



## Festivals and Events Trail

### Alcester & Forest of Arden Food Festival

Alcester

<http://www.alcesterfoodfestival.org.uk/>

**Saturday 18 May 2013 9 am – 5 pm**

Alcester really puts the flags out for visitors! There is nothing they like better than putting out the bunting, closing the High Street to traffic and having a ball. All the shops will be contributing, the cafes will be on the pavements, pubs will be thronged and our exhibitors will be giving it their all. And everything will be local. There will be cheeses, pies, breads, cakes, fresh and cured meats and sausages, fruit and vegetables, a pig roast and ox roast, handmade chocolates, local beers and wines and as many local food products as we can squeeze on to the stalls.



### Stratford upon Avon Fringe Festival

Stratford-upon-Avon

<http://www.stratfordfringe.co.uk/>

**Saturday 25 May – Sunday 2 June 2013**

The Stratford Fringe is a 9 day celebration of performance and modern culture that take places in venues such as pubs, on the street and in theatres around town. Programme of events available nearer the event.



### Stratford upon Avon River Festival

Recreation Ground, Stratford-upon-Avon

<http://www.stratfordriverfestival.co.uk/>

**Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 July 2013**

The 2013 River Festival provides something for everyone, from live music to a range of varied stalls, market traders, delicious food and drink outlets, as well as street entertainment around Stratford upon Avon



### Global Gathering

Long Marston Airfield, Campden Road, Stratford upon Avon CV37 8LL

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

**Friday 26 – Saturday 27 July 2013**

The UK's premier dance festival, Global Gathering, will be celebrating its eleventh year this summer with its most spectacular production to date. 50,000 people are once again expected to congregate at the Long Marston Airfield to soak up the incredible atmosphere created some of the worlds most prolific DJs and bands.



### Shipston Proms

Shipston-on-Stour

<http://www.shipstonproms.org/>

**Friday – 21 June – 6 July 2013**

Jazz, blues, folk, rock and classical performers are amongst the acts that are appearing at this two week Shipston Proms music festival, which begins on Friday 21 June 2013. The Shipston Proms aims to cater for all tastes and this year will be no different with an eclectic mix of artists, both local performers and world renowned talents. This unique series of events is entirely organised by local people and as well as offering live concerts, the Proms also organises educational events such as school workshops with musicians.



### **Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations**

Stratford-upon-Avon

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

**Saturday 20 – 21 April 2013**

This is a unique event that has been taking place in Stratford for nearly two centuries. The tradition brings together the local community, professional and amateur performers and artists and ambassadors from around the world in a vibrant celebration of the life and works of Stratford favourite playwright. There is a packed programme of activities.

### **Stratford-upon-Avon Halloween Festival**

Stratford-upon-Avon

<http://www.seekthemagic.org/stratfordhalloweenfestival/index.html>

**Monday 1 - 30 October 2013**

Stratford's 6<sup>th</sup> annual Halloween Festival.

### **Stratford-upon-Avon Literary Festival**

Stratford-upon-Avon

<http://www.stratfordliteraryfestival.co.uk/>

**Sunday 21 April – Sunday 5 May 2013**

Celebrating its 6th year in 2013, **The Stratford upon Avon Literary Festival** is a delicious mixture of debate, ideas, celebrity author events, workshops and humour. Alongside this is a programme of education events in Stratford and local schools involving favourite authors, poets and illustrators, entertaining and inspiring children from 2 to 18.

The Stratford Literary Festival is the highlight of the regional calendar and one of the most significant literary festivals in the UK, attracting thousands of people who share one passion: a love of books, writing and reading.

### **Stratford-upon-Avon Food Festival**

Stratford-upon-Avon Race Course

<http://www.stratfordfoodfestival.co.uk/>

**Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 September 2013**

The 2013 seventh annual Stratford Food Festival will be the biggest and best yet - moving to a larger site to cope with rapid growth and aiming to attract a record 20,000 visitors to the town. Stratford-based main organisers, Showplace Events, have announced that **Stratford Racecourse** will be the venue for the 2013 festival on 14th and 15th September. See the website for more information.