

eatBute

Mount Stuart, Isle of Bute

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th September 2009

Mount Stuart Trust is pleased to announce that eatBute will take place at Mount Stuart on the Island of Bute, Scotland from Friday 11th September – Sunday 13th September, during Scottish Food Fortnight.

This event is a celebration of fresh, seasonal and locally-sourced food. It will showcase the finest produce from Bute and the surrounding areas of Argyll, as well as showing the importance of eating food that is good, clean and fair - in line with the values of 'Slow Food'.

eatBute is organised and promoted by Mount Stuart Trust.

Friday 11th September

There will be opportunities for guests and media to join a Bute Trail, touring the premises of some of the local industry premises, including Mount Stuart gardens and the Bute Fabrics mill.

A number of our guest chefs will make a return visit to the local school joint campus and talk to pupils and staff about the progress of their food initiatives in the 18 months since their last visit.

A private dinner, hosted by Johnny Bute, will be held in the Marble Hall of Mount Stuart to launch the 2009 event. As far as possible, all produce used in the preparation of the dinner will be sourced from within Argyll & Bute and our team of guest chef's, led by Skye Gyngell, will demonstrate how products found locally can be used to prepare a mouth watering feast.

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September

The eatBute Food & Craft Market will be officially opened at 11am, by a special guest, yet to be announced. Local farmers, producers and suppliers will be joined by food producers from Argyll and the surrounding areas to showcase and sell the very best local produce available. The Market will take place within the grounds of Mount Stuart and run from 11am – 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday.

In conjunction with the farmers market a programme of fun, food-themed family events, developed in association with local charity Achievement Bute, will run throughout the day. The events have been designed with the aim of educating children of all ages about the importance of sustainable food production in a fun, memorable and enjoyable way.

A number of ticketed events will also run throughout Saturday and Sunday, including cookery demonstrations and an interactive food lecture programme. Further details will follow.

eatBute will conclude on Sunday night with a Mount Stuart Ceilidh, in the Marble Hall.

Mount Stuart Trust

Mount Stuart Trust has a corporate social responsibility to our community, to support initiatives that are sustainable, eco friendly and educational. The event will focus on sustainability, biodiversity, traditions and culture linked with food on Bute and the surrounding areas. By encouraging producers, consumers and future consumers of the values of each of these topics, it is hoped that the future of local food production on the Island will be secure.

For further information or event images, please contact:

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Admission free to eatBute Food & Craft Market.