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Food store welcomes VIP visitor

THE North's most famous food store welcomed John Dauth, Australia's High Commissioner to the UK.

Mr Dauth, who is based at Australia House, in London, dropped in at Lewis & Cooper in Northallerton on Saturday, August 15.

Formerly Australia's ambassador to the United Nations, Mr Dauth came at the invitation of Maria Stewart, who works in the store's award-winning wine department.

"I have known John for a number of years, and met up with him during a tour of vineyards in New Zealand," said Ms Stewart.

"I was telling about some of the Australian wines we stock at Lewis & Cooper, as well as the national awards we have won and tastings we have recently done with visiting Australian winemakers. He said he couldn't wait to visit once he took up his post in the UK."

Mr Dauth certainly seemed highly impressed by the whole store, comparing it to London's most famous grocer, Fortnum & Mason. During his visit, the High Commissioner was presented with one of Lewis & Cooper's famous hampers as a personal gift from the company's chairman, Dr David Gearey.

"We have many famous visitors to Lewis and Cooper," said Dr Gearey afterwards, "but not too many that have come as a result of a recommendation on the other side of the world!"

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- Please find attached jpg pictures showing John Dauth, centre, with Maria Stewart and shopfloor manager David Ryder in Lewis & Cooper's Northallerton wine department.
- For press inquiries, please contact Gareth Dant at *maximedia* on 01609 760059 or 07929 869269.



The Northallerton store is at 92 High Street, telephone 01609 772880; a second, new store is 109 High Street, Yarm, telephone 01642 784158. The Northallerton store is open 8.30-5.30 Monday-Friday, 8am-5.30pm on Saturday and 11am-4pm on Sunday. The Yarm store opens at 9am, Monday-Friday, otherwise its hours are the same.

Lewis & Cooper stocks thousands of 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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