

# The Rodings Plantery

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2013



At last we are nearly at our lambing! All the girls are looking good and we are keeping fingers crossed they are all born healthy. This year we are lambing 60 'Wiltshire Horn' ewes and 15 of our 'Dorper' ewes. The 'Wilties' will be sold as Pedigree stock but we are trying to increase our flock of 'Dorpers' so will keep some of the ewe lambs back this year. Enquiries for ewe lambs, shearlings, stock Rams and Ram lambs are welcome! We already have a waiting list so if you want to go on it or visit to see our sheep please email on [janeandandy@therodingsplantery.co.uk](mailto:janeandandy@therodingsplantery.co.uk)

1<sup>ST</sup> CLASS LAMB FROM THE SMALLHOLDING!!

We have the VERY LAST few half lamb boxes available too. The next will be coming September time. Collect or we do deliver locally. Half lamb box incl. Leg, shoulder, loin and chump chops, fillet, offal, and 1lb lamb and mint sausages £70 per box all neatly butchered and packaged! Also have lamb mince ideal for shepherd's pie and Mousakka!! Chops and joints individual if required. Diced lamb for stews and curries!! Due to its popularity we also do 'Mutton' -for

ideas check out [www.muttonrenaissance.org.uk](http://www.muttonrenaissance.org.uk)



We were hoping to announce the imminent birth of pups too from 'Beaully' our lovely Border Collie Bitch but after a scan we find she is not carrying again! This is our third attempt with her so it looks as if it's back to the 'Doggy' fertility clinic!! In the meantime we continue to train our youngest addition to the dog family here, Peppi, who belongs to my son. Sam is doing really well with him training at 'Mayfields' Farm in Norfolk every week and is hoping to start 'Nursery' trials later this year.

#### PIG NEWS

Hopefully now the weather is improving (?????) smallholders out there will be thinking of the longer, sunnier days ahead-We've battled through a long winter feeding our outdoor pigs and actually resorted to bringing in about 20 as the paddocks are a sea of mud. This is time consuming and costly but the animals are looking really good. We have just sold our last 2 litters of Large Black Pigs and are taking orders for Tamworth and Large Black weaners from our next litters due during April. One of our boars is off to Wales to a new home next week for Pedigree breeding. It's always good to know

they are being used and of value to someone for their breeding base. Also there is the pride that a good animal has been bred by us!!



### PIGS FOR SALE

2 Nice Pedigree Tamworth gilts. Lucky Lass X Glenn. D.O.B. 22/2/12 Ready for the boar and could be put to our Large Black for a cross bred litter. Our Tamworth Boar is the father so not suitable. Birth notified, tagged and tattooed £175 each.

Litter of Pedigree Tamworth pigs. Lucky Lass X Glenn. D.O.B. 14/10/12. 5 Gilts, 3 Boars. Birth notified, tattooed and tagged. Can be Registered for breeding. £4.50 per week.

Enquiries for the above please contact Jane: 07790020940

Or email [janeandandy@therodingsplantery.co.uk](mailto:janeandandy@therodingsplantery.co.uk)

Don't forget our GREAT TASTING pork too!! All cuts available. Half pig if your freezer has space!!! Pork mince, Diced Pork, Tenderloins, and lots of wonderful sausages!! Pork 'n apple, Chipolatas, Pork and Basil, Cumberland, Traditional Pork and seasonal flavours like 'Spanish' especially for the Summer BarBQ. All

available at £3.50 per lb –SPECIAL OFFER 10lb £30!!! Why not try our sausages-guaranteed our own 'FREE RANGE' traditional rare breed pork, breadcrumbs and herbs!! No 'iffy' contents and just on the doorstep!!!



*Pleioblastus shibuyanensis* Tsuboi looks great in the snow!!

## NURSERY NEWS

Firstly a big Hi to all of existing Bamboo customers and Bamboo enthusiasts! A Happy New Year and Happy Bamboo collecting!! Also hope new customers and fellow Bamboo lovers will see some good weather at last for growing!! What a terrible Winter! The GREAT thing with Bamboo is that year round 'Good' look that Bamboo provides-Our stands of *P. Vivax aureacaulis*, *Semiarundinaria Fastuosa*, *P. Aureasulcata Aureacaulis*, *F. Utilis*, *P. Nigra Boryana*, *P. Bambusoides Castellonis* and lots of other hardy Bamboo have not

been at all effected by sub zero temperatures, wet or snow!!!! They look amazing with their beautiful evergreen leaves and the canes (trimmed up last season) are outstanding in the gloom of Winter. The birds love them for shelter so what more could anyone want???

Must say the 'Borindas' have taken a pasting again but sure will come back beautifully again as the weather warms. Don't dig them up as they will undoubtedly reward you again with their marvellous foliage and colouring!!

Also here apologies to all new customers waiting to have advice and to come and see us for planting ideas and suitable Bamboo! We don't normally open the Nursery until April when a more comprehensive range of plants is available- Last year's propagations of rarer plants is undeniably late due to the cold-we rely on the early warmth of spring to get those Rhizomes growing in the pots but sadly this year it's just not the case. Even our suppliers from the continent are behind so we have not been able to receive orders we placed over the Winter. For all gardeners and prospective Bamboo planters we ask please have a little patience until the weather improves!

We shall of course be sending out a list of new or interesting acquisitions later in the season too and keeping everyone up to date with any Bamboo tips and ideas. Watch this space!!

Considering the conditions this year our Landscape team have been surprisingly busy too in between the snow and the rain!! We are currently working on a large rockery project and have planting schemes to get on with as soon as the ground allows!

Any questions about meat, livestock or plants please call on 01279876421 or email on [janeandandy@therodingsplantery.co.uk](mailto:janeandandy@therodingsplantery.co.uk)

Our website is currently being updated and our facebook page is underway too so we will keep the news coming!