

Heartbeat of Hythe



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Our Community Working Together to bring our Heritage and History to life

Welcome

We hope those members and volunteers who have attended our Meet Ups in The Shed (At the Pier) have found these worthwhile and informative. We've found it's a great way to meet with you on an informal basis, gather your views and keep you updated. Our next Meet Up will be on Tuesday 12th September. This time it will be an early evening one, at 18.30. Hopefully, this will better suit people who work during the day.

Looking forward to seeing some of you then.

Jill Gower
Secretary and Editor



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Carriage 1 Restoration Update Tina Brown

Restoration work continues on both Carriage 2 (A driving carriage) and Tractor number 2. Brundles have delivered the metal channels and angle sections for Keith to cut to size and assemble chassis frame. The wheel sets need to be taken from underneath the old chassis frame and this will be started week commencing 18 or 25th July.

The volunteers at The Shed (at The Pier) are eager to assemble Carriage 2 after completing the side panels, roof, seats etc and see their hard work take form.

Being a driving carriage, there are other elements to the train carriage, apart from new cabling for electrics, there is confidence among the engineers that the breaking system and gearing is in good order which is fantastic to hear.

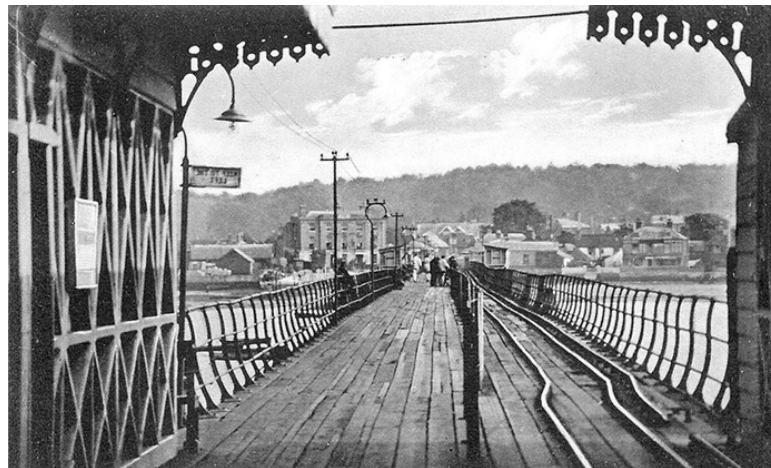


TRACTOR 2 Chassis, wheels and the braking unit complete July 2023

Step back in time with us on September 16th

Alan Titheridge

Heritage Day 2023 will be a fun as well as educational event. Its purpose is to celebrate the long history of the ferry boats, the pier and our iconic Guinness record holding pier train whilst offering another opportunity for the community of Hythe and the Waterside to experience the jewel that is the pier and train at the centre of our charming village.



We will have static and video displays at and on the pier and at the Shed (at the Pier), rides on the train, history walks, model railways, vintage vehicles, visiting associations, a cartoon drawing demonstration, a pop-up café and merchandising stands among other activities.

<http://hythepierha.org.uk/post-timeline/heritage-day-2023/>



It is hoped the restoration work at present underway on the third carriage and second locomotive will be completed for the event.

Make a note in your diaries, Saturday 16th September.

We Rocked the Pier !

Jill Gower

People turned out in their droves to enjoy our ever popular Rock the Pier music event on 15th July. The bad weather forecast almost scuppered the event, but luckily after taking the relevant safety precautions, we were able to proceed.

The bands were amazing as always. This year we were able to give a couple of new bands some experience of the big stage and even bigger audience. It's always rewarding to provide opportunities for young people in our community. There was no let up to the entertainment, with Byron Witchell back by popular demand, as MC, aided by singer Rozzie Turner.

This event only happens due to the generosity of our event sponsors, the bands who give their time for free plus the HPHA volunteers who organise and run the event on the day.

This year, the total amount raised through donations, sponsorship and merchandise sales was £9000.

A big THANKYOU to our audience too for your enthusiasm and donations. All profits will go to the ongoing pier and railway restoration projects.



Forthcoming Events



Heritage Day, Saturday 16th September
historical footage of the pier, vintage vehicles
and much more.

Board Meeting dates

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 we have space limitations within our usual meeting room.

The dates for this year are as follows:

Thursday, 28 September 2023

Thursday, 26 October 2023

Thursday, 30 November 2023

Thursday, 21 December 2023