

PETER RYAN, Arts and Heritage Officer for Dover Group Library, sent us preliminary news of the Festival of Dover for *Newsletter 12*. Here he presents the events in detail.

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THE FIRST "FESTIVAL of DOVER" has been launched to offer a wide variety of art forms to the town.

The broad programme of events moves through heritage, music, dance, poetry, film, exhibitions, walks, talks and beyond. From a major concert by the Peninsular Band of the Royal Greenjackets, to an evening with novelist P. D. James, and from hill top walks to children's workshops, the Festival offers a collection of delights for all ages.

As a major part of the Festival of Dover, a programme of educational events has been incorporated to provide a selection of arts workshops in schools throughout the District. Bookings are through the educational contact.

The Festival begins with the opening of a number of exhibitions, ranging from a collection of historic photographs to a display of paintings and prose relating to the history of the town. For music lovers Dover Town Hall is the setting for Handel's *Messiah*, 'Music from the Movies', and the medieval group, 'The Joyful Noyse'. For children during the school holiday a fun-packed outing is being staged at Kearsney Abbey, featuring Teddy Bears, story-telling, train rides, guest celebrities and lots more: other activities include a number of workshops, community theatre and Punch & Judy.

For this first 'Festival of Dover', a varied and inspiring programme has been arranged – for everyone to enjoy!

EXHIBITIONS

DOVER IN WORDS AND PICTURES

Dover Museum

18th May – ??th June

Museum admission charge.

Original pictures complementing extracts from books and plays mentioning Dover, Dickens, Shakespeare, *et al* and some of Dover's outstanding documents and maps.

ARTISTS AND MUSEUM

Dover Museum

18th – 19th July

Museum admission charge

A travelling exhibition promoting practising artists working with Museum staff to present material to the public in a fresh light.

SIGHTS AND SCENES OF DOVER

DOVER ART GROUP

Dover Town Hall, 18–29 May

Free admission

A wide range of subjects and talents, from portraits to landscapes and still life.

CROSS CHANNEL/TRANSMANCHE

Dover Town Hall, 18–29 May

The development of cross-Channel traffic. An exhibition of old prints and photographs from Dover Library's collection.

WALKS

ORCHID SAFARI

Wednesday 20th May

SANDWICH WHITE MILL TRAIL

Saturday 23rd May

DOVER TOWN GUIDED WALKS

Sunday 24th May

EARLY BIRDS

Sunday 24th May

FILMS

"A Trip Down Memory Lane"

Silver Screen,
White Cliffs Experience
18th – 22nd May

TALKS

"Use of original sources in writing"

Ruth Elwin Harris
Dover College
Tuesday 19th May
Admission Free

"Dover – Past and Present"

Ivan Green & Christine
Waterman
Dover Town Hall
Thurs. 21st May. Tickets: £1.50

**"Richard Aldington:
a literary Doverian"**

Dover College
Tues. 26th May

Admission Free

**"An evening with author P.
D. James"**

Dover Junior Library
Thursday 28th May
Tickets £4.00

MUSIC**Snowdown Colliery Welfare
Male Voice Choir**

St Mary's Church, Dover
Wednesday, 20th May
Tickets: £2 (£1)

**Peninsular Band of the
Royal Green Jackets**

Dover Town Hall
Friday 22nd May
Tickets £4.50 (£2.50)

**Kimbara Brothers:
Hot Club Jazz**

Dover Town Hall
Saturday, 23rd May
Tickets: £3.00

"Noah's Ark"

St Mary's Church,
Dover Lunchtime Concert
Wednesday, 27th May
Tickets: £1.50

Popular Kent woodwind quartet
joined by speaker Richard Bruce
in a performance of music and
poetry on an animal theme.

"Basically Baroque"

St Mary's Church, Dover
Lunchtime Concert
Friday 29th May
Tickets: £1.50

A quarter of flutes and bassoon,
playing music mainly, but not
exclusively, in the Baroque style.

**An Evening of Medieval and
Renaissance Music**

Dover Town Hall
Friday, 29th May
Tickets: £2.50

WORKSHOPS**"Creative Writing Workshop"**

Ruth Elwin Harris
Dover College
Thursday, 21st May
Admission Free

"Drawing from Old Dover"

Philomena Kennedy
Dover Library
Tuesday, 26th May
Tickets: £4.50.
Drawing materials will be
provided.
Artist Philomena Kennedy gives
a practical introduction to making
line drawings from photographs
in the Library's Local Studies
Collection.

A Fast Rail Link

LEO WRIGHT

To make our mouths water: the following quotations are translated from an article which appeared in the German journal of the Association for Language Learning on the current state of the German Bundesbahn:-

"The jewel in the crown of the Bundesbahn since 2 June 1991 is the brand new ICE (Inter City Express. sic: in German!). Comparable to the French TGV it reaches 280 km.p.h. on new lines from Hamburg, via Hanover, Fulda, Frankfurt, Mannheim and Stuttgart to Munich. The alternative shorter route, Fulda-Wurzburg-Munich, is planned and by 1993 the lines will continue from Munich to Basle and to Berlin".

"For long-distance journeys there are also more than 200 I.C Züge (Inter City Trains) which run hourly rapid services between 40 cities. By 1992 all the old D-Züge (through-trains) will have been replaced by I.R.Züge (Inter-Regional Trains). These offer increased comfort on two-hourly services".

One final point (still quoting): "Is it conceivable that B.R. could introduce an "Operation Seconds-Hand" (the name refers to the second hands of station clocks) which the Bundesbahn introduced to identify weak spots in punctuality? Probably not, because in Great Britain we must reckon with the 'wrong kind of snow'.

And, we in Network Southeast must add, 'the wrong kind of leaves'.