



# Ansty PYO & Farm Shop



## May 2017 News

### Picking News

**The Asparagus Season is here!** Enjoy this scrummy delicacy now as the season is so short. Only 7 weeks left already! Super steamed or lightly roasted. Great on its own, dipped in one our poached eggs, soup or throw it in an early summer quiche. The Rhubarb has been doing phenomenally well but is just about to go on its early summer break! If you want any for the freezer then please grab now! We should be picking a very few strawberries in the poly tunnel this weekend! Keep an eye out for those! We are picking Spring cabbages and lovely small caulis. The exceptionally popular purple sprouting is slowly heading towards the end of season..



Busy at work, bunching our freshly picked asparagus.

### Frozen Yummies!

Our really popular unproven croissants and pain au chocolate are back in stock on Tuesday. Also other breakfast treats: pain au apricot and chocolate twists. Plus the really delicious and easy to cook Coquilles St Jacques and chicken Kiev's.



### Charity Bookcase

There are some great books on the shelves at the mo. A very kind soul brought all these sets in! Come and have a browse. All for great charities!

### 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!

### Numbered Cake Tins for Hire

Whatever number Birthday you are celebrating in your family we have the number cakes for you! Tins for hire for £2.50 for 3 days or K will cook them for you at £15 per number.

### Chicken Update

The new girls have settled in well and are exceptionally friendly. The egg size has gone up quite quickly from small to medium. Mediums are on special offer for a short while of buy 2 boxes for £2.70. The yolks are an amazing golden yellow and are making the most perfect poached eggs! As of going to press we have about 10 more of last years lovelies left for sale. They have been flying (!) out!! Please phone if you are interested as they are going cluckly.



### May Opening Times:

Tuesday – Saturday: 9.30am – 5.30pm  
Closed Sunday & Monday  
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## Ansty Kitchens - Cooking News

After K's little blip she is now back in the kitchen! A massive THANK YOU to Helen and Tracy who helped out in the cooking department to help K lighten the load! Tracy has made the meringues, Jamaican crunches and chocolate squidgys for us for years so she brilliantly made extra for us. Helen has been a friend for years and on asking if there was anything she could do to help was met with quite a specific task - "Soup making"!!! Don't think that was the expected answer to her lovely question, but ...! 2 soups later and a mighty delicious beef and root vegetable stew (in our shop freezer), we are indebted forever! MASSIVE THANKS you two! Whilst we are on the subject, a quick health update!! Thank you so much for all your lovely wishes, support, flowers, cake and cards. A real boost when I was not feeling too great and really appreciated! The good news is I haven't had another one and the great news is I feel much better! Still a bit tired but not constantly sleeping!! More tests on the 10<sup>th</sup> so fingers crossed! Two more people I want to thank are Di and Jemima! Di returned as a favour at very quick notice as an SOS to help out and stepped right into the breach and Jemima should be studying for exams but has brilliantly stayed to help man the tills. Love you both!!!!

Back to cooking news! We have been busy catching up with roulades and now have plenty of raspberry roulades and chocolate! Cakes are whizzing out at the mo! Lemon as always and carrot too! Beef lasagne was made last week and is readily available in the freezer. We also entered the Great Taste Awards (3 days after my blip!). Raspberry and Amaretto roulade, 5 seed, white chocolate & raspberry fudge and lamb and prune tagine. Fingers crossed on these and we'll keep you posted!

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## Jackie and K's Recommendations:

Fresh meat pies are in this Tuesday, steak & kidney, steak and ale and chicken & ham hock. Stokes Mayo, Stokes lemon mayo and Stokes Chicken coronation sauce are ordered and coming very soon!

## Farm News

Robin and Gilbert are busy getting ready for the arrival of the first 60 day fruiting strawberry plants. Repairing the tables, by changing out rotten posts and getting the supporting netting in place. Grass mowing is also another weekly job eagerly carried out by our younger members of the team! K is busy working on her little hobby - the herb garden. Bind weed is taking over so it is an endless job. The sweet peas did not enjoy the frosts!!!! Jim has been busy racking out the rest of the barn. We are all neat and tidy now and it is much easier to get at everything! Thank you husband!!

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