

# HEATHFIELD LE MARCHE

## Bank Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2010

### LET'S DO IT AGAIN IN 2010

I wonder if Valerie Chidson, who dreamt up the original idea for an Anglo/French market for Heathfield way back in 1997, ever thought it would still be a major event for the town after all these years. Well it is - and it just gets better and better - on August Bank Holiday Monday 2010 in excess of 15.000 visitors will flock into Heathfield for this very popular occasion. We can only estimate how many visitors come onto the town on the day as we do not sell entry tickets - **IT IS ALL FREE!!**

**FREE entertainment, FREE Park & ride and FREE programme of events.**

The whole idea is to promote the town of Heathfield by inviting visitors from far and wide to come along and to enjoy the day and see what Heathfield has to offer and, thankfully, many are very pleasantly surprised and revisit our town. As usual, Station Approach and part of Station Road will be closed to traffic for the entire day to allow the extravaganza to take place. There will be music and entertainment at three venues - Station Road main stage, Kings Church and in the High Street. There is something planned to amuse and entertain all ages, together with approximately 80 market stalls (approximately 50% French) selling English and French goodies and more and more shops are opening on the day - and all this in Heathfield!!

This year's event includes more local musical talent than ever before - two local bands are coming along to strut their stuff in addition to the Town's Silver Band and the headline act comes all the way from Uckfield! - so we are counting our "music miles" very carefully. The Heathfield Firefighters are holding their Open Day again at the Fire Station which is always great fun and attracts many visitors. The Youth Centre of Heathfield is planning another BMX/Skating competition/event at the newly refurbished skatepark in Station Approach. We enjoyed perfect weather at last year's Le Marche and so we certainly plan to repeat this.

Bookings for stalls slots are being received already. If you want a slot this year please contact Lorraine Paton, the Trade Stall Coordinator on 01435 865789 or email [patonls@aol.com](mailto:patonls@aol.com) - slots are allocated on a first come first served basis to make it fair to all.

If you have any further comments, ideas or views on Le Marche or if you want to volunteer to help then please contact Mike Woodhouse on 0770 353 0111 or email [michael.woodhouse6@btopenworld.com](mailto:michael.woodhouse6@btopenworld.com)

We will soon have our web site up and running [www.heathfieldlemarche.co.uk](http://www.heathfieldlemarche.co.uk) - please check it out for up to date information about Le Marche 2010.