

Alresford's Eurofest 1992

Sunday 12th July

Noon until 8.00 pm



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Alresford's historic Broad Street took on a continental air on Sunday as residents turned out in their hundreds to join in the fun of the town's Eurofest.

Café tables lined the street, residents and visitors alike enjoying lunch or liquid refreshments whilst

listening to music.

Local organisations, under the banner of the Chamber of Trade, had joined together to put on a day of fun for everyone to celebrate entry into the single European community.

Festivities began at noon, as the Eurofest was opened by BBC South Today and Radio Solent presenter Sally Taylor, together with colleague Mark Longhurst, who sent up a shower of baloons. Nick Kingsford and Alistair Dilley welcomed the crowds in every one of the languages of the countries of the EEC

Chamber chairman, Jan Robb, said the day had been made possible by the efforts of many people. She spoke of a wider European community in which Alresford, an energetic, outward-looking town, was eager to play its part.

She thanked the sponsors and praised traders and businessmen who had taken part, with special mention for Nick Kingsford, David Birmingham, Sue Gentry and Alistair Dilley, who had worked hard since January.

Euro-MP, Edward Kellet-Bowman, there to join in the fun,congratulated everyone on putting on such a good show.

Everyone had entered into the spirit of the event. The Swan Hotel became a Greek taverna; The Bell was offering John Bull Specials, including jellied eels and cockles and mussels, while in Broad Street, the Horse and Groom was an Old English pub with traditional roast beef.



The queue for food at a barbecue laid on in Broad Street by the Old School House Restaurant never seemed to get any shorter, whilst El Pigador's (Alresford Pigs) offer of "amazing tapas" was also popular.

A "bouncy castle" was in the garden at the rear of Hunters, where a children's tea party was held later in the afternoon. Alresford Twinning Association offered crêpes, whilst the Rotary Club and the ladies of the Inner Wheel sold Italian ices and enticed all-comers to "be photographed in a gondola".

Bishop's Sutton Village Hall Committee offered Dutch fare and New Alresford WI's "Eurotunnel" had demonstrations of continental flower arranging, painting, lace, and broomstick crochet.

Perin's School represented Germany, with students offering a five-minute German lesson, whilst the Community Association picked Denmark and offered a free draw for two air tickets to Denmark, courtesy of Maerskair.

There was entertainment throughout the afternoon, with music from Winchester Brass Band, the Chris Walker Quintet and Perin's School Band, plus Scottish dancing and country dancing from the two Sun Hill schools.

Jugglers Matthew and Dunn featured fire-eating, while the Turn on the Taps Appalachian dancers gave two displays of tap dancing.

Shop window displays featured other countries. The library had a splendid display representing Ireland; Eddolls, the United Kingdom; Portman Building Society, Greece. There was others featuring Portugal, several the UK, whilst Styles China Shop chose Denmark.

In George Yard, there was a display of ten cars from 1920's to 1960, put on by the Allsorts Motor Club.



Organised by the Alresford Chamber of Trade & Commerce







The Swan Hotel became a Greek taverna

STARTERS

Pitta Bread £2-50 Choice of dips: Taramasalata, Humous, Tzajiziki

Greek salad £2-95
Feta, olives, served with a Greek dressing

MAINS

Moussaka	£4-50
Fish casserole	£4-95
Greek kebab	£4-75
Kalamari	£3-95

The above dishes are served with salad and Greek potatoes

DESSERTS

Baklava	95p
Orange slices	£1-50



What is a Eurofest?

As midnight strikes on December 31st 1992, a single European Community will come into existence, changing for ever the way 340 million people live their lives.

Hampshire County Council, in partnership with the European Commission, is organising a European Festival in the county to celebrate this important time, with the main festivities centred around 4-19th July.

Through these celebrations, it is hoped that people from all walks of Hampshire life will understand better the meaning of the Single European Market and the opportunities it will present.

The Alresford Chamber of Trade & Commerce has put together a very special day for the town.

Alresford will look wonderful, festooned with bunting and with exhibits depicting nearly every country in the European Community.

We are delighted by the support and sponsorship that we have received from local schools, organisations and businesses to make this Eurofest day possible.

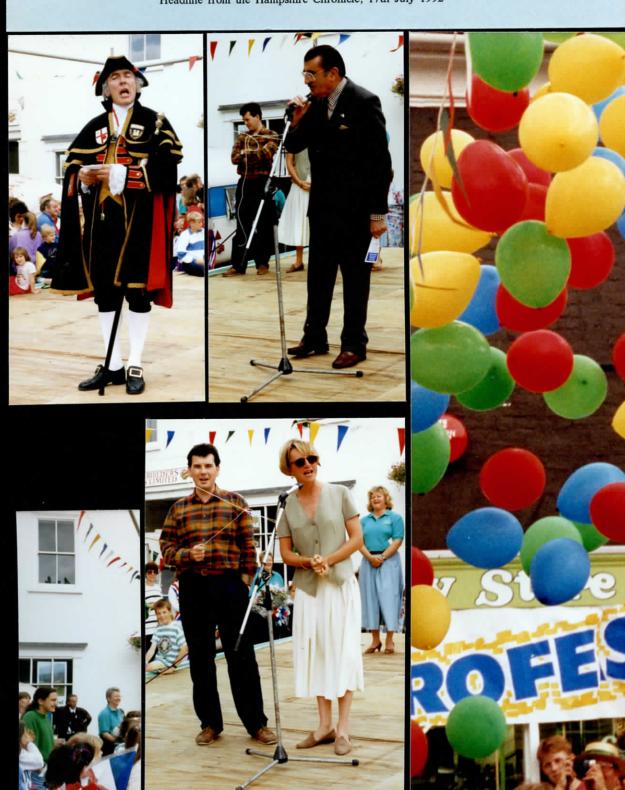
Come and join us on Sunday 12th July and enjoy good food, good music and great entertainment.

Look forward to seeing you.

Jan S. Robb

Chairman, Alresford Chamber of Trade & Commerce

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And all afternoon enjoy exhibits on –

4–5.30 Tea Party at Hunters for the 7's and under

France, Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Denmark, Benelux, Germany, Ireland and the United Kingdom.











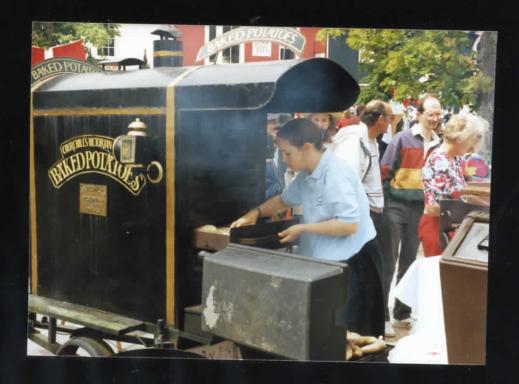








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Gone native...Alresford Pigs did brisk business with their 'El Pigadors' bar at the town's Eurofest celebrations on Sunday. Hogging the limelight (left to right) are:
Tony Marshall, Richard Chatwin, Alistair Williamson and Keith Rogers