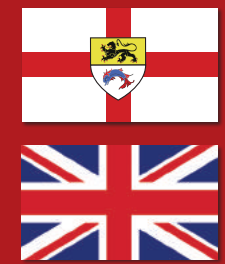


22ND – 25TH MAY 2026

THE DUNKIRK LITTLE SHIPS



RETURN TO RAMSGATE



DYNAMO 86th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Over 25 Dunkirk Little Ships in the Royal Harbour

338 Standing With Giants Silhouettes
Live Music, Children's Fair & Workshops
Community Parade & Service
Replica Spitfire & Military Vehicle Display
Sundown 'We Are Shadows' Parades

'Dynamo: The Spirit of Ramsgate' Projections



COME AND VISIT THE LITTLE SHIPS!

Over 25 of the original Dunkirk Little Ships will start arriving in Ramsgate on Friday 15th May, and be moored in the harbour until Monday 25th May.



PLUS 17 FULL DAYS OF EVENTS IN MAY!

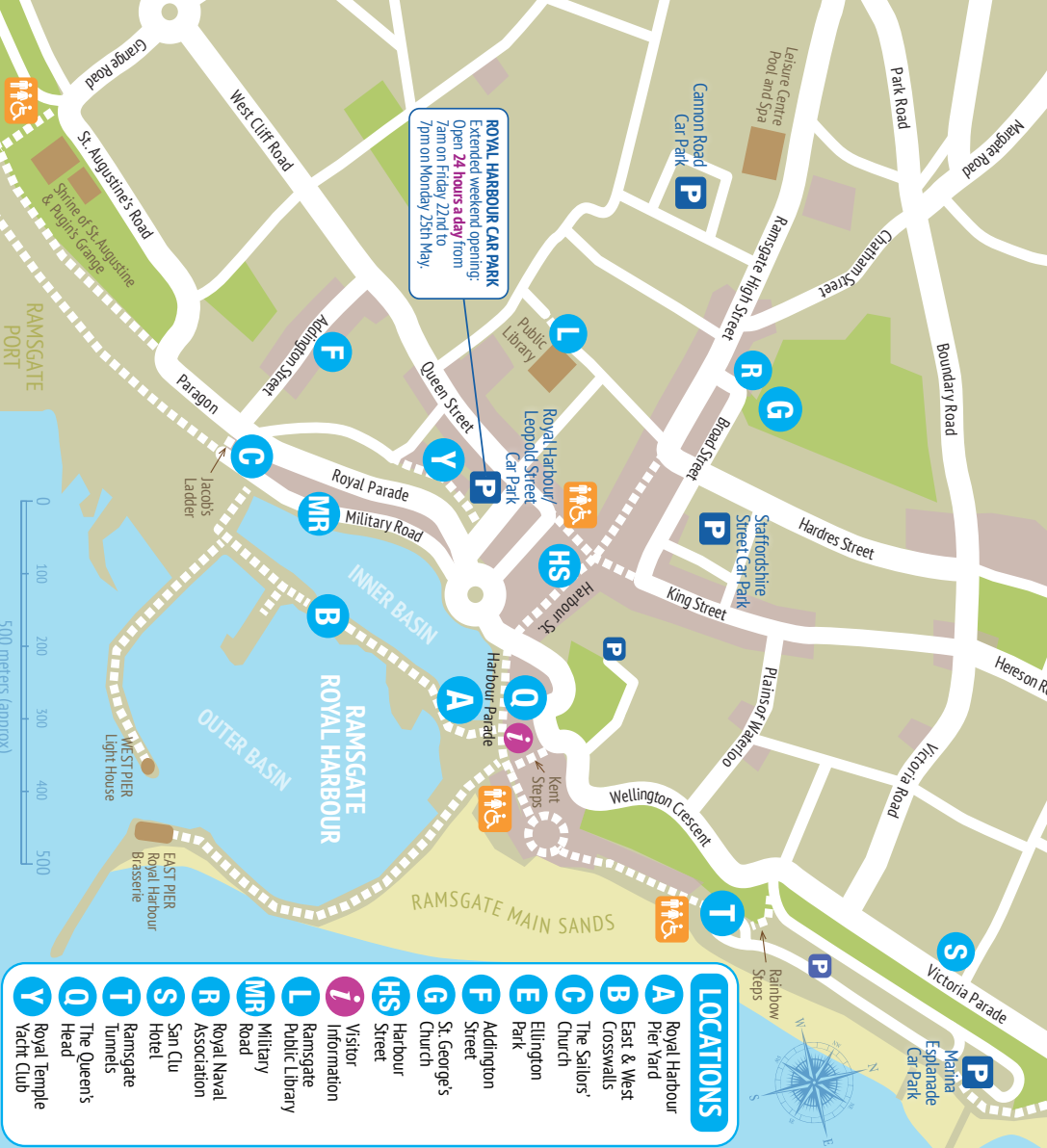
- Fri 15th Standing With Giants - start of 6 week display
- Sat 16th Local History Day at Ramsgate Tunnels
- Sat 16th Eurovision Party supporting LOOK MUM NO COMPUTER
- Sun 17th The Ellington Park May Fayre
- Thur 21st Town Centre Picnic for Cultural Diversity Day
- 22nd - 25th **DYNAMO 86th ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**
- 23rd - 25th Handmade & Vintage Fair
- 23rd - 31st The Ramsgate Literary Festival
- from 25th May Active Ramsgate Week
- 30th - 31st Addington Street Vintage Trail



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- #### LITTLE SHIPS 2026
- Trick off the Little Ships you spot moored in Ramsgate Royal Harbour for the 2026 Anniversary of Operation Dynamo.
- Aquabelle - Thames
 - Bou Saada - Eastbourne
 - Brown Owl - Ramsgate
 - Dianthus - Thames
 - Fedalma II - Thames
 - Firefly - Ramsgate
 - Gerfalcon - Thames Estuary
 - Iorana - Thames
 - Lady Lou - Thames
 - Lazy Days - Thames
 - Letitia - South Coast
 - Llanthony - Thames
 - Mairmonde - Thames
 - Margro II - Thames
 - Marsayru - Medway
 - Nydia - Thames
 - Nydia - River Soar
 - Papillon - Thames
 - Quisisana - Thames
 - RFC113 - Thames
 - Riis - West Marsey
 - Thames - Thames
 - Tom Tit - Thames
 - Watchful - Harlepool
 - Wayfarer - Sandwich



- #### LOCATIONS
- A** Royal Harbour Pier Yard
 - B** East & West Crosswalls
 - C** The Sailors' Church
 - E** Ellington Park
 - F** Addington Street
 - G** St. George's Church
 - HS** Harbour Street
 - I** Visitor Information
 - L** Ramsgate Public Library
 - MR** Military Road
 - R** Royal Naval Association
 - S** San Clu Hotel
 - T** Ramsgate Tunnels
 - Q** The Queen's Head
 - Y** Royal Temple Yacht Club



EVENTS ALL WEEKEND

Ramsgate Tunnels, RNLI displays and special Operation Dynamo Exhibits.

10am – 4pm Ramsgate Harbour and Tunnels, Marina Esplanade, CT11 8FH more details: ramsgatetunnels.org **A T**

Standing With Giants

338: Ramsgate Remembers

A public installation around the harbour railings of 338 'Giants' - each one representing 1000 soldiers rescued from the shores of Dunkirk in May 1940. **A**



Children's Little Ships Trail

Pick up a flyer, find the secret message and hand in your completed trail to receive your free, commemorative badge! **A i**

Spitfire and 1940s Vehicles Display

Replica Spitfire from RAF Manston Museum, and 1940s vehicles from Invicta Military-vehicles Preservation Society. Runs from Sat - Mon, 10am – 6pm East & West Crosswall, Royal Harbour CT11 8LS **B**

FRI 22ND MAY

Operation Dynamo Fleet Gathering

The Dunkirk Little Ships and supporting fleet are now based in the Royal Harbour for the next four days - so the official ceremonies and events can begin! **A**

Visit the Dunkirk Little Ships!

A chance to see some of the original legendary craft that took part in Operation Dynamo 86 years ago. Half hour slots 2pm – 4.30pm – tickets available via Ramsgate Tunnels website or use red QR to book. Pontoon entry (accessibility limited). Pier Yard, CT11 8LS **A**



Children's Fun Fair

Plus a GIANT Ferris Wheel in the turning circle, offering aerial view over the sandy beach and harbour from 5pm. Harbour Parade, CT11 8LS **A**

Queen's Head:

Live Music at the Royal Harbour

5.30pm: Squeeze Gut Alley
9pm: Plastic Orange
Queen's Head, Harbour Parade, CT11 8LP **Q**



Seabird Pop Up at Gather&

SEABIRD x CATCH Pop-up Seafood Supper Club, £40 for 4 courses. Tables available from 6.30pm. Gather&, 17 Military Road, CT11 9LG **MR**
Book: www.seabirdramsgate.com/catch

NOTE: Some events and times may alter due to unforeseen circumstances, please follow **Visit Ramsgate** on socials for any late changes.

FRI 15TH MAY

Arrival of the Dunkirk Little Ships

The Dunkirk Little Ships will be arriving in the Royal Harbour over several days to commemorate the 86th Anniversary of Operation Dynamo. Mooring in Ramsgate Royal Harbour, CT11 8LP **A**

FRI 15TH MAY - 28TH JUNE

A Six Week Harbour Installation by Standing With Giants

The largest installation of 'Giants' this side of Portsmouth will be around the harbour for 6 weeks. **A**



SAT 16TH MAY

Local History Day at Ramsgate Tunnels

A free event showcasing Thanet and East Kent's rich, vibrant and exciting history. 10am – 4pm Ramsgate Tunnels, Marina Esplanade, CT11 8FH **T**
more details: ramsgatetunnels.org

EUROVISION Queen's Party

Join us outside Queen's Head to cheer on Ramsgate's own **LOOK MUM NO COMPUTER** competing in the Eurovision Song Contest. Prizes for best Eurovision inspired costumes! 7pm – Midnight. Harbour Parade CT11 8LP **Q**
more details: visitramsgate.co.uk



SUN 17TH MAY

The Ellington Park May Fayre

Fun Fair, stalls, live music and entertainment for all! 11.30am – 6.30pm Ellington Park, Park Road, CT11 9TL **PLUS** a vintage bus runs from the Harbour to the Park throughout the day! **E**



THUR 21ST MAY

UNESCO Cultural Diversity Day

A vibrant celebration of global culture, here in Harbour Street, with free food, music & community spirit. Midday - 2pm, Harbour Street, CT11 8HA **HS**



SAT 23RD MAY

The Little Ships in Concert - Screening

Rolling screening of the 2025's moving performance of musicians calling to the Dunkirk Little Ships in the Royal Harbour, who responded in turn with their horns and whistles! 10am – 1pm, Visitor Information Centre, Harbour Parade, CT11 8LP **A**

WWII Commemorative Service at the Ramsgate Cemetery War Graves

Meet inside the Cemetery gates, on Cecilia Road. Arrive for 10.30am, service 11am. CT11 7DZ

Ramsgate Tunnels Railway Tunnel Tour

In addition to the usual Tunnel Tours, this special tour takes place in the large tunnel section. 11am - 1pm. Marina Esplanade, CT11 8FH **T**

Children's Fun Fair

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Tea Dance at The San Clu

Fundraiser for Standing With Giants - dust off your dancing shoes & jive and swing to live bands. 11am – 4pm at The San Clu Hotel, Victoria Parade, CT11 8DT **S**
more details: www.sancluhotel.co.uk

Queen's Head:

Live Music at the Royal Harbour

1pm - Silver Dance School
2pm - Some Voices Choir
3pm - The Totsys
6pm - The Jive Boys
9pm - QRA Drum Corps
9.45pm - Lofty Harris
Queen's Head, Harbour Parade, CT11 8LP **Q**



Royal Temple Yacht Club - Live Music

Starfire 98 will be performing in the main bar, 8pm - 10pm. Royal Temple Yacht Club, 6 Westcliff Mansions, CT11 9HY
more details: www.rtyc.com **Y**

SAT 23RD (continued)

The Silent Return, We Are Shadows

Procession featuring QRA Drum Corps and their illuminated batons. 8.50pm from the top of Harbour Parade, pausing at the Queen's Head for a 10 minute performance and then on to Ramsgate Tunnels. **A - T**

Sea Cadets Evening Colours Ceremony

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Dunkirk Little Ships Town Parade

Military & Public Parade from The Sailors' Church, via the Cross Wall, East Pier Yard and then to St. George's Church (returning after service). Starts 10.15am at The Sailors' Church, Military Rd, CT11 9LG **C - B - A - G**

Dunkirk Little Ships Service at St George's Church

Public Commemorative Service for the 86th Anniversary of Operation Dynamo, featuring a concert of sea shanties and 1940s songs by The Thanet Big Sing Community Choir. 11am, St. George's Church, Church Road, CT11 8RE **G**

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Royal Temple Yacht Club

4pm - 6pm Live entertainment from Hotsy Totsy. 'Winston Churchill' will join them for a drink after the show! Royal Temple Yacht Club, 6 Westcliff Mansions, CT11 9HY
more details: www.rtyc.com **Y**

Winston Inspects the Little Ships

At 4.30pm, watch 'Winston Churchill' inspect the Little Ships moored at the harbour. **A**

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The Association of Dunkirk Little Ships

Ramsgate Town Council would like to thank the Captains and Crew of the Dunkirk Little Ships, and all the organisations and volunteers who have made this event possible.

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5.30pm - JC & The Sunshine Bus
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SAT 23RD - SAT 30TH

Ramsgate Lit Fest '26

Ramsgate's first Book Festival at The Book Hotel (AKA Falstaff Hotel). Ticketed events taking place all week, showcasing local authors in the beautiful Falstaff Hotel, Addington Street, CT11 9JJ www.thebookhotel.uk **F**



MON 25TH - 1ST JUNE



Active Ramsgate Week

A week of activities for everyone - check out www.visitramsgate.co.uk or scan the QR for details on how to book your space. From guided walks and cycle rides, Seashore Safaris, beach yoga, kayaking and much more! Various locations.

SAT 30TH - SUN 31ST

Addington Street Vintage Trail

The popular street for vintage, retro and much more! 11am - 4pm various locations all along Addington Street, Ramsgate CT11 9JJ **F**

