

FESTIVAL GUIDE



Vanlife Eats

Festival

2025



DIRECTIONS

HOW TO GET HERE



Dummer Down Farm
Dummer Down Lane
Dummer
Basingstoke
RG25 2AR

Main entrance: what 3 words:
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Follow signs for the Cricket Center

Important! Please don't upset the neighbours by driving throguh Dummer village!
Access is easier and more van friendly if you come off the A30.

SITE INFO

Tickets

Your tickets have been emailed to you during the order process. Please check your spam if you cannot find them.

Upon arrival please have your QR code ready to scan this must match your vehicle registration number. Any problems please email us immediately at hello@vanlifeeats.com

Parking

You will be asked which area you would like to park in on arrival. Please park up your vehicle sensibly in the space directed to you by the parking steward. For everyone's safety we would like to avoid vehicles moving around during the event. If you do need to move for any reason you must only do so with the assistance of a festival marshall.

BBQ's & Firepits

Both fires and BBQ's are permitted on site but both must be elevated from the ground for everyone's safety and as not to damage the grass. Please take care and be responsible with fires and have an extinguisher close by if possible.

Both fires & BBQ's **MUST** be attended at all times and need to be completely out before retiring for the night.

Dogs

Dogs are very welcome at the event. We ask that they are kept on leads when in the festival area as some vanlifers have cats etc which may be exercising. This also reduces the chance of dog poo not being picked up.

Campervan showcase

There will be an area for show vans to park, but this will be a relaxed showcase, there are no timings. Please respect people want to enjoy their weekend too and so may not be available for visitors.

Pitches

There are a number of camping areas, in the loud area, music will be allowed to continue after 11.30pm. In the quieter camping areas there is a noise curfew of 11.30pm. Awnings are allowed.

Rubbish & Waste

This is our chance to prove Vanlifers are responsible and mindful of our environment! The last 4 years the litter picking team were redundant as there was no litter - let's do the same this year!

Rubbish bins are placed around the farm, all waste is separated into waste & recycling after the event. So please place all waste in the bins. If bins are full at the end of the event please take rubbish with you.

Please note there is no grey water disposal.

Glass

Please note for safety of visitors and our furry friends glass is not permitted on site.

Toilets

Please use toilets respectfully. Please do not empty toilet cassettes into the toilets. Anyone found doing this will be asked to leave. There will also be accessible toilets.

No Elsan Point

Sorry but there are no elsan points at the farm. Please ensure you have emptied before your arrive so that you do not get caught out.

Water

There are several drinking water points located around the main field.

First Aid

We have very little first aid expertise on site and so we ask you to be mindful of this. We will have a first aid kit in the Vanlife Eats van should you need some basic assistance. The nearest hospital is 6 miles away, Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospital.

Dummer Down Farm is a family run farm and as such we need to respect the family and their space. There is an area indicated on the map as The Spinney. This is a very sentimental garden for the family and is strictly out of bounds. No-one must enter this part of the field. Thank you.

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FRIDAY

THE KASBAH STAGE

2PM - VANLIFE EATS WELCOME TALK & IMPORTANT EVENT INFO

LIVE MUSIC

4:30 PM LUKE EDNEY

7:00 PM GEORGE CROUCHER

9:30 PM 80S MOVIE THEME DISCO

MAIN FIELD

2:30 PM CURRY SCHOOL WITH EMILY OF CHAAT FOOD TRUCK

3:30 PM ARGENTINA'S BEST KEPT SECRET WITH JAMIE

6:00 PM PASTA WORKSHOP WITH MARK OF VANLIFE EATS

THE COPSE

7:00 PM WINE TASTING *BOOKABLE

9:00 PM POEMS AND STORIES WITH MARK STANTON

ALSO

SILENT DISCO * HEALTH & WELLBEING ACTIVITIES * FORAGING WALKS *
SURVIVAL SKILLS * BUSHCRAFTING * KIDS ENTERTAINMENT * BOUNCY CASTLE
* AIRSOFT SHOOTING RANGE * ARCHERY * FACE PAINT * LATE NIGHT FIRE PIT

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SATURDAY

THE KASBAH STAGE

10:00 AM LET'S TALK ABOUT FOOD - PANEL DISCUSSION
11:00 AM BAKE OFF CHAMPION TONI
1:00 PM BAKE OFF ENTRIES IN
2:00 PM SOLO VANLIFE Q&A - VANLIFE WITH LUCI
2:30 PM BAKE OFF WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT
3:00 PM URSULA FERRIGNO - ITALIAN COOKING DEMONSTRATION
5:00 PM BLIND TASTE CHALLENGE

LIVE MUSIC

6:30 PM SPENCER FLAY
9:30 PM MIDBAR AVENUE

MAIN FIELD

9:00 AM DOG AGILITY
12:00 PM HUNGRY BEAR BBQ MASTERCLASS
1:00 PM THE BIG PICNIC - FEATURING THE BLIGHTY BELLES
4:00 PM BLUEFIX ENERGY - VAN ELECTRICS
8:30 PM THE GREAT SAUSAGE CHALLENGE

THE COPSE

4:00 PM MELISSA
6:00 PM SELF BUILT STORIES
7:00 PM WINE TASTING *BOOKABLE

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SUNDAY

THE KASBAH STAGE

10:00 AM WILD GUIDE - MOROCCO

11:30 AM FAMILY VAN LIFE Q&A WITH SLOWLY WILDING

2:00 PM TWO VANS TRAVEL - 18 COUNTRIES. 9 MONTHS. 2 VANS. 1 DOG

LIVE MUSIC

3:00 PM BLACKSTONE JONES

5:30 PM CHIP PAULY

7:00 PM BADGERFOX

9:30 PM COPPERHEAD

MAIN FIELD

9:00 AM DOG AGILITY

10:00 AM DOG SHOW

12:00 PM COBB COOKING DEMO WITH VANLIFE EATS

1:00 PM THE BIG BANQUET - FEATURING MAUDS DOG

2:00 PM RIDGEMONKEY DEMO

4:00 PM BEARHUG CAMPERS - VAN CONVERSIONS

5:00 PM CHILLI SAUCE CONTEST - JOHNNY HOT SAUCE

6:00 PM KAREN TROTT COOKING DEMO

8:30 PM BRUCE'S CHOCCY CHALLENGE

THE COPSE

11:00 AM WANDERING WARRIOR TAGINE COOKING

3:00 PM MAUDS DOG ACOUSTIC SET

6:30 PM THE ROAD WITH TWO SPOONS Q&A TRAVEL TALK

7:15 PM WINE TASTING *BOOKABLE

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Food & Drink

THE BIG PICNIC

Saturday afternoon will see vanlifers gather together for an epic picnic! Enjoy the live music to really get into the festival spirit. Grab your picnic & a blanket and meet us in front of the copse at 1pm Saturday! See you there!

Alcohol

Alcohol is permitted at the festival and we have an excellent bar providing you with beer, wine, cocktails and mocktails! The on-site brewery will be selling locally sourced craft beers and ciders & there will be a local gin distillery.

BBQ's & Firepits

What would camping be without a BBQ? We would love you bring your own BBQ or firepit, but we ask you to please respect the farmers field that we are using and only use elevated ones as not to scorch the field. I'm afraid we will have to be strict on this and we will ask you to put out any BBQs or firepits that are not elevated.

Caterers

We will have amazing caterers this year serving delicious food. There is also a farm shop on-site and some amazing local traders. The coffee can will be back with their delicious coffees and baked goods.





celebrity chef



URSULA FERRIGNO

We're thrilled to welcome Ursula Ferrigno, celebrated Italian cook and food writer, to the stage. Ursula will be sharing her passion for Southern Italian cuisine, showing how the simplest, most humble ingredients can be transformed into dishes bursting with flavour and heart. Expect warmth, knowledge, and plenty of delicious inspiration as she cooks live and brings the traditions of Italy to life.



HOUSE POINTS



Throughout the event there will be loads of opportunities to earn points for your team — it's not just about who cooks best or wins the games, it's about getting involved, showing spirit, and making the weekend unforgettable. So jump in, have fun, and help your house climb the leaderboard!

YOU CAN EARN POINTS BY:

 **Food Challenges** — Join in the cooking competitions and show off your creative side.

 **Dance Moves** — Hit the dancefloor and impress with your rhythm, energy, or just pure enthusiasm.

 **Movie Quiz** — Put your knowledge to the test and bag points for your house with the right answers.

 **Bake Off** — Bring along your best homemade treat and wow the judges.

 **Social Media Spirit** — Post photos or videos from the event and tag [#vanlifeeatsfestival](#) as well as your team's hashtag (e.g. [#vanlifeeatsaubergine](#) or [#vanlifeeatscarrot](#)). The more buzz you create, the more points your house can scoop up.

 **Random Acts of Awesomeness** — Helping out, spreading good vibes, or doing something that makes everyone smile could see you bag unexpected bonus points.

It's all about community spirit, so the more you take part, the more your house thrives. Even small things can tip the balance and help your team come out on top.

WHAT'S THE PRIZE?

So what's in it for the winners? The house that comes out on top will receive an exclusive token companion — a quirky little sidekick to join you on all your future road trips. Think of it as a mascot, a reminder of your victory, and a travelling buddy that keeps the community spirit alive wherever you go. Intriguing, right?

MEET YOUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

Upon arrival to this years Vanlife Eats Festival you will be presented with a sorting bag and fate will assign you a house!

Which of these crazy loons will be your house captain?



Beth - YouTube @TheHillsExplore

Team Aubergine 🍆

Alex - Youtube @MispronouncedAdventures

Team Carrot 🥕



Carl - Youtube @BuiltnotBoughtCampers

Team Tomato 🍅

Nic - Youtube @nicroams

Team Avocado 🥑



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PASTA WORKSHOP



Want to learn to make fresh pasta? Now is your chance to get hands on and learn the art of traditional italian pasta making.

Ingredients included!

learn a new and unique recipe that is the perfect addition to your campervan kitchen repertoire.

How it will work....

We have a limited number of workstations where you can simply rock up and start cooking along.

Should you find there is not a free workstation, how about bringing your own table over and we will give you some ingredients so that you can still join in.

At the end of the workshop you will be taking away some fresh pasta to cook in your van.

Need inspiration on what dish to make with your pasta? Don't worry Vanlife Eats will show you an inspirational new dish.

*You will need some parmigiano Regianno cheese for the bonus recipe.



**INGREDIENTS
FOR PASTA
INCLUDED**



ARTISAN MARKET

We have an amazing artisan market lined up! This will be open Friday through to Sunday and there will be different traders each day, so be sure to go back and check what's new. Stalls will be selling products from vanifiers, local crafters, local produce and small businesses. Please note not all stalls will be able to accept card so please have some cash. You are sure not to come away empty handed!

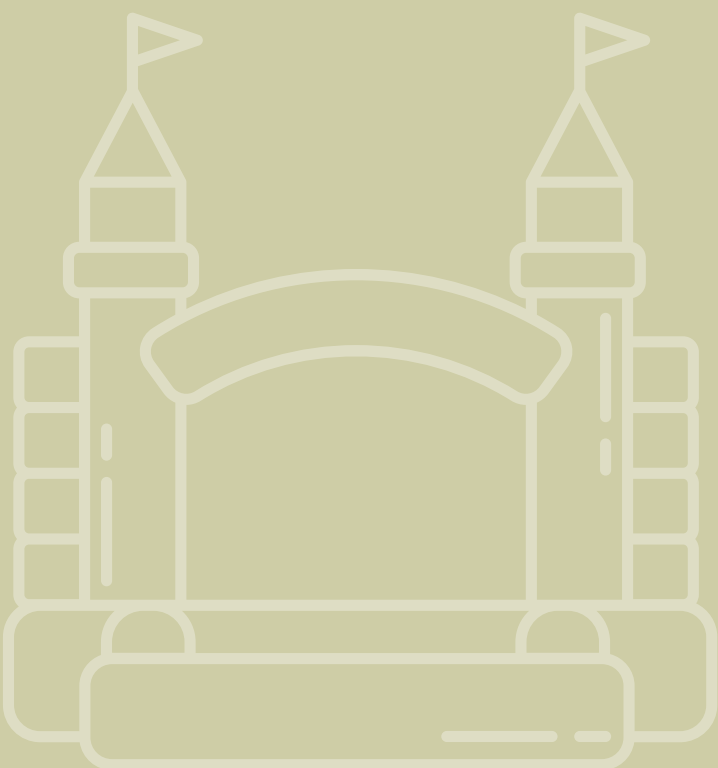


Local
Produce

The farm is a safe and welcoming space for children, with plenty of room to run, explore, and play.

And yes — we know the real highlight for most kids is the giant bouncy castle. That's why we're bringing back the ginormous inflatable favourite again this year, ready for hours of nonstop fun!

FOR THE KIDS



SHOW VANS

There are always some STUNNING vans at Vanlife Eats!

If you would like to show-off your van at the show, we've made this easy..

Showing your van

When you arrive let the staff on the gate know that you would like to show your van and they will direct you to the show area.

You will be given a green flag which you should display outside your van when you are happy for people to come over and look. If you are away from the van or having a nap then remove the flag.

Viewing vans

Please look out for the green flag. If the flag is not on show then the owners would like some privacy.

If you see the flag then the van owners are happy for you to go take a look.



Tag your weekend

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DRESS UP FOR

80'S MOVIE NIGHT

Dress as your favourite
80s movie character



Win a Vanlife Eats Hamper!

FRIDAY NIGHT



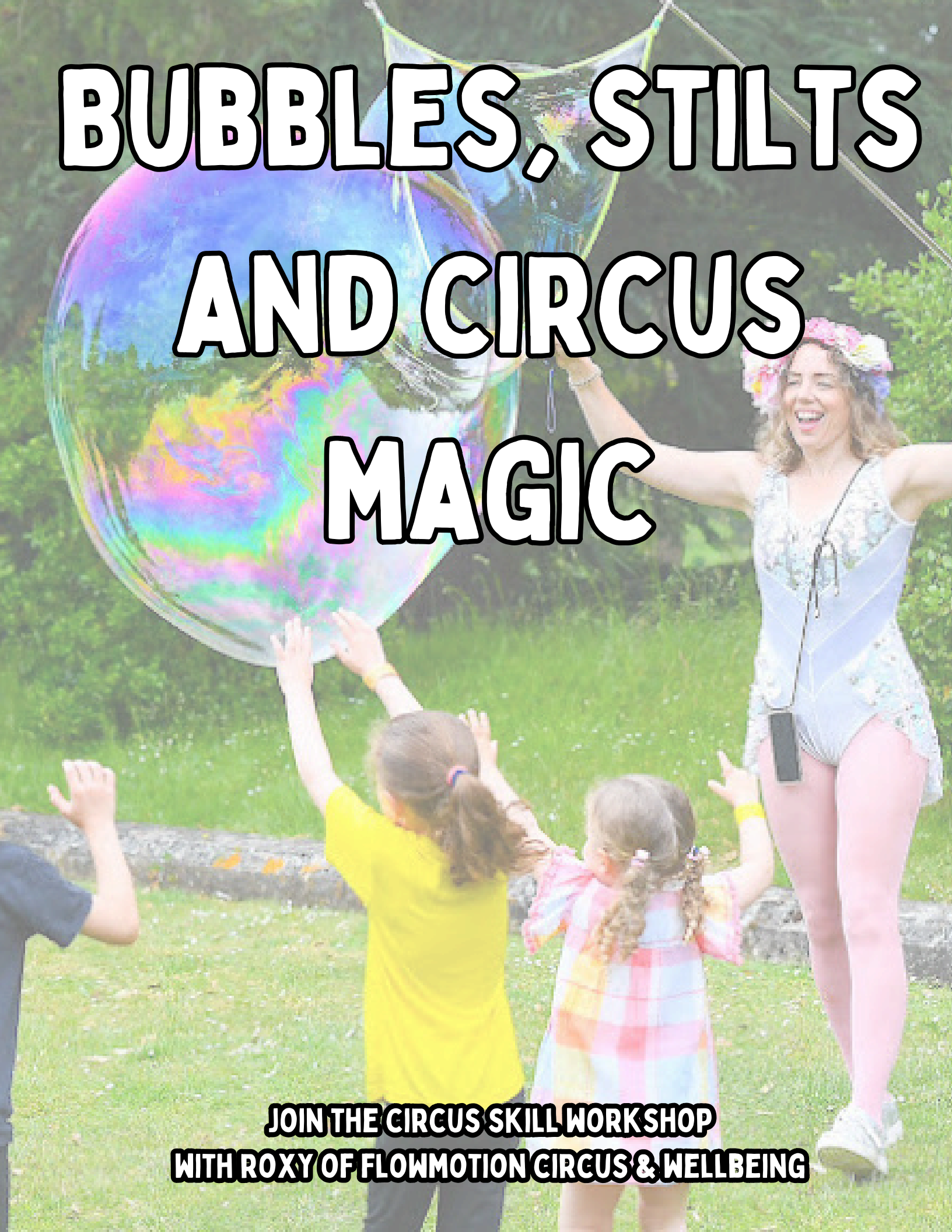
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BUSHCRAFT &
REWILDING
EXPERIENCES

**Nic
Roams**

**Visit the Retreat Wild
Stall To Signup**

BUBBLES, STILTS AND CIRCUS MAGIC



**JOIN THE CIRCUS SKILL WORKSHOP
WITH ROXY OF FLOWMOTION CIRCUS & WELLBEING**



The Vanlife Eats Legendary **BAKE OFF!**



Get baking in your van and lets see who can be this years Bake-Off Champion!

Bakes are to be ready for 1pm
Saturday

Bring your bakes to the
designated table in the Kasbah

**Judged by last years winner
and the snack bandit herself!**

Emily
Camper Vibe

Toni
Campervan Codgers



THE BIG PICNIC

THE BIGGEST PICNIC IN
VANLIFE HISTORY

BRING A PICNIC AND JOIN US
ALL ON THE MAIN FIELD AT
1PM SATURDAY FOR ONE EPIC
PICNIC

FEATURING MUSIC BY THE
BLIGHTY BELLES





Learn new cooking techniques or simply dribble and drool!

- ✓ Celebrity Chef - Ursula Ferrigno
- ✓ Pasta Workshop - Vanlife Eats
- ✓ Argentina's Best Kept Secret - Jamie Garnett
- ✓ BBQ Masterclass - The Hungry Bear
- ✓ Curry School - Chaat Food
- ✓ Vanlife Cooking - Karen Trott
- ✓ Omnia Cooking - Vanlife Eats
- ✓ Van Bakeoff Champ - Toni Trowell
- ✓ Firepit Cooking - Matt Evans
- ✓ Tajine Cooking - The Wandering Warrior
- ✓ RidgeMonkey Demo - RidgeMonkey
- ✓ Cobb Demo - Vanlife Eats



COOKING DEMOS

THE BIG BANQUET

WE LOVE HOW FOOD BRINGS
PEOPLE TOGETHER, AND WE
CONSIDER THE VANLIFE
COMMUNITY FAMILY.

SUNDAY AT 1PM LET'S LAY THE
BANQUETING TABLE, BRING A
PLATE AND EAT TOGETHER AS
FAMILY.

FEATURING MUSIC BY MAUD'S
DOG





LIVE MUSIC

**Copperhead
Midbar Avenue
Spencer Flay
George Croucher
Luke Edney
Chip Pauly
Badgerfox
Blackstone Jones
Mauds Dog
The Blighty Belles**





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ZONE**

THE COPSE

Everyone's favourite area at Vanlife Eats Festival!



What's on in the Copse?

- ✓ Busker Zone
- ✓ Wine Tasting
- ✓ Picnic Area
- ✓ Evening Dinner Zone
- ✓ Adventure Stories
- ✓ Magic & Romance!

Area Sponsored By

**CONVERSION
Virgins** 

WINE TASTING

Picture this: the sun setting, fairy lights twinkling in the trees, and a glass of premium wine in hand — all enjoyed in the charm of our beautiful woodland copse.

Join us for an evening of discovery with 6 hand-picked wines, perfectly poured for a guided tasting experience. Enjoy great company, nibbles and take home your own tasting glass— all for just £15 per person.

This is a non professional wine tasting event and is design to introduce Vanlife Eats Festival guests to new premium wines each with a flavour profile to talk about. The experience is about atmosphere, fine wine and great company.

To Book please visit the Vanlife Eats Information Stand



Bruce Bogtrotter's

Chocey Challenge

Sweet!

Gooley

Who will win?



Win a

Vanlife Eats

Hamper



To enter sign up at the vanlife eats information point



CHILLI SAUCE CONTEST

This year we are turning up the heat by partnering with Johnny Hot Stuff and offering yet another chance to win a Vanlife Eats Hamper!



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WHITES™**
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THE SAUSAGE OLYMPICS

Brought to you by the gold award
winning Porky Whites Sausage!

Watch as team mates battle it out... with
a sausage!

Yet another chance to win a tasty prize!



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THE HOUSE RULES

Welcome to the Sausage Olympics!

Your house will compete head-to-head in a series of sausage-themed challenges. Step up, spin the wheel, and see what sausage fate has in store for you!

🎯 How It Works

- Houses take turns sending one player forward.
- The player spins the Sausage Roulette Wheel.
- Whatever the wheel lands on is your challenge.
- All challenges are solo only – no help from your teammates.
- If you want to give up, simply place the sausage on your forehead and wave it.

🏆 Scoring

- Completing a challenge earns points for your house.
- Giving up earns no points.
- Every attempt counts – so give it your best shot!

👑 House Captains

While you're competing, your captain is in the middle playing their own bonus challenge. Every time they succeed, they'll add extra points to your house score – so make sure you cheer them on!

🏆 Winning

The house with the highest total score at the end of the games will be crowned champions of the Sausage Olympics!

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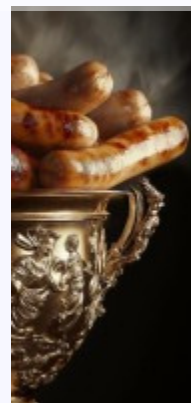
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TRIAL



IF YOU NEED ANYTHING AT ALL...

There will be an organisers office onsite where you will find help with anything relating to the festival. Marshalls will be in high vis jackets and will be happy to help.

If you see us at the Vanlife Eats van...

COME SAY HI!



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