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looking very cute rather than the majestic creature she is now. I then returned in November, became a member and then in March this year was an "Owl keeper for the day" with Wulf the Head Keeper. It was then that I realised that WOT would always be part of my life. In June I helped out at Patchings Arts and Craft festival in North Nottingham where WOT had a stall at the invitation of Linda Wain, a local artist and patron of WOT. I became an official volunteer and spent three days with Sparky, our ambassador Barn Owl, on my arm.

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