

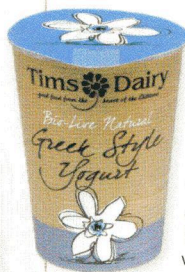
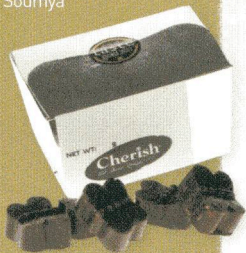
Buckinghamshire

Ginger winner Ginger Dream ★

Cherish Chocolates

A gift certificate to attend a chocolate making class changed former IT Consultant Soumya Dinesh Ramanan's life. 'It got me absolutely hooked. I loved it so much and found it so therapeutic,' she says. Ginger Dream was a result of experimenting with everyday cooking ingredients and is hand made by infusing fresh grated root ginger into a ganache centre and encasing it in 54 per cent dark Callibaut chocolate.

www.cherishchocolates.co.uk



Get me to the Greek

Greek Style Natural Yogurt ★

Tims Dairy

The Timotheou family bring a touch of Cypriot sunshine to our lives from Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire, with their authentic Greek style yogurt. This delicious yogurt is made with probiotic cultures that lend the

right amount of characteristic acidity to create a wonderful, rich, creamy, balanced texture. Perfect on puddings and fresh fruit, stirred into curries, on top of cereals or just eaten for breakfast on its own.

Other awards: Greek Style Honey Yogurt ★
www.timsdairy.co.uk

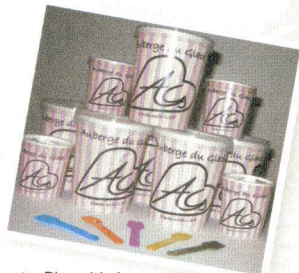
Get your goat

Goats' Milk Chocolate Ice Cream ★★

Auberge du Chocolat

'We started making Italian style gelato ice cream, then, 'one of our regular customer's daughters couldn't take lactose and we said "Come back next week" and we made goats ice cream for her,' says Ian Scott who's been making artisan, premium ice creams for five years. 'It's made with full goats' milk and cream which is creamier than cows' milk and cream, 70% Fairtrade chocolate and pure cocoa powder. 99 out of 100 can't tell its goats' ice cream.'

Other awards: Dark Chocolate House Bar 71%★, White pistachio & cardamom Chocolate ★, Pistachio ice Cream ★★, Raspberry Sorbet ★, Raspberry Frozen Yoghurt ★, Strawberry & Fresh Mint Frozen Yoghurt ★
www.aubergechocolat.co.uk

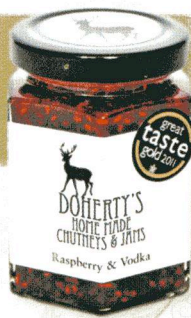


Spirited raspberry conserve Raspberry & Vodka Jam ★

Doherty's Chutneys and Jams

Doherty's homemade chutneys and jams is a small family business based in Aylesbury and started two years ago, in November 2009 by Kevin and Jackie Doherty. 'We only use fresh locally sourced ingredients, no artificial colourings or preservatives. We are always thinking of new ideas to add to our range. The raspberry and vodka jam has an intense raspberry flavour and has already proved a great seller, we are very proud of our Great Taste award.'

www.dohertychutney.co.uk



Hampshire

Offaly good

Traditional Faggots ★

Chalcraft Farm Shop

The great British tradition of nose to tail eating is alive and well in these hand-shaped faggots. The 35 year old recipe includes Hampshire pork, heart, kidneys, liver, bacon fat and a mix of herbs and spices wrapped in caul fat. 'We've got a big fan base for them,' says owner Rob Owton, who recommends browning then casseroling the faggots with gravy and serving with mash and peas.
shop@chalcraftfarm.co.uk



Preserve of the English

Apricot Preserve ★★★

Dart Valley Foods

There's nothing in it apart from apricots, sugar and fruit pectin-sometimes the simplest things are the best,' says Dart Valley Foods' Claire Ramsey. It seems the world agrees, with export orders from as far afield as Japan and Singapore for the typically English, firm-set traditional preserve. Spread it on hot buttered toast or think outside the box and use it as a fruit condiment for a cheese board or even a glaze for poultry.

Other awards: Pink Grapefruit Marmalade (Thin Cut)★★, Scottish Heather Honey★★, Buttery Shortbread Rounds★, Country Oat Crunch★, Very Buttery Sultana Biscuits★, Raspberry Preserve (Extra Jam)★, Blackcurrant Preserve (Extra Jam)★, Lemon Curd★, Beetroot and Horseradish Chutney★, Caramelised Red Onion Chutney★
www.dartvalleyfoods.com



Newly minted English Peppermint Tea ★★

Summerdown Farms

Summerdown Farms proprietor Sir Michael Colman re-introduced traditional English peppermint to the UK about 15 years ago. Once he'd achieved the quality he was looking for (this variety of peppermint is a notoriously difficult crop to grow) he began making peppermint tea in 2007 by distilling the oil from the Black Mitcham peppermint and infusing it into the dried leaves. The tea is renowned for its calming qualities and is good for the digestion too.

Other awards: Chocolate Mint Thins ★, Chocolate Peppermint Creams ★
www.summerdownmint.com



'I've been involved with the judging process and know the rigorous stages that each product goes

through to be awarded the star rating. This gives consumers reassurance that whatever has the black and gold label, is of the highest quality and tastes wonderful.'

Antonio Carluccio