



Monthly Update

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(BBO) Food Group Community Interest Company (CIC)

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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 posted on the News page of our website www.local-food.net

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3rd Ascot Food Fair

As an established part of the calendar this event is part of the Willmott Dixon Group Day with some fantastic racing, as well as featuring sumptuous local produce at the Food Fair, as part of the *Local Flavours* Festival. The market will be located around the Bandstand at the Racecourse overlooked by the fantastic new Grandstand. The attendance for the day is expected to be in the region of 11,000.

There are still some stalls available for BBO Food Group members:

Cost: The fee per 3m x 3m space is just **£25** with free parking for one vehicle.

This will cover the cost of a market stall umbrella which will be provided. You will need to provide your own stall, table and chairs. Larger stall sizes are available for an increased pro-rata fee.

Stallholder benefits: 2 exhibitor wrist bands allowing them access to the Grandstand Admission area of the racecourse plus two free General Admission tickets for friends and family. Free race card. Packed lunch and hot drinks provided throughout the day, free of charge.

If you are interested in taking a stall or for further information please contact Diane Harker, Food Fair Co-ordinator, on 01628 670272 or e-mail: diane.harker@tiscali.co.uk straight away.

We are moving.....

We would like to give you advance notice that the BBO Food Group are moving to new offices in September. Full details will be sent to members shortly to let you know the moving date and new postal address, but rest assured email address will remain the same:

info@local-food.net for Tamara
membership@local-food.net for Wendy

When we move our office phone number will also change, but mobile numbers remain the same:

07795 334474 Tamara
 07920 501866 Wendy

New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have joined in recent months:

Buy-Local Oxford Buy-Local is a community website offering local produce to local people. www.buy-LOCAL.net/Oxford

Woodlands Quality Butchers High quality locally produced meat from Woods Farm, Watlington and Corner Farm, Kirtlington. www.woodlandsqualitybutchers.com

Fallowfields Country House Hotel Fallowfields Farm supplies the restaurant and boutique hotel with fresh produce, meat and eggs. www.fallowfields.com

Happy Herefords and Tipsy Tamworths Pork & beef from pedigree Hereford cattle and pedigree Tamworth pigs. Email herefords@countryside-explorer.com

Local Flavours Festival Feature

Three successful press launches for the Local Flavours Festival were held at each of the 3 counties. Our great thanks to all members who participated. Media coverage for the festival included radio, local newspapers and regional magazines

Don't forget to include the Local Flavours logo (can be found at www.local-flavours.net) on your website and a link to the dedicated website at www.local-flavours.net This will ensure maximum attendance and publicity for events you have organised.

Congratulations

Our hearty congratulations go to member **Simon Weaver Cotswold Organic Dairy** for receiving Gold and Very Highly Commended for their Organic Cheese and Silver for Organic Blue Cheese at the International Cheese Show at Nantwich.

Events

Remember to check the Events Page on our website at www.local-food.net for all the opportunities for sales in 2009.

Food producers required for Lower Basildon village market.

Held 10.00am to 12.30pm on the last Saturday every month (next market 29th August) at Basildon Village Hall, Bethesda Street, Upper Basildon, Berks RG8 8NU (opposite junction with Blandys Lane).

£10 per 6 foot table or equivalent space.

Hours and charges will be reviewed after the September market.

Contact Stephen Billyeald stephenbillyeald@btinternet.com

Channel 4 is looking for taste of summer products to feature in a summer party for 50 taste testers

More information at this link

<http://www.food4media.com/uk/>

Lunch! Retailer of the Year Awards competition

Whether you are an independent shop, nationwide retailer or a contract caterer, this is a fantastic chance to gain free publicity as well as the kudos of being a lunch! Retailer of the Year.

The final deadline for entries is 21 August 2009.

[Click Here to Download lunch! Retailer of the Year Awards Brochure](#)

All finalists will be invited to attend the presentation of the awards at lunch! - the dedicated trade event for the food-to-go sector - with hundreds of new products, a first class education programme, networking and show only discounts.

Visit www.lunchshow.co.uk for more information.

Wokingham Food & Drink Festival 2009 29-30 August

Elms Field, Elms Road, Wokingham, RG41 2LD

Some pitches are still available from £150 for the two days (2m x 3m) within the main Food & Drink marquee or you can bring your own gazebo.

We are also offering our exhibitors the opportunity to help entertain our visitors in the Demonstration Kitchen by imparting your knowledge as an expert during a tasting session or demonstrating a skill – for free! Just let us know how you would like to take part.

Please contact t

kate@wokinghamfestival.co.uk or call 0118 978 8801 o find out more.

Fallowfields Community Day August Bank Holiday Monday 31st.

The event - Market stalls selling local produce of food and crafts. Farm trail, Country + Morris Dancing, Falconry Displays, hog roast of our own rare breed pig, afternoon tea of homemade scones, archery and air rifle range.

Entrance = £1 adults. 5 -10 yrs = 50p. under 5's = free

VillageLife Special Summer Markets Sat 29th and Mon 31st August

For further info contact:

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PepsiCo's head office in Theale Fri 18th Sept are holding a staff only awareness event (there are approx 700 on the campus) from 12-2pm based on local food promoting four themes: grow your own, cook your own, buy local and eat local. Stallholders sourcing their produce from the local area are free to attend our event. There is no cost to attend, the event is indoors and they supply tables and chairs, tables are 1m x 2m but limited in quantity.

The aim of the stallholders attendance is to primarily sell their produce, but also to promote their own events or services (home delivery, box schemes, etc) to make staff aware of the local produce/services available.

Contact Ricky Josey Theale Green Team 01189308044 for further info.

Thame Food Festival Saturday 26 September based in and around the Town Hall. The aim is to support local food producers, pubs and restaurants to provide a different platform to promote their business. There will be stalls outside the Town Hall with demonstrations inside.

Cost for a stall: £20. If you would like to book a pitch then please contact Alison Isherwood, 21st Century Thame Project Officer e-mail ai@21stcenturythame.org.uk tel: 01844 215215, mob: 07944 175633

Local Food Court at Kop Hill Climb 26/ 27 September

For more info see <http://www.kophillclimb.org.uk>

Members are invited to take part in the **Local Food Court**

1 day £40 / 2 days £75.

You can download an application form from the Trade section of our web-site or contact Bob Woodman 01442 823077 or email sponsors@kophillclimb.org.uk

Open Farm Sunday - sharing successes Wednesday 30th September 2009

The LEAF team would like to invite you to an event to review this year's Open Farm Sunday, hear our plans for 2010 and share ideas and experiences. Organised by LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming), Open Farm Sunday is the farming industry's annual open day. Hundreds of farmers and growers open their farms and invite members of the public to pull on their wellies and learn about the story behind our food and its links with nature.

9.45am until 1.30pm, at The Crypt on the Green, St James Clerkenwell, Clerkenwell Close, London, EC1R 0EA

Programme - speakers and presentations will include:-

- Open Farm Sunday organisers will discuss the key results, lessons learnt, media interest and plans for 2010

- Host farmers will share experiences from their events, what worked well (and what didn't!), and the benefits to their business
- Visitors will give us their perspective, including why they attended, what they most/least enjoyed, what they learnt and what action, if any, they will take
- Sponsors will outline why they got involved and the benefits to their business
- We will also be hearing from a leading BBC journalist with observations and recommendations for farmer hosts, sponsors and for LEAF . . . followed by a delicious lunch!

Booking - Please RSVP by email to:

carol.cartwright@leafuk.org or tel: 02476 413911

Ascot Racecourse 3rd Annual Food Fair on Saturday 10th October

See above

Training

'Reduce your costs by using more sustainable cuts of meat'

Training Day at Rushall Manor, Bradfield, Berks from 10am to 3pm on Wednesday 19th November 2009.

Full details and booking form can be found in events section on www.local-food.net

Staff Training

Full details of courses and booking forms for the open Training Programme at **Vale Training** are available to see on the food group website www.local-food.net covering the period from now until May 2010.



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