



Ansty PYO & Farm Shop



October 2017



Picking News

The sweetcorn has been amazingly delicious this year! The season is nearing the end so please munch madly whilst we still have it! Robin is cutting our own cauliflowers and they are scrumptious. We are still picking plenty of runner beans, some great pointed cabbages and wonderful leeks. We have started to harvest a few pumpkins and squashes. Including the spaghetti squash – which will be trickling into the shop over the next few weeks. They are really yummy – chop in half, scoop the seeds out and add a little butter, salt and pepper and roast till soft. Once cooked, run a fork through the soft flesh and it resembles spaghetti – absolutely delicious and really easy to prepare. The crown prince and onion squash crop looks really good – excellent roasted or fantastic for making soup. We are also picking courgettes, beetroot, spinach & cabbages. The spuds have all been harvested. Sacks are now available in the shop: Maris Piper, Desiree, Maris Bard and Nadine to name a few varieties. We are also still picking Autumn raspberries and a few blackberries. Jackie is still picking strawberries and the flavour is amazing! Its a great time of year for really fresh fruit and veg!

Farm News

The raspberries, logan, tays and blackberries are all pruned and the new canes are safely tied on to the wires. Robin and Gilbert have chopped back the table top strawberries and they are looking very neat and tidy! George did a super job at mowing all the pathways last weekend! Gilbert is busy tidying up the Christmas Tree patch. Next big job is to harvest all the pumpkins and squashes.



Ansty Kitchens - Cooking News

Apples galore! K's Grandmother has an orchard at her home in Somerset so we are busy doing all sorts of apple baking! Apple pies, moist apple cake and a new creation K's Bramley Apple Frangipane tart. A crisp pastry base with a thick layer of bramley apples, covered with an almond frangipane topping mixed with cinnamon and sultanas. A great mid week warming pudding treat!

Lots has been made this month: on the savoury front: salmon fishcakes, lasagne, courgette and mushroom quiche (to name a very few)! On the sweet front: oodles of cake, chocolate roulades, white chocolate and raspberry cheesecake. We are having a slight issue on the rapidly increasing price of the butter and cream. Unfortunately this is pushing up the prices of the shortbread and various puddings. We could go down the cheaper foreign route but that is not us! We much prefer local and quality! We are doing our best but we will watch this situation closely.

Please note seasonal changes to our opening hours: We are now closed on Mondays. Sundays we are open 10am to 1pm.

October Opening Times:

Tuesday –Saturday 9.30am – 5.30pm
Sunday: 10am – 1pm. Closed Mondays

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The Pumpkin Patch!

The pumpkin fields are a carpet of foliage at the mo! From the outside the crop is looking good!

Our fab recommendations this month:

Spiced Pear Chutney - Compton McRae - from Bowerchalke.

Helens lamb (from Alvediston) in the freezer.

Chorizo sausage roll - slightly spicy - full of flavour.

Coquilles St Jacques - an easy, quick and delicious meal!



We couldn't resist taking this photo of one of our lovely customers shopping basket, stuffed full of Ansty yumminess!

Our yummy pizza is not only made here but is also made using the most delicious local ingredients - our own tomatoes and onions, plus Wyke Farms mature cheddar cheese.



Hens The girls are laying really well and we have a good supply of large and extra large eggs. Brilliant for scrambled egg, omelette and cake baking!



Local Community News:

Seven Dorset Schools Young Singers and Musicians Charity Concert @ Sherborne Abbey - Thursday 12th October, 7pm. In aid of The Royal British Legion and The Countryside Alliance Foundation.

Guggleton Farm Gallery - Exhibition of Landscape & Figurative Paintings & Drawings by Angela van Oss and Rebecca Stanley. Sculpture featuring crushed leaf, glass and flamed wood. Sat 7th-Sun 15th October. 11am - 5pm.

Swallowcliffe Quiz & Curry Night, Saturday 14th October @ the village hall. 7.30pm. Tickets £9.

An evening with Crispin Black, Saturday 14th October @ the New Remembrance Hall, Charlton. 6pm.

West Side Story - Interest Evening @ Shaftesbury Arts Centre - 19th October. 7.30pm.

Michaelmas Fair at Port Regis School. Thursday 26th Oct: 12 - 7 and Friday 27th October 10 - 4.

Escape or Die - An illustrated talk by Paul Cordle about King Charles II's escape and exile after the Battle of Worcester 1651 @ Dinton Village Hall, Friday 17th November, 7pm.

All the above delights are advertised in the Farm Shop. For more info please come and look at the display posters or give us a ring.

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