



**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](http://www.local-food.net)

If you no longer wish to be part of this mailing list, or if you receive this message twice, please email [info@local-food.net](mailto:info@local-food.net)

**Bucks Show 2009**

Food Group members who had stalls in the food hall at the Bucks show this year had a busy time. Photos of stallholders can be seen on our website at [www.local-food.net](http://www.local-food.net) in the news section.

**We are moving.....**

From Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September the BBO Food Group will be moving to their new offices at:

BBO Food Group CIC  
Speedwell House  
Speedwell Street  
Oxford  
OX1 1NE

[info@local-food.net](mailto:info@local-food.net) for Tamara  
[membership@local-food.net](mailto:membership@local-food.net) for Wendy

07795 334474 Tamara  
07920 501866 Wendy

Temporary office number 01865 816025

**Successful RDPE Project**

Congratulations to members **Foxbury Farm** who received a 38% grant to develop their farm shop from the SEEDA Rural Development Programme for England grants. The current farm shop sells all the meat direct from the farm as well as selling food and drink from 66 other local producers. They also act as a local distribution and delivery hub supplying food to 8 local village shops, 6 local schools and 7 other food service businesses including Blenheim Palace.

The new farm shop will utilise a redundant barn and have a new fish counter, bakery display and wine area, as well as expanding the butchery and retail area. This will create 4 full time and 7 part time new local job opportunities.

*How to apply for RDPE funding* – for full details on how to apply, including contact details and regional appraisal panel dates go to [www.seeda.couk/rdpe](http://www.seeda.couk/rdpe) The food group is happy to give advice with decisions on what applications members may decide to apply for. Ring Tamara on 01865 484116.

The grants are discretionary and competitive and there is no guarantee of funding

### Local Flavours Festival Feature

The festival is well under way with events happening throughout the 3 counties. Photographs from various events will be featured in the photo gallery in the newsletter section of the news area at [www.local-flavours.net](http://www.local-flavours.net)

If you need to add or change details of your festival event just let us know and please send any photos of your festival events that you would like shown on the website to [membership@local-food.net](mailto:membership@local-food.net)

[www.foodloversbritain.com](http://www.foodloversbritain.com) is also promoting our *Local Flavours* festival. Register here for [FoodScoop](#) their monthly e-newsletter

### Countryside Alliance Awards

These are now open to nominations for the following categories:

1. Local Food Award
2. Village Shop Award
3. Rural Enterprise Award
4. Daily Telegraph Traditional Business Award
5. Rural Hero of 2009

Nominations will be taken on line at [www.countrysideallianceawards.co.uk](http://www.countrysideallianceawards.co.uk) until 19<sup>th</sup> October

### Events

**Remember to check the Events Page on our website at [www.local-food.net](http://www.local-food.net) for all the opportunities for sales in 2009.**

### Winslow Farmers Market

Now runs regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month between 11am and 2pm in Winslow's Market Square. The market will feature produce grown or made within a thirty-mile radius, including rare breed meat, locally-grown vegetables, home-made preserves and local honey.

Free car parking for customers a short walk from the Market Square.

For more information, please contact:

Joanna Bulmer

Tel: 01296 712111 email: [joanna@brookhall.net](mailto:joanna@brookhall.net)

**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 stall holder's 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.

### **Big Olney Food Festival (BOFF) 19th Sept 2009**

Olney Market Place £20 a stall 1-9.30pm (stallholders can pack up between 6-7 if they don't wish to stay until the end)

In addition to the stalls, there will be loads of food being cooked in the market place (a three part Festival Feast) plus samosas, cream teas, paella, bbq, chorrizo, olives.

More details from <http://www.visitolney.com/festival>

**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, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Thame Project Officer e-mail [ai@21<sup>st</sup>centurythame.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:sponsors@kophillclimb.org.uk)

### **Colne Valley Food Festival Sunday 27th September**

12-4pm at the Colne Valley Park Visitor Centre are still looking for local producers to sell their produce at this one off event - including chickens, eggs, lamb, fruit, fruit juice, dairy products, and herbs.

If you are interested in selling your produce please reply to Stewart Pomeroy Colne Valley Team Manager

[SPomeroy@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:SPomeroy@groundwork.org.uk)

Switchboard: (01895) 832662

Direct Dial: (01895) 839857

[www.colnevalleypark.org.uk](http://www.colnevalleypark.org.uk)

### **Local Food Channel Competition**

To celebrate the launch of [www.localfoodchannel.tv/forum](http://www.localfoodchannel.tv/forum) the

Local Food Channel is running a competition, inviting food and drink producers to tell them how they enjoy eating and serving their own produce. The prize is a free "Meet the Producer" film,

produced by the Local Food Channel, which will introduce the producer and their produce.

To enter visit [www.localfoodchannel.tv/forum](http://www.localfoodchannel.tv/forum) and create a post in the "Producers Dish It Out!" section. Please list your name, the name of your business, what you produce and how you most enjoying eating or drinking your own produce. The lucky winner, who will have a 2-3 minute "Meet the Producer" promotional film about them and their produce, will be chosen on Monday 28th September so make sure you post your details by midnight on Sunday 27th September, when the competition closes.

For further information about the forum, competition or the channel please contact

Robbie Hill - Channel Editor

The Local Food Channel

[robbie@localfoodchannel.tv](mailto:robbie@localfoodchannel.tv)

[www.localfoodchannel.tv](http://www.localfoodchannel.tv)

Tel 01752 841765

**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. 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](mailto:carol.cartwright@leafuk.org) or tel: 02476 413911

**Local and Sustainable Fresh Milk and Dairy Supply - Thurs  
8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2009**

Ardingly, West Sussex, RH17 6TL 9am until lunchtime

A day consisting of a visit to 2 contrasting dairy farms, one large, 'zero grazing', and one smaller, organic farm. There will be plenty of opportunity to speak to the farmers. Also presentations by dairy farming experts & processors, exploring dairy farming issues. Followed by a panel debate, in which you will be able to challenge the experts – a key part of the success of the day will be your involvement.

It is expected that this event will be over-subscribed, so please register on line as quickly as possible to ensure a place at

[www.southeastenglandfoodanddrink.co.uk/DairyEvent](http://www.southeastenglandfoodanddrink.co.uk/DairyEvent)

The event is free of charge but anyone cancelling without giving 48 hours notice will be invoiced a cancellation fee of £40 plus VAT to cover costs. A full agenda and joining details will be sent following your registration.

**Ascot Racecourse 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Food Fair on Saturday 10th  
October**

Details from Diane Harker 01628 670272

[Diane.harker@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Diane.harker@tiscali.co.uk)

**Thame Show 2010**

Advance notice that next year's show will be over 2 days Sat 31st July and Sun 1st Aug

**Training**

**Discounts Available** – funded by RDPE for the 2 following training schemes:


1. Land skills South East – heavily subsidised vocational training programme for people engaged in agriculture, horticulture and forestry. For full details contact Shelley Newton 0144 871436  
[landskills@lantra.co.uk](mailto:landskills@lantra.co.uk)

2. Livestock Health South East – on line training/ one to one veterinary advice/ meetings and discussion groups for livestock farmers to improve animal health and welfare. For full details contact Lindsay Heasman 07549 843380  
[info@livestockhealthsoutheast.org.uk](mailto:info@livestockhealthsoutheast.org.uk)

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

Training Day at Rushall Manor, Bradfield, Berks from 10am to 3pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2009. Full details and booking form can be found in events section on [www.local-food.net](http://www.local-food.net)

**Staff Training**

	<p>Full details of courses and booking forms for the open Training Programme at <b>Vale Training</b> are available to see on the food group website <a href="http://www.local-food.net">www.local-food.net</a> covering the period from now until May 2010.</p>
 	<p><b>Contact Us</b></p> <p>BBO Food Group CIC</p> <p>Tamara Schiopu, Manager</p> <p>Wendy Hole, Membership Co-ordinator</p> <p>Gipsy Lane</p> <p>Oxford, OX3 0BP</p> <p><a href="mailto:info@local-food.net">info@local-food.net</a>, <a href="mailto:membership@local-food.net">membership@local-food.net</a>, <a href="http://www.local-food.net">www.local-food.net</a></p> <p>For previous newsletter please visit <a href="http://www.local-food.net">www.local-food.net</a></p>