

The Bee Newsletter

News from the Honeybuns Bakery

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Honeybuns Open Day...



In May we had our first Open Day. Ale, homemade food and fabulous music together with lots of sunshine made a perfect day. We hope you can join us next year, 21 May 2005, for the Honeybuns Bee Hop 2005.



above: Alex and his friends provided some of the music

above right: The smoothie van

below right: Some happy children chilling in the hammock

below: One of the lovely stalls



NEW FREEZER

We now have a lovely new walk-in freezer which means we can continue to increase our capacity without compromising quality.

left: Paul Knight - thanks to him and his team for all their hard work installing the freezer.

SUMMER SILAGE AWARDS

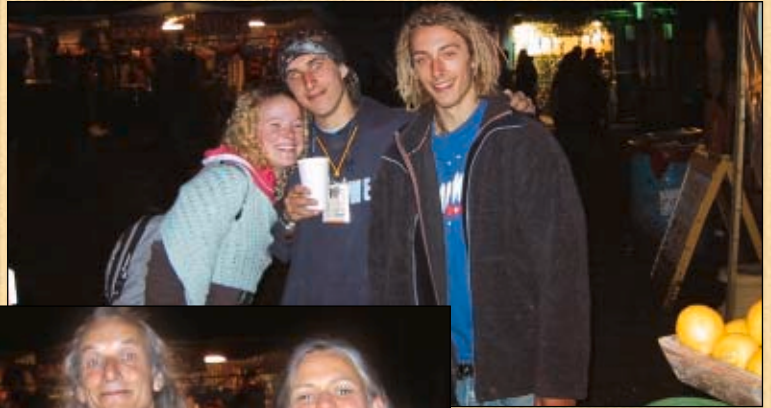
This summer's sweet smelling meadow hay goes to:

Andrew, our postman for his willingness to help out with anything from redirecting mail to finding our lost greyhound in a very thick hedgerow.

This summer's steaming dung pile goes to:

Whoever stole our bee kite from the cake stall at Glastonbury - we forgive you and hope you have fun flying the little chap! Watch out for his sting...

Glastonbury Festival



We were lucky enough to have a cake and homemade lemonade stall at Glastonbury this year. A bit of work, a lot of fun and some very very nice people. ...and here are some very nice people.



STAFF PROFILE - Trish Gibbs

Brief background: Essex girl, no handbag so moved to Dorset when two. Parents military background - one of 5 children.

Describe a typical day at Honeybuns: There isn't one.

Describe a typical weekend day: Keep pedigree Simmental Cattle and Poll Dorset sheep - lots of cleaning up in winter and washing for the summer show season.

Favourite rescue animal at Honeybuns and why: Peg - arrived very timid - now leader of the pack - she's gorgeous.

Favourite cake at Honeybuns and why: Bakewell Shortbread - just love it.

Best thing about working at Honeybuns: Official cake taster.

Worst thing about working at Honeybuns: Official cake taster - its taken its toll!

Anything else?: Why are nearly all the staff tall, young and slim?

SUPPLIER PROFILE

Justin Ellis, Handley Cross Farm Foods

Quick profile: Began as egg and dairy business and expanded since - currently 12 staff.

When did you start in business?: 20 years ago

Why did you start in business?: I was as thick as two planks and failed my exams, then took an opportunity after being made redundant.

Your hobbies: Fishing and doing nothing

A little known fact about you: I make great pastry (because I have cold hands)

Philosophy on life/business: Do the best you can

Best and worst days, and why?:

Best: Everything's in stock and the staff turn up

Worst: When you have to prostitute yourself to customers who are rude, expect everything and don't pay their bills

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

We'd be delighted to see you at any of the following shows. If you bring a copy of *The Bee* (just print it off the internet) then we'll give you a free piece of cake!

Fruitstock, Regents Park, 7-8 August - a free Jazz festival hosted by Innocent Drinks

Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show, 18 August - a traditional agricultural show with lots of nice stalls

Dorchester Show, 4-5 September - another good agricultural show

Speciality and Fine Food Fair, Olympia, 5-7 September - a quality trade show

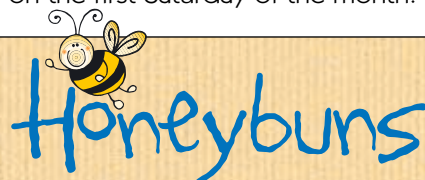
Sturminster Cheese Festival, Sturminster Newton, 11-12 September - a great local foody show

The National Cheese Awards at Blenheim Palace, 24-26 September - a great chance to taste lots of cheese, and other produce

The Honeybuns Christmas Party, 11 December - invitations on request

The Bee Hop 2005, 21 May 2005 - The annual Honeybuns Open Day

We are always present at Poundbury Farmers Market (near Dorchester) on the first Saturday of the month.



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