

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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Autumn preparations...

With Autumn now here it's the time of year to carry out health checks to make sure all our animals are in top condition before the winter arrives, and it's been great to be able to take advantage of recent sunny days to make a start.

Each poultry house is given a thorough clean and soaked in Poultry Shield, just to make sure there are no pests hiding after a warm and wet summer has given ideal conditions for them to thrive. We then continue with regular sprays throughout the winter just to make sure the hen houses are completely free of any pests before the next breeding season begins. With the number of hens we keep here it takes some time, the only way we have managed to keep our hen housing pest free for many years, so it's a routine we will continue.

Over the next few months we will feature a health product in this newsletter and to start we felt we had to promote NopexBK: We treat all our birds with Nopex (a product many of you will be aware of) throughout the year, regularly as a preventative product and more specifically as required to treat various conditions and ailments. As we approach Autumn this is always a good time to step up the action.



Over recent years we have seen more and more poultry treatments on the market and they all have their uses, however after trying many of these products we always find ourselves returning to use Nopex:

NopexBK was created by local company Allicin International. It gives chickens a number of important but completely natural benefits. Garlic has been used for thousands of years for its health giving and disease tackling properties, being one of nature's wonder-foods, and there are many garlic products available, however Nopex is created from the all important active ingredient 'Allicin' –the key substance of Garlic only created when the structure of a garlic clove is breached, so unlike other garlic products Nopex is not simply a liquid or powdered garlic but stabilised Allicin. Stabilising Allicin is the tricky part, research chemists in the 1940s discovered that when garlic is damaged it creates Allicin to ward-off and destroy bacterial, microbial or insect based aggressors, giving an incredible substance for healing, however frustratingly Allicin is very unstable, rapidly degrading and so difficult to capture. However in the 1980s Peter Josling (of Allicin International) solved the problem and following much research, testing and scientific papers, his products are to his knowledge the only garlic products available that contain stabilised Allicin.

Being based just down the road, Peter approached us several years back to see if we could work together to

use the product in poultry, and NopexBK was launched. We have distributed and used the product since, and now have 3 main products: a liquid for the drinking water, a concentrated capsule formula and a wound spray. We highly recommend Nopex and wouldn't be without it now, and as well as using Nopex routinely through the year as a preventative measure, it is always the first thing we reach for if we see any signs of a poorly hen.

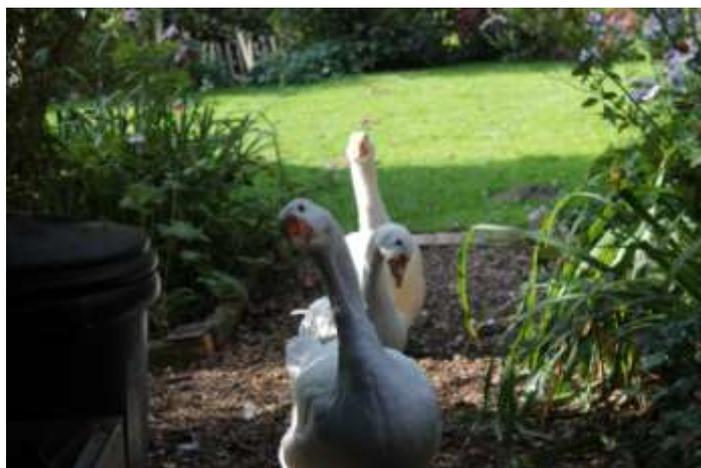
[NopexBK has recently been featured again in 'Practical Poultry magazine' and if you would like to read the full article it is available on our website.](#)



[We are also running a special offer on Nopex through October / November, please click / see below.](#)

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Back to other things here – on Sunday we let the pigs into the bottom pig pen and they spent a happy morning munching through the weeds, and the afternoon sleeping it off in



the sun! The Geese have destroyed our flower beds (why? - first time in several years) but I guess we enjoy their company more than the autumn flowers! The bees have settled into their new Apiary and produced a little honey & the little call ducks are selling well; they are now fully feathered, the girls have developed their quacks and boys grown their curly tails!

Our local weather forecast



Sussex Angling Media have been out and about on their boats this month catching lots of lovely fishies. They haven't had time to prepare their forecast quite yet but if you head over to their website it should be available soon!

www.sussexanglingmedia.co.uk

Special Offers, New Products and Services



NopexBK - Buy a 1Ltr Bottle of liquid to receive a FREE wound spray or pack of capsules

Nopex tonic 1Ltr: £30.00
Nopex tonic 250ml: £9.50
Nopex wound spray: £4.95
Nopex capsules pack of 25: £7.50

Buy a 1Ltr bottle to receive your 30ml wound spray for free – worth £4.95, or choose a pack of 25 capsules worth £7.50



Winter Dressing

We are approaching that time of year to over winter your vegetable garden with a good thick layer of manure as a top dressing.

So once again we are offering our well rotted (smell-free) poultry manure at just £9.00 for 3 sacks (normally £3.50 per sack)



Kindling

It's nearly time to light the fire!

As well as our large sacks of chunky kindling for £5.50, this year we are offering small sized bags of short length kindling for just £2.25/bag



Sunflower Hearts

As the nights draw in and temperatures start to dip, don't forget to keep supporting our wild birds.

Along with the usual seed mix and peanuts, why not try our sunflower hearts, very reasonably priced, the birds love them and they make less mess than the black sunflower seeds.

1.5kg Sunflower Hearts: £2.50 5kg Sunflower Hearts: £6.50



Inside the Beehive

If you would like to find out more about beekeeping why not pop along to Crowhurst Village Hall on the 7th October to hear local beekeeper Chris Hone's talk on 'Inside the Beehive'

Arranged by Crowhurst Horticultural Society, please pre-book by contacting Mary on 01424 774102

www.crowhursthorticultural.org.uk

With best wishes from all at Mantel Farm

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