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Set for day of celebration

› Charities, traders ready for annual May Fayre boost

By JON NURSE

GOODIES ranging from toffee apples to high fashion are being prepared for the town's spring celebration – believed to be the biggest fayre in the south of England.

Organisers are ready for 'the event of the year' with tens of thousands expected to pour into the town centre in 12 days time for Wokingham May Fayre.

The fayre, supported by *The Wokingham Times*, is being hailed as a break for struggling traders, with organisers Wokingham Lions hoping stalls and charities will better last year's fundraising total.

The Wokingham May Fayre and Country Fair will run from 10am to 5pm on Bank Holiday Monday, May 6.

Last year 25,000 people visited the town centre, raising nearly £30,000 for causes in the area.

Sue Balchin, one of the



The fayre will feature food and drink, stalls and entertainers.

organisers, said: "This is the event of the year in the town.

"The principle beneficiaries will be the Ollie Young Foundation, the Citizens Advice Bureau and WADE – but the real winners will be the townspeople and the struggling traders."

Entertainment on an open-air

stage by the town hall will run throughout the day, supplemented with magic shows and Punch and Judy performances in Ertstadt Court. Wokingham Country Fair and a fun fair will be in Elms Field.

Town mayor Councillor Peter Lucey said: "The Wokingham May Fayre is always a popular

family occasion so please come along, relax, enjoy the entertainment, sample the food and drink – and, of course, help support our local charities."

More than 120 stalls will span the market town, along with stilt walkers, jugglers, acrobats, clowns and street dancers.

Tim Hanton, president of Wokingham Lions Club, said: "It is a great honour that the Lions Club of Wokingham are again able to bring together local charities and businesses to enable us to put on a fantastic event for the people of Wokingham.

"The May Fayre has grown considerably over the 19 years that we have run this event and it now covers a good deal of the town centre for the day as well as both sides of the road in Elms Field."

For a full programme of events for the day see next week's *The Wokingham Times*.

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70p where sold

Auction for Ollie cause

TICKETS are on sale for a charity auction raising money for the Ollie Young Foundation.

The event at the Holiday Inn, in Winnersh, will also feature a casino, music, raffle and photo booth in memory Ollie, of Wooshill, who died a year ago, aged six from, a brain tumour.

The event on Sunday, May 5, from 7pm to midnight will be compered by Heart FM's Michelle Jordan with impressionist and

comedian Aaron James.

Ollie's dad Simon Young said: "We are looking forward to meeting our Ollie Young Foundation friends at the event and to put faces to names who we've seen supporting us."

Tickets are £25 and are on sale until Sunday by emailing events@ollieyoungfoundation.org or calling 07787 981903.

For more information visit www.ollieyoungfoundation.org/auction.html.