



Yew Tree News

Autumn is well and truly upon us and the Yew Tree Christmas Fair season approaches. We have had a busy season at Yew Tree with lots of new births from June to August. Our Alpaca walks have truly taken off and we are already booking for 2018, in fact one date is already fully booked! Check out our fair dates below and be sure to take a look at our **super new Alpaca Photography Workshop in March**.



A Bumper Crop!

2018 has been a busy year for our Mums with lots of baby cria! We had a final total of 16 cria born from June to early September!

Two record breakers – our lightest and heaviest Yew Tree alpaca babies ever!

The season started slowly with the lightest on record, **Oscar**, born at only 5.3kgs-he was small! Not only that, mum had no milk so he was bottle fed 4-6 times daily on goat's milk for the first month. He's still very petite but doing fine, he'll make a fabulous pet. **Ulysses** was born a few weeks later weighing in at 12.7kgs! Considering the average cria weighs 8-8.5kg these 2 boys have certainly pushed the boundaries each end!



Ladies love alpacas

We welcomed seven group visits of ladies (and some men) this Summer and all were thrilled with their very different day out. With so many baby Alpacas to see this year, it made the visits extra special. We received some lovely emails from our visitors, all very much appreciated!

We are now taking bookings for 2018 - June to early September. A group of a minimum of 8 is required to book, and we can cater for up to 20. Alpaca adventure visits with lunches are the most popular but we can do a full afternoon tea or refreshments if preferred. For details go to: www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/group-visits or call 01763 848 257



Knitters knit away!

At Yew Tree we have an excellent team of knitters and in March we increased our hand knitting team to a total of 10 knitters, most of whom live in and around the Buntingford area. Our knitters knit accessories in our own natural alpaca yarns and British alpaca dyed yarns. We now have a wide range of accessories ready for our Christmas season!

Come to one of the Christmas fairs listed below and see our lovely alpaca hand knits; beanies, berets, gloves, wrist warmers, headbands and baby items. Are 'Yew' a big knitter? If you would like to join our team and live in the Buntingford area call us on: 01763 848 257 or email info@yewtreealpacas.co.uk

Shop till you drop!!

We hope to see you at one of the Christmas fairs below and especially at our **Yew Tree Christmas shop at Anstey, near Buntingford!** This year we are open for 4 days from **Wednesday, November 29th – Saturday, December 2nd**. See over the page for details.

Dates	Event	Location Details
Sat-Sun Nov 4 th -5 th 10am-5pm	Mistletoe Christmas Fair	Herts Showground, Redbourne, St Albans AL3 7PT
Sat-Sun 11 th & 12 th Nov 10.30am-4pm	Wherstead Park Christmas Fair	Wherstead, nr Ipswich, IB9 2BJ
Fri-Sun 10 th -12 th Nov 10am-4pm	Knebworth Christmas Fair	Knebworth Park nr Stevenage, Herts. SG3 6PY
Thurs 16 th (eve) Fri 17 th (day & eve) & Sat 18 th Nov (day)	Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & Food Fair	Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 4DL
Wed 22 nd November 10.30am-3.30pm	Christmas at the Manor (includes lunch by ticket only)	Manor of Groves Hotel, High Wych, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 0JU.
Sat 25 th November 10am-4pm	Christmas Sparkle Fair	Bedford College, Caudwell St. Bedford, MK42 9AH
Wed 29 th -Sat 2 nd Dec 10.30-4.30pm each day	Yew Tree Christmas Shop	Yew Tree Alpacas, Anstey nr Buntingford, SG9 0DA



Yew Tree's Felix taken by Juliet

New for 2018 ALPACA Photography Workshop

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! Do you love photos of Alpacas and want the chance to take some brilliant ones of your own? OR perhaps you've taken alpaca pictures on a visit and wonder why yours don't look half as good as the real thing!

If so, on **Saturday March 17th (10-3.30pm)** there's a chance to spend a day immersed in alpacas and taking photos. A day of theory and practical advice with professional photographer Juliet Hedges-Robinson. Suitable for beginners and intermediates alike, bring your Smartphone or digital camera.

At a special trial price of £75 (up to Dec 31st), the day also includes lunch; freshly made sandwiches and home-made desserts. Maximum 8 places available. **For more details and to book go to our website yewtreealpacas.com/alpaca-events/photography-workshop or telephone 01763 848257**

New for Christmas 2017 Sox in a box*

Our Alpaca socks make fabulous Christmas gifts so what better to give them in a special gold gift box. There are two size options to choose from; **the large gift box with gold decorative ribbon at £2.50, holds three or four pairs of socks, and a smaller box at £2.00 holds two pairs. We are happy to gift wrap your choices at the fairs or buy online and we'll post to you ready wrapped!**

Our gold large size box is ideal as a **present for him and her. It perfectly fits two pairs of our everyday or bed socks and two pairs of walking socks.**

Each box comes with a leaflet about alpacas and alpaca fleece. Note all our socks are **made in England** and the labels carry washing instructions.

*These boxes also work well for our other hand knitted alpaca accessories



Pompom cable beanies are in!

This year we have a larger stock and wider range of these 'must haves' for the 2017 Winter season. In six colours these alpaca beanies are super soft and look fabulous. They come with or without a pompom.

- Plum
- Mustard
- Midnight blue
- Moss green
- Wine
- Ivory



Book winter walking dates now

Our alpaca walking has been a great success this year so we're increasing the number of dates for 2018. There'll be Alpaca walks once a month from April – September, dates will be up on the website in January '18.

If you can't wait that long then book one of our Winter dates. We still have places on Sat January 13th (10am) and our half-term walk Fri 16th Feb (2.30pm). **Book these Winter walks via our online shop www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/alpaca-walking or telephone 01763 848257**



Our boys enjoying a walk with visitors in September 2017

Enjoy Christmas shopping with a difference!

Yew Tree Christmas Shop 2017
Wed Nov 29th - Sat Dec 2nd
Open each day 10.30am - 4.30pm



Don't miss a visit to Yew Tree Alpacas (SG9 0DA) from Nov 29th - 2nd December. You'll love to see our Alpacas grazing whilst you browse our Alpaca gifts galore:- Leiselle's luxurious hand-made chocolates, premium relishes and preserves, scented candles and homemade cakes! **FREE ADMISSION** and complimentary refreshments and biscuits. We'd love to see you and the Alpacas would too! Further details on;

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