

# **Food Frome**

*The Frome Food Heritage Society*

## **NEWSLETTER October / November 2007**

### Project 'Outputs'

*We now have an agreed list of outputs for the project. We hope to complete these by June 30 2008, though our funders have agreed an extension until September 30 to 'tidy up' the odds and ends of the project.*

- 1. Food Frome Seventeenth Century Feast film.** Filming currently under way. Feast to be held November 2007. Film to be completed May 2008, for distribution in DVD format, Summer 2008
- 2. Booklet 1.** (all booklets to be colour card cover, up to 48 pages of print with black-and-white illustrations). Recipes book: local recipes based on local produce. Will include a small element of foreign recipes (eg Hungarian) to reflect Frome heritage from different places. Contributions to be invited via the local press.
- 3. Booklet 2.** Growing projects. Will include an account of the current series of visits to local growing projects. Also the development of Vallis Veg on the land at Vallis Farm. And the complicated history of the Innox Hill allotments.
- 4. Booklet 3.** The Romans and Somerset food and drink. Historical survey to be provided through members who are also members of Bath and Camerton Archaeological Society. Will feature the Romano-British villa at Upper Row Farm, Hemington, and the 'Roman garden' that is being developed there to illustrate edible plants introduced into Britain by the Romans.
- 5. Booklet 4.** Ten Years of fair Trade in Frome. An account of ten years of Fair Trade in Frome, and connections with the ideals of Local Food for Local People. To be developed with members of Fair Trade Frome.

### **6. The web-site**

Visit the new improved web-site at [www.food.frome.org.uk](http://www.food.frome.org.uk)

This will have a facility for a number of members to receive training to upload pictures, articles and audio and film clips. Linked to the training in audio editing, this will allow us to make available on the web-site material which is of interest, but does not constitute a 'finished product' such as a film, booklet or radio programme.

### Display

Many nice comments were made about our display at Frome Town Council offices. The display will visit Frome Library for a week from November 19

### The Growing Group

The visits organised by Des Harris have been very successful and well supported. They will form the basis of one of our 'Outputs' next year. The final visit for this autumn will be on October 28, to Barrow Farm, the Pick Your Own fruit and veg farm in Rode. If you want to come, please contact on 01373-462263 or e-mail <destina@harrides.fsnet.co.uk>

### Shops and Markets and Wassailing

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No offers to take on these two pieces of work have been received, so unfortunately they will have to be dropped for the moment.

## Festival 2008

We have all been distressed by the resignation of Martin Bax as director and press reports about the future of the festival. John Payne had already begun discussions about Food Frome events during the festival (July 4-13). We shall press forward with these plans – an evening to showcase the Food Detectives (1685 feast) film plus another more general evening. In both cases we would hope to serve food and drink.

## Courses

We held two introductory courses earlier this year. Insufficient numbers of people had come forward in the summer to make them worth running. The general feeling is that actually the technology (the audio recorders) is so simple that training can be done effectively on a 1-to-1 basis as required. On the other hand, training needs are developing in relation to outputs (see below). We felt these should be more in the way of practical workshops, working on material already gathered:

- Film editing (probably through the Engine Room in Bridgwater)
- Audio editing
- MS Publisher and Photoshop
- Web-site training (small groups of 2 or 3)

## Workshops

I think we originally saw this as practical sessions to give people hands-on experience of various food matters, or to disseminate findings of the project. So there seems to be a bit of overlap with the 'Courses' heading. We have held one workshop to date – the local fruit and veg tasting for parents / young families at the Green Fair. Further workshops planned or suggested are (other suggestions welcome):

- An end-of-project event at 2008 Frome Festival, centred on idea of local distinctiveness in food, and possibly featuring the Somerset poet James Crowden.
- A food-for-free forage
- A Christmas Food event at Frome Library as part of the Frome Christmas Extravaganza, 30 November 2007
- An evening in September 2008 to launch our booklets (these will be free to members, community groups, schools, libraries with a small surplus available for sale).

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