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JUNE FEASTS & FESTIVALS IN RUTLAND

Now that summer has arrived there are many things to do for all ages in **Rutland**: families, couples, singles and groups can enjoy a wide variety of events from farming to food and drink, sport to arts and crafts, music to storytelling and much more.

Rutland County Show, [June 3rd] one of the oldest agricultural shows in the country is on a 150-acre site on the edge of **Oakham**. It has a traditional feel with horses and ponies, livestock classes (where cattle, sheep and pigs are shown to compete for 'best of breed') show jumping and main ring entertainment, plus heritage exhibitions. Fabulous local food and drink, great shopping and entertainment ensure a great day out for country loves and "townies" alike. Free carparking and free entry for children.

The National Water Sports Festival [June 8th – 10th] on Rutland Water caters for novice and intermediate water-sports enthusiasts, participating instead of just spectating. Try windsurfing, paddle boarding, sailing, kayaking and **have fun** on or off the water – beach parties with live music are legendary. Previously held on Hayling Island, this event is now the largest of its type in the country and well worth visiting.

Uppingham Feast Day [June 17th] is held annually in the centre of this ancient and attractive little market town – fun for all ages. The Market Square Town Hall and High Street will be full of live entertainment including music & children's storytelling. Hot and cold food stalls offer an opportunity to sample something new. Craft stalls and a traditional street market will add to the enjoyment of a fun filled day.

Oakham hosts **Rutland Food and Drink Festival** [June 24th] with many stalls selling hot and cold food from local producers to celebrate the **County of Good Taste**. Based around Oakham Castle, the Market Place and Victoria Hall live music create a happy, "buzzy" atmosphere throughout the town, and the ancient Buttercross becomes a bar with locally produced drinks. This is the 2nd of three festivals to be organised by Oakham Town Partnership in 2018.

Oakham Festival [June 26th – July 1st] has been celebrating and promoting the performing arts since 1989 – bringing laughter, music, dance and theatre to the area. They are delighted to welcome **Miles Jupp**, a patron and a former student at Oakham school. On the programme is an unforgettable 'Fawlty Towers' dining experience, Proms in the Park, events in Oakham Castle and much more.

The **CAMRA Beer Festival** [June 28th – July 1st] will be held in **Rutland County Museum**, with around 40 beers, 10 real ciders and perries, and possibly English wines which have proved popular in the past. Food will be traditional rustic fayre with *gently*

entertainment in the back ground. Entry is free to card carrying CAMRA members. Some of the Oakham pubs are likely to join in the **Ale Trail**.
For opening times look at the website and then check train times and local bus services.

If none of the above appeal, tour the beautiful countryside and visit **Rutland Open Studios** [June 2nd – July 1st, weekends only]. The county has many talented artists and crafts people working from their individual studios; happy and proud to show off their work or take commissions. You will find sculpture, pottery, stained glass wood, photography, paintings, prints, textiles, jewellery and cards – definitely **NOT** mass production.

Multum in Parvo (much in little) is a very appropriate motto for England's smallest county, so **have fun, stay a while** and **Discover Rutland!**

Further details of all these events can be found at www.discover-rutland.co.uk

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