

A St Leonards 200 Festival?



It's nearly 200 years since St Leonards-on-Sea was founded and built by James Burton. Recent articles in the *Hastings Online Times*

<https://hastingsonlinetimes.co.uk/hot-topics/home-ground/the-original-df/>

<https://hastingsonlinetimes.co.uk/arts-culture/community-arts/how-should-the-bicentenary-of-st-leonards-be-marked>

suggested there could be a Festival to commemorate and celebrate this.

There will be a public meeting at the HORSE & GROOM, Mercatoria, on Monday 5 JUNE, at 7:30

to discuss possibilities of an undefined Festival. Anyone with an interest is welcome to attend.

For its diverse and rich history (and eccentric people), St Leonards deserves to be celebrated – but how? Making a Festival is a difficult undertaking, but possible, to be held probably in the summer of 2026.

An initial meeting will air some of the many questions. What would a Bicentenary Festival celebrate? And what should it be called?

There's no shortage of local heroes and ideas and possibilities for a programme of events. If you're interested, come and listen, or contribute.

If a Festival is to happen, this is where it starts. Or email JasB200@outlook.com.



Again: the meeting will be held at the HORSE & GROOM (venue room), Mercatoria, St Leonards, on Monday 5 JUNE 2023, 7:30 p.m. — c.8:30 p.m.