

# Forest Farm Shop & Garden Centre

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## Welcome to our December 2017 Newsletter

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### Ready for Christmas

We've been gearing up for Xmas for a while now and as December starts, you'll find lots of moneysavers.

In the Garden Centre, we now have live and cut trees, all Nordmann Firs, which will last at least four weeks without dropping if they are given water. We also have a large range of quality tree decorations, internal and external lights, some beautiful novelties and ornaments and the usual range of plants and bulbs.

In the shop, we have all our usual specialities, including



pickles, cheese, sweet and savoury biscuits and a host of snacks to fill in the gaps. Of course, nearer the day, we'll have just about every kind of fruit, veg, salad and nuts you'll need for a great spread.

Don't forget to take a look at our selection of chocolates and other confectionery and, finally, you're sure to find a beer, wine or soft drinks to wash everything down.

### Make your Xmas Tree Last

If you are buying a real Xmas tree this year, there are a few things you can do to make them last.

Live (potted) trees will last best if you leave them outside for as long as possible and keep the pot moist. After Christmas, you can try planting them in the garden, or just continuing to grow in the pot although there's no guarantee that they will survive.

Cut trees will last longer if you cut about 3-4 inches off the trunk and support them in a container filled with water.

For both types, try to keep them away from radiators or open fires, preferably in a position where they will not be accidentally brushed against.

### Why so Cold?

Although it's a long way away, our winter weather is usually tempered by a Pacific phenomenon known as El Nino which pushes warm area in to the west coast. However, this year those winds are being blocked by another weather system known as La Nina. As a result there is no flow of warm air pushing north through the UK and we are, instead, receiving blasts of Arctic cold in from the North.

### Maris Piper Potatoes

We have main crop Maris Piper potatoes in the shop for Xmas, grown on our own farm in Lincolnshire.

To make them into perfect mashed potato, peel them then cut into pieces of similar size. This will ensure that they cook evenly. Place the pieces in a saucepan of cold, salted water, bring to the boil, then simmer gently for 20-25 minutes.



### Butter Prices

Butter prices have risen steeply this year. In 2016, milk prices were so low that many farmers abandoned their dairy herds in favour of alternative forms of livestock. This has resulted in a national shortage of milk and, subsequently, butter.

Butter prices always rise a little at this time of the year as butter is not only used on its own, but also by bakers to produce all our favourite Xmas puddings and pies. In 2017, the normal price rise has been accentuated by the national shortage.

We have now upgraded the CCTV system in the shop with the addition of 16 new cameras. Thank you for your understanding whilst the work was carried out.

### Monthly Specials

Riberhus Danish Choc	2 tins
Chip Cookies 454g Tins	for £3
Mr. Kipling Mince Pies Box of 6	£1
Tunnets Snowballs Box of 6	79p Each
Nando's Coat 'n Cook Peri-peri marinade 120g	£1
Sarson's Pickling Vinegar 1.14L Jar	£1.20

### PCs for Xmas

If you plan on buying your children or grandchildren a laptop or PC for Xmas, you could do worse than buying from one of the recycling sellers on Ebay.

Many UK offices replace their PC hardware once every year or two and when these have been cleaned and checked by the recyclers, they often represent excellent value for money compared to a new machine.

Try to buy a machine that has an operating system loaded (Windows 10 for most non-Mac machines). Even if you buy a desktop machine, the cost of a screen, keyboard and mouse, when added to the cost of the system unit can still be well below the cost of an equivalent new model.

**£5 Discount**

When you spend over £50 in one transaction.

Please print and present this voucher to the cashiers to claim your discount.

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