

Marc Meltonville

BIOGRAPHY



Marc Meltonville was first commissioned to work for *Hampton Court* in 1991, for the reconstruction of the Tudor Kitchens and then for the first attempt at using that space for experimental work. In 2003 **Marc** took over the project co-ordination of the Historic Kitchens of *Hampton Court Palace* and in 2006 an experiment to look at the three centuries of occupation of the Royal kitchens began under **Marc's** direction. Years of research have gone into the new kitchens at the palace and now they are being used to cook Tudor Court food once more.

After originally training in Ceramic history, form and construction, **Marc** went to work in the media, firstly in advertising and then the writing of children's books, with 20 books in print to date. Now he appears on TV and radio as a guest expert as well as researching historical recipes for other shows and for chefs such as Heston Blumenthal.

Marc's television and radio appearances include *Tales from the Palaces*, *Heston Blumenthal's Perfect Christmas*, and *The Great British Bake Off* for BBC 2. *A Tudor Feast for Christmas* for BBC & UKTV Food, and *The Hidden Palace of Henry VIII* on the *History Channel*, *If Walls Could Talk* for BBC4, *When Royals Wed* for BBC 1, *Sunday Brunch* on Channel 4, and *Secrets of the Manor House: Secrets of Henry VIII's Palace* for the PBS network in the USA.

Most recently **Marc** appeared in the December 2014 special *Mary Berry's Absolute Christmas Favourites* on BBC2, and *Hidden Killers of the Tudor Home* on BBC Four in January 2015. He is currently working as a consultant on several new shows for the BBC, Channel 4, and Welsh language channel S4C.

Marc has sought out historic recipes and cooking methods, travelling all over the world in his research. Most recently he has received high praise and described as having an "encyclopaedic knowledge of food history" by Chef Heston Blumenthal for the work he did on his October 2013 book, 'Historic Heston'.

Marc has also gained a reputation as an engaging guest speaker and is regularly invited to host talks in France, Canada and the USA as well as around the UK.

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