

Christmas Day Dinners 2020

Our Christmas Day went really well even though the current pandemic is still very prominent. It was a bit like going into the unknown with the whole Covid situation and I did not know how it would work but thankfully even with the restrictions I was able to have 45 dinners and hampers delivered to 42 homes with around 20 volunteer drivers on Christmas Day within a one hour window slot.

There were 5 of us in the venue including husband and wife chefs. It was a hard task with all the logistics and timings of dinners being picked up so not all the dinners would have to be ready at the same time and not all the drivers would arrive together but it all went according to plan.

I have had lots of lovely messages and calls of thanks from some of the recipients.

I did have a couple of major hiccups on the way though, the venue pulled out about 4 weeks before the day and my chef let me down two days before (non-Covid related) but with luck I managed to overcome both issues and my replacement chefs who came forward within 50 minutes of putting out a plea on Facebook turned out to be absolutely fantastic. They saved the day!

Thank you to Didcot Town Council once again for supporting this cause. I attach some photos of the day but more can be found on my Facebook page

Anna Gatrell





Dear Anna

I am not sure whether it is you that I need to thank, but I would like to express my huge gratitude to whoever provided the delicious Christmas meal I have just eaten and for the basket of goodies. Please pass on my my

grateful thanks to all those involved in the preparation etc. and the drivers/deliverers for giving up their precious time on Christmas Day, in particular. If I can make a contribution to any charity or

please let me know. I hope that everyone involved has a lovely day, once they have finished their acts of kindness. This is my 1st Christmas alone in my life, so it has made the day so much better to cope with. Love and Best Wishes to all involved.

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EXPENDITURE CHRISTMAS DAY 2020

Christmas Day lunch for People who would otherwise be on their own

Number of dinners – 50 (including volunteers inside the venue)

1.	Turkey, streaky bacon, sausages, Christmas pudding, cream (I buy the best turkey roll from the butchers plus pre-prepared vegetables to make the job easier for the chef). Plus; oil, cranberry sauce, butter, honey, gravy, peas, stuffing, tin foil, clingfilm	750.00
2.	Hamper Boxes, wrapping paper, straw filling, tape	100.00
3.	Contents for hampers including; mince pies, yule logs, tins of ham, individually wrapped Christmas cakes, individually wrapped Christmas biscuits, Christmas puddings, boxes of chocolate biscuits, boxes of chocolates, sweets, Costa/Greggs gift cards, tangerines, walnuts, etc.	450.00
4.	Crackers	40.00
5.	Disposable platters for dinners to be delivered on, foil containers with lids for main course, for puddings, pots for cranberry, serviettes	120.00
6.	Thermal cups with lids for gravy	30.00
7.	PPE Masks gloves and sanitizers for volunteers and drivers	100.00
8.	Public Liability Insurance	105.00
	TOTAL	£1,695.00
	Donation from Didcot Town Council	500.00
	Donations from elsewhere	£1,195.00
	TOTAL	£ 1,695.00