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## **A FESTIVAL OF FOOD AT THE KENT COUNTY SHOW**

The Kent County Show on 7, 8, 9 July will be showcasing the new Food Hall which has moved from a marquee near Entrance 1 to the Clive Emson Exhibition Hall at the heart of the Showground.

Lucy Hegarty, Show Manager, explained, “The Food Tent was an incredibly important part of the Show with many visitors over the three days. To ensure that we can provide even more diverse stands we have decided to move this popular area to a more permanent building to make sure the public are able to enjoy the different local, national and international foods on offer”.

The area will see an incredible 50 food and drink producers with a wide-range of artisan and award-winning produce. Visitors will be able to taste and buy unusual flavoured products as well as specialist foods for the discerning visitor.

Bakemeister will have a range of gluten, dairy and egg free baked treats and Basilur UK will be showing visitors an organic range of Basilur tea which is high in antioxidants. Biddenden Vineyards will be selling their new range of sparkling Kentish Ciders whilst Bland’s Cider from France, specialise in fruit ciders and liqueurs. Award winning Hush Heath Estates will be selling their fantastic Kentish wines. Not to be missed is Rubis Chocolate Wine, who will be bringing their award-winning luxury chocolate wine which is made from Spanish tempranillo red wine blended in the UK with chocolate.

For visitors searching for something a bit different they can sample a number of other alcoholic beverages; Copper Rivet Distillery produce a number of fine Gins, Vodka and Whiskey from their base in Kent, Thunder Toffee Vodka will be bringing their infamous vodka and toffee blend and Top Drinks Kent will have an unusual selection of Hebridean spirits and liqueurs.

Visitors will also be able to try and buy several quirky products that you can only buy online or at the Show, Wiltshire Chilli Farm have a range of fiery preserves, the Isle of Wight Garlic Farm will be bringing their Garlic Beer, Punjaban will tempt with their curry sauces using natural ingredients and Biltong Bros, originally from South Africa, with their traditional home-made biltong.

Cheese lovers will have a field day with the taste and aromas of some outstanding cheeses; The French Comte Ltd will be bringing their comte cheese from Normandie whilst Blacks Cheese and Lymn Bank Cheese will have up to twenty different smoked and flavoured cheeses. There is also a dedicated Cheese and Wine Marquee that houses some of Kent's finest, hosted by Biddenden Vineyard.

Rosie Gouldsworthy, Trade Stand Organiser said "Biddenden Vineyard will be hosting the tent and there will be the chance to meet, taste and buy direct from some of the region's best wine producers along with special guests".

Produced in Kent will be another large area at the Show this year with over 40 of Kent's finest small producers. From mouth-watering cakes to Kentish Blue cheese, visitors can either buy goods to take home or eat in the dedicated picnic area. For a tasty lunch, the Gourmet Griddle will be cooking gourmet bangers and burgers, Little Brittany will be serving sweet and savoury crepes and Pork & Co will be preparing pulled pork sandwiches. You can follow these treats with a serving of Kentish ice cream from two of the county's most successful manufacturers, Simply Ice Cream and Solleys Ice Cream.

For more information about the variety of foods on offer at the Kent County Show please look at the website [www.kentshowground.co.uk](http://www.kentshowground.co.uk)

The online ticket system is now open to purchase discounted tickets for the 2017 Show. A family ticket will cost £45 in advance or £50 when bought at the gate. The family ticket entitles 2 adults and 2 children aged between 5 and 15 a full day entrance. Children under 5 go free and parking is free. Adult tickets are £20.70 in advance and £23 on the gate, a child ticket is £6.30 in advance and £7 on the gate.

The Kent County Show starts at 8am and stays open until 6pm although there is no rush to leave as some of the food stands stay open later. The Show has over 150 different activities, workshops, displays and competitions which run throughout the day and are often repeated daily.

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The Kent County Show is organised by the Kent County Agricultural Society. The Society has been supporting education and improvement in agriculture, horticulture, forestry and related industries since 1923. They provide grants to Kent Young Farmers Clubs, offer scholarships to university students, provide free school visits with their initiative 'Farming in the Classroom' and host over 2,800 children at the annual education event, the Living Land. The Kent County Show attracted 80,000 visitors last year and over 500 trade stands.

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