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# Late Summer Market Set for Tenterden Recreation Ground 11-13 September 2020

## TENTERDEN LATE SUMMER MARKET

Organised by Zoom Events, the Tenterden Late Summer Market will replace the annual Tenterden Food & Drink Festival held on the Recreation Ground since 2017, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Visitors will be able to choose from a wide selection of freshly prepared street foods, artisan grocery products, arts, crafts, clothing and accessories or enjoy a craft beer from the Famous Last Stand bar.

‘We are excited to be returning to Tenterden for a Late Summer Market after our usual food and drink festival was cancelled earlier in the year.’ said Paul Kennedy, Director of Zoom Events. ‘The Tenterden Late Summer Market will feature a different layout to our regular Tenterden Food & Drink Festival to accommodate social distancing and extra sanitation measures. Although there will not be a music stage, face painting, cooking demos or other activities (which may involve people from different households getting close to each other for long periods of time), there will be live music and a large seating area. We want to create a relaxing experience that is also safe for people to enjoy at this time,’ he continued.

Situated in the heart of Tenterden close to many local independent shops, the market will feature local traders from Kent as well as those from further afield. There will be some familiar faces as well as plenty of brand-new additions to the line-up. Visitors will be able to enjoy freshly prepared street foods including pork or chicken souvlaki, crepes, German sausages, arepas, churros and meats cooked in a smoker oven as well as traditional Mexican, Chinese or Thai dishes. There will be an outdoor seating area for alfresco dining with distanced tables and queuing systems for the bar and food outlets.

A huge range of handmade groceries from continental fine foods, chocolate muffins and fudge to locally produced chilli relishes will be available to take away and enjoy. The foodie treats will be accompanied by an array of stalls selling artisan arts, crafts, clothing and accessories providing shoppers an opportunity to find unique items for the home or gifts for friends and family.

‘We hope the Tenterden Late Summer Market will provide a safe, relaxing outdoor shopping experience for local people to look forward to during these uncertain times’, said Paul Kennedy. ‘We are also starting to plan our events for 2021, when we hope that things will have returned to normal so that we can bring back all of the elements that have made our Tenterden Food & Drink Festival successful in previous years.’

The Tenterden Late Summer Market is open on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 12noon – 6pm, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 7pm and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 11am – 6pm. For further information about Tenterden Late Summer Market please visit [www.zoomevents.co.uk](http://www.zoomevents.co.uk) and also look out for blog updates regarding the market and social distancing measures that will be in place.

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