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Secretts of Milford, Surrey

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In the leafy village of Milford, Surrey, Secretts Farm has been producing a bounty of fresh produce since moving there in 1937.

Established by Frederick Augustus Secrett in 1908, after his father gave him £1000, the farm has been based in Kew and Twickenham before finding its roots at Hurst Farm in Milford.

The farm itself has had a rich and prosperous past. During the Second World War, it was one of the highest producers of vegetables, whilst in the 1980's it was a pioneer provider of spinach to British supermarkets. In the 1990's, Secretts was the first farm to grow wild rocket.

Today, the farm is a hive of activity with a food shop, tearoom, 'pick your own' and a garden centre. Customers are encouraged to try before they buy allowing them to discover some of the more unusual varieties of vegetables.

This tiny shop (better known as the village store featured in Nancy Meyers' film *The Holiday*), is stocked full of varieties of salad leaves, purple and green asparagus spears, seasonal quiches and ready meals. Plus, a delicious array of chutneys and jams. Meat is sourced from Black Barn Butchers, located just a few doors away.

Shopping complete, follow the enticingly sweet aroma to Eliza's vintage-inspired tearoom. Here, you can enjoy a slice of homemade Victoria sponge and a cup of tea served on delicate china, or step inside the timber-framed barn to admire, or buy, a posy of fragrant British blooms.

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