



Regatta Week showcases Deal at its finest when families and friends get together and tourists make a beeline for the town. Lining the streets to see the carnival procession is a major town tradition, while other events are fast becoming popular customs.

Here is the lowdown on the events:

Teddy bears gathering for fun on green

STARTING on Saturday, July 24, families will gather for an afternoon of fun and frolics on Walmer Green for the Teddy Bears Picnic from 2.30pm.

Brought to you by Walmer Parish Council, Forrest Amusements, Bookers and Solley's Farm Dairy, children will get free drinks, a fairground ride, a mystery prize, a free teddy bear, sweets.

The Downs Sailing Club will start its four-day programme with the Vancouver Cup Race, a long-distance handicap contest. Back at the Teddy Bears Picnic, the Teddy Bear Court Selection will take place at 3.30pm. Entry is 20p. From 7pm, DJ Gareth Hopkins will lead the party on the Green, followed by fireworks.

Starting gun fires on a day of sport

COMPETITIVE spirit will create

a stir in the sea on Sunday, July 25, with a number of fun sporting events.

The Junior Pier Festival starts at 9.30am.

Open to all junior anglers, boys and girls under 16 can enter for just £1 on the day. The cost includes entry on to the pier and a free year's membership to Deal Angling Club (1919).

Rods, reels, DVD, and a tackle box make up some of the prizes and competitors will get free sweets, drinks and crisps. Telephone Pat Heath on 01304 361248.

Energy will be running high from 9.15am when the starting horn sounds for the Deal Tri 1,500 metre fun run for ages 11 to 14. From 9.30am, ages 10 and will also be off the starting blocks followed at 10am by the Dinosaur 10k run.

Start and registration is at Walmer Sea Scout Hut, opposite the paddling pool on Deal seafront.

All finishers will receive mementos and there is an extensive trophy list.

The entry fee is £12 for affiliated club members and £14 for others if done in advance. Proceeds are in aid of Skin Cancer Research in

memory of Roger Francis-Darby, a founder of the club who died of the disease.

The Downs Sailing Club starts its Deal Regatta Handicap – a three-race event with fast and slow classes at 10.15am.

Then at 1pm, the Annual All England Hop-Scotch is held within the road closure at Deal seafront.

Sponsored by The Trophy Shop, there is an under eights category and an under 11s.

Registrations and preparations for the Sea Swim start at 1pm with the one-mile race from the Downs Sailing Club starting at 1.30pm. Entry is £5.

Entry forms for the Dinosaur race and Open Water Swim, can be taken from the official Regatta Week Programme.

Your chance to enter raft race

BOOKING in for the popular Britannia Castles Raft Race is at 1.45pm, starting at 2.15pm (subject to tide) from the Downs Sailing Club.

Entry is £10 per raft and forms

can be picked up from Deal Tourist Information, Mark 1 Music and the East Kent Mercury office at 13 Queen Street, Deal.

For full conditions, see the Regatta Week Programme.

The sea swim and raft race presentations are at 3pm, followed at 3.30pm by the Lorry Pull at the cordoned off area in front of Deal Pier.

The 30 metres timed event is sponsored by The Meat 'In Place, Deal Beach Parlour and Shepherd Neame.

The entry for the senior race (17 years plus) is £10 per team of six and £5 for juniors (11 to 16). Presentations will be made at 5pm by the Regatta Court.

Bonny babies and glamorous grans

BONNY babies will be on show on Wednesday, July 28, from 1.45pm with the annual baby show and Glamorous Grandmother contest. Held at the Conference Hall in the Landmark Centre, admission is £1.

HOLE IN THE ROOF

SOUL BAR

EVENTS

Friday 23rd July
LEFT OF THE DIAL - 9pm

CARNIVAL NIGHT

Thursday 29th July
KIT CURTIS & THE SCENE - 9pm

Friday 30th July
ELECTRIC BEATLES - 9pm

Sunday 1st August
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THE Hole in the Roof, where carnival week begins and ends, has a host of great live bands to celebrate the carnival season.

On Friday 23, Left of the Dial will play from 9pm.

On carnival night (Thursday, July 29), Kit Curtis will entertain pub-goers who are fresh from the fun and frolics on the seafront, from 9pm.

Beatles fans will delight in The Electric Beatles from 9pm on Friday, July 30 with Get Ape topping the bill on Sunday, August 1.

A Diana Ross tribute will make her long awaited return to the stage at the Hole in the Roof, with the diva herself, Miss Jacky Webbe, belting out favourites by the icon. This will be a great evening

to get out and dance the night away to the classic soulful sounds of the singing sensation.

The event takes place on Sunday, July 25 from 8pm.

Black ties and ball gowns will be the dress of the day on Friday, August 13, when the red carpet charity night is held.

Demelza House Childrens' Hospice and Pilgrims Hospices will benefit from proceeds as customers wind their way past the paparazzi into the glitz and glamour for an evening of fine food, drinking and dancing to the Kingsdown Band.

A disco, by Ian Merriot, will also play.

Tickets are available from behind the bar at £10 per person.