

# Bridport pizzas at the London Olympics?

STREET food specialists Jalopy Pizza could win the chance to trade at the London 2012 Olympic Village after being shortlisted for a national award.

The family run wood fired pizza business has been chosen as a finalist in the British Street Food Awards 2011.

Having been trading on the streets of Bridport for the past two years, the family's hard work has

been rewarded.

Owner Katherine Locke said: "We are so thrilled to be a finalist in the awards. We were approached by the organisers who have their spies out across the country looking for innovative street food ideas".

The idea for Jalopy Pizza was started after a trip to the South of France, where mobile wood fired pizza vans are a familiar fixture.

Katherine thought it might be possible to recreate the same thing here in the South West of England.

The van itself, a vintage Peugeot J7, was imported from Montpelier, where it had been used for thirty years.

The van, which Katherine believes is the only one in use in the country, uses an authentic Ephrem wood fired oven, which achieves temperatures of up to 450 degrees

and cooks the pizzas in approximately two minutes.

Due to the success of the business the family have now bought a second Peugeot J7, which they intend to use for small festivals and events this summer.

The overall winner of the British Street Food Awards 2011 will be announced in September and will win the right to trade in the Olympic village during the London 2012 Olympics.

Jalopy Pizza began trading again

for the summer on Friday of last week. Thursday nights they will be in Beaminster Square and Friday nights they are located at St Michael's Trading Estate in Bridport. To find out more visit [www.jalopypizza.co.uk](http://www.jalopypizza.co.uk)

## New art works for Town Hall

FOUR local artists and makers have been appointed to work with community groups to create permanent art works as part of the Bridport Town Hall Heritage and Conservation project.

These art works will reflect the history and heritage of the town but also be functional and integrated into the building.

Local stonemason Karl Dixon is going to be working with students from Colfox School to develop designs for an artwork within the Purbeck stone floor in

the new entrance area. Karl's work is well known within the town but his approach to this project is a little different to his best known local stone carvings.

Petter Southall, a highly acclaimed cabinet maker who also runs the Sladers Yard Gallery in West Bay, will be engaging with young people who are not in employment, education or training to make the reception desk for the new ground floor space.

St Michael's based signwriter, Jemma Thompson will be creating a design to be

etched onto the glazed entrance door as well as regilding the weather vane on the top of the clock tower.

Community artist Darrell Wakelam will be running a series of workshops with local disability groups and young parents to create a permanent art work for the interior of the new lift. Inspired by the local rope and net industry the work will focus on the history of the Town Hall.

Activities Coordinator, Crystal Johnson, said: "From the outset we wanted to develop a

project that would be of the highest quality and completely unique to Bridport. So many projects of this kind simply use off the shelf solutions to interior design, but with the hugely talented artists and makers we have in the local area, we wanted to take the opportunity to create something really special that truly reflects both the history and character of Bridport."

All of the art works will be on permanent display in the Town Hall when it opens to the public at the end of the year.



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