



Press Release

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Bring in the Harvest with Visit Kent – celebrate Kent’s food and drink offerings

As the Garden of England, Kent is best placed to celebrate the fruits of the farmer’s labours over the Harvest season. With numerous hop farms, vineyards and beautiful orchards throughout the county, Visit Kent has compiled a selection of events to highlight the local produce from Kent’s Harvest.

For more information on events and festivals around the county, please visit www.visitkent.co.uk.

**Cider Festival, Brogdale Collections, Faversham
(19th - 20th September)**

Enjoy a range of different ciders from the National Fruit Collection, an apple display, live music, a hog roast, orchard tours, horse displays, cooking demonstrations, gardening talks and much more. Call 01795 536250 or visit www.brogdalecollections.co.uk

**Canterbury Eurofair with the Kent Food and Drink Festival
(Friday 25th - Sunday 27th September)**

As part of Canterbury’s Eurofair, the Kent Food & Drink Festival returns to the Dane John Gardens with over 100 stalls offering an array of mouth-watering Kentish produce including jams, chutneys, pickles, artisan bread, fish, wild game, Kent cobnuts, fruit juices and wines. There will also be numerous continental stalls bringing a delicious European taste to the market as well as demonstrations from two of Britain’s most acclaimed chefs, Michael Caines and Richard Phillips. Visit www.canterburyeurofair.co.uk

Broadstairs Food Festival

(28th September - 4th October)

This new and exciting family event is celebrating the best of Kentish produce with demonstrations, and special events. Local restaurants, bars and cafes will be featuring special menus, offering discounts and tastings. Call 01843 600478 or visit www.broadstairsfoodfestival.org.uk

Beer essentials for today – a masterbrewer’s insight at Hadlow College

(7th October)

Participants will enjoy tasting some Whistable Raspberry Wheat Beer and liver paté whilst learning all about beer. Learn about different raw materials and how these give different styles of beer their flavour. Also includes discussions about beer and health together with a potted history of beer since Victorian times. Call 0500 551434 or visit www.hadlow.ac.uk

Kent Life Apple and Cider Festival

(10th -11th October)

This year’s festival gets to the very core of cider making with live demonstrations using an antique cider press. Visitors can sample and purchase a variety of ciders and juices produced all over the county and enjoy Morris Dancing and ferret racing. Call 01622 763936 or visit www.kentlife.org.uk

Apple Festival at Brogdale Farm

(17th - 18th October)

There are more varieties of fruits on Brogdale Farm than in any other collection in the world and the Apple Festival weekend is a great opportunity to see this. Taste the fruit, take an informative trailer ride, enjoy the demonstrations and Kentish crafts and maybe even purchase some produce to try at home. For further information call 01795 536250 or visit www.brogdalecollections.co.uk

Apple Fayre, National Trust White Cliffs Visitor Centre

(24th - 25th October)

Visitors can taste old and new varieties of apples, with experts on hand for consultation. Local produce stalls will be selling their wares. Call 01304 202756 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-thewhitecliffsofdover

Farmers Markets

Cliftonville Farmers Market (last Sunday of the month)

Award winning 'Best in Kent' 2006/2007/2008 held on the Oval Lawns, Eastern Esplanade. Contact 01843 226033.

Sandwich Farmers Market (last Saturday of the month)

The Farmers Market has a variety of stalls including fruit and veg, free range meats, plants, cakes, pastries, free range eggs, preserves, fish and crafts. Contact 01304 617197.

Rochester Farmers Market (third Sunday of the month)

Rochester Farmers Market is a certified and accredited member of the FARMA - National Farmers' Retail & Markets Association, and sells home grown, bred, processed, pickled, brewed or baked goods. Visit www.rochesterfarmersmarket.co.uk

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