

Heartbeat of Hythe

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Welcome

New Year, new look! Following a recent discussion about branding and merchandise, we decided we needed to streamline our offer and create a more recognisable HPHA brand. Since the 'Save the pier and ferry' campaign early in 2017, red had become our colour. We made the decision some time ago that our railway carriages and tractor units should be painted in green, and so we have decided that the obvious choice was to go with this colour in the future. Look out for our new range of merchandise in our new colours coming soon.

On the subject of merchandise, we would like to say a big "thank you" to Mary King who has recently stepped back from our merchandising team. We appreciate how much time and effort Mary has taken with this work. We hope to see her on some of the stalls at events. Meanwhile, we welcome Bob Kelly who has taken over this role.

Jill Gower

Secretary and Editor



Tractor 2 update

Tractor 2 is due to have new doors fitted and then she will be ready to be released from the workshop.

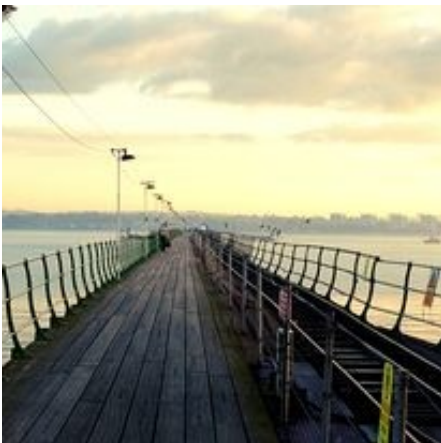
Electrical work will then be continued before finally attaching her new name plate.

Any guesses what that might be?

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Work continues on Carriage 3

We recently had the wheels from Carriage 3 refurbished courtesy of Southern Locomotives Ltd in Swanage. This connection sprung from a chance meeting at Heritage Day last year. We can't wait to see them fitted!



Your pier and railway need you!

Since, 2017, the community benefits society has raised and spent many tens of thousands of pounds on protection work on the pier and restoration of the railway, including the recent relaying of the first section of the track.

HPHA director Alan Titheridge, says “HPHA can be really proud of what it has achieved to date, but there is so much more it both wants and needs to do. Funding is everything, with the directors and volunteers continually seeking grants and event contributions to effect this”.

Director, Anthony Smith adds “We need a larger pool of board members. To expand that pool, we need to engage with active volunteers who are interested in becoming involved in the organisation of some of our projects and events”.

If you can offer skills and time to advance HPHA’s ambition to restore Hythe’s Victorian pier to create a community hub and tourist attraction, please contact us through our website

www.hythepierha.org.uk

or by email information@hythepierha.org.uk.

Cash collection

A big thank you to all those who kindly donated their spare foreign currency, as well as to the staff at The Herald office in Hythe, who acted as a collection point. In addition, we now have a new donation tube at the ferry ticket office, and we recently collected a total of £409 from these sources.



Memorabilia

Soon we will be adding a series of memorabilia items to our merchandise range. Our aim is to recycle and re-use materials reclaimed from the pier and train as part of our restoration projects.

The first range to be released are paperweights and desk toys made from recycled railway track and recycled wood from pier decking and railway carriages. Each item is individually numbered and comes with a certificate of authenticity. Items will be available at events from our merchandise stall and from our online shop.

Hope you won a car !

We have unexpectedly received a large donation from the "RevComps" website. This website runs raffles which give participants a chance to win a prestige car. Participants also are able to nominate charities that should receive a share of the winnings. An unknown supporter of HPHA nominated us to receive a donation. We are very grateful to the mystery supporter and hope that you were successful in the raffle for the car. Brumm brumm.



