



The Society of<sup>®</sup>  
Food Hygiene  
and Technology

**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM,  
ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE

SOFHT  
**Summer** LECTURE & AGM

With Guest lecturer:

**Ian Thomas**

*Barrister at Gough Square Chambers, London*



***How Food Law Now Protects Our Health As Much As Our Safety***

**At this year's Summer Lecture, Barrister Ian Thomas of Gough Square Chambers will take us on a roller coaster food law journey starting with a review of historic laws and practices dealing with adulteration and safety.**

Ian will use this as the precursor to a discussion of contemporary law, policy and science which now aim to protect and promote the health of society as well as the safety of individuals. He will assess how food law is used to create a healthy society and consider whether this can ever be successful in the face of so many competing factors.

No presentation these days can avoid Artificial Intelligence, and this will feature during the lecture along with proposed changes in food regulation.

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This ever popular event brings together industry experts in an informal and relaxed setting to network, learn and discuss issues relating to food safety and quality and includes the SOFHT AGM where important decisions involving the running of your Society are taken, setting the direction for the following 12 months.

Due to the popularity in 2025, we will once again include a BBQ lunch for all attendees as well as providing the opportunity to experience the Arboretum facilities before the meeting commences.

**AGENDA**

13:00 - 13:30	<b>Registration &amp; welcome drink</b>
13:30 - 15:30	<b>BBQ, exhibition &amp; networking</b>
15:30 - 15:45	<b>AGM</b>
15:45 - 17:00	<b>Guest Speaker: Ian Thomas – <i>How Food Law Now Protects Our Health As Much As Our Safety</i></b>

*Located on the edge of the National Forest in Staffordshire, in the heart of the country, the Arboretum provides a unique difference; its meaning, its national significance and its stunning landscape.*

<b>£65</b>	<b>£99</b>	<b>£25</b>
Member	Non-member	Student

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