

NOVEMBER 2008 - NEWSLETTER

Blimey, where has the time gone! A bit behind with our monthly Newsletter due to large storm that has hit our area.

As some of you may already know, the storm that struck the Horowhenua region on 31 July was pretty horrific. Unfortunately, a lot of people had varying degrees of damage to their properties and yes; we certainly got more than our fair share. We lost 28 trees, which sadly cannot be replaced so easily as some were over 90 years old, quite tragic really. Anyway, it has taken us some 14 weeks to recover and get things back into shape. Now that summer is just around the corner, the flowers are blooming and looking as they should, new beginnings.

The English have supported Fantails and joined Heather for a great BBQ and a catch up! Still guests are arriving even with the storm, lots of laughs by the fire and plenty of red wine. People from all areas of the Globe, most recently Argentina, Australia, Germany and Spain. Heather's been busy with her Collins Spanish phrase book and CD so look out (the next Newsletter could be in Spanish!)

Recipe of the Day

CHICKEN IN GINGER WINE SAUCE

1 organic chicken	250g white grapes
300 ml chicken stock	60 g butter
2 wine glasses Ginger wine	Juice of 1 lemon
Pinch of Thyme	Freshly ground pepper
30 g flour	30 g brown sugar
Salt	

Cut the chicken into quarters and gently fry in butter until golden. Remove these and place in casserole dish with grapes, stock, ginger wine and lemon juice. Season well and add Thyme.

Cook in a moderate oven at 180 degrees for about 1.1/4 hours. Take out of oven and remove chicken joints from dish and place on a grill pan. Sprinkle with brown sugar and place under the grill until sugar melts. Meanwhile, thicken gravy with flour.

Place chicken quarters onto serving dish and pour thickened gravy over the top.

DELICIOUS!

HEATHER'S HANDY HINT

Oxalis - the pain of everyone's life! To kill this weed off, wet it first; sprinkle Cold Water Surf on top. Repeat two or three times and this should do the trick.

Trust all is well in your neck of the wood - until next time - take care

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heather". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned on a light-colored rectangular background.