

June Newsletter



Here we are into June already, where do the months go? The winter vegetables are finished and most of the summer vegetables are slow in growing as a result of the long, cold winter. We have been planting out transplants of brussel sprouts, cabbages, kohlrabi, broccoli, cauliflowers, as well as sowing beetroot, spinach and chard. The weather has been on our side – allowing us to do the planting and then having some much needed rain. As I write this newsletter the polytunnels are being planted out. One with cucumbers, one with aubergines and one with peppers and chillies. In another couple of weeks the winter transplants for kale, green, red and Russian will be arriving. Never a dull moment!

Towards the end of this week we will be starting silage making, which is cutting and chopping the grass and rolling it down in the silage pit, which when full will be covered with black plastic sheets covered in tyres to keep the air out. This grass then pickles and is used for feeding the cattle when they are in the sheds in the winter. So they basically eat grass all year round!! We need between 2,000 – 2,500 tonnes of silage to see the cattle through the winter! The picture top right is the mower which cuts and chops the grass.

With summer round the corner, can we remind you all that any changes to your usual order ***MUST*** be given to the office by 5.00 pm on a Monday of the week in question. This does not seem to be happening with some of you and although there are some reasons which we perfectly understand, we would like to know your holiday dates in plenty of time to avoid wasting the vegetables. We will be imposing our cancellation charge for late cancellations, so please avoid this by letting us know in time.

Our new young boar, 'Patch' has recently fathered his first litter of piglets from one of our home-bred sows. She had 7 little piglets, all covered in black spots. If you would like to come and see them, they are up the steps by the postbox by the entrance to Court Farm (by Luddesdown Church) and just past the polytunnels. Do not attempt to cross the electric fence as the sow will be very protective of her litter.

We are now making plans for our annual Open Day, picture of the farmyard above, which this year will take place on Saturday 24th July. If there are any customers out there who would like to take a stand at this year's event, please get in touch with us, details below. We look forward to some new stalls.

This month's meat offer is 15% discount on all boned and rolled joints, both beef and pork, so please tell us if you want an order. All other cuts are available as usual, and we will shortly be making up BBQ packs.

.Wishing you all a happy summer from everyone at the farm.

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