

## Green Festival 2009...What's on?

**This year you can look forward to two weeks packed full of fun family events and activities from 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

This year the Green Festival theme is Food! The launch day takes place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and will see the City Centre host three activity packed hubs – grow it, cook it, eat it. All launch day activities run from 10am-4pm, and are free and ideal for families.

Bridge Street will be transformed into a garden where people can plant vegetables and pick up tips from gardening experts from Garden Answers magazine and Garden News.

Step into the Cathedral Grounds and you'll see cooking demonstrations using delicious locally grown produce. There will be games like 'ready steady lunchbox', cooking workshops, recipe cards from Riverford Organic Vegetables to take away, and the chance to win pots, pans and other kitchen equipment.

Finally, in Queensgate and Long Causeway you can taste local produce from East Anglia – think watercress soup, cheesy spinach and tomato tart, rhubarb crumble and elderflower Champagne! You'll be able to meet local farmers and talk to them about why buying local is the best option for your health and your wallet.

The Festival launch will also see Junk Band Big Beat, who regularly play at the Eden Project, perform for Festival goers. The band will do three performances at 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2.45pm. The band will also be running workshops throughout the day for the City's youngsters to learn about making music using rubbish.

There will be fruit tree planting at the Green Backyard on London Road, and the chance to win a fully stocked garden shed! The beautiful and usually private Deanery Gardens will be open exclusively to the public for the Green Festival launch on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Enjoy a guided walk from the Cathedral's gardeners.

### Other Festival highlights:

Date	Event	Venue	Other information
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Activities will be held in Queensgate Shopping Centre between 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May.	Queensgate Shopping Centre	Events will include cooking demonstrations, health advice and gardening workshops.
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> and Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Wet and wild	Flag Fen	Learn about nature, this event is ideal for families.
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May , 2.30pm	Chop 'n' Chat (learn how to cook a delicious healthy dish with the expert Chefs from Riverford Organic Vegetables)	Sacrewell Farm	Booking is essential: Janine Starling 01733 567254 or janine.starling@pect.net
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May, 6pm	Swishing (posh clothes swap, ladies only)	Peterborough Museum and Art Gallery.	Booking is essential: Janine Starling 01733 567254 or janine.starling@pect.net

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May, 2pm	Eco-fashion show with ESP Magazine.	Queensgate Shopping Centre	Re-fashioned clothes and jewellery, dresses made from rubbish, organic, Fairtrade, vintage and retro items.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Professional bike race	City Centre	Organised by Opportunity Peterborough this will see world class cyclists from across the UK take part in a professional race in the city.
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Green Festival finale party hosted by Riverford Organic Vegetables	Sacrewell Farm	To book your places call the farm on 0845 367 1159 or email: <a href="mailto:summerparty@rivernene.co.uk">summerparty@rivernene.co.uk</a>

**Find out more:**

Visit [www.pect.org.uk/greenfestival](http://www.pect.org.uk/greenfestival) to find out more or call Lisa Taylor on 01733 568408. You will be able to pick up your copy of the Green Festival programme at the beginning of April from Tourist Information, Peterborough Museum and your local Library.

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Notes to Editor

1. **Peterborough Environment City Trust (PECT)** is a charity set up following Peterborough's designation as a UK Environment City in 1992. PECT carries out research and implements practical projects to protect and improve the environment. Our mission at PECT is to lead and support the city in delivering growth and regeneration in a truly environmentally sustainable way. As a successful charity we work with a wide variety of stakeholders to make a difference for our environment – through innovation, enterprise and commitment to action on the ground. PECT has a strong track record of delivering projects of regional and national significance. It has a staff of 35 working on initiatives from green spaces to business environmental management to sustainable communities and lifestyles.

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