

Food & Drink <<



# Eat & be Merry!

Writer Michelle Brachet is passionate about our local food and drink scene.

So, hungry to celebrate with her fellow villagers (and neighbours in surrounding areas), she has been very busy whipping up a new foodie highlight. The Goring & Streatley Food & Drink Festival will take place on Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September, organised by both Michelle and photographer Shannon Lee Robinson.

This fun family-friendly event will serve up competitions, tastings, cookery demonstrations, a petanque match with whole wheels of cheese, bake-offs, local producers, music and fun for children including fairy-cake decorating, an egg-and-spoon-race and a lollipop treasure hunt. The Swan at Streatley, The Miller of Mansfield, Rossini at The Leatherne Bottel, The John Barleycorn, The Catherine Wheel (which last month held Goring Pride), The Bull at Streatley and Pierreponts in Goring will all take part in the event, with entertainment in Rectory Gardens.

Michelle, who has written more than 25 books including *The World of Cognac* and *A History of Chocolate*, wanted to

support local food and drink after learning that Goring and Streatley Festival, held for the first time last summer, was not scheduled to return until 2016.

She said: "As a foodie, nothing gets me more excited than celebrating the amazing offerings here on our doorstep. "We are spoilt for choice in gorgeous Goring & Streatley, which is home to such a high calibre of chefs, venues and producers. We welcome all our neighbours to come and join the fun. It's been incredibly exciting getting everything organised for this, the first event of its kind, and there's already a buzz. Shannon and I can't wait!"

Michelle is keen to hear from volunteers who would be able to help over the weekend, so please email [info@michellebrachet.co.uk](mailto:info@michellebrachet.co.uk) if you would like to join the team.

● For more information, visit [www.goringstreatleyfoodfest.co.uk](http://www.goringstreatleyfoodfest.co.uk), like Goring & Streatley Food & Drink Festival on Facebook and [@GoringFoodFest](https://twitter.com/GoringFoodFest) on Twitter.

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