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# HAMPTON NEWSLETTER

**Our next beef collection day will be on THURSDAY 26th August 2010**

Sizzling summer steak is available on our next beef collection day, **THURSDAY 26th August**. The end of the summer bank holiday follows the collection day so why not get really organised now and book some Hampton prime beef. Our **10kg beef bags** will be available with their complimentary bunch of fresh herbs (probably a bit early for chillis), there will be lots of our 100% beef burgers for sale, steak pies, Hampton Herby sausages and fresh wild rabbit. Rabbit is jointed and oven ready or if you prefer, barbeque ready. Sizzlingly delicious.

**Please book whenever you can find a spare moment to think during the holidays.** We hate to disappoint anyone and early booking helps to ensure we can provide your order and also helps us to plan ahead. Book whenever you have your eureka moment and we will be delighted to share it with you.

What a glorious summer to date. Hot days and little rain to spoil the party. We made our **hay** in record time; mow, turn and bale and hey presto the bales are in the barn. The only downside is that there are not as many in the barn as usual. We reckon to be 30% less this year but quality will be pretty good which the cows will appreciate in the winter months. Our **hops** are under strain from the lack of water and an invasion of two spotted spider mite which we are busy controlling. Even the hop's deep roots are finding water a scarce commodity and predictions are for a modest crop this year. Let's hope that as for the hay quality is good and Messrs Harvey's of Lewes, The Hogs Back Brewery in Tongham and The Black Sheep Brewery up in Yorkshire will be delighted with this years hop crop.



Our photos of **Hampton Beef bags** in unusual or interesting locations needs a bit of support. Following a sighting two months ago on Sydney Harbour Bridge there is a rumour that a picture was taken of one at Buckingham Palace at a garden party but no hard evidence yet. Any photos will be very gratefully received so long as they are relatively genuine and not air brushed or photo shopped.

Bridget and I really look forward to seeing everyone collecting produce on the **Thursday 26th August** and as always there will be fresh coffee, cakes, a glass of wine and some Hampton Herbies to try.

Our next collection day will be **Friday 8th October**.

Very best wishes

Bill and Bridget

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