

NEWS FROM LEWIS & COOPER

• PURVEYORS OF FINE FOOD AND WINE SINCE 1899 •

Store brings back child labour – Victorian-style!

A FINE food store celebrating 110 years in business harked back to its Victorian roots by harnessing young helpers to fetch and carry for customers.

Long before the self-service shopping we take for granted today, visitors to Lewis & Cooper's store in Northallerton would present their shopping lists at the front of the store and wait while a small army of staff busily burrowed into the depths of the tardis-like store to fetch the required vittels.

The famous firm harked back to that bygone era recently with the help of 11 members of Brompton Girls' Junior Football Club, who packed bags, handed out birthday cake and assisted Saturday shoppers. They raised £199 for the club, which will be spent on new kit and training aids.

"We'd like to thank Lewis & Cooper for having us and for giving us a nice opportunity to raise some money for our self-funded club," said Phil Kirk, who manages the club's under -14 girls' team.

On the same day, the winner of a contest to guess the weight of a giant 18½x16ins birthday cake was announced: Keeley Ungerechts[CORR], from Romanby, made the closest guess at 13.5kg and won a sumptuous Lewis & Cooper gift pack.

- The football club currently has vacancies for players across its 10-16 teams, as well as a new under tens' team. Training is on Mondays at the Brompton ground or on the all-weather pitch at Hambleton Leisure Centre. For further details, call 01609 771154.



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- As part of the 110th anniversary celebrations, Lewis & Cooper is taking part in a Yummy Yorkshire exhibition celebrating the county's food, at The World of James Herriot Museum, in Thirsk, until the end of November.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- Please find attached a picture of BGJFC members, from left, Tara Wright, 14, Jess Shuker, Kayleigh Arneil and Hannah Kirk, all 13.
- 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 more than 35,000 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.
- Zöe's Place is at Crossbeck House, Normanby, Middlesbrough, TS6 9DA, tel 01642 457985, www.zoesplace.org or derrick@zoesplice.org.

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