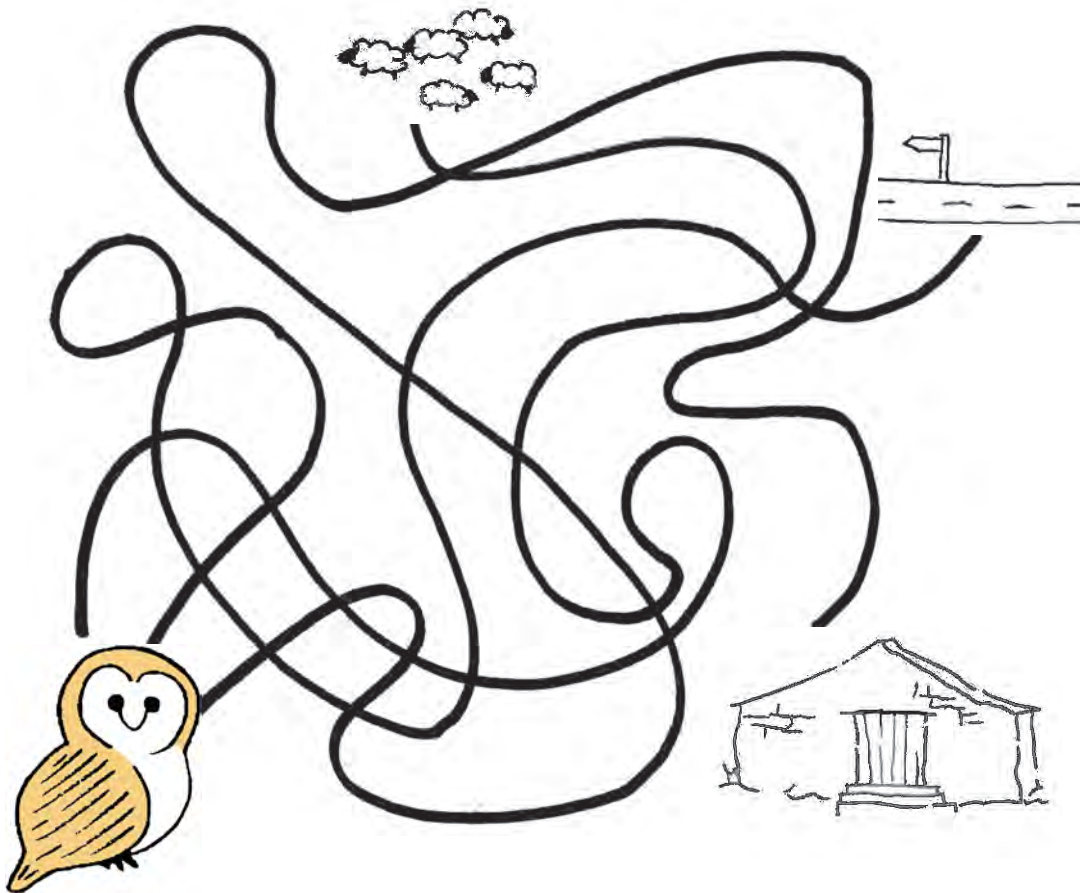
Flyer is a magazine put together especially for you, our Junior Friends. If you **have any ideas** for what you would like to see in future issues of The Flyer, let us know! You can **e-mail us** on info@barnowltrust.org.uk. We would love to hear from you!



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Squiggle Maze!

Can you help Barn Owl find her way home to the barn?



Spotlight on Tom



Tom arrived at the Trust in September 2003.

He came into us with a badly broken left wing. Unfortunately, this did not heal very well so he became a resident in our sanctuary.

We think Tom is about 13 years old but with him being born in the wild we can't know for certain. Despite not being able to fly, he is always determined to try!

You can adopt Tom or any of our sanctuary Barn Owls. Visit the website to find out more!



From Egg to Owl!



The pictures above show a Barn Owl's growing journey but they are in the wrong order!

Can you put them in the right order in the spaces below?

Barn Owls take quite a long time to grow up compared to other birds. They start to move around at about 2 weeks old but don't start trying to fly until 7 weeks. Although they look fully grown at 10 weeks old they may not leave the nest completely until 14 weeks old!



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10 weeks

1 week

3 weeks

5 weeks

7 weeks

Did you know?

Barn Owls have a comb on their middle toe that they use to comb the feathers around their face!

We can sometimes use this comb as a way to tell how old a Barn Owl is. Owlets don't have a comb when they first hatch. It grows over the years and gets more notches in it as they get older.



Owl story



'Owl' appears 21 times in this story – can you find them all? We've highlighted one answer for you so you know what to look for!

Floating Down the Canal

The narrow boat gently floated down the canal, her name proudly painted across her bow – Great Grey Owl. At the tiller Mr Bubo looked across the lowlands where a crowd of birdwatchers were watching a meadowlark – an impossible migrant. He raised his hand in the air to acknowledge them but most were looking the other way. Mr Bubo growled an uncomplimentary comment. Meanwhile, in the tree, the Tawny Owl scowled at the scene.

On the other side of the canal a cricket match was underway. The bowler thundered down the pitch and tossed the ball which the batsman slowly raised his bat to – and missed. A yell went up from the fielders which caused all the wildfowl along the canal to take off with a whoosh.



Mr Bubo's dog was prowling along the tow path. He did not like the look of the birdwatchers much and made a deep growling noise in his throat although he did not really mean it. When he did not get the attention he thought he deserved he put his head in the air and let out a long, penetrating howl.

The boat slid shadowlike towards the bank narrowly missing a post before coming to a halt and Mr Bubo jumped carefully off and tied the boat using a bowline. He slowly went back on board and collected a towel to dry the dog before giving it a bowlful of food. The dog promptly got slobber all over his jowls and had to be wiped clean again.

Mr Bubo put the bowl away and closed all the shutters on the boat to make it look windowless and then both he and the dog wandered off down the path to find some lunch.

How many did you find?

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