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Worthing Pier Today

The pier is owned by Worthing Borough Council.

Pavilion Theatre

The Pavilion Theatre is situated on the promenade end of Worthing Pier. The Theatre was built in 1926, and has a high decorated proscenium archway over the stage. Today The Pavilion Theatre hosts a wide range. These range from The National Lottery Prize Draw to Art and Craft fairs and dinner dances, to successful conferences.



The Southern Pavilion

The Southern Pavilion at (the sea end) re-opened in summer 2014. Previously the building was home to nightclub, cafe, dance hall and before that used to house a model railway layout. The new managers of the South Pavilion hope it will become in the future a multi-purpose venue used to host weddings and conferences.



The International Birdman Competition



The Worthing International Birdman event is a competition for human powered flying machines that take off from a special ramp constructed on Worthing Pier. There are 3 flying classes so entrants can decide if they wish to be a serious aviator or want to take part for fun and raise money for charity.

This event brings thousands of visitors to Worthing over the weekend, gaining both national and international publicity. Many flyers take part to raise money for charities, other design complex machines to aim for the distance prizes. A substantial prize of £10,000 is offered for the furthest flight should a birdman manage to fly over 100 metres.

There are three classes for competitors:

- Leonardo Da Vinci Class is for self-designed innovative craft. Competitors can fly on both days (Saturday and Sunday) or opt to just fly on the Sunday.
- Condor Class is for modified hang-gliders and similar craft. This class will fly on both days.
- Kingfisher class is open for fun flyers and is a great way to earn more money for charity. Individuals and teams can enter this category. The prizes are not awarded for distance but for the entertainment value of the flight. The public can also vote on this category to crown a people's choice winner.

