

Forest Farm Shop & Garden Centre

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Welcome to our March-April Newsletter

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Weather

March has been unusually cold and it seems that the cold spell may well spill into April. Because of this we have delayed bringing Spring stock into the Garden Centre. As soon as the weather improves, we will have a full stock of plants available.

On a brighter note, we are in the process of creating a separate website for the Garden Centre. See www.forestroadgardencentre.com.



Wood Pulp

Despite the current weather conditions, the winter in Europe has been generally warm and this has impacted the ability of producers to harvest wood pulp. Apparently in the main producing countries such as Finland, the warm weather has left the main harvesting routes, normally frozen solid, with nothing but deep mud. The heavily muddied trails has meant that heavy machinery used to harvest the trees has been unable to pass.

There is now a chronic shortage of wood pulp in Europe and this, in turn, has led to a sharp rise in the cost of paper. We are already seeing increases in the cost of toilet and kitchen rolls and it is expected that this will spread to packaging costs for many other products as well.

DIY to Save Cash

It's around about this time of year that you often discover that gardening equipment that was working perfectly well at the end of last year stubbornly refuses to work when needed. This is particu-



larly true of petrol mowers and strimmers. The good news is that despite the temptation to send them off for costly repairs or even to replace them, the solution can often be cheap and easy. One excellent source of information for DIY repairs on almost anything you can think of is YouTube. Oh, and by the way, the biggest cause of mower and strimmer problems is stale petrol. Simply drain and refill with fresh petrol to repair.

Traditional Easter Foods

Everybody knows what foods are normally eaten at Christmas, but do you know which foods are considered traditional for Easter? Basically there are 4 items that constitute Easter fare.

Hot Cross Buns are symbolically eaten on Easter Friday, but apart from the obvious, sharing them with friends and family is meant to cement the good relations between all who partake.

On Easter Day (Sunday) you should start the day with a hard-boiled egg and afterwards exchange Easter gifts (i.e. hand out the Easter Eggs). For lunch, as with the traditional Jewish Passover feast, lamb should be served with vegetables. Next comes something that is not often seen—Simnel cake—a fruit



cake with Marzipan topping and 11 marzipan balls depicting the 11 disciples. Finally, Easter iced biscuits in various shapes of rabbits and eggs are served with afternoon tea.

Please note that we have raised the minimum debit/credit card purchase value from £5 to £10. We have also installed new card readers which will handle your transaction much more quickly.

Look out for...

Easter Eggs Many Varieties	From £1
Planet Popcorn Various Flavours	50p bucket
Green & Black's Praline Chocolates 158g packs	2 for £5
Barista Blend Almond Milk. Dairy/Soy/Gluten Free—ideal for coffee	2x 946ml £1.50

MORE SCAMS

Despite much publicity, the scammers are still going strong and getting a little smarter. Amongst the latest scams, callers are presenting themselves as either Virgin Media or BT and informing you that your monthly costs are going down. All that is required is that you log on to your PC so that the caller can remotely access your router...! I'm sure by now you are familiar with the rest. Best action? Hang up!!!

Another new scam couldn't be simpler. You will receive a missed call from an unfamiliar number. If you are tempted to call back, you will find yourself ringing a premium rate number in Ethiopia or some such country, with the lion's share of the call cost going to the scammer.

£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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