



Garden Café January journal

Happy New Year and thank you for taking the time to read our first journal of 2020.

I would like to introduce myself; my name is Martin Spicer and I took over the Garden Café in September 2019. My background is in catering where I trained as a chef. My early career was spent working in London and other parts of the country mainly in large well renowned hotels. For the last 18 years I have been a Catering Manager in several prestigious local private schools.

This monthly journal is a chance for me to keep you informed about the upcoming special offers and events in the Garden Café. I will also keep you abreast of the seasonal produce that is available in our many excellent local markets as well as our Farm Shop plus the latest trends in the foodie world. You will also find some of this seasonal produce reflected in our Café menu.

January can sometimes be a difficult month for home grown produce due to challenging weather conditions. This winter so far has been very mild and wet so most produce has been readily available. From further afield we have got the wonderful blood oranges arriving in our shops very soon and when they do you will find our delicious Blood Orange Polenta Cake on our cake counter ready to pair with your tea or coffee for an eleven o'clock pick me up or a relaxing afternoon cuppa. If you fancy making the cake yourself then please ask at the counter for a copy of the recipe or check out the news and recipes page on [our website](#).

I'm also introducing some new speciality leaf teas from the company **T2** during January which will be truly different, and some will also have health benefits. So, check out our specials board for further information. Have a look on the [T2 website](#) to tempt your tastebuds.

We will also be giving our customers an opportunity to take advantage of our promotional offers during January and February (please see the details below).

Currently we are taking bookings for Valentine Afternoon Tea, so why not treat someone special to our delicious themed afternoon tea.

Upcoming events in the Garden Café

January

During January please come and visit us on a Monday or Wednesday and you will receive a free muffin with every tea or coffee purchased between 9-11am. Don't forget to bargain hunt in the Farm Shop where you will find:

- 50% off Christmas gifts and selected pots and a generous 30% off all giftware
- At the butchers counter you will find 50% off Scottish Sirloin Steak
- You can also take advantage of 10% off when purchasing any 3 bottles of wine and 10% off any antiques

February

Every Monday to Thursday between 3-4pm pop into the Garden Café for a free slice of home-made Victoria Sponge Cake with every tea, coffee or soft drink purchased. Treat your loved ones to a Valentine Afternoon Tea on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday 1-3pm for £35.00 per couple including a glass of prosecco each.

Thank you for your support during 2019 and the Garden Café team and myself very much look forward to welcoming you back for some tasty treats and fun events during 2020.

Martin Spicer from Spicer Catering.