

## 24<sup>th</sup> December - Donkey



Originally the English word donkey was pronounced 'dunkey' and rhymed with monkey. Donkeys and human beings have lived alongside each other for thousands of years and many people in the world are still every bit as dependent upon their donkeys as the Holy Family were that very first Christmas when they made the journey to Bethlehem. Donkeys evolved in desert surroundings and are far better adapted to conditions in the Middle East and other hot, arid environments than horses. One perk of being designed for desert life is the ability to eat tough and unappetising vegetation, they're quite prepared to eat thistles (and possibly even Brussel Sprouts....surely somebody out there must like them?).