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## Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter for Village Greens Farm Shops –

## Full of festive foodie loveliness!

For eleven Christmases now, the team at Village Greens have been cheerily putting together fruit, veg and meat box orders for our customers, enabling you to choose the very best local produce well in advance,  of the big day. You can then sit back and enjoy the festive season, knowing it's all being taken care of. You select the most convenient day to collect and we will have it ready and waiting for you.

## Now, picture the scene this Christmas....

It's Christmas day morning – the children are excitedly bouncing around the (locally grown) Christmas tree, clad in seasonal jim-jams, expectant looks on their faces for this year's "perfect" gift from Father Christmas. Parsnips a-plenty are hogging the salad tray in

gnarly looking celeriac, trying to get their festive upper hand and a cheeky cauli wonders what he's doing there at all. The Pewley Down English Sparkling Rosé is quietly chilling in the fridge door, having demoted the milk to the back of the appliance, simply waiting for its explosive entrance...

Meanwhile, the king of the day – the free-range turkey from Etherley Farm holds centre stage. He is surrounded by his subjects – cocktail sausages from A&R Baileys Butchers of Warnham and a home-made stuffing mix using Gloucester Old Spot pork from Hill House Farm. A slightly snooty Smoked Salmon side from The Weald Smokery knows he is first out of the starting blocks on this special day and snuggles up to a couple of juicy lemons and a bouquet of dill, ready for the off.
The doorbell goes! The family have arrived and.... joy of joys... the first gift passed across the threshold is a bottle of Silent Pool Gin and matching glasses...it's going to be a lovely Christmas.

Whilst you can order most of your Christmas treats and essentials from us why not come and visit our Christmas Food Fair on Sunday 25th November. You'll get a chance to sample many of the delicious food we have on offer! No better way to choose your favourites.

**A Village Greens Christmas is here! Download your order forms, fill out and relax!**

We would be delighted to arrange all your local Christmas Day foodie delights for you – just click the links below to access the order forms or pop into either shop to place your order with one of our team:

Locally reared meat & poultry : free range Etherley Farm bronze turkey, goose, duck and capon; local pedigree Gloucester Old Spot Pork; locally cured hams and smoked salmon or trout:

## Turkey & Meat Order Form
## (order deadline Monday 10th December)

Christmas veg : order all your fruit and veg in advance and we will put together a fresh box ready for you to collect on your chosen day:

## Veg Order Form
## (order deadline Friday 16th December)

Cheese : place an order with us to create a stunning local cheeseboard, just perfect to round off your delicious Christmas feast:

## Cheese Order Form
## (order deadline Monday 10th December)

To download these forms please follow this link to our website

## Wreaths & Table decorations

Our talented in-house Florist, Karen hand-makes table decorations and beautifully crafted wreaths to tie in with your own colour palette. We will also have some to purchase there and then in both shops, as Christmas draws nearer. If you have any specific requests then talk to Karen and she will try and accommodate your requests but don't leave it too late.

## Locally Made Christmas Puddings

We are delighted to be stocking *Simply Christmas Puddings* from Walton-on-the-Hill again this year. Their traditional puds are laced with brandy and are all lovingly made by hand and stunningly decorated. Have one for yourself and give one as a gift?

## Hand Made Christmas Cakes

We are welcoming back Kate of *Katealisious* again this year with her delightful hand-made Christmas cakes. These have been extremely popular for the last few years - all fruity and beautifully decorated – a real centre piece for the table.

## Need some gift ideas?

This year we have Bacon Curing Kits from *Ross & Ross* – the ideal gift for a foodie who loves a bit of DIY too! This award winning kit contains everything needed to make cured bacon at home – just add pork!

## Award Winning Olive Oil

The multi-award winning *Ladolea* olive oils are 100% single varietal and each oil is produced from a different variety of olives grown exclusively in the northern region of the Peloponnesian peninsula in Greece. The olives are cold-pressed in a technologically sophisticated mill in temperatures under 27°C, resulting in an olive juice with exceptional aromas and taste. These organic, extra virgin olive oils come in a beautiful ceramic pot that can be kept and refilled. A beautiful gift for a foodie-lover – choose from the white pot with a delicate oil or the green pot with a medium fruity oil.

## Two Birds

Artisan producer Two Birds Spirits have an exciting new offering for the festive season with their Spiced Rum – “A spirit drink of carefully selected spices and botanicals with premium aged Caribbean Rum – perfection.”

After selling out last year, we are thrilled to have back in stock their Christmas Spiced Vodka – “Left for a few days to infuse with a blend of mixed spices, cloves, dried fruit, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Just delicious”

## Patés for Christmas

This year we introduced a new range of delicious patés by *Jean Brunet made without colouring or preservatives*. The range has been extended for Christmas with the exciting additions of *Rabbit & Rosemary*, *Duck & Armagnac*, *Pork Liver Mousse* and *Quail & Grape*. Ideal as a starter with some toasted *Chalk Hills* bread and one of *Debbie's* chutneys, to serve alongside a cheeseboard at the end of the meal or to add to a hamper as a gift.

## Don't forget to use your loyalty card this Christmas!

# LOYALTY SCHEME

Want to use your loyalty cards against your Christmas Shopping? Don't forget that you will need to have your physical card with you if you wish to redeem the points you have collected on your Village Greens Loyalty Card. This applies all year round but we know that a lot of our customers save their points up for Christmas, so it's well worth the reminder!

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Come along to our shops and browse our wide range of local, seasonal and festive food and gift items, from local jams, chutneys, a large range of cheeses, organic and local wines and gins, chocolates, sweets, biscuits, meat, poultry, fruit, veg and lots, lots more...!

## Here is the producer line up for our Christmas Food Fair - we really hope you can join us!

## CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

We will be open normal hours in the run up to Christmas and then close on the 24th December at 3pm for a well earned break.

on Mondays. Full details on our website.

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