

AN IMAGINARY CONVERSATION WITH A DONKEY

I met this donkey in a small paddock at Norton Lindsey, he was very proud of his surroundings and home and kindly invited me to look over his little bungalow.

It was a building of substantial brickwork, with battered outside walls, and on entering this cosy single room of about 15'x 9' one noticed it had been well heated as there were the remains of twelve fireplaces and to prove they had at one time been used there was vitrified brickwork above them. The donkey commented that he much preferred his new corrugated iron roof to the old brick one as it was safer and kept him so much drier, he also liked his new concrete floor as it was so very easy to keep clean. He also loved his little sunken paddock (former clay pit), which protected him from the winds and is now covered with luscious grass.

I asked if he would reveal his address to me so I could write a thank you letter and others could come and see him. He said it had a name and a very long number, which he kindly gave. The Brickyard, O/S. 222 635 Curlieu Lane, NORTON LINDSEY.

(PS. This kiln and old clay pit are very visible from roadside gateway).

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