



Ansty PYO & Farm Shop

July 2016 News



Fruit Picking News

Strawberries and Gooseberries are in full and amazing pick. The strawberries are at their best now – very easy picking! Next week we will open up the table tops for picking. Super easy picking without bending. Thank goodness we have them all sheeted down to protect them from the rain. We just have to keep checking them to check the wind hasn't taken them off! Raspberries have also started to ripen. This variety, Glen Moy is great for freezing, jamming or eating. So perfect for munching now or excellent for freezing down for the winter months. Loganberries, tayberries, blackberries, white currants, pink currants, black currants and red currants, are on the cusp of being ready – days away! The first loganberries are turning red now!



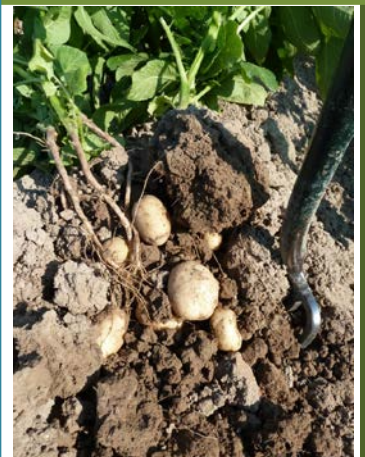
Vegetables

Our freshly dug new potatoes are delicious – the skins just come away in your fingers. Broad beans are also on main pick. We are almost ready to go from lot 1 to lot 2. We also have fresh globe artichokes.

Beetroot coming soon.

Farm News

Planting galore! The pumpkin and squash plants are going in as we write. Grass cutting is a constant job! The runner beans are next on the plant out list (very late!). The sweetcorn plants are looking strong and should be a fine crop. The new growth of the tayberry, loganberry and blackberries are being tied up – if the wind stops snapping them off!!! Oh and the weeds are growing really well too this year and there is a mighty fine crop of slugs which are playing havoc!!!! The joys of gardening!!



Summer Gardening

We have just had a fresh delivery of compost available in small, medium and giant bags. Plus garden canes: 4, 6 and 8 feet. Not forgetting plenty of local charcoal for all that summer BBQ'ing. The Dorset Charcoal man brought in extra large bags this week – 10kg – get ready for that Great British Summer Season of BBQ'ing – lets hope we didn't miss it!!

July Opening Times:

Tuesday – Saturday: 9.30am – 5.30pm Sunday & Monday: 10.00am – 4.00pm



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Ansty Kitchens - Cooking News

We are trying to keep up with the demand for roulades!! K is now making fresh strawberry and raspberry roulades – very popular! Strawberry roulades for orders only though! We have also had time to experiment with elderflower cordial. K has been kindly given a brilliant recipe from Esme's Mum – hence it is now labelled "Mummy Esme's Elderflower Cordial". (K is going to try not to promote it too much in the shop though as she really likes it herself!!!!). We also tried a gooseberry and elderflower crumble cake! The taste trials went well but there is still room for improvement. The crumbley bit was a bit too crumbley!! OK for a pudding but a bit messy for a cake!! Any ideas anyone!! Quiche, cakes and slices are whizzing out! We have topped up the freezer with lasagnes!

New members to Team Ansty!

We warmly welcome Esmé and Sarah to our team for the summer. Esmé is at Anglia Ruskin Uni studying Animal Behaviour and home is in Semley. Sarah has just finished A Levels at Shaftesbury and is due to study Psychology at Warwick Uni. Home is in Shaftesbury.



Eggs & Bantams

The new girls are laying well. They are laying about 60:40, large and medium. The yolk colour is an amazing orangey yellow. Some years we have a few problems with this with the new girls, but this year we seem to have got them on track straight away. Maybe it has something to do with appalling weather!

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Events coming up!

The Chalke Valley History Festival this Saturday and Sunday – we are having a strawberries stand and taking lots of cake slices!

7th, 8th and 9th July – Strawberries & Cream at the Falstaff Chronicle Production.

Tuesday 19th July – we're having a stall in the grounds of Exeter Cathedral at Food Fair on the Green. Hopefully we are going to meet a very special guest. Fingers crossed and more news on this one to follow!!

Village Events

Sunday 3rd July – The Annual Drumhead Service at East Farm Fovant. 3pm.

7th, 8th and 9th July – the Falstaff Chronicles, by Tisbury Arts Group @ The Commandery, Ansty. 7.30pm. Strawberries and cream supplied by Ansty Farm Shop!!

Saturday 23rd July – Pete Allan Jazz Band. International Jazz Clarinettist in the Thatched Barn at The Grange, Winterbourne Dauntsey, Saisbury. Tickets £20 in aid of Hope For Homes.

Sunday 24th July – Tea Tasting and Cream Tea @ The Grange, Winterbourne Dauntsey. 3 – 6pm.

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