



SCARBOROUGH MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE

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'Scarborough' on TV

The writer and director of a BBC TV comedy called 'Scarborough' visited our 'History Box' on Sandside. Derren Litten is also the creator of the comedy series 'Benidorm'. 'Scarborough' was his new six-part series that aired in October. The show followed a group of local characters as they navigated life, love and friendship. Jason Manford and Catherine Tyldesley were the main characters. Derren also appeared in the show as the landlord of 'The Good Ship' pub, actually the Newcastle Packet. The aerial shots and camera work showed Scarborough at its very best. Sadly, the BBC has decided not to commission a second series.

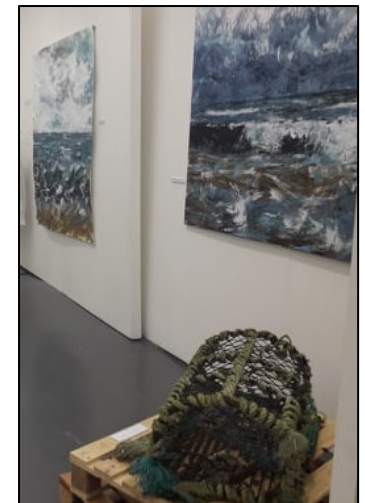


Exhibitions in 2020

January to April 2020 'Longwestgate and its residents in the last century'.
April to June 2020 'Impact of World War II on Scarborough'.

SMHC help MA artist

Angela Howard is a local artist specialising in painting seascapes of the North East coast. She completed her Masters Degree in Fine Art at York St John University and her final exhibition was an installation relating to the wives of the fishermen of the North Sea Coast. Paintings on both canvas and paper, found beach items and a video about women's work on the beach of Holy Island. SMHC supplied old lobster pots, fishing nets, a barmskin apron, mop cap and DVD of "Women's Voices" (telling the lives of the wives of the fishermen). Angela said *'the lobster pots were raised on pallets and brought with them not just a feel but also a smell of the sea. Working alongside SMHC has enhanced and informed this work and I thank them for their support'*.



UKMHF In Glasgow

SMHC volunteers, Stewart Macdonald and Mark Vesey attended the 11th UK Maritime Heritage Forum in Glasgow in November. The SMHC were invited to do a presentation on our 10 years of development. Other topics during the conference included the positive impact and wellbeing for the community that being involved with museums can bring, sustaining museums and historic ships for the future, 3D scanning and heritage story writing. A visit took place to the Fairfield shipyard in Govan and on board the Glenlee sailing ship.

Publications

We have two new books on sale, one by Arthur Godfrey, author of our well-used 'Shipwrecks of the Yorkshire Coast' book. His new one is called 'Under and Over the Waves' and costs £12. The second book is called 'One Day in December' and recounts some details about the 1914 bombardment alongside a play that was written for the centenary in 2014, priced £10.

10th Anniversary

On 1st November we celebrated our 10th anniversary with a huge cake supplied by local cake shop 'Lindy Lou's'. We also unveiled a memorial plaque to our librarian, Suzanne Kirby, who sadly passed away at the end of October. (Photo by Martina Moscariello, Scarborough News)



Porthole in time

Our project to install heritage information 'portholes' around Marine Drive is still awaiting approval from the council but we hope to install them in 2020. We need to raise £10,000 for this project so please help us if you can? There will initially be 12 'portholes' highlighting some of Scarborough's amazing history. We will later produce a trail leaflet and webpages to give additional information and accompany the heritage trail. If you would like to be involved please get in touch with us.

Maritime News

A £27.4m regeneration boost for Hull's Maritime Museum sector has been announced. Thanks to the National Lottery they received £13.6m that will see the Arctic Corsair and the Lightship moved into new dry docks. Read more at <https://maritimehull.co.uk/> or bit.ly/2oTKjR2

The National Maritime Museum website has the story of the first woman to sail around the world in the 1700s. Read more about Jeanne Baret, botanist, at <https://www.rmg.co.uk/discover/explore/>

Scarborough's 'Regal Lady' is now undergoing renovation to turn her into a floating 'Dunkirk' Museum. You can follow the story on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/RegalLadyDunkirkExperience>

Community Engagement

We have recently given talks to community groups including Roundtable, Women's Institute and guests at the Royal Hotel.

We donated £50 towards a blue information plaque about Leonard Ellis, the first person to be killed in the 1914 Scarborough bombardment.

Website

We are run entirely by volunteers and public donations. We are always in need of new volunteers even if you can only spare two hours a week – no prior knowledge or skills needed. Please help us in any way that you can. Thank you.



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