

Winners of the FreeFrom Food Awards 2010

Winner FAIR trophy

Pure Flavour Lemon and Vanilla sponge

<http://www.pureflavour.co.uk/>

'The combination of good flavour and texture made this cake outstanding. I know how difficult it is to achieve both especially in a 'plain' cake such as a vanilla sponge which has nothing to 'hide behind'.'

'Excellent textures and depths – good lemon flavour'

'Looks superb. Great depths, nice browned outside – lovely texture'

Very close seconds.....

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Youngs Gluten Free Fish Fingers

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More follows

Innovation award

Winner

Gluten Free Kitchen Seeded Bread Rolls

<http://www.glutenfreefood.info/>

'Gluten-free pumpernickel – what a treat!' 'Think they are mis-named as bread rolls but really like their firm, slight 'sourness', nutty flavour and all those seeds. Very distinctive.'

Runner up

Asda Organic Freefrom Fusilli

<http://www.asda.co.uk/corp/home.html>

'Excellent – it's pasta!' (From our Italian judge...) 'Very good texture and looks at a remarkably good price.' 'Good bite, pleasant taste, holds shape very well. Really quite excellent – especially at that price.'

Very highly commended

Gluten Free Kitchen Gluten, wheat, dairy and egg free Carrot Cake

<http://www.glutenfreefood.info/>

'Looks and tastes hand made – would never know it was freefrom anything, let alone freefrom wheat, gluten dairy **and** egg!'

'Nice appearance – slightly bobbly and topping a bit thick. Delicious flavour – cinnamon not too strong. Soft and moist. Topping not too sweet.'

Isabel's Cheesebread Mix

<http://www.brazilianflavours.co.uk/>

'Great idea – more like a choux bun than bread – but one does need to add a lot of ingredients.' 'Choux bun – fun – innovative- slightly chewy – very cheesy – very tasty.' 'Good but a lot of work to put together – interesting that it is cassava'

Category winners

1. Animal milk, cream, butter, yogurt and ice cream

Winner

Laverstoke Park Buffalo milk

<http://www.laverstokepark.co.uk/>

Judges were very pleasantly surprised by this clean, cool tasting milk. It is creamy but not sickly, perfect on breakfast cereal and muesli – and it makes a mean cappuccino.

Highly commended

Delamere Dairy Whole Goat's Milk

<http://www.delameredairy.co.uk/>

'Rich and creamy – only marginally goaty'

St Helen's Farm Whole Goat Milk

<http://www.sthelensfarm.co.uk/>

'Hard to tell from cow – nice creaminess'

Tesco Whole Goat Milk

http://www.tesco.com/health/food/healthy_eating/tesco_food/freefrom.page

‘Scarcely know it wasn’t cow – mildly creamy’

Lactofree Lactose Reduced Cow’s Milk

<http://www.lactofree.co.uk/>

‘The real thing – couldn’t taste the difference’

Commended

Styles Strawberry Sheep’s Milk Frozen Dessert

<http://www.styles-icecream.co.uk/slimewe.html>

‘Very nice strawberry flavour – creamy – wouldn’t have known it was sheep milk’

2. Non-animal milk, cream, butter, yogurt and ice cream – soya, rice, oat, nut, potato, coconut

Winner

Oatly Cream

<http://www.oatly.com/>

‘Delicious, smooth and mild with an only very slightly grassy/oaty flavour. Very good pouring cream and cooks excellently.’

Highly commended

BoojaBooja Stuff in a Tub – Hunky Punky Chocolate

<http://www.boojabooja.com/>

‘Thick, dark and rich – delicious and excellent.’

Swedish Glacé Neopolitan

<http://www.swedishglace.com/>

‘Real old fashioned seaside ice cream – brings back my childhood’

Tofutti Mozzarella Style Block Cheese

<http://www.trianobrands.co.uk/>

‘Un-melted it tastes of chalky despair but melted it is excellent – indistinguishable from ordinary melted mozzarella!’

Commended

Pure Soya Spread

<http://www.puredairyfree.co.uk/>

‘A good solid option – natural tasting – great for baking’

Biona Organic Olive Spread

<http://www.windmillorganics.com/page-28.html>

‘Perfect for olive oil lovers – good savoury flavour’

3. Breads and bread mixes

Winner

Mrs Crimbles Fresh White Bread

<http://www.mrscrimbles.com/>

'Tastes very fresh – slightly sandy but a very pleasant soft texture.' 'Amazing to have got that texture without using any dairy or egg products'

Highly commended

Genius Fresh White Bread

<http://www.geniusglutenfree.com/>

'Lovely soft texture, tastes fresh if a little bland – smells of bread but has a slightly acidic aftertaste'

Juvela Fresh Brown Bread

<http://www.juvela.co.uk/>

'Good texture – soft and light – tastes slightly caramelly – like the seeds'.

Proceli Fresh Brown Seeded Rolls

<http://www.proceli.co.uk/>

'Nice seedy combination – a bit solid and cakey but good'

Commended

Gluten Free Kitchen Seeded Loaf

<http://www.glutenfreefood.info/>

'A good chewy texture but a slightly acquired taste – interesting flavour.'

Tesco Pitta Bread

http://www.tesco.com/health/food/healthy_eating/tesco_food/freefrom.page

'Interesting flavour – bit chewy but agreeable – would be fine filled.'

4. Pasta

Winner

Rizopia Organic Brown Rice Pasta

<http://www.pgrhealthfoods.co.uk/>

'This pasta has great texture and a really nice bite. It's indistinguishable from ordinary wheat pasta – a triumph of manufacture. The brown ricey colour is less appealing than some of the yellow corn based pastas but the texture and taste fully make up for that.'

Highly commended

Orgran Multigrain Fusilli with Amaranth

<http://www.orgran.co.uk/>

'Very good texture and really tasty – good mouth-feel – the real deal.'

Farabella Cannelloni Shells

<http://www.drossa.co.uk/>

'Slightly grainy taste but great texture- a really smooth mouth-feel. Would be great stuffed and how great to have a gluten-free shell ready for stuffing!'

Juvela Spaghetti

<http://www.juvela.co.uk/>

'Slightly translucent – more like a Chinese noodle – but clean, firm strands – very good.'

Commended

Juvela Tagliatelle

<http://www.juvela.co.uk/>

'Real egg pasta in look and taste – looks great'

Rizopia Organic Brown Rice Spaghetti

<http://www.pgrhealthfoods.co.uk/>

'A good bite – slightly earthy but nice.'

5. Pizza bases and mixes and ready made pastry and pastry mixes

Winner

Wellfoods Pizza Base

<http://www.wellfoods.co.uk/pages/01-welcome-index.html>

'If you like deep pan pizzas this is the business – real focaccia taste and texture – tasty and soft. And it is dairy free as well as gluten and wheat free.'

Highly commended

Store Cupboard Pizza Base with Rosemary

<http://www.gfdiet.com/>

'Good chewy feel and texture – rosemary makes it very flavoursome.'

Glutafin multi-purpose White Mix - Pastry

<http://www.glutafin.co.uk/>

'Makes an inviting biscuity base - snaps like an oatmeal cookie.'

Tarte Maison ready to use pastry cups, sweet and savoury

<http://www.tartemaison.com/>

'Great little pastry cases – look and taste delicious – so useful to have in the freezer. Now if only they were dairy free as well, but then they might not taste so good...'

Commended

Juvela Pizza Base

<http://www.juvela.co.uk/>

'Crispy and bready – very good all rounder – shame it has to contain wheat and dairy...'

Juvela White Mix - Pastry

<http://www.juvela.co.uk/>

'Great light texture and lovely flavour – shame it is only gluten free...'

6. Savoury pies, flans, pizzas and ready meals

Winners

Young's Gluten and Dairy-free Fish Fingers

<http://www.youngsseafood.co.uk/>

'The freefrom category has truly come of age. The launch of these fish fingers now means that a vast number of wheat and dairy intolerant people can once again eat a popular British dish.' Jeffrey Hyman FDIN

'Excellent – nice crunchy coating – better than a regular fish finger!'

Highly commended

Clive's Pies Aloo Gobi

<http://www.clivespies.co.uk/>

'Great tasty pastry and filling – most enjoyable.'

Commended

Dietary Specials Thin and Crispy Pepperoni Pizza and Deep Pan Mozzarella and Tomato Pizza

<http://www.dietaryspecials.co.uk/>

'Good everyday ready made pizzas – toppings good but a bit mean on the deep pan pizza – great to have in the freezer.'

Intolerable Food Company - Green Thai vegetable curry

<http://www.intolerablefood.com/>

'Authentic look and aroma with good vegetables – but too hot without enough depths of flavour.'

It's a Free World – Fragrant Thai chicken curry

http://www.lookwhatwefound.co.uk/store/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=6&zenid=etkifdl7oset2elllqsns0vs46

'Tasty and fragrant, not too hot - could eat lots!'

7. Savoury biscuits and snacks

Winner

Trufree Pretzels

<http://www.trufree.co.uk/>

'A great snack product and a great pretzel judged against any pretzel, with or without gluten.' Jane Milton of Not Just Food

'Fantastic pretzel – light, tasty, delicious and a lovely tan colour...'

Highly commended

Barkat Pretzels

<http://www.glutenfree-foods.co.uk/>

'Really crisp and short with a good salt level - better than conventional pretzels!'

Mrs Crimble's Cheese Crackers with Sun-dried Tomato and Pesto

<http://www.mrscrimbles.com/>

'Beautifully crisp with a strong cheesy flavour – very nice indeed.'

Commended

Village Bakery Seedy Oatcakes

<http://www.village-bakery.com/>

'Peppery, unusual, crumbly and nice.'

Paterson's Oatcakes

<http://www.paterson-arran.com/>

'Lovely, traditional oatcake – well textured and pleasant.'

Nairn's Organic Rough Oatcakes

<http://www.nairns-oatcakes.com/content/>

'Nutty and delicious, very crisp and nicely bitty.'

8. Scones, sweet tarts, Bakewells, flapjacks and brownies

Winner

Asda Fruit Teacakes

<http://www.asda.co.uk/corp/home.html>

'Great traditional teacake – nice and spicy, beautiful texture - very tasty.'

Highly commended

Honeybuns Healthcliff Brownie

<http://www.honeybuns.co.uk/>

'Lovely chocolatey, moist, light scrumptious brownie – a winner. If only it were dairy free...'

Honeyrose Pecan Maple Syrup Flapjack

<http://www.honeyrosebakery.com/>

'A fine flapjack – light and moist, nicely nutty, a bit too sweet but very pleasant.'

The Village Bakery Chocolate Orange Brownies

<http://www.village-bakery.com/>

'Definitely scrummy – good brownie texture, good chocolate tastes – hard to fault it.'

Love More Free From Foods Chocolate Brownies

<http://www.lovemore-freefromfoods.com/>

'Nearly an excellent brownie –lots of chocolate but just not quite dense or moist enough.'

Commended

Waitrose Almond Tart

<http://www.waitrose.com/>

'Nice little almondy nibble – melt in the mouth, tasty tart but a little too sweet.'

Mrs Crimble's Bakewell Slices

<http://www.mrscrimbles.com/>

'Good strong almond flavour, rich and sweet, looks divine.'

Livwell's Sultana Scones

<http://www.livwell.eu/>

'Plenty of raisins and really rather yummmable.'

9. Sweet biscuits and cookies

Winner

Prewett's Ginger Cookies

<http://www.prewetts.co.uk/>

'Yum – perfect balance of chocolate, sweet, ginger and chewiness – very 'hand crafted' – really unusual, great combination - want another...'

Highly commended

Glutafin Gran Biscotti

<http://www.glutafin.co.uk/>

'Excellent – not over sweet tea biscuit. Lovely and crisp – good 'dunker'...'

Prewett's Sultana and Apple Cookies

<http://www.prewetts.co.uk/>

'Surprisingly soft but nicely chewy – very appley but slightly short on sultanas – almost flapjacky – nice.'

Commended

Waitrose Cranberry and Orange Cookies

<http://www.waitrose.com/>

'Nicely chunky dried cranberries, good organic aroma – unusual combination – crisp.'

Lazy Day's Chocolate Gingers

<http://www.lazydayfoods.com/engine/shop/index.html>

'Excellent dark chocolate but biscuits need to be ginger-ier – crisp but slightly sandy textured biscuits.'

10. Cakes, muffins and cake and muffin mixes

Joint winners

Pure Flavour Lemon and Vanilla Sponge

<http://www.pureflavour.co.uk/>

'Excellent – lovely lemony flavour – great light texture – tastes and looks deliciously homemade – and is both gluten and dairy free!'

Gluten Free Kitchen Victoria Sponge

<http://www.glutenfreefood.info/>

'Really authentic Victoria sponge – would never know it was not a 'normal cake' even though it is dairy and gluten free – very light, good looking and tasting cake – generous filling – great jam.'

Highly commended

The Healthy Cake Company Lemon and Coconut Cake

<http://www.healthycakecompany.co.uk/>

'Excellent textured cake – full of flavour – delicious.'

Winona's Midnight Sin

<http://www.winonasorganic.com/>

'Really gooey and dark, not too sweet but rich and tasty – chocolatey temptation.'

Commended

Gluten Free Goodies Victoria Sponge

<http://www.glutenfreegoodies.co.uk/>

'Well flavoured Victoria sponge – not too sweet but with good flavour and mouth-feel.'

Livwell Victoria Sponge

<http://www.livwell.eu/>

'Not too sweet, firm texture but good flavour – good shop-bought cake.'

Tesco Victoria Sponge

http://www.tesco.com/health/food/healthy_eating/tesco_food/freefrom.page

'Looks good for a shop-bought cake – a bit sweet but good mouth-feel and pleasant.'

Trubitz Victoria Sponge

<http://www.trubitz.co.uk/Scripts/default.asp>

'More like a Madeira cake in texture but very pleasant with a hint of banana....'

Droppa and Droppa Fruit Cake

<http://www.droppaanddroppa.com/>

'Plenty of fruit – nice mature tasting cake but rather crumbly.'

11. Puddings, sweet pies, desserts and cheesecakes

Winner

Gluten Free Goodies Syrup Sponge

<http://www.glutenfreegoodies.co.uk/>

'Beautiful, rich and syrupy with a perfect level of sweetness. A few luscious mouthfuls would finish off a meal perfectly. And it is gluten and dairy free.'

Highly commended

Christine's Sticky Toffee Pudding

<http://www.christinespuddings.co.uk/>

'Excellent in every way – yummy, delicious – very rich and sweet – what a shame it is not dairy free too...'

Hunter's Sticky Toffee Pudding

<http://www.hunterspuddings.co.uk/>

'Deep toffee flavour – an all round success – light sponge, lush sauce – but, sadly, not dairy free.'

Commended

Intolerable Foods Pecan and Toffee Tart

<http://www.intolerablefood.com/>

'Very good crisp pastry and excellent innards – tempting and piquant.'

OK Foods Treacle Tart

<http://www.ok-foods.co.uk/>

'Excellent - lovely and treacly - good firm pastry and delicious filling.'

12. Chocolate and sweet snacks

Winner

BoojaBooja Organic Ginger Wine Truffles

<http://www.boojabooja.com/>

'BoojaBooja continue to produce fantastic tasting chocolates that just happen to be free-from. These ginger wine truffles show that you don't have to sacrifice flavour to go freefrom.' (Simon Wright)

'Melt in the mouth – lovely balance of ginger – truffles to die for – who needs cream...'

Highly commended

No Nuts... Just Chocolate 74% Chocolate

<http://www.nonutsjustchocolate.com/>

'Gorgeous dark bitter chocolate – smooth, darkest dark – pure chocolate taste.'

Billy Goat Stuff White Chocolate

<http://www.billygoatstuff.co.uk/index.html>

'Attractive bee moulds and excellent white chocolate - for white chocolate lovers.'

Fruitus Chewy Apricot Bites

http://www.glisten.plc.uk/Lyme_Regis_Foods/Products/Natural_Products/Fruitus_Bites/Default.aspx?id=180

'Great child's snack – very authentic apricot taste –natural, soft, chewy...'

Commended

BoojaBooja Organic Around Midnight Espresso Truffles

<http://www.boojabooja.com/>

'Fabulous smooth, rich and grainy with a real coffee kick.'

Conscious Sesame Chews

<http://www.consciousfood.co.uk/>

'Excellent flavour – nice sticky sesame mix and crunchy texture.'

13. Christmas products

Joint winners

Coop Nut-free, gluten-free, wheat-free Christmas Pudding

<http://www.co-operative.coop/food/>

'Very fruity, rich, sweet and yummy – loads of fruit – traditional – delicious smell and taste.'

Trubitz Christmas Pie

<http://www.trubitz.co.uk/Scripts/default.asp>

'Excellent fruit, lovely pastry and pleasantly spiced – yummy.'

Highly commended

Barkat Gluten and wheat-free Christmas Pudding

<http://www.glutenfree-foods.co.uk/>

'Really very good, warm flavours, deep and not too heavy.'

Droppa and Droppa Christmas Cake

<http://www.droppaanddroppa.com/>

'Traditional and fruity – lovely boozy taste – great Christmas cake.'

It's Nut Free Mincemeat

<http://www.itsnutfree.com/about/default.php>

'Nice big fruity chunks with a fresh lemony edge – lovely.'

Commended

The Right Ingredient Christmas Cake

<http://www.rightcake.co.uk/>

'A full-bodied classic with plenty of fruit and great icing.'

Especially Delicious Christmas Cupcakes

<http://www.especiallydelicious.co.uk/>

'Excellent pretty Christmas alternative. Lovely sponge and lots of good brandy icing.'

14. Products manufactured in a nut-free environment

Winner

It's Nut Free Christmas mincemeat

<http://www.itsnutfree.com/about/default.php>

'Very sweet but a good apple flavour - nice big fruity chunks with a fresh lemony edge – lovely.'

Highly commended

No Nuts... Just Chocolate 74% chocolate

<http://www.nonutsjustchocolate.com/>

'Gorgeous dark bitter chocolate – smooth, darkest dark – pure chocolate taste.'

Proceli fresh brown seeded rolls

<http://www.proceli.co.uk/>

'Nice seedy combination – a bit solid and cakey but good'

Commended

Trubitz Raisin Cookies

<http://www.trubitz.co.uk/Scripts/default.asp>

'All round excellent classic soft cookie.'

Orgran Dinsoaur Whole Fruit Cookies

<http://www.organ.co.uk/>

'Perfect size and shape for kids – chewy, fruity and not too sweet.'

15. Gluten-free beer

Joint winners

Estrella Damm – Estrella Dura ABV 5.4%

<http://www.estrelladamm.es/idiomas/idiomas.asp>

'Nice beer smell - spicy, citrus palette – refreshing and very drinkable.'

Green's Premium Golden ABV 4.8%

<http://www.glutenfreebeers.co.uk/>

'True beer aroma- like canned bitter. Good flavour and very quaffable.'

Highly commended

WoldTop Brewery-Against the Grain ABV 4.5%

<http://www.woldtopbrewery.co.uk/>

'Floral aroma, nice hoppy palette, dry and delicate.'

Commended

St Peter's Brewery G-Free ABV 4.2%

<http://www.stpetersbrewery.co.uk/>

'Interesting taste and aroma – toffee, fruity, caramel flavour – dry aftertaste.'