

0 of the Festival. These also include "A Touch of the Mediterranean" - a gentle walk around the Heights looking at wild herbs and their uses, and "French Canals" a bike ride along the canals in Northern France on Friday, 23 May.

Calling all would be tourists! In our celebration of world travel, a special cruise promotion evening promoting global cultures and experiences is to be presented at a brand new venue in Dover on Thursday 22 May. Sporting fans are catered for in "Howzat! An Evening With Dickie Bird!" on Friday 23 May.

The schools programme has been extended for the sixth consecutive year, bringing a comprehensive programme of events into classrooms around the district. Children of all ages will be offered opportunities to sample German puppetry workshops, experience traditional African story-telling and will participate in a French exchange project. One of the major features of the Festival will be the culmination of the "artists in residency" project, in which two schools will be participating.

"Paperboat Journey" is a major street theatre project, combining the art forms of craft and design, musical score writing and theatre production. The performance will be premiered in the town on Saturday 24 May, followed by a fantastic firework display launched from Dover Castle.

The finale to Festival Week will be the ever popular Teddy Bears' Picnic at Kearsney Abbey on Sunday 25 May, this year themed to incorporate the Teddy Bears' Wild West American Adventure. This event promises lots of fun and entertainment for the whole family, with storytelling, puppet shows, music and dance to keep all of the Teddy Bears entertained!

Once again the Festival has only been made possible through the generous support offered by local businesses and organisations and the enthusiastic involvement of local events organisers and promoters. Their contributions have enabled the programme to continue to expand, and while the sum of financial support is in the region of £20,000, support in kind is regarded as of equal value. We are particularly proud to announce a number of new partners this year, including De Bradelei's as principal sponsors for the 1997 Festival of Dover, SEEBOARD as major sponsors of Paperboat Journey, and Meridian Television, key sponsors of the new public art project.

A full Festival Programme will be able from late April at all local outlets, including libraries and Tourist Information Centres. However, if you would like to register for your advance copy of the programme, please call the Festival Hotline on 01304 375192.

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