Events Officer Report: Current update on Events

Summary of Recent Events:

Wedding Fair:
The recent Wedding Fair was very successful. As a direct result, we secured eight new bookings, providing a great boost to future venue use and community engagement. Another fair has been booked for Saturday 13th September with a more Autumnal theme to promote future weddings in the Guildhall. We worked with local businesses in Faversham including The Bear, Button Blooms, and Bridal Bijou in West Street.

Spring and Easter Fair:

The Spring and Easter Fair was a great success. Over 100 children took part in the Easter-themed churchyard trail, and the Easter Bonnet Parade saw many children proudly showcasing their creative designs.

The event brought the community together and was very well received. Following its success, the church has asked if I could organise a similar event again next year.

Upcoming Summer Events:
Transport Festival:

Preparations for the Transport Festival are nearly complete. Final tasks include:
Posting resident letters and displaying road closure notices.
General promotion as we lead up to the event.
A leaflet for the Transport Festival is now available and being distributed to promote the event.

June Events:

Active Travel Faversham:
Sunday 1st June

The Rotary Club is assisting with advertising in the Market leading up to the event.

The Active Travel Month leaflet is now available from the Visitor Information Centre (VIC).
Additional preparations are ongoing.

Volunteers Fair:
Tuesday 3rd June

The Volunteer's Fair has been booked for Tuesday 3rdJune in the Guildhall
Rob has successfully secured 13 pitches for external groups who will be joining the fair.
This event will also provide an excellent opportunity to promote:

- Volunteer opportunities for the Faversham Hopper
- Volunteer Marshal recruitment for Town Council Events
- Promotion and support for the Magna Carta and Faversham Charters projects.

Faversham in the Forties:
Sunday 8th June
Some new features for this year!
"Winston Churchill" will be making a special appearance.
"Viv the Spiv" will be present in the Market Place, monitored by reenactors portraying period police officers.
Music has been fully booked, and all stalls are confirmed.
The Army Cadets and Royal British Legion are organising a small parade, similar to last year's D-Day commemorations.

A Midsummer Night's Feast:
Saturday 21st June

Following safety advice on crowd control etc from the Outdoor Events Conference I attended in March, I had decided to relocate the event back to Court Street and the Market Place to allow the footprint to be bigger.
This move has also allowed greater involvement from local resident cafés and businesses.
Entertainment will be provided by Faversham Jazz, creating a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere to also celebrate Midsummer Solstice.

Pirate Festival:
Sunday 13th July

The event leaflet is currently being designed.
Most entertainment is booked including the Sheppey Pirates, Captain Jack Sparrow, Mermaid entertainers, Punch and Judy, Sea Shanty singing, Radio Faversham and Sam Brothers Folk and Blues with just a few final concessions to be confirmed.