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Music, chess and film in town's week-long festival

THE week-long celebrations of the Sandwich Festival will kick off with plenty of energy on Sunday followed by eight days of music, art and heritage.

The popular 10k road race and 6k fun-run starts from the Quay Green in Sunday at 10am.

Tickets are available from Sandwich Leisure Centre on 01304 614947 or by emailing sandwichenquiries@freedom-leisure.co.uk.

The first of many musical events starts on Monday between 7pm and 9pm with the informal Music in the Garden evening.

Held at Ramparts Lodge, Knightrider Street, the Becker Palm Trio will perform.

If there is heavy rain, it will be held in St Mary's Church.

The St Bart's Patronal Festival at 11am, on Tuesday will be followed by the annual Bun Run at noon.

Hercules Wine Warehouse will be hosting wine tasting at 6pm at the store by Pioneer Co-op.

At 7pm, players will carefully ponder their moves at a simultaneous chess

tournament in the Jury Room at Sandwich Guildhall.

Grandmaster John Emms will be present.

Participants are advised to buy their tickets in advance. They cost £5 for adults, £3 for children and £1 for spectators.

Wednesday will see Knightrider Street resident Christine Cuss signing copies of her book, Notes to my Daughter.

The diary was written for her by her father Alexander Pierce from her birth through the war years.

Film night

It will take place at St Clement's Church, Sandwich at 3pm. Proceeds will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Later on, at 7.30pm, the festival film night will take place at the Empire Cinema with a showing of The Italian Job.

Ash Heritage Group will be hosting a stroll around Ash.

Walkers can see the Saxon burial ground, the churchyard and reminders of the East Kent Light Railway. Historian Peter Ewart will lead the two-

hour walk starting at 2.30pm from the car park opposite the Chequer Inn.

Prebooking is essential.

Telephone 01227 720835.

Children must be over 12 years and must be accompanied.

The Becker Symphony Orchestra will perform a host of pieces at its concert at St Mary's Church from 8pm on Thursday.

Music by Bruch, Rossini and Beethoven will make up some of the programme in the performance conducted by John Perkins.

Tickets can be bought by writing to 1 The Old Cannery, Hengist Road, Deal, CT14 6WY; in person at the Sandwich Tourist Information Centre, The Guildhall, or at the Sandwich Bookshop, 60 King Street, Sandwich.

■ For more details about the Sandwich Festival, including the duck race on the Quay and Jazz on Gazen Salts, see next week's Mercury.

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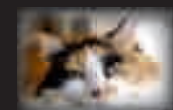
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