

Customers flock from far and wide to sample Keswick food man Mike Clark's tasty specialities. But after 47 years in the catering trade, and having worked on the continent to sharpen up his skills, Keswick's award winning pie man is retiring at the end of the month.

Mike's butcher's business in Station Street is being taken over by West Cumbrian Steve Willis who already has Food to go shops in Cockermouth and Seascale.

Mike, who has never missed a day's work, admits he's sorry that his regulars will miss out on their game pies and other mouth watering treats.

But he said: 'Now seems the right time to draw the line. I'm 64 and want to spend a bit more time on my country pursuits and golf "It's been hard work, but it's also been fun." Michael's has been a family run business. One of his twin sons, Steve, has worked in the shop since it opened in 1984 and he is now planning to continue in the food trade with Deer and Dexter of Penrith.

