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The Crouch Valley Festival of Food and Drink

20 and 21 of July 2019

A new event is coming to Burnham-on-Crouch this summer. The Crouch Valley Festival of Food and Drink 2019 will take place on the 20 and 21 of July 2019 in beautiful Riverside Park.

A free event 'revelling in the local gastro menu'

The Maldon District is rightly proud of its local food and drink. There is a reason world-class food producers flourish here. Some attribute it to our local micro-climate and some to the passion of local farmers and food producers. From independent restaurants on our high streets and tea rooms over-looking the beautiful coastline, to celebrated vineyards and micro-breweries, there is plenty to satisfy any appetite.

This two-day event will celebrate the very best food and drink from the local area, with live music and entertainment, activities, competitions, family fun and of course tasty food and delicious drinks, all with stunning riverside views.

This quality event promises to be a landmark on the Essex event calendar.



Celebrate the exciting Crouch Valley Vineyards and award-winning breweries

The event was conceived to celebrate the exciting growth of the Crouch Valley Vineyards. Their wonderful wines are a product of the passion and hard work of local farmers coupled with the ideal grape growing conditions of the Crouch Valley. The Maldon District is now recognised as one of the best places to make wine in Europe, with its coastal location and sun filled summers. Both New Hall Vineyards and Crouch Ridge Vineyard will be showcasing their fantastic wines at the festival.

Chris Trembath, owner of New Hall Vineyard said "New Hall Vineyard is now celebrating 50 years of English wine-making in the Maldon District. Our special micro-climate here in the Crouch Valley, together with our grape growing and wine making techniques, enable us to rival the best wine making regions in the world. The Crouch Valley vineyards are really proud to be working with the Council and bringing our wines to this fantastic event, celebrating food and drink from the local area."

The Maldon District is fortunate to have three award-winning breweries, each with their own distinct and excellent ales, lager and spirits. Both Wibblers Brewery and Maldon Brewing Company will be at the festival catering for all beer enthusiasts and fans alike.

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Phil Wilcox, Wibblers founder & Head Brewer said “We have been brewing award winning beers, lager and ciders in Essex since 1991. Our multi award winning brew team & cider makers take great pride creating excellent ales, IPAs, lager and ciders. We are really pleased to be part of the Crouch Valley Festival and we are looking forward to a great weekend.”

Fantastic Food from the Saltmarsh Coast and beyond

Essex has become a big player on the foodie scene and the Maldon District packs a big-tasty-punch. With international brands, celebrated producers, industry leading farmers and excellent artisan traders – The Crouch Valley Festival caters for everyone – including veggie, vegan and gluten-free food!

Our fantastic foodie traders include:

World-renowned Wilkin & Son Tiptree Jams & Gins, local producer and innovator Dan Hull, award-winning family farmers & butchers Wicks Manor, Maldon based flour producer Carr’s collaborating with Flour and Spoon Artisan Bakery and excellent meat from The Secret Butchers.

Fresh veggie, vegan and gluten-free food from Sarah Green Organics, Velicious, Compassionate Pizza and The Hungry Hiboux.

Fabulous smoked food from Mayland Smokery, Thai food from Burnham’s own Ruam Thai Restaurant, The Cheese and Pie Man and Poppy’s Coffee.

Delicious milkshakes from Shaken Udder, tasty treats from The Fudge People and quality ice cream from The Saffron Ice Cream Co, Rossi Ice Cream and The Vintage Group.

As well as many more.

Dan Hull, owner of Dan Hull Prepared Foods said “We are really proud to be based in Essex. For me, food is a simple recipe, made with best quality local ingredients. No fuss, no nonsense, just enjoyable food, made really well. As a ‘local boy’ I’m so pleased this new event is coming to Burnham-on-Crouch, it is a beautiful riverside town and well worth celebrating.”

Family fun, quality music and stunning views

The Crouch Valley Festival will feature a range of fantastic entertainment with Mega Inflatables and family rides from Essex Amusements, creative fun with The Creation Station, perfect selfies with Reflections magic mirror or even a simple game of croquet.

Not forgetting live music and dance, including local heroes Dirty Wafer announced as Saturday afternoon’s headliner and Abbey Rouges playing on Sunday, with more acts to be announced.

With so much to do, taste and discover visitors will be spoilt for choice, but perhaps it’s the festival’s location which will make it so special. On the banks of the River Crouch with views over to RSPB’s Wallasea Island, Riverside Park sits peacefully next to Burnham Marina and is only a short walk along the promenade to the historic maritime High Street and Quay.

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Burnham-on-Crouch is a hub of east coast sailing and visitors can expect to see plenty of boats making their way along the river.

Easy to reach & easy to enjoy

Getting to the festival is easy with train links from Southminster, South Woodham Ferrers and Wickford and connections to Brentwood, Stratford, London and more. Riverside Park is only a short walk from Burnham train station. There will be plenty of parking with signs from the main road into Burnham and from the High Street.

There is good access to the Maldon District from all parts of the country via the A12, M25 and A13. From the A12, take the A414 (Junction 18) continue via the B1010. You can also access the 'Dengie Peninsula' and Burnham from the A13 and A130 via the A132 continuing on the B1012. Burnham-on-Crouch has a direct bus connection with Maldon and Chelmsford on Saturday.

The festival is free to enter and welcomes locals and residents alike. Everyone is sure to discover something tasty and new. With the help of Maldon & District CVS the festival's welfare area will offer information and a quieter area for anyone seeking advice and support.

Celebrate our local gastro experience

Charlie Fillingham, Chairman of the Place Board said "The Maldon District is very proud of its local food and drink. From award winning breweries and vineyards to artisan food producers, passionate farmers and international brands, from independent restaurants and tea rooms to celebrated vineyards and micro-breweries, there is plenty to satisfy any appetite on our Saltmarsh Coast.

The Crouch Valley Festival of Food and Drink on the 20 and 21 of July will celebrate our local gastro experience, with food, drink, music and fun for all the family."

Cllr Sue White, Chairman of Community Services said "The festival will raise the profile of local food and drink producers, support future business growth, gastro tourism and appreciation of the local food and drink. This free to enter event will be focused on the growing prominence of the Crouch Valley wine producers, the fantastic and award-winning breweries and the amazing range of quality food producers and businesses, all based in the local area."

With plenty of parking available in the park and easy access to the Burnham-on-Crouch Train Station and its connections to London. We hope thousands of residents and visitors will join us over the weekend for this free event.

For residents and visitors Riverside Park is only a short walk along the picturesque waterfront from Burnham town centre, with its independent shops, cafes and pubs.

More information and trade application forms available at www.visitmaldondistrict.co.uk/crouchvalley

We will be marketing this event throughout Essex and in London. We hope you will support this new event celebrating the best food and drink from the local area.

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Pic 1 – An artist’s impression of The Crouch Valley Festival



Pic 2 –The Crouch Valley Festival logos and sponsors

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