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GET YOUR HANDS ON FOOD FESTIVAL TRAILS TICKETS

As preparations continue for next month's Stratford Town Centre Food Festival, it's only a few days until you can reserve your tickets for the popular Taste and Ale Trails.

The trails are always a highlight of the event, giving people the chance to sample food and drink from many of Stratford's eateries and watering holes.



This year's festival takes place on September 23rd and 24th and there will be two Taste Trails and an Ale Trail on each day.

Each trail will involve 9 Stratford town centre restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs, leading locals and visitors who get involved, on a fun food-filled route through the town centre.

The trails are just part of what is set to be a fabulous free event, with a producers market spread

through the town centre as well as free food and drink demonstrations and workshops.

Trail tickets will be available to reserve from Monday August 21st. Visit <http://www.stratforward.co.uk/events/stratford-town-centre-food-festival/trails-2017> to reserve tickets, then pay cash on the day when you collect them.



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WI LITE STRATFORD RETAILERS HIT THE CATWALK IN FASHION SHOW

Local businesses are taking centre stage in a fashion fix set to hit Stratford next month.

The 7th WI Lite Stratford (WILS) Charity Fashion Show and Shopping Experience takes place on Tuesday, September 12th, with WILS models hitting the catwalks in the latest outfits from retailers Gemini, Landmark, Marks and Spencer, Rohan, Sipsy Lingerie, Suits You and VH & Co.

As well as the fashion show, guests will be able to indulge in a bit of retail therapy with everything from jewellery and handbags to lingerie and artwork on offer from boutique retailers and independent crafters.

There will also be a charity raffle and silent auction with prizes including a round of golf for four at The Welcombe Hotel, four tickets to a WASPS game at the Ricoh Arena and dinner for four at The Encore.

The evening, which takes place at the Artshouse, is sponsored by Wilde Nuts and Matthew Curtis Hair Design and will raise money for Zoe's Place Baby Hospice and Stratford-upon-Avon Samaritans.

Tickets are £12 which includes a glass of wine and can be booked online at

www.stratfordartshouse.co.uk or by calling the Stratford Artshouse box office on 01789 207100.

WILS is part of a new generation of WI groups, offering something to all women over the age of 18. The Stratford group meets on the second Tuesday of every month 7.30pm at Riverside, Tid-dington Road. Membership is £19.50.



CHARITY FASHION SHOW
&
SHOPPING EXPERIENCE
Tuesday 12th September
Stratford ArtsHouse
6.45pm Doors open for Shopping
7.30pm Fashion Show starts

Showcasing gorgeous collections from
**Domino, Gemini, Landmark, Rohan
Marks & Spencer, Suits You, VH&Co**

Tickets £12
Reserved 3rd Row Tickets £15

Tickets available from:
Stratford ArtsHouse
01789 207100
www.stratfordartshouse.co.uk

WILDE NUTS Sponsored by 
Matthew Curtis



In aid of:  **Zoë's Place
Baby Hospice**
Reg. Charity No. 1002545

 **SAMARITANS**
Reg. Charity No. 219432

Organised by
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 **WI Lite**
Stratford-upon-Avon
Reg. Charity No. 1135592

STRATFORD HOSTS BUSINESS FORUM BIG BREAKFAST

Stratford Crowne Plaza is the venue for this Friday's Stratford/Leamington Business Forum joint Big Breakfast.

The event, which starts at 7.30am, welcomes businesses from across both towns. Speakers include Paracyclist Mel Nicholls and the charity of the day is the Shakespeare Hospice and the meeting is sponsored by Middleman Calls.

More than 70 attendees have already booked to attend the event, which gives businesses the chance to showcase their company, network, and distribute marketing material. There is also a five-minute member spotlight which this week will be on BDR Voice and Data.

Anyone is welcome to attend, even if you haven't been to a #sbfBIGbreakfast before. Business Forum Members can also take guests.

To attend, visit <http://email.pinkjellymarketing.co.uk/t/j-l-ukurdyt-zcfiha-w/>

COUNTDOWN ON TO DUCK RACE

There's less than two weeks to go to the second Shakespeare Charity Duck Race.

The event, organised by Stratford Rotary, takes place on Saturday, August 26th at 2pm with 2,000 ducks set to take to the River Avon.

The race includes corporate ducks, allowing businesses to compete against one another, with BID member Stratford Alehouse winning the Duck Trophy last year.

There's still time to buy a corporate duck - if you want to be in with a chance of winning, visit www.mydonate.bt.com/events/shakespearecorporateduckrace.

For the rest of the race, individuals are in with the chance of winning a cash prize of £150, with £100 for second place and £50 for third. A fourth prize of a family ticket has been donated by Stratford Butterfly Farm.

All money raised will go to the Shakespeare Hospice's new Children and Young People's services and this year's Duck Race is sponsored by Puddle Ducks, one of the UK's leading swim schools for babies and children, with support from others including BID members Stratford Alehouse, Loddors Solicitors and Stratford Upon Avon Boat Club.

IT'S QUACKERS!

BUY YOUR TICKET FOR THE

SHAKESPEARE DUCK RACE

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST at 2pm

1st Prize £150 plus other prizes

DUCKS TO BE LAUNCHED AT LUCY'S MILL (OPPOSITE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH)

IN ASSOCIATION WITH STRATFORD-UPON-AVON BOAT CLUB

You can buy your tickets at **DAISY CHAIN GIFT COMPANY** at 7 Chapel Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6EP or **ROHAN 88** Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6EE or online at www.mydonate.bt.com/events/shakespeareduckrace2017

For Corporate ducks visit: www.mydonate.bt.com/events/shakespearecorporateduckrace

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ROTARY CLUB
of Stratford-upon-Avon
(Evening Group)

Corporate Ducks Available!

@StratfordRotaryClub **@StratfordRotary**

Dates for your diary!

If you have an event you would like us to list here please email Sandi - sandi@stratforward.co.uk

August

3rd Aug to 3rd Sept **Alice in Wonderland @The Attic Theatre (Cox's Yard)**
24th Stratford Races
21st **Food Festival trails tickets can be reserved.**
26th Stratford Rotary [Duck Race](#) in aid of Shakespeare Hospice.
28th Bank Holiday

September

3rd Dragon Boat Racing
Until 4th Sept Birmingham and [Warwickshire schools summer holidays](#)
Until 1st Sept Summer holiday activities for children at the [RSC](#)
7th to 10th Open Heritage Days
WC 11th **Stratforward Networking Event**
16th **New Place Garden @ Shakespeare's New Place**
22nd Yotam Ottolenghi and Helen Goh @ The Artshouse
23rd & 24th **Stratford Town Centre Food Festival**
26th to 3rd Oct Stratford Music Festival

October

1st to 31st Stratford Halloween Festival
11th & 12th Stratford Mop
18th to 21st **Hey Li'l Man @ The Bear Pit Theatre**
19th & 20th Stratford Runaway Mop

November

11th The Social Secrets of Fashion @ The Shakespeare Centre



23rd to 24th September 2017

www.stratfordtowncentrefoodfestival.co.uk



6th & 7th May 2018

www.stratfordfestivalofmotoring.co.uk



30th June & 1st July 2018

www.stratfordriverfestival.co.uk

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