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Celebrating all that's best about British food and drink

A HOST of events are planned by a fine food and wine firm to celebrate its Best of British week.

Staff at Lewis & Cooper's stores in Northallerton and Yarm have organised tastings, special offers and a competition – centring on St George's Day on Thursday [23] – to focus on the great food and drink available from all over the country.

There are big savings on a wide range of items, from cheeses to china, cordials to relishes, with tastings and a chance for visitors to the Northallerton store to meet the producers of Raydale Preserves (Saturday 18th), Yockenthwaite Farm granola (Tuesday 21st), Butterfingers' flavoured butters and Glendale Ginger (Wednesday 22nd), Ribblesdale cheese (Saturdays 18th and 25th and Thursday 23rd), Sloe Motion gin and Inverawe smoked fish (Saturday 25th).

There will also be a popular lunch club event on Tuesday [21] upstairs in the tea room with Kairen Dods, the entrepreneur behind the Butterfingers range, made in Shildon, County Durham. Tickets for the three-course meal and talk, which starts at 12.30pm, are just £12.50.

On Thursday [23] evening, Paul Bellinger and Vicky Skinn, from Wold Top Brewery, near Driffield, will lead a tutored tasting of their award-winning beers. Tickets are £10 per person for the in-store event, which starts at 7.30pm. The ticket price will be part-redeemable against purchases made on the night.

An unusual competition will also take place during the week, inviting customers to guess how many onions went into a huge 3.7kg jar version of one of Lewis & Cooper's best-selling onion marmalade, from Wiltshire's Tricklements relish makers. The delicacy celebrates its 10th birthday this year. A lucky winner will get to take home the giant jar – worth £35.

For further details or for tickets for the lunch club and beer tasting, contact Kate Wintersgill on 01609 766702 or via the customer services desk in the Northallerton store.

NOTES TO EDITORS

- Please find attached jpeg pictures showing staff member Rouma [CORR] Read with the giant jar of onion marmalade.
- 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 11am-4pm on Sunday. The Yarm store is open from 9am-5.30pm, Monday-Saturday.
- 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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