



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes

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Monthly Update from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes and Oxfordshire (BBO) Food Group

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Dear Food Group Members:

This is the monthly update from your Local Food Group.

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Please note that our Monthly Updates are now posted on the News page of our website www.local-food.net

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localfood@brookes.ac.uk

County Shows

There is still time to book stands at the following shows with **Special Rates for Full Members of BBO Food Group**

Bucks County Show, Thursday 28 August

The Food Group subsidises the entire Food Marquee and the rates are £80 for full members, £105 for associate and non-members. You can get the forms and details from Chris Rawson at Bucks CC crawson@buckscc.gov.uk

Thame and Oxfordshire County Show, Thursday 18 September.

For the second time, the Food Group will hold a 'Local Flavours' area with 10 stands, for a minimal fee of £70 for full members and £90 for associate and non-members. For further details contact Tamara localfood@brookes.ac.uk

Royal County of Berkshire Show, Saturday – Sunday 20 - 21 September.

The Food Group will hold a triple stand and we are inviting two producers for each of the 2 days (four in total) to trade and share the stand with us, for a minimal fee of £80 for full members, £150 for associate and non-members. * **1 space left*** For further details contact Tamara localfood@brookes.ac.uk

Reminders

Member's Networking Event

Wednesday 25th June at Oxford Brookes University room DEM17 from 5 to 7pm with presentations on Web Design and Maintenance from Chris Cussens and Mail Ordering from Miles Rackliff.

Drinks and nibbles. Opportunity to chat, socialise and network with other members. For further information and to book your place please email Wendy at membership@local-food.net or telephone 01865 484116

Tourism South East Membership

As a full member of the food group you can also get £40 off the full membership fee to join Tourism South East, which is open to all local food and drink businesses. A full range of TSE membership benefits can be found in the leaflets sent out in recently in the Food Group membership packs. If you would like another leaflet just contact the office 01865 484116. See below for details of their local networking events.

Training & Events

Tourism South East are inviting BBO Food Group members to 3 of their networking events each starting at 7pm to 9pm. They are:

Thursday 5th June Chinnor & Princes Railway where there will be a ride behind a steam engine through the Chiltern Hills. You will see the work volunteers have achieved over the last 15 years.

Tuesday 5th August Cogges Manor Farm. An opportunity to see the Victorian Farm and Manor House with its original kitchen.

Wednesday 1st October The Living Rain Forest. Time to head inside a steamy rain forest and enjoy the birds, butterflies and monkeys amongst some very interesting flora and fauna.

For more information and a booking form please contact Jeanette Howse 07917 162876 or visit the food group website at www.local-food.net

Events

Thames flood defence: There is a vacancy on the Environment Agency's Thames Regional Flood Defence Committee. If you are interested as a farmer/ producer/ grower, further information and application details are at this link - [RFDC](#) - or call Defra on 020 7238 5624. Deadline for applications 5.00pm 16 June.

Hampton Court Palace Flower Show: The Year of Food and Farming in the South East Region (YOFFSE) is exhibiting at the Hampton Court Palace Flower Show – July 8th -13th. The exhibit will reflect the work of the year, which has focused on promoting healthy living by giving children and young people direct experience of food, farming and the countryside. Two volunteers are needed for 2-3 hours to help erect a small farm gate and a couple of garden fence panels needed for the exhibit on Thursday July 3rd. Travel costs will be covered. Gillian van der Meer, YOFFSE events manager and designer for the exhibit, is also looking for volunteers to help steward the stand, by covering one session 10am -2.30pm, or 2.30pm - 7pm. You will therefore have over four hours free to see the show. In return for stewarding you will receive your ticket worth around £30, a forward car park pass worth £6, and travelling costs. Please contact her either by email on gillian@yoffse.org.uk or on 0771 8023831 by Monday June 9th for stewarding or helping on the

Thursday before the show.

Free event from Farming Futures on 19th June at Sheepdrove Farm in Berkshire focusing on carbon foot printing. Contact Maya on 0207 324 3622 to book your place. More information at www.farmingfutures.co.uk

NFU Dairy Contract meeting: Speakers at the meeting are national NFU Dairy Board Chairman, Gwyn Jones and Kay Carson of Dairy Co Monday 7 July at Agriculture House, Eynsham.

Fallowfields Hotel in Kingston Bagpuize is holding a farmer's market on 25th August as part of their local food festival. Producers are invited to apply for stalls. For further information contact Tamara 01865 484116 localfood@brookes.ac.uk

British Cheese Festival 27th Sept to 5th Oct at Cardiff Castle, Wales Trade Day held on the Friday 26th Sept. Consumer days Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th Sept.

For details on the trade and consumer days, exhibitors etc please contact:

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The British Cheese Awards 3 events: The Judging Friday 11th July @ Kingham, Oxfordshire
Awards Dinner Friday 26th September @ Cardiff Millennium Stadium
The Awards Dinner will be held on Friday night, after the Trade Day.

For details please contact: Eclectic Events Ltd

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Grants

Local Food Programme 2008 - 2015 to help improve access to locally grown food for communities is managed by the Royal Society for Wildlife Trusts. Grants from £ 1,000 – 300,000 are available to not-for-profit groups and organisations across England: school farms, community box schemes, local food education centres, community composting, the list is

endless...Ask Us for more details info@local-food.net or visit the website www.localfoodgrants.org or Advice Line on 0845 3 671 671

News

Raspberry and blackcurrant leaves wanted: Daniel Chapple of Chapple's Teahouse is seeking supplies of raspberry and blackcurrant leaves for his tea business. Currently he imports from the Far East. If you are interested ring Daniel on: 01480 405786 mobile: 07885 684588 or email Daniel.chapple@chapplesteahouse.com The company's website is www.chapplesteahouse.com

Wanted - UK salad growers: The Local to London Project is working with New Covent Garden to supply more UK salad crops, in particular cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes. If you would be interested in supplying contact Tom Beeston on 07957 357 201 or tom.beeston@cgma.gov.uk



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