

# Barge Tearooms

**a truly unique venue**

Moored on Maldon's picturesque Hythe Quay, step on board Topsail Charters' beautiful Edwardian sailing barge Hydrogen, for a memorable tearoom experience and help support part of our nation's maritime heritage.



Greens, the grocery shop and the Crusty Loaf bakers.

Hydrogen was built in 1906. During the summer months she takes guests out for river cruises, perhaps to celebrate a birthday, wedding anniversary, a group outing or for members of the public to enjoy a cruise.

From October 15th, this grand old lady takes a rest from sailing for the winter and is moored alongside



the Quay, at which time she opens to the public as a tearoom. Today only a handful of traditional barges survive, so a visit on board Hydrogen for lunch or tea is a real treat.

Whilst on board you can read about her history, relax in her centrally heated wooden saloon or sit on deck to enjoy the winter birds and views of the salt marshes.

Visitors can enjoy breakfast, light lunches and afternoon tea, made with fresh ingredients which the tearoom is proud to source from businesses in Maldon High Street including Buntings Butchers,

The delicious cakes, scones, mini quiches, tarts and soups are all cooked on board daily in the galley. Advance bookings can be made on Thursdays and Fridays, for up to 42 guests.

If you're looking for something a little different, Barge Tearooms is a really great place to bring visitors to the area and children really enjoy coming on board the "Pirate" ship.

**Barge Tearooms,  
Hydrogen, The Hythe,  
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Open until Easter 2016  
Thursday – Sunday 10am-5pm  
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