



Press Release

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GBBO Star launching 'The Great British Kitchen' at The Royal Bath & West Show

Food and produce has always been a key attraction at the Royal Bath & West Show, from artisan producers to the WI Tea Tent. This year, the 'foodie' interest will increase significantly through the introduction of 'The Great British Kitchen', where the Show will champion the very best of the wonderful produce available in the South West.

'The Great British Kitchen' is a new attraction for the 2020 Show, and is situated within the former Theatre. Featuring a fully-functional demonstration kitchen on the stage it will also have an external facelift, to blend in with the Wessex Pavilion Bar & Restaurant. To get their new feature off to a flying start, the Show's organisers have invited three celebrity chefs with local connections to perform cookery demonstrations over the three days of the Show, and they will use their knowledge of local produce to create dishes with a South-West flavour.

Leading the way on the opening day (Thursday 28th May) is Briony May Williams, who came to the public's attention in the 2018 series of *The Great British Bake Off*. Briony reached the semi-finals of the competition and has since joined the presenting team of *Food Unwrapped* (Channel 4) as well as appearing on *The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice* (Channel 4), *Blue Peter* (CBBC) and *Beautiful Bakes With Juliet Sear* (ITV). More recently you'll have seen her on *The Great British Bake Off Christmas Special* (Channel 4) and the *Food Unwrapped Christmas Special* (Channel 4). Using one of the best-known and loved products of Somerset, amongst Briony's demonstration dishes will be a Fruity Cider Apple Pie.

Following on from Briony's appearance the Show will welcome Dean Edwards, who appeared regularly on ITV's *Lorraine* and *This Morning*; and Josh Eggleton, owner and chef patron of the Michelin-Starred *Pony & Trap* in Chew Magna. The three will appear on separate days of the Show and will each offer

three cooking demonstrations using, where possible, products available from the food trade stands, which visitors can then purchase from the Food & Drink Marquee to try out the recipes at home!

The demonstrations will be free to attend but numbers will be limited – so make sure you get there early on the day to secure your seat at one of the hottest (and tastiest) shows in town! The Royal Bath & West Show takes place on 28th-30th May and tickets are on sale now at www.bathandwest.com/tickets

About the Royal Bath & West of England Society

The Society was founded in 1777 in Bath by a group of philanthropists led by Edmund Rack. We are a registered charity organisation (Registered Charity Number 1039397). The Society was formed with the aims of encouraging agriculture, arts, manufacture and commerce.

Our charitable activities provide:

- Agriculture, veterinary, educational and art scholarships
- Technical events and Seminars
- Practical farming advice and conferences
- Countryside Education
- Diversification advice for farmers
- Education for children
- A market place for countryside products

As the Society enters its 242nd year it continues to deliver a wonderful mix of established traditional exhibits through to the latest energy technology and contemporary entertainment.

The entertainment and features around the 242-acre site ensure enjoyment for every member of the family and include attractions that are spectacular to watch, educational, inspirational, “hands on” or just plain fun.