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**BRING ON THE CHRISTMAS CHEER
THE FABULOUS FESTIVE GIFT FAIR IS ALMOST HERE!**

THURSDAY 14TH – SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT THE NEC, BIRMINGHAM

**THE BIGGEST AND MOST LIVELY INDOOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FAIR IN THE WEST
MIDLANDS IS BACK! FABULOUS BARGAINS, GREAT MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AND SO
MUCH CHOICE!**

BE INSPIRED AND GET YOUR FESTIVE PREPARATIONS OFF TO A FLYING START at the ever-popular 4-day FESTIVE GIFT FAIR this November. Now in its 28th year, it remains one of the most popular Christmas Shopping events in the UK for a good reason!

325 STALLS IN ONE HALL! As always, this Christmas Fair will be bursting at the seams with a colourful, eclectic mix of unusual stocking fillers and gift ideas for all ages and tastes. Festive food and drink to try before you buy and great Christmas decorations for your home and garden... plus lots of Special Show offers!

THE FESTIVE FAIR ATMOSPHERE IS ALWAYS FANTASTIC! While browsing the stalls, finding something exciting around every corner, you'll quickly get into a Christmassy mood ... welcomed by Father Christmas on his amazing sleigh, The Grinch, up to his usual menacing antics, Dinosaurs roaring, Christmas characters roaming AND the best line up of LIVE musicians from Retro to Jazz Bands and Folk to Choirs.

OVER 100 NEW STALLS! We can't mention them all... but to get your inspiration flowing... here's a sample of some great **NEW** stallholders and old **Favourites** to see!

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD! *You'll find tempting stalls selling everything from cheese to chutneys, spices to spirits, puddings to preserves, chocolates to champagne, beers to brownies and hampers to hog roast! TUCK IN AND TIPPLE IN!*

FAV! Choose your favourite from brandy or orange to salted caramel or chocolate and add **THE YORKSHIRE KITCHEN'S** jars of homemade dessert butter to crumbles, cakes, or Christmas puddings.

NEW! Visit the **SEAGULL GIN** stand for their special Birmingham Edition!

NEW! If you like ginger you'll fall in love with **ROOT2GINGER**. Natural and fiery premium ginger drinks with a real kick and alcohol free! Choose from Fiery Mama, Fierce and Spiced.

NEW! Kimchi has vitamin A, B, C and contains healthy bacteria to help digestion and gut health. **KIMCHI WITH EVERYTHING** will be selling jars of handmade kimchi fermented in the UK, unpasteurised and full of probiotic joy!

NEW! For a healthy Mediterranean diet, head for **THE GREEK SECRET** who collaborate with organic farmers to produce exceptional Premium Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Greek Raw Thyme Honey, as well as garlic stuffed green olives for delicious meze finger food!

FAV! Winners of many International Cheese awards, **THE CHESHIRE CHEESE COMPANY** produces waxed truckles including caramelized onion & rioja and Irish whisky & stem ginger, plus all your usual cheeseboard favourites!

NEW! For that extra oomph! try adding award winning **MALVERN BITTERS** botanical range to your usual G & T. Perfect addition to aperitifs, cocktails, and spirits.

NEW! Sweet tooth lovers should head to **CHATEAU GATEAUX** for chocolate lollies, stirrers, Christmas cakes and more....

THE KITCHEN IS THE HEART OF THE HOME, ESPECIALLY TRUE WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY AROUND AT CHRISTMAS – time to jazz it up with some fresh accessories for your party!

NEW! Family run company producing practical homeware in beautiful designs to protect your surfaces from hot pans... **TIME FOR DESIGN HEATPROOF STANDS.**

NEW! Make your tarts and pastries extra festive this year with **BUTTERFLIES'S** embossed Christmas patterned rolling pins in lots of different designs!

NEW! Lovely range of cast iron cookware, bamboo homeware and cheese boards by **FULLWINS GLOBAL UK**

NEW! Talented wildlife artist **ANITA PARKHILL** creates her own original wood boards with animal/bird pictures.

NEW! We love the RETRO Food Processor by **SOSO RETRO**, a work of art that will be the talking point in your kitchen, plus cutlery sets, decanter sets and more!

FAV! Get chopping the veg or carving the roast, any chef will love **PAUDIN'S** exquisite set of 3 sharp Japanese knives made of high carbon stainless steel. Almost too good to use!

'DEAR SANTA....' FROM TOTS TO TEENS, NOTHING BEATS SEEING THE DELIGHT ON CHILDREN'S FACES AS THEY UNWRAP THEIR GIFTS ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

NEW! Officially branded Geek merchandise including Pac-Man Christmas Jumpers by **MERCHOID.**

NEW! Fun children's wellies! **SQUELCH WELLIES** are see-through, so you can create lots of different looks by changing the welly socks and not the wellies!

NEW! Wrestling figures, Funko pops, character plushies and other licensed products available from **FIVE678 COLLECTIBLES.**

NEW! Explore the **PRINTING LIKE RABBITS** stall full of created wonders from articulated animals, small critters to mythical creatures.

FAV! Step into **THE BOOK BUS** for a huge selection of the best value books and children's gifts. It's an Aladdin's cave of great present ideas from babies to adults!

NEW! Rubber ducks are not just for the kids! **THE DUCK HUT** sell the largest selection of rubber ducks as fun novelty stocking fillers.

NEW! For football and rugby fans, **THE KITBOX** create hand painted framed pictures with little kitted out figures and sporting accessories. For a unique gift, they can also be personalised with colour and number of your child's favourite kit!

NEW! **GIFT BAMBINI** is a mama run business all parents will find hard to resist, selling high quality children's gifts and personalised clothing from baby blankets, cuddle toys and comforters to organic cotton baby outfit gift boxes.

FAV! Popular stall **OAKMONT DISTRIBUTIONS** will once again have a huge stall selling branded toys and craft kits at unbeatable prices!

FAV! Have lots of Christmas fun with **BLACKSTAR AMPLIFICATION'S** new mobile karaoke machine and, for budding young musicians, try their unique fold up keyboards and small guitars!

NEW! For cool mousepad designs, unusual stickers, and quirky enamel pins, look no further than the **LUNAMISE** stand.

FAV! Right on trend – great fashion accessories from **SHAUNS ITALIAN FASHIONS** selling brilliant range of berets, belts and beanies to caps, gloves, scarves, and socks.

TICK OFF THE MOST DIFFICULT-TO-BUY-FOR GUY!

NEW! Start your quest for a better beard that smells wonderful! **KING OF BEARDS** range includes beard oil, beard butter and beard wash. Patchouli and Bergamont is a favourite.

NEW! What makes the best gift for the biggest film critic? For any collectors, **NEXT LEVEL** is a one-stop shop for all Film merchandise and Pop Culture gaming characters.

FAV! We all spend too much time in cars! Make your journeys more enjoyable with luxury car fragrances in the form of sleek aroma discs or car sprays by **CAR FINESSE FRAGRANCE**.

NEW! Delve into **SPACE-O-MATIC** stand for all sorts of crazy evil things! Jaws 3D Posters, illuminated signs, weird and wonderful cushions.

NEW! Get organised in 2025 with this gadget! **DESKBUDDY** connects to your computer and will display all your appointments for the day!

NEW! Cover walls with original art and limited edition prints from Star Wars, Batman, Doctor Who, The Walking Dead and loads more TV/Movies to choose from on the **SM ARTWORKS** stand.

GREAT IDEAS TO PAMPER FOR THE LADIES IN YOUR LIFE!

NEW! Stock up from a brilliant selection of tights in all shades and colour, warm and cozy socks – ideal stocking fillers too, by **PAMELA MANN**.

NEW! On the **FRANCIS & GAYE JEWELLERS** stand you can top up your Swarovski collection with their Christmas ornament range or treat yourself to Hot Diamond Jewellery!

NEW! Tantalising delicious liqueurs by **WILTSHIRE LIQUEUR COMPANY** could well become your new favourite Christmas tippie! Sloe Gin, Christmas Cream Liqueur, Damson Liqueur. Also selling a trio of preserves – Apple Jelly, Orange marmalade and Damson chutney that make an easy gift set.

FAV! Handbags galore! From clutch to tote, backpacks to shoulder bags, cross body to party bags- **THE HANDBAG COMPANY** are a one-stop-shop for premium, well priced leather bags.

NEW! Get hair ready for the Christmas parties! You can transform your hair with **IDYLLIC HAIR AND SKIN'S** nourishment oil to moisturise, strengthen, thicken, and shine!

NEW! Relax after Christmas! Easy to arrange a great day trip or short break away... let the experts **JOHNSON'S COACHES** take you to many picturesque areas of the UK.

NEW! Handmade jewellery using super sparkly dichroic glass – every item by **SPARKLETASTIC GLASS** is unique. Also, as a souvenir from a special holiday or honeymoon, you can commission a bespoke item using your own grains of sand fused into the glass!

NEW! Niche range of designer fragrance oils inspired by premium fragrance brands - **TANYERA UK** will be selling a range of vegan, alcohol free Arabian & Oriental Ouds and Musks.

NEW! A small sustainable fashion brand, **PINK LEMONS**, who preserve the old crafts and skills, creating handblocked and screen prints with natural dyes to make completely unique clothing and accessories.

FAV! **FAKING IT** sells everything from high quality real hair extensions to eyelashes to help you get ready for party nights out.

GIVE A GIFT THAT WILL BE TREASURED FOREVER!

NEW! Fancy a caricature drawing of yourself, exaggerating your characteristics to create a comical picture – unique present idea or as your own Christmas card! by Caricature Artist, **KEN KILPATRICK**.

NEW! So intricate, so beautiful, so nostalgic... **HEIRLOOM FAIRIES** create the most stunning range of handcrafted tree fairies, skaters, animals. You'll want them all to magically transform your tree and hand down to future generations.

NEW! **I HEART LTD** – husband and wife duo combine their printing skills to bring you unforgettable gifts. Best Sellers include personalised wedding newspapers and hubby/wifey mugs.

FAV! Bright wooden Fair-trade toys that inspire kids to learn through play, **LANKA KADE'S** Noah's Arks and space toys...the magic can be handed down from child to child.

NEW! Rachel from **OLIVE TREE MAKES** creates very special clay keepsakes and gifts for any occasion, as well as 'paint your own' tree decoration kits.

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS! YOU'LL DISCOVER A FABULOUS ARRAY OF DECORATIONS AND GIFTS TO BRIGHTEN UP YOUR HOME FOR THE SPECIAL DAY!

NEW! Abbey from **CRABBY CRAFTS** will showcase her vast range of upcycled and repurposed bottles and cans. Each one unique, filled with unusual flora.

FAV! If a rustic, traditional Christmas is your style, **TOLLHOUSE COUNTRY CRAFTS** hand make a huge selection of wreaths and garlands using dried fruit, cinnamon, pinecones, and spices.

NEW! Don't worry if you are not a plant person. Air Plants are easy! Choose from **EK PROJECT'S** stylish range of Boho Home décor wall hanging planters.

NEW! Craig from **CLEAR CUSTOM BUILDS** is a talented bespoke furniture maker but, at the Fair, will be selling his lovely Christmas range of wood trees, boxes, and decorations.

NEW! **ZESTY LEMONS** will be displaying their beautifully curated collection of handcrafted designer candles and diffusers with collections based on Marrakesh, Scandi and St Ives.

NEW! With a big presence in the Fair, **BLACKBROOK INTERIORS** will display a vast emporium of antiques, furniture and unusual decorative accessories for your home and garden... from sculptures and stools to wall art and wooden trunks.

NEW! To brighten up your home this Christmas, **MEANT TO BE** specialise in real and faux floral wreaths, flower arrangements and table centre pieces, as well as wooden ornaments.

NEW! Fill your home with Christmas aromas... luxury hand crafted candles by **CANDLES BLOOM** – like Frankincense & Myrrh, Christmas Hearth, Rock Salt & Driftwood.

FOR FURRY FRIENDS AND THEIR OWNERS!

NEW! If you are 'stressed, depressed and DOG obsessed!' **SEWSHAN** have a vast selection of embroidered T-shirts and sweatshirts designs for kids to adults.

NEW! **PAINT AND TAIL'S** pet portraits are made by mixing old school artistry with high-tech wizardry. Can also print onto mugs and phone cases too.

NEW! Pick n Mix natural dog treats from **YAM YAMS – IT'S 'OND MED**, as well as bandanas, tug toys and Bugalugs range of doggy health care.

NEW! For cat parents that want the best for their furry friend, **KATKIN'S** fresh food can be delivered to your door.

IT'S MORE THAN JUST A SHOPPING TRIP, THIS IS THE START OF CHRISTMAS! Join us with your friends and family for an inspiring, great value, fun-filled day at the fabulous FESTIVE GIFT FAIR!

Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th November at NEC, Birmingham
Open Daily 09.30 – 17.00.

GREAT VALUE! Advance adult tickets from just £7 (Plus transaction fee)

Take advantage of the 'Buy 3 and get 1 FREE OFFER' – when tickets go on sale on 1st SEPTEMBER! On www.festivegiftfair.co.uk

For list of stallholders, entertainment programme and visitor info, visit www.festivegiftfair.co.uk/whats-on

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HALL 5, NEC, BIRMINGHAM

NOTES TO EDITOR

Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th November 2024

9.30am – 5pm daily

Full show information, list of exhibitors and a selection of Press images/logos to download go to www.festivegiftfair.co.uk/press

ADVANCE Adult tickets are priced from just £7 (plus transaction fee)

Book online at www.festivegiftfair.co.uk

GROUP tickets available (15+ adults)

BUY 3 get 1 FREE adult full day ticket offer available on Thursday & Friday only*

Ticket type	Thurs 14 th /Fri 15 th November	Sat 16 th /Sun 17 th November
Adult advance full day (9.30am – 5pm)	£10	£12
Adult advance afternoon (1.30pm-5pm)	£7	£9
Adult on the door full day (after 10.30am)	£12	£14
Child (3-16 yrs)	£6	£6
1-2yrs	free	free

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

The National Exhibition Centre is easy to get to.

BY TRAIN: Birmingham International Station is right at the NEC and only a few minutes' walk (inside) to Hall 5 (Festive Gift Fair).

BY CAR: The NEC is well signposted from M5 and M6 and is situated at junction 6 of the M42.

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