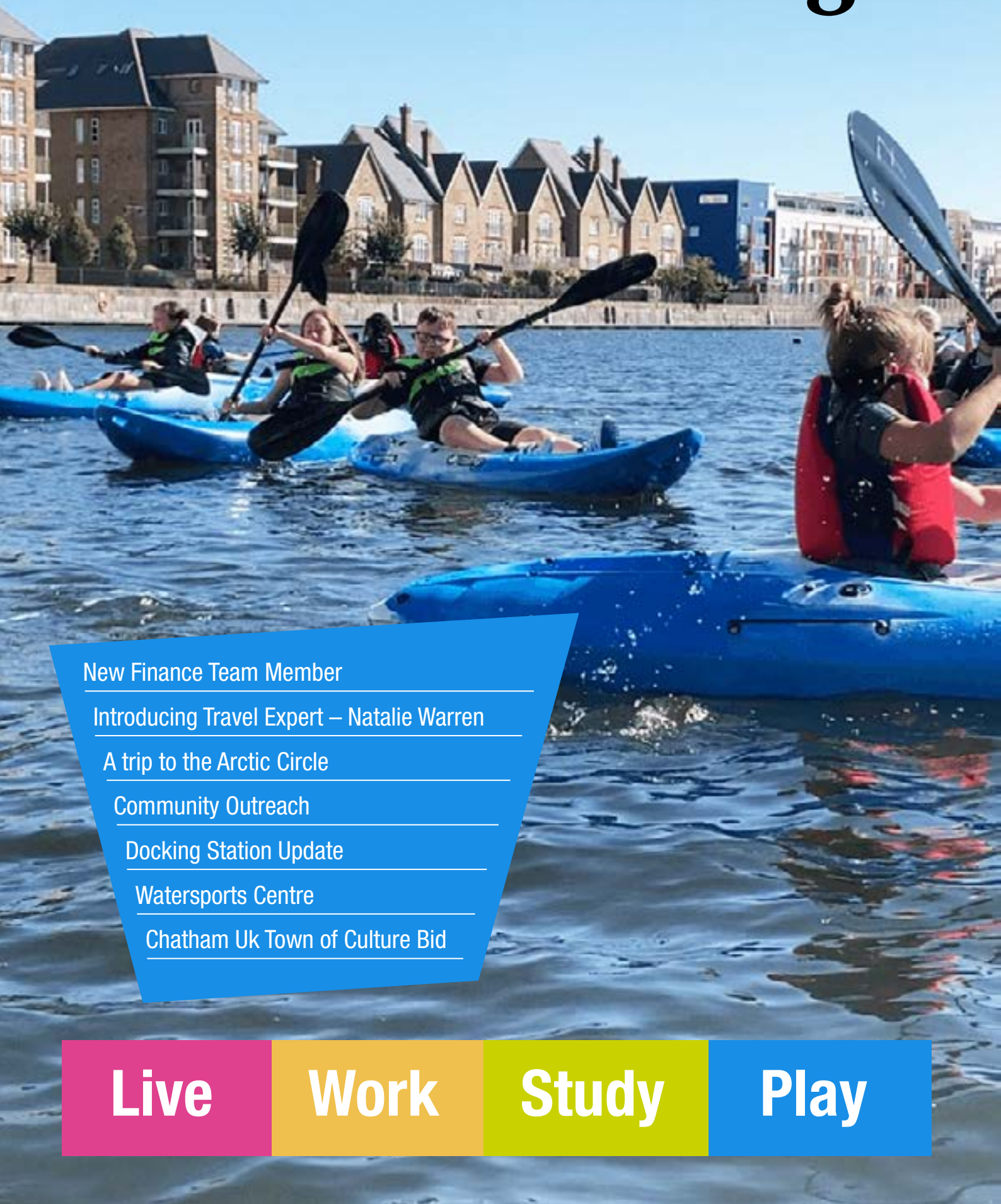




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IN BRIEF



Dear Reader

The Trust has been extremely busy over the winter with plans and ideas for future investment across the whole estate.

The acquisition of the Homes England land and assets has strengthened our balance sheet and allows us more freedom to make decisions for the long-term benefit of the estate. Our responsibilities as landlord and estate manager have increased considerably and I am pleased to say that we have recruited Sherree Glaister to the finance team to support the growing workload. Sherree joins the Trust as a management accountant and is already proving a great asset to the team.

As always, there is a lot of work to do this year and we are gearing up for a number of larger maintenance tasks. HMS Chatham bridge is due to be resurfaced in part later this year and we have work to do on a number of our heritage assets to keep them in good condition. The Trust takes pride in its duties as custodian and has considerable responsibilities when it comes to maintaining the many features and structures across the estate, which are there for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. Please be assured that there will be plenty of notice given, prior to any work taking place!

The Trust is replacing the location signage across St. Mary's Island and the south of basin area. The new signs will be more visual and informative and will include references to some of the plants and wildlife that inhabit the local area. The signs have been prepared in conjunction with SMIRA representatives, with contributions from our environmental consultants Panthalassa.

The boardwalk was closed for an extended period during the early part of 2026. The water levels in basin 2 were such that the boardwalk was deemed unsafe for a period of time hence the closure. Unfortunately, the Trust has no control over the port and its infrastructure and needed to act in the interests of public safety. We will continue to monitor water levels throughout the year.

The Trust is taking steps to decarbonise its activities where it is prudent and cost effective to do so. I am pleased to say that the board have adopted a 5-year and 10-year ESG (environmental – social – governance) plan, detailing the tasks and opportunities that are open to us. The Trust already undertakes significant work in the charitable arena and we operate a very "green" estate, ensuring our contractors and suppliers adhere to specific environmental targets. There are always opportunities to go further e.g. adding to our solar panels on Trust buildings and ensuring our landscaping and tree planting is managed sustainably. We will be tracking our

results and publishing data in our next set of accounts.

The watersports centre continues to support schools and other organised groups from across Medway. This includes the provision of formal learning for various curriculum modules which a number of local schools are taking advantage of in increasing numbers. The centre also offers team building days, corporate get togethers as well as a thriving open water swimming centre. Alternatively, you can have a quiet afternoon on a pedalo, dinghy or paddleboard! I recently enjoyed a swim session with the ladies from Club Phoenix and I am an advocate of the benefits that open water swimming can deliver.

I am delighted that Wisdom Hospice have decided to hold their Walk The Night event around St. Marys Island again this year. The event was a tremendous success in 2025 and we are very pleased to support them once again.

Later in the year we will be holding a series of open meetings and drop-in sessions to give residents and other users of the estate the opportunity to meet the team and raise any questions that you may have. The dates and times will be published well in advance and will be spread over weekdays, evenings and weekends. We always welcome any opportunity to speak to residents and other users of the Chatham Maritime estate.

Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Farrer, CEO



At Chatham Maritime Trust we pride ourselves in:

- Acting with integrity
- Always providing a high standard of service
- Treating others with respect
- Behaving ethically

WHO'S WHO AT THE TRUST

CHATHAM MARITIME TRUST



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Introducing Sherree Glaister

Sherree Glaister joined Chatham Maritime Trust in January 2026 as a Management Accountant supporting the Finance Manager and Assistant; she has ten years' experience in accountancy practice.

Sherree was educated in Medway and lives locally. She enjoys spending time with her family – walking, swimming and socialising. Painting is one of her interests when time allows.

Sherree has settled in well and we are delighted to have her as part of our small team.

Work



Forest School Projects for Hempstead Infant School and St. Mary's Island School

Both projects are still evolving but the benefits of such initiatives are extensive. It fosters strong connections to nature and delivers an appreciation for the environment and conservation and an understanding of sustainability as well as delivering health benefits through outdoor learning. Trust member, Elona Walker, visited the project at St. Mary's Island School in March and was encouraged to see Year 2 children using their initiative and enthusiastic to learn about nature and the environment.



Environmental Projects

Fruit Trees for Schools Campaign

CMT funded the provision of two trees for five Medway schools:

- The Rowan's AP Academy in Chatham
- Leigh Academy in Rainham
- Hilltop Primary in Strood
- City of Rochester School I Rochester
- St. Mary's Catholic School, Gillingham

The trees will provide fresh fruit and create learning opportunities as well as offsetting the carbon in the local environment.

Helping young people connect with the environment and enjoying the fruits of nature!

Young Environmentalist — Medway Sunlight Rotary Club

Support was given to Medway Sunlight Rotary Club's Young Environmentalist Competition to boost environmental awareness amongst young people. An award event was held at Brompton Westbrook Primary School at the end of February to celebrate the students' work and to award certificates and prizes.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

During the 2025–26 financial year, Chatham Maritime Trust continued to fulfil its charitable objectives (the Trust's objects cover the provision (directly or indirectly) of recreation and leisure facilities for the Chatham Maritime Estate and its neighbourhood, the Medway Towns, and others who can conveniently make use of them, and **provision for the education and assistance of the young** and other members of the Medway Towns community in order to **develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities** by supporting a diverse range of community, educational, and welfare projects across the Medway Towns. Here are some of the recipients who benefitted from the Trust's support.

Whales Exhibition at Rochester Cathedral

The Trust supported the Whales Exhibition at Rochester Cathedral demonstrating our commitment to culture, arts and education. The thought provoking artwork explored the delicate relationship between humans and the natural world and attracted 29,211 visitors.

Youth Groups



1st Chatham North Rainbows, Brownies & Guides

Funding enabled attendance at the Kent International Jamboree held in August 2025.

This allowed some participants to attend whose families faced financial burden. Through the various workshops participants left the festival better placed to make a positive impact in their community.

1st St. Mary's Island Rainbow, Brownie & Guide Unit

Funding was provided for camping equipment for residential trips which gives participants the skills and experience that they cannot get in the usual unit meetings.

Chatham Royal Marine Cadets

A contribution was made to their funding to replace their minibus.

Medway Town Sea Cadets

Funding was given for the provision of sports equipment.



Wetwheels South East

The Trust funded powerboating experiences from Chatham Marina, specifically designed to provide accessible water-based activities for wheelchair users and those with other disabilities.

Step & Learn

Funding supported Dynamic Movement training for a lead conductor, enhancing their ability to provide conductive education for children with physical disabilities like Cerebral Palsy and other neurological or genetic conditions.

Health & Disability



Community & Welfare

Sunlight Development Trust

Funding was provided to replace furniture in their community café in Gillingham, which serves as a vital meeting hub for local groups.

Oasis Domestic Abuse

A grant was awarded for activities and family days out providing positive experiences for those impacted by domestic abuse.

Mess Room at Sun Pier House

A contribution was made to replace the flooring in their workshop area making it safer for those with disabilities to use the space and participate in creative activities.

Medway Hospital Charity

Funding was given to support the wellbeing of patients during their hospital stay relieving isolation and loneliness.

Heritage & Sport



Black Lion Swimming Club

Dedicated to nurturing aspiring swimmers through the National Age Group Development Programme. This pathway is designed to support young swimmers in their quest to achieve senior international podium success. The Trust continued its support by providing the medals for their winter gala – the 'Chatham Maritime Trust Winter Open', 15 clubs and 470 swimmers participated in the Gala.

Hoo Football Club U13 & Medway United U7

The Trust funded new kit featuring the Trust's logo.

Thomas Aveling Society

A contribution was made in support their heritage festival.



Work

A total of 21 organisations/projects were supported during the year.

THE DOCKING STATION

The finish line is finally coming into view for the Docking Station team!

What was once an ambitious idea is now rapidly taking shape, with real, tangible progress visible across the entire site. Alongside this, the growing energy from students, partners, and the wider community is helping to fuel an exciting new chapter for Medway's creative future.

At the heart of the development, the restoration of the historic Police Section House has reached a significant milestone. All structural works and external repairs have now been completed, marking a major step forward in preserving and revitalising this scheduled ancient monument. Inside, the transformation is well underway, with plastering and painting bringing new life to the internal spaces. The careful restoration of the central staircase continues, ensuring that one of the building's most distinctive architectural features remains a focal point for years to come.

Behind the scenes, essential infrastructure is also progressing steadily. The mechanical and electrical fix has been completed in line with internal finishes. The building's original windows have been fully refurbished and repainted, ready for the installation of secondary glazing, which will enhance both comfort and energy efficiency while maintaining the building's historic character. Installation of new external doors is also underway, adding another visible sign of progress.

Meanwhile, attention is equally focused on Phase 2 of the project: the new studio building. Groundworks and the construction of the retaining wall are complete, laying the foundations for what will become a dynamic, purpose-built creative space. Foundation and drainage works are progressing well, with the next major milestone being the laying of the concrete slab, a key step in bringing the new structure to life.

Docking Station is emerging as a vital new digital and creative hub for Medway, designed to bring together students, creatives, and local



Study

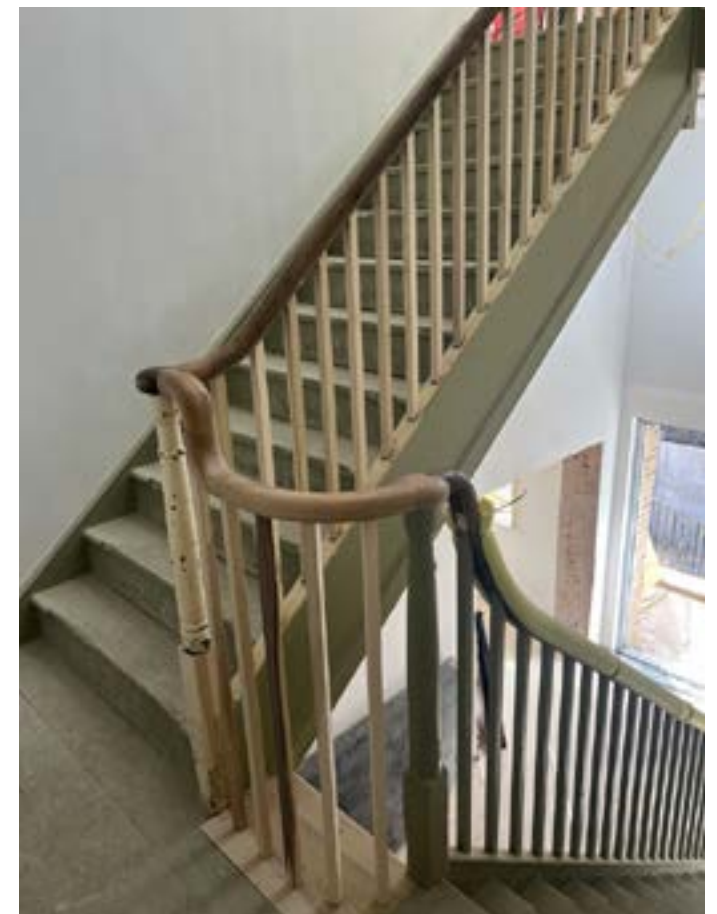


businesses in a shared environment for learning, experimentation, and collaboration. Through the **'Make Your Mark on Medway'** campaign, individuals and organisations are invited to become part of this story by sponsoring elements of the building, from bricks and windows to entire studio spaces. This initiative not only supports the restoration of the historic site but also creates a lasting legacy for those involved.

The project continues to be strengthened by meaningful partnerships. The team extends sincere thanks to the **Chatham Dockyard Historical Society** for their generous sponsorship of one of the Docking Station windows. Their longstanding commitment to preserving the Dockyard's heritage makes them a fitting contributor to a project that bridges past and future.

Docking Station has also played a role in wider conversations about the future of the creative industries in the region. Recently, representatives from higher education, local government, and creative organisations gathered to explore how collaboration can unlock Medway's full potential. Discussions focused on the importance of apprenticeships, access to appropriate creative workspaces, and attracting investment while nurturing local talent. Docking Station's contribution to this dialogue highlights its role not just as a building, but as a catalyst for growth, innovation, and opportunity across the South East.

With progress accelerating on all fronts, Docking Station is no longer a distant vision but an imminent reality.



LAPLAND EXPERIENCE

by SMI Resident Peter Snowdon

Do you remember when winters were properly cold? When ice gripped each twig on a tree and wrapped it, so it glistened like diamonds?

When you gasped with the cold when leaving the house and your boots made creaking noises as you walked through the snow? When you felt like you had walked through the wardrobe and entered Narnia in the grip of winter.

We do and we wanted to recapture some of that magic, so we headed off to Lapland in January.

Here are a few observations on our experience.

Lapland, which runs across the northernmost areas of the Scandinavian countries is made up of forests as far as the eye can see, reindeers and extremely hardy local people who think nothing of taking a dip in the water when it is -30 degrees. Oh, and Santa Claus of course.

English people are not made for temperatures that got as low as -33 in the town and -50 on the frozen lakes. Despite wearing 3 layers of trousers, and 4 layers of tops, with a snow suit as well, the cold finds a way in and you are soon looking for somewhere to head inside to warm up. Popping outside for a few minutes takes at least 10 minutes to get properly dressed first.

Plonking a couple of 60+ year olds onto a snowmobile and setting off across a frozen lake at temperatures of -50 does not turn them into James Bond style secret agents. I don't know what underwear Q supplied to Mr Bond, but I bet it was a lot warmer than the stuff we were wearing.

If you wear glasses you have a choice to make. Either wear them, but don't breathe, as the minute you do, your breath freezes solid on the lenses rendering you blind or leave them in an inside pocket which also renders you blind. Or be like a Finn and have 3 pairs of glasses that you constantly rotate.

Being a gentleman and letting one's wife sit at the front of the dog sled to admire the forward view can backfire, when the huskies decide that they need to go to the lavatory whilst running at 20 mph. The good news is that the extreme cold seems to pretty much freeze things instantly, although my wife says that being pelted by frozen dog poo at speed wasn't a highlight of the trip for her.

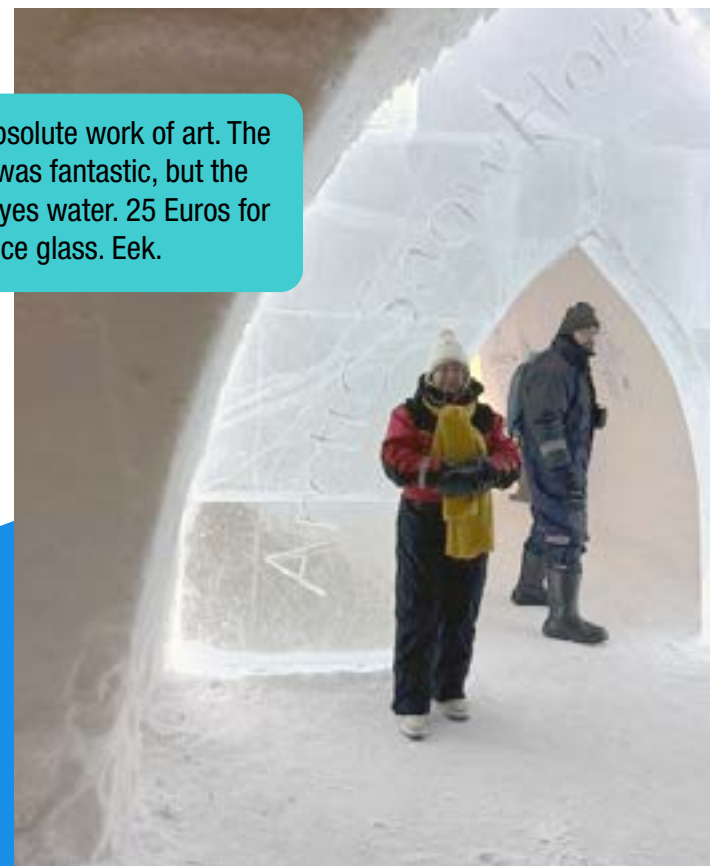
The spiritual home of Santa Claus isn't at all commercialised. Well apart from Santa's petrol station, Santa's burger joint, Santa's gift shop... You get the idea. But as Kenny Everett used to say "It was all done in the best possible taste"

So, if you are looking for somewhere different to venture, I can highly recommend Lapland in the Winter.

The aurora borealis is simply breathtaking and nothing prepares you for the surreal beauty of it when the 'Green Lady' appears. Twisting ropes of green, red and purple appear overhead and can last from a few seconds to hours on end. All seen from the public park in the middle of the town!

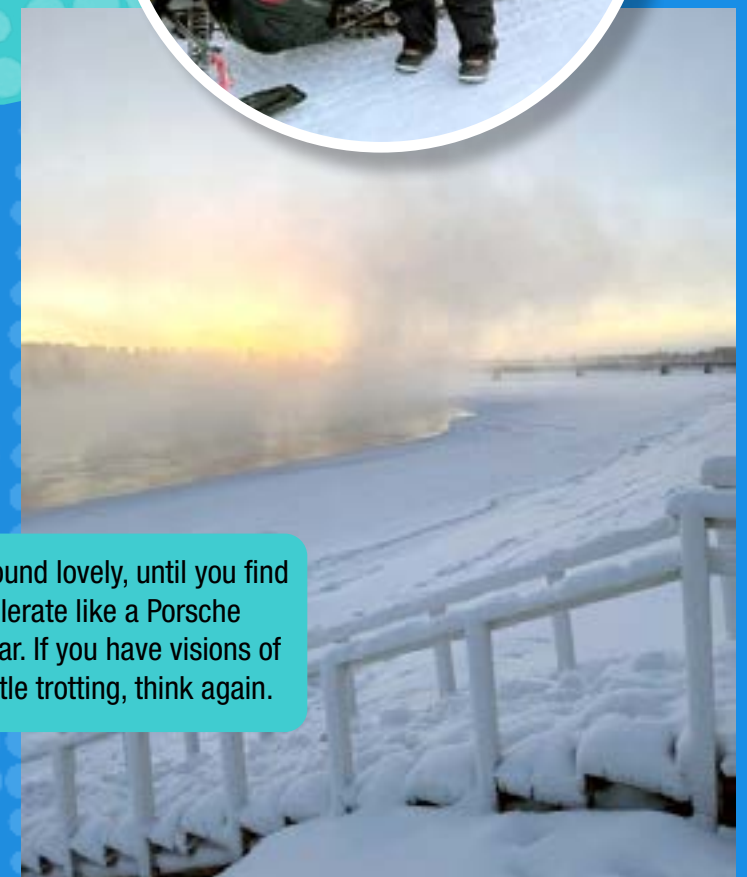


The snow hotel is an absolute work of art. The meal in the restaurant was fantastic, but the bar prices made your eyes water. 25 Euros for 2 shots of vodka in an ice glass. Eek.



Reindeer sleigh rides sound lovely, until you find out that Reindeers accelerate like a Porsche and corner like a rally car. If you have visions of warm blankets and gentle trotting, think again.

Play



Spring has Sprung, and we are ready to welcome you afloat, so... type www.chathammaritimewatersports.co.uk into your web browser hit Book now and select your next adventure! Add SMI10% into the discount box at checkout and get your **SMI resident discount!** Or why not chance your luck and just pop in!

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AFLOAT

BY MATT SMALL

WATERSPORTS



We deliver safe, fun and accessible water activities, that not only offer health and wellbeing benefits, but that also inspire individuals to discover themselves, empower them to take control of their experience and embed character traits such as Independence, Determination, Confidence, Teamwork and Creativity.

So whether you're wanting to **swim, kayak, paddleboard, sail, windsurf, swan** around in a **pedalo** or make a splash on the **Aquapark**, our unique saltwater **Urban Playground**, is on your doorstep and challenging activities, get in touch!
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“ Believe me my young friend, there is nothing – absolutely nothing – half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats.”

If you are looking for by the hour self-led kayaking, paddleboarding, windsurfing or sailing sessions, using our equipment book our **Pay&Play** sessions! kayaking and paddleboarding suitable for complete beginners, sailing and windsurfing requires a minimum competency.

If you have your own Kayak, paddleboard, or windsurfer then book our Self-launch sessions.

If you have a 10-17 year old that is interested in learning to sail and making new friends then book one of our **OnBoard Sessions**... we'll have them sailing in 6 bite size sessions over consecutive Saturday mornings (9-11am). We are also now delivering the RYA's all new **Swim Safe** with OnBoard sessions, which builds water safety awareness and water confidence.

If you are looking for a fun packed day of water activities for 10-17 year olds during the school holiday then book one of our **Adventure days**, drop them off at 9:30 with a packed lunch and we will tire them out with a fun packed day of sailing, kayaking and paddleboarding

If you're looking for an activity for younger children (5+) or you identify as a big kid that doesn't want to get wet **Book our Pedalo Hire** and explore the basin from the water in relatively dry, ideal for a family of 5 (ages 5+) or 4 adults...



Did you know ?

We also cater for Schools and Groups?

So, if your child or grandchild's **school, scout, guide or club** is looking for enriching and challenging activities, **get in touch! wac@cmtrust.co.uk**

If you are looking for **Swimming**, book a swim induction with Alan our level 2 swim coach and then visit on Friday and Sunday mornings for a by the hour Swim, swimming our 300 or 600m course in 'excellent' bathing quality saltwater under the watchful eye of our safety boat.

If you're looking to make a big Splash! Then book on to an **Aquapark session** slip, splash and slide around our inflatable play park! Challenging yourself, with obstacles, climbing frames and slides under the supervision of our lifeguard team!

Did you know we also cater for **Schools and Groups?** So, if your child or grandchild's school, scout, guide or club is looking for enriching and challenging activities, get in touch!

We hope to see you soon, if you have any questions text or call 07538 964335 or send us an email wac@cmtrust.co.uk

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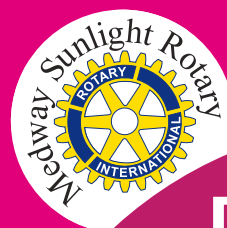
Food & Drink Festival 2026

CHATHAM MARITIME TRUST & WATERSPORTS CENTRE

Chatham Maritime's Food & Drink Festival returns this year and takes place over three days.

**Saturday 23rd May to
Bank Holiday Monday
25th May**

This is a FREE festival for the whole family to enjoy with music and entertainment plus a great range of food and drink plus watersports, kids' activities and a funfair.



Dragon Boat Challenge

The Dragon Boat Challenge, organised by Medway Sunlight Rotary Club, is the highlight of the festival and takes place on Sunday 24th in Basin 2 alongside HMS Chatham Bridge; all money raised by the event goes to Rotary supported charities.

Over £130,000 has been raised for charity in 10 years. 36 teams take part in this great spectacle with a maximum of 20 crew in a team (includes 16 paddlers, a drummer and three reserves).



**Something
for everyone
to enjoy!**

Play

FREE FESTIVAL

On Saturday and Bank Holiday Monday watersports activities will take place in Basin 2.

3 DAYS

FREE FESTIVAL



**FREE
Event**

A variety of traders will be on site to tempt your tastebuds.



Over the three days there is a varied line-up of music that will take place at the bandstand – live jazz, folk, indie, rock and pop – something for everyone.



**Newfoundland
dog displays
Monday Basin 2**

For all the details take a look at the Food & Drink Festival page on our website.

All the ingredients for a great day out – let's hope the sun shines!

Cash Injection for St. Mary's Island Community Centre

St. Mary's Island started 2026 well with a cash injection of £2K – a grant awarded by Southern Water to help independent community centres with their energy costs during the colder months.

This year fourteen community centres across the south-east received a grant to help with operational costs as part of their ongoing commitment to supporting local communities.

The community centre is at the heart of the Chatham Maritime community and whether you live on the Island or come from afar, everyone is welcome. It offers an action-packed weekly itinerary of regular groups and activities. Something to appeal to all age groups. It also supports charity groups and fundraising events so there's always a reason to visit and get involved.

Our Centre Manager — Vanessa Jarmak said: "We are so grateful of this support which will certainly benefit the operational costs of the community centre and in turn our valued hirers and visitors"

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Vanessa Jarmak,
Centre Manager

Play



Southern Water's Community Partnerships & Programmes Manager Alex Willumsen said:

"Community centres play a vital role in local life, offering both practical and emotional support to people. We're really pleased we can lessen the financial pressures they face through our grants programme, now in its fourth year. This year we've specifically targeted five locations where we feel our support can make the biggest difference and are helping 14 hubs to keep their buildings warm and welcoming for local people."

Find out more
about Southern Water's
Community Centre
Grants here:
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My name is Tolu Dawodu and I attend Thomas Aveling School. I would like to share details of my work experience with Chatham Maritime Trust.



Chatham Maritime Trust is responsible for the estate management of St. Mary's Island – a 350-acre estate. Impressive right? "I know... I was shocked when I learnt about the size of the island and the small team responsible for its management."

Study

The island is beautiful and the watersports centre is a great facility offering sailing, kayaking paddleboarding and lots more.

During my work experience placement I sat with each team member for an overview of their work learning about their role and what impact it had on the community. I learnt about finance, ESG, health and safety, community outreach and much more. On the first day I walked around the estate, did a bit of health and safety and learnt about covenants ensuring that residents are following the rules. I enjoyed the walk and learnt about maintenance aspects. I also got to see the operations at the community centre which hosts a variety of classes and parties. The best part of the experience was talking with team members and learning about the history of the company, how it has evolved and its future plans. I think the organisation has achieved a lot and will no doubt achieve more in the future. It was great to see how they go out of their way to help as many people as they possibly can.

During my week, I developed my communication and teamwork skills; it was great to see the whole team working together and provided me with the best experience of adult life in the workplace. It felt heartwarming. I hope that I might get another opportunity to work with the team again and would like to thank them for taking the time to share their expertise and knowledge.

CHATHAM UK TOWN OF CULTURE BID

Chatham has officially launched an ambitious bid to become the UK's first-ever town of Culture for 2028, aiming to secure a £3 million investment to transform the area. Led by Chatham Historic Dockyard Trust with support from Medway Council and a coalition of cultural partners, the bid highlights the town's rich maritime history and growing creative scene.

The campaign was launched in February at the Historic Dockyard with partners gathering in front of HMS Gannet, a symbol of the town's maritime heritage. Some attendees wore traffic cone hats in a nod to the Sir Thomas Waghorn statue that has become part of the town's identity.

For more than 400 years, Chatham has been shaped by innovation, craftsmanship and community. Since 1547, the Dockyard's world class shipbuilding and naval service have anchored the town's identity, producing generations of skilled workers and ships that defined Britain's maritime story.

From pioneering advances in industry and engineering to a thriving contemporary cultural scene, the spirit of ingenuity and resilience continues to shape the town's creativity today. It is a story of national importance and one the consortium is proud to celebrate.

An Expression of Interest has been submitted to the Department for Culture, Media and Sports. A shortlist of towns is expected to be announced in spring 2026 and the winner announced in early 2027.



Live

MEET NATALIE WARREN YOUR LOCAL TRAVEL COUNSELLOR

Growing up in Cornwall, not far from what would become the Eden Project, my mum would always say, "Why go anywhere else when you live here?"

We did not holiday often, but there was one unforgettable exception: a family trip to Florida with Virgin Atlantic. I remember the lady painted on the side of the aircraft and the air hostess doll I was given. That small doll sparked a big idea: I wanted to see more of the world and help others experience it too.

A family friend later mentioned an apprenticeship at the local Going Places travel agency. That is how I first got into the travel business. I spent two years learning on the job before progressing to assistant manager. My career then took me to Kent, through busy high-street branches and into specialising in more complex itineraries: long-haul journeys, special occasions and trips that needed real care and attention.

After twenty years with the same company, its sudden collapse in 2019 was a shock, but it also became a turning point. I knew I wanted to keep looking after my clients, so I opened my own franchise with Travel Counsellors just before Covid hit. The next few years were spent unpicking plans, chasing refunds and supporting worried customers, which showed how important it is to have a trusted expert in your corner when things do not go to plan.



Elephant Hills Thailand

Today, I look after a wide range of holidays, from short breaks to once-in-a-lifetime journeys. Recent bookings have included a three-night break in Rome with a central hotel and Vatican and Colosseum tickets, a Bali honeymoon with private pool villas and personalised day trips, a Danube river cruise chosen for the right ship and itinerary, and a USA multi-centre holiday taking in Hawaii, Las Vegas and a classic Route 66 road trip.

Client feedback means the world to me. Kelly Moore recently wrote, "Natalie was so helpful and so lovely to talk to. This is mine and Mum's first cruise experience and she helped us choose a fabulous cruise and got us a good price. I would 100 per cent recommend her." Another client, Fiona Meyer, said, "Natalie's service is amazing, quick, efficient and always very helpful."

The most challenging aspect is dealing with the unexpected: flight changes, strikes, weather events or new entry rules. These are the moments when my clients need me most. I keep up to date, step in to sort out problems and take that stress off their shoulders, so they have a real person to turn to rather than a call centre or website.

Allure of the Seas, Seminar at Sea



For SMI residents thinking about their next holiday, whether it is an beach escape, a cultured short break, a planned tour, a cruise or a special trip you have been dreaming about for years, I would be delighted to help you create a journey that feels truly personal.

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Iceland Gullfoss Waterfall



DIARY DATES

MAY

Medway Talk 27th May. Presented by the University of Greenwich. Details to be announced and will be posted on the What's On calendar on our website.

JUNE

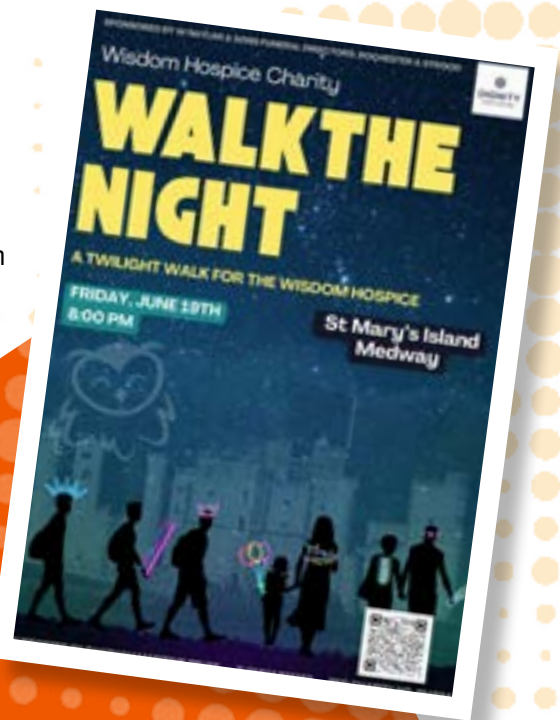
Saturday 13th June. Broadside Games show at Medway Park Sports Centre. Annual tabletop wargames event featuring display games, trade stands and participation areas.

JUNE

Friday 19th June: Wisdom Hospice Walk The Night. Be part of something special in this 10K twilight walk around St. Mary's Island raising vital funds for Wisdom Hospice.

JUNE

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th June: 4 Paws at the Fort – dog friendly activities and competitions at Fort Amherst.



JULY

Monday 27th July at Eastgate House, Rochester. Teddy Bears Picnic Theatre Show at Eastgate House, Rochester. A fun interactive show with songs and dancing and of course a friendly bear. Ideal for children aged 2-6; all children must be accompanied by at least one adult.

Live

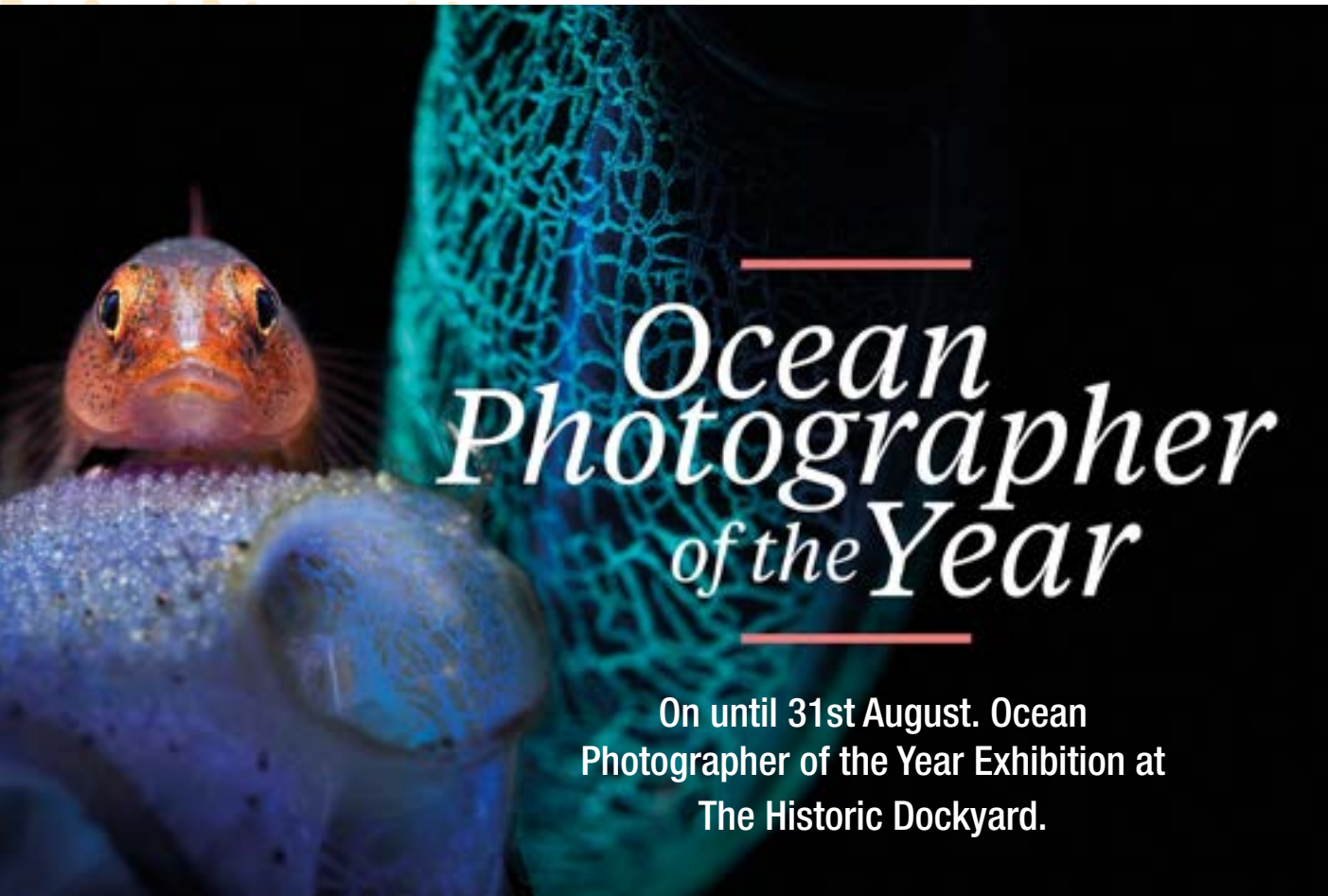
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29th – 31st August at Historic Dockyard – Steam on the Square. Step back in time and experience the sights, sounds and smells of steam power during this August Bank Holiday Weekend. From working locomotives to historic vehicles and hands-on activities, this is a chance to explore real steam and military machines up close. Included in Dockyard entry ticket.

JULY

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th at Historic Dockyard. Chatham & District Model Railway Show – a must for model railway enthusiasts. An event dedicated to model railways and model engineering with over 100 exhibitors. Ticket not included in Dockyard admission ticket.

Adults £11 on the door, under 16s free.



Call the Midwife tours at the Historic Dockyard are available until 31st October.

Don't forget to take a look at the What's On page on our website for events listings

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Regular news updates are posted on the 'News' section of the Trust's website and the 'What's On' section details events in the area and beyond.

If you wish to be kept informed of what is going on across the estate (maintenance, events, lectures, roadworks etc.) and in the vicinity then sign up to the weekly e-publication the 'Friday Flyer' via the website or send your details to info@cmtrust.co.uk

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