



September 2007 newsletter

Green event ready to launch

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Workers with their sloe rewards

Sloes are complicated fruits to work out. By that I mean, what triggers a blackthorn to be heavily laden with fruit when its sister plant, having had the same moisture, sunshine and weather, remains barren? Who knows? - but I'm very glad that a number of our bushes have produced a 'harvestable surplus' You will see the photographs of the Brown family with some 7 kilogrammes collected over a couple of hours. I hasten to add the use of child labour is not a regular event here at Lee Moor Business Park!



Gucci - more than a fashion accessory

The Brown family have had many dogs over the years and as livestock farmers most were long-haired collies for rounding up sheep and cattle. It is thus with slight colour in my cheeks that I introduce our new 'farm' dog Gucci, who is a Shih Tzu bitch born on 19th May 2007. Her kennel name is Yakee Miss World, so no sense of ambition there then?

Food festival - flavour of the month

Alnwick Lions have for the third year in a row pulled off a fantastic food festival to showcase the best of local food in the area. This in combination with the work that Local Living is doing with the farmers' markets, and with what the Alnwick Development Trust is creating with the continental markets, all means that the historic market place is coming back to life. Lee Moor's connection to Fresh Element means that any special events are catered by them and as such we are delighted that Richard Sim has moved from the Alnwick Gardens to be full time at Fresh Element. Richard is one of the finest chefs in the region and has a closeness to the food chain that few chefs in the country have.

Food and Farming Year

Sir Donald Curry, David Thompson and Simon Henderson led the Year of Food and Farming launch at Houghall College in Durham. Ironically it was here and not on the farm at Blagdon because of foot and mouth and the risk of spreading the disease. On that note, livestock farmers are currently going through hell and back with Bluetongue disease on top of foot and mouth, and that against a background of rising feed costs and delayed payments. The Year of Food and farming is a chance to get back the connection with the general public. Lee Moor Farm and Fresh Element will be delighted to play our part.

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