The British Institute of Funeral Directors

45TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
22 - 24 OCTOBER 2027

HYTHE IMPERIAL HOTEL
PRINCES PARADE, HYTHE, KENT, CT21 6AE

National President, Dr. Phil Gore and his wife Liz, welcome you to Kent.
Members, fellows, students, associates & guests are invited to attend the upcoming conference and gala dinner of The British Institute of Funeral Directors



Steeped in history and Victorian elegance, the magnificent Hythe Imperial Hotel has been welcoming visitors to the Kent coastline since 1880.



Originally known as the Seabrook Hotel, this prestigious seaside destination was developed during the golden age of railway travel, when visitors flocked to the coast to enjoy the fresh sea air and beautiful surroundings.
Over its 146-year history, the hotel has welcomed distinguished guests and undergone extensive restoration, combining its historic charm with modern luxury.





Today, the four-star Hythe Imperial Hotel offers elegant accommodation, dining, leisure and conference facilities, all overlooking the beautiful English Channel.

With its rich heritage, impressive architecture and spectacular coastal setting, the Hythe Imperial provides a wonderful backdrop for bringing together members of the British Institute of Funeral Directors to celebrate friendship, professional development and the traditions of our profession.





President's Chosen Charity

Margate RNLI lifeboat station saving lives at sea since 1860

Supporting the £3.5 Million Lifeboat Station Redevelopment Appeal
For over 165 years, Margate RNLI Lifeboat Station has played a vital role in protecting lives along the Kent coastline.



Established in 1860, the station has a remarkable history of courage, dedication and community service. Its volunteer crews have responded to thousands of emergencies, including taking part in the historic Dunkirk evacuation of 1940.
Since its establishment and up to December 2023, Margate's lifeboats have launched 3,368 times and saved 1,495 lives.



Today, the station is entering an exciting new chapter. Its ageing lifeboat station, built in 1978, is being replaced with a modern, purpose-built facility.
The £3.5 million redevelopment will provide improved training and changing facilities, accommodation for lifeguards, a community space and environmentally sustainable features, helping to protect the future of this essential lifesaving service.

RNLI Lifeboats





