



## A feast of festivals

Celebrations of the royal vegetable have already begun at the British Asparagus Festival in the Vale of Evesham (April 23 – June 21, [britishasparagusfestival.org](http://britishasparagusfestival.org)). There are guided “Asparabus” tours and an asparagus auction at The Fleece Inn.

At Wykham Park Farm in Banbury, Oxfordshire (May 22-25, [wykhampark.co.uk](http://wykhampark.co.uk)) you

can visit asparagus fields, see the grading and packing line, try samples and learn new recipes.

On May 23 there is an asparagus fair with hot bacon and asparagus baps and cooking demonstrations at Claremont Farm in Wirral, Cheshire ([claremontfarm.co.uk](http://claremontfarm.co.uk)). Asparagus Weekends are planned throughout the season at nearby Mere Brook House, where you can learn all about the vegetable and the best ways to enjoy it.

Jazz up your greens at the Asparagus and Music Festival in Coggeshall, Essex (June 6-7, 01376 563953), or visit the Dorset Asparagus Festival at Corfe Mullen (throughout May, [coventryarms.co.uk](http://coventryarms.co.uk)) or the Meltons Too Asparagus Festival in York (May 8-21, [meltonstoo.co.uk](http://meltonstoo.co.uk))

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