



Woking Food & Drink Festival 2013

Advertising Feature



Shane Cooke with his family after his demonstration...



... and the dish he produced.



Ripley chef Steve Drake during his demonstration.



Claire Alexander-Brown, right, and Ally Molyneux from Tante Marie, with their Peach Melba macaron St Honore.



Pickled Quail with Pumpernickle Toasts.

Area's top chefs delight the crowds

TOP chefs from across the area helped to take visitors to this year's Woking Food & Drink Festival on a culinary adventure around the world as they demonstrated their skills in the kitchen.

Some chefs were giving their first ever live cookery demonstration, including Steve Tremblay, executive head chef at the McLaren Technology Centre in Woking.

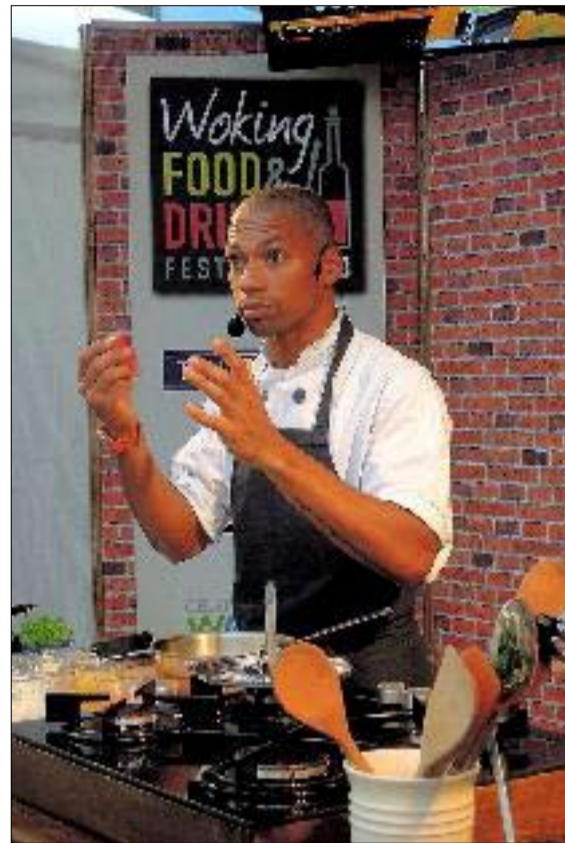
Father-of-two Steve, who has also worked as a chef for Simon Cowell and singer Beyoncé, told the audience at the Tante Marie Culinary Academy Theatre how lucky he was to have been blessed with some fantastic work over the years, but was now happy to be spending more time with his family thanks to his exciting role at the F1 Woking factory.

Guildford chef and regional Roux Scholarship 2013 finalist Shane Cooke spoke passionately about his recipes and cooked up a storm with a pan-fried mackerel dish, while Steve Drake of Michelin-starred Drake's restaurant in Ripley and his commis chef Emily Smith impressed visitors with three dishes, venison, grouse and a pig's cheek.

Steve said: "The demonstration was really nice, it felt quite intimate with all the stalls around the demonstration theatre."

"We had a few people ask questions, people are always so interested when you do demonstrations."

Ben Piette, semi-finalist of BBC One's MasterChef in 2011 and now the proud owner of Old Woking restaurant, London House, talked



BBC MasterChef semi-finalist Ben Piette.

fondly about how food was nostalgic for him, including his late granddad's eggy bread, Papy's Pain Perdu.

Tante Marie staff Claire Alexander-Brown, Ally Molyneux and Alex Brady thrilled audience members with their talents, including sugar spinning techniques for the beautiful Peach Melba macaron St Honore.

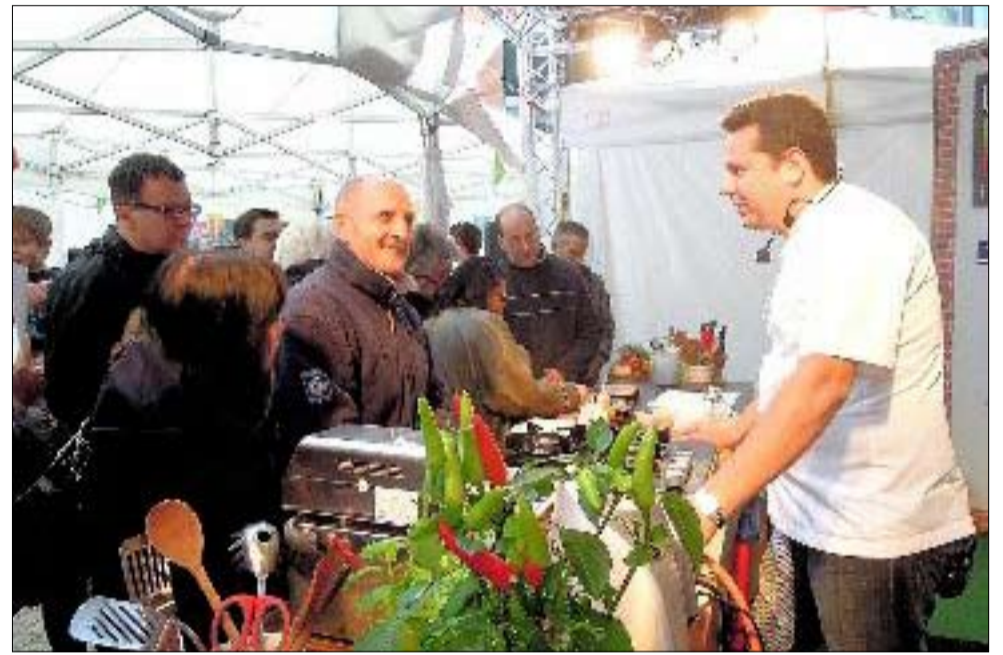
And there were some unusual techniques cooking with hay in the kitchen when Fernando Stovell, of Stovell's

restaurant in Chobham, took to the stage and skilfully created a foie gras dish, watched by many restaurant regulars who had grabbed a front row seat to see him at work. The interactive sessions gave shoppers watching the chance to pick up some top tips and question the chefs.

The Woking Advertiser will be running a special feature of recipes demonstrated by the Tante Marie staff in What's On starting next month.



Steve Tremblay with some dishes he made during his demonstration and some willing tasters.



Fernando Stovell at work...



... watched by an appreciative crowd.



Delicious creation at work on the Tante Marie Academy Theatre.

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