

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Top 10 Chilterns-inspired experiences for foodies this Spring

The Chilterns AONB is a living, working area of beautiful countryside whose character has been shaped by agriculture, industry and the people who have lived and worked here over the centuries. Once the larder of London, the historic market towns, tucked-away villages, pubs, farmland, chalk-fed streams and ancient woods all hint at the growing, trading and of course, enjoyment of good local food and drink.

Yet what is truly 'of the Chilterns' isn't immediately obvious; the apple harvest pressed into tasty apple juice or cider, local winemakers who are bringing Chilterns terroir into the glass, rare breeds enjoying the sun on their backs...a Chilterns larder wouldn't be complete without artisanal products that go straight from field to bottle or jar. Here our are Chilterns Top 10 ideas for foodies this spring:

1. The second **Berkhamsted beer festival** will take place on 21st/22nd May at Haresfoot Brewery, featuring 19 beers from 14 breweries located in the Chilterns and surrounding areas including; Rebellion Explorer, Malt the Brewery Summer Daze and Tring Brewery Pale Ale. Free Entry. There are also regular tours and events at Haresfoot Brewery. [www.haresfoot.com](http://www.haresfoot.com)
2. **Henley On Food** - The first of its kind, Henley on Food will unite thousands of local food lovers with the best cooks and culinary writers including; John Torode, Madeleine Shaw, Frances Quinn, Antony Worrall-Thompson, the Caldesis and Cyrus Todiwala: 30th April - 1st May Shiplake College, Henley on Thames. [www.thefestivalcalendar.co.uk/festivals/Henley on Food 2016](http://www.thefestivalcalendar.co.uk/festivals/Henley_on_Food_2016)
3. **Buckmoorend Farm Shop**, a welcome addition to the Chilterns foodie scene; is a small, family run farm surrounded by natural woodland that just happens to be a part of the Chequers Estate, and can be reached very easily from the Ridgeway National Trail that runs right past the shop door. Perfect for that gelato break or better still, for that summer BBQ, as their free-range lamb tastes of the Chilterns: <http://buckmoorendfarm.co.uk>
4. TripAdvisor's top rated visitor attraction in Henley on Thames is **Chiltern Valley Winery**, who will be celebrating English Wine Week with tours & tastings of three new 2015 vintage wines. The marvellous behind the scenes tours includes the winery, brewery, press and bottling hall. And sampling of course. [www.chilternvalley.co.uk](http://www.chilternvalley.co.uk)
5. The independent brewer, **Chiltern Brewery** has, following a collaboration with specialist roasters Chartley Coffee – another 2nd generation family business - produced a new limited edition draught ale that is full of beans; the Colombian Coffee Porter. Porter is a dark style of ale originally brewed in London using dark malts. The name is thought to come from its popularity with the London market porters: <http://www.chilternbrewery.co.uk>

6. **Auberge Du Chocolat** is the joint passion of Anne and Ian, both behind this successful artisan business that thrives on sharing the joys (and there are many), of sampling, producing, learning or just enjoying chocolates, ice-cream and fabulous fudge. Their children's chocolate workshops are very popular! <http://aubergechocolat.co.uk>
7. Run by Liz and Steve Bateman, **Hazeldene Farm** is situated in an idyllic setting on the edge of Chesham in Asheridge Vale. Run on traditional principles, the animals are well cared for and visitors are invited to explore the farm and meet the animals, many of them rare breeds. The shop is well stocked with what they rear and tastes off the Chilterns: [www.hazeldenefarm.com](http://www.hazeldenefarm.com)
8. What Evert and Franca Donker don't know about apples, isn't worth knowing; cider, apple juice (sweet and sour), jam, dried and believe sorbet is on the cards for this season at **Chiltern Ridge**. During the apple harvest, they turn waste into taste with their eco-friendly 'bring your own apples' to be pressed and taken home as delicious juice. [www.chilternridge.com](http://www.chilternridge.com)
9. **Kirsty's Kitchen** is famous for their "no ordinary scotch egg", hand crafted, crumb crusted, local farm supporting, meaty, gooey centred, ball of scrumminess! Believe it or not the humble scotch egg is not of Scottish origin. It was apparently conceived by Fortnum & Mason as the perfect travelling food for those long carriage journeys in the 1700's. [www.kirstys-kitchen.com](http://www.kirstys-kitchen.com)
10. **No2 Pound Street** has done all the hard work for you and brought the best of cheeses, wines and local goodies to their deli in the beautiful market town of Wendover. Nicola specialises in artisan wines, paired with food, whether it be a simple piece of cheese, a plate of charcuterie or the most refined dishes, they can guide and inspire your choices: [www.2poundstreet.com](http://www.2poundstreet.com)

More information available, including contact details here: [www.visitchilterns.co.uk/food-and-drink/food-and-drink-destinations.html](http://www.visitchilterns.co.uk/food-and-drink/food-and-drink-destinations.html)

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- For Chilterns events @VisitChilterns, Pinterest, on Facebook and Instagram.
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