

21<sup>st</sup> March 2014

## **Exhibitors sign up for Cosford Food Festival**

26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014

10.00am to 5.00pm

**This summer, food lovers from across the Midlands will get the chance to sample some of the region's best cooked dishes and tastiest treats, as the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford holds its annual food festival. Taking place on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th July, this food festival with a twist will take place outdoors with the giant Hercules aircraft acting as a backdrop for the bustling food market**

Following on from the success of last year's event which saw over 6,500 people attend, local businesses, including many delicious award winning brands are already signed up to exhibit. Around 80 exhibitors from across Shropshire, Staffordshire and the West Midlands will be exhibiting a wide range of exquisite local, fresh and handmade produce not available from your average supermarket store. With everything from organic produce to handmade indulgences and thirst quenching beverages on offer, there is sure to be something to suit everyone's taste buds.

Many popular exhibitors from last year's event will be returning to this year's festival, including; Moyden's Hand Made Cheese, who will be bringing along a selection of their award winning artisan cheeses made in Shropshire. Toot Sweets Confectionary's award winning Chocolatier Julia Wenlock from Shrewsbury will be showcasing some of her fabulous chocolate delights. The Friday Beer Company, based at the foot of the Malvern Hills will be supplying a great range of bottle conditioned premium ales. Plus, Shropshire based Jumokeh Limited will have an exciting range of jams on offer, all infused with chilli. Using fresh ingredients their jams are sure to give an enjoyable twist to many of your favourite dishes!

Brand new exhibitors to the 2014 Cosford Food Festival include; Bewdley's Kimmy Loves Cake serving up freshly baked treats and beautiful bespoke cakes and cupcakes. PADIAN Far Eastern Cooking from Stafford who provides South East Asian cookery classes and demonstrations will be offering a wide range of exotic spices. Coventry based business I Love Crêpes will be freshly preparing mouth-watering crêpes for visitors with a vast array of sweet and savoury fillings.

Food Festival organisers have been thrilled with the support from the local community and businesses and in a first for 2014, they are offering two bursary spaces to businesses within 15 miles of the Museum. If you're a foodie business who has set up in the last two years and would like to apply for a bursary place at the festival, please get in touch to find out more. There is still time for local businesses to get involved in this year's event, but spaces are filling up fast. Any businesses interested in exhibiting at the Cosford Food Festival should contact the event organiser Abi Dakin by email: [abigail@dakinevents.com](mailto:abigail@dakinevents.com).

In addition to the exhibitors on display, visitors to the popular West Midlands attraction will learn fascinating techniques and tips from the experts through live talks and cooking demonstrations courtesy of the Wot's Cooking team. Plus, visitors can sit back and enjoy live music, sample some of the culinary delights available and take part in some of the children's food and craft

activities. With plenty of entertainment for the entire family taking place over the weekend, it is sure to be a great day out. Visitors to the food festival will also have access to the RAF Museum which is home to over 70 historic aircraft including the world's oldest Spitfire and the mighty Vulcan bomber to name but a few.

The Cosford Food Festival will run from 10am to 5pm Saturday and Sunday. Admission is just £5 per adult which includes a free Cosford Food Festival programme containing everything you need to know about what's going on over the weekend and where to find everyone using the exhibitor map. Family tickets for two adults and up to four children cost just £12 for a full day of entertainment. Senior citizens are £4 and children aged 5-16 are £2 with free entry to children under the age of 5. Save time and beat the queues by booking your tickets online via the Museum website [www.rafmuseum.org](http://www.rafmuseum.org) or for more information, please call the Museum on 01902 376200.

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

- Exhibitor bookings are now being taken. If you would like to exhibit at the Cosford Food Festival please on 07794 033 221 or email [abigail@dakinevents.com](mailto:abigail@dakinevents.com) .
- 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:  
<http://www.rafmuseum.org.uk/research/media-vault.aspx>
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