

## **Chat Moss Herbs Newsletter Spring 2009**

The food show season has started again and we have just done a three day event at Chester Race Course a great success for us, thanks to everyone who bought our products.

There have been a number of developments at Chat Moss Herbs; we have introduced a new vegan range of dips, which have been very successful. They are Tomato, basil and chilli dip, Roasted pepper, tomato and chilli dip and Coriander, lemongrass and chilli dip, instead of cheese we use pumpkin seeds in the two tomato dips and pumpkin seeds in the Coriander dip – yummy! We have regular orders from the Unicorn in Chorlton and the Eighth day in Manchester, and must take this opportunity to say thank you to both customers for supporting and promoting our products.

We invested last year in a new Product Development room, dedicated for making and developing our range of vegetarian pestos and vegan dips. The area is completely separate from the herb production which minimises any risk of cross contamination.

We were recently short listed by Salford City Council for an excellence award which recognises commitment to training and development. We were down to the last four, and at The Lowry Hotel on the 30<sup>th</sup> April we came second, The Lowry Hotel came first, well done to them, but were absolutely thrilled with second place. Chat Moss Herbs can only achieve good things with the help and support of the rest of the staff, who all work incredibly hard, so a huge thank you to them for being part of this incredible journey.

Congratulation to all the staff that have recently completed NVQ's in various skill areas. For some staff the training is still on going so keep up the hard work. Thanks to Reaseheath College at Nantwich who have delivered all the training extremely professionally. Good luck to Katarzyna who recently went on maternity leave, and welcome to Jacob and Betty who have recently joined us.

### **Forthcoming Shows:**

Although we are seen at the big food shows such as Wirral and Tatton which are excellent shows for all you food lovers out there. We do a lot of

smaller events. Recently Colin did a small food event at Ramsbottom Civic Hall which was a great event, with a lot of local support. Promoting local products to local people is always the best way to sell food.

The next food show we are doing is in the Lakes on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May, then the Wirral on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August and then finally Tatton on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October, see you all there!