

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