

New Awards

October was quite a month for us all at the farm. Firstly, we travelled down to London for the final of the Farmers Weekly awards and we were thrilled to win the national title of "Local Food Farmer of the Year". The following week was the "Taste of Staffordshire Good Food Awards" and we were overwhelmed to win first place in 4 different categories: Local Food Champion; Tea room of the year; Retailer of the year and Producer of the year. All the judges had been particularly impressed with the quality and quantity of the food we produce and sell direct from the farm. Here are a few of the judges comments:

"The most positive and pro-active organisation regarding local produce and home production that I have ever come across."

"Prices offering good value for money; delightful; welcoming; superb."

"An excellent example of a farm shop committed to the provision and promotion of high quality, locally sourced produce"



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Christmas opening hours

SHOP

1st - 16th Dec, 9am - 7pm daily
17th - 21st Dec, 9am - 5pm daily
22nd & 23rd Dec, 6.30am - 5pm daily
24th Dec, 6.30am - 3pm
25th - 27th Dec, Closed
28th - 30th Dec, 9am - 5pm
31st Dec, 9am - 3pm
1st & 2nd Jan, Closed
3rd Jan onwards
Tue - Sat, 9am - 5pm Sun, 10am - 3pm

TEAROOM

1st - 18th Dec, Tue - Sun 11am - 3pm
19th - 21st Dec, 11am - 3pm
22nd & 23rd Dec, 9am - 4pm
24th Dec - 2nd Jan, Closed
3rd Jan onwards Tue - Sun, 11am - 3pm

Christmas Turkey Offer

Christmas is a very busy time at the butchers. Everyone is keen to buy the best for that special occasion but is looking for a good deal. We

are therefore repeating our special offer from last year: Buy your Christmas poultry from us (turkey, goose, capon, duck) and receive a voucher for 10% off a purchase of £50 in January or February. Order now to avoid that last minute scramble. We can supply whole farm-dressed turkeys reared by Bob Brassington of Calf Heath or our speciality boned and rolled turkey breast which we can fill with home made stuffing and wrap with bacon if required. We will be open from 6.30 am on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th December for you to collect your Christmas meat and miss the rush. Try our speciality Christmas sausage flavours including our delicious pork and cranberry. Last winter we won gold awards for our bacon, gammon and pork pie so be sure to have plenty in stock for Christmas.





Christmas Trees

It's not a real Christmas without a real tree. The magic of bringing a real tree into your home at Christmas is the highlight of the season for many families but there is often a bit of confusion about the types on offer. Log onto our website to find out more about the different varieties of tree available (www.essingtonfarm.co.uk).

Our home grown trees will be on sale by the 1st December and for the adventurous we will be running tractor and trailer rides to the field to cut/dig your own tree (*bring your own tools*) on the weekends 3rd & 4th, 10th & 11th, 17th & 18th December. *Please phone for details.*

Mince pies and Christmas puddings

Our famous home made mince pies and Christmas puddings are always popular and our team of cooks are already busy in production. Experts will know that Christmas



puddings take a little time to mature, so they were made in the summer to give that extra time to mature.



Christmas Sprouts

The sprouts have had a stop-go growing season. Several times we were worried about the lack of rain but just in time came enough to keep them growing. We have already started harvesting them and they are already looking good for Christmas. For a special touch on Christmas day try serving them with chopped cooked chestnuts.



Christmas Meals

You can find our Christmas menu on our website and we will open outside our normal hours for parties of 20 or more. Alternatively we serve a Christmas supper on Saturday 17th December for parties of any size but be sure to book early as we are nearly always full.



Maize Maze Winners

Congratulations to Tyler Wood from Cannock and Simon Jones from Coseley who won the Maize quizzes and will be enjoying tickets to the pantomime courtesy of the Grand Theatre Wolverhampton.

Many thanks to all those who entered.

Coming soon for New Year

Once the festivities are over there is nothing better than a bit of plain cooking and we are planning to have home made meat pies served hot to take away from the deli, look out for details.

Don't forget our **'Burns Supper'** with a Black Country flavour: Thursday 26 Jan 2012.



The Natural Choice

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