

Heartbeat of Hythe

Newsletter for members and volunteers of The Hythe Pier Heritage Association



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Dear Members and Volunteers,

Welcome to a rather shortened version of our newsletter.

With the onset of Summer, many of our members have been taking a well earned rest but some projects are still ongoing and a few are in full swing.

We have another railway carriage undergoing restoration and our first major community fundraiser is happening within a few weeks time. So read on and find out more in this edition.

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Don't forget...

As previously announced, we would like to have the opportunity to meet Members to outline our plans and answer your questions. Therefore, we are organising an

"Open Morning" event, that we aim to hold at 1030h on Saturday, 25th September 2021 . Please note, this will be held at The Shed (at the Pier)

During this event, information will be displayed about projects either completed or in the pipeline and several Directors will be on hand to answer your questions. Of course, our plans are dependent upon Government pandemic guidelines that may be in force at the time. I hope that the event can go ahead.

I look forward to meeting you at this event, but in the meantime please save the date.

Best regards,

Anthony Smith - Chair



A short note on our much loved train... Tina Brown

We are pleased to say that restoration works are underway on the second train carriage, hardwood frames are being made in The Shed at The Pier by the volunteer joiners and carpenters.

Removal of the existing flooring is also underway, exposing the metal sub frame where engineers from Blue Funnel Ferries can fully check on the condition and report their findings. We do not expect any major issues after the initial survey.

At this stage works appear slow moving but it is very busy behind the scenes!



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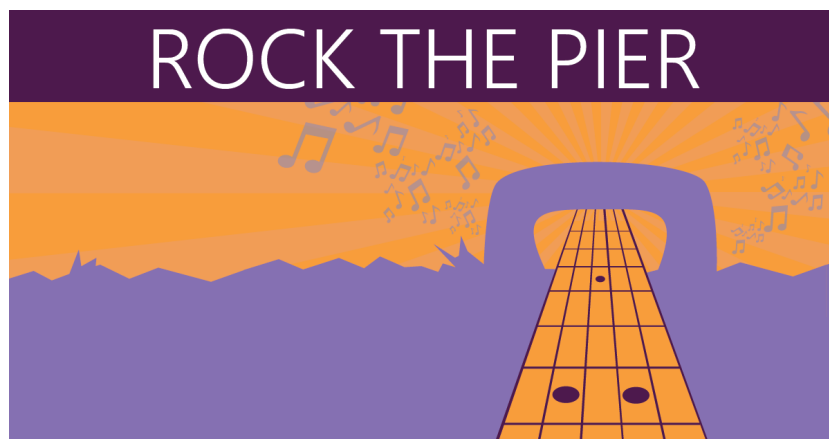
On the 7th August , we took part in this local event which allows voluntary groups in the area to let the wider public know a little more about their organisation.

We were able to update people on the temporary protection works we had undertaken on the Pier structures over the winter and early Spring. We were also able to talk about our Membership Supporters scheme, which offers priority notification of all project news, as well as 2 annual talks or lectures.

Overall a successful day giving us a chance to reconnect with our community.

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Rock the Pier is back on Saturday 11th September at the Promenade in Hythe.

This promises to be a great day out for the family. The music kicks off at 10 AM and finishes at 5PM. All our favourites are back, Wire JD, Trav Cats, The One-Offs and The Soulcatchers, along with a few other performers new to the event, including REMbrandt , an REM tribute band.

We will also be selling our limited edition Rock the Pier 2021 t-shirts and you can also get yourself some Grand Draw tickets . The draw will take place at the event in the afternoon, so make sure you purchase early!

Also available will be some festival food provided by 'No Forx Given' and coffees from the 'Coffee Cruiser'.

The event has been generously sponsored by 'The Scratch Project' , a group of local businesses who support good causes like ours. Without their support, any profit from this event would be seriously diminished.

As always this is a completely free community event, so please give generously to one of the bucket collectors present on the day. You will be rewarded by a unique Rock the Pier wrist band and in the knowledge that your money is going to a very special cause.

This month in History - August by Alan Titheridge

Hythe Sailing Club Regatta – Tuesday August 27th 1895

The Hythe Sailing Club wound up its season from its pier head club house with a regatta off Hythe Pier. "Several exciting races were held and the gaily decorated clubhouse and pier with the thronging audience enjoying the brilliant weather were quite a spectacle".

Second Hythe Pier Regatta - Wednesday August 28th 1895

"The mood continued over when again in splendid weather, Hythe Pier was the scene of the second annual regatta".

"All Hythe was en fete, the numerous craft in the vicinity like the crowded pier were decorated with flags and bunting".

It was the water Sir! - Thursday August 8, 1918

Harry Rockey appeared before Hythe Magistrates after having been arrested the previous evening for unruly behaviour including swearing and shouting in New Road, Hythe.

He was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly. In his defence he said that he'd had a glass or two of whisky in Southampton and two glasses of bitter in Hythe but it was the crossing of the water from Southampton that had upset him!

He was fined £1.



Beatniks in Beaulieu High Street 1960

Beatniks bring colour to the pier and ferry

The ferry brought over some “bizarre and colourful people” to Hythe on Bank Holiday Monday, August 1, 1960. Very many young people, contemporarily known as “beatniks”, were on their way to Beaulieu, hitchhiking or catching a bus to Lord Montagu’s 5th Annual Jazz Festival.

There are no reports of unruly behaviour on the boats, pier and train, nor indeed in Hythe, from those passing through, despite the event descending into chaos when a minority of the crowds of attendees became involved in “the Battle of Beaulieu”.

August 1996

White Horse Ferries celebrated the 50th anniversary of the launch of Hotspur IV. Throughout the week August 5th – 11th events centred around Hotspur IV took place daily. These included free cakes for passengers and special trips along Southampton Water.

Whilst a fuss was made of the old war horse, her successor, Great Expectations, arrived quietly and took over the role of the main boat, relegating Hotspur IV to stand-by. Hotspur IV survived on the passage for another 18 years.



Great Expectations 1999



Well done to all our contributors out there .

Our balance to the end of June was

£22.80

Dates for your diary

Rock the Pier

11th September

Members Open Morning

28th September

Board Meeting dates and procedures

Normally the Board is attended by all Board members and other non-Board members, volunteers or

external experts as required to support agenda items.

This a reminder that Board meetings may also be attended on an irregular basis by members of HPHA as observers. Such attendance must be requested at least 7 days in advance of the meeting by contacting any Board member.

Observing members will be accommodated on a "best efforts" basis as limitations may be imposed upon us by technology considerations or Coronavirus regulations.

Currently all HPHA Board meetings are held using Microsoft Teams online technology. Your computing equipment will need to be compatible with this technology in order to become an observer of the Board meeting.

The dates for the next year are as follows:

Thursday 23 September 2021

Thursday 28 October 2021

Thursday 25 November 2021

Thursday 16 December 2021

Thursday 27 January 2022

Thursday 24 February 2022

Thursday 31 March 2022

Thursday 28 April 2022

Thursday 26 May 2022

Thursday 30 June 2022

Thursday 28 July 2022

Thursday 29 September 2022