

# Six of the best for footballing fun



**1 Starting Squad – Playmobil football set – £39.99 from www.toysrus.co.uk (or call 0800 138 7777 for your nearest store)**  
This play-set, with its size and quality crafting, is our preferred stadium for an impressive display. Each set comes complete with four players, a couple of goalkeepers and loads of accessories – including a scoreboard. Also, there are plenty of extras you can buy to further boost your set, such as players with team colours, referees, linesmen and even the stretcher carriers.

**2 Bright Idea – Floodlamp desk lamp – £14.99 from www.play.com (0845 800 1020)**  
If you're stuck in the office during a crucial game, just flick on a floodlamp to lift the mood. You could instal a couple of them in the front room for added football-related ambience. These functional furnishings are crafted from aluminium and feature a swivelling head so you can illuminate with accuracy – football really is coming home.

**3 Magnetic Midfielders – Total Action Football – £24.99 from www.smythstoy.com**  
This tabletop football game is fast-paced enough to have players breaking out in a sweat, offering non-stop action right from the kickoff. Each magnetic player can pass, shoot or trap the ball. Also inside the box are power strikers, free-kick specialists and diving goalies. There are 22 players in total, plus a synthetic playing surface.

**4 Sizeable Sphere – Giant Inflatable Football – £59.99 from www.iwantoneofthose.com (0844 573 7070)**  
When this is fully inflated, you'll find it easy to imagine yourself on some game show:

Even although Scotland won't be taking part (again), you can't ignore the World Cup, which will soon be under way. If you do fancy getting involved without the cost of a trip to South Africa, we have a selection of solutions to get you "feeling football" from the comfort of your own home

the style of show we're thinking of usually involves nylon and can be given a pretty good kicking around. Shout out "oversized football, anyone?" And just watch the eager players flock.

**5 Portable Stadium – Subbuteo giant inflatable pitch – £294.99 from www.firebox.com (0844 922 1010)**  
Inflating from flat to fully formed in around 30 seconds, this Subbuteo-meets-bouncy-castle hybrid is crying out for a space in your garden, but for some people it'll take up their entire back lawn. It is the perfect size to host an undemanding two-a-side tournament. Also, you could instal a TV in the goalmouth and fill the pitch with ball-shaped bean bags to create the ultimate place to watch the games.

**6 Mini Tournament – Tabletop Football – £19.99 from www.iwantoneofthose.com (0844 573 7070)**  
Invest in one of these shrunken football tables for your home and you'll be saving a small fortune each time you play. Down at your local, it can be easily a pound a game, so you're going to make your money back in no time. It took us about 20 minutes to assemble this set and begin shouting instructions at our plastic players.



## THIS WEEK'S BEST BUYS

**M MORRISONS**  
Walls Magnum Classic – all varieties three pack **Buy one get one free**  
Pork Leg Steaks (inc flavoured) £7.38/kg **Save £2.50/kg, now £4.88/kg**  
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**DRINKS**  
Sandpiper Res Merlot 75cl £8.99 **Half price, now £4.49**  
Calvet Prestige Claret 75cl £10.99 **Half price, now £5.49**

**TESCO**  
Tesco cobquettes four-pack **Was £1.97, now £1.47**  
Tesco organic blueberries **Was £3.99, now £1.99**  
Extra-large pineapple pack **Was £2, now £1**  
Penny Bank Farm chicken breast fillets 600g **Was £5.99, now £2.99**  
Farmhouse 100% beef quarter-pounders 454g **Was £2.50, now £1.25**

**DRINKS**  
Villa Maria Private Bin East Coast Chardonnay **Was £8.99, now £5.99**  
Montgolfiers Sauvignon Blanc/Gros Manseng **Was £6.99, now £5**

**SAINSBURY'S**  
JS British extra-mature cheddar 400g **Two for £4**  
Flora Light 500g, Flora Original 500g **Two for £2**  
Tropicana 1.5L Original, Tropicana 1.5L Smooth **Two for £4**  
Petits Filous Strawberry/Raspberry six x 60g **Only £1**  
Kellogg's Frosties 12x750g £2.39 **Half price, now £1.19**

**DRINKS**  
Etienne Dumont Champagne £27.99 **Half price, now £13.99**  
McGuigan Bin Merlot, Chardonnay £9.99 **Half price, now £4.99**

**Somerfield The co-operative food**  
The Co-operative Truly Irresistible Ice Cream 500ml **Buy one get one free**  
Jacob's Twiglets/McVitie's Mini Cheddars Original 200g/260g **Buy one get one free**  
The Co-operative Blueberries 225g **Was £4, now £2**  
Cathedral City Mature White/Coloured Cheddar 400g **Was £4.25, now £2.12**  
Hellmann's Mayonnaise 400g **Only £1**

**DRINKS**  
Chateau Le Bonnat Graves 75cl **Was £13, now £8**

**MARKS & SPENCER**  
Red plums **Two packs for £5**  
Grapes and citrus fruit **Two for £4**  
Selected fish banded packs **Two for £5**  
Food To Go Salads **Free water with a salad purchase**  
Selected Chinese meals **Two for £6**

**DRINKS**  
Burra Brook Rosé 2009 **Was £6.99, now £4.99**

**LIDL**  
Beef Topside Slices 100g **Only 99p**  
Chorizo Spanish Salami 200g **Was £1.89, now £1.29**  
Utterly Buttery Vegetable Fat Spread 500g **Was £1.29, now 59p**  
Princes Tuna Chunks in Brine four x 185g **Was £5.39, now £2.69**  
Typhoo 80 tea bags **Was £1.93, now £1**

**DRINKS**  
South African Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon 75cl **Three for £9**

**ASDA**  
Fruit Shoot Blackcurrant and Apple (no added sugar) 8 x 200 **Two for £4**  
Asda beefburgers 851g **Any three for £10**  
Mars Ice Cream Bars four-pack **Any two for £3**  
Asda prepared stir fry **Any three for £2.50**  
Asda Strawberries 400g **Any two for £3**

**DRINKS**  
Selected wines 75cl **Any three for £12**  
**100g = 3.5oz; 1kg = 2.2lb; 1L = 2.1 pints; 100ml = 3.4fl oz.**  
Prices and offers correct at time of going to press

## FOUR GENERATIONS OF PORK

If you fancy trying something different next time you make a cooked breakfast, Puddledub Pork has a variety of 16 sausages including a fantastic range that are gluten-free. The pork processing and curing business at Clentrie Farm, Auchtertool, in west Fife, was formed in 2000 by Tom Mitchell. The company utilises pork produced on the farm that has been in the Mitchell family for four generations.

## SUCCESS FOR THE CO-OPERATIVE AT SAMMIES

The Co-operative has been named Convenience Sandwich Retailer of the Year at the British Sandwich Awards. The British Sandwich Awards – known as "The Sammies" – were launched 15 years ago by the British Sandwich Association to acknowledge those who have helped develop and shape the huge sandwich industry. The award for Convenience Sandwich Retailer of the Year was presented to the convenience retailer considered to have done the most to develop its sandwich business. The judges were looking for evidence of success, taking into account sales growth, marketing, innovation, packaging, product quality and promotions. Helen Jagger, category strategy and development manager at The Co-operative, said: "The Co-operative's extensive sandwich offering has gone from strength to strength in the last 12 months. Following our acquisition of Somerfield in 2009, there are now many more outlets across the UK stocking The Co-operative's delicious sandwich range. "In March of this year, The Co-operative further developed its £3 Meal Deal with a wider range of choices, making The Co-operative a great destination for lunch." Jim Winship, director of the British Sandwich Association, said: "The British Sandwich Awards provide an opportunity



for the industry to recognise those that are leading and pioneering in the sandwich market, which will hopefully inspire others. The judges felt that The Co-operative's performance in the last year was outstanding."

## TOP AWARD

Fletcher's of Auchtermuchty, the famous Scottish venison farm, scooped the prize of the Best Small Meat Producer at the prestigious Good Housekeeping Food Awards in London on May 27. This was the only Scottish business among the winners in 16 categories announced in London. The award was given in association with Slow Foods and was judged against stiff opposition by a panel of food experts. Winners in other categories included big names like Tesco, Waitrose, Pizza Express, the BBC Masterchef programme, Nigel Slater and James Martin as well as other household names. John and Nichola Fletcher started producing venison on

## THE PEATIEST ARDBEG EVER

Ardbeg – the iconic malt whisky distillery on the remote island of Islay – has launched the second edition of its award-winning single malt Supernova, described by the company as "the peatiest Ardbeg ever". A preview bottling of the first edition sold out last year in a record 112 minutes when it was offered for sale online – making it the fastest-selling whisky in the distillery's 195-year history. It was snapped up online in an exclusive offer to members of the Ardbeg committee, a group of 53,000 Ardbeg fans across 112 countries. The second edition – Ardbeg SN2010 – challenges the palate with the same phenomenal levels of peatiness, but with a higher strength at 60.1% ABV and a deeper, earthier character. This second limited-edition release is at least 40% more "peaty" than the distillery's renowned and already very heavily peated flagship – Ardbeg Ten Years Old. The 2009 edition of Ardbeg Supernova – which takes its name from the "galactic explosion" as stars end their



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# Creamy and dreamy

## Risotto Primavera

Fresh tasting and fragrant, this beautiful risotto is made with Riso Gallo Arborio rice, an excellent choice for traditional vegetable risottos. This one has fresh asparagus and courgettes and is a perfect lunch dish or first course.



- 225g/8oz fresh British asparagus
- 2tbspn olive oil
- 1 medium onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 225g/8oz Riso Gallo Arborio Risotto Rice
- 1/2 wineglass dry white wine
- 900ml/1 1/2pt vegetable stock
- 3 medium courgettes, trimmed and cut into dice

- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 25g/1oz freshly grated Parmesan
- 25g/1oz unsalted butter
- Juice of half a lemon
- Parmesan shavings for serving

First, snap asparagus at the natural breaking point to break off the tough bottom ends of the stalks. Blanch stems in lightly salted boiling water for around three minutes. Drain. Cut into 5cm/2in lengths and reserve. Heat oil in a pan and fry onion over gentle heat to soften but not brown. Add rice and stir to coat. Pour over wine and stir with a wooden

Riso Gallo, Italy's leading risotto rice producer, has devised this delicious recipe using the best of British asparagus and your favourite white wine

spoon until absorbed. Add a ladleful of stock and continue stirring over medium heat until absorbed. Continue like this until rice is creamy – but not quite cooked. Stir in courgette dice. Add another ladleful of stock and stir until absorbed. You may not need all the stock. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper. Stir in freshly grated Parmesan and butter. When rice is just cooked, stir in asparagus pieces and squeeze over lemon juice. Serve immediately topped with Parmesan shavings.

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