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A fabulous family festival

Wokingham Festival lands at Elms Field from Friday 28th to Sunday 30th August

With around 7,000 to 8,000 visitors expected to attend this year, the festival fun will kick off on Friday at 6pm with live music, a beer bar and street food. On Saturday and Sunday doors open from 10am to 6pm to enjoy food and drink exhibitors, chef demonstrations, tasting sessions and kids entertainment, in addition to live music until 10.30pm on both evenings.

Headline acts include Ian Dury tribute band The Blox on Friday, the UK's foremost Steely Dan tribute band Stanley Dee on Saturday and finishing off the weekend a chance to dance with THE FLiKS and songs from the 1960's.

Food and Drink Exhibitor Marquee

Open during the day from 10am to 6pm, the marquee will offer quality producers and purveyors of fine food from the local region plus a few from further afield.

This year the festival will host firm favourites including Ascot Ales, Ralph's Wines, Chutney Trace, Flint & Flame, Shemin's Curry Pastes, Riverford, Delights of Italy, The Sweet Cabin, A Sweet Affair, Tea People and Med Foods. New for this year are BizzyBees Bakery and Bianca Mora.

Many of the stallholders are the producers and are very happy to answer any questions you may have before purchase. Sampling is also positively encouraged!

Chef demonstrations

The demo kitchen is supplied and sponsored by In-Toto Kitchens of Wokingham. Demos confirmed so far include:

- Andreas, Miltons Restaurant, Wokingham, on

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Saturday

- Kate Saunders, Blackberry Cottage – cakes with secret ingredients on Saturday
- Tom Clarke, head chef at L'Ortolan, Shinfield, on Sunday.

Other demonstrations/tastings

- Andy Rogers, The Redan, Wokingham – cocktail-making on both Saturday and Sunday
- Beer tasting with Stig Anker Anderson from Stonehenge Ales on Saturday and Darron Anley from Siren Craft Brew on Sunday
- Stefan's Butchers, Wokingham, 'Preparing and Cooking Lamb' on Sunday.

Restaurant Marquee featuring the Craft Beer Bar

Open Friday evening from 6pm and all day and evening on Saturday and Sunday. Food will be available to purchase and eat within the Restaurant Marquee where visitors will be able to sit 'continental' style on benches in front of the TradeMark Music Stage. People are also encouraged to bring picnic mats and chairs to sit on the grass. Choose from authentic Thai noodles, gourmet beefburgers and pork rolls, Spanish paella, Italian pizza, Indian cuisine, French crepes and Welsh honey ice cream.

Once again the Craft Beer Bar is being run by Wokingham Lions with 50% of the profits going to the organisation for distribution to good causes in the Wokingham Borough. The bar will offer a selection of more than 60 specialist craft beers and perries from 18 independent

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breweries such as Loddon Brewery, Windsor & Eton Brewery, Bingham's and Rebellion Brewery, as well as wine. There will also be a fabulous cocktail bar!

Other drinks available include freshly ground coffee, specialist teas, hot chocolate and fruit smoothies.

TradeMark Music Stage

Live music provides the festival with a wonderful ambience. Combined with the specialist beers and fabulous food it really enhances the whole experience.

A whole variety of music acts are booked including Baby-Howl an exciting indie rock band from Bracknell; Freeway Mad playing 80's rock; Wokingham's very own acoustic artists Bruce Neil, Simon Williams and Sophy Lole; All Things Considered a very talented folk band; Normanton Street with their own soul/hip hop sound; and Watching Planes described as sixties vibe with a Britpop twist.

For a full list of bands, visit www.wokinghamfestival/music

Entertainment for kids

Younger visitors will be kept amused with face painting, Magic Moments and learning a trick or two with Circus Scene – fun for all the family!

Tickets

Make a weekend of it for just £15. Advance tickets are available online and also in person from Wokingham Town Hall Information Centre. Discounted advance day and evening tickets can be bought online from just £5 at www.wokinghamfestival.co.uk/tickets. Accompanied children under the age of 18 are FREE.

No dogs are permitted with the exception of registered guide dogs or hearing dogs.

Please be aware that when putting on an event of this size there may be unavoidable changes to the advertised programme. For up-to-date information, the latest news and opening times, visit www.wokinghamfestival.co.uk

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