



Ansty PYO & Farm Shop



May 2018 News

Picking News

The Asparagus Season has just begun! The sun is here and so is the asparagus! On Saturday we picked 2 bunches and on Monday we picked about 10!!! Please watch the weather – on lovely sunny days we will have an increasing amount and if the weather gets colder it will slow up! At the mo it is best to phone and order! The main British season is relatively short so please enjoy now! Steamed, baked, added to risotto's or stir fries. You can't beat the taste and flavour of freshly picked asparagus – picked and eaten on the same day! The Rhubarb is now in peak pick! Excellent for stewing, baked with orange, made into a cake or for freezing for the winter months! Now is the time to stock up the freezer! The exceptionally popular purple sprouting has sped up again and is still doing well – available daily in the Shop.



Chicken Update

Our 120 new girls have settled in well and are exceptionally friendly. We think they are the friendliest bunch yet! The egg size has gone up quite quickly from small to medium. Mediums are on special offer for a short while – buy 2 boxes for £2.90. The yolks are an amazing golden yellow and are making the most perfect poached eggs! Last years girls are now available for sale. Quite a few have gone already so if you are interested please give us a call on 01747 829072.



Gardening Bits!

We have in stock a good selection of Mr Fothergill's Vegetable and Flower Seeds. Plus a good local compost, ideal for all those seed plantings and an organic horse manure, perfect for giving the soil a boost! Plus 4ft, 6ft and 8ft garden canes. It might be time to stock up on the Dorset Charcoal – getting prepared for those summer barbecues!

New Breads

K and Pete have been experimenting with some new dough. Several of our lovely customers have been asking for brioche so K has been trialling some Brioche buns! Pete has made a few spelt and honey loaves. Both are really tasty and we will be starting to bake a few of both on Saturdays. We also have some "light rye" flour to try. Watch this space!!



May Opening Times:

Tuesday – Saturday:
9.30am – 5.30pm
Closed Sunday & Monday
Tel: 01747 829072

Ansty Kitchens - Cooking News

Having finally finished all of the spring pruning it is time to catch up on the ready meal cooking. We now have our yummy fish pie in stock, creamy beef & mushroom stroganoff, cottage pie, pork & olive in red wine sauce and squash & goats cheese crumble. Quiches are very popular at the moment. In the freezer at the mo we have smoked trout and broccoli, pepper & mushroom and red onion & goats cheese. Next on the bake list are roulades!! Don't forget we have a great supply of our own frozen fruits! Great to thaw and put on breakfast cereals or for your own baking treats! We use our own frozen raspberries and summer berry mix in our delicious award winning roulades.

Farm News

Thankfully the rain stopped long enough to get the spuds in! It's going to be a late season, but if we had got them in early they would probably have rotted away with all the rain! Ditto with the onion sets! They are now all planted too! Robin is getting the ground ready for another line of asparagus crowns to go in, giving it a good mulching. Then it will be time to work on the up keep of the table top strawberries. Our youngest members of the team were busy grass cutting all weekend and the farm looks very neat! It has been a tough season doing all the Spring pruning: snow, driving rain and freezing, but it is now finally finished! Not helped by our suppliers sending just 2 boxes of staples for the pruning tags when we ordered 2 x boxes of 10! Big difference between 2 and 20!! They have now arrived so we can finish tidying up the raspberry, loganberry and blackberry canes! A daily job now is asparagus cutting!

Wedding Cake tins and numbered Cake Tins for Hire

Tins of all shapes and sizes - round, square, petal, heart, octagonal, numbers, etc. Tins for hire for £2.50 for 3 days or K can cook them for you!



New in the Shop!

One of our lovely card "drawers" popped in and brought in some new cards. A great set of small note cards and some great little charm necklaces. Makes a fab small gift!



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WILTSHIRE LIFE

AWARDS 2018 WINNER



Yeah we won!! We briefly mentioned it in the last newsletter but we thought we'd share some more pictures!! The lovely Charlotte (in the pic above) very kindly nominated us for the Best Farm/Village Shop in Wiltshire in the Wiltshire Life Awards. We were invited to the amazing awards ceremony at STEAM, the steam museum in Swindon and among some very tough competition we picked up the top award. A huge thanks to Charlotte, Wiltshire Life, the judges, my wonderful shop team and all of you lot for your great support and making us what we are!! Also many thanks for all your lovely kind words and congratulation messages that we have received! If anyone else wants to nominate us for any other awards, we'd be delighted!!