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City & District Council

# ST ALBANS & HARPENDEN FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL

Wednesday 24 September - Monday 6 October



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## Welcome

The St Albans and Harpenden Food & Drink Festival is back! This wonderful festival showcases the fantastic range of food, drink and produce available throughout the St Albans District.

With so many excellent places providing fabulous food and delightful pubs and bars, the festival is a great time to try something new or revisit an old favourite. The festival starts on Wednesday 24 September with the famous CAMRA Beer Festival in the Alban Arena (page 18).

Over the 12-day festival there are dozens of events to enjoy, organised and delivered by our local food and drink businesses.

The Mayor of St Albans City and District will be hosting two charity events a Tasting Evening on Thursday 2 October and Wines of the World on Friday 3 October. These events are in honour of the Mayor's Charity, The Dream Foundation (pages 20 and 23). Additional events for other charities are being hosted by venues across the District including at the Ye Olde Fighting Cocks (page 18) and The Cock Inn (page 21).

The St Albans and Harpenden Food & Drink Awards to be held at St Michael's Manor will announce the winners of the local awards (page 21). This year there will be two Street Food Festivals, one in Harpenden on Sunday 28 September (page 19) and another in St Albans on Sunday 5 October (page 21).

You can also enjoy fantastic offers and discounts at a number of local venues across the District. See pages 8-10 for all the offers available this year.



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## ST ALBANS & HARPENDEN FOOD & DRINK AWARDS

The Food and Drink Awards celebrate the incredible variety of food and drink businesses, venues and producers across the District.

You can vote for your favourite in each category from the shortlists opposite. Voting closes at midnight on Sunday 7 September. Vote at [www.enjoystalbans.com/foodanddrinkawards](http://www.enjoystalbans.com/foodanddrinkawards).

Winners will be announced at the **Food and Drink Awards Evening on Monday 6 October at St Michael's Manor** bringing a celebratory end to the Festival.

There is also a special award in memory of Kate D'Arcy, a much-loved local restaurateur who died in June 2010.

This award is for a person who has exceeded expectations by providing outstanding service and delivering a faultless experience.

**Nominations for the Kate D'Arcy Award are being accepted until Sunday 7 September.**  
Email [events@stalbens.gov.uk](mailto:events@stalbens.gov.uk)



Last year's award winners with the then Mayor St Albans City and District.

### Best Bar

(Sponsored by Mathew Clark)

- Billy's Bar and Restaurant, Harpenden
- Chilli Bar and Kitchen, St Albans
- Mokoko Cocktail Bar, St Albans
- The Snug Bar, St Albans

### Best Independent Food/Drink Shop

(Sponsored by The Herts Advertiser)

- Beershop, St Albans
- Buongiorno Italia Deli, St Albans
- Flagship Wines, St Albans
- Hedges Farm Shop, St Albans
- Jay's Delicatessen, Harpenden
- Poulter's Fish, St Albans Market
- Rollings Wine Company, Harpenden
- Tomoka Spirits Boutique, St Albans

### Best Café

(Sponsored by St Albans City & District Council)

- Abbot's Kitchen, St Albans
- Barrissimo, St Albans
- Blueberry Café, Harpenden
- Inn on the Park, St Albans
- Bakehouse, St Albans
- The Courtyard Café, St Albans
- The Pudding Stop, St Albans

### Best Newcomer

(Sponsored by SA Law)

- Baked Nation, St Albans
- Beershop, St Albans
- The City Market Company, St Albans
- The Pudding Stop, St Albans
- Thompson@Darcy's, St Albans

### Best Local Producer

(Sponsored by Sparshots)

- Crumbs 'n' all Caribbean Cakes and Chutneys, St Albans
- Earthworks, St Albans
- Hedges Farm Shop, St Albans
- Redbournbury Watermill and Bakery, St Albans
- T. Roberts & Sons, Harpenden
- The 3 Brewers of St Albans

### Best Local Restaurant

(Sponsored by Handelsbanken)

- Bar Azita, Harpenden
- Bar Meze, St Albans
- Chez Mumtaj, St Albans
- Lussmanns Fish & Grill Restaurants, St Albans
- Singhli, St Albans
- That Little Place, Harpenden
- The Foragers@The Verulam Arms, St Albans
- Thompson@Darcy's, St Albans

### Best Pub

(Sponsored by Zenith Hygiene)

- Hare & Hounds, St Albans
- Lower Red Lion, St Albans
- The Cock Inn, St Albans
- The Holly Bush, St Albans
- The Kitchen at the Bull, London Colney, St Albans
- The Mermaid, St Albans
- The Verulam Arms, St Albans
- Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, St Albans

### Best Takeaway

(Sponsored by InACityDeals.com)

- Godfrey's Fish and Chips, Harpenden
- H&H Fried Chicken and Kebabs, St Albans
- Hatch, St Albans
- Helema Take Away, St Albans
- India Garden, St Albans
- The Pud Mobile (The Pudding Stop), St Albans
- The Ridgeway Fish Bar, St Albans

### Most Family Friendly Venue

(Sponsored by Kids à la Carte)

- Bar Meze, St Albans
- Dahlia Coffee House, Aylett Nurseries, St Albans
- Inn on the Park, St Albans
- The Pudding Stop, St Albans
- The Sitting Room, St Albans
- Zizzi, St Albans

Submit your vote by Sunday 7 September  
[www.enjoystalbans.com/foodanddrinkawards](http://www.enjoystalbans.com/foodanddrinkawards).



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Sundays cannot be beaten with the infamous Freddie's all day Brunch menu, enjoy a late breakfast served till 3.00pm.

### Freddie's Restaurant

52/56 Adelaide Street, St Albans, AL3 5BG

Tel: 01727 811889

[www.freddies.org.uk](http://www.freddies.org.uk)



## Chilli

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Chilli Bar&Kitchen is a new concept brought to you by the same team behind the award winning Chilli Raj restaurant. Combining a bar and an Indian restaurant. Chilli bar&kitchen offers a unique dining experience in a sophisticated and stylish setting located in the heart of St Albans.

28-30 London Road, St Albans, AL1 1NG  
Telephone :01727 840100

[www.chillibarkitchen.com](http://www.chillibarkitchen.com)



## Support "renaissance: St Albans"

The campaign to transform St Albans Town Hall into a fantastic museum and gallery has already got off to a cracking start. The goal is to raise £1.7 million to match funds from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Council to deliver the £6.75 million conversion of the Town Hall into a vibrant cultural hub for the city centre.



Why not get involved and help bring about a cultural renaissance in St Albans, call 01727 751830 or email [stalbanismgttrust@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:stalbanismgttrust@hotmail.co.uk) or visit [www.stalbansmuseumsandgalleriustrust.org.uk](http://www.stalbansmuseumsandgalleriustrust.org.uk)



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Additional menu availability:  
A la Carte Menu ave. £40 per person - available daily excluding Sundays  
Tasting Menu, £49.00 per person 6 courses - available daily excluding Sundays  
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# Festival Offers



Here's a list of tantalising offers from some of the District's places to eat, arranged alphabetically by venue. To make the most of these fantastic offers, please show your brochure when ordering. The offers are only valid during the Festival period.

## Bar Meze

8 Adelaide St, St Albans, AL3 5BH  
**20% off final bill during the festival with presentation of this brochure.**  
**Offer details:** Sunday to Thursday only.  
**Web:** [www.barmeze.co.uk](http://www.barmeze.co.uk)

## Brasserie Blanc

3A Verulam Rd, St Albans, AL3 4DA  
**A complimentary bottle of Rosé when you order any 2 A la carte main courses.**  
**Offer details:** Every day until the end of Sept.  
**Web:** [www.brasserieblanc.com/french-restaurant/locations/st-albans.php](http://www.brasserieblanc.com/french-restaurant/locations/st-albans.php)

## Buongiorno Italia

68 Lattimore Road, St Albans, AL1 3XR  
**10% discount when you spend £10 or more during the festival.**  
**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival on production of this brochure.  
**Web:** [www.buongiornoitalia.co.uk](http://www.buongiornoitalia.co.uk)

## Carmen's Caribbean Kitchen

83 Drake's Drive, St Alban AL1 5AQ  
**£1 off all meals ordered during the festival.**  
**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival on production of this brochure.  
**Web:** [www.carmenscaribbeankitchen.co.uk](http://www.carmenscaribbeankitchen.co.uk)

## Courtyard Café

11 Hatfield Rd, St Albans AL1 3RR  
**A free chocolate brownie for dessert with every two main courses purchased**  
**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival on production of this brochure.  
**Web:** [www.courtyardcafestalbans.co.uk](http://www.courtyardcafestalbans.co.uk)

## Dahlia Coffee House at Aylett Nurseries

Aylett Nurseries, North Orbital Road, St. Albans, AL2 1DH  
**Purchase any item from the 'After School Young Gardener' Menu and receive a free tub of New Forest Ice Cream.**  
**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival, between 3.30pm and 5pm.  
**Web:** [www.aylethenurseries.co.uk/Dahlia-Coffee-House](http://www.aylethenurseries.co.uk/Dahlia-Coffee-House)

## The Forager's at The Verulam Arms

41 Lower Dagnall St, St Albans AL3 4QE  
**10% off drinks before 6:30pm.**  
 2 courses for £15 & 3 courses for £18 (Available Monday to Thursday & Friday & Saturday lunchtime)  
**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival  
**Web:** [www.the-foragers.com](http://www.the-foragers.com)

## Freddie's Restaurant

52-56 Adelaide St, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL3 5BG  
**15% off final bill when you order lunch or dinner from the a la carte menu with presentation of this brochure.**  
**Offer details:** Sunday to Friday until September 30th for parties up to four people. Not valid with any other offer, voucher, set menu or discount.  
**Web:** [www.freddies.org.uk](http://www.freddies.org.uk)

## Halema

256 Hatfield Rd, St Albans, AL1 4UN  
**25% off final bill**  
**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival on production of this brochure.  
**Web:** [www.halema.co.uk](http://www.halema.co.uk)

## HATCH

The Maltings, St Albans, AL1 3HL  
**10% off all retail coffee beans when a Food Festival brochure is shown.**  
**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival on production of this brochure.  
**Web:** [www.hatchstalbans.com](http://www.hatchstalbans.com)

## Heaven is a Cupcake

51 Pondfield Crescent, St Albans, AL4 9PE  
**10% off all orders placed during the festival.**  
**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival - please quote 'St Albans and Harpenden Food & Drink Festival'.  
**Web:** [www.heavenisacupcake.net](http://www.heavenisacupcake.net)

## Inn on the Park

St Michael's St, St Albans, AL3 4SN  
**Buy one kids meal and get one free.**  
**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival, weekdays, 3pm-5pm, upon presentation of this brochure.  
**Web:** [www.inn-on-the-park.com](http://www.inn-on-the-park.com)



## Kimaya

144 London Road, St Albans AL1 1PQ  
 St Michael's St, St Albans, AL1 1PQ  
**25% off food bills during the festival.**  
**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival upon presentation of this brochure. (Offer only applies for Customers dining in).  
**Web:** [www.kimayarrestaurant.com](http://www.kimayarrestaurant.com)

## Lussmanns

Waxhouse Gate, High St, St Albans, AL3 4EW  
 20a Leyton Road, Harpenden, AL5 2HU  
**Enjoy a complimentary glass of Corney & Barrow wine when you dine with us during the Food & Drink Festival.**  
**Offer details:** From 24th September to 6th October at Lussmanns St Albans and Lussmanns Harpenden on presentation of this brochure. One complimentary 125ml glass of red or white house wine per brochure holder. Offer may be used with house menu or set menu, when ordering a main course. Offer is subject to availability and is not valid in conjunction with any other offers.  
**Web:** [www.lussmanns.com](http://www.lussmanns.com)

## Riverford Organic Vegetables

4 Heathlands Drive, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL3 5AY  
**A 3rd box free and a complimentary Riverford cookbook when you sign up for a regular order.**  
**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival - please quote 'St Albans and Harpenden Food & Drink Festival'.  
**Web:** [www.riverford.co.uk](http://www.riverford.co.uk)

## Rollings Wine

26 Station Road, Harpenden AL5 4SE  
**10% off any purchase and a free taster sample from our Enomatic Tasting Machine.**  
**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival on production of this brochure.  
**Web:** [www.rollingswine.co.uk](http://www.rollingswine.co.uk)



### That Little Place

5 Station Road, Harpenden AL5 4SA

**20% off food for booked diners ordering 3 courses a la carte.**

**Offer details:** Monday to Thursday throughout the Festival. (Booking essential, not available in conjunction with any other offer.)

**Web:** [www.thatlittleplace.co.uk](http://www.thatlittleplace.co.uk)

### THOMPSON@Darcys

2 Hatfield Rd, St Albans, AL1 3RP

**Set lunch menu £16.50 2 courses & £21.00 3 courses - Mon to Sat.**

**Set dinner menu £18.50 2 courses & £23.00 3 courses - Mon to Thurs.**

**Sunday set lunch menu, summer & traditional roast options, £25.00 2 courses & £29.50 3 courses.**

**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival on production of this brochure.

**Web:** [www.thompsonatdarcys.co.uk/](http://www.thompsonatdarcys.co.uk/)

### The Beech House

81 St Peter's Street, St Albans, AL1 3EG

**Receive a free coffee of your choice when you purchase breakfast.**

**Offer details:** Throughout the Festival

**Web:** [www.oakmaninns.co.uk](http://www.oakmaninns.co.uk)

### The Cock Inn

48 St Peter's St, St Albans, AL1 3NF

**Enjoy a complimentary bottle of Sauvignon Blanc or Merlot when two or more guests dine from our 2 course Set Menu.**

2 course set menu  
(Mon-Sat lunchtime) £10.95

2 course set menu  
(Mon-Wed evening) £12.95

**Offer details:** Mon-Sat lunchtime and Mon-Wed evening on presentation of this brochure from 24 Sept to 6 Oct.

**Web:** [www.thecockinstalbars.co.uk](http://www.thecockinstalbars.co.uk)



### The Hub

22 High Street, Redbourn, St Albans AL3 7LL

**Cream Teas for only £3 - Cream tea includes tea, scone, jam, clotted cream.**

**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival on production of this brochure.

### The Pudding Stop

6 Verulam Rd, St Albans AL3 4DD

**25% off pudding order when you bring the receipt from your main meal.**

**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival.

**Web:** [www.thepuddingstop.com](http://www.thepuddingstop.com)

### The Snug

1 French Row, St Albans AL3 5DU

**St Albans Burger and Skinny Fries deal for just £10.** The Snug will also be running their normal 2-4-1 cocktail promotion between 3-7pm every day.

**Offer details:** Available throughout the Festival.

**Web:** [www.thesnugbar.co.uk/st-albans](http://www.thesnugbar.co.uk/st-albans)

### Tudors @ The White Hart Hotel

23-25 Holywell Hill, St Albans, AL1 1EZ

**Quick lunch menu and starter for £10.95**

**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival on production of this brochure.

**Web:** [www.whitehartotelstalbars.co.uk](http://www.whitehartotelstalbars.co.uk)

### Ye Olde Fighting Cocks

16 Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans, AL3 4HE

**CAMRA members receive 20p off any pint of real ale.**

**Offer details:** Available throughout the festival on production of this brochure.

## Young Chef of the Year Competition

7th February 2015



The competition is open to aspiring chefs in Years 9, 10 and 11. To enter submit either a starter, main or dessert recipe, including cooking methodology and ingredients.

Closing date for entries  
Friday 30th January 2015

Please send your entry to:

Mhamed Hassan  
Oaklands College St Albans Campus  
Hatfield Road, St Albans, Herts. AL4 0JA

For more information visit:  
[www.oaklands.ac.uk](http://www.oaklands.ac.uk) or email  
[competitions@oaklands.ac.uk](mailto:competitions@oaklands.ac.uk)



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## Events at-a-glance



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18	24-27 Sept	11am-11pm	CAMRA Beer and Cider Festival	Alban Arena, St Albans
19	24 Sept	7pm	Hertfordshire Wine School's - Introduction to the World of Wine	County Club, St Albans
17	24 Sept 6 Oct	7pm	Beer & BBQ Fest	Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, St Albans
23	24 Sept - 3 Oct	6.30 - 7.30pm	Tomoka Fine Spirits Tasting (8-9pm on some evenings)	Tomoka Spirits Boutique, St Albans
18	25 Sept	7pm	Gallery in the Park Fundraiser	Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, St Albans
23	25 Sept	6.30-10pm	South American Wine Tasting	Freddie's Restaurant, St Albans
24	26 Sept	6-7.30pm	Wine Tasting at Flagship Wines	Flagship Wines, St Albans
17	26 Sept	7-9.45pm	A delicious seasonal vegetarian Dinner Party	La Cuisine Imaginaire, St Albans
17	26 Sept	7.30pm	Beer Tasting with Roger Protz	The Council Chamber, St Albans
20	26 Sept	12pm	Macmillan Tea Party in the Garden	The Old Cock Inn, Harpenden
21	26 Sept	8pm	Special Live Streaming Open Mike Night	Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, St Albans
24	27 Sept	11am-6pm	Wine Tasting at Flagship Wines	Flagship Wines, St Albans
17	27 Sept	7pm	BBQ and Band in the Garden	The Old Cock Inn, Harpenden
23	28 Sept	12pm-2pm	Paella Afternoon	The Old Cock Inn, Harpenden
19	28 Sept	10am-4pm	Harpenden Street Food Festival	Harpenden
22	29 Sept	6-10.30pm	That Little Place's Local Mini Beer Fest	That Little Place, Harpenden

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18	29 Sept	6-8pm 2 Oct	Daily Cocktail Master-Classes	The Snug, St Albans
24	30 Sept	7pm	Wine tasting Dinner	That Little Place, Harpenden
19	1 Oct	8pm-late	Grow it, Cook it, Eat it	The Blacksmith's Arms, St Albans
22	2 - 6 Oct	All Day	The Jolly Sailor's Oktoberfest	The Jolly Sailor, St Albans
20	2 Oct	7pm	Mayor's Charity Tasting Eveing	Poggenpohl, St Albans
23	3 Oct	6-7.30pm	Wine Tasting at Flagship Wines	Flagship Wines
23	3 Oct	7pm	World of Wines - Mayor's Charity Wine Tasting Event	Abbots Kitchen, St Albans
17	4 Oct	10am-3pm	A dozen people who changed what we eat	Verulamium Museum
20	4 Oct	All Day	Music Academy Open Day	Ye Olde Fighting Cocks
23	4 Oct	11am-6pm	Wine Tasting at Flagship Wines	Flagship Wines
21	4 Oct	11am-2pm	St. Peter's Apple Day Fair	St. Peter's Churchyard
18	4 Oct	12pm-12am	Chocolate and Wine Festival	The Hare and Hound, St Albans
21	5 Oct	11am-6pm	St Albans Street Food Festival	St Peter's Street, St Albans
20	5 Oct	11am-6pm	Lussmanns Pop-Up Restaurant	By The Old Town Hall
22	6 - 10 Oct	Various	Music and Dance Events	The Hare & Hound, St Albans
21	6 Oct	7pm	Food and Drink Awards Ceremony	St. Michael's Manor, St Albans



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Food and Drink Festival Finale 2013  
Market Place, St Albans

## Festival Events A-Z



Throughout the 12-day festival, local venues will be opening their doors, hosting events and welcoming food and drink enthusiasts to join in. Events are free unless otherwise stated.

### A delicious seasonal vegetarian Dinner Party

**Friday 26 September**

La Cuisine Imaginaire, Priory Walk,  
St Albans, AL1 2JA

Special 'Watch and Taste' evening at La Cuisine Imaginaire in St Albans, as part of the 2014 St Albans Food & Drink Festival, using organic locally grown produce. This course consists of a fun cookery demonstration of delicious and seasonal vegetarian dishes suitable for a dinner party. You will be able to sample dishes at the end of this very sociable evening with a lovely glass of organic wine! Bring a friend! Only 5 places available.

**Time:** 7pm - 9:45pm (approx.)

**Cost:** £35 all included

To book email [roselyne.masselin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:roselyne.masselin@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 07855398788

### A dozen people who changed what we eat

**Saturday 4 October**

Verulamium Museum St Michael's St, St  
Albans, AL3 4SW

A day school, run by Sue Davies that focuses on 12 people and food history between the 1770s and the 1970s. Part of St Albans Museums lifelong learning programme.

**Time:** 10am - 3pm

**Cost:** £25

To book phone 01727 751810 or email [sue.davies@stalbens.gov.uk](mailto:sue.davies@stalbens.gov.uk)

### BBQ and Band in the Garden

**Saturday 27 September**

The Old Cock Inn, 58 High St, Harpenden,  
Hertfordshire AL5 2SP

Come and join The Old Cock Inn for a BBQ in the Garden. A live band will provide entertainment from 8pm.

**Time:** 7pm

### Beer and BBQ Fest

**24 September - 6 October**

Ye Olde Fighting Cocks 16 Abbey Mill Ln, St  
Albans, AL3 4HE

Throughout the festival we will have up to 20 real ales available and will also be serving the best BBQ you have ever had cooked on our brand new monster BBQs.

### Beer tasting with Roger Protz

**Friday 26 September 2014**

The Council Chamber, St. Albans City & District Council Offices, (adjacent to the walkway from the Alban Arena)

Roger Protz, one of the world's leading beer writers, editor of *The Good Beer Guide* and The Herts Advertiser columnist, will host a beer tasting event as part of the St Albans Beer & Cider Festival. The tasting will feature six beers, ranging from mild to bitter, IPA, golden ale, porter and barley wine.

There will also be plenty of time for discussion, during which Roger will talk about his many visits to major brewing countries.

Roger will also be signing copies of *The Good Beer Guide 2015* and his book *300 More Beers to Try Before You Die* on the products stand on

[www.twitter.com/stalbansfdf](http://www.twitter.com/stalbansfdf)

Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th and Saturday 27th between 7.00pm and 9.00pm. He will also do a late signing session on Friday following the beer tasting.

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Cost:** £12 or £10 CAMRA members.

(This does not include entry to the St Albans Beer Festival - entry to the festival is £3 or free for CAMRA members)

Tickets for the beer tasting are subject to availability and can be obtained at the CAMRA Beer Festival from Wednesday 24 September, right up until the time of the tasting or by sending a cheque payable to St Albans Beer Festival to 14 New Road, Shenley, Herts. WD7 9EA.

## CAMRA St Albans Beer and Cider Festival

**Wednesday 24 September - Saturday 27 October**

**Alban Arena, Civic Centre, St Albans, AL1 3LD**  
The premier event in the Hertfordshire drinker's calendar. Up to 350 different British real ales will be available to visitors including one off



brews, festival specials and a wide selection of beers from new breweries. But it's not just about beer - although most of it is! You will be able to enjoy games, the tombola, the team quiz, and breweriana auctions in a lively friendly atmosphere. Catch up and socialise with friends, unwind after work or just soak up the festival atmosphere.

**Time:** 11am - 11pm

**Cost:** £3 Wednesday to Friday, £4.50 Saturday  
Free to CAMRA members anytime

**Tel:** 01727 844488

**Web:** [www.stalbansbeerfestival.com](http://www.stalbansbeerfestival.com)

## Chocolate and Wine festival

**Saturday 4 October**

**The Hare and Hounds, 104 Sopwell Ln, St Albans AL1 1RL**

This evening gives guests a chance to sample fine wine and chocolate from around the world. Wine experts will be on hand and chocolatiers from London will be hosting chocolate master classes, tastings and lots more. There will also be a chocolate fountain.

**Time:** 12pm - 12am

## Daily cocktail master-classes

**Monday 29 September - Thursday 2 October**

**The Snug, St. Albans, French Row, St Albans, AL3 5DU**

There will be demonstrations of shaking, muddling and blending some of your favourite cocktails. Complimentary nibbles will be available for guests to enjoy during the sessions.

Guests will also have the opportunity to have a go at trying to create a few cocktails themselves!

Places will be available on a first come, first served basis - but will try and accommodate everyone.

**Time:** 6pm - 8pm

**Cost:** Free

## The Forager's Guided Foraging Walk

**Wednesday 24 September**

**41 Lower Dagnall St, St Albans AL3 4QE**

The Foragers will be running a guided foraging walk followed by a wild food banquet. We'll take guests into the countryside and show them some of the many wild plants we often use in our kitchen. Then we'll head back to the pub and serve a menu featuring the best of what we forage.

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Cost:** £50 (Including food.)

## New Museum and Gallery in the Town Hall

**Thursday 25 September**

**Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, 16 Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans. AL3 4HE**

Come along to this fundraiser to support plans to develop a fantastic new Museum and Gallery in the Town Hall. This is a ticketed event, a ticket gets you a glass of sparkly and a stunning BBQ. There will also be live music and a raffle.

**Time:** 7pm

**Cost:** £30 a ticket (with half the cost of the ticket going directly to the new Museum and Gallery project).

Tickets can be purchased from Ye Olde Fighting Cocks, there is limited available so make sure to purchase them early.

## Grow it, Cook it, Eat it

**Wednesday 1 October**

**The Yurt at The Blacksmith's Arms, 56 St Peter's St, St Albans, AL1 3HG**

The Grow Your Own Food group (Transition St Albans and 'FoodSmiles, local food for St Albans') celebrate and share their harvest at this event.

Along with showing how some of the challenges of climate change and peak oil can be addressed in your own gardens, with seeds and seedlings to take home.



The Blacksmith's Arms pub will also have a range of local beers and members of the group will be on hand to give advice on growing your own food.

## Harpenden Street Food Festival

**Sunday 28 September**

**Harpenden Town Centre**

From 10am there's the ever popular Farmers Market to whet your appetite for the big event of the day which starts at 11.30 on Church Green opposite the market. Here you will find all that's best about food and drink from Harpenden businesses, set out around the Cookery Theatre. You'll be able to grab yourself something to eat or drink, take a seat and enjoy a demonstration from a top chef, cook-off competitions and much much more.

**Time:** 10am - 4pm

## Hertfordshire Wine School's - Introduction to the world of wine

**Wednesday 24 September**

**County Club, 29 Ridgmont Rd, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 3AG.**

If you like wine, but want to know more this evening is for you. We will taste at least six wines from around the world, learn how wine is made and look at major grape varieties in a relaxed setting. Booking essential.

**Time:** 7pm

**Cost:** £22.50 Book online at [www.hertfordshirewineschool.com](http://www.hertfordshirewineschool.com)

## Lusmanns' Pop-Up Restaurant

**Sunday 5 October**

St Peter's Street, St Albans (located near the Cookery Theatre by The Old Town Hall)

As part of the St. Albans Street Festival, Lusmanns will be hosting a pop-up restaurant offering a reduced menu of Lusmanns' classics.

## Macmillan Tea Party in the garden

**Friday 26 September**

The Old Cock Inn, 58 High St, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 2SP

Garden Tea Party to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Yummy Mummy cakes will be donating cakes which will be available to buy as part of the tea party. People are also invited to bring along photos of their loved ones to be placed on the memory board.

The Old Cock Inn will also be holding a Disco from 8 pm on this evening.

**Time:** 12pm - 4pm

## Mayor's Charity Tasting Evening

**Thursday 2 October**

Poggenpohl Showroom, 100 London Road, St Albans, AL1 1NX

Enjoy a 3 course taster menu prepared by local chefs from local restaurants. A welcome glass of Prosecco will be provided by Flagship Wines, St Albans, while you relax and watch what the chefs prepare before being given a sample of the food to try. There will also be an auction with prizes. Proceeds from the event will go to the Mayor of St Albans City and District Council's charity. 'The Dream Foundation'.

**Time:** 7pm for a 7:30pm start

**Cost:** £20 each. Tickets available from the Tourist Information Centre.

**Web:** [www.enjoystalbins.com/foodanddrinkfestival](http://www.enjoystalbins.com/foodanddrinkfestival)



## Mushroom Market

**Sunday 5 October**

Carluccio's, 7-8 Christopher Place, St Albans, AL3 5DQ

Bustling outdoor mushroom markets will be taking place around the country, displaying a wide variety of fresh, dried, wild and cultivated porcini. Hosted by Carluccio's experts, the events are the perfect opportunity to smell, touch and taste a number of varieties, and get advice on how to cook and experiment with them. The Mushroom Market, in St Albans, takes place outside our restaurant on 5 October.

**Time:** 10am - 6pm

## Music Academy Open Day

**Saturday 4 October**

Ye Olde Fighting Cocks 16 Abbey Mill Ln, St Albans, AL3 4HE

Ye Olde Fighting Cock invites everyone from 6 years and over to come along and have a go on a variety of musical instruments, including guitar, bass, drums and keyboard or show off your vocals.

**Time:** All Day

## South American Wine Tasting

**Thursday 25 September**

Freddie's Restaurant, 52-56 Adelaide St, St Albans, AL3 5BG

Come and join us for a 5 course gourmet dinner accompanied by regional South American Wine tasting.

**Time:** 6:30pm - 10pm

**Cost:** £34.95

**Web:** [www.freddies.org.uk](http://www.freddies.org.uk)

## Special Live streaming Open

**Mike Night**

**Friday 26 September and Friday 3 October**

Ye Olde Fighting Cocks 16 Abbey Mill Ln, St Albans, AL3 4HE

A night of live music, with all the music streamed live over the internet to a YouTube account via The Chiswell Studios website. Meaning if you can't be there you can watch it at home. Live!

**Time:** 8pm

## St Albans Street Food Festival

**Sunday 5 October**

St Peter's Street, St Albans, AL3 5DJ

**Web:** [www.enjoystalbins.com/foodanddrinkfestival](http://www.enjoystalbins.com/foodanddrinkfestival)

Come along to the St Albans Street Food Market for an opportunity to discover the diverse range of restaurants from around the City and District. There will be food and drink demonstrations at the Cookery Theatre and lots of stalls for you to try and buy tasty treats. With entertainment, including face painters, this will be a great family day out.

The event will be officially opened by Reverend Ann Hollinghurst and St Peter's Church Choir.

**Time:** 11am until 6pm

## St Albans and Harpenden Food and Drink Awards Evening

**Monday 6 October**

St Michael's Manor, Fishpool Street, St Albans, AL3 4RY

**Web:** [www.enjoystalbins.com/foodanddrinkawards](http://www.enjoystalbins.com/foodanddrinkawards)

Come and celebrate the St Albans and Harpenden Food and Drink Awards at St Michael's Manor with a 3 course meal and a welcome drink provided by Mokoko, St Albans or Flagship Wines, St Albans. Tables sit 10 people.

**Time:** 7pm for 7:30pm start

**Cost:** £35 each

Tickets available from St Albans Tourist and Information Centre.

## St Peter's Apple Day Fair

**Saturday 4 October**

St Peter's Churchyard, St Peter's St, St Albans AL1 3HG

The Fair will feature St Peter's small apple orchard in St Peter's churchyard which contains traditional and threatened varieties of Hertfordshire apple trees.

Apple juicing demonstrations and tastings will take place, and traditional ciders and some beers provided by the Blacksmiths Arms will be on sale.

There will also be a BBQ and Bouncy Castle, a toffee apple stall and an apple bobbing game. A number of charity stalls and a number of independent stallholders will also be in attendance.

**Time:** 11am - 2pm

## That Little Place's Local Mini Beer Fest

**Monday 29 September**

**That Little Place, 5 Station Rd, Harpenden, AL5 4SA**

That Little Place will be hosting a Local Mini Beer Fest. This is a chance to try a range of local special craft beers, both cask and bottled some of which are not available at other outlets. Entry includes local specialty bread from Redbournbury Mill, local and British cheeses, choice of 4 pints in halves of the only real cask-conditioned beers produced in the District: Ale Craft, Brewery of Bob, That Little Brewery, and Verulam. Other drinks are available at the bar.

**Time:** 6pm-10:30pm

**Cost:** £20

Tickets are strictly limited and available in advance from That Little Place - contact 01582 768925 for more details.

## The Courtyard Café

**Wednesday 24 September - Monday 6 October**

**The Courtyard Café, 11 Hatfield Rd, St Albans AL1 3RR**

In celebration of the Food and Drink festival, the Courtyard Café will have a special globally inspired menu with lots of innovative and healthy dishes to tempt all palates.

## The Hare and Hounds Music Events

**The Hare and Hound, 104 Sopwell Ln, St Albans AL1 1RL**

Throughout the week from **Monday 6 October to Friday 10 October**, The Hare and Hound will be hosting a series of Music Event.

For more details visit [www.hareandhoundsstalbens.co.uk](http://www.hareandhoundsstalbens.co.uk)

## The Jolly Sailor's Oktoberfest

**Thursday 2 - Monday 6 October**

**The Jolly Sailor 3 Stonecross, St Albans, AL1 4AA**

An Ale and Sausage festival featuring a variety of real ales and a large selection of sausages.

**Time:** All Day

**Cost:** Free

## The Old Cock Inn Beer Festival

**Friday 26 to Sunday 28 September**

**The Old Cock Inn, 58 High St, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 2SP**

The Old Cock Inn will be hosting a Local Beer Fest throughout the weekend, with locally brewed beers from Tring and Bedford breweries available.

## Paella Afternoon

**Sunday 28 September**

**The Old Cock Inn, 58 High St, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 2SP**

Enjoy Paella n the Garden, accompanied with live music.

**Time:** 12pm with live music starting at 2pm

## Tomoka Fine Spirits Tasting

**Wednesday 24 September - Friday 3 October**

**Tomoka Spirits Boutique, 5a Christopher Place, St Albans, AL3 5DQ**

You are invited to Tomoka to partake in the tasting of fine spirits. These tastings will run every week night from Wednesday 24 September to Friday 3 October, with each night focusing on a different spirit.

**Wednesday 24 September -**  
Scottish Gin

**Thursday 25 September -**  
Nikka Japanese Whisky

**Friday 26 September -**  
Scotch Whisky (Unpeated)

**Monday 29 September -**  
Vodka

**Tuesday 30 September -**  
Irish Whiskey

**Wednesday 1 October -**  
Port & Cheese

**Thursday 2 October -**  
Small Batch Gin

**Friday 3 October -**  
Scotch Whisky (Peated)

A 10% discount will be available on all products sampled if people wish to purchase them on the night.

**Time:** 6.30pm-7.30pm (A 2nd session from 8pm - 9pm depending on demand)

**Cost:** £5

Tickets available from Tomoka Spirits Boutique. Places are limited so please purchase your tickets early.



## The Verulam Arms Traditional German Oktoberfest

**Saturday 27 September**

**41 Lower Dagnall St, St Albans AL3 4QE**

The garden of the Verulam Arms will play host to a traditional German Oktoberfest. Long benches, home-smoked sausages, endless German beer, brass bands, lederhosen, German beer, sauerkraut and German beer.

**Time:** 12pm to 12am

## Wines of the World

**Friday 3 October**

**Abbot's Kitchen, Abbey Sumpter Yard, Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1BY**

The Right Worshipful the Mayor of St Albans City and District invites you to join him for an evening of wine tasting in the fabulous Abbots Kitchen to help raise money for the Mayor's Charity; The Dream Foundation. Sharing his expertise, knowledge and teaching you about wines from across the globe will be David Gill. David is a St Albans-based Master of Wine with over 30 years' experience in the Wine Trade. During his extensive career he has run a leading London wine specialist, was at the forefront of the boom in Bulgarian wine and was a wine buyer for a national supermarket.

David is delighted to share his knowledge of wines from around the world, with simple tips for drinking better for less.

**Time:** 7pm for 7:30pm start

**Cost:** £15 (all proceeds will go to the Mayor's Charity)

Tickets can be purchased from St Albans Tourist and Information Centre or St Albans Cathedral.



### Wine Tasting at Flagship Wines

Friday 26 & Saturday 27 Sept & Friday 3 & Saturday 4 Oct

Flagship Wines, 417 Hatfield Road,  
St Albans, AL4 0XP

Web: [www.flagshipwines.co.uk](http://www.flagshipwines.co.uk)

On Friday 26 and Saturday 27 September, join us at Flagship Wines to celebrate 10 years at 417 Hatfield Road, with a Champagne tasting.

**Time:** Friday 6pm - 7.30pm and Saturday 11am - 6pm

Alternatively, join us on Friday 3 or Saturday 4 October for a chance to taste wines from South America, including some delicious wines from Argentina and Chile.

**Time:** Friday 6pm - 7.30pm and Saturday 11am - 6pm

To book for any of these events contact Flagship wines at 01727 865309 or book via the website

### Wine Tasting Dinner

Tuesday 30 September

That Little Place 5 Station Road,  
Harpden AL5 4SA

That Little Place welcomes you to a Wine Tasting Dinner in partnership with Rollings Wine. There will be a 3 course dinner with 6 wines including sherry, white wine, red wine and dessert wine. The tasting will be led by expert Paul Rollings.

**Time:** 7pm (7.30pm start.)

**Cost:** £40

Tickets can be purchased from Rollings Wine, Station Road, Harpenden or phone 01582 769538 for more details.



# ST ALBANS CHRISTMAS MARKET

27<sup>TH</sup> NOV - 21<sup>ST</sup> DEC

Open 11am-6pm, Sun-Wed;  
and 11am-8pm, Thurs-Sat.

## IN THE GROUNDS OF ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL

✦ Fabulous chalet-style stalls ✦ Music and merriment

✦ Stunning location ✦ Bags of Christmas magic

✦ Visit Santa's grotto

Please visit [www.enjoystalbans.com](http://www.enjoystalbans.com)  
or call 01727 864511 for more information

 **St Albans**  
City & District Council

## Future Events



### Herts 10k Challenge

Sunday 12 October

The Herts 10K is a charity run, raising funds for Grove House Hospice.

Now in its ninth year, The Herts 10K promises to be as popular as ever, and with the event selling out for the last two years, we advise you to sign up early to avoid disappointment.

**Entry fee:** £17 (including race t-shirt and medal)

Register at - [www.herts10k.com](http://www.herts10k.com)

For more information contact – The event hotline on 01442 820741 or email [info@herts10k.com](mailto:info@herts10k.com)

### Flagship Wines Annual Autumn Wine Fair

Friday 17 October

Whether you are knowledgeable, new to wine or just want to find more wines to enjoy, the Flagship wines wine annual fair is a great opportunity to try many different wines while chatting to winery representatives.

Why not get a group of friends together to enjoy a fun evening of wine tasting. There will be a food and wine matching event, ideas for festive meals at Christmas and gift ideas including wine accessories and eye-catching gift packaging.

There will also be many special offers available on the night.

Tickets must be bought in advance and are available from Flagship wines and the St Albans Tourist Information Centre. Tickets may also be booked at [sales@flagshipwines.co.uk](mailto:sales@flagshipwines.co.uk)

**Venue:** St Albans Boys' School, Abbey Mill Lane, St Albans, AL3 4HB

**Time:** 7pm to 10pm

**Cost:** £15 per person, includes wine tasting and food.

### St Albans Fashion Week

Monday 27 October - Sunday 2 November

St Albans Fashion Week is back bigger & bolder than before. A week full of events will be taking place, PLUS two further catwalk shows, alongside our spectacular Cathedral Catwalk Show.

You are not going to want to miss out on this year's fabulous festivities.

Stay in touch with all the latest action on Twitter @StAFashionWeek  
[facebook.com/StAlbansFashionWeek](https://www.facebook.com/StAlbansFashionWeek)  
[www.stalbansfashionweek.com](http://www.stalbansfashionweek.com)

### St Albans Fireworks Display

Saturday 1 November

St Albans Cathedral presents the annual Firework Spectacular in Verulamium Park. The largest public fireworks display in the south of England, this veritable panoply of pyrotechnic craft is organised by the Cathedral in aid of local charities. Enjoy refreshments and entertainment in what has become one of St Albans' great family events.

You can buy tickets in advance from the Alban Arena box office or pay on the gate

**Web:** [www.enjoystalbans.com](http://www.enjoystalbans.com)



### St Albans Christmas Lights Switch On

Sunday 16 November

An afternoon and early evening spectacular of pantomime stars, street entertainers and fun for all the family. A fun fair for the children and plenty for the adults too! This event marks the start of Christmas shopping in St Albans. At the St Albans Christmas Market local traders and caterers kick start the festivities with seasonal themed menus, mulled wine and Christmas gifts available for people to buy. A welcoming, festive vibe will really get you in the mood for Christmas.

**Web:** [www.enjoystalbans.com](http://www.enjoystalbans.com)

### Harpenden Christmas Carnival

Sunday 23 November

This annual event which has grown year on year since its introduction is to be held once again in 2014.

The carnival will include a farmers market, fun fair and the Christmas Lights Switch On, and much more.

**Web:** [www.harpenden.gov.uk](http://www.harpenden.gov.uk)

### St Albans Christmas Market

Thursday 27 November - Sunday 21 December

This 25 day German style Christmas market will take place around the magnificent 11th Century St Albans Cathedral and in the Vintry Garden.

The stalls will be selling a range of high quality goods, from speciality food and drink to wooden toys, Christmas decorations, hand-made clothes and gifts. A great event to put you in the mood for Christmas.

**Web:** [www.enjoystalbans.com](http://www.enjoystalbans.com)

### Carols on the hour

Saturday 20 December

Take a break from the last-minute Christmas shopping and enjoy this special St Albans Cathedral event. Each service lasts just 30 minutes, enough time to sing some uplifting carols with the Cathedral Choirs.

On the hour, every hour from 11:00 to 16:00

**Web:** [www.enjoystalbans.com](http://www.enjoystalbans.com)

### St Albans Mummers

Friday 26 December

**Web:** [www.stalbansmummers.org.uk](http://www.stalbansmummers.org.uk)

For over 40 years the St Albans Mummers have performed their unique adaptation of George & The Dragon on Boxing Day in various locations in the City Centre.





# ST. ALBANS BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL



## 2014



24th–27th September

ALBAN ARENA, ST ALBANS, AL1 3LD



Up to 300 real ales, plus ciders, perries and foreign beers

Open: 11am – 11pm Wed 24th – Sat 27th September

Admission: £3 Wed – Fri, £4.50 Sat (CAMRA members free at all times)

Thursday night on stage: Swan Vesta Social Club

Rockin' the Arena on Saturday: Billington & Quinn (lunch) and Climax Blues Band (evening)



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