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MDL's Hythe Marina Village raises £1000 for RNLI

On Saturday 14th September MDL's Hythe Marina Village invited residents, berth holders and the local community to a live showing of Last Night of the Proms. The screening, which took place on a grass area within the marina complex known as the Bund, raised £1000 for the RNLI.

The free event, organised by Hythe Marina Association (HMA) and supported by MDL Marinas, kicked off at 1900hrs with live music streamed with permission from the BBC, before joining up with the live broadcast of Last Night of the Proms on a giant screen. Over 250 people attended, many bringing picnics to enjoy the event, singing and dancing the night away and waving their Union Jacks to the classics. A great night was had by all.

The weather was very kind with a beautiful sunset providing a magnificent backdrop to the event. A tremendous £1000 was raised for the RNLI which was presented to the Calshot RNLI crew on Sunday 6^{th} October at Hythe Marina.

Dave Lewis, Hythe Marina Village Marina Manager, says: "What a fantastic event to support and raise money for such a worthwhile cause. The RNLI was chosen as it is close to the hearts of everyone that ventures out on the water. The brave volunteers of the RNLI help in all weather conditions, often putting their lives at risk to save others. I would like to extend a special thank you to all who came, especially to those who donated."

Di Herbert, HMA Social Coordinator, says: "Our fundraising event enabled us to present the RNLI with a wonderful donation. Many thanks to Hythe Marina residents, berth holders and local residents who attended for their donations. Much planning and hard work by our team of volunteers enabled us to put on such a professional, fabulous evening. Well done everyone."

Dave continues: "This is the first event of this type that I have helped support as Marina Manager here and I look forward to working closely with the HMA again to arrange more events like this. I would like to say a really big thank you to all the volunteers including Phil Bridges, Di Herbert, Jane Banting, Nigel Price and last, but not least, John McGuinn."

The HMA and MDL are already planning next year's events, supporting the RNLI with the annual raft race to be held at Hythe Marina on August 2nd and the Last Night of the Proms again in September. For more information on these events please look on the Hythe Marina Village Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/hythemarinavillage/

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