



HERTFORD TOWN COUNCIL



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The 6th Annual Hertford Food & Drink Festival

Hertford Town Council is hosting its annual Food and Drink Festival throughout the county town from Friday 6th to Sunday 8th October.

The event, which is sponsored by McMullen's Brewery, Clover Kitchens and Steven Eagell Toyota, kicks off at 4pm on Friday with the Hertford Street Food Market in Salisbury Square, and closes with the Hertford Castle Beer and World Food Festival on Sunday 8th from 12pm – 6pm.

The event is expanding year on year, with more local traders and businesses getting involved with the three-day festival.

On Saturday, Cookery Demonstrations on the Clover Kitchen stage will take place in Parliament Square.

Celebrity chef, Theo Michaels, a regular guest chef for ITV's This Morning television programme, will be presenting during the Cookery Demonstrations. Theo will be cooking live on stage and interviewing other chefs and mixologists whilst they demonstrate their culinary skills.

In addition to the Cookery Demonstrations, the Mayor of Hertford will be running the Children's Cake Decorating Competition, there will be three food markets in the town centre and McMullen's Brewery will hold an Open Day and are running brewery tours throughout the day.

Many of the bars, restaurants and cafes in the town centre are also celebrating the food festivities. You can make your own pizza at Cinnabar, kids can decorate buns at Leaf Café, try your hand at apple pressing at the Quaker Meeting House, attend the Hertford Gin Club Festival or swap homemade or home-grown items with other home producers at Mudarks Café.

On Sunday, visitors can attend the Hertford Castle Beer & World Food Festival with free entry from 12noon – 6pm. Over 20 world food stands will be cooking up a feast on the castle lawn, there will be live music, a castle open day and a large beer marquee. The beer marquee will showcase an extensive range of ales carefully selected from the very best independent brewers from the East of England. Visitors can also sample German larger, craft beers and over 50 varieties of gin from around the world.

If it sounds like the festival couldn't get much better, many town centre traders are running local deals and discounts during the weekend.

There are many more activities and events planned throughout the festival weekend which are covered in the Food and Drink Festival programme which is available to pick up from Hertford Town and Tourist Information Centre or available to download from www.hertford.gov.uk/events

Hertford Town Council's Development and Leisure Committee Chairman, Cllr Jane Sartin, said: "The Hertford Food and Drink Festival offers something to everyone, and the growing success of this annual event is putting Hertford's town centre on the map each October. It is great to see so many local businesses taking part in different ways, and the event will be rounded off with the last of the year's big events at Hertford Castle, including a chance to look round the Castle."

Note to Editors:

Programme subject to change.

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