

NEWS JANUARY 2019

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Keeping Up-To-Date

'WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY & HEALTHY 2019'



2018 at Hop Inn

It was undoubtedly the busiest year to date, quiet times just weren't quiet, but it's always a treat looking after old and new friends on holiday. Thank you so much for choosing Hop Inn.

Planning Application for a NEW Hop Inn

After a 2 ½ year battle with the local Planning Department including going to appeal with a Planning Inspector, the conclusion was, Hop Inn is not a Rural

Enterprise, despite our location and that rabbits & guinea pigs evolved to eat grass!

As crazy as it is, if we'd planned to put our fury friends in a pie, skin them for their fur or breed them for the pet shops, we'd be classed as Rural.

'The Care & Welfare of our friends are still woefully overlooked!'

OUR PLANS FOR 2019

Although we needed more outside space; to buy a property (with land) in our area is cost prohibitive, so we're going to make the most of what we have – we feel lucky we can make some changes.

In the summer to 2018, I'd already expanded into our Big Barn due to busyness & rising temperatures, this was a saving grace when we experienced that extraordinarily hot weather, making it just too hot outside. Our stone barns were lovely and cool for our fury friends.

For 2019, I'm going to re-jig our Big Barn and install some larger sheds. I can't wait to be able to get the paint brushes out and add a sprinkle of Hop Inn magic. I'll make it practical but fun.

I will continue to use our Corner Barn as in these winter months it's cosy, nice and warm, making it a great place for indoor holiday makers.

WASTE / COMPOSITING

Unfortunately, the land we bought for the Hop Inn dream will have to be sold. During the protracted planning process, we have been taking all the waste to our compost site on the land and prior to that we were using a friend's farm. In 2019 and going forward these options will no longer be available. We have looked at several options to dispose of the waste and left with the only option to have it taken away, but this will be an additional cost.

HAY

There are murmurs of a hay shortage this year as the majority of farmers were only able to cut one crop, due to the high temperatures and lack of rain, so trying to stay ahead of the game I have reserved quite a few bales of meadow hay - just in case there really is a shortage!

In the past, I have used a combination of seed hay and a little meadow hay, but due to the hot summer I found the seed hay a little too spikey – so always thinking of our fury friend's creature comforts I'm moving to just meadow hay in the future.



If you fancy keeping up-to-date on what's going on at Hop Inn, please link into my Facebook page. I'm a bit slow at writing Newsletters!

If you do not have Facebook but have any questions or queries, I'm easily contactable by telephone, email & WhatsApp. I use WhatsApp a lot to send updates and pictures.

Our Hop Inn HIDEAWAYS for Rabbits and Guinea Pigs

Although we meet with fierce competition, our Hideaways are still on Page 1 of <u>Amazon</u> with 97% Positive Reviews. If you need a Hideaway that's built to last and something they'll love, please take a look at our <u>Rabbit & Guinea Pig Hideaways on our website</u>. It's a big Thank you to the Wizard that makes them and takes the time to screw them together with strong plastic blocks, for safety and strength. They are all weather for indoor or outdoor use.

HOLIDAY COST

NEW TARRIF - 31st March 2019

Rabbit (Single) £8/day
Rabbits (Bonded) £11/day
Giant Rabbits (Single) £11/day
Giant Rabbits (Bonded) £15/day
Guinea Pig (Single) £5/day
Guinea Pigs (Bonded) £7/day
Guinea Pigs (3+) £8/day

Minimum Cost

They'll be minimum charge of 3 days due to the workload involved.

PLEASE contact me for reduced rates for long term guests or any other queries.

I've resisted increasing holiday pricing for the past 2 years but due to the general rising costs and now the need to pay for waste disposal, it's a necessary evil.



IF YOU ALREADY HAVE HOLIDAYS BOOKED PLEASE DON'T LEAVE IT TOO LATE TO CONTACT ME, IF YOU NEED HELP.

Thank you again. Lisa