



THE GUILD OF JAM AND PRESERVE MAKERS

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There has just been so little time to compile newsletters I'm afraid - daughter-in-law Tania went on maternity leave which meant we were very thin on the ground so I have concentrated on keeping The Guild of Jam and Preserve Makers up to date in terms of the law, and in redeveloping the website to include even more features and relevant - and sometimes vital - information. Do take a look around if you haven't visited [The Guild](#) website for some time. There are lots of new pages and plenty for Artisans especially.

Great Guild News for All

For the foreseeable future your [Guild membership](#) will continue without further charge so, you have all paid a fee to join and there will not be an annual renewal unless we suddenly hit further unsurmountable costs. We want to encourage as many people to join as possible and for the membership to get actively involved in various projects as they arise. So, if you joined two years ago - you are still a current member and can access all of the services we are building up - we think you won't get a better bargain today.

Sugar Content



You may not be aware that it is now a legal requirement for Artisan producers to state the sugar content of their products on the label. This needs to be calculated for the product by the use of a refractometer with readings taken over several batches. We offer a good quality [refractometer](#) on the Guild website at a reasonable price for the high spec of the instrument. There are lots of models available on the internet as well but please be sure to buy one calibrated for jam.

Insurance

If you are a budding Artisan preserve maker then you are maybe looking around for professional insurance. The Guild has negotiated with a local insurance broker in Stamford, Lincolnshire, who has put together a package of all of the elements you will require at a very advantageous price. The Guild doesn't benefit financially from making this recommendation but we feel it is important to uphold and even raise standards within our professional community. If you are interested in finding out more then give Kevin or Paul a ring a [Coversure Insurance](#) - they are a father and son family business and extremely pleasant to deal with.

Labelling

If you are having problems with labelling your products the Trading Standards have supplied us with a printable PDF which gives the necessary guidelines. It is expensive to commit to print and so you don't want to be making any mistakes - print off the [labelling PDF](#) and check out the details.

We also have a petition for you to sign up to which will enable us to lobby parliament to allow changes in the labelling regulations so that artisanal products will be labelled much more clearly making their superior ingredients obvious to the consumer. One hundred thousand signatures are required so we will need to mobilise the whole preserving community! Sign up to the petition [here](#)

Sign Off

There will be lots more news from The Guild - delivered much more regularly from now on! You can use [the noticeboard](#) on the site or get in touch with us about anything preserving - or anything in fact

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