

# The STONHAM SCREECHER

Summer 2016



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**Cobweb's Corner**



**Hello!**

My name is Auckland and I am a Boobook Owl. I live at the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary with lots of my owlie friends. Here are some Boobook facts:

Although I live at the owl sanctuary, Boobooks are not naturally found in Britain - we are from Australia and Tasmania

We are the smallest Australian mainland owl - we are about 30cms long and weigh about the same as two cricket balls!!

In Australia, the early settlers of New South Wales called us Mopoke Owls, Cuckoo Owls or Spotted Hawk Owls.

We have fantastic eyesight and hearing - we can catch moths and bats in mid air!!

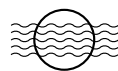
We look similar to a British Tawny Owl, with dark brown plumage streaked with white and bright yellow eyes.

Male Boobooks do not help to incubate eggs, but after young have hatched, they will help to feed them.

Because our cry sounds so sad, a common saying in Australia is "don't be a mopoke!" meaning don't be grumpy or unhappy.

**Got a question?? ASK AN OWL!**

**Do you have any questions about Owls or other Birds of Prey? Cobweb the Barn Owl is happy to answer and will personally respond to your letter or email with an answer!**



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# Hello to Harry

Harry Studd is a trainee falconer at the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary. He is learning how to train and care for the owls and other birds of prey.

Harry became interested in falconry after completing some work experience at the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary about 5 years ago.

Harry's days are very busy - he helps the other falconers with all their daily tasks - from cleaning aviaries to feeding injured birds in the hospital.



Here, he is fitting Lincoln the Bald Eagle with leather jesses and anklets so that he can be flown from the glove.

During summer, he will fly the owls and other birds of prey in demonstrations, and talk to the public about them.

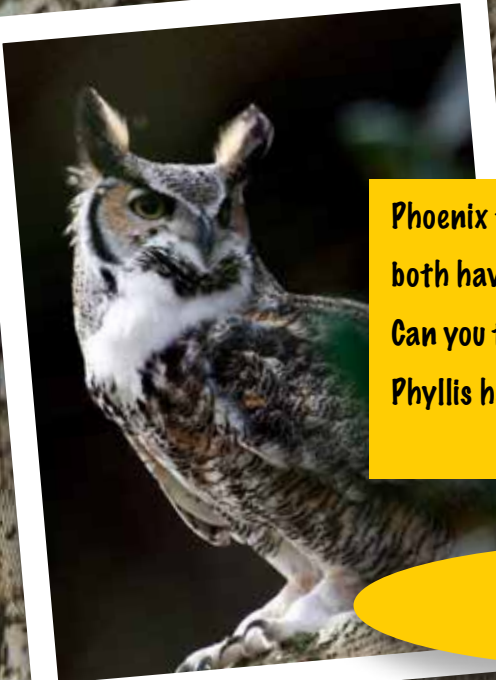
As well as all his other jobs, Harry is personally responsible for the Harris' Hawk, Melvin.

Harry has trained Melvin for fieldwork. When he has to work out in the fields, Melvin will "follow on" close by in the trees.

Getting to know a bird's character is the most satisfying part of his job.



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Phoenix the Great Horned Owl and Phyllis the Spectacled Owl

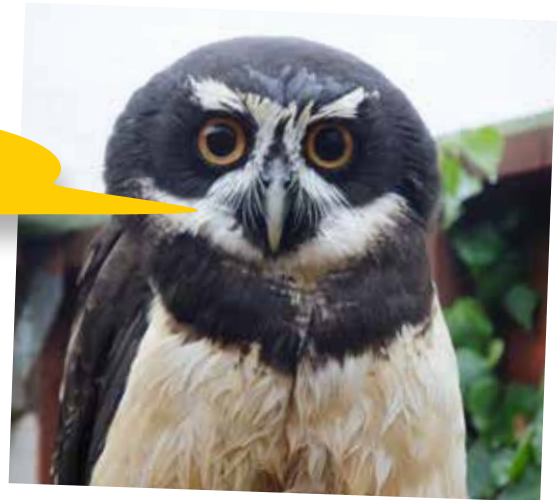
both have names that contain an "f" sound which is spelled with a "ph" !!

Can you think of 6 other words that contain an "f" sound which is spelled with a "ph" ?

Phyllis has done the first one for you:

1. Alphabet

2. .... 4. ....  
3. .... 5. ....  
6. ....



## Matt Measures Up!

Head Falconer Matt is building new wooden barriers around the aviaries.



Each plank of wood used is 3 meters long.

How many planks will Matt need to build a fence 9 metres long? .....

How many planks will he need to build a fence 15 metres long? .....

How many planks will he need to build a fence 27 metres long? .....

If every plank costs £3.50, how much will it cost Matt to build a fence 12 metres long? .....