



Festival of Dover

7th - 21st May 1995

Between the 7th and 21st of May 1995, the annual Festival of Dover launches a programme of special activities to celebrate and commemorate the 50th Anniversary of VE Day through a wide variety of art forms. For 1995 the chosen theme is "Memories" and it includes events in Deal and Sandwich as well, forming a celebration right across White Cliffs Country.

This year's celebration of the arts takes in heritage, music, dance, drama, exhibitions, walks and talks – from a major big band concert "An Evening with Swing" performed by the talented Railway Swing Band, to an evening with novelist and actress Michelle Magorian in her one-woman show "The Pact", – from an illustrated talk on the history of twentieth century fashion to Maddy's Jive School where you can learn to jitterbug to the swinging sounds of the 1940s. The Festival offers an extensive programme of enjoyment for all ages!

"Memories" captures a selection of anniversary events including commemorative services throughout the district, grand re-unions and street parties, with the Festival Finale offering a wartime vehicle rally, "A Trip down Memory Lane" and a light-hearted Gala Supper Evening.

The Festival begins with the opening of a number of impressive exhibitions, ranging from the experiences of local people in 'Dover at War 1939–1945' to images of 'Dover Past and Present' and 'Local Scenes' of the district. For those who enjoy music, the Festival offers a wide range, including the Glenn Miller sounds of the '40s, modern jazz, woodwind recitals over light refreshments, and a wide variety of events at the Wingham Music Festival.

To entertain the children during the Bank Holiday weekend, a fun-packed outing, the Pfizer's Teddy Bears' Re-union, is being staged at Kearsney Abbey featuring Teddy Bears' Victory Party, 1940s games, Postman Pat and his train and the ever-popular Judy and Punch Puppet Company shows. Other activities for children during the Festival include youth centre and dance workshops, as well as an exciting and entertaining educational package incorporating a performance of *Cyrano de Bergerac* by the European Theatre Company.

The main programme will be available from 20th March and tickets for all events will be on sale from 27th March from Dover and Deal Tourist Information Offices and from Thomas Cook, travel agent, in Dover.

The Festival Hot-line number is 01304 375192.

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