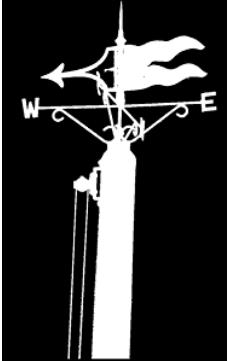


Ansty's Almanac 2023

The Ansty monthly weather statistics for JANUARY 2023.



January 2023 was another month of startling contrasts: There was a very mild and very wet first half and then a mostly dry and much colder second half with sharp frosts – resulting in near average temperatures for the month. Rainfall was well above average, all falling in just over the first two weeks of the month. January was quite sunny too! Click [here](#) to catch up on all of the month's statistical details.

Click [here](#) to see how the whole year of 2022 panned out!

(posted 31-01-2023)

Ansty Footpaths Maintenance Season is nearly upon us!



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Two former stalwarts of the Ansty community have died recently.

Many longstanding villagers will be sad to learn that Alan Moore died a few days ago at Albany House in Tisbury. He and his wife Anne, who died in March 2020, were at the heart of the Ansty Community and St James' Church for many years. Fittingly, Mr Moore's funeral will be on March 14th at St James's Church.

Anthea Webb, who was also very much a friend of Ansty before she left a few years ago now, has also died. (posted 17-02-2023)

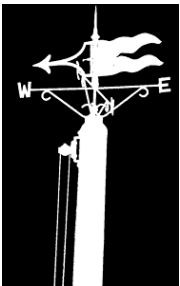
Last call to Ansty Villagers to plant a tree to honour Her Majesty

As you may know, Ansty Village has been supporting The Queen's Green Canopy initiative by planting trees to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and in memoriam, to honour Her Majesty. This initiative runs to the end of March, so there is still just time to take part, if it is something you are considering.

Once you have planted your tree and taken a photograph, go to The Queen's Green Canopy website, <https://queensgreencanopy.org/about-us/> to register your tree(s). Alternatively, just email the tree details to Cllr Mark Norris, and he will register it for you. We are also keeping a track of the local trees on our village website – see above.

I hope you will take part if you haven't done so already. (posted 22-02-2023)

The Ansty Village monthly weather statistics for FEBRUARY 2023.



February 2023 was often very mild by day but cold at night too! However, the statistics show that the month's overall average temperatures were above average. February was often cloudy by day but there was some bright, pleasant sunshine too! The month was dry with low rainfall totals. There were no storms and no snow either! Click [here](#) to catch up on all of the month's statistical details.

Click [here](#) to see how the whole year of 2022 panned out! (posted 28-02-2023)



Arctic blast brings snow to Ansty (for a short while!)

So far, early March has been quite cold and a plunge of cold arctic air on the 8th March brought in a band of snow which deposited an inch or two in our area. Always an excuse for our local photographers who sent in a few pictures to mark the occasion. Alas, it didn't last too long, and much milder weather has been forecasted for the coming weekend, unfortunately accompanied by rain! (posted 08-03-2023)

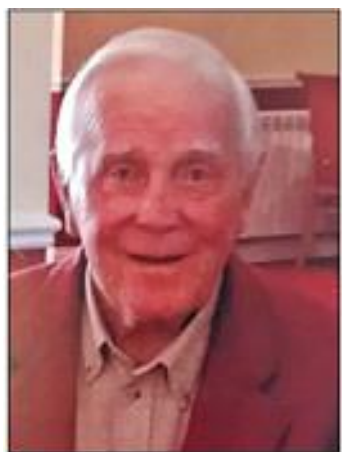
Alan John Moorse 13th May 1925 – 11th February 2023.



Alan John Moorse, passed away peacefully on 11th February 2023, aged 97, at Albany House Care Home in Tisbury. Those that knew the longstanding Ansty resident gathered to say goodbye to him at St James' Church in Ansty on Tuesday 14th March.

Click [here](#) to read our tribute to Alan and the valuable contributions he made to the Ansty Village Community when he and his wife Anne moved to the parish in 1986. (posted 16-03-2023)

Alan Beale of Ansty Village – 17th October 1928 – 26th February 2023.



Many Ansty Villagers of a certain vintage will be very sad to learn of the death of Mr. Alan Beale. Alan, who was a well-known local farmer and businessman. Alan died peacefully in Salisbury District Hospital on 26th February 2023, aged 94. After a private cremation there followed a well-attended thanksgiving service for his life on Saturday 18th March 2023 at West Barn Lodge in Fovant. Donations in Alan's memory can still be made to [Tearfund](#) or [Barnabas Aid](#).

Click [here](#) to read more about Alan's life and the legacy he left. (updated 23-03-2023)

The Annual Ansty Litter Pick cleans up the High Street again!



Once again, Ansty village had its annual litter pick on Saturday morning, 25th March 2023. Eleven volunteers from the village took part in the big clean-up at various times. Organised by Tim Martin and others on behalf of the Ansty Parish Council, a very efficient operation was completed in just over one hour. Click on image to read more. (posted 25-03-2023)

Ansty May Day Maypole dancing rehearsals get underway!



Much preparation and planning by a hard-working committee goes into making May Day such a success every year! Of course, one of the main attractions is the traditional maypole dancing and this year's fine crop of youngster have already undertaken their first dance rehearsal – on Sunday 26th March at the site of Ansty Village's famous Maypole! (posted 28-03-2023)

Monthly 'Walking Lunches' successfully launched at Ansty PYO!

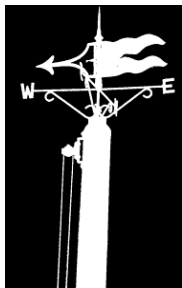


Ansty PYO and Farm Shop are never short of good ideas and treats for their customers and friends! A new initiative between Julia and Ansty Farm Shop means that Julia leads a walking group on a circular walk through our wonderful local landscape whilst K and her team at the Farm Shop provide a welcome lunch on their return! What a great idea and this is bound to catch on! Click on the image for more details.

(posted 31-03-2023)

The Ansty Village monthly weather statistics have been compiled for

MARCH 2023.



March 2023 was another month consisting of two halves: cold in the first half; mild in the second half – resulting in near average temperatures. It was a very wet month in the end with most of the precipitation falling in the second half. It was also a dull and dreary month with 10 night-time frosts and just one day of lying snow! Click [here](#) to catch up on all of the month's statistical details. Click [here](#) to see how the whole year of 2022 panned out! Click [here](#) to view other up to date information.

(posted 01-04-2023)

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(updated 09-04-2023)



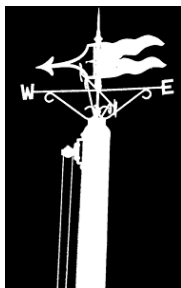
Ansty Village parishioners took the opportunity to plant trees in memoriam to honour Her Majesty.

The late Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) was proud to be creating a living legacy with over a million trees planted in Her Majesty's name across the nation from October 2021 to March 2022. As a nationwide initiative created to mark the Platinum Jubilee, the QGC was scheduled to conclude in December 2022 – the end of the Jubilee year. However, as the official tree planting season in the United Kingdom is usually from October to March, the

initiative was extended to include the full tree planting season, beginning in October 2022 and concluding at the end of March 2023. The extension of the QGC initiative was to build on this legacy and serve as a lasting tribute to Her Majesty's extraordinary service to her country and her people.

Ansty Parish Councillor Mark Norris made a valiant attempt to encourage tree planting in Ansty under the umbrella of The Queen's Canopy during this extended period. We even posted our own tree map pinpointing those who registered with the scheme. It seems now that some 6 trees were registered within the parish, but we are sure more trees were planted that were not registered. Well done to those who did take part – and it reflects Ansty's efforts to be a part of this special legacy. Click on the image to view the map of trees. (updated 13-04-2023)

The Ansty Village monthly weather statistics have been compiled for APRIL 2023.



April 2023 was a disappointing month. It was certainly cool with below average temperatures and quite wet as well. There was rather too much cloud around and a packet of small secondary depressions arrived on a conveyor belt on several occasions. Rainfall was mostly light but persistent and it gradually added up to make the total well above average. We did get some nice sunny days though although we also had 7 frosts – but not really damaging ones. Click [here](#) to catch up on all of the month's statistical details.

(posted 01-05-2023)



Ansty's May Day attracted big crowds this year and no wonder!

(posted 04-05-2023)

Ansty's main spectacular event of 2023 on May Day went so well for everybody, thanks to careful preparation by the May Day Committee, the dancers and their teacher and parents and all those unsung heroes who turned out to help before and on the day. [Click here for a complete round-up of the May Day Celebrations!](#)

The Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla



The Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla on Saturday May 6th marked the beginning of 3 days of pomp, pageantry, ceremony, entertainment and celebration. Whether you were in London to witness the scenes or watched it on television, the whole



Coronation event was truly spectacular from start to finish.

Sunday was, by contrast, sunny and warm and many communities were involved in the 'Big Help Out' with more star-studded and dazzling entertainment on television later. The Ansty Village Coronation Party took place on Monday, 8th May and brought friends, family and neighbours together to share friendship, food, and fun at the Ansty PYO farm shop. Their Majesties must have been pleased that so many people enjoyed these worthwhile and celebratory events. (posted 09-05-2023)

Click on the picture below for our roundup of the great event.

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Ansty Village Celebrates!



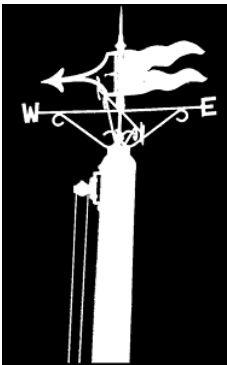
Sunday, May 8th 2023

Ansty Village well represented at the Wylde Valley Art Trail



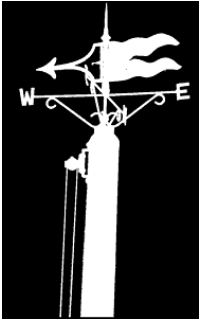
Ansty Village craft making experts were well represented on the Wylde Valley Art Trail which ran from Saturday 29th April – Monday 8th May. This biennial event was a 10-day festival of visual art and craft in southwest Wiltshire with 73 different locations where one could visit open studios, workplaces, group exhibitions and galleries. Much of the craftwork displayed was for sale and visitors were able to meet and talk to the artists and craftspeople and purchase original hand-crafted items. Click on the image for more details. (posted 10-05-2023)

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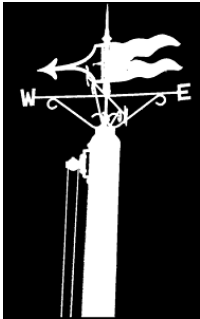
May 2023 was a month of two halves again: wet in the first half and bone dry in the 2nd half! By and large it appeared to be an 'average month' in terms of temperature and rainfall amounts. What was noticeable though is that we received a decent amount of sunshine and there were no late spring frosts! Click [here](#) to catch up on all of the month's statistical details and Click [here](#) to see how the whole of last year panned out! (posted 01-06-2023)

The Ansty Village monthly weather statistics have been compiled for JUNE 2023.



June 2023 was an exceptionally sunny and very warm month: despite some cool nights! Persistently high daytime temperatures have surely pushed June 23 into one of the warmest Junes ever! Not surprisingly, rainfall was well below average and most of it fell on one day! Click [here](#) to catch up on all of the month's statistical details and Click [here](#) to see how the whole of last year panned out!

(posted 03-07-2023)



July 2023 was a very wet month indeed, but with average temperatures! There was only one very warm day! The month saw a constant humid, showery Atlantic airstream wash over us, often with pulses of heavy rain. However, we did manage 15 days of reasonable sunshine! Click [here](#) to catch up on all of the month's statistical details and Click [here](#) to see how the whole of last year panned out!

(posted 03-07-2023)

Juliette Foy of Ansty. 1956 – 2023 Obituary.

Juliette Gabrielle Ghislane Foy died peacefully after a long illness on 17th July 2023 at the age of 67. Her funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on 23rd August 2023 at St James, Ansty. It was a warm, sunny afternoon; the churchyard was pristine and the building itself was packed with mourners and a sizeable overspill were accommodated outside listening to the service. A short funeral cortege walked slowly from Juliette's home in Ansty, along the High Street to her final resting place at St James' Ansty. Donations were collected in aid of St James' Church, Ansty. After the service, Juliette's family invited all in attendance to join them for light refreshments at The Royal Oak, in Swallowcliffe. Click [here](#) to read the full obituary. (updated 23-08-2023)

News from Chase & Chalke and Cranborne Chase AONB



Cranborne Chase
Area of Outstanding
Natural Beauty



CHASE & CHALKE
LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

Ansty Village is part of the Cranborne Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is even closer to the AONB's 'offshoot' - the Chase and Chalke Landscape Partnership - which does include part of our magnificent chalk downland. The Landscape Partnership was awarded lots of money from the National Lottery Heritage Fund - which was to set up a 5-year partnership working with local

communities to better connect people with the landscape and now with a 6-month extension. It seems strange, but (apart from planning issues) Ansty seems strangely disconnected from the opportunities on offer, but they are there if you are interested including a coffee & cake morning to find out more at Ansty PYO! The [Chase & Chalke LiDar Project](#) looks especially interesting!

Click on both images separately to discover more! (posted 31-08-2023)

Plenty of Wildlife to be found in Ansty!



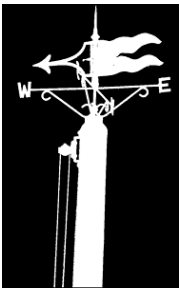
There are folk who are trying to reverse the rapid decline of hedgehogs across the country and Gill Powell in Ansty is one of them. She has been encouraging them and feeding them in her garden for several years, whilst monitoring them using a wildlife camera (left). Recently her cameras also picked up a fox too! Click on the image to see them in our gallery! (posted 31-08-2023)

Ansty Village footpaths are well looked after!



Ansty has almost 6 miles of footpaths and bridleways. There are well over 30 stiles to clamber over and several gates to open! Every year, vegetation seems to grow thicker and faster: grass becomes longer and more unruly; trees and branches occasionally crash down and need to be removed and all this can cause difficulties when out walking. Add to this the fact that wooden stiles need repairing or replacing and gates need to be installed to make access easier and you have a busy schedule! (posted 01-09-2023)

The Ansty Village monthly weather statistics have been compiled for AUGUST 2023.



AUGUST 2023 was another quite wet month and sometimes rather cool too again! The month also bucked the warming trend as the average temp was 0.2 of a centigrade degree below the normal, still, very near the average. Rainfall figures were 144% times the level it should be for the month! Click [here](#) to catch up on all of the month's statistical details and Click [here](#) to see how the whole of last year panned out!

(posted 01-09-2023)

UNPRECEDENTED Record-breaking temperature run for September in our locality!



The 4th - 9th of September saw record breaking temperatures of over 30 C reached every day in Ansty - with Saturday's maximum attaining 31.8 C (89 F)! One expects the odd very warm or hot day even in September, but these temperatures are something else! Ansty Village has been sweltering like everywhere else in our part of Wiltshire and the south. It actually felt even warmer on the 6th, 7th and 9th because the heat index (works in the same way as winter 'wind chill' only this is our 'perceived warmth') elevated the temperature because of the oppressive atmospheric humidity. The highest 'feels like' temperature was recorded on Saturday, reaching 32.4 C (90.3 F). The overnight temperature only dropped to a sultry 17 C on the night of the 7th in some parts of the parish; spare a thought for those living in towns and cities, where the temperature hovered around 20 or 21 C! Phew! It looks as though we shall gradually see more 'normal' temperatures this coming week - although what 'normal' means these days is anybody's guess.

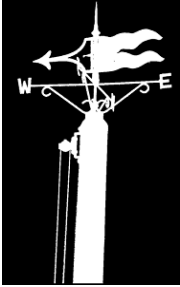
(updated 09-09-2023)

Ansty PYO and Farm Shop celebrate their 25th Birthday!



Ok, so we are a little late in reporting on this landmark local event – but on the 28th August, 2023, the Ansty PYO and Farm Shop team celebrated their 25th Birthday! To commemorate this anniversary Karren and the PYO team held a surprise 'birthday party' at the monthly Ansty Village Coffee Morning! It was a reverse of a the normal 'surprise party' – in that the guests didn't know they were coming to a party! (posted 22-09-2023)

The Ansty Village monthly weather statistics have been compiled for SEPTEMBER 2023.



SEPTEMBER 2023 was an extraordinary month! Another month of two halves: Hot and dry in the first half and mild and very wet in the second half! From the 4th – 9th the daytime temperature exceeded 30 C! In the end the month must surely be a record breaking 'warm month'. Rainfall was above average but there was plenty of sunshine too. Click [here](#) to catch up on all of the month's statistical details and Click [here](#) to see how the whole of last year panned out! (posted 01-10-2023)



Ansty's Traditional Harvest Supper is back again- *Full Report!*

Ansty Village parishioners were cordially invited to the Commandery, by kind permission of Jean Marc and Kate, to celebrate the annual traditional Harvest Supper – organised and brought back into existence by the amazing Ann Oldfield and her team after two or three years of the event not happening – largely caused by the Covid Pandemic. Click on the picture for more details!

(updated 09-10-2023)



Check out our latest item on our Ansty Chronicles page!

Occasionally you can find a few picture gems of your local area on the internet or from old postcards or personal photos that highlight just how some things stay the same whilst others change beyond recognition! Most people are fascinated by how their town or village looked in the past when compared to the here and now. A single picture can impart as much information as a small book if you peruse it carefully! Click on the image to locate a few pictures of Ansty and its landscape to enjoy! (posted 13-10-2023)

Well known Ansty Coombe resident dies.

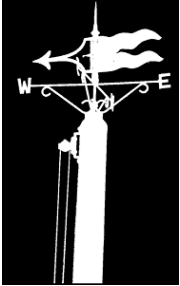


Tim Plumptre, who was well known and liked throughout Ansty and beyond, died peacefully in the early hours of yesterday morning (16th October) in Southampton. He had been taken to an Intensive Care Unit at a Southampton hospital after a catastrophic fall at his home, but he never regained consciousness. We offer our condolences to his wife Caroline and his family. He was a very much-loved character and will be sadly missed by all.

Our website occasionally highlights the very worthy activities of the Nadder Community Energy organisation based in Tisbury. Community energy is a growing movement in which energy generation is owned not by large industrial companies but by local communities, with the profits invested back into the community. Tim Plumptre was a volunteer director at the NCE and the Tisbury team have expressed their condolences in a moving tribute. Click [here](#) to read it.

(posted 17-10-2023)

The Ansty Village monthly weather statistics have been compiled for OCTOBER 2023.



OCTOBER 2023 was yet another extraordinary month and a month of two halves too! Warm and mostly dry in the first half; mild and very wet in the second half! From the 6th - 9th the daytime temperature exceeded 21 C! In the end the month will be classed as another 'warm month'. Rainfall was well above average but there was some sunshine too. Click [here](#) to catch up on all of the month's statistical details and click [here](#) to see how the whole of last year panned out!

(posted 01-11-2023)

Timothy George Plumptre 1945-2023



Timothy George Plumptre, a much-loved resident of Ansty died on 16th October 2023, aged 78, following a catastrophic fall at his home. Tim's funeral service took place at St Peter's Church in the nearby parish of Swallowcliffe on November 6th. The service was conducted by the Reverend Canon David Durston. Click [here](#) for more details of the ceremony.

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(posted 08-11-2023)

Latest News from the Chalke & Chase Landscape Partnership



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Check out our new 3D Photomap on the Ansty Chronicles page!



This 3D photomap gives you a more realistic understanding of the shape and relationship of our varied landscape from the steep chalk down escarpments, to the greensand 'benches' and the wooded clay vales! Click on the image for a better view!

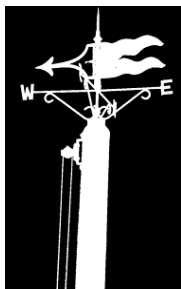
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Looking for Christmas Presents this year?



Robert and Jaci Baker of **North Cottage Crafts** based in Tisbury Row, Ansty, are gearing up for the **Christmas Garden of Delights** at Springhead in Fontmell Magna, Shaftesbury, where they hope to hope to sell their delightful hand-made ceramics, wooden lamps, stools and tables amongst other items. Click on the image for more details. (posted 24-11-2023)

The Ansty Village monthly weather statistics have been compiled for NOVEMBER 2023.



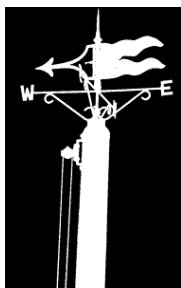
November 2023 was yet another month of two 'halves' too! Mild and wet for the first 3 weeks; drier and much colder for the last week! In the end the month returned an 'average' for the monthly statistics. Rainfall was well above average again but there was some sunshine too. Click [here](#) to view the latest information. Click [here](#) to catch up on all of the month's statistical details and click [here](#) to see how the whole of last year panned out! (posted 01-12-2023)

A good Ansty Village turnout for the St James's Church 'Carols by Candlelight' held on December 23rd 2023



Only St James' Church in Ansty could look so inviting for the beginning of the festive season 2023. The marvellous 'Carols by Candlelight' led for the last time by the Reverend Dr. Graham Southgate was well attended with all generations of Ansty well-represented, from babes in arms to the oldest residents. Click on the image for more information. (posted 24-12-2023)

The Ansty Village monthly weather statistics have been compiled for DECEMBER 2023.



DECEMBER 2023 was a dull month, atrociously wet and very mild generally! The first week was quite cold but thereafter it was a very dank month and often quite windy too! Click [here](#) to view the latest information. Click [here](#) to catch up on all of the month's statistical details and click [here](#) to see how the whole of last year panned out! (posted 01-01-2024)



ANSTY VILLAGE, GALLERY 23

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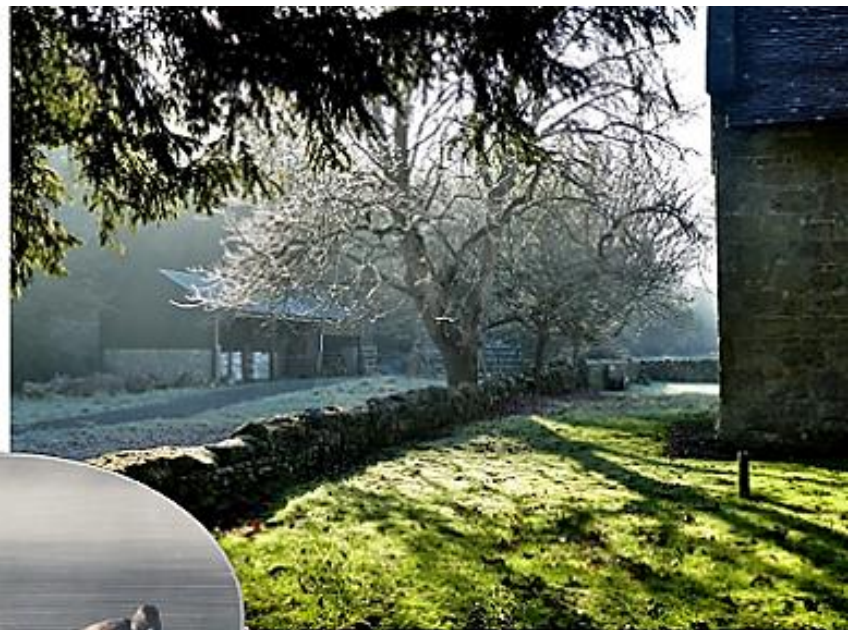


This set of photos, showing some very frosty scenes in and around Ansty was sent in by Mark Norris. After a very mild and wet first half of January we had a quite a cold snap between the 16th and the 24th January when night-time temperatures dropped as low as -8 C and daytime figures hovered around 5 or 6 C. There was plenty of sunshine though!



These pictures were sent in by Karren Price of Ansty PYO. Left- shows clearly how the wooded Ansty Village (top centre) is located in a well-known frost hollow. The temperature fell to -8.5 C overnight, though cloud later in the day melted most of the frost. Right- this is the track that descends from the byway on the downs which meets with Shave Lane at the foot of Ansty Down. 22-01-2023

FEBRUARY



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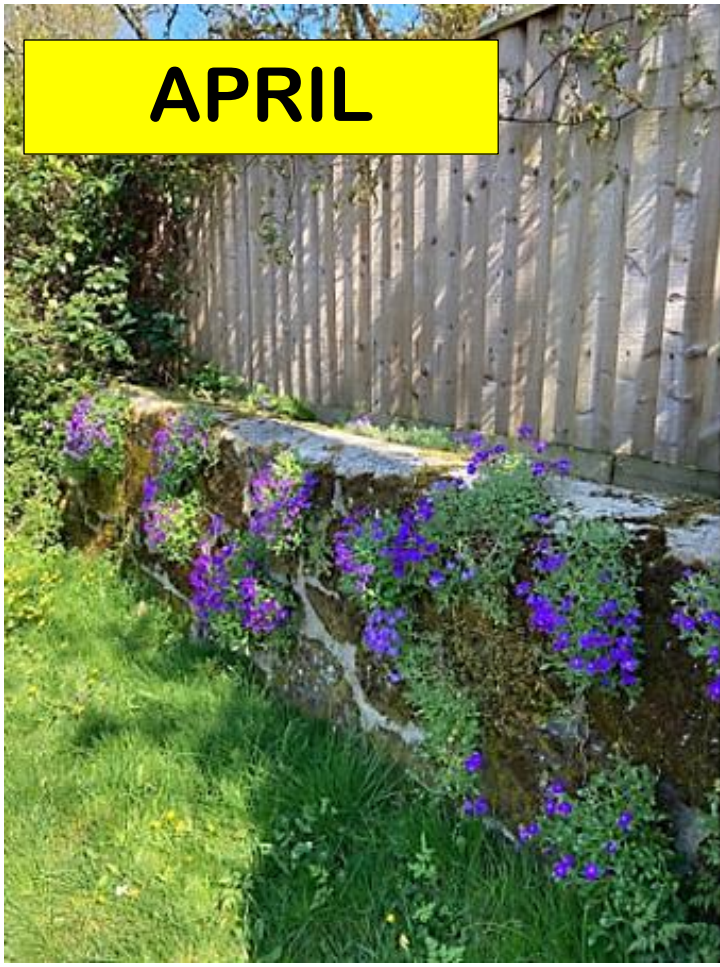


Snow fell on March 8th 2023, producing these wintery scenes in Ansty. It didn't last long though – but for a short time the heart of the village looked perfect for late winter! These pictures were kindly sent in by Tim Martin.



These super snow pictures were sent in by Karren of PYO Farm Shop from locations on the byway on the Downs above Ansty Village. The whiteness of the snow makes these photos look monochromatic. 08-03-2023

APRIL



There weren't too many warm sunny days in April, but these pleasant views were captured by TM. 20-04-2023

MAY



This wonderful garden, blessed with bright sunshine, at North Cottage was open as part of the National Open Gardens Scheme on 23rd May. Over 120 people visited raising a healthy amount of money for health and garden charities. Smallholders Robert and Jaci Baker are to be commended for their industriousness and creativity.

JUNE



June 2023 will be remembered for the prolonged sunny, dry and very warm days experienced in the first half of the month. Ansty looked at its very best when this picture postcard was assembled by RW. 14-06-2023

AUGUST



After a very wet July, the first half of the month of August was a little better! The Ansty countryside looked a verdant green colour when this picture postcard was assembled by RW from pictures sent in by Mark Norris. 11-08-2023

SEPTEMBER



More fantastic pictures from Tim Martin taken in September – an exceptionally warm month with plenty of sunshine

OCTOBER



*This super picture of St James' Church and part of the Commandery was sent in by Heather Lockley in early October.
Autumn colours are beginning to show!*



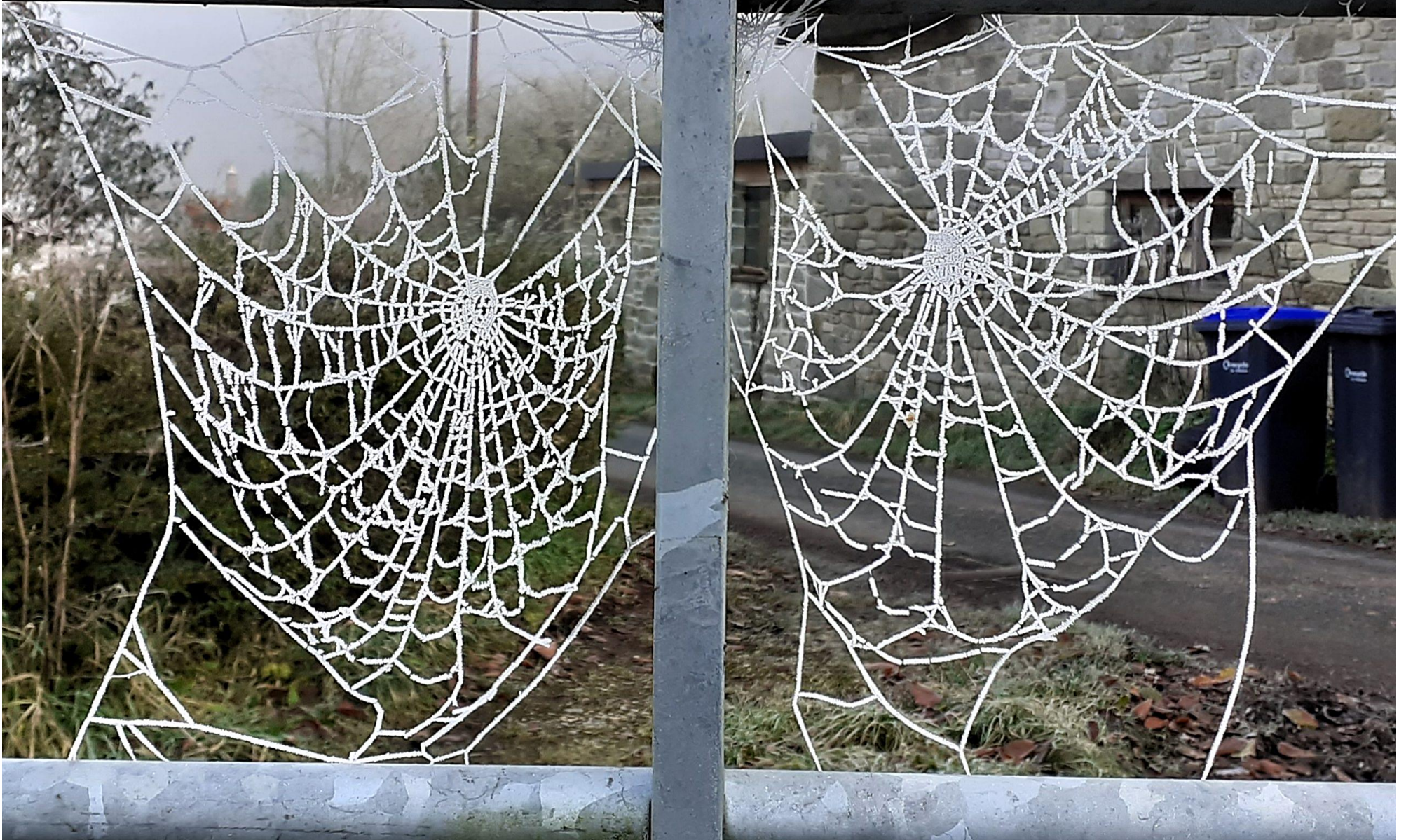
Four more delightful views of Ansty Coombe. Pictures sent in by Mark Norris. 25-10-2023

NOVEMBER



Four great photographs taken on a walk along Kings Lane, Ansty sent in by Heather Lockley. Mid November 2023

DECEMBER



Freezing fog turns spider webs on a gate in Ansty Coombe into fine crochet work – Caroline Plumptre 02-12-2023



St James' Church, Ansty – ready for 'Carols by Candlelight' – Louise Gooding 23-12-2023