

NEWS FROM LEWIS & COOPER

• PURVEYORS OF FINE FOOD AND WINE SINCE 1899 •

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Calling all WIs, clubs and societies...

ONE of the region's most famous stores is offering visitors the chance of an after-hours, behind-the-scenes look.

Gourmet foodstore Lewis & Cooper has raised thousands of pounds for charity and entertained groups from far and wide over the years, with its Discover Lewis & Cooper evenings.

Running from September until mid-December, the events provide members of Women's Institutes and other clubs and societies with a tour of the well-known Northallerton fine food and wine outlet and a talk on the store's 100-plus year history by its charismatic retired managing director Tony Howard.

Bettina Bell, joint managing director, said: "The 'discover' events always provide an enjoyable opportunity for us to meet our customers, more than half of whom travel more than 30 miles to shop here."

An optional buffet is also offered, at £10.75 per head. This includes a selection of Lewis & Cooper's own home-roast meats, freshly-baked pastries, quiches, salad, home-made coleslaw, pickles, speciality breads and seasonal desserts. The meal is served in the store's centenary tea rooms, upstairs.

All dietary requirements can be catered for, and tea and coffee served free of charge after the tour.

Of course, there is also time for visitors to shop at their leisure and take advantage of special discounts within the china, gifts, wine and hamper departments, along with sample tasting opportunities.

There is no charge for the evenings – which run from Monday-Thursday – although a £50 donation per group is requested for the current nominated charity: Zöe's Place, a hospice in Normanby, Middlesbrough, for babies and infants from across the region with multiple special needs and life-limiting or terminal illnesses.

The minimum group size is 25 guests – if the group is too small, we encourage them to invite friends or family members along; otherwise they can join with another group.

Buffet places must be pre-booked and paid in advance.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- For press inquiries, please contact Gareth Dant on 01609 760059 or 07929 869269.
- The Northallerton store is at 92 High Street, telephone 01609 772880; a second store can be found in Yarm, within Strickland & Holt at 44 High Street, telephone 01642 802147. The Northallerton store is open 8.30-5.30 Monday-Friday, 8am-5.30pm on Saturday and 10am-4pm on Sunday.
- Lewis & Cooper stocks 35,000-plus lines, including its multi-award winning hand-made plum puddings, luxury fruit cakes and massive range of world-famous hampers. For more details of these, and of their many awards, please visit www.lewisandcooper.co.uk.

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