



Supporting Local Artists

Charlotte our Gift Supervisor has worked for us for 13 years. She does a wonderful job showcasing items in our Gift Department and is always on the lookout for products that are good quality, current and a little bit different. Over the years she has created a small section for Local and Welsh gifts and cards. Here is a little bit about two local artists whose work we are proud to stock.

'The Little Places Art'

Julie is a local artist from Chester and we were lucky enough to be an early stockist of her work. She produces colourful and uplifting original architectural art and prints all made in the UK. Her designs show local buildings in a rainbow of colours, with her prints of Chester being hugely successful. We asked her to do some similar prints of Wrexham and her 'Welcome to Wrexham' and 'St Giles Church' are wonderful additions to her range.



Every picture is hand-painted and has a rainbow as a symbol of hope and love in the world. We stock her paintings, prints, cards and cushions of both Wrexham and Chester which make beautiful local gifts. Julie has gone from strength to strength and is now an award-winning entrepreneur who was selected by ex-Dragons Den, Theo Paphitis, as an SBS winner. We wish her all the best with her expanding business.



David Meredith

David Meredith was born and brought up in Trawsfynydd. He became a teacher and spent all of his teaching life at St David's School in Wrexham. Following retirement he attended art classes at St Margaret's church in Garden Village, Wrexham. Today he lives in Marford and enjoys painting landscapes and buildings from around Chester and beautiful North Wales. In our Gift Department you can see his wonderful paintings which really do show our local area at its best.



Award Winning Farm Shop!



We are thrilled to have won the Best Farm Shop / Food Hall within the Destination Garden Centre Category (2023) from the Garden Centre Association. Peter Burke, CEO of the GCA presented us with the award. Thank you to our wonderful team for their efforts!

Plants for a Shady Garden

There are many beautiful annuals, perennials and shrubs that thrive in the shade. The first thing to work out is how much shade you really have.

Full shade means 3 hours or less of direct sunlight, while partial shade is between 3 to 6 hours of direct sunlight. A partially shaded garden is a common scenario and many plants will thrive here. Dappled shade describes areas where direct light is broken up and is common below tree canopies.



We now have a 'shade loving' plants section showcasing a variety of suitable plants. Here are our top 5 full shade loving plants;

- * Hostas
- * Hellebores
- * Pachysandra
- * Ferns
- * Euphorbias

Our Original Farm Shop

In 1973, Roger Bellis built a small Farm Shop in order to sell produce grown from our fields. However, it soon became apparent that it was far too small and the first extension got underway in April 1976.

The biggest change happened in 1986 when the existing Farm Shop was demolished and a new Farm Shop, Garden Centre and Cafe were built. This was a considerable risk because the village of Holt had been bypassed and we no longer had the luxury of considerable passing trade. We were one of the first Farm Shops in the country to diversify into the Garden Centre Industry but such a risk was essential in order for the shop to survive. Several extensions later, we now arrive at the Farm Shop, Garden Centre and Restaurant we have today.





Nightingale House Hospice
Hospis Tŷ'r Eos

£11,322 raised for Nightingale House Hospice!

In 2023 we raised £11,322 by holding a variety of events which included our Grotto and Breakfast with Santa. Since 2007 we have raised a staggering £170,254. We are incredibly grateful for both our staff and customers continued support.

Hedge Planting

You might remember that in 2021 we worked with Bodfari Environmental planting 10,000 mixed hedge plants stretching 2.5 kilometres around our fields. These new hedges increased the biodiversity on our farm as they provide a wonderful habitat and transport route for creatures of all sizes.

In February 2023 we worked with them again planting an additional 650 metres of new native hedging. The plants included hawthorn, blackthorn, field maple, rowan, crab apple, wild plum, dog wood and hazel.



New Pick Your Own Hut

Our old hut was looking rather sorry for itself, so last year we built a new one. It is in such a lovely spot down our fields (we considered moving in!) and now allows us the space to stock some gifts, cards and food, mostly with a fruit or farm related theme.

We look forward to welcoming you to our fields this Summer. We open in June but please see our website for the exact dates and availability. Its a great day out for the family while enjoying the wonderful Welsh outdoors.

Coffee Club



Every Thursday from 9.30 to 10.30am we hold a Coffee Club in the Strawberry Fields Restaurant.

We have a lovely group of regulars who attend and they are always keen to welcome new faces. If you fancy some company and a chat why not join us.

PYO Pumpkins & Spooky Maize Maze



Don't forget to visit us in October to Pick Your Own Pumpkin and explore our Spooky Maize Maze. Our pumpkins are all grown here on our family run farm, we plant them in May to make sure they are full size by October. Our Spooky Maize Maze is also child friendly (not too scary) and is great to get lost in. A visit to our fields is wonderful day out in the run up to Halloween.

Please see our website closer to the time for further details and booking information.

