

# Heartbeat of Hythe

Newsletter for members and volunteers of Hythe Pier Heritage Association



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Dear Members and Volunteers,

Once again, our community have shown how much they value our pier and railway, by the generous donations we have received so far this month. Please continue to do so, as every penny counts, especially as the scale of repair and restoration becomes increasingly apparent.

Apart from the many individual donations, we were also delighted to have been involved with Orchard Infant School's Community fundraising week and had great fun visiting them at the school as well as welcoming them to the pier. Engaging with young people is one of our key aims and we welcome all such contacts.

Jill Gower  
Secretary and Editor



*Photo courtesy of Alan Titheridge Orchard Infant School visiting the Pier*

**Our Community Working Together to bring our Heritage and History to life** [info@hythepierha.org.uk](mailto:info@hythepierha.org.uk)  
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## Join Us

HPHA continues to search for both new Directors to join our Board, and other skilled individuals to support our efforts. We are looking for people who have proven skills to bolster our team, such as accounting, marketing, project planning, expert co-ordination and team leadership.

HPHA is well organised, with good levels of control and management reporting. However, our current team are very busy and consequently, new initiatives are difficult to start. These new projects are vital for the long term success of the pier and railway, the most important of which is the development of funding, including an application to the Heritage lottery.

If you, or anyone you know, have skills that could be of interest to us, please get in touch with HPHA so that we can introduce them to our work.

**Email: [info@hythepier.org.uk](mailto:info@hythepier.org.uk)**

Anthony Smith - Chair



thank you!

Once again, we have had a generous donation of £228.00 from David Morris and 'Hythe & Waterside People Facebook group, for the sale of calendars.

Donations for the Hythe Pier and Train are always gratefully received to allow the continuation of restoration.

## Orchard Infant School Fundraising Feat - Alan Titheridge

Pupils of Year 2 at Orchard Infants School in Dibden Purlieu have just completed a “Communities Week”, with their chosen project being the Hythe Pier and Train. HPHA Board members Jill Gower and Alan Titheridge went into the classroom to explain to the children why the pier and train is so important to the local community and why so much money is needed to restore it. The pupils really took to the project, involving themselves in understanding what is needed to be done.

Ninety children were in Hythe on Friday February 11<sup>th</sup> singing in the High Street, visiting Grove Gardens and at the Pier Entrance on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February with candle holders and postcards among items they made during the week to sell to raise funds for HPHA’s restoration programme. Proud parents and friends as well as ferry passengers and Hythe shoppers delighted the children by buying almost everything.

Blue Funnel Ferries in conjunction with Hythe Pier Heritage Association made the train available for each of the 90 pupils to enjoy a ride along the 700 yards Grade II listed pier.

New Forest West MP, Dr. Julian Lewis was on hand to offer his support.

Orchard School Year 2 teacher Andy Bowie said, “Here at Orchard Infant School we truly believe that community is at the heart of everything we do, so much so that it is one of our Core Values in school. For this reason, our Year 2 children decided to embark on a fundraising mission for the Hythe Pier”.

It was a pleasure for HPHA to be involved and we can’t thank them enough with every penny they raised helping us to secure the pier and its railway for their future .

**A grand total of £713 was raised over the course of the week.**

# Thank you!



Photo: Alan Titheridge



Thanks to all those who shop through easyfundraising a further

## £150.77

has been raised in the last quarter.

Shop using the link below to start supporting us.

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### And finally ...

Our thanks go to the Hythe & Townswomen Guild for their generous donation of £200 .

We are also grateful for the ongoing collections via pots at various locations in Hythe.

Your continuing support is very much valued and appreciated.



## *This month in History - February* by AlanTitheridge

### **February 6, 1879 - A pier is born!**

At a meeting at the Drummond Arms Hotel, confirmation that the Hythe Pier and Hythe and Southampton Ferry Company the necessary funding for the building of the new Hythe Pier had been pledged was announced. The £7,700 project had in fact already begun with a contractor, Messrs Bergheim of London, engaged.



### **February 12, 1938 – Hotspur III launched**

The second of the much loved “Hotspurs” was launched at the Rowhedge Ironworks shipyard in Essex. Hotspur III was to serve on the Hythe – Southampton passage until she was withdrawn and scrapped in 1981.

### **February 25, 1939 – Pounds, shillings and pence!**

The ferry owners balance sheets for week ending Friday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 1939 reveal on its wages sheet...

Manager Mr. Gordon Finlay earned £6 6s 0d (£420 in 2022)

Asst manager William Arthur Lane earned £4 15s 0d (£325 in 2022)

Ferry Captain Wilf Banks earned £3 18s 4d (£260 in 2022)

Train Driver William Longman earned £3 6s 6d (£225 in 2022)



## ExxonMobil funds Health and Safety courses

At the beginning of this month, members of HPHA as well as volunteers from The Shed (at the pier), attended an Emergency First Aid course. A Manual Handling course has also been booked. We are really grateful to ExxonMobil for their kind donation to support this Health and Safety training.



HPHA members and members of Hythe Shed (at the Pier) attending HCS Emergency First Aid Training

## **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 year are as follows:

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