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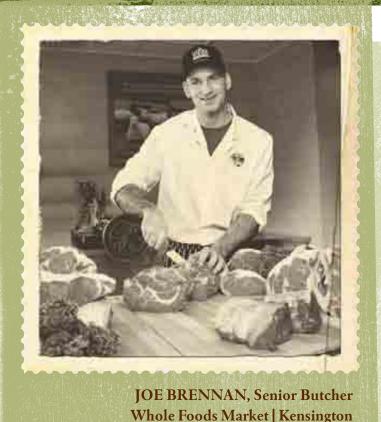
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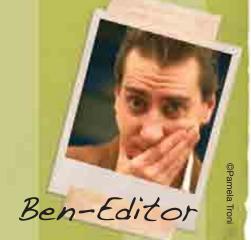
With harvest time approaching you probably won't have time to read this as you'll be too busy reaping the rewards of a bountiful crop (unless, like me, they've faller victim to hoards of molluscs). When you're not getting your hands dirty, you'll be spoilt for choice for events whether it's harvest festival, **British Food Fortnight, Biodynamic** Food Fortnight or Apple Day there's lots coming up (see the diary on p23).

One of these events – the Organic Food Fortnight - will come under a lot more scrutiny this year. The organic sector has come under a lot of flack with dropping sales, and the recent research by the Food Standards Agency on the nutritional benefits of organics (see the letter of the issue on this topic). It would be easy to say to the naysayers - 'well, your loss!' After all, if you want to eat food that often doesn't taste as good (certainly when compared with intensively produced supermarket 'fuel') and is laden with god-knows-what cocktail of chemicals - then it's your choice. But for a movement steeped in campaigning, it is inconceivable that organic promoters will give up on trying to convince the unconverted. While many people aren't able to choose organic whether through lack of cash or simply because it isn't available everywhere many can make the choice, and still don't.

So now, more than ever, we need to promote the organic movement. This is why our colleagues at Sustain have brought together the leading organic businesses in the UK (including Alara, as featured in the previous Jellied Eel) to take this forward. The campaign needs your support in its quest to lever funding from the EU (something most other EU countries have been doing for years on this issue!). To encourage you we have some organic goodies up for grabs on p12. All you have to do is come up with a slogan for the campaign*...

Also in this issue, we're pleased to be adding lots of new features, including a reader's kitchen, and taste of London. The latter will, over future issues, look at different traditional London recipes, the stories behind them and how to create them using sustainable ingredients. If you've come across any traditional dishes from Chelsea buns to Lord Mayor's trifle, please send them in...

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Something Fishy in London

London's shoppers are the least likely in the UK to buy sustainable fish, a major survey has revealed. A Yougov survey for Waitrose found that only 44 per cent said they were willing to pay more to help protect stocks, well below a UK average of 51 per cent. Worryingly, 72 per cent were not event aware that some species were endangered. However, following the launch of the documentary End of the Line, more of London's restaurants are moving to take endangered species off the list.

Here are some of those leading the way:

Paternoster Chop House, St Pauls www.paternosterchophouse.co.uk Serving ultra-fresh, sustainable fish caught off the Cornish coast by experts Chris and Dylan Bean

Moshi Moshi, Liverpool Street and Canary Wharf, www.moshimoshi.co.uk Have removed blue-fin tuna from their menus and sell a great range of sustainabe fish including many MSC certified varieties

Tom Aikens, Chelsea, www.tomaikens.co.uk At the forefront of the London Paper's 'Know the price of your fish campaign', Tom is not serving any species on the MCS 'fish to avoid list'

Feng Sushi, Kensington, Borough Market, Royal Festival Hall, Fulham, Notting Hill, Chalk Farm, www.fengsushi.co.uk Celebrating 10 years of sustainability in 2009 and so they should. Fantastic range of sustainable species on their menus

The Clerkenwell Kitchen, Clerkenwell, www.theclerkenwellkitchen.co.uk - Known for serving all things ethical, Emma and Laura serve wonderfully fresh and carefully selected species day in day out



Letter of the Issue!

Dear Jellied Eel

The point the Food Standards Agency and others seem to miss in the recent coverage on nutrients in organic produce, is that anyone working in the food policy arena could have advised the FSA before they commissioned the report, that is there's a lack of evidence in this field. The FSA report doesn't say that one is better than the other, it just says there is a lack of compelling evidence. Why have they chosen to use headline grabbing statements, which do not really encapsulate the report's findings?

Why are they spending limited government resources to carry out an academic report, probably costing tens of thousands of pounds, to tell us what we already know: there is no compelling evidence in this field. If the FSA had spent the money doing nutritional analysis of various organic and so called conventional goods, then possibly there would now be some real evidence, rather than this inconclusive literature review.

At the same time, they could have considered the non-financial costs of each system, the perceived benefits or otherwise, real price comparisons, why supermarkets package organic produce, what are the nutritional ramifications of homogenising and pasteurising milk, I could go on....

Tom Beeston // Eat England // tom@eatengland.org

Tom Beeston receives this mouth-watering goodie bag of cereals kindly supplied by Rude Health. www.rudehealth.com



Our British Food Fortnight TOP 5!

Between 19th September and 4th October, a number of events are taking place around London, here's our our TOP 5!

Paxton & Whitfield

of Jermyn Street will be running a special promotion of British cheeses during British Food Fortnight 2009.

www.paxtonandwhitfield.co.uk

The Royal Brompton Hospital in Sydney Street, who buy 25% of their produce locally, is celebrating British Food Fortnight 2009 by offering menus incorporating British ingredients for patients, staff and visitors.



John Lewis stores around London are running a competition for their chefs to design a menu to run throughout British Food Fortnight. Main course dishes will contain four British ingredients and pudding dishes must include Bramley apples (which celebrates

its 200th birthday this year). www.lovebritishfood.co.uk

GROWING CALENDAR!

SEPTEMBER

With garlic, choose unusual varieties such as Elephant or Purple Moldovan. Push individual cloves into soil or compost, about two inches deep. Or sow in large module trays and plant out in spring.

Sow winter lettuces, rocket, land cress, winter purslane and Oriental leaves such as mizuna and

Place nearly ripe tomatoes in a paper bag with a banana - the gases accelerate the ripening

OCTOBER

If you're a fan of broad beans, plant outside to get a head start on next year. You should have your first crop by May or June.

On allotments or gardens, sow hardy green manures on patches of bare soil. Field beans, crimson clover, rye and tares will all overwinter.

NOVEMBER

Your can grow apples in small urban spaces. Investigate the 'ballerina' or 'minaret' varieties compact trees that grow on one vertical stem.

To give clumps of chives a new lease of life, lift from the ground and divide. Pot on any surplus and give to friends.

WHAT'S IN SEASON?

SEPTEMBER

APPLES

The aromatic Discovery is the first variety on shop shelves, followed by Early Windsors, Worcester Pearmains, Katy and Suffolk Pinks.

COBNUTS

Mostly grown in Kent, this cultivated variety of hazelnut is a traditional treat. Crack from their shells and eat fresh. Roast until crunchy and sprinkle with sea salt. Use in pestos or stir into creamy rice puddings.

Also in season: sweetcorn, autumn lamb, pears, cucumbers, damsons, spinach, venison, artichokes, butternut squash, sorrel.

OCTOBER DYSTERS

Oysters were once a food for the poor; now they're a luxury. To save cash, buy an oyster knife and shuck them at home. Store in the fridge, with the flat face of the shell facing upwards

To make a batch of sloe gin, prick the fruit with a needle, then soak in gin and sugar for a month or two. Give it a shake every week.

Also in season: mussels, chestnuts, pears, quince, grouse, kale, elderberries, kohlrabi, pheasant, wild mushrooms, watercress, elderberries, squashes.

NOVEMBER CHESTNUTS

Buy chestnuts that are hard and shiny. Try 'drunken' chestnuts: slit the skin, roast for fifteen minutes at 200°C, shaking half way through, then soak in red wine and eat warm.

CRANBERRIES

Simmer cranberries with sugar, grated ginger and a splash of water for a simple sauce for game.

Also in season: parsnips, leeks, quinces, goose, Jerusalem artichokes, wild mushrooms, walnuts, pheasant, leeks, rabbit.

70 Young's pubs in **London will be offering** special British Food Fortnight menus.

www.youngs.co.uk

O JOIN THE CLUB

The Farmers Club, in Whitehall, is inviting its farming members to provide produce for a special British Food Fortnight menu.

Contact: 020 7930 3751



Almost a tenth of Greater London – equivalent to around 16,000 football pitches - is farmland.

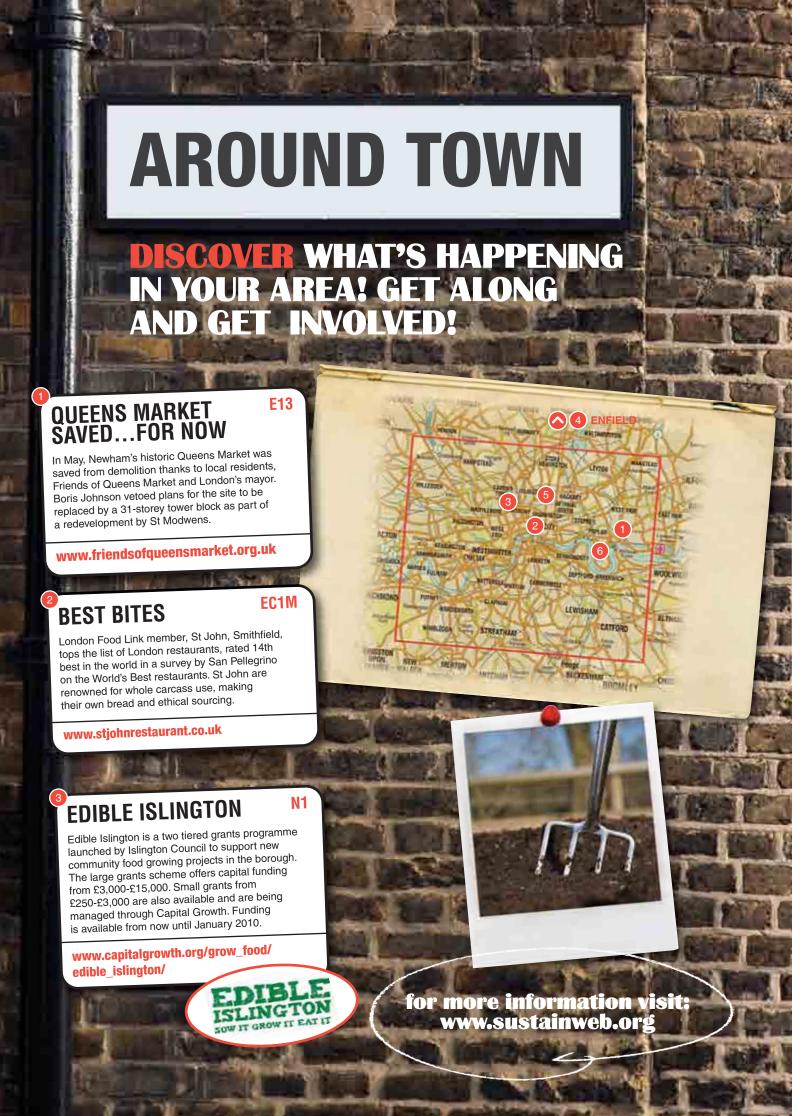
But is the capital reaching its true agricultural potential?

This is the question posed by a new investigation by the London Assembly into commercial agriculture in London. For more information, or to contribute your views, please contact:

paul.watling@london.gov.uk







LONDON'S COMMUNITY VINEYARD

Over 100 volunteers have planted 1500 Bacchus vines to launch a groundbreaking new vineyard project in London. Forty Hall Vineyard is a new social enterprise supported by Capel Manor Horticultural College, which hopes to plant several acres of vines at Forty Hall Farm in Enfield. The vineyard is looking for sponsors and volunteers to help raise the funds to plant the remaining acres of land donated by the College.

www.fortyhallvineyard.org.uk





Hackney kitchens get happier

Schools in East London will be hosting a series of educational classes about climate change, organic farming, seasonality and healthy, affordable eating from this September. The classes, starting at schools in London Fields, are run by caterer Happy Kitchen to tie in with Organic Fortnight. Happy Kitchen are also working with local charity Foodworks to divert food, before it goes to waste, into the kitchens of local community support groups, including the Hackney refugee centre.

Hars Males

to find out more visit: www.happykitchen.org.uk

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FRUIT & VEG MAKEDVER FOR LONDON'S GORNIER SHOPS



Tower Hamlets is the first of 15 stores across London choser to participate in a scheme to introduce more fresh, affordable and sustainably produced fruit and vegetables into areas where access to healthy food is a problem. The scheme, which is part of the Buywel project, supports small independent retailers and larger Symbol Groups (Costcutter, Londis etc.) to increase their stock range, ensuring high quality and enhancing their displays

Tesa's store had stocked no fruit and vegetables for years. However, with the support of Buywell, Tesa, a sole trader and female business owner, has been enthused to start selling a good range of fruit and vegetables.

The Buywell Retail project is managed by London Food Link and funded by Tower Hamlets NHS Primary Care Trust, London Development Agency and the Big Lottery.

For more information contact: hannah@sustainweb.org

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London's LOCAL BEERS

London, unbeknown to most Londoners, is home to a host of breweries. We have big breweries, like Fuller's, putting London on the map, and smaller specialist breweries, like Sambrook's, promoting English producers and traditional methods. Ellie Garwood explores....

Indulging in a locally brewed tipple helps to Micro breweries // Various Venues reduce food (or drink) miles, promote skilled Micro breweries are, as the name suggests, being local enough to be sustainable?

biodynamic are key factors in any sustainable produce, and companies such as Fuller's and Samuel Smith now offer organic options to cater for these customers, with smaller companies, Whether being local entitles London beers to such as Daas beer and Black Isle Brewery, solely producing organic beer. For biodynamic beers Vollmond is a common favourite, corner from the brewery it was produced in and even a carbon neutral beer, East Green, by has got to account for at least some worthy Adnams, is now available.

Many, however, believe that being local is also integral to sustainability, and for these local beer enthusiasts London is a frothy-headed treasure trove.

Meantime Brewing Company // Greenwich

Meantime brew eleven different types of beer To sample one of the locally and its range is nothing if not diverse. Varieties brewed beers check out: include a Fairtrade coffee beer, raspberry beer and even chocolate beer.

Undoubtedly one of the most famous London breweries, Fuller's has been in business since 1845. London Pride, as many will know, is its flagship beverage, but there are over 12 beers in Parsons Green (Meantime) the core range, including organic options and seasonal beers

Sambrook's Brewery // Battersea

Sambrook's, which celebrated its first birthday in August, aims to reignite the art of craft brewing. Its sole beer, Wandle Ale, is brewed using traditional methods and materials from local Brixton (Sambrook's) English producers; in addition, Sambrook's uses Maris Otter malt from Warminster Maltings, one of the few remaining floor maltings in the country.

brewers, and support local breweries. But is breweries on a small scale and are on the site of the pub or restaurant that owns them. Venues Some believe being organic, carbon neutral or include The Florence (Dulwich), Zero Degrees (Blackheath). The Horseshoe (Hampstead), and Bunker Bar (Covent Garden).

> bona fide sustainable status is debatable, but the fact that you can drink a pint round the eco-credentials. And if that's not enough to sway you, how about supporting local economies, local skilled brewers and an integral part of British heritage? Surely we can all drink to that. Eel readers keep your eye out for more on London's real ale pubs in the coming

L'Oasis / Stepney Green (Meantime)

Brew Wharf / Borough

The White Horse

Earl Ferrers / Streatham

(Sambrook's) Avalon / Balham

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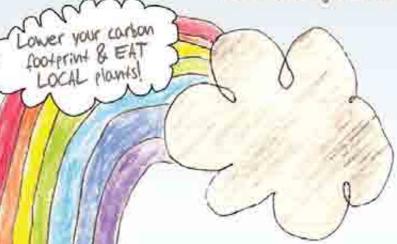
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A lot has changed since Sally Clarke first opened her innovative eatery, Clarke's on Kensington Church Street in 1984, **Katherine Bryant finds out more...**

bakery and shop selling breads customers also.' baked daily, local cheeses and hand-crafted truffles. Today, the shop sells over 600 rotating items, from jams and pickles to soups,

of the original growers attracted to arrive." After a successful 25-year her kitchens still provide produce run, the customers are the that appears on the day's menu.

After immersion in the food culture of Paris while studying at Cordon Bleu School, and a friendship and mentorship with Alice Waters of Chez Panisse in California, Sally Clarke returned to London with dreams for her own dining venture. Sally's hope was to serve a 4-course daily changing menu depending on the available fruits,

Clarke's, a restaurant focused on fish and vegetables - buying the seasonal food with a preference for highest quality ingredients served local supplies, quickly expanded at their peak of freshness. from a space with the capacity to "The constant changing of the serve around 20 to accommodate ingredients available allows the over 90 seats. By 1988, Clarke's menus to be constantly refreshed included a now award-winning and as a consequence, the

> Sally advocates supporting local own and incorporating a system of bartering with friends and neighbours. For example, one of depends on "getting the balance right, the colours, textures and convincing testament to the fact that Clarke's continues to achieve the right balance in seasonal, fresh food creations.

Kensington Church St London W8 4BH



RECIPE

Wild Mushrooms Baked in Crean with Gorgonzola Mascarpone 600g wild mushrooms, brushed and trimmed of discoloured parts

2 cloves garlic, crushed to a cream with salt

2 tosp chopped flat-leaf parsley, and 6 sprigs for garnish

2 tsp chopped fresh rosemary, and 6 sprigs for garnish 450ml double cream 609 Gorgonzola mascarpone

Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4. Cut the mushrooms into large even-sized pieces.

Heat the butter in a heavy-based non-stick frying pan, add the garlic and when sizzling add the mushrooms.

Toss over a high heat and cook until almost tender

Season with salt, pepper, parsley and rosemary and remove with a slotted spoon to an ovenproof dish. To the remaining juices in the pan add the cream

and reduce by a third. Taste for seasoning and pour over the mushrooms.

Bake for 10 - 15 minutes or until the cream has bubbled and started to brown at the edges // Scoop Gorgonzola mascarpone into walnut-sized pieces, dot it over the mushrooms and allow it to melt as it is served // Garnish with sprigs of parsley and rosemary.

Sally Clarke's Book: Recipes from a Restaurant, Shop & Baker is out now, published by Grub Street www.grubstreet.co.uk

organic food fortnight

As the Soil Association prepares for Organic Fortnight, Gaby De Sena embarks on their challenge to host an organic dinner party on a budget and discovers that delicious organic food doesn't cost the earth.



Gaby De Sena













In recent years, buying organic has In London, we needn't rush to supermarkets become a trendy way to assert vour eco-conscious consumerism. The Soil Fortnight will be held from 5th - 20th and focusing on value for money.

Organic food is produced without pesticides or fertilisers and ensures animal welfare, but at what cost to us? With the recession tugging on our purse strings, the Soil Association is "credit crunch dinner". But as my fleeting bravery dissipated, I fell victim to the common be any better? How much will it cost?

when there is a wealth of independent organic stockists. I scooped up my loose goods at Unpackaged and visited Planet Organic where I Association works to make sure that it is found everything I needed from Marigold's not just a food fashion but rather a Organic Vegetable Stock to Crazy Jack's sustainable way of life. This year's Organic Organic Raisins. The assumption that organic food is undersized and misshapen is ludicrous; the shelves were heaving with bright and bulky September, celebrating all things organic produce and although I noticed prices were higher than non-organic food, I understood that the cost included not only quality, quantity and taste but also ethics, health and peace of mind.

For starters, I served stuffed red peppers followed by a summer vegetable risotto. showing that by going organic, you are actually For dessert, to completely undermine the getting a lot more for your money. Eager to test preceding guiltless courses, I made rich this claim, I got involved by holding an organic chocolate pots with organic strawberries and mini meringues - an instant crowd pleaser. (Contact me through thejelliedeel@sustain reservations we have about organic food: Will it web.org if you ever want the recipes by the way)

After some mathematical mastery, I deduced The Soil Association's website is a bible of that my three-course dinner party cost a mere inspiring money-saving tips like "write a £5.28 per head - cheaper than takeaway pizza shopping list" to avoid waste, or "sign up to a and far tastier! The challenge was a success all vegbox scheme". However, I was most around and whilst I do not expect everyone to attracted to "eat less meat". With livestock convert to an organic lifestyle overnight, my contributing 30% of greenhouse gas emissions senses have certainly been honed to this susglobally, I went one step further and held a tainable and satisfying alternative. Budget vegetarian dinner party. This would save both brands are all too tempting, especially money and the planet, and would distract from when feeding families. But with support from the fact that, as a lapsed vegetarian, one of the organisations such as the Soil Association, we only fleshy dishes I can master is the bacon can all make small changes with a big impact on our health, conscience and environment.

YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

We are offering a prize of one year's Soil for The Jellied Eel. As well as receiving the quarterly Living Earth magazine and discounts on a range of organic products, membership will also entitle you to up to 25% off Organic Farm School courses. The courses provide the opportunity to earn practical skills from organic farmers in bee-keeping, chicken keeping, vegetable growing, willow weaving, hedge laying, dry stone walling, and many others.

To be in with a chance of winning this membership plus a bottle of Vintage Roots organic wine, please come up with a slogan for Sustain's new campaign to promote the Organic movement (See www.organicuk.org)

Please send your ideas to: thejelliedeel@sustainweb.org addressed 'organic competition'*

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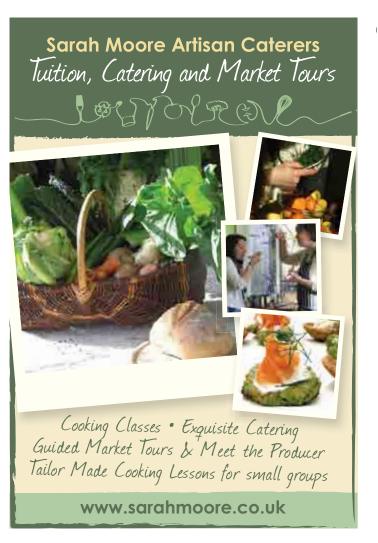
For more information visit: www.soilassociation.org















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a very sticky problem

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who make a living by scaling the earning six times more than they 33-metre-tall chicozapote trees and extracting the sap.

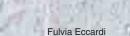
on their own sustainable farming

While huge swathes of other Around 2,000 chicleros organised rainforests have been devastated themselves into 56 co-operatives by some human activity, the Gran called the Consorcio Chiclero and, Petén in south-east Mexico has together with their families, they Mayan community, who have and finance for the chewing called it home for over a century. gum, called Chicza. And, by forest are chicleros (gum farmers) product of its own, the farmers are absorbed into the soil. previously could.

Each co-operative manages its For more than 100 years the own section of the 1.3 million chicleros have been selling the hectare area of forest used sap (chicle), to chewing gum to produce Chicza. Once a UK customers will understand manufacturers around the globe. chicozapote is tapped, the However, when the major sap flows down the bark and is brands started to opt for collected in a bag at the base. The non-biodegradable petrochemicals tree is then allowed to rest for six to support this unique rainforest instead of chicle, the farmer's seven years before being harvested product, by buying it." income begin to wane. So, five again. This careful process has vears ago, they united to create a been observed since the days brand-new chewing gum that was of the Mayan Empire and is now 100% biodegradable and based certified by the Forest Stewardship Council. After collection, the sap is boiled and blended with organic sweeteners and natural forest flavours before being shaped into

The finished gum, available from Mexican restaurant chain Wahaca and branches of Waitrose in mint, spearmint and lime, is 100% actually been safeguarded by the manage the production, logistics biodegradable and certified organic. Within six weeks of being disposed of, it either dissolves Traditionally, the men in this area of transforming chicle into a finished harmlessly into water or is

> Manuel Aldrete, Managing Director of Chicza says; "Our farmers believe that and appreciate what they have created and will want to



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Pie & Mash has been enjoyed in London since the 18th century. The crowded and dingy slums of the Georgian East End, gave birth to this most epic of comfort foods as hungry Cockneys demanded something cheap and filling. Shops kept their prices low by using the cheapest, often dubious cuts of meat and offered the tasty fare at a price lower than the cost of cooking it at home. By Gaby De Sena

EAST END PIE AND MASH

Recipe from cooksforcooks.com

Traditionally served with liquor, a green parsley sauce made with the water left over from stewing eels, the dish is still popular today. But with our growing interest in real food, how ethical could today's Pie and Mash be? Try the recipe below

1 tablespoon of vegetable oil. with a fork, brush with egg wash

onions and the mushrooms, cook is golden brown. for a few minutes then add the brown ale to deglaze the pan. Add TO MAKE THE LIQUOR

Line the base of the pie tin/tins with to 2 hours, let the filling cool (this vinegar, season with salt and ground shortcrust pastry and leave in the step is not essential but really black pepper. Blitz in a liquidiser and improves the flavour). Take the pour into a gravy boat. filling and fill your pastry case to the In a heavy based casserole dish, top. Cut out a square of puff pastry Serve together dust the chuck, the onions and to make a lid for the pie. Using a with mashed add the beef in the flour and little water ensure the edges are potato and mustard powder and brown off in all stuck down and crimp the edges **ENJOY!**

Remove from the pan and place on and make a whole in the top absorbent paper while you cook to allow steam to escape. Bake the onions in the same pan. Add in the oven at 170 degrees for the meat back to the pan with the 30-40 minutes until the pie

Worcestershire sauce and the flour, stir for 1 minute and slowly add tomato puree. Add a splash of the chicken stock. Add more as the stock, if needed, to loosen the mix. sauce starts to thicken - don't stop After cooking on a low heat for up mess. Add the parsley and the



FOR THE FILLING

1kg finely diced beef chuck

2 large onions, finely diced

2 tbsp plain flour

1 tsp English mustard powder

4 flat mushrooms, finely chopped

2 sprigs of thyme

2 tsp Worcestershire sauce

300ml brown ale

FOR THE PARSLEY LIQUOR

25g plain flour

300ml chicken stock

1 bunch of flat-leaf parsley,

finely chopped

1 tsp malt vinegar

WHERE TO SHOP

while you probably know where to thought we'd give you a few ideas for some of them

Meat // Beatbush Organic Farm sell at London Farmers Market, organic butchers such as Sheepdrove, Maida Vale (www.sheepdrove.com/)

Flour // Doves Organic(www.dove farm.co.uk/), Shipton Mill Flour or for London's local flour - G.R. Wrights (www.wrightsflour.co.uk/) available through the better supermarkets or grocers.

Chicken stock // Kallo Organic or Marigold Organic stock available through the better supermarkets

Brown Ale // St Peters organic ale or a bitter such as Surrey's Hogsback TEA (traditional English Ale). Also see p8 for ideas.

Potatoes // Arron Victory, Desiree, Kerrs Pink, King Edward, Lady & Maris Piper all good for mashing.

Find unusual potatoes at the Duke of York Square food market www.partridges.co.uk/foodmarket

Pastry // Either make from scratch or buy pastry ready made, particularly with the puff pastry! Dorset Organic Pastry - see www.dorsetpastry.com/ for a list of vendors.

Most of the meat, veg and dairy will be available at a local farmers market (www.lfm.org.uk) or www.sustainweb.org/london oodlink/box_schemes/).



SHOP WINDOW

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Why is it so hard to find something decent to eat on your lunch break? That's what partners Craig Willis and Dominic Kamara asked themselves before setting up Farm Collective - a great little place serving fantastic, carefully sourced food to Farringdon and beyond. Jamie Ford found out more...

It's Friday lunchtime and Farm Collective, the small but perfectly formed eaterie in EC1, is buzzing. There's a queue coming out the door and the guys and girls behind the tills are busy serving the punters with great looking salads, sandwiches, pies and fish cakes. In the middle of the action is Craig (one half of the partnership behind this new fast food concept), chatting to his customers about forthcoming menu items while restocking the shelves with fresh Dartmouth Smokehouse haddock and new potato salad. I manage to grab his attention for a minute. In response to my comment on how Mr Stern's haddock busy the place was he replies, 'I know! It's great, isn't it? It seems to get busier every week.' I believe him, and I'm pretty sure it will get

In Farm Collective, Craig and Dominic have succeeded in finding a way to bring great quality ingredients, bought from good suppliers to the capital and turn it into fantastic fast food for city workers badly in need of an alternative to the ubiquitous, pre-packaged and uninspiring sarnie. The pair insist on forging very close relationships with suppliers and aim to visit every farm they deal with. They keep the prices competitive by only using fresh produce that's in season; the menu is always changing depending on what the farmers have to offer.

TOP BUYS...

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In our new feature, Iellied Eel reader Johanna Wallther, a single young professional living in Haringey, North London, bravely put her kitchen forward for a grilling. Polly Higginson, went out to test how green her kitchen was....





Johanna is, in her own words, an On the counter is Johanna's ethical shopper who has tried bread maker as she is a fan of to make shopping decisions real bread and has a whole shelf in that reflect this. On arriving in her kitchen dedicated to various Johanna's kitchen I am struck by flours and baking ingredients, most dominated by dry ingredients and case of the sugar, is Fairtrade. fresh vegetables. Johanna tells Johanna tells me that she also has me that she eats a largely a loaf of sliced Hovis in the freezer vegetarian diet and, as a rule, for emergency mornings when cooks all food from scratch due she hasn't been organised enough to a love of cooking and also to to bake! save money. Leftovers from dinner always transfer to lunch the next In the fridge are organic eggs, day. She shows me large jars of milk and cheese bought from drum of organic olive oil all of which selection of fruit and vegetables save on costs.

There are also recycled jam jars full reveal French beans, beetroot, a of different loose herbs, spices and tea that she bought loose from containers full of salad leaves, the Haelan Centre in Crouch End to the rewards of the decision to make reduce packaging.

cupboards and a fridge full of food of which are organic and, in the

nuts, lentils and pulses and a giant the supermarket and a colourful were bought from an organic plus a bowl of green salad wholesaler and split with friends to leaves that have been grown in Johanna's garden. (She later takes me outside and is proud to courgette plant in flower and her overgrown garden in to a productive space).

HIGH SCORES FOR...

DEDUCTIONS...

Purchased fruit and veg could

SUNNNARY...

summary, a green kitchen

GRADE:

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A Closer Look at London Food Link Member The **Urban Wine Company**

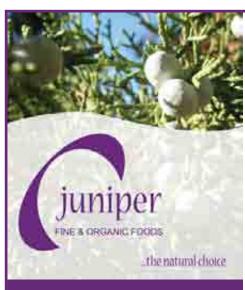
The Urban Wine Company was born two years ago with the popping of the cork from the first bottle of are working to help find more sites for the project and have helped "Chateau Tooting - Furzedown Blush" which was produced from grapes growing in founding member Richard Sharp's neighbours back garden. Since Richard and his team have been working at a whirlwind pace to share their passion for wine produced locally and also building a sense of community around its creation.

For the future the Urban Wine Company plans to expand and connect with more projects, gardens and neglected grapes across the city. London Food Link for the project and have helped them to successfully secure a larger site for a vineyard at Surrey Docks Farm.

If you would like to find out how you can be involved with the work of the Urban Wine company as a grower, grape donator or volunteer the please visit www.urbanwineco.com

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DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2009

sth - 6th - Good Food Festival - Islington Green www.goodfoodfestival.org

sth - 20th - Organic Fortnight

Host your own organic dinner party (see page 13) or get involved with local events. www.soilassociation.org

A country style fair to promote the work of the allot ments and their produce. www.skgas.org.uk/index.html

13th - Feast on the Bridge, Thames Festival - Southwark Bridge Buy food there or bring your own food for a sit down lunch at a table a coloring half the bridge Other activities include butter making, mayonnoise

covering half the bridge Other activities include butter making, mayonnaise making from fresh local eggs and the most sustainable meatballs in London! Look out for the Capital Grub stall cooking up (and selling) produce from Capital Growth spaces. www.thamesfesitval.org

19th - City Harvest Festival - Capel Manor, Enfield

Showcasing the work of community garden and city farm projects across London. This event is one for all the family with activities for children. www.farmgarden.org.uk

19th Sep - 4th Oct - British Food Fortnight

See p4 or visit www.lovebritishfood.co.uk for a list of events happening across London celebrating the best in British Food.

20th - The Urban Green Fair - Brockwell Park, Lambeth

An urban green fair which includes an area dedicated to local food and food growing. www.theurbangreenfair.org

26th - Belsize Green Fair - Haverstock Hill

Beginning with a foraging course on Hampstead Heath and other local food activities. www.transitionbelsize.org.uk

27th - Colne Valley Local Food Event www.colnevalleypark.org.uk

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8th - Organic Food Conference, Selling Organic: What's the Story? - London South Bank University www.organicconferences.co.uk

Noth - Apple Day Celebrations - Vestry House, Watthamstow www.elog.org.uk/apple.htm

10th - Launch of the Camden Food strategy

Events across the borough include a family day at Kentish Town City farm, and a Seed Swap at Somers town Community Cafe. rosie@sustainweb.org

NOVEMBER 2009

Noth - London Food Link Autumnal Network Do An inspiring evening celebrating the work of London Food Link and its members (to find out more about London Food Link and the network

members (to find out more about London Food Link and the r then turn to page 21. Vanessa@sustainweb.org

7th - 8th - Introduction to Permaculture Course, Hornsey www.naturewise.org.uk

An exhibition of food drawings from world famous illustrator Axel Schleffer. www.handmadefood.com/gallery

TBC - Mudchute Kitchen Feast, Mudchute Farm, Isle of Dogs An evening celebrating food reared, grown, foraged and prepared on MudchuteFarm. This evening will be held once a month. See the website for dates www.mudchutekithcen.org.



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