

FESTA DELL'OLIO NOVO

Castelmuzio, October 10–11, 2026

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

10:00 AM – Belvedere Garden: "What the Olive Tree Would Never Wish to See: The Shadow of Diseases and the Betrayals of Climate, Silent Thieves Seeking to Steal the Purity of Its Fruit and the Soul of Its Extra Virgin Olive Oil". Educational and informative workshop led by Agronomist Dr. Marco Cecchi.

10:30 AM – Museo della Compagnia: "The Art of Landscape – Solo Exhibition of Paintings and Watercolours by Elizabeth Cochrane".

11:00 AM – Via Gaetano Milanesi: "The Flavours and Traditions of Our Region – The Excellence of Pecorino Cheese, Presented by Stefano Coveri". Participation fee: €10.00. Advance booking required.

4:00 PM – Museo della Compagnia: Roundtable Discussion on "Castelmuzio: The Value of the History of a Place and Its Community", featuring **PhD Maria Elena Cortese**, Professor of Medieval History at the University of Bologna; **Andrea Francini**, Mayor of Trequanda; and **PhD Stefano Biagiotti**, Professor of Valuation and Surveying at Guglielmo Marconi University. The discussion will be moderated by journalist **Alessio Banini**.

From 3:30 PM – Throughout the Village: Musical performances by students of the "**H.W. Henze**" Music Institute of Montepulciano.

5:30 PM – Via Gaetano Milanesi: "The Flavours and Traditions of Our Region" – Wine Tasting featuring Campo Alto Winery, Denis Meneghelli. Participation fee: €10.00. Advance booking required.

9:30 PM – Centro dell'Olio: An Evening of Dancing, Piano Bar and Karaoke with Gabriele and Marco.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2026

8:30 AM – Departure from Piazza della Pieve: "Olive Grove Walk and Foraging: A Guide to Identifying Edible Wild Plants", with botanical guide Caterina Cardia and Marcello Marelli, known as "Bonzolino". Breakfast included. Participation fee: €10.00.

9:30 AM – Villa Oliveto: Yoga Session Among the Olive Trees with Cecilia. Participation by voluntary donation, with all proceeds going towards breast cancer research. Advance booking required.

11:00 AM – Via Gaetano Milanesi: "The Flavours and Traditions of Our Region" – A Sensory Journey Through Local Honey Varieties with Carlo Stefanelli. Participation fee: €10.00. Advance booking required.

3:30 PM – Piazza della Pieve: Italian-Brazilian Folk Music with Duo Chorobodò.

5:30 PM – Piazza della Pieve: Alternative Rock Concert with the band Abbestia.

Followed by an aperitivo and bruschetta in the little square at Baita del Gusto.

During the Festival, food will be available at the following venues:

- 1) Sports Association Food Stand** – Centro dell'Olio / Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October – Lunch and dinner, no booking required. Opening hours: 12:00–2:00 PM and 7:00–9:30 PM.
- 2) La Baita del Gusto** – Piazza San Bernardino – Sandwiches, bruschetta and aperitifs / Open throughout the festival.
- 3) “Casalmustia” Restaurant** – Open throughout the festival (reservations: +39 0577 665166).
- 4) “La Cucina della Moscadella” Restaurant** – By reservation only (+39 0577 665516).

Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00 AM, throughout the village:

- 1) Vintage Rent & Tours Tuscany** – Group olive oil tours in a 1973 Volkswagen Bulli T2, with driver and a bruschetta tasting at the end. Approximate duration: 2 hours. Advance booking required. Fee applies.
- 2) Olive oil tastings** with local producers.
- 3) Guided tastings of new-season olive oil**, organised by AICOO olive oil tasters.
- 4) Food and wine stalls and craft markets.**
- 5) Weaving workshops** with I Fili di Sofia.

Event Information and Reservations: +39 328 8657487 – +39 335 547 8839

This event is organised in collaboration with the Municipality of Trequanda, local farms, accommodation providers, sponsors, AICOO – Italian Association for Olive Oil Appreciation, the local parish, the residents of the village, and with the participation of Trequanda's nursery, primary and lower secondary schools.