



## Food Wine

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## History lessons

The Woodenbridge Hotel, in the Vale of Avoca in Wicklow, is celebrating its 400th birthday! For many years the hotel was a popular staging post for merchants engaged in commerce between Dublin and the south east. Eamon De Valera spent his honeymoon at the hotel and Michael Collins also stayed at the hotel while engaging in secret meetings with senior British Army officers in February 1922. During this birthday year, the Woodenbridge Hotel will be re-introducing some original, historical dishes into its bar and restaurant menus, complete with the context and background for each dish. See [www.woodenbridgehotel.com](http://www.woodenbridgehotel.com) for more.



Wine writer Jancis Robinson will be give a one-day wine course at Ballymaloe Cookery School on Saturday 4 October in aid of Wine Relief, the wine-related fundraising arm of Comic Relief. To secure your place, or for further information see [www.cookingisfun.ie](http://www.cookingisfun.ie) or call +353 (0)21 464 6785. The day will cost €250, and should book fast.