



Mantel Farm Shop - 01424 830357

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**Chicken Boarding, Garden Farming
and Smallholding Specialists**

Catsfield, Near Battle, East Sussex, TN33 9BN

Farm shop opening hours - Thu, Fri, Sun 10am-4pm

**You can also pre-purchase items online for collection during the
above hours and also on Thursday evenings between 4pm-7pm**

**We now offer a FREE local delivery service to Catsfield Village,
Ninfield Village and Bexhill postcodes TN39 and TN40**



JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Dear...

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A New Year...

January, as unpredictable as ever, both weather and business - riding a rollercoaster of ups and downs, busy one minute, raining the next! Just last week we took down the Christmas wreath from inside the shop door - was it still there because we were so busy or that we were so pre-occupied with the new year's list of 'things to do' that we just hadn't noticed?



People often ask what are our plans for the year? Well 2014 past very quickly for us with lots of changes made to the business and many things happening in our family life, so at the moment we have no particularly adventurous plans, although we have plenty

of small'ish' ideas and improvements to make and I'm sure you will see things happening through the year. The focus for us this year is to have time to enjoy what we are doing, maybe make some upgrades around the farm but take time along the way to notice those spring bulbs flowering (and stinging nettles swamping the vegetable patch!).. So plans? - similar to last year really, hang on to our little patch of traditional life in our ever rushing world!

I'm sure many of you have got to know Chris over the last year, and we are sad to say he is leaving us in a couple of week's time. Chris has been working in the shop on a Thursday and Friday morning, but also doing loads of work behind the scenes, keeping all the chickens and other animals happy - it's been great having him here and we wish him all the best in his new career (and who knows we may see him here again if we can tempt him back for the odd day!).

Joining us is Dan, who some of you may have met before; Dan worked here on and off for several years when he was at School and College, doing odd jobs and serving in the shop. Now working full time and with loads of animal care knowledge Dan will be joining us again to manage our animals and carry out a sales apprenticeship so we welcome him again to Mantel Farm.

It's now one year since we started our newsletters and social media sites and we hope you are finding them interesting, our offers and promotions worthwhile... dont forget we always appreciate your input and feedback.

Our local weather forecast for February

Tim's weather forecast with thanks from - www.sussexanglingmedia.co.uk :

We've survived without any really cold weather so far this winter, but not for long. The general forecast for the next week or so is for an icy blast to hit us and last through the first week of February. Very likely we'll have snow and ice so it's best to just stock up on wood for your fire and hay, straw and provisions for your animals (all from Mantel Farm of course - well except the wood) and enjoy it while it lasts.

The winds will swing round to the north on Thursday and are threatening to be quite strong so it will be bitterly cold. Our chickens always find snow a mystifying experience but one thing you will notice is the tracks of our friend

"Reynard" around your chicken run. Interesting that although the vixens are mostly underground giving birth now there are plenty of youngsters and dog foxes on the prowl.

As for the bees - well they'll be in deep hibernation and let's hope the queen is strong and survives the worst of it.

The one ray of light is that February is a short month and the daffs are now showing so spring is not far away (we hope).



More weather forecasting here <http://www.sussexanglingmedia.co.uk/#/weather/4553707795>

Special Offers, New Products and Services:



Loyalty Scheme

ALL 5kg and 20kg feeds now available on our loyalty scheme:

Our loyalty scheme has been very popular so we are now offering a card on all 5kg and 20kg bags of feed

Buy 10 bags to receive your 11th bag free of charge. Just ask for your card in our shop.

FREE Mealworms with 5kg Treat Feeds

With the cold and wet weather this time of year it is great to give your birds something to look forward to, so during February we are running a special offer on our range of treat feeds:

Buy a 5kg bag of the following feeds and receive a £2.95 tub of mealworms for free!

- 5kg Mixed Corn £3.25
- 5kg Super Mixed Corn £4.00
- 5kg Kibbled Maize £4.00
- 5kg Sunflower Hearts £6.50



Deliveries to Kent

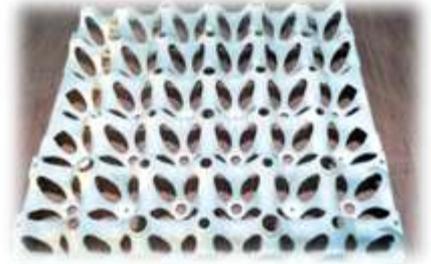


Our Business ventures are now regularly taking us to the Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge and Paddock Wood area of Kent,

So if you live in this area and would like a delivery made please enquire

Special Offer on Plastic Egg Trays

We find plastic egg trays are ideal for collecting and storing eggs, especially in the winter when any dirty trays can simply be popped in the dishwasher!



So this month we are offering 5 trays for just £4.50
(normal retail price £1.25each)

Thinking of Beekeeping in 2015?



If you are considering Beekeeping or just interested in how it is done, then why not pop along to a local event or training session?

Crowhurst Horticultural Society are holding a lecture evening with a local beekeeper in Crowhurst Village Hall on **Friday 20th February**, from 7:30pm all are welcome and there will be light refreshments, honey and a selection of flower and vegetable seeds for sale. £4 for non members. Tickets in advance only, now available from Mary on 01424 774102

Hastings & Rother Beekeeping Society are holding an introductory session at Ivyland Farm, Netherfield on **Saturday 28th February**, 10am – 4pm. Covering the basics of beekeeping this informal session will cover any questions you need to ask before keeping bees. Just £10, more information is available from Jill at: train@hastingsandrotherbee.org

Events Page 2015

Our Training and events page has now been set up for the year, so if you would like to see when local events are planned through the coming year then why not take a look:

This page will be regularly updated, so if you are planning an event why not let us know and we will include it for you.



http://mantelfarmshop.co.uk/epages/950003783.sf/en_GB/?ObjectPath=/Shops/950003783/Categories/Training_Courses_Events/Events

With best wishes

From Kerry, Jason & all at Mantel Farm

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