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KENTFORD MUSIC AND FOOD FESTIVAL SUPPORTS LOCAL ANIMAL CHARITY

The owners of The Kentford Cock Pub have announced that its inaugural Music and Food Festival will proudly support local charity, the Animal Health Trust (AHT). A proportion of monies raised from the festival will be donated to the charity and a team of AHT representatives will be onsite to talk to festivalgoers about their work to fight disease and injury in animals.

The festival, being held at The Kentford Cock on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 August, is the first festival of its kind to be held in the village of Kentford, just outside Newmarket, and will host an amazing line-up of artists and live cookery demonstrations from local chefs.

Mrs Emma Coward, Landlady at The Kentford Cock, said: "Everything about the Kentford Music and Food Festival has a local theme. We wanted to showcase local bands and restaurants and support our local charity; the Animal Health Trust.

"The Animal Health Trust does so much incredible work treating animals locally, as well as research which benefits animals across the UK, so we really wanted to include them in the festival and help generate more exposure for this great charity.

"We hope people will come out and support the event, and also meet the AHT team to find out more about their amazing work. I was blown away by what I saw when I visited the charity recently! You can also donate to the charity when buying your tickets through our website."

Festivalgoers will also be able to support the AHT at the event by buying tickets for the AHT's summer raffle. The top prize is a Victoria Pendleton series bike, signed by the Olympic champion! All of the money raised will go straight into supporting the AHT's research projects which help animals all over the country to fight disease and injury.

Dr Peter Webbon, Chief Executive of the AHT, said: "We're delighted to be the benefiting charity for the Kentford Music and Food Festival. Despite having been based in the village for more than 60 years, not that many local people are aware of our work and the important difference we make for horses, dogs and cats across the world. This gives us an opportunity to let them know just what a special charity we are!"

The festival will feature many local acts, as well as providing a one off opportunity for stars from further afield to play in the area. By showcasing local restaurants in the Foodies' Corner the festival will offer something for everyone to enjoy.

Emma added: "We've also just refurbished our children's play area so this will be a great day out for all the family. We're expecting in the region of 1,000 people to attend the festival over the two days, so make sure you buy a ticket before they sell out!"

Headlining the festival will be 90's boy band 911 with a special solo performance from 911's lead vocalist Lee Brennan, and 2010 X Factor contestant Gamu.

Local acts include Lewis Mokler; a 20 year-old singer songwriter from Newmarket, Cemetery Junction; a five-piece rock band from Moulton and the Simpletones; 2013 winners of the Cambridge Band Competition, as well as artists from London, Bristol and even Scotland!

The festival is being supported by singer songwriter John Mclaughlin, whose brand new music label, The Boombox, is the main sponsor of the event.

Live cookery demonstrations will take place over the weekend in the Foodies' Corner, where local chefs from Newmarket's: The Pantry, Thai Street Café, The House Collection - Paddocks House Newmarket, to name just a few, will be sharing their tips, techniques and favourite dishes.

Chefs from Bury St Edmund's Pea's Porridge and Valley Connection will also be joining in the fun in Foodies' Corner, plus Thos Peatling fine wines will be offering wine tasting from their selection of fine and rare wines over the weekend.

The Little Chicks Den will provide entertainment for the children with appearances from Peppa Pig and her brother George, face painting and cookery classes.

Tickets cost £40 for a full weekend adult ticket or £25 for a day ticket. Discounted rates are on offer for teenagers and children under 12 go free. Tickets are available from The Kentford Cock Pub, The Rocking Rabbit Gift Shop in Newmarket and from www.kentfordmusicfest.co.uk.

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Please credit all images to the Animal Health Trust.

Photos:

Pictured are The Kentford Cock's landlady Emma Coward and the AHT's Francesca Harper at the site of the inaugural Kentford Music and Food Festival.

Additional notes:

- The **Animal Health Trust** is an independent charity, employing over 200 scientists, vets and support workers. It aims to improve the health and welfare of horses, dogs and cats through research. It also provides specialist referral services and continuous education to vets. Visit our website at www.aht.org.uk