

Sourdough stars in the spotlight

As UK sales of avocado on toast soar, the hunt is now on for Britain's finest sourdough. Sourdough is the most popular of the categories at the nation's leading bread celebration **Tiptree World Bread Awards with Brook Food** www.worldbreadawards.com

With our brunch market now worth a massive £13bn annually and rising, the sourdough loaf is central to this astonishing success story. One bakery in Cumbria, Lovingly Artisan, has seen sourdough sales go from 200 a week to 4000 in just six years. While Waitrose has seen sales rocket by a third in the last year alone.

The Sourdough category is sponsored by **Brook Food who are the UK's leading supplier of new and refurbished bakery equipment**. Passionate about the bakery industry and proud to pass on this enthusiasm to their customers Brook Food supply machinery to all sectors of the baking industry, offer consultation and design services and run bakery courses in their state of the art test facility.

"We are delighted to be sponsoring this category," says Ann Wells, Marketing Director of Brook Food. "Sourdough is so popular these days and allows bakers to demonstrate their skills and passion more than any other type of loaf, it's a pleasure to sponsor and judge in this category which showcases dozens of some of the best examples coming from top bakers and many ends of the industry"

A tsunami of sourdough from across the country will make its way to Cathedral Westminster in September, to be tasted by our stellar panel of judges, this year including for the first-time legendary baker Richard Bertinet, as well as Andrew Whitley, founder, Real Bread Campaign and John Foster, of BBC2's Victorian Bakers.

<http://www.worldbreadawards.com>

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Editors' Notes:

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Carr's Flour Mills - When Jonathan Dodgson Carr founded the company in 1831 he knew that to make the best bread you need the very best flour. Today Carr's combines the latest technology with centuries-old milling skills to produce flours of the very highest quality and consistency. www.carrs-flourmills.co.uk

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Shipton Mill, the Gloucestershire water mill, specialises in ancient wheats and organic flour and is sponsor of the Real Bread Campaign category. Founded by John Lister, Shipton Mill traces its origins back to a flour mill on the same site in the Middle Ages. "We are long-standing supporters of the Campaign and it is the perfect match for us." <https://www.shipton-mill.com>

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