



Ansty PYO & Farm Shop



October 2016



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! Pumpkins and squashes are now in. Such an easy veg to prepare. The little round gem stores, the brightly coloured harlequins and loads of meal sized butternut squashes. Brilliant roasted or for soup. We are still picking a few runner beans, plus courgettes, marrows, beetroot, spinach, cabbage, kale, black Tuscan. We are currently spud lifting, big bags of spuds are now available. It's not been the best spud year – slugs galore – so the crop will not be as prolific as normal. We are also still picking the Autumn strawberries, red raspberries, yellow raspberries and blackberries.

Farm News

The raspberries are all pruned and the new growth is safely tied on to the wires. Lottie is pruning out this years loganberries and blackberries (on Saturdays). Robin and Gilbert have chopped back the table top strawberries and have crown thinned them for a better crop next year. It's been a really good growing year for weeds so that is a constant battle!! Grass cutting is still an ongoing job – mainly carried out by Jake and George. The current jobs are getting the rest of the pumpkins in and finishing the potato harvest!



Ansty Kitchens - Cooking News

Now the raspberry pruning is finished its back in the kitchen full time for K!! The ready meal freezer has had a complete re fill!! Moussaka, fish pie, fish lasagne, lasagne, fish cakes and pork and apricot tagine last week. Cottage pie and Butternut squash and goats cheese crumble this week!! We have been really busy doing all sorts of cooking for lovely people. Puddings for a wedding party, massive Birthday cakes, lots of roulades for various parties, quiches made to order, cakes for the Woolley & Wallis stand at Romsey Show, cakes for Tisbury Cub Camp at the end of the summer holidays, 250 scones for the Berwick Country Fayre! Thank you to everyone for your orders!! We have experimented with a lemon and lime cheesecake – the family give it the thumbs up – but we await customer comments!! We did really well in the Taste of the West Awards this year, winning Gold for our Ameretto, almond and raspberry roulade, silver for mince pies and highly commended for our Eccles and 5 seed bread.

Hens The girls are laying well, but seem reluctant to lay any extra large eggs!! We have a ready supply of medium and large at the mo, but XL's are extremely few and far between. Not good for us, but very sensible laying from the girls!! The yolks are an amazing shade of yellowy orange.

Changes in Opening Hours for this month: Advanced warning due to a few family commitments we will be closing on Sundays for a few weeks! We will be open Sunday 30th Oct from 10am – 1pm for last minute pumpkins!!

October Opening Times:

Tuesday – Saturday 9.30am – 5.30pm

Closed Sunday and Mondays

Apart from Sunday 30th Oct: 10am – 1pm

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The Crop Circle definitely made the end of the summer season an interesting one! Thank you to everyone who came to see this amazing bit of field art. Some are saying it is the best one ever! We met a lot of very lovely and interesting people over the few weeks it was there, but also unfortunately a few less than lovely people! People have come up with all sorts of theories and misquotations!! But at the end of day it is a wonderful piece of work (that K can most definitely not take the credit for!!) and we raised a great sum for charity! £1107.16 for the Stars Appeal and £1275 split between Wiltshire and Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance.

Taste of the West Food Fair on the Green @ Exeter Cathedral

K decided it would be a good idea to go to this! With the help of her wonderful cousin they packed up for the day to head to Exeter with loads of lovely goodies! It turned out to be the hottest day in the Summer! The gooseberries on display actually cooked in the punnets!! Also we discovered something very strange – several people asked us if we were from Ansty in Devon and on replying “no” they ambled off!! Even though we are part of the Taste of the West we apparently were not local enough!! But then look who rocked on up!!



Logs We have plenty of well seasoned bags of logs and kindling for this autumn and winter season. Excellent for open fires or chopped small ideal for log burners.

Local Community News:

Chalke Valley Challenge 10km or 3km Fun Run. Sunday 16th October at 10.30am at Broadchalke sports centre.

The Mill singers, Saturday 22nd October, 7.30pm @ Berwick St John Church. Tickets £8, 01747 829179.

Michaelmas Fair at Port Regis School. Thursday 27th Oct: 12 – 7 and Friday 28th October 10 – 4.

Quiz and Curry Evening Saturday 22nd October @ Swallowcliffe Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £8.50 inc curry and wine.

More info on all the above in the Shop Window!

We had a fantastic PYO season this year! Some great summer picking!

New Yumminess in the Shop:
We love Kernow Cornish Chocolate: sea salt, eton mess or dark orange!

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