

24<sup>th</sup> July 2013

## Final preparations for food festival

27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Final preparations are now underway at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford as organisers prepare for the first ever Cosford Food Festival taking place this weekend. With over 70 independent food and drink retailers on board, including local businesses and award winning brands, visitors from across the Midlands can expect a weekend packed with tasty food and live entertainment.

This brand new Museum event is set to tantalise taste buds with a bustling outdoor food market selling everything from baked goods, chutneys and cheeses to premium coffees, British game and plenty for those with a sweet tooth. For the more adventurous foodies, there will be flavours from across the world on offer including Spanish, French, Caribbean and Indian cuisine to name but a few. With a wide range of wines, ciders, beers and liqueurs on offer there is something for everyone, whatever your tipple. So grab yourself a glass and sit back and soak up the atmosphere.

With the weather warming up again in time for the weekend there are plenty of ways to keep cool. Try one of the refreshing hand-squeezed traditional and elderflower lemonades or sample an organic ice-cream, with flavours including apple pie, kiwi and Irish cream to choose from, you will be spoilt for choice. If you have been enjoying summer BBQ's of late, make sure you stock up on some of the award winning meats on offer including Robinson's Butchers and Delicatessens' award winning sausages, bacon and their 28 day matured sirloin, winner of the 'Best BBQ steak' at the recent National Q Guild BBQ.

## **Event Organiser Nina Mitchell says:**

"Set up is now well underway. The marquee company arrived this morning and they are busy erecting the food market and the stage area for the talks and demos. We have received lots of interest from visitors and with the weather looking good for the weekend we are confident it's going to be a great show."

Visitors will learn fascinating techniques and tips from the experts through live talks and cooking demonstrations before sampling some of the culinary delights available. If all this talk of food inspires you to have a go at home, why not kit yourself out with everything you need to prepare, cook, serve and preserve the perfect dish from some of our great cook ware stalls. With entertainment over the weekend, including live music, a flypast and activities for children, whether it's fans of the museum or foodies, there's going to be a great atmosphere.

The Cosford Food Festival will run from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Admission is just £5 per adult which includes a free Cosford Food Festival programme. Concessions are £4 and children aged 5-16 are £2 with free entry to children under the age of 5. Family tickets for two adults and up to four children cost just £12. For more information, please call the Museum on 01902 376200 or visit the Museums website <u>www.rafmuseum.org</u>. Notes to Editors:

The media are invited to attend the Cosford Food Festival. Please confirm your attendance by emailing <u>michelle.morgans@rafmuseum.org</u> or call Michelle on 01902 376212 / 07500 938260 so a media pass can be assigned to you and left for collection at the entrance to the Food Festival.

- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am
- Admission to the Royal Air Force Museum is free of charge.
- RAF Museum Cosford images & logo available at: <u>http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/research/media-vault.aspx</u>
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