

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Hythe Town Council

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Photo by Mike Matthews

What 2023 has brought to Hythe so far

On the 18 May 2023, Hythe welcomed the new Town Mayor for the ensuing Civic year. Councillor Anita Jones was elected as the Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe for 2023/24.

Since May, the Town Mayor Councillor Anita Jones has held several Mayoral Events to raise money for her chosen Charities. Raising and donating over £1000.00, along side tins of food to Hythe Pantry. Further information on pages 8 and 9.

Find out what our Councillors top tips were for reducing plastic for Plastic Free July, on page 7.

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Fisherman's
Beach Art Project



Welcome to Hythe Town Council's Community Newsletter

Looking Ahead

Welcome to the latest edition of the Hythe Town Council Newsletter, within the newsletter you will find a range of articles on different topics relating to Hythe.

If you would like to submit a photo of Hythe, please email Hythe Town Council at admin@hythe-tc.gov.uk

Our staff at Oaklands are committed to maintaining and providing an efficient service for all residents and are always happy to help. In addition, we look to the future as the Town Council has ambitious plans to make Hythe an even greater place to live.

Here are a few of the community projects we aim to deliver in the coming year:

- 1) A new business strategy that sets out the community's priorities and reflects your feedback.
- 2) Completion of an emergency plan for Hythe, to ensure resilience and a swift response to any future crisis.
- 3) Further energy efficiency measures for the Oaklands offices.
- 4) Swift nesting boxes for the Oaklands offices.
- 5) Renewed allotment policies and guidelines, in part to encourage more organic growing.
- 6) Further improvements to the play equipment across the town and to the skateboard park.
- 7) Additional tree planting.

Since the last Newsletter, Hythe Town Council has achieved:

- 1) Refurbished South Road Sports Pavilion.
- 2) New nets for the Tennis Courts.
- 3) Repairs to the Play Equipment at Reachfields.
- 4) Refurbished the Red Lion Square Telephone box.
- 5) Installation of new Play Equipment to: Eaton Lands, Burmarsh Rec, St Georges Place and Reachfields.
- 6) Installation of a Defibrillator in the Red Lion Square Phone Box.
- 7) Started the refurbishment of the Red Lion Square Water Fountain.

Hythe Town Councillors

The following individuals were elected in May 2023, to serve as Councillors for Hythe Town Council for the next four years.

Councillors are elected to represent the local community, they must either live or work in the council area. Being a councillor is a rewarding experience as they will be able to make a change in the community to help improve residents' lives. A councillor's role can include developing strategies and plans for the area, helping with problems and ideas, representing the community, working with other local community groups, decision making and reviewing decisions and talking to the community about their needs and what the council is doing.

Please see pages 12 and 13 for the Councillors contact details and boundary maps.

North Ward



Councillor E Curran



Councillor P Curran



Councillor P Graham



Councillor A Walters

West Ward



Councillor S Bailey



Councillor R Carter



Councillor J Hawkins



Councillor M Whybrow

East Ward



Councillor A Jones



Councillor J Martin



Councillor T Prater



Councillor G Savage

South Ward



Councillor J Chapman



Councillor A Dickinson



Councillor P Snow



Councillor J Stokes

Town Mayor's Blog

18 May 2023 - 15 June 2023

The highlight of my first month as Mayor has been the completion of the three play areas that Cllr Jenni Hawkins and I worked on over the last year. We were pleased to visit the new equipment with our chief advisors – Holly and Ira who both thoroughly approved of them.

I was pleased to attend two events with the Hythe Civic Society. Firstly the 'Through the Lens' of Benjamin William Horton exhibition in the library in Hythe. They had some extraordinary photos taken in Hythe and the nearby area around 1893. The second was the AGM, which gave me a useful insight into what our Civic Society does in Hythe. I will look forward to working with them on some of their future projects.

On Saturday 3rd June, I attended a church service in St Martin's church to celebrate the life and legacy of Samuel Plimsole who is buried there. As part of a coastal community we should be grateful for the impact he had on safety for those at sea.

I was invited to meet Luke Douglas-Hume, the Coastal runner who founded 'A Future without rubbish'. He is running the whole coast of England whilst picking up litter and meeting with school children to discuss the impact of plastic waste entering the sea.



Photo by Terry Reese

Town Mayor's Blog

16 June 2023 - 20 July 2023

I was pleased to attend two musical performances at Brockhill School including a performance of the musical – School of Rock. I also attended a rock music performance by Seabrook School at the Tower Theatre. As a musician myself, I know how much courage it takes to perform to an audience and the young people all performed very confidently!

Our Armed Forces Day in Hythe was a lovely event and well supported by the community. I was also pleased to attend Canada Day at Shorncliffe Cemetery and Barracks. It's important that we both celebrate our armed forces and remember those who gave their lives in service.

I was pleased to attend some of the Open Art Studio displays. We are so lucky in Hythe to have many talented artists. I also visited the Napier Friends Art Exhibition in the Tower Theatre.

I was delighted to support the Folkestone Town Day, New Romney Civic Day and meet the other Cinque Port Mayors at Walmer Castle. I also enjoyed an afternoon tea event at Brompton Barracks with mayors, members of the armed forces, and other community leaders. It's important to continue to build relations with our neighbouring towns.

Our own Civic Service at St Leonard's was a lovely occasion with beautiful singing from the choirs, allowing us to celebrate and pray for all the volunteer groups in the town and welcome visiting Mayors. We had speakers from my two charities – Napier Friends and The Hythe Pantry and raised £375 in the retiring collection.

I helped organise a Hythe litter pick for our local Explorer Scout group – unfortunately on a very windy evening which made it more of a 'litter chase' as the Scouts tried to catch the litter blowing across the playing fields!

One of my highlights was the quiz we organised which was not only a great social event, but also raised over £600 for my two charities in addition to around 100 tins of food for the Hythe Pantry.



Photo by Stewart Weller



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Town Mayor's Blog

20 July 2023 - 31 August 2023

The summer has been a little quieter than my first couple of months.

I was pleased to attend the Age UK Fun Day and present them for a cheque for a £1500 grant the council had applied for. £500 is for tea and biscuits for groups like the Dementia Group and people coming in for a warm space and £1000 is for meals to be delivered.

On 27th July, I attended the RBL commemoration of 70 years since the end of the Korean War. This was particularly poignant as my husband and son were landing in South Korea that day for the World Scout Jamboree. During their stay, they attended a short memorial service in Gloster Hill where the 'Battle which saved Seoul' was fought. After learning more about the war, the scouts laid flowers on the original memorial stone.

I was pleased to attend the Deal Carnival with my son Ira. This was a traditional carnival which had visiting floats from some of the other Cinque Port towns.

After a couple of weeks of annual leave, one of my first visits was to the Hythe Pantry. I was so impressed with how they operate. There is a lovely room for choosing the shopping with a good variety of food. In addition they have a café area, a clothes rail and during the summer they are running some arts and crafts activities for the children.

Later the same week, I was pleased to visit the Hythe Youth Club which is run by Clive from Salus. On the day I visited they not only had their usual activities, but also someone teaching them animation. This is amazing facility which provides a huge number of activities for the young people in Hythe both after school and during the school holidays. Sadly, it looks like KCC will be cutting the funding for this and we risk losing the youth club. We have written a letter on behalf of the council asking them to leave this service in place. There is also an online consultation which councillors and residents can take part in. I also discovered that they have a Youth Council in the club, so I have asked them to come and speak to us in a future council meeting. I would love to know what the young people would like from their local council.

I was pleased to welcome Kate Strong and her Bamboo Bike to Hythe yesterday as part of her 3000 mile journey around a mainland Britain discussing what communities are doing to mitigate climate change.

Lastly, a small update on one of my Mayoral objectives – I had a really positive meeting yesterday with The Hythe Civic Society and The Elham Valley Walkers to start considering a new walking guide for Hythe which would have a link into the Elham Valley. Hythe is the start of the Elham Valley Way which is a long distance walking route which takes you all the way to Canterbury. We are only in the early stages of this plan, but I will keep you updated!

Hythe's Armed Forces Day

On Saturday 24 June 2023, Hythe Town Council celebrate Armed Forces Day.

Those that attended this event celebrated together and gave thanks for the millions of citizens who have served our country in times of war and peace, those who have been an inspiration to us and those who have given so much with no thought of reward.

The service started at 1100hrs outside the Town Hall, led by RBL Chaplain Dudley Shipton and Revd. Michael Darkins Priest in Charge of Hythe. Also present was the Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe, Councillor A Jones and the Lord Lieutenant's Representative Major Dennis Bradley, BEM, DL.

The signing choir from Hythe Bay Primary School attending and signed both 'The White Cliffs of Dover' and 'We'll Meet Again'. The parade consisted of veteran's, scouts, and cadets.

The Armed Forces Flag could be seen flying on the Town Hall.



Plastic Free July

Hythe Town Council participated in Plastic Free July, running from 1 July until 31 July.

Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities.

A few of the Hythe Town Councillors provided tips for Plastic Free July:

Councillor Penny Graham - 'Instead of wrapping leftovers for the fridge in cling film, place them in a bowl with a saucer or plate to cover. This not only helps the environment by cutting down on single-use plastic but also helps your health as single-use plastic contains chemicals that can be transferred to foods especially those high in fat.. cheese for example. Alternatively, make yourself some beeswax wrap to protect food. It's easy to do and you can buy wax sticks cheaply from Home and Hobby in the High Street. Just Google How To Make Beeswax Wraps and you'll find a wealth of information.'

Councillor Gillie Savage - 'I use reusable 100% recycled plastic bags to buy fresh fruit and veg to avoid packaging and I try to go to open market stalls instead of supermarkets.'

Councillor Jenni Hawkins - 'My top plastic-free tip is to buy second-hand, especially clothing. Around 60% of clothing is made from plastic! Buying second-hand clothes has the added benefit that I can buy the more expensive brands and natural fibres I otherwise wouldn't be able to afford.'

Councillor Penny Snow - 'I would love to see all fast food outlets using recyclable packaging. It is estimated 2.2 million tonnes of plastic packaging enter the consumer market every year.'

Councillor Martin Whybrow - 'Definitely always take reusable cups with you when you are traveling. Even so-called "compostable" cups aren't home-compostable. And some chains give nice discounts if you bring your own.'

Councillor John Stokes - 'My preference is to buy loose unpackaged food and household products using reusable containers or paper bags. This can be done at local shops in Hythe for dry food goods. For other products, eg washing liquid, shampoo, cleaning liquids, Folkestone has stockists too.'



Town Mayors Evensongs

On Sunday 16 July 2023, the Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe Councillor Anita Jones held a Civic Sunday Evensongs Service in St Leonard's Church.

This service was to celebrate all the amazing groups, organisation and charities within Hythe. Throughout the service the choirs of St Leonards Church and Lyminge Parish Church performed beautifully.

Following the service, there were refreshments and the opportunity for informal discussions within the organisation to learn more about their services.

Both Napier Friends and the Hythe Pantry spoke about their charities and the services each charity provides.

Town Mayor, Councillor Anita Jones said, 'Many thanks to St Leonard's Church for hosting the Civic Sunday Evensong. It was a beautiful service with some wonderful singing from the choirs.'

Thank you also to the representatives from Napier Friends and the Hythe Pantry for speaking about their charities. I am delighted that the retiring collection for these charities was £375.'



Mayors Quiz Night

On Saturday 01 July 2023, the Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe, Councillor Anita Jones held a Mayoral Quiz Night.

The quiz night was in aid of the Hythe Pantry and Napier Friends, the two chosen Mayoral Charities for 2023/24.

The Quiz Night was held at Hythe Sports Pavilion on South Road, and consisted of a fun night full of challenges. The raffles included some wonderful prizes to be won.

Participants were asked to bring along a tin of food to be donated to the Hythe Pantry, these tins were very warmly received by Hythe Pantry.

On the 03 July 2023, the Town Mayor Councillor Anita Jones was delighted to deliver the donated tins of food to from the quiz to the Hythe Pantry who are part of the Rainbow Centre.

In total, the Mayoral Quiz Night raised an impressive £628.64, which will be split equally between the Mayoral Charities.



Help Teach Me to Decorate the Oaklands Park Bandstand Progress

On 18 July 2023, the Fisherman's Beach Art Project by TeachMe started the initial steps.

The project is run by TeachMe and assisted by a number of different volunteers, from students at Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, Councillors and members of the public.

This stage of the project started with the painting and sealing the base of the Bandstand in preparation of the installation of the mosaics in Spring 2024.

The benches surrounding the Bandstand were also painted and sealed. The theme of this projects is sea and music.

TeachMe has delivered the Age UK Hythe Lyminge and Ashford Crafty Tuesday sessions on creating the Mosaics for the Bandstand.

If you would like further information on this project or if you would like to volunteer, please see page 11.



Help Teach Me to Decorate the Oaklands Park Bandstand

Romney Marsh-based community-based company, Teach Me, was selected to deliver the developer-funded art project by Hythe Town Council.

There is an exciting opportunity to help transform the bandstand located within Oaklands Park. Following the success of a community project involving the mosaics that now adorn 14 Churches on the Romney Marsh, Teach Me is now working with Hythe Town Council to beautify the base of the park's bandstand and associated benches.

Theme of the project is Fisherman's Beach and Teach Me will be running workshops for members of the public to come along and create either a small ceramic sea creature or help with making one of the 17 panels on the bandstand itself. There are seven free Sessions from 13 June to 25 September for anyone to sign up and join in so book up now and claim your spot. Workshops are suitable for ages seven and upwards and all tools and materials will be provided. The workshops will take place on Tuesday afternoons in the AGE UK Café situated opposite the bandstand and next to the library in Oaklands Park. To secure a place people should visit www.teachmecourses.co.uk.

Dates of the sessions are:

12 September

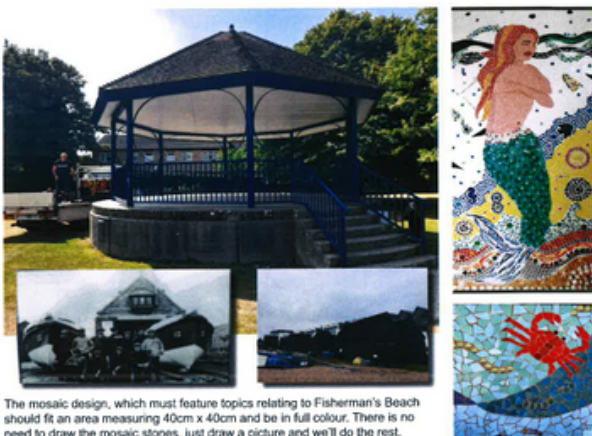
26 September

Each session starts at 1.00pm, 2.00pm and 3.00pm and lasts about 45 minutes.

DESIGN A MOSAIC PANEL FOR FISHERMAN'S BEACH

The bandstand in Oaklands is to be decorated with mosaics relating to a combination of Fisherman's Beach, music and sealife. You could have *your own* design immortalised on the bandstand!

Simply sketch your idea and return it to us and you could see your design being featured.



The mosaic design, which must feature topics relating to Fisherman's Beach should fit an area measuring 40cm x 40cm and be in full colour. There is no need to draw the mosaic stones, just draw a picture and we'll do the rest.

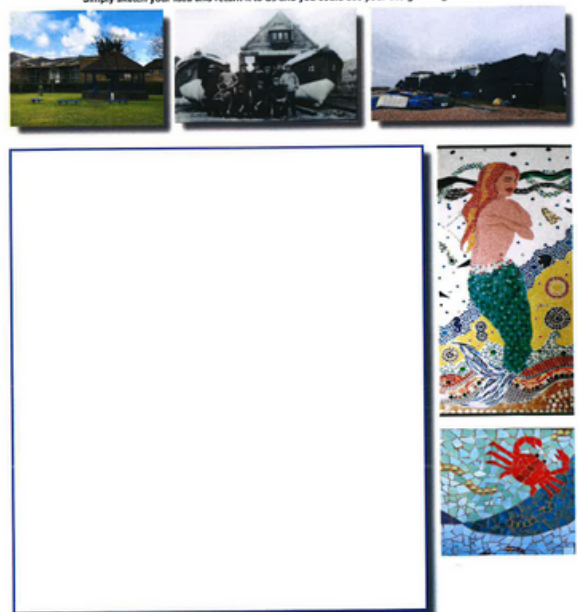
Email your entry to info@teachmecourses.co.uk, or, mail it to 3 Cockreed Lane, New Romney, Kent TN28 8JH or hand it in at Hythe public library.



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Useful Contact Details

Police

101 in Non-Emergencies,

999 in case of Emergencies.

Hate crime reporting: 0800 138 1625 – 24 hour
freephone number



Folkestone and Hythe District Council

Visit www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Call 01303 853000 for

- Abandoned Vehicles
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Collection of Large Household Items
- Council Tax
- Dog Fouling / Lost and Found Dogs
- Electoral Registrations
- Fly Tipping
- Housing Advice
- Housing Benefit
- Licensing
- Missed Bin Collection
- Parking Fines, Permits and Season Tickets
- Parks, Beaches and Open Spaces
- Pest Problems
- Planning
- Street Cleaning



Kent County Council

Visit www.kent.gov.uk

Call 03000 414141 for

- Bus Passes
- Blue Badges
- Household Waste and Recycling Sites
- Pavements and Footpaths
- Pot Holes and Road Gritting
- Roads – Works, Drains and Signs
- Street Lighting



For Matters relating to HTC Open Spaces, Events & Buildings

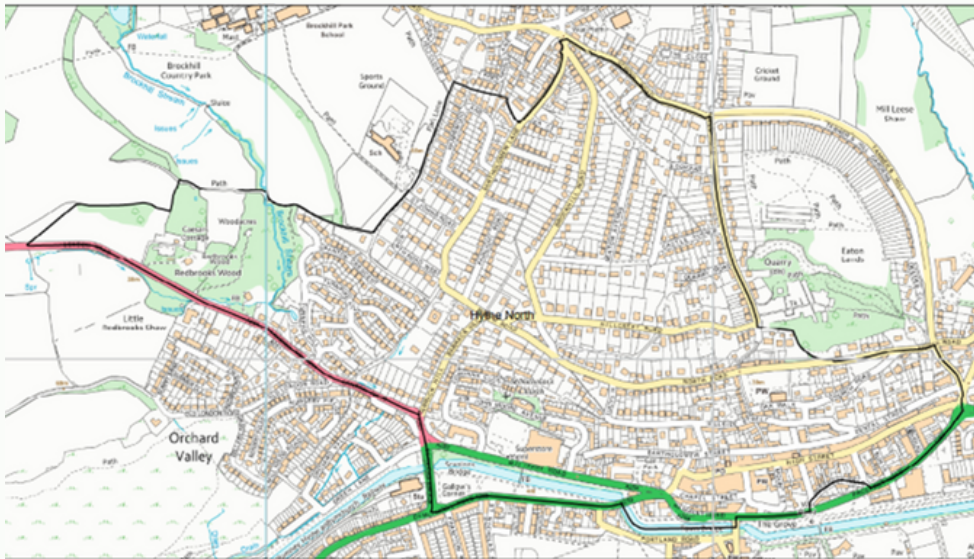
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Out-of-Hours Emergency number: 07493 635897

List of Councillors

North Ward

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Cllr P Graham	P.Graham@hythe-tc.gov.uk	01303 267353
Cllr A Walters	A.Walters@hythe-tc.gov.uk	07444 554086



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Councillor	Email	Phone
Cllr J Chapman	J.Chapman@hythe-tc.gov.uk	07802 614373
Cllr A Dickinson	A.Dickinson@hythe-tc.gov.uk	07803 318488
Cllr P Snow	P.Snow@hythe-tc.gov.uk	07467 062022
Cllr J Stokes	J.Stokes@hythe-tc.gov.uk	07818 045955



List of Councillors

East Ward

Councillor	Email	Phone
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Cllr J Martin	J.Martin@hythe-tc.gov.uk	07932 044168
Cllr T Prater	T.Prater@hythe-tc.gov.uk	07956 276118
Cllr G Savage	G.Savage@hythe-tc.gov.uk	07979 544076



West Ward

Councillor	Email	Phone
Cllr S Bailey	S.Bailey@hythe-tc.gov.uk	07747 707409
Cllr R Carter	R.Carter@hythe-tc.gov.uk	01303 261459
Cllr J Hawkins	J.Hawkins@hythe-tc.gov.uk	07743 441583
Cllr M Whybrow	M.Whybrow@hythe-tc.gov.uk	07727 185385



Flags Flown from the Town Hall

Flags to be flown for one day unless stated otherwise. The recent Council decision to fly the Union flag at all times in between does mean that on occasions the flag is already up for some of these days.

Holocaust Day, 27 January

Commonwealth Day, second Monday in March

His Majesty's Wedding Day, 09 April

St. George's Day, 23 April

VE Day, 8 May

Rainbow Flag / LGBTQ Pride Month, June

D Day, 6 June

Official Birthday of His Majesty The King, 17 June

Birthday of the Prince of Wales, 21 June

Armed Forces Day, week around the 24 June

Birthday of Queen Camilla, 17 July

VJ Day, 15 August

Merchant Navy Day, 3 September

Battle of Britain, 15 September

Trafalgar Day, 21 October

Remembrance Day, 11 November

Speakers Day, 13 November

Birthday of His Majesty The King, 14 November



Wedding / Civil Ceremonies at Hythe Town Hall



Hythe Town Hall

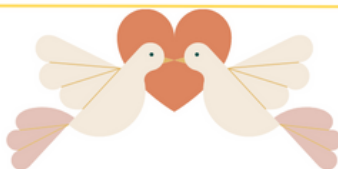
Grade Two listed Wedding/Civil Partnership Venue

in the heart of Hythe High Street

The Town Hall is a unique venue which is available during the week and weekends.

The Chamber is situated on the first floor.

Facilities include: separate rooms for the couple to meet the registrar, stair lift, disabled toilets, WIFI to live stream the ceremony, local pay and display car park near by.



Contact Details: 01303 266152/ email
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TOWN HALL CHAMBER

For further information or to arrange a tour of the Council Chamber please contact admin@hythe-tc.gov.uk or 01303 266152. Tours are by appointment only.

2023 Dates and Events

Proms in the Park

09 September 2023

Poppy Appeal Launch

28 October 2023



**HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL
PROUDLY PRESENTS
BARN DANCE**

Saturday 4th November, 2023
St Leonards Church, 3 Oak Walk, Hythe

Doors Open at 6pm for 6.30pm Dancing
Finish Time 9.30pm

Live Music From - Rejigged
£10 per Adult, £5 per Child

To secure your place at this very popular event, please make your payment via Bacs Transfer to Hythe Town Council
Account Number xxxxxxxxxx Sort Code xx-xx-xx or
contact Kate at Hythe Town Council, Tel 01303 266152
Email admin@hythe-tc.gov.uk

Please bring your own 'American Supper'
'Bring-a-Tin' to help support The Hythe Pantry
Charity Raffle in aid of Napier Friends

Barn Dance - Mayors Charity Fundraiser

04 November 2023

Remembrance Day

11 November 2023



Hythe Town Council 2023
Presents
BBC Proms In The Park

THE LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

Live-streamed on the BIG screen at Oaklands,
Saturday, September 9th, 2023 from 7.00 pm

Strauss, Coleridge-Taylor, Bruch, Parry, Arne, Wilson,
Mascagni, Kalman, Wagner, Verdi, Elgar

Plus, Performances from Lise Davidsen, Sheku Kanneh-Mason, BBC Singers, BBC Symphony Chorus and BBC
Symphony Orchestra, Conducted by Marin Alsop

Please bring your own flags to wave and picnics to eat
(sorry no BBQ's)



HYTHE TOWN BOOT FAIR DATES 2023
THE GREEN, HYTHE

HYTHE CIVIC SOCIETY - 21 MAY
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - 28 MAY

HYTHE BAY SCHOOL - 11 JUNE
AGE UK - 18 JUNE

HYTHE ROTARY CLUB - 2 JULY
KENT MARINE CADETS - 9 JULY
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT - 16 JULY
FOLKESTONE, HYTHE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB - 23 JULY
1ST HYTHE SCOUT GROUP - 30 JULY

HYTHE TWINNING ASSOCIATION - 6 AUGUST
FRIENDS OF SAMARITANS - 13 AUGUST
HYTHE GREEN PRESERVATION SOCIETY - 20 AUGUST

SEABROOK SCHOOL - 3 SEPTEMBER
HYTHE RAINBOW & BROWNIES - 17 SEPTEMBER
HYTHE MAYOR'S BOOTFAIR - 24 SEPTEMBER

SELLERS FROM 7.00AM, PUBLIC FROM 8.00AM



HYTHE TOWN BANDSTAND CONCERTS
SUMMER SEASON LIVE 2023

THE LINE UP

UNSHACKLED - 21 MAY
DR SYN - 28 MAY
DAYS GONE BY - 4 JUNE
GUMBOOTS - 11 JUNE
USA SWINGBAND - 18 JUNE
KENT POLICE BAND - 25 JUNE
HYTHE TOWN CONCERT BAND - 2 JULY
SKIES - 9 JULY
THE TRANSIENTS - 16 JULY
HYTHE TOWN CONCERT BAND - 23 JULY
THE DULCETTES - 30 JULY
DAVE FERRA ALL STARS BAND - 6 AUGUST
ELVIS - 13 AUGUST
ABBALICIOUS - 20 AUGUST
HERE COME THE GIRLS - 3 SEPTEMBER

LIVE MUSICIANS - FREE
ENTRY - 3PM-5PM
-OAKLANDS, STADE STREET

LOCATED JUST 2 MINUTES
WALK FROM THE HIGH STREET
- ADJACENT TO OAKLANDS
HEALTH CENTRE AND THE
LIBRARY

NEAREST CAR PARKS -
MOUNT STREET AND
PORTLAND ROAD (BY THE
GREEN)

FACILITIES - OAKLANDS
CAFE, CHILDRENS PLAY AREA
AND NEARBY TOILETS,
OCCASIONAL SEATING
PROVIDED

CANCELLATIONS AND
CHANGES OF ACTS MAY
OCCUR