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➡ Rochester Food & Drink Festival

Rochester Cathedral, 16th November, 11am to 4pm

Produced in Kent will be showcasing the finest Kent produce in the stunning setting of the Cathedral Nave, visitors will be able to sample and buy a fantastic selection of local food & drink, purchase gifts and meet the talented producers working tirelessly behind the scenes. The food festival is a free event open to everyone, and another great opportunity to explore the beautiful Cathedral.

producedinkent.co.uk/event/rochester-food-drink-festival/

WINE GARDEN OF ENGLAND FESTIVAL

Rochester Cathedral, 16th November

The festival, organised by the Wine Garden of England partnership will take place in the cathedral's spectacular crypt.

The ticketed event, sponsored by Southeastern, will offer tutored tastings and talks from the wineries about their wines in sessions throughout the day. There will be two, three-hour sessions on the day, and attendees will have the chance to meet the producers themselves, hear their fascinating stories and sample up to 30 incredible Kent wines.

Tickets for one three-hour session will cost £35. Spaces are limited, and tickets are on sale now here: producedinkent.co.uk/event



➔ Vegan chocolate and no plastic packaging

Plamil is the oldest vegan company in Europe. Proudly independent and based in Folkestone. It made and sold the first plant based milk in Europe in the 1950s made from cabbage. Soon after it made Europe's first soya milk. It also created milk from pea protein.

Plamil created many world firsts: vegan meat alternative, vegan cheese, vegan cream, vegan mayonnaise and dairy free milky chocolate. It also made the first certified Organic chocolate in the UK.

They have now launched a range of vegan chocolate without plastic packaging. Cocoabites are delicious microbars and come in glass jars that can be refilled, reused or recycled (refill packs available). The Plamil Chocolate Factory in Folkestone is powered by 100% renewable energy and uses certified cocoa to avoid problems such as bonded and child slave labour.

plamilfoods.co.uk



➔ The Ferry House open their doors earlier!

Two times winner of the Taste of Kent 'Dining Pub or Bistro of the Year' award, the Ferry House Inn, Sheppey, will be opening its doors earlier to begin a breakfast service. The new

menu - available 7 days a week from 7am-10am - is the work of Head Chef James Pilcher and includes a cooked Kentish breakfast, pancakes with home-cured bacon and home hot-smoked seasonal fish. The breakfast launch coincides with the opening of their new kitchen facilities and bed and breakfast rooms in the new 'Coach House' development and sees the addition of a dedicated Breakfast Chef role. theferryhouseinn.co.uk



➔ Fears Watches launch new straps in collaboration with Romney Marsh Wools

An independent Kent-based watch maker, Fears Watches, has launched three new watch straps in collaboration with Produced in Kent member, Romney Marsh Wools. Made using wool from the family's flock of Romney sheep, the three new straps join Fears' premium range of handmade watch straps and feature a contemporary stripe pattern woven in Britain from the natural fleece colours.

Backed by the Campaign for Wool, the straps launched at Quo Vadis, Soho in October and are available to buy online at

fearswatches.com/woolstraps



➔ Defined Wines

As a contract only winery at Highland Court Farm, Bridge, we do not have our own vines or brands. Everything we do is therefore about adding value to our clients. We are totally focussed on supporting our clients and working with them to define the style of wine they want and involving them (where they want it) in winemaking decisions. Hence the name: 'defined wine'

We are currently in the middle of the grape harvest, pressing varieties from vineyards across Kent for both still and sparkling wine.

definedwine.com



➔ Curious Brewing named Brewer of the Year

Curious Brewing are thrilled to have been awarded 'UK BREWER OF THE YEAR' at the prestigious International Beer Challenge 2019! The competition was judged by a panel of 70 industry experts including brewers, journalists, retailers and flavour experts.

"This is unbelievable and amazing for us. We are currently a small player in the UK beer market, but we've now been judged to be the best brewer in the entire country! We're thrilled!" Gareth Bath, Managing Director Curious Brewing

The award wins come on the back of what has been a momentous year for us at Curious Brewing. Not only did 2019 see the opening of our state-of-the-art, multi-million pound 'cathedral of brewing' in the heart of Ashford, Kent, but this year we also saw a complete rebranding of our core range of beer and cider. curiousbrewery.com



➔ Sparkling News From Simpsons' Wine Estate

Simpsons' Wine Estate in Barham is delighted to announce the release of three new wines to its exquisite portfolio: Canterbury Rose Sparkling Rosé 2017, Flint Fields Blanc de Noirs 2016 and The Roman Road Chardonnay 2018.

Furthermore, Chalklands Classic Cuvée 2016, which struck gold at The Champagne and Sparkling Wine World Championships 2019 earlier in the year, has since been honoured with a "Best in Class" title by the same competition. This is an outstanding achievement, especially for the Estate's first vintage of English Sparkling Wine.

Visit Simpsons' Wine Estate on Saturday 23rd November 2019 for a fun and informative Christmas Open Day (tickets available via simpsonswine.com) and be sure to book on to their increasingly popular tours and tasting sessions for the 2020 season.





WHAT'S ON?

➤ Christmas with Biddenden

Producing award-winning wines, ciders & juices, Biddenden Vineyards has everything you need for the festive season. Whether you're searching for the perfect sparkling wine to toast to Christmas & the New Year, a mulled cider to keep everyone warm & merry throughout the party season or a crisp, full flavoured juice as a non-alcoholic option, we have something to suit all tastes. For those looking for an original, personalised present, we will have hampers & gift boxes on hand and the shop will be fully stocked with some of our favourite specially selected local and artisan food & drink products from Kent & beyond.

Open from **Friday 8th November until noon on Christmas Eve** see biddendenvineyards.com for full opening times.

➤ Christmas shopping at The Kings Head

Where better to do your Christmas shopping than the pub? Well, look no further. The Kings Head in Wye hold regular Vintage and Craft Fairs in their courtyard. With a fantastic range of stalls selling local crafts, vintage and reclaimed furniture, homeware, accessories and gifts, it's a great place to pick up some thoughtful and unusual gifts. Plus, Wye farmers' market runs at the same time just a minute's walk away. Though too early in the day for anything stronger, the pub serves hot drinks to stave off the cold.

Beat the Christmas rush and visit The Kings Head Vintage and Craft Fair from **9am-12pm on the following Saturdays: 2nd November, 7th December & 21st December** (Special Christmas Event) kingsheadwye.com



➤ Christmas on Castle Farm



Our beautiful farm shop near Shoreham twinkles its way into the festive season... full to the brim with seasonal decorations, festive foods and delectable gifts. We are open daily right up until Christmas, offering escapism from the high

street and plenty of parking. Gifts for all the family and the best Christmas treats for the table.

Join us on **Thursday 28 November and Thursday 5 December 2019** for our Christmas Shopping Evenings - we will be open until 8pm, offering FREE gift hamper wrapping and seasonal nibbles!

You can also order Lavender gifts and Hampers online with free shipping over £30!

hopshop.co.uk

➤ Brogdale Christmas Market

On the **1st of December** Brogdale Farm in Faversham will be hosting a Christmas craft market - come and purchase local produce, handmade gifts, enjoy festive food and take an enchanted train ride through the orchards to visit Santa in his grotto. From 27th to 29th December we will be holding 'meet the owl' evenings. Spend a magical winter evening meeting owls at their most active time of the day. Start the evening with a warm drink in Brogdale's Apple Barn, then enjoy the wonderful owl display. We also have a range of courses running over the winter season from winter pruning to cider making to needle felting - visit our website for more info!

brogdalecollections.org



➤ CAR Designs Christmas Workshops

As we approach Christmas CAR Designs is preparing to open its workshop in Maidstone on **7/8 December**. This is an opportunity for customers to see where and how everything is made. The above image shows a selection of silver rings set with semi-precious stone.

These can be made in any size with a selection of different stones. Next year CAR Designs is twenty years old and we are planning some special offers and events. We cannot believe how the years have flown that is until we look at Charlotte's beautiful children who have all arrived along the way.

car-designs.co.uk



➤ Curry Workshop, Westgate Hall, Canterbury - 16th November

Paul Babra hosts an Indian cookery masterclass at Westgate Hall. Learn the art of Indian cookery and pick up lots of tips & tricks. The evening includes welcome drinks and tasters of all the cookery demonstrated.

Book Tickets here: producedinkent.co.uk/event

➤ Lower Ladysden farm has everything you need for Christmas

From rearing our own Bronze Turkey, to Kent Christmas trees, every vegetable you could ever want for Christmas lunch, cream, fruit and preserves, we've got it all wrapped up!

Order forms are available from the shop in Goudhurst, please speak to Suzie and Chris for any special orders, we are here to make Christmas special and local. Call 01580 213529 or visit

lowerladysden.co.uk



➤ Design is the Cure

Sand Creative have continued to work closely with Produced in Kent member Curd & Cure across various aspects of their artisan food & drink distribution business. Since the initial design of their new bold and distinctive identity, it's been applied to unique packaging, contemporary brochures, a colourful livery and a new simpler, easier to navigate website.

If you need any design assistance with packaging or a brand identity then get it touch with Sean at Sand Creative.

sand-creative.com



➔ Biddenden launches sparkling apple juice

Biddenden has launched a new sparkling apple juice as the newest addition to its range of drinks produced in the heart of the Garden of England, Kent. Biddenden Sparkling Apple Juice is made using 100% fruit juice with no added water or sugar and without any juice from concentrate - the first and only sparkling juice in the UK to be made in this way.



The juice is available in 250ml glass bottles from Biddenden Vineyards' shop and online for home delivery as well as from independent stockists throughout Kent & the South East. Biddenden is open to visitors throughout the year and more information on the full range and visiting may be found at biddendenvineyards.com

➔ A Little Bit Food Co finds new home in the Garden of England

A Little Bit Food Co, the award-winning condiment brand renowned for championing the use of fresh herbs in its products has been taken over by Kent-based Laura Bounds, owner & Managing Director of Kent Crisps & Kentish Oils. This brings a new and exciting condiment brand to the Kent food scene.

The full range is made using only the best quality ingredients, including fresh herbs, and all products are gluten free, suitable for vegans and feature unique recipe combinations. No artificial ingredients are used meaning there are no hidden nasties. Available from all good farm shops, delis & retail outlets throughout the South East as well as for home delivery by ordering online at

alittlebit.co.uk

➔ The Kentish Soap Co's Plastic-free Christmas

Christmas is fast approaching, and in some ways, it can be the hardest time of the year to find plastic-free alternatives to classic Christmas traditions. At The Kentish Soap Company, our elves are working hard to get all our lovely, eco-friendly Christmas gifts ready for sale to make it easier to find your perfect festive gift that won't hurt the planet. Also we're giving the orangutans a merry festive season too by never including palm oil in any of our products! Keep an eye out for our warm wintery specials coming soon! kentishsoap.com



➔ From Little Acorns....

Oak Creative has been helping Kent brands grow since 1991 and we are the trusted partner of some Kent's most prestigious businesses. We serve customers in all sectors but the food and drink industry is especially close to our hearts, which is why we are proud members of Produced in Kent. It's an exciting time because Oak Creative are currently scaling up our business. We've just launched a new brand identity which is the first of a few changes you'll see in coming months! We strongly believe brands should continually evolve and grow along with the business itself. We work with a lot of brands every day in our design studio, and each time we create and deliver something for our customers, we are assisting with helping their brand grow. oakcreative.net



➔ Flanders Pink™ grown only in Kent



There is an exciting new addition to the many different green and red varieties of British apples that will appear soon on the supermarket shelves - a new pink skinned variety, developed and grown in Kent and also the first pink apple variety to be grown commercially here in the UK.

Growers AC Goatham & Son have named the new apple Flanders Pink™ after their farm in Hoo and this is the first year after several years of growing trials, that the new

orchards planted with Flanders Pink™ will produce a large enough crop for it to be sold in supermarkets.

Described in blind consumer tasting sessions as being sweet, crisp and very juicy, this new variety will meet help meet a gap in the market for British growers as all other pink apples sold in the UK are grown overseas. acgoatham.com

➔ Karimix are Vegan & Vegetarian Approved

Karimix UK Limited, in Selling, have been producing award-winning pickles, relishes, chutneys, curry pastes and sauces for over a decade. The range is heavily influenced by the flavours of South-East Asia and all of products contain no artificial additives, are GM free, and the company is BRC certified. Having the entire product range approved by The Vegetarian Society for Vegan and Vegetarian status seemed the most logical step in establishing the quality and provenance of the condiments that already hold 24 Great Taste Awards. Founder, Monica Chia said: "We are delighted to be working with The Vegetarian Society and to have had in excess of 70 products accredited" karimix.com



➔ This Winter at Designs on Silk

This winter Designs on Silk will be joining Spadework for their Prosecco Evening on 12th November from 6:30-9:30 and also for their Christmas Fair on 7th-8th December at the Café and Market Garden in Offham. We will also be at the East Sussex National Hotel, Uckfield on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st November for their Christmas Fair. If you cannot come to see me and what you require is not online, please contact me via e-mail or telephone to discuss your requirements.

In 2020 I will be at Hawley Garden Centre Dartford 7th-9th Feb with Keep it Local. designs-on-silk.co.uk

➔ Can Advance Bunzl supply you with Bags?

We are a Kent based company, offering a whole range of products for the food industry, including greaseproof, counter and block bottom bags to name just a few. We also have a wide range of siliconized sheets, both single and double sided, variety of standard and bespoke greaseproof sheets. Finally, we have a useful range of self-adhesive labels, including day labels. Bespoke labels too.

If you require samples, prices or more info please do not hesitate to contact Laura **07979 516347**

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