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Christmas
magical



PRESS RELEASE

FESTIVE GIFT FAIR AT THE NEC 15-18 NOVEMBER 2018

CHRISTMAS WILL SOON BE UPON US...

and the dynamic FESTIVE GIFT FAIR, now in its 23rd fabulous year, continues to be the BEST place to start your Christmas experience and is one of the most popular Christmas Shopping events in the UK (**Birmingham NEC 15-18 November**).

As well as finding GREAT GIFTS for your loved ones, treats for yourself and all your sparkling Christmas essentials, you're sure to have a fun-packed day!

The Fair will be bursting at the seams with a colourful eclectic mix of unusual stocking fillers and presents, traditional gifts, festive food and great home decorations. With 325+ stalls all under one roof, the variety is huge, with clever gift ideas for all ages and tastes... and lots of Special Show Offers! There's even a Present Creche to drop off your full bags.

The festive atmosphere is always fantastic and there's even more this year with NEW icicle lighting throughout the hall and a NEW Victorian bandstand where LIVE Bands will take centre stage. While browsing the stalls, let the music get you into that Christmassy mood and be entertained by Santa himself, Stilt walkers and Pantomime characters.

Make sure you visit the popular Festive Food & Drink area where you'll find 40 tempting stands selling everything from cheese to chutneys, spices to spirits, puddings to preserves, chocolates to champagne, beer to brownies and hampers to hog roasts!

So, take the strain out of Christmas, enjoy a day out at the Festive Gift Fair and get your festive preparations off to a cracking start!

Be inspired! Here is a small sample of what's on offer this year... >>

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DÉCOR AND DINING FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON!

There's no better reason to indulge than Christmas, and at The Festive Gift Fair you'll discover a vast array of tasty treats and boozy delights that are sure to tantalise your taste buds.

Of course, it's also time to set the mood and get creative.... decorate your table, your stairwell, your mantelpiece and garden with greenery, twinkling lights, door wreaths, baubles, candles and so much more.

Visit **Treasure Tree Ltd** for utterly gorgeous glass Christmas decorations and candle holders. Each and every piece is unique: hand-blown and then hand-painted. You'll find beautiful baubles, stars, hearts in styles from the understated to the colourful and eclectic.

For elegant, fresh and wonderfully scented Christmas Wreaths for your front door, try **Adoremydoor. NEW**

You'll be dazzled by all the styles of illuminating Fairy lights at **Lifestyle London**.

In addition to a wonderful selection of Christmas crackers the **Cracker Emporium NEW** can create personalised crackers for all occasions or events.

Christmas Perks NEW offers you the best of bling for your Christmas tree. Their unique collections of Mermaid and Mermen Christmas tree decorations are unlike anything you will have seen before!

The Christmas Chutney from **Queens Park Preserves** is the perfect complement to your Boxing Day buffet or simply with cheese and biscuits in front of the TV.

Treat yourself to mouth-watering puddings and light and airy sponges handmade by **Georgie Porgies Puddings**.

Luscious liqueurs and cocktails are available from **The Topsy Tart**. Try their fabulously fruity, funky and fun infused liqueurs such as rose and lychee vodka.

Head for **Hindleys Bakery NEW** for incredible handmade breads, cakes, tarts and biscuits. This small family run Lichfield bakery produces traditional breads like Bloomers and Cottage loaves as well as speciality ones like Walnut and Sunflower & Honey. Take one home for tea!

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without a good Cheese plate! As well as their award-winning Skegness Blue, Lincolnshire based **Lynn Bank Farm**, offers all manor of flavoured artisan cheeses.

SOMETHING FOR HIM...

Whatever he's into, whether it be technology, sport, music, reading or something a bit different, there's plenty on offer to put a smile on his face this Christmas!

If he likes football, then what could be better than a photographic montage of his favourite team's stadium. **David Shields** travels the length of the country and beyond to photograph these sporting places of worship.

The sole mission of **Collectors Assemble** is to cater for a person's nerdy needs! A sanctuary for the comic fan who can discover a new comic to fall in love with. A place for the film fan to find cool clothing to wear. A place where one can find nostalgic figures and statues to transport them back to childhood!

Visit **Dog Breath Brewery**, possibly the smallest brewery in the world, for unusual hand-crafted ales called 'Jailbait', 'Smoke On the Water' and 'Tie Your Mother Down!'

Anyone interested in records and memorabilia should head to **MVF Music** for repro signed pictures, framed vinyl records and cut vinyl records.

How about letting the professional airline pilot instructors at **Flight Simulators Midlands** teach him the tricks of the trade in one of their REAL simulators?

Prograve Ltd NEW specialises in engraving in a way that's a little bit different - so if you're struggling for inspiration for a man in your life, how about something totally off the wall like a bullet with his name on?!

He'll never need to worry about his vehicle not starting on those cold winter mornings with a battery booster from **Quickstart UK. NEW**

SOMETHING FOR HER...

Ladies always love a special treat, and there are plenty of luxurious, pampering and thoughtful gifts to choose from...

What could be a nicer treat than a luxury train trip aboard **The Northern Belle NEW**. With exquisitely decorated carriages, sumptuous cuisine and liveried stewards, each journey is as exciting as its destination.

Pay **The Parfum Club NEW** a visit for inspired designer perfumes at affordable prices. The fragrances are inspired by well known designers and contain more essential oils meaning they last longer and smell stronger.

Why not discover how **SHOBU NEW** can transform your shower into a luxurious SPA like experience?

Inspired by nature and textiles in the fashion world, **White Leaf NEW** bring you elegant designs with a contemporary edge whereas sister label **Last True Angel NEW** offers bold, free spirited and individual jewellery.

Paul Hamblett Jewellery is a destination stand for the many jewellery lovers to the Fair. Charismatic Paul will delight in showing off his fabulous selection of antique silver and gold jewellery.

A clever fashion accessory that is both beautiful and versatile, **Ranfire Design** has designed a unique jewellery clasp that is transferable from outfit to outfit to create a statement however they are worn.

For glitter lovers, **The Glitz & Chic** stall will be well worth a visit. Their spectacular Glitter Glasses and Bottles will add sparkle to any celebration!

FOR THE KIDS (YOUNG AND OLD!)

Finding great gifts for the little ones reminds us of the special magic that Christmas held when we were children.

At **U Name It Gifts** you will find a variety of innovative personalised gifts and cards featuring some of the UK's most popular children's characters.

Board game lovers should try **Scrooge: The Board Game** **NEW** this fiendishly funny, addictive and entertaining survival game was inspired by Charles Dickens's famous Christmas tale.

Remember the fascination of shaking a Snow Globe and watching the snow swirl. Visit the **Gifts Kingdom** stall to see their latest range of large globes and battery-operated Christmas scenes that will delight all ages.

Find bright wooden Fair Trade educational toys that inspire children to learn through play at **Lanka Kade** – chose from a Noah's Ark shape sorter to a unicorn pull-along or a pirate playset.

Splat Planet have a wide range of great T-shirt designs that the kids will love colouring for themselves.

Little Timbers **NEW** offers over 60 fun children's clocks in a range of cool shapes, from a lighthouse to a penguin, a monkey to an owl – all can be personalised with your child's name. Their wooden name garlands also make great stocking fillers.

Young engineers will have hours of fun with the JCB construction sets available from **Koch Media** **NEW**.

At **The Craft Dookit** **NEW** you will find Pixel Mosaic, an amazing new hobby craft that is suitable for all the family, great fun and very addictive.

Instead of a Christmas jumper, look out for the cute, bright, hand embroidered Peruvian range of children's cardigans at **Pride Of Peru**.

FOR THE HOME

At the Festive Gift Fair you'll also find oodles of inspirational ideas for decorating your home and garden.

Brilliant Wall Art has a beautiful, eclectic range of wall sculptures guaranteed to brighten up any room in a creative way.

At **Candellana** **NEW** you will discover beautifully designed candles that are handmade from natural and toxic free raw materials.

Stylish, functional and design-led products for the home can be found at **Gingko Electronics**, who incorporate modern technology into everyday objects, from Bluetooth speakers to clocks and kitchen gadgets.

Simply Roka offers a captivating range of stylish handmade home accessories crafted from metal, wood, glass and crystal.

The Flamboyant Candle Company **NEW** transforms forgotten bottles into stunning, fragranced candles. Beautifully handcrafted and packaged, to create the ultimate luxury gift.

East2Eden's stand is always a firm favorite at the Fair – with an extensive range of retro homeware from baskets to bunting, and gardenware from buckets to brooms, with a heavy dose of nostalgia!

MORE THAN JUST A SHOPPING TRIP IT'S THE START OF CHRISTMAS!..

With great LIVE music, Festive entertainers and sparkling decorations, huge Santa sacks to be won and prizes for wearing the best Christmas outfits - there's never a dull moment at the Festive Gift Fair!

Take advantage of the SPECIAL TICKET OFFER – 'Buy 3 and get 1 FREE' on advance adult tickets, saving from £9-£11.

The Fair is open daily 09.30 – 17.00 from Thursday 15th - Sunday 18th November at NEC, Birmingham.

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW either online at www.festivegiftfair.co.uk or by calling the Ticket Factory hotline on 0844 581 0808 / 09.

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