

Our Monthly Newsletter

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[Christmas wreaths on sale from 30 November](#)



Gift of Christmas

The Gift of Christmas is the name of our special Christmas event which takes place on Saturday 21 December.

Having been run for the past 7 years its now something of a village tradition. A great time for visitors to come along and join in the fun which is a visit to Father Christmas and a chance to see his two real reindeer. Throw in some face painting, refreshments and a few silly games and you have a chance to get into the Christmas mood.

The best bit is that it is all FREE.



We are very grateful for the support of local residents who assist in setting up the event, who provide face painting facilities, and those from St Laurence Church who will be helping with the refreshments. The support of the Acle and Brundall Lions is very much appreciated.

The Gift of Christmas is derived from the real celebration of the Christmas message. The free gift of God's love which is born at Christmas. We acknowledge this by not charging to attend the event. Our gift to all visitors.



However, there is still one very important part of the Gift of Christmas and that is what we are able to do for those less fortunate than ourselves. As such during the course of the event we will be seeking donations to the Vidiyal Trust.

This charity was set up and is run by the Rev Pat Atkinson, a resident of Brundall. The Vidiyal trust has been supporting the street children of India and groups of abandoned elderly ladies.

I am delighted to report that due to your generous donations over the past three years we have been able to provide financial support to 2 children and 2 ladies with further donations into the general funds of this charity.

The message of the Gift of Christmas has a lasting effect on those supported by the charity in India.

Whatever your age please do feel free to join us on the 21st December between 11am and 3pm to join in this village event.

A special thank you to all the staff at Brundall Home Hardware for getting involved and helping to make the day a success. It's not easy!



Thank you for your support for the Christmas event. Your money helps children such as S. Silpa gain a life.

Christmas Trees



Our Christmas trees are now in stock.

Alison and I spent a most enjoyable day in October walking around a Christmas tree farm hand selecting the trees that we will be selling this year. We identified trees with a good shape and size which hopefully will grace most homes this Christmas.

The larger trees are all Nordmann Firs which will have very little in the

way of needle drop. For those with limited space we have a selection of small potted spruce trees which are ideal on a table top.

Once you have selected and paid for your tree we are happy to hold it in the garden centre ready for collection or delivery nearer Christmas.

Please call in store to select your tree.

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Diary Dates

21 December 2013

Gift of Christmas event

Free of charge

11am to 3pm

Father Christmas and
Reindeer



Christmas Opening

Christmas Eve 8.30am to 2pm

Christmas Day Closed

Boxing Day Closed

New Years Eve 8.30am to 4pm

New Years Day Closed

All other days normal opening hours. We may close at 5pm

between Christmas and

New Year.

Advent Calendar

Many of you know that we have been using facebook this year to keep you informed of products, services and generally what's going on in store. We have now extended this to include Twitter.

During December we will be running our very own special advent calendar on facebook and twitter. This will include details of products and facts about Christmas at Brundall Home Hardware.

For more information find us at www.facebook.com/brundallhomehardware and on twitter at #BrundallHH.





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Home delivery service available on purchases over £15.00. Deliveries to Brundall, Postwick, Blofield, Blofield Heath, Strumpshaw and Lingwood. Deliveries at a mutually convenient time. **Deliveries will not take place in icy conditions.**

**Wishing all of our customers a
Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**

Andrew's Top Tip— A man's guide to Christmas Preparation

1. Try and pretend that the whole thing is not happening and leave all preparations and parcel buying to the absolute last minute. (We sell a nice range of shopping trolleys for that special lady in your life). We close at 2pm on Christmas Eve.
2. Whenever the subject of buying parcels is brought up remember to exclaim—How much! Before making cheaper suggestions. You might just get lucky and convince your partner to buy something cheaper. Usually a vain hope.
3. Undertake your best man wrapping on parcels. An excess of sellotape helps. (In other words make a hash of it so you are not asked again).
4. Offer to quality check all wines, beers, chocolates, crisps, mince pies etc before the big day. You just can't afford any nasty surprises when entertaining—can you!
5. On the big day! Offer to help prepare the Christmas dinner. Make some banging and crashing noises in the kitchen before suggesting the need to pour drinks for family and friends. This of course is your job as host and usually takes longer than you thought!!!

Christmas Gifts and Cards

OK so not everyone will think of visiting their local hardware store for a range of giftware and Christmas cards. But lets be honest we are not a typical hardware store.

Alison has been busy ensuring that we have a range of interesting giftware. We use one of the largest suppliers of giftware in the UK. We also sell our giftware at very competitive prices.

Our Christmas cards have drawn many favourable comments over the years. We supply a good range of relationship titles, cards which give "Greetings from Brundall" and a wide selection of

box sets. All of our cards are reasonably priced so you don't have to wait for the sales in the big stores to bag yourself a



bargain!

Just to add to the range we carry a selection of Christmas novelties, including the just plain daft. (Do take a look at the singing and dancing Santa hat).

**Bumper pack of
cards.**

Only £2.49.



Gift Vouchers



National Garden Gift Vouchers sold here in £5 and £10 denominations. They make a perfect gift for all gardeners. We also accept vouchers in store.



Pets At Christmas

Many pet shops sell a range of Christmas gifts for your special pet. These usually take the form of a stocking containing a variety of different treats. These may not be your pets favourites!

Why not take a different approach and make up your own Christmas gift bag for your pet.

Just call into the shop and select your pets favourite treats, add a new toy etc and place it all in a special Christmas gift bag.

This is a very simple way of remembering your "best friend" whilst ensuring you only spend your money on the things that your pet will enjoy, not the things that the pet food suppliers want you to buy!

Bridget and Wendy will be pleased to give advice on special treats and toys.

