



SCARBOROUGH MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE

Newsletter – April 2017

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year our AGM will be held on **Tuesday May 2nd** at 7pm in the Scarborough Sub Aqua Club, 25 St Mary's St, next to the Leeds Arms. After the short business report our guest speaker will be Brian Mulvana. He will talk about, and show pictures of, the old Scarborough Tramway network. Refreshments will be on sale so please come along, hear about our achievements and enjoy a fascinating talk.

NEW DONATIONS



Thanks to Elisabeth Willgoss who sent us this interesting postcard of the 1904 Russian attack on Hull trawlers. The full story details can be read on our website by typing the word 'Russian' in the search box. Thanks go to everyone who donated photographs, books and objects to us in the past few months.

EDUCATION OUTREACH

SMHC chairman, Mark Vesey, travelled to Leeds to talk with a gathering of Leeds City Academy students about the 1914 bombardment of Scarborough. TV presenter, Fiona Armstrong, chaired the session and Professor Holger Afflerbach, from the University of Leeds, spoke about the overall history of the naval warfare and blockades in WW1. Meanwhile, SMHC vice chair, Lindy Rowley, gave talks to the Osgodby Ladies Group, Senior Guides and Jazz Court residents.

NEW BOOKS ON SALE

We are pleased to have on sale some great booklets from the Scarborough & District Civic Society. Priced £2.50 each, they make great reading and you can enjoy the walking routes contained in them.



EVENTS

The Albert Strange Association held its AGM in Scarborough and many members visited the SMHC for the first time. The SMHC is an honorary member of the Association and attended their AGM in Woodend. The group's current concern is over the 42-foot sailing boat 'Tally Ho', one of the last designed by Albert Strange. It is currently in a boatyard in the USA but is being threatened with the scrapheap if a cheaper home or new owner cannot be found. If you know of anyone who may be interested in supporting this project please contact the ASA website.

February 2018, will mark the centenary of the death of the famous World War One soldier and poet, Wilfred Owen. Owen stayed in Scarborough in what is now the Clifton Hotel. David Lewis, of 'Brynstowe Publications'

is a member of the Wilfred Owen Society and is organising events to mark the date. If you are interested or would like to get involved please contact us.

The Scarborough News has contacted us about writing a regular piece for their 'Exhibit of the Week' page. The first one should be published at the end of March. If you have any ideas or artefacts you would like us to mention please contact us via our email or telephone.

There will be a 'Seaside Conference' held in Scarborough Spa on Monday 24th April. For details see the Scarborough Museums Trust website.

On the 30th April, the Friends of Dean Road & Manor Road Cemetery will be holding a Spring Fair to raise awareness of, and funds for, the chapel restoration project. The group is cataloguing and recording many details about each person buried in the cemetery (See website).

VOLUNTEER NEWS



Tony demonstrates net mending at Seafest : Cassie with Rosie, David & Queen's Award

We would like to give a huge vote of thanks to two of our long serving volunteers, Cassie Pelucci (nee Moon) and Tony East. Cassie has been with us for 6 years and was born into a fishing family in the old town. She knows almost everyone. At the age of 83 she is our oldest volunteer but enjoys meeting and working with young people and the general public. She is always welcoming and chatty. Recently she suffered a fall at home and has been housebound for a while. We wish her all the best for a speedy recovery.

Tony East has also helped us since we started. He was born in Hull. In his youth he served an apprenticeship on merchant ships; polishing brass, painting handrails and splicing ropes. He later went on to become a fisherman on trawlers based in Hull and then moved to Scarborough. He even spent a few years working in Australia. He loves sharing his knowledge of rope and knot work and helped to decorate the maritime centre. Tony donated maritime books, models and a ship's bell to us. Sadly his sister is not well so he has moved to Manchester to be near her. We wish them all the best.

NEXT EXHIBITION

Our next exhibition will start in April and will focus on life in the old town using old photos, maps and memories. Please come along and add your own memories and photos.

SUPPORT



Yorkshire Coast Homes Community Involvement Officer, Laura Young, hands our chairman a cheque for £500 from their Community Investment Panel Fund. SMHC volunteers, John and Michael are on the left and right.

The SMHC is run entirely by volunteers and public donations. Please help us in any way you can. Thank you.



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