

# Yew Tree News

The hazy days of Summer are upon us and the Yew Tree birthing season has just begun with the arrival of Oscar to mum Hattie. We hope you will book on one of our activities and so get a chance to see our new-borns or visit us at one of the Country Fairs listed below. Don't miss our fabulous **July offer - fantastic prices on our 2016 yarns until 31st July 2017 - see over for details.**



## Pastures new

In February we said goodbye to our two girls Bam and Little Jess and then in May to our stud boy Joseph. Although we always feel sad to say goodbye, especially to those we have home-bred, we are very fortunate to have found excellent homes to date, and these three are no exception. The two girls are at a lovely place near Cambridge and Joseph's new home is at a farm in Norfolk.

Joseph will be part of a herd of 15. As a stud male he will live with a new group of stud boys (this is why we allowed him to go alone), with big fields and lots of fresh grazing. So not only will he be meeting new boys he'll have lots of new girl-friends as well!

## Sussex Show Success

We had record show success in early May at the South of England show at Ardingly. We were so surprised and pleased with our six strong show team. Our four girls and two boys came home with five 1<sup>st</sup> prizes, two 2nds and one 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Dakota, our brown yearling, also won Brown Female Champion and Harriet and Isaac were both Reserve Champions in their colour classes. Fabulous results.

All their mums are now pregnant for this year, we can't wait to see their offspring due in June and July.

## Shearing News

Shearing was a roller coaster this year. Our first mid-May date was cancelled due to rain and the second date, June 5<sup>th</sup>, was also rain interrupted. Our extra shelter proved to be essential on the day, this meant we could shear inside and also keep the alpacas' fleeces dry whilst they were waiting to be sheared.

David and Morag from the Isle of Wight did a great job and managed to finish all 34 in one day! Working late proved the right decision as the next day (Tues 6th) the skies opened and the rain came down.

The girls were shivering that day having suddenly lost their coats but fortunately the weather quickly improved later that week.

## Summer Dates for your Diary

We have Alpaca Walks and Adventures over the Summer and there's a chance to us at some Country Shows.

Dates	Activity/Event	Location	Details
Sun July 9 <sup>th</sup> 1-5pm	Anstey Fair	Anstey Bury, Anstey, SG90DF	Alpaca Stall
Sat July 15 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm-4.30pm	Alpaca Adventure	Yew Tree HQ Anstey, SG90DA	<a href="http://Yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/alpaca-adventures">Yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/alpaca-adventures</a>
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> August 10.30am	Herts & Essex Country Fair	The Park, Brent Pelham SG90AT	Alpaca stall <a href="http://Hertsandessexcountryfair.com">Hertsandessexcountryfair.com</a>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2.30pm-4.30pm	Summer Hols Alpaca Adventure	Yew Tree HQ, Anstey, SG90DA	<a href="http://Yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/alpaca-adventures">Yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/alpaca-adventures</a>
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> August 6.30-8.30pm	Evening Alpaca Walking	Yew Tree HQ, Anstey, SG90DA	<a href="http://Yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/alpaca-walking">Yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/alpaca-walking</a>
Sat & Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Enfield Town & Country Fair	Enfield Town Park, Enfield, EN2 6UA	Alpacas & Stall

*Note: We are considering an additional walking date for August, subject to demand. Please contact us if you are interested if another date is provided.*

## New Yew Tree Yarns for knitting delight!



Our new 2017 ivory yarns have just arrived and we are totally thrilled by their softness and comfort! Our knitters can't wait to get their needles busy.

Our fleeces have been spun into yarn by the Natural Fibre Company in Cornwall. We sent a total of 24 kgs to them in early May and have just received 19kg of ivory Aran and Double-Knit yarns. All the new yarn is totally natural 100% alpaca, solely from Yew Tree's finest fleeced alpacas.

The yarns arrive on cone ready for us to wind into 50g balls. This year our yarns have been spun using the Woollen rather than the Worsted method, this produces a slightly thicker Double Knit and Aran than in previous years.

Call us on 01763 848257 or see our website  
[www.yewtreealpacas/shop/alpaca-yarns](http://www.yewtreealpacas/shop/alpaca-yarns)

## Alpacas looking for new homes

**Do you have one – two acres? Why not consider some alpacas to graze it and keep it in order?**

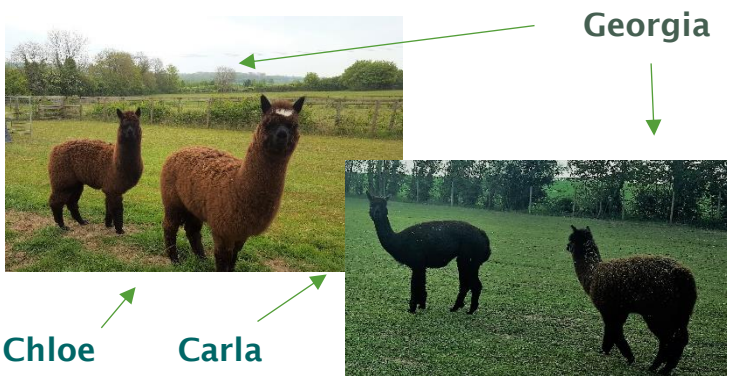
We currently have an excellent range of alpacas for sale from pet boy alpacas of different ages and colours to mums and cria and young maiden females who have yet to become mums.

Please call or email us if you are thinking of alpacas or perhaps looking to expand your existing herd. We are happy to chat through options or even better book an introductory workshop to find out what's involved in owning alpacas (mix of practical and theory).

Our next workshop will be in September.

For further information telephone 01763 848257 or email: [info@yewtreealpacas.co.uk](mailto:info@yewtreealpacas.co.uk).

See our website for details on what's covered in the workshop: [www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/intro-course-to-alpacas](http://www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/intro-course-to-alpacas)



A lovely threesome: yearling girls Georgia and Chloe and Georgia's mum Carla are some of the alpacas for sale.

## Special Occasion coming up?

A reminder that we welcome groups (8+) for bespoke visits to Yew Tree from June-Sept. See our website for details [www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/group-visits](http://www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-events/group-visits) or call 01763 848257.



A group from High Cross WI enjoying feeding our boys

## Sunny Summer Offer – Yew Tree Alpaca Yarns

**Massive savings on all our 2016 alpaca yarn until July 31<sup>st</sup> 2017**

All our 2016 100% alpaca yarns are only £6.50 per 50g ball until July 31<sup>st</sup>. THAT'S A SAVING per ball OF £1.25 ON IVORY AND A MASSIVE £1.50 per ball on Cocoa and Nutmeg. For top quality 100% alpaca this is a fabulous price. All on the website now [www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-yarns](http://www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/alpaca-yarns)

*Note: There are very limited supplies of 2016 Ivory Aran and Double knit remaining so don't delay if you want to catch this excellent offer*