



Hythe Civic Society

NEWSLETTER

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TALKS AND EVENTS

All Talks are held on Tuesdays
Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30 pm start
Hythe Bay C of E Primary School
Cinque Ports Avenue
CT21 6HS

Please Note our entrance fee from
January 2024:

Members: £3 Non-Members: £5

9th January 2024

MAJOR GORDON CORRIGAN

The Romanovs



13 February 2024

DR HUBERT PRAGNELL

Sir Christopher Wren



HCS CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Friday 8th December @ 7 pm

The Sports Pavilion, South Road

Members and Friends Welcome



Get the festive Season started

Mulled wine/coffee and mince pies

A seasonal quiz and a raffle

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING IN THE HIGH STREET

Friday 15th December sees the return of Late Night Shopping to the High Street. Brought to you by the Hythe Business and Tourism Association, the evening will be filled with music, entertainment and of course the opportunity to visit our wonderful independent retailers.



Hythe Rotary

SANTA CLAUS
IS COMING TO TOWN

COME AND MEET SANTA IN HIS GROTTTO AT HYTHE TOWN HALL

December 9 & 10, 16 - 24

Price £6. To book your personal appointment simply scan the code or visit:
<https://buytickets.at/rotaryclubofhythe/1030340>

ARCHIVE CORNER

Mackeson's Brewery

The Georgian building at No 1 High Street was the Mackeson Brewery head office. The northern extremity of the building housed an off-licence and the car park behind the head office building was the site of the brewery. The 'Maltings' or Malthouse still remain, in part, at the bottom of Malthouse Hill.



Pic from the HCS Jack Adams Collection donated in 1999 by his son John

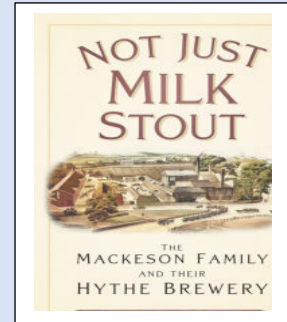
The Hythe Brewery was established in 1699 by James Pashley. Early expansion resulted from the influx of British soldiers in the area, to combat the threat of a French invasion. Circa 1741 Mr John Friend, a maltster from Ashford, purchased the brewery and In 1801 it was bought by Henry and William Mackeson.



Photos of the Brewery, plus Coronation Street characters Ena Sharples and Minnie Caldwell enjoying a Milk Stout

An Extract from HCS Member

Anne Petrie's new book



The Mackeson family found worldwide fame with their Milk Stout in the 20th century, but their brewery and their links with Hythe go back over 200 years.

Originally from Deal, Henry and William Mackeson bought the Hythe brewery in 1801. But William, by profession a man-midwife, was not cut out for business and died insolvent. Henry was left to run the brewery, while raising his own family and William's children and supporting a host of mostly improvident and ungrateful relatives.

His perseverance meant that he could pass a thriving concern on to his son Henry Bean Mackeson. Nine times mayor of Hythe, the discoverer of a new dinosaur, churchwarden, railway enthusiast – the list of his achievements is almost endless, and he consolidated and developed the brewery too.

It was under his sons' management that Milk Stout was produced. Its success allowed Henry and George Mackeson to sell the business and retire. George stayed in Hythe until his death, devoting himself to the cricket club and St Leonard's church. His nephew, Hythe MP from 1945 to 1959, gained the Mackesons a baronetcy – he became Sir Harry Ripley Mackeson, 1st Baronet of Hythe. Milk Stout may have made them a household name, but the Mackeson family's impact stretched beyond the brewery walls, not just into the town but as far as India, France and the Caribbean.

If you would like a copy of Anne's book she has a limited number on sale for £8 (half the RRP)

Contact: annepetrie67@gmail.com

CONCERTS AND CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN ST LEONARD'S CHURCH

December 2023

Friday 1, 7.00pm

Marsh Choir festive concert, singing big rock and pop hits and a few Christmas classics!

Saturday 9, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Christmas Fair

Wednesday 13, 2.30pm

'**Carols in the Church**' (Hythe Dementia Forum)

Saturday 16, 7.00pm

'**Carols for All**' with Shepway Singers, St Leonard's Church Choirs & Hythe Girls Choir

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas arrangements

Sunday 24 (Christmas Eve), 4.00pm:

Crib Service

Sunday 24 (Christmas Eve), 11.30pm:

Midnight Mass

Monday 25 (Christmas Day), 9.30am:

Family Eucharist

January 2024

Saturday 27 January, 12 noon:

lunchtime concert by Tom Klidzia (violin) & Mary Hill (piano)

Grieg *G major sonata No 2, Op 13* &

Schubert *A minor sonata Op 137, No 2*

All are welcome to these church services, concerts and events.

For further details please visit the St Leonard's website at www.slhk.org. For further information about concerts please visit the *Friends of St Leonard's Church* website at:

www.friendsofstleonardshythe.org.uk.

RESTORATION OF ST LEONARD'S CHURCH CLOCK FACE

Due to unforeseen circumstances and a change in the original method planned by specialist clockmaker Smith of Derby, restoration work on the face of the clock on the tower of St Leonard's Church has regrettably been postponed until next May.

A more precise timeframe will be announced when details are available.

PLANNING UPDATE

One of the principle aims and objects of the Civic Society is the promotion of high standards in Planning and Architecture. Each month the Executive committee of the Society reviews the current and new Planning Applications received by Folkestone and Hythe District Council. In particular major developments and those within the Hythe Conservation area, which includes much of the centre of the Town.

Where the Executive committee members consider its views are relevant to a particular application these are submitted to the Council website and are also included on the Civic Society planning web page. The Society Planning web page is the most viewed section of the website each month. Below are two of the current developments being considered by the District Council of interest to the Society.

Y20/1608/FH Land adjacent to Saltwood Care Centre, Tanners Hill. The proposal to erect 12 houses, 8 bungalows and a four storey block was originally submitted for approval in 2020. It was resubmitted in September this year with minor additional details for consideration. Hythe Town Council and the Civic Society have both objected to the original and revised applications on the grounds of traffic issues, biodiversity, and pedestrian access to the Town. The District Council has yet to determine this application.

Y/22/1990/FH St Saviours Hospital, Seabrook Road Permission was granted for the demolition of the old hospital and construction of 47 residential units in 2016. An application to propose the detailed design of the buildings was submitted in 2022. Considerable objections were received from the adjoining site owners and by both the Town Council and the Society. The reasons of objection were the height of the buildings and overlooking, also its appearance being out of keeping with the surrounding street scene. (See photo below)

Following these comments, major changes to the layout and design were proposed by the Architects. These were submitted last month to the Council for consideration. Details of all the revised proposals can be seen on the Council website. The District Council meeting held on the 16th October finally approved the designs despite the continued opposition of both the locals and Hythe Town Council. The District Council and Hythe Town Council Planning meetings are broadcast live on their Facebook pages each month.

For more information go to the Planning Page on our Website at www.hythecivicsociety.org



I LIKE HYTHE BECAUSE..

Originally launched on our Facebook Page in June to coincide with the national Civic Day event, Hythe Civic Society has extended the period for submitting photographs to 1 Feb 2024.

Email your photo and description to enquiries@hythecivicsociety.org



.....of October mornings like this one.

Submitted by Tina Naylor

Dear Members,

At the AGM in May 2023 the increase of the Annual membership subscription to £15 per annum, per household, from the 1st April 2024, was agreed by the membership.

This will require revised standing orders. We will automatically send the forms out in early January to members who currently pay by this means.

Members who currently pay by other means can elect to pay by standing order; any wishing to do so should contact Alan Joyce, Treasurer, either by email, enquiries@hythecivicsociety.org or telephone 01303 267085.



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COMMITTEE

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Photographs from the Society's 'Jack Adams Collection' at North View Nursing Home.

Following our successful 'Through the Lens' exhibitions during May at the Hythe Library, a request came in from the North View Nursing Home to display a number of local photographs as part of the home's refurbishment. Paul Naylor, our Chairman, liaised with Jo Nicoll, Marketing Manager for the Home's owners, with over 30 photographs selected. 17 were framed by Artwrite (Rye) for the Home and are now displayed in various rooms and hallways, providing residents and staff with memories of Hythe from the 1950s and 1960s. A generous donation to the Society was received to acknowledge the help and support provided.

With Balgowan and the Saltwood Care Home (formerly Philbeach) also due to be refurbished, it is possible the Society's archive of photographs may be called upon again.



Photographs with the kind permission of North View Nursing Home

IMPERIAL HOTEL NEW DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

For those of you unaware of the proposed development at The Imperial Hotel, GSE intend to transform the current Hythe Golf Club into a lakeside holiday destination. This would include a lake and facilities for water sports, a nature reserve, two and three storey chalets and a children's play park.

The Committee met with two GSE representatives who outlined their plans. Our Chairman pointed out that it may be difficult for HCS members to reconcile the Society's interests with the proposals being put forward, given the importance of the site locally. HCS, and many in the local community, regard the vista of the town (including the sightline to St Leonard's and the escarpment viewed from the promenade), as iconic and a feature that has defined Hythe and should continue to do so.

We will keep our Members informed of further developments to this scheme in the coming months.