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## FOOD, FUN, MUSIC AND SPECTACLE AT 'SPIRIT' TENTERDEN'S VERY OWN FAMILY FESTIVAL

'Spirit of Tenterden', the Wealden town's very own family festival, will be staged on the Recreation Ground from Friday, 30 June to Sunday, 2 July – and promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Weeks before the free-to-enter event, which is run entirely by local people and attracted more than 5,000 visitors last year, more than 50 stallholders and exhibitors are already queuing up to take part, offering a wide variety of treats for all the family.

On the food front, there is a mouthwatering choice, from barbecue to vegan and vegetarian, while a truly international flavour is offered with stalls selling Thai, Mexican, West African and New York deli food. And, of course, no family festival would be complete without an ice cream and a tea and cakes tent.

To keep the customers refreshed, cask beers, cocktails, wine, Pimm's, Prosecco and soft drinks will all be on sale.

Scented candles and ceramics feature among the many artisan and craft stalls, while the entire event will feature performances by some of the area's top bands. Headlining on Friday will be Fit2funk, the hugely popular soul and funk band; headlining on Saturday will be The Mighty Sounds, a fantastic seven piece reggae and roots band; while jump jive with a Latin flavour will be delivered by The Violet Jive as headline band on Sunday.

The arena will be the setting for the ever-popular dog show on the Sunday, as well as forces' cadets and military vehicles.

Funding for Spirit – which is not-for-profit and costs more than £25,000 to put on – comes from local authorities, sponsors and exhibitors, and the organising committee pays tribute to Kent County Council, Ashford Borough Council and Tenterden Town Council for their support, together with the Brissenden Trust, Hobbs Parker, Montalbano restaurant, This Ancient Boro', Everything Outside, Gibbs Mannington & Phipps, Nelson McLean, MyTenterden, Will Create, Tenterden Lions Club, Four Seasons Fencing and Tesco.

There are still £300 sponsorship packages available for Tenterden businesses, while more volunteers to help run the festival are always welcome.

For further information, log on to [www.spiritoftenterden.co.uk](http://www.spiritoftenterden.co.uk) and keep up-to-date on [www.facebook.com/spiritoftenterden](https://www.facebook.com/spiritoftenterden)

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