



THE BARN

For many people Christmas begins each year with a visit to Blackthorpe Barn. Now with many new features available for the first time, visits to the Barn will be even more satisfying.



Bigger choice of Crafts

Many new Crafts people will be appearing at Blackthorpe Barn for the first time this season and there will many larger stalls. The Crafts at the Barn are of an even higher standard and to give an even wider choice they vary each week. All crafts are designed by the stall holders themselves and they are available to discuss techniques or to take commissions.

The weekend Craft Markets are a legend in their own right and have built their reputation on showing Crafts of the highest quality.

Visit www.blackthorpebarn.com for details of crafts available on a weekly basis.

Decoration Shop opens one week early

This year, the Blackthorpe Barn Decoration Shop will be opening on **Saturday 11 November**, a whole week earlier than it normally does, giving everyone the added opportunity to see what's new this festive season even sooner!

For all visitors who spend over £20 between the 11 and 17 November they will receive a **fantastic 10% off** their tree purchased from the Rougham Estate.



10% off
ROUGHAM ESTATE
Christmas trees when
you spend more than
£20 at our Decoration
Shop between
11-17 Nov

The decoration shop stocks everything from the most beautiful tree decorations to Advent calendars, wrapping paper, candles, crackers, handmade wreaths, mistletoe, holly and natural fir garlands. The smell is glorious, the choice is vast and for those who love Christmas it is hard to drag yourself away.

We're getting warmer!

Blackthorpe Barn is proud to announce that its shop, café and part of the Crafts area will all benefit from improved heating this year, so everyone can relax and enjoy shopping in much warmer conditions.

New Bar Humbug

This year for the first time a bar will be open **each Craft Market weekend**, offering excellent beers from Bartram's Brewery which is also based in Rougham as well as mulled wine and minced pies. Patrons will be able to enjoy a quiet drink in a relaxing atmosphere, away from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas Market. Bar Humbug will provide a welcome refuge from all the Christmas excitement for those visitors who tire of shopping before their friends.



More information available are on our brand NEW website

blackthorpebarn.com



Christmas tree Creche

When you have chosen your tree and had it wrapped you can now leave it, labelled, in the care of the Christmas tree Creche while you browse in the shop and pay, unencumbered by a wrapped tree. When you return with your receipt, you will be reunited with your tree and can all go home together.

Our Christmas trees come in all sizes and types ranging from **Nordman** and **Fraser Fir**, which hold



on to their needles best, traditional **Norway Spruce**, gorgeous **Blue Spruce** native **Scots Pine** and pot grown trees which should transplant into the garden after Christmas.

Our eight top tips when buying a real Christmas tree

- 1 Store the tree outside in the cool until you need it.
- 2 If you have bought a cut tree, ensure that you have a tree stand that will take a reservoir of water.
- 3 Cut a thin slice off the base of the tree when you get it home and are about to erect it. Set it in the stand and fill up with water as soon as the tree is in its final position. Check the water level every day. You will be surprised how much water the tree will take up during the first day or two.
- 4 Do not stand the tree near a source of heat like a radiator, as this will speed up the drying process.
- 5 Some trees naturally retain their needles better than others. Firs like **Nordman** and **Fraser** probably hold onto their needles best, but they take longer to grow than **Norway Spruce** and so tend to cost more to buy. A properly treated fresh Norway Spruce will perform perfectly well, and has a wonderful Christmassy fragrance.
- 6 A Christmas tree when it grows in the ground has as much root underground as it has branches and needles above ground. If you buy a rooted tree of anything other than the smallest size, (such as one metre) you cannot expect it to live if planted out after Christmas. Most of its roots will have had to be cut off, to get it out of the ground. Even with a small tree the chances are slim. If you wish to plant the tree outside, buy a pot grown tree, which will have all its roots in the pot.
- 7 Don't forget to measure your ceiling height before you leave home as the apparent height of Christmas trees can be very deceptive, especially if viewed outside.
- 8 The heavier a tree feels when you lift it up, the more water it still has in it, indicating that it has not dried out. This is the tree to choose even if it is heavier to carry.

Rougham Estate
FORMER BRITISH
CHRISTMAS
TREE GROWER
OF THE YEAR

Refreshingly good!



Delicious homemade cakes and confectioneries and seasonal soups and savouries complement the wide range of refreshments. A perfect opportunity to sit and contemplate those festive purchases.

Improved road access for Blackthorpe Barn

Now that the new junction on the A14 has opened at Rougham, access has never been easier. It takes no more than two minutes to reach the barn from the A14. Look out for the AA signs at **Junction 45**.

Blackthorpe Barn Christmas timetable

The Christmas Decoration Shop

11-26 November 10am to 5pm
27 November to 22 December
9am to 6pm daily

Craft Markets

18-19 November, 25-26 November,
2-3 December, 9-10 December,
16-17 December 10am to 5pm

Christmas trees from Rougham Estate

25-26 November 10am to 5pm
27 November to 22 December
9am to 6pm daily

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for details including exhibitors and opening times.

Discover Christmas at Blackthorpe Barn and you will keep coming back year after year!