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October's byte

This month we have news of a chef's competition, an Italian adventure, a restaurant refurb and some fantastic fund-raising.

Authentic Italian cooking

Ian Carter (Chef at Lyreco in Telford) arranged a one-to-one cookery lesson with Italian chef, Paola Farber, during a recent holiday in Tuscany.

Paola (pictured with Ian) co-owns [Ristorante alla Pieve](#) in the small village of Pievescola. Paola has worked in Michelin starred restaurants in Germany and has also been a personal chef to Nicole Kidman.



Ian spent the morning preparing tagliatelle, tortellini and ravioli from scratch and also made the sauces to accompany them. Later that day, Ian returned to the restaurant with his wife Alison to eat the fruits of his day's labour. Apparently the food was delicious.

Since returning to work, Ian has been practising his new skill and has put in a request to Santa for a more sophisticated pasta maker!