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*Past Ansty village events  
and other items of interest.*

## May Day celebrations in Ansty! (2017)

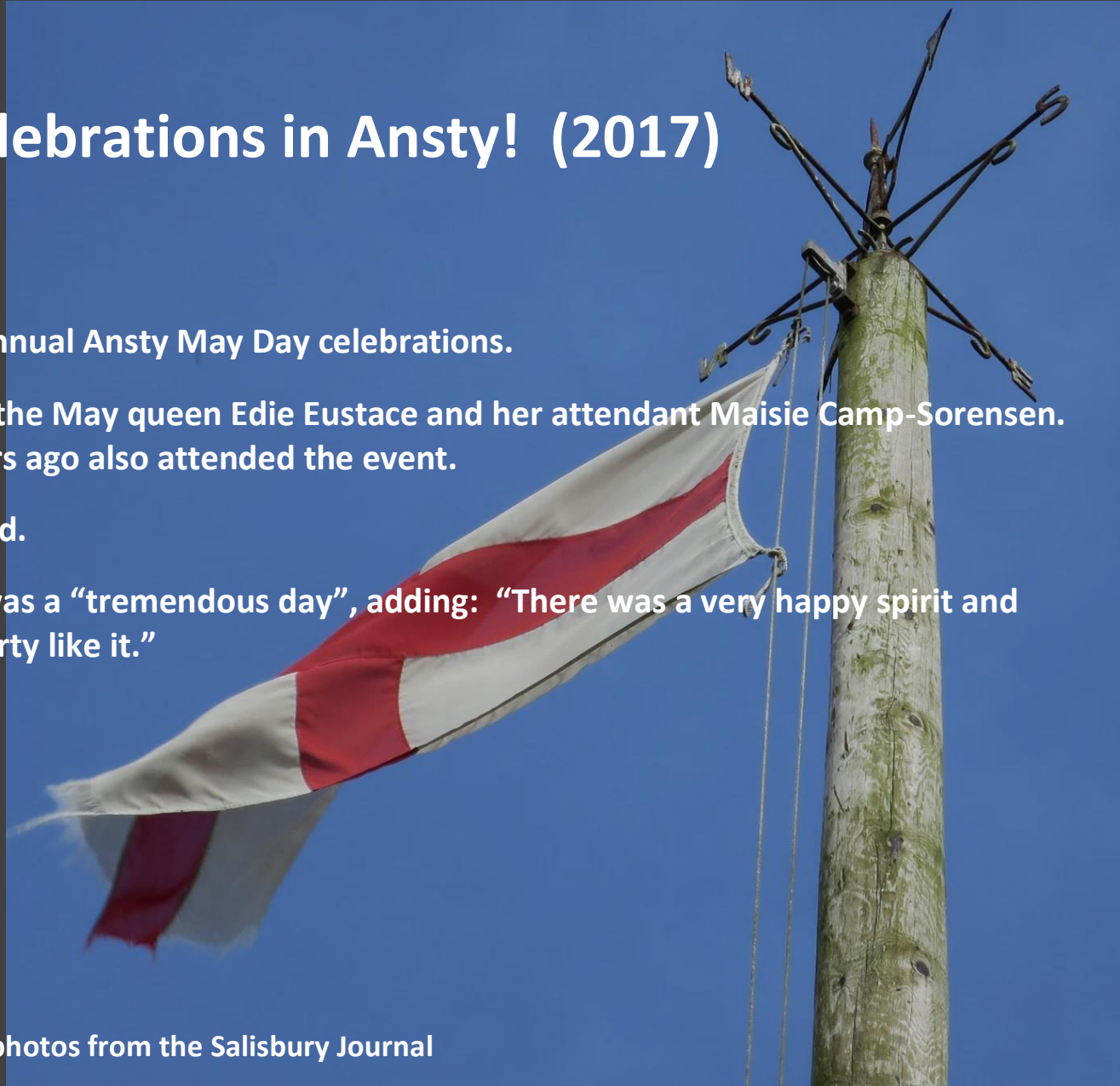
Once again FUN was had by all ages at the annual Ansty May Day celebrations.

Visitors were able to watch the crowning of the May queen Edie Eustace and her attendant Maisie Camp-Sorensen. Ivy Hull, 75, who was the May queen 70 years ago also attended the event.

The event on May 1 was “very well” attended.

Master of Ceremonies Robert Baker said it was a “tremendous day”, adding: “There was a very happy spirit and feeling for everybody. There isn’t a street party like it.”

From the Salisbury Journal (2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017)



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# Open Garden event in Ansty! ( June 2017)

On the afternoon of Saturday, 17th of June 2017 Jamie and Tania Compton of Spilsbury Farm kindly opened their impressive gardens near the parish of Ansty in Wiltshire to help raise funds for St. James Church in the village.

The weather was perfect; over 200 people visited and 6 acres of spectacular meadowland gardens beckoned.

Click here to view a pictorial record of this wonderful afternoon.



# The Ansty Bazaar. Saturday 9th September 2017

What started in March as an idea for a table top sale turned into a serious selling effort and the village was fantastic in supporting it, parting with much loved treasures, upmarket designer clothes, shoes and hats, as well as enticing childrens' toys and clothes. Everything was beautifully set out in the Commandery by those who ran the stalls and painstakingly priced – a laborious job. It was categorically no jumble sale!

Lesley Simm and Caroline Plumptre were greatly part of the planning and it would not have happened without Oliver Simm, Tim Martin and Tim Plumptre positioning the signs, carting tables, chairs, putting up bunting and Charlie Paines and Rosie Paines' mother blowing up the balloons!

Although well publicised in Focus, the Blackmore Vale and with flyers posted in all the surrounding villages, I felt the turnout was slightly disappointing and comments were heard, for instance, from customers that they admired the smart clothes but had no occasion for such wear! Though officially running from 11.00 am – 1.00 pm, the really brisk business took place in the first hour and in that time just under £875 was made. It is hoped that this figure will rise as I have already taken some good leftovers to a designer outlet and await results. Other leftovers were either returned to owners, where requested, or given to charities.

It was very kind of Lara and Charlie Morgan to allow us to use the Commandery and I have already thanked the stallholders.

The proceeds have been divided 50/50 between St James' Church and Ansty village funds (parish council account), the latter towards needs of general benefit to all (and the event was advertised accordingly).

Morwenna Brewer.





# Harvest Supper in Ansty.

September 30th 2017

On a Saturday evening on the last day of September 2017, over 50 villagers from Ansty enjoyed another traditional harvest thanksgiving supper in the fine old Commandery building (decorated appropriately for the occasion) near the tiny church of St James on the High Street.

The event was efficiently organised by Mrs. Lesley Simm and her hard working team. After grace was said by the local vicar Graham Southgate, village folk sampled delicious homemade casseroles with vegetarian options followed by apple puddings and cream.

A couple of memory jogging 'quizzes' relating to the well-known BBC 'Shipping Forecast' and a more taxing one on food kept the convivial conversation going. Actually, it seems that the sea areas mentioned during the shipping forecast were not as well-known as might be expected!



After the meal Mr. Robert Baker gave a brief general account of the way the year panned out for local farmers who produce our harvests. For most farmers, he said, this year was rather more difficult for really successful crop growing and harvesting than one might expect. Farmers were tested by damaging late spring frosts; early summer drought; rain (though average throughout) was heavy in short periods with long dry spells in between; there were several scorching hot days all leading to the promise of an early premium harvest which was then promptly made much more difficult to bring in by very damp conditions which consistently prevailed from mid-July onwards. He also indicated that worries about 'Brexit' and other fluctuating markets were a constant source of anxiety for most farmers. Robert ended on a positive note asserting that although some local farmers were still braving the elements trying to complete the last of the harvests most of the stock was now safely gathered in.