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The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

24/0078/FH - New Inn, 37 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BW - Erection of 2 semi detached houses facing onto Church Road.

24/0258/FH - Annexe At Stone Hill Farmhouse, Stone Hill, Sellindge, Ashford, TN25 6AJ - Installation of flue to accommodate a log burning stove in the annexe building, and removal of internal partitions within annexe building

24/0261/FH - Town Hall, High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BT - Installation of air conditioning to first floor of rear elevation

24/0262/FH - Forge House, School Road, Saltwood, Hythe, CT21 4QB - Velux windows to each face of existing single storey pitched roof.

24/0302/FH - Town Hall, High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BT - Listed Building Consent for the installation of air conditioning to first floor of rear elevation

24/0323/FH - Cherries, Cherry Gardens, Elham, Canterbury, CT4 6SZ - Single storey front extension, revised fenestration and render, conversion of existing garage, loft space with rear dormer

24/0391/FH - Annexe At Stone Hill Farmhouse, Stone Hill, Sellindge, Ashford, TN25 6AJ - Listed Building Consent for the installation of flue to accommodate a log burning stove in the annexe building, and removal of internal partitions within annexe building

Representations can be made in writing either on line on the Council's website, by email to planning@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk or in writing to the Chief Planning Officer, Folkestone & Hythe District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY. Please always quote the application reference number. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. Please note that any representations received will be publically viewable on the Council's website.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

Note: This is not a full list of applications received. All planning applications can be viewed and comments made online at <https://folkestonehythedc.force.com/pr/s/be-home>

Under the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018, from 25th May 2018 all comments on applications will be held for 3 years.

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Boss Watt to leave Hythe

By Craig Tucker

Steve Watt is stepping down as Hythe manager at the end of the season.

Watt has been considering his future for a couple of months and feels it's time for a new challenge. He informed chairman Gary Johnson after the Cannons' Easter Monday match at Sheppey.

The 3-0 loss was their fifth successive defeat in Isthmian South East, leaving them 12th in the table, but Watt's decision has nothing to do with recent results.

"We could have got to the Play-off Final and I would still have made this decision," said Watt.

"I've had boys apologising to me, feeling it's their fault, but they've nothing to apologise for. What they've put their bodies through for me is incredible.

"I told Gary I'd had something on my mind for a while, a good couple of months.

"You've got to ask yourself sometimes how much more can you do?

"We were so close to going up last year and I felt if I could add a couple more bits of quality, which I have done, then it could make the difference.

"That was my reason for staying last year, because I nearly went after last season's play-off final.

"It's been a tough year, with all the postponements and playing catch-up and things going on. A couple of months ago you start thinking about next season and I thought is it time for a change?

"I could have waited until the end of the season and made the decision then but I didn't think it was fair on the club.

"I wanted to give them as much time as possible to get the right person in.

"I was always going to make a decision before the end of the season and let the club know as soon as I knew.

"People forget I've been here five years on and off.

"When I took over they were

second-bottom of the league and we've been able to build a genuine play-off contender.

"I'm proud of the work we've done. I love the club, my family love the club but I just think for me and my career it's maybe time to have a new challenge.

"It's a risky decision but I'm not someone who's going to stay in a job if I'm not fully committed, and I didn't think I could make that commitment for next year.

"All I hear is that it's easier to get a job when you're in a job but I can't work that way.

"I can't stay in a job with an eye on getting another job."

Watt first took charge at Hythe in September 2019 as successor to Sam Denly.

He left midway through the 2021/22 season but returned the following summer after James Rogers stepped down.

The 2022/23 campaign was one of the best in the club's history as the Cannons won 14 of their last 19 games to make the Isthmian South East play-offs.

Watt's side lost just once at home all season, conceding only six goals at Reachfields.

They beat Ramsgate on penalties in the Play-off Semi-Finals before losing 1-0 at Whitehawk in the Final.

While a fixture backlog hampered the Cannons' chances of emulating last season's run, they reached the last 32 of the FA Trophy for the first time in their history.

Watt's side led Chorley in the Fifth Round before the National League North outfit recovered to win 2-1.

"It's been an unbelievable ride," said Watt. "I can't thank everyone associated with the club enough, the fans, the board, for the way they've supported me."

Hythe, who lost at home to Herne Bay (3-1) last Tuesday and Merstham (1-0) last Saturday, visit Beckenham this Saturday and Three Bridges on Tuesday night.

■ Lydd enjoyed a 2-1 home win over Kennington on Monday, watched by their highest-ever league crowd of 366. They host Rusthall this Saturday.



Folkestone's Cameron Brodie takes on Lewes on Good Friday
Picture: Randolph File

Drury sees the positives despite defeat

Boss Andy Drury felt Folkestone's performance at Hastings showed how far the club have come in the past four months - despite a 2-1 Isthmian Premier defeat on Easter Monday.

A first-half goal by in-form striker David Smith proved in vain for Isthmian Premier Invicta in front of a 1,719 crowd at The Pilot Field.

Folkestone recovered relatively well from falling a goal down in the first minute and 2-0 behind after 37 minutes.

Drury compared his current crop to the side thumped 5-0 at home to play-off chasing Hastings on Boxing Day and said: "We were much the better team in the second half on Monday.

"They play it around at the back and stuff but we were managing to put them under pressure.

"I think it shows how far we have come. We lost 5-0 on Boxing Day against them and, on Monday, we should have got a result.

"We were really good against Lewes (on Friday) and really good against Hastings for 50 minutes. We just got punished for two individual errors."

Smith now has seven goals from Folkestone's past 10 matches, although he wasn't on target in their Easter Friday 3-1 win at home to Lewes. Two-goal Tom Derry and midfielder Seidou Sanogo did the damage at Cheriton Road.

On former Bromley, Ashford

and Sittingbourne forward Smith, Drury added: "He's on a good run, goalscoring-wise, which has been important for us.

"He could have had a few more as well over the last few games but he's getting there. It's always pleasing when your striker is scoring."

Folkestone will host a Horsham team who are challenging for a play-off position this Saturday.

"Nerves can start to creep in," said Drury. "People start doing silly things.

"For us, the players have their futures to play for. They should want to be at Folkestone Invicta next year and they're playing to still be here.

"There's not been a drop-off in

performances since we knew we were safe. They have got another five games to make sure they're here next year.

"It's pretty much up to them, really. We still have got a lot to play for, in my opinion.

"I don't want to finish 17th, I want to finish 12th or 13th - or as high as we possibly can."

Sidelined midfielder Tom Kavanagh has returned to parent club Horsham after his loan while injured defender Chris Sessengnon remains a week or two away from a return to action.

Striker Derry, who missed the Hastings game through a minor injury, is set to return while winger Jordan Ababio is back after a loan spell at Isthmian South East Ashford.



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