



The Hundred Parishes

Introduction to a famous local person . . .

JAMIE OLIVER (born 1975)

Jamie Oliver was brought up in Clavering, where he and his family lived above the Cricketers pub and restaurant. It was there that he first learned to cook. He went to Clavering Primary School and then Newport Free Grammar School.

Jamie trained as a chef in London before being recruited to present a television cookery programme, *The Naked Chef*, which ran from 1999 to 2001. A cookery book with the same title was published in 1999 and became a best-seller in the UK. Many more books have been published since and Jamie has regularly presented television series based on cooking and food.

For many years, Jamie has been a campaigner for healthy food and for quality school meals. In 2002, he founded the Jamie Oliver Food Foundation, a charity that encourages people to make better and more-informed food choices. The Foundation also recruits unemployed young people from challenging backgrounds and trains them for careers in the catering industry. This programme was the basis for a television series and led to the development of the Fifteen restaurant chain. Around 120 apprentices completed the training programme in its first ten years.

For his services to the hospitality industry, Jamie was awarded the MBE in the Queen's 2003 Birthday Honours.

Jamie's career as a restaurant owner, celebrity chef, television presenter, author, advertising personality and food campaigner continues to flourish in the UK and around the world. His television programmes have been broadcast in over 100 countries and his cookbooks translated into 30 languages.

Jamie lives in Finchingfield with his wife and five children. In 2013 he was recruited by Visit Essex to promote the county as a tourism destination.

Further information: Jamie Oliver's website: www.jamieoliver.com

