



# NEWSLETTER



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**National Pier of  
the Year Award  
2025.**

**Herne Bay Pier  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place!**



### Queen Scoop.....

We recently had confirmation of a long held rumour that Queen rehearsed on Herne Bay Pier.

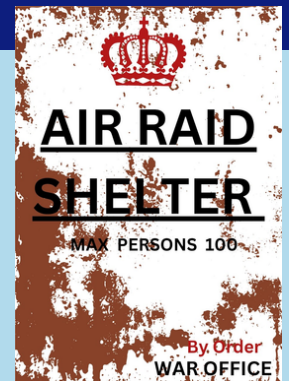
Roger Taylor stated in the Netflix documentary that before being known as Queen the band rehearsed for two weeks in the theatre on the Pier in Herne Bay he said "it was In the middle of winter, which was a desolate place to be, we were there for a week or two," Finally there is solid evidence from the rock band themselves that they did play on the Pier. A piece of scary trivia. Bohemian Rhapsody was 50 years old on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

# JUNE V.E. DAY CELEBRATIONS

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The V.E. Day Celebrations were a huge success despite the weather which was not kind to us! The wind was blowing at gale force it seemed but it didn't dampen the spirit of the event. There was a huge choir, a fabulous entertainer, lots of people and children in 40's fashion, a fancy dress competition and a very special cream tea for VIP' ticket holders, the atmosphere was buzzing. The Events Team excelled themselves organising and booking the entertainment programme ordering flags and signage to decorate the Pier which did look spectacular.

As always our fantastic Volunteers worked hard setting up, laying tables, placing chairs as well as stewarding the crowds during the day.



The Photo Booth was popular with the above back drop and several war time props available for people to choose from.

Phil our friendly professional photographer took the photos and donated half his proceeds to the Trust. 1940's music played all day apart from when the entertainment was on. Several war time signs were displayed around the Pier, the war office sign seems to have found its home on the Pier Office door!





# V.E. DAY CELEBRATIONS MONTAGE

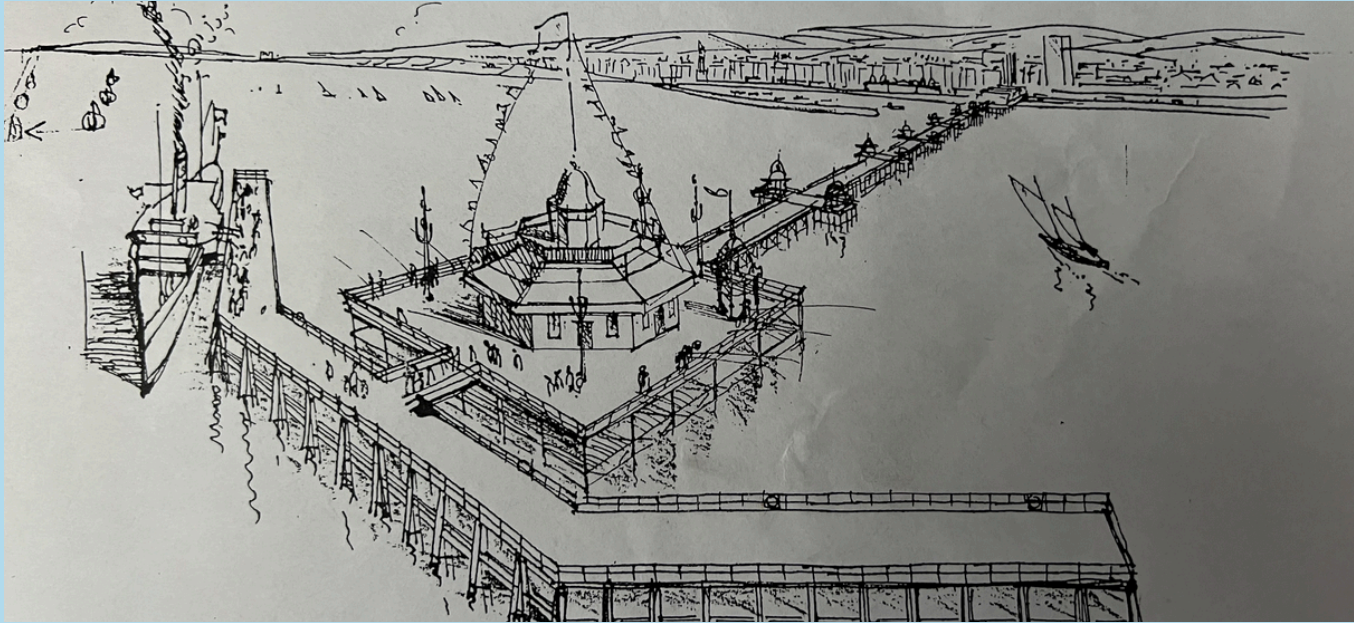
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## Archive Donation

We recently received a donation of papers and files of historic documentation relating to Herne Bay and the Pier. We will archive them and hopefully show some on the website. The documents include photographs, newspaper clippings and notes made by Jean Herwin who was a strong community supporter who campaigned to save the Pier. The donation was made by her son Sebastian and gratefully received.



There are some wonderful Line drawings.



The artistic impression above shows an interesting idea to connect the two parts of the Pier



The Sports Hall Circa 1990



## Archive Donation continued.

The Mural, painted by Penny Bearman from Deal was one of the items mentioned in the donation. The mural was painted on a wall situated on Central Parade near Cains and showed several celebrities with local connections, including Bob Hope who it is said fell from the Pier as a child!

The mural is currently missing... The wall it was on is covered by scaffolding and the mural has been removed. I do hope it is being restored and will be put back. Something to keep an eye on!



The Clock Tower  
Beach and Reculver c1910



## OUR FABULOUS NEW PEEP BOARD!



Here is the fantastic new peep board magnificently modelled by the artist himself Tim Jenkins and some well known Pier Volunteers.....







Looking forward to next year

Coming Soon.....



**WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THIS EDITION, SEE YOU NEXT TIME!**

If you have any comments or would like to submit an article for the next edition please do get in touch. We would love to hear from you at: [info@hernebaypier.co.uk](mailto:info@hernebaypier.co.uk)

## SUMMER NIGHTS ON THE PIER 2026

<b>JUNE</b> SAT 27 <sup>TH</sup> - SUPERSONIC QUEEN <b>JULY</b> SAT 4 <sup>TH</sup> - THAT 80'S ROCK SHOW FRI 10 <sup>TH</sup> - NEIL DUNCAN - IMAGES OF ELVIS SAT 18 <sup>TH</sup> - MICHAEL® STARRING BEN FRI 24 <sup>TH</sup> - BEACHED BOYS <b>AUGUST</b> SAT 1 <sup>ST</sup> - VERY SANTANA FRI 7 <sup>TH</sup> - MICHAEL BUBLÉ EXPERIENCE SAT 8 <sup>TH</sup> - CARNIVAL NIGHT ON THE PIER SAT 15 <sup>TH</sup> - OUR OWN WAY - FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE SUN 16 <sup>TH</sup> - HERNE BAY JAZZ & SWING FESTIVAL TBC SAT 22 <sup>ND</sup> - ABBA CHIQUE FRI 28 <sup>TH</sup> - FAMILY DISCO SAT 29 <sup>TH</sup> - TBC SUN 30 <sup>TH</sup> - HULLABALOO	LICENSED BARS AND FOOD OUTLETS OPEN AT ALL EVENTS LOOK OUT FOR FREE DAYTIME EVENTS TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT <a href="http://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/HERNE-BAY-PIER">WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/HERNE-BAY-PIER</a>  <small>FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL US AT <a href="mailto:INFO@HERNEBAYPIER.CO.UK">INFO@HERNEBAYPIER.CO.UK</a> VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT <a href="http://WWW.HERNEBAYPIER.CO.UK">WWW.HERNEBAYPIER.CO.UK</a> OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM</small>
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