

# Out & About Eat Dorset Food Fair

## Eat, drink and be very merry

Mix a splash of local wine, with a dash of local produce, stir in some sparkling autumnal sun and you've got a recipe for a smashing day out

**T**HE grounds of Parnham House, amid the ravishing beauty of West Dorset, was host to one of the rising stars of annual food fairs: the Eat Dorset Food Fair, now in its fourth year.

A celebration of local food, the fair brings together a wonderful selection of local producers and their produce. Truffles, oysters and goat's cheese mingle with strong cider and local wine.

There is an emphasis on people, animals and countryside, and the interdependence of all the elements that make up rural life. Celebrity chefs filled the demonstration kitchen, wowing the crowds with their mouth-watering creations.

One group of boys roamed the fair, buying prawns and Denhay bacon toasties for their lunch. They were later seen using the bacon rind to catch fish in the river, then reappeared in the marquee to try and tempt a fishmonger to add their captured crayfish to his icy display. That's what Eat Dorset is all about; sharing the food and drink, recognising the work of the producers and appreciating the landscape.

*Photographs: Catherine Cotton.*



Fair organiser Emma Treichel



Dave Bartlett from Wootton Ewes Milk Products



Stuart Le Fevre tries one of the local wines



Miranda Farquarson with her daughters Francesca, Charlotte and Isobel from Egardon Hill Natural Foods

With the price of petrol sky-high, what better way to see the farm than from a horse and cart?



Millie Batten and Gerry Villiers



Please sir, I want some more

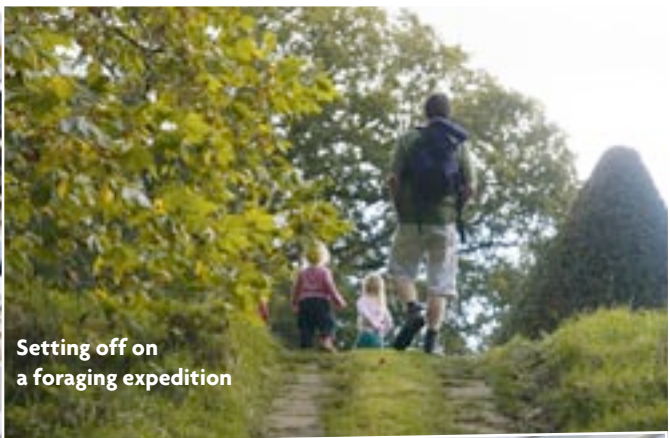




Felicity Doble  
of Dobles Poultry



Nicola Edwards and  
Glynis Gilbert from  
Eat Dorset cereals



Setting off on  
a foraging expedition



The serene beauty of Parnham House



Simon Bennett  
and Judy Hammick



Mini fashionista  
Isabel Glazebrook



The sun shines on Eat Dorset



(Clockwise from front) William Kiely,  
Rollo Bryandt, Jasper Mallinson, Josh  
Smallwood and Johnnie Barrowcliffe



Mark Hix keeps the  
crowd happy with his  
demonstration



Spot the deer—deer keeper Keith Starling



Jill Thompson  
and Molly Lardner



A tent crammed to bursting with people and produce



Bumble and Nigel  
Hadden-Paton  
from Truffle UK Ltd