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Make the Chocolate Box Bettys Cookery School, Harrogate, North Yorkshire 5 May

Learn the delicate art of making chocolate with a brilliant workshop. Chocolate connoisseurs can join an expert chocolatier for a one-day course. Have a go at making chocolates with indulgent fillings, and end the day with a selection of hand-crafted chocolates to share with friends and family at home. www.bettvscookerv

school.co.uk/our-courses

Bluebells Bazaar The Green Island Gardens, Ardleigh, Essex 6-7 May

The woodland at the gardens in Park Road becomes a carpet of bluebells and azaleas come late spring. See these natural wonders and fantastic floras while enjoying the bazaar selling local products, and supporting the National Garden Scheme at the same time.

www.visitcolchester.com





Althorp Food and Drink Festival Althorp, Northamptonshire 6-7 May

Althorp Estate, the home to Earl Spencer's family for more than five centuries, and the final resting place of the late Princess Diana, hosts a celebration of producers and suppliers in Northamptonshire and its surrounding counties. The entertainment includes talks, tastings and cookery demonstrations and live music. www.althorpfoodand drinkfestival.com

Warton Hall Open Gardens Warton Hall, Lytham, Lancashire 6-14 May

Relax under a 400-year-old weeping hornbeam tree in the gardens of a Georgian manor house, set in 4 acres of garden with a bluebell woodland walk. Beyond the sculpture trail and garden art, new additions include a Japanese water garden and an art and craft studio, so there is plenty to do while wandering through the grounds. Creative workshops are also available to book.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ warton-hall-open-gardens



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Seashore Foraging River Cottage, Axminster, Devon 9 May

The British seaside can be a great source of food, and this one-day masterclass will help to demonstrate how to make the most of what it has to offer. Participants will learn to safely identify, gather and cook food from the beach and sea, while exploring the Devon/Dorset coastline. www.rivercottage.net/ cookery-courses/fish/ seashore-foraging

RHS Malvern Spring Festival

Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire 11-14 May

The festival presents gardens of every shape, size and theme, as well as international leading nurseries displaying their blooms. Contributors will offer guidance and advice on the best plants, which will also be available to buy.

www.threecounties.co.uk/ rhsmalvern





Yaxley Festival Yaxley, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire

12-14 May

A music festival, country show, classic car meet, funfair and heritage fair, Yaxley Festival is a free party and family entertainment event. It claims to be a gathering which defies categorisation, embracing community, heritage and sport. www.yaxleyfestival.info

Ceramic Bowl Workshop Stanwick Lakes, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire

13 May

A one-day ceramic bowl course, perfect for introducing the traditional skills necessary to make a small, round pottery bowl. Working with white earthenware clay, discover how to hand build the bowl, add decorative coils and glazing techniques before the piece is finally fired in the kiln.

www.tradingplaces crafts.org.uk

