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Thousands celebrate summer's end at Erith Pier Festival

Over 4,000 local people flocked to Erith's iconic pier on Saturday (29 September) to see out the end of the summer in style.

The day-long festival was organised as part of the Greater Erith Regeneration programme, funded by the London Borough of Bexley and the Mayor of London. The festival was also supported by Morrisons.

Families enjoyed live music all day from buskers and local bands in the 'Beer on the Pier tent' against the backdrop of Erith's riverfront. The line-up included lively folk rock duo Fiddle Fit, sea songs and shanties from The Hog Eye Men, covers from local favourites The Two Bows, local musicians James Davies, Graham Corbould and Sam Adams and a special set from The Aim to close the show. Adults were also able to taste real ales and ciders from local brewers, Bexley Brewery.

The popular Erith Kitchen moved to the Pier for its last outing this summer and people were able to test their taste buds with pizza, waffles, jerk grill, ice cream and West African food from a variety of street food stalls, including Yummy Waffers and Fancy Pizza.

There was also family fun with Pirates on the Pier. Sponsored by Orbit Housing Association, children and families were able to enjoy face painting, storytelling, arts and crafts, a treasure hunt and a best dressed pirate competition.

A keepsake Erith Pier Festival commemorative cup was available to buy on the day. Those who missed out will be able to get their hands on one, when they go on sale from 3pm this Friday (5 October). The cups are £1 each and can be bought from Erith Library while stocks last.

Deputy Council Leader and Cabinet Member for Growth, Cllr Louie French said: "I'm delighted to have seen Erith pier brought to life by thousands enjoying one of the last days of summer at this unique festival. There was a brilliant atmosphere and we had the weather on our side on the day.

"If you came along to the festival, please consider leaving feedback using our quick online survey. It takes just a few minutes to complete, and will help us to bring even more community events like this to Erith, so we can develop this part of our borough into a thriving riverside town."

The survey can be completed by visiting www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ErithPierFest
To keep up-to-date with what's going on in Erith and to find out more about the Greater Erith Regeneration programme, visit www.greatererith.com

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