

WEEKEND

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What Ms Minogue really thinks about Simon Cowell and Sharon Osbourne

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CHEAT'S CHRISTMAS 2 WEEKS TO GO...

■ Perfect for Christmas cheats everywhere: selected Marks & Spencer stores are offering an order service for food, including turkey, vegetables, stuffing and party food. Fill in an order form in-store, then pick it all up on either 22, 23 or 24 December. Order by 5pm on 12 December. For your nearest store, visit www.marksandspencer.com or tel: 0845 302 1234.



■ Finding that there just aren't enough hours in the day for all your chores? Don't panic. From £29 per hour, time-management firm Buy:time can assist you with anything you need, from posting your Christmas cards and decorating your tree, to buying gifts and planning a party. Visit www.buy-time.co.uk or tel: 0870 486 2624.

■ Make sure you're ready for all that smooching – buy some mistletoe.

The best place to get it from is Tenbury Wells in Worcestershire. The Tenbury English Mistletoe Enterprise has an online shop at www.tememistletoe.co.uk, where you can pick up a pack of 20 large mistletoe pieces for £17.50, including delivery.



■ To make the outside of your home as beautiful as the inside, visit www.velvetbrown.co.uk. This site has beautiful, hand-crafted wreaths including the St Clements, a spicy and fragrant decoration with dried oranges, cinnamon bundles and pinecones. The standard size (42cm diameter) costs £49, excluding delivery. Last orders 12 December. Tel: 01844 278866.

■ Christmas time and alcohol-induced headaches generally go hand in hand, so make sure you're prepared. Log on to www.drinkaware.co.uk for top tips on surviving the festive season and being safe, as well as how to deal with hangovers.

(Some prices exclude delivery)