



## EVENT-GOERS were treated to the sights and sounds of the sea as a new event came to Rhyl.

The town's events' arena and High Street came together to celebrate Rhyl's seaside history. Giant sun birds, Rhyl RNLI, a boat-themed ride, and more took centre stage as part of a daylong event.

Seafest – Rhyl Town Council's second event of the season – also celebrated local talent and organisations with renowned artist Ryan Hall, jester and magician Steve Ashcroft, and Rhyl Sea Cadets taking part.

There was home-grown talent, too, performing with Ghostbuskers Community Choir. Face painting and sea shanties completed the line-up.

The event – at Rhy's events' arena and High Street - was the first to be attended by new Rhyl Mayor Cllr Alan James.

He said: "Seafest brought something new and vibrant to Rhyl. As a seaside town, it was great to be able to celebrate our location, work with organisations such as Rhyl RNLI, and nod to our maritime history. Rhyl Sea Cadets were on hand to talk about HMS Rhyl – the British Royal Navy boat which was commissioned in 1960 and served in the Far East, Mediterranean and East Africa – and we were joined by other talented, local artists and organisations.



"The boat ride, called the Lifeboat and said to be the slowest ride on earth – offered a different twist to the event and it was great fun to see people climbing on board the hammocks and taking a gentle spin. Visitors could leave a forecast for the future, sharing with us their hopes and aspirations for Rhyl – all of which is valuable feedback for the town council as we move through a new year. Seafest has been a great event for the town and we hope to repeat it in 2018."

History will play an important part in the town council's event line-up this year with the next event seeing the high street transformed into Beatles Street on Saturday July 15. With Rhyl tribute band, The Cavernites, the event will mark the day The Beatles played in Rhyl and their links with North Wales. The town council is also supporting this year's Rhyl Air Show to be held in August.

To keep up-to-date with Rhyl events, visit www.rhyltowncouncil.org.uk

**Cap:** Rhyl mayor Cllr Alan James and mayoress Cllr Win Mullen-James take to the Lifeboat ride at Rhyl Seafest.

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