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Best Bites: Cakes and homemade meals at The Triangle

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Triangle Bookshop and Cafe

The Triangle is a cafe with a difference.

Part of the Kingsmead premises is a cafe, serving homemade meals and cakes,

while the other side is a treasure trove of gifts, Fairtrade products and Christian books.

The shop was set up by **Farnborough** Christian Outreach and is run by staff and volunteers.

The Triangle aims to be a Christian witness in the community and provide resources for churches, schools and people.

Denise White, who takes care of the cafe side of the business, said: "We do a lot of homemade food and the dishes depend on the seasons. During winter, the soups are very popular and we do foods like chilli con carne, lasagne, jacket potatoes and things for people to take away too, like sandwiches and salads.

"We also have pastries, cakes and puddings."

The shop and cafe has been running for 12 years and was originally in North Camp.

It is now in the Kingsmead shopping centre, near Wilkinsons and the **Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice** charity shop and within walking distance of the Queensmead bus stop and Princes Mead shopping centre.

Mrs White said: "When the store was in **North Camp** it was more of a bookshop, but the owners had a vision that the shop needed to be in the town centre to reach more people so, after a lot of planning and fundraising, it was set up here in Kingsmead."

Around 25 people work at The Triangle, some on a voluntary basis and others permanent with six people working in the cafe.

Main courses are reasonably priced – ranging from £3.50 to £6 – and the cafe is open from 9am to 5pm serving breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the day as well as teas and coffees.

Customers have the option to eat in or grab a sandwich or drink on the go.

The cafe also provides external catering services for offices and events.

Mrs White said: "We're all like one big family, the staff get on really well."

In the lead-up to Christmas the shop is also selling a variety of gifts as well as Christmas cards and advent calendars.

The Triangle will also be supporting the planned outdoor carol concert at **Aldershot Town Football Club**, on Thursday, December 4.

Members of the public can become members of The Triangle, to help support it and retain its presence in the town centre.

Details on how to support the shop can be found at www.thetriangle.org.uk.