

TRY A LOCALLY SOURCED CHRISTMAS DINNER

From Bathford Village Shop

Christmas is coming, the geese (and turkeys) are getting fat near Bradford-on-Avon, the vegetables are growing in Batheaston and customers can order them all from Bathford village shop.

Tasty, traditionally made cranberry sauce, preserves, pickles, stuffing and mince pies from Paxcroft Farm in Wiltshire will also be available in the run-up to the festive season. Other indulgent, locally sourced treats to accompany the Christmas feast include succulent sausages, bacon and cheeses from Sandridge Farm in Wiltshire as well as Hobbs House bread and cakes.

Cards, jewellery, pottery and other crafts hand made by local artists make unique Christmas gifts. There is an eclectic range on display in the shop. We even have Christmas trees to order! With late night opening through December (see below), we're hoping for a bumper Christmas so do pop in or phone the shop on **859186** to find out how your Christmas can be just a little more local and hassle free.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING - LATE NIGHT OPENING!

Attention all you out-of-village daytime workers: In the run up to Christmas, there will be late night opening until 8pm on Friday nights. Join Paul and the team for a complimentary glass of mulled wine on the first late night Friday, the 8th of December.

The shop will be *closed* on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years day. Otherwise during the holiday season (Dec 23rd – Jan 2nd) the shop will be open as normal (**Mon-Fri: 07:30-18:00, Sat: 07:30-17:30, Sun: 08:00-12:00**).

Plus watch out in early December for Bathford's own village Christmas tree. With thanks for the tremendous support during the year, we wish the whole community a very happy Christmas from all at the shop!

A LOAD OF OLD COBBLERS....

Did you know that we offer a shoe mending service alongside dry cleaning? Simply bring your shoes in and we will do the rest.

LOCAL CHEF THRILLED TO DISCOVER HARD TO SOURCE INGREDIENTS

Local chef Vanessa, famous for her delicious, exquisitely decorated home-made celebration cakes, was surprised and delighted to find real yeast for sale at Bathford shop. "I did not realise the village was such a haven for bakers. Normally it's hard to find fresh yeast."

Remember there is a suggestions book at the shop. If there is sufficient demand, we can source almost anything - and do keep popping in, we are always updating our stock.

A HELPING HAND FOR EAST HARPTREE

East Harptree, a village in the Mendips, visited Bathford recently to get some pointers on what is involved in saving a village shop. They met with committee members from BEFA and an upbeat video message was recorded and later shown at a public meeting in East Harptree.

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If you are a member and have not yet received your membership card, please contact membership secretary Diana Smith (Tel:858964). If you wish to join

Bathford Enterprise for All (BEFA), the co-operative which runs the village shop, forms are available at the shop. Members are entitled to stand for and select the committee who run the shop.

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December 12th is earmarked for volunteers to have a Christmas get-together. More details on the way.