



Hello everyone

Our new pedigree Tamworth pig, Princess, arrived on Monday evening and although we knew she was pregnant, she wasn't expected to give birth for another couple of weeks. However, she had other ideas and by Tuesday lunchtime, she had started to give birth finishing around 6:00ish by which time she had produced 10 piglets. Unfortunately one has since died but the remainder are doing well.

Here is a picture of the very laid back mum.



Name our new goat and win a prize



As well as the new piglets, on January 15th, Dolly, one of our goats gave birth to a male kid. Both are doing well but you can help us in finding a name for

the “New kid on the block”

Suggestions of what to call the new goat should be submitted to

Miles.Harris@southglos.gov.uk before 24 February when the winning name will be chosen by ourselves and the farm staff.

The person who submits the winning entry will receive a free drink and a slice of cake in the Barn café at Grimsbury Farm, which is run by the volunteers of the Friends of Grimsbury farm.

Building works at the farm

If you been to the farm over the last couple of weeks, you cannot fail to have noticed that the farm is not looking its best at the moment with trenches stretching from the entrance gate, all the way up to Stonehill barn and the long barn.





Although it is causing a lot of disruption, including having to close the café last week, it will all be worth it in the end with a better water supply and increased electrical capacity. In addition to the planned works, a number of unexpected problems have been uncovered which is not really a surprise when working on a site of the age of Grimsbury farm.

The upside of the problems that have been uncovered is that we are also having some of our drains upgraded which will improve some of the other problems we have had over the past few years.

You will also notice that there is a lot of work going on across the whole farm with improvements to the long barn, better fencing around the fields, over grown hedges being cut back as well as numerous other jobs. Some of this

activity is to get the site ready for the new animals which will be arriving over the next few months and some of it is to catch up with a lot of the maintenance that has been overlooked for the past few years. The Friends are currently working very closely with the farm staff to get this work done as quickly as possible but the whole program of improvements will probably be the rest of the year to complete.

During this year we will be changing the way the fields are laid out so that visitors will be able to see the animals more closely but at the same time improving the conditions for them.

There are a number of other ideas we are discussing at the moment and we will keep you updated as they are confirmed but one thing is certain. 2017 is going to be an exciting year for Grimsbury farm.

That's it for now.

Best regards

Peter Davies

Chairman

The Friends of Grimsbury farm

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