commercial feature

Newnham Butcher

Searching for a new 'Cousin'

Nestled in a cosy corner of Newnham is a small, traditional shop which is easy to miss, but for nearly 100 years this ordinary-looking shop has been legendary amongst the people who know about it - from Newnham to Newmarket, and even from Ontario to Auckland. Don't be misled by the sign saying 'butchers' - Cousins offers so much more to its customers who are buzzing in and out, from 6 am until late afternoon. From a freshly-baked croissant for breakfast, to hand-crafted sandwiches for lunch, to meatand-two-veg for dinner, Cousins stocks something for everyone. A variety of pies are hand-made in the shop every week, and last

year the steak pie was awarded silver in The Best Steak Pie in England competition.

Meet the butchers themselves – Tony, Colin and Peter – who have a century's experience between them and are always happy to recommend cuts of meat and give handy recipe tips and cooking instructions. Friendly banter is the signature dish at Cousins, and if there is a queue, customers are happy to chat catching up on local gossip.

On a sad note, Peter is finally retiring from the Cousins' counter, so Tony is now looking for a new 'Cousin' to join his team.

"Peter's retired many times but we kept dragging him back!" laughs Tony. "However, at 71 he's now ready to call it a day. "We're looking for a qualified butcher who has experience working in a shop, someone who can hit the ground running and is knowledgeable about meat – from cutting to cooking."

The new 'Cousin' must also be very good with customers, many of whom are regulars – including an odd Nobel Prize-winner or two.

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