

Yew Tree News

We've had our busiest Summer yet with more than double the number of alpaca activities at Yew Tree from April to September. A big thanks to all of you have given us reviews on Facebook, we are so pleased you had a lovely time and reviews give others a real taste of what's in store. Our Christmas fair season is now fast approaching. See our 2018 Christmas fair dates below and take advantage of our 10% socks offer up to Oct 31st (see over).



Rain free shearing-hurrah!

What a big relief it was this year to have no rain over the busy two days of our annual shearing.

Our shearers David and Morag were with us for a full two days this year, shearing all 55 alpacas in this time.

Each alpaca has two bags of fleece; the best fleece (the blanket) and seconds, the remainder, which excludes the fleece from the lower legs.

This year there were higher yields from the boys than the girls, with Boris and Monty coming in top with 5.2 kg and 4.6kg respectively of useable fleece.

Polly & Dakota shine

We attended two alpaca shows earlier this year. This is where national judges assess the alpaca's fleece and conformation and we come up against some of the biggest herds in the country.

Dakota, our brown two year old, continued her success of last year by winning 1st in class and reserve champion at both the Heart of England (HoE) and South of England (SofE) shows. Polly, our one year old fawn went one better; besides winning 1st in class at both shows she was champion fawn female at HoE and reserve at SofE.

Our first wedding!

Four of our alpacas had a new experience in early September, being up close and friendly to wedding guests and the bride and groom on a lovely day at Offley Place Near Hitchin.

Yew Tree's role was the interval between the ceremony and the reception when guests were able feed carrots, walk and have photo opportunities with our four boys.

Elgar and Oscar were out of their pen for much of the time, enjoying mingling with guests and making lots of new friends. Rafa stayed in the pen and gave kisses through the bars!

Christmas dates for your Diary

This year our fair season covers Essex, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire so do make a date in your diary to visit us at one of these events. If you want to see alpacas aswell as a chance to buy a range of Christmas gifts, make sure you come on down to the Yew Tree Christmas shop at our base in Anstey, open Monday 3rd - Saturday 8th December.

Dates	Time	Details
Sat 3 rd - Sun 4 th November	10-4pm	Essex Christmas fair, Cressing Temple Barns, Nr Witham, Essex, CM77 8PD
Fri 9 th - Sun 11 th November	10am-5pm	Knebworth Winter Festival, Knebworth House, Nr Stevenage, Hertfordshire, SG1 2AX
Wed 14 th (eve) - Sat 17 th November	9.30am - 4.30pm includes Fri eve 6.30-9pm	Ely Cathedral Christmas Fair, Ely, Cambridgeshire, CB7 4DL
Sat 24 th - Sun 25 th November	10-4pm	Helen Rollason Cancer Charity Christmas Gift & Food Fair, Chelmsford City Racecourse, Chelmsford, CM3 1QP
Mon 3 rd - Sat 8 th December	10.30-4.30pm	Yew Tree Christmas Shop, Anstey, Nr Buntingford, Hertfordshire, SG9 0DA.

January walks now available to book

Winter walk into 2019 with our new year Christmas walks on Sat 5th January 10am and 2pm and Sat 12th January at 10am. The morning walks finish with refreshments and biscuits, the afternoon walk on 5th January includes a homemade cream tea and cakes to finish.

Our main walking season will start in April 2019. The dates will go online to book in December.

The walks fill up fast so to book our January dates go online to our website

www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/shop/alpaca-activities or call us on 01763 848257

A glimpse of last year's winter walks



Early Reminder

Yew Tree Christmas Shop
Monday 3rd December – Saturday
8th December '18

Open each day 10.30am – 4.30pm

This is the only time in the year when you can just turn up at Yew Tree! There will be a range of alpaca and other gift ideas, alpacas grazing nearby and enjoy our refreshments and homemade cakes. More details in our Winter (early Nov) update.



Nutmeg



Autumn Alpaca Socks – Beat the Price Rise

AND get 10% OFF!

Offer valid until October 31st '18

In Spring this year there was a sharp rise in the price of the alpaca sock yarns used to knit our alpaca socks, so after 3 years at the same price our alpaca socks will go up in price from November 1st.

HOWEVER you can beat the price rise and get those Christmas presents in early. There's an extra 10% off existing prices if you buy before October 31st. The offer is available on any alpaca socks on our website and applies on purchases over the value of £40. You'll also get free delivery if your total order value is over £45. Use code **AUTUMNSALE_18** at the checkout.



Get knitting on those dark Winter nights with our new Alpaca Yarns

This year sees our widest range of natural yarn colours from the Yew Tree herd. We've sent two batches of fleece to the Border Mill this Summer so we have the following natural colours for sale in 50g balls.

- Ivory
- Slate Grey
- Silver Grey
- Nutmeg
- Chestnut
- Cocoa



All our Yew Tree 100% alpaca yarns are priced at £7.99 (50g ball) but if you'd like to knit alpaca in dyed colours we also have a range of 6 different colours from UK Alpaca in 75% alpaca 25% wool. See our website for details.

<https://www.yewtreealpacas.co.uk/shop/alpaca-yarns> or call 01763 848257



Silver Grey

