## Ansty Pictoria

2019 so far ...



Aileen's Bridge, Ansty, in the snow. February 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

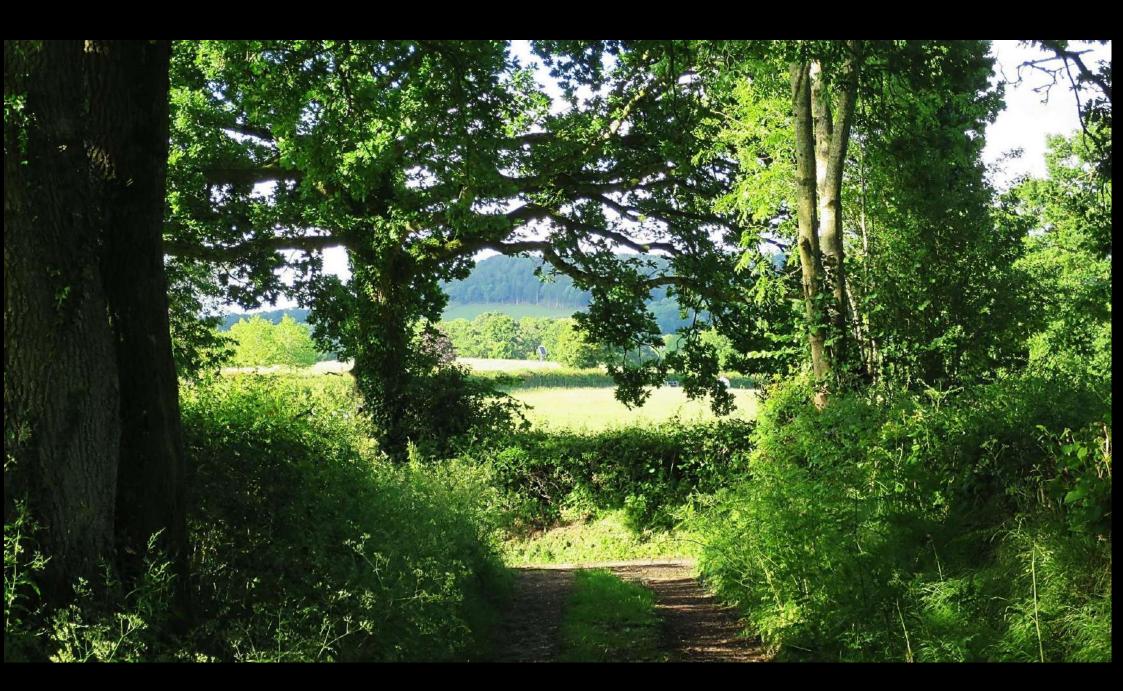




There were plenty of light 'April showers' in Ansty on the 26th April 2019 but actually the month overall was quite sunny with a very warm spell in the third week of the month.



Ten years ago there were quite a few lightly wooded bluebell areas in Ansty but conditions have conspired to reduce both the size and number of these amazing flowers. Still if you are prepared to walk a little around Ansty you will still be rewarded as this picture shows! May 5<sup>th</sup> 2019



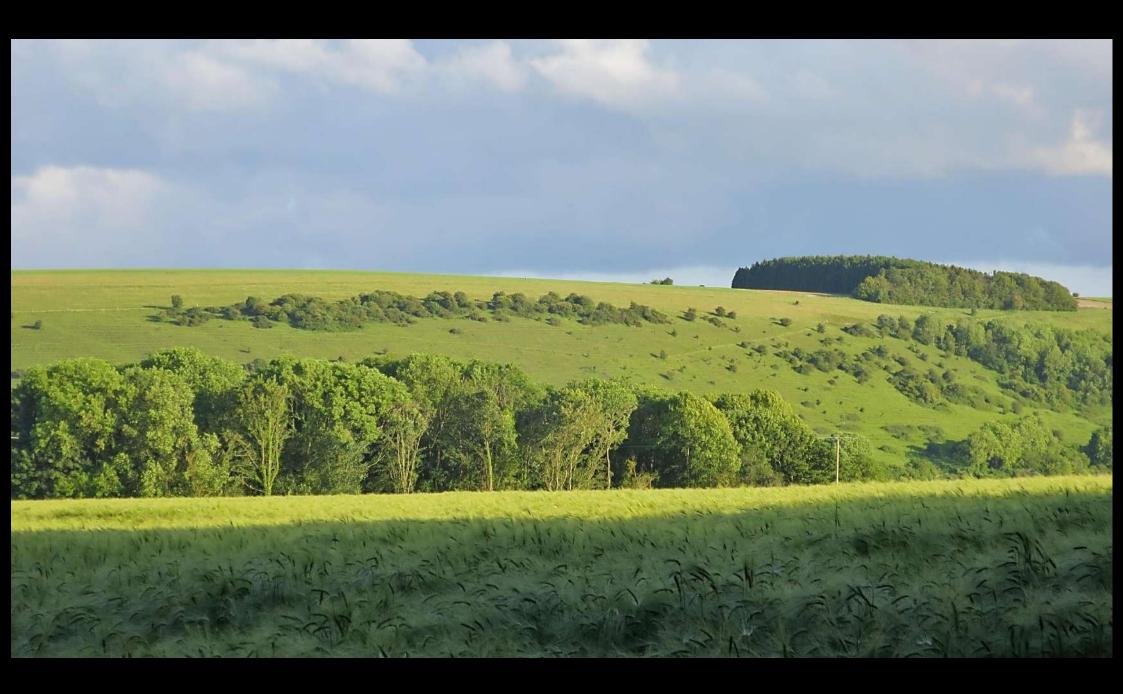
A warm, largely dry and sunny May encouraged rapid vegetation growth be it trees or ground-cover. June 8<sup>th</sup> 2019



By contrast June was quite cool and wet until the last 5 days of the month when temperatures rocketed and there were long sunny spells. 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019



The miserable wet June lasted from the 7<sup>th</sup> until the 20<sup>th</sup>. A train of depressions swept up from the south bringing much rain and swirling winds. Here – early on June 11<sup>th</sup> a fallen tree completely blocks Ansty's High Street until Wiltshire Council removed it quite promptly!



The wet June weather ensured that cereal crops were growing well. Warm sun and drier weather then arrived at the right time.



This picture taken on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 shows a heavy shower cloud moving west to east to the north of Ansty. The grass looks lush and green. The Ansty PYO maize maze is just taking shape...



Common Spotted-orchid Dactylorhiza fuchsia – one of several species of orchids to be found thriving on Ansty Down.



We are always happy to receive photographs from villagers or visitors that show off the wonderful variety of landscapes within our parish.