



Education & Talks

Students from the Hothfield Junior School in Silsden, West Yorkshire, and the Friarage School in Scarborough visited the SMHC. We also gave heritage talks to the Scarborough Cardiac Support Group, Leisure & Learning Group, Staintondale Village Group, Bridlington Probuss, Westborough Women's Group, Filey U3A, Castle Ward Tenants & Residents Group and St Luke's Ladies Group. Please contact us if you would like a talk given to your group.

Newsletter – June 2014

World War One Centenary

Our portable '1914 Bombardment of Scarborough' exhibition (three panels of the six are shown below) has already received praise from visitors at the University of Leeds and Westborough Church. If your community group, church, school or workplace would like to borrow the exhibition for free, or to have an illustrated talk about this important event in our town's history, then please contact us. They will be on display next for Armed Forces Day, June 28th, on the seafront. See our website for more information about the Bombardment and Centenary.

Maritime News

2014 is the 500th anniversary of the establishment of The Corporation of Trinity House. For five centuries the safety of shipping, and the well being of seafarers, have been the organisation's prime concerns ever since the Royal Charter was granted by Henry VIII. Today it has three distinct functions: a lighthouse service, a self-funded charity and a deep-sea pilotage authority. The first lighthouse was set up along the Newcastle to London coal route. A petition for seamarks was drawn up by shipowners of the East coast, who asserted "*no doubt but everyman that trade the North partes will willingly contribute thereunto.*" Consequently, Trinity House established the Lowestoft Lighthouse, a pair of wooden towers with candle illuminants erected in 1609. The Privy Council allowed for a levy of four pence on ships passing the light, to cover the cost of maintenance and fuel. More information on the history of Trinity House can be found at www.trinityhouse.co.uk



2014 marks the 300th anniversary of the 1714 Longitude Prize of £20,000 that was won by Yorkshire clockmaker John Harrison. For sailors to find their position at sea they required a clock that kept perfect time with Greenwich. The pitch and roll of the oceans, and the humidity and temperature changes at sea often damaged delicate mechanisms in normal timepieces. It took Harrison several prototypes and decades of battling with the scientific elite before he was finally deemed the winner. His work revolutionised navigation and saved countless lives.

Recent Donations

Thanks go to all those who donated items in the past few months including model boats and ships, photographs, books and objects.

Support

A HUGE thanks to all those who have donated to our appeal for funding for a new home. We are getting towards the target of the match funding needed to secure a loan for the full asking price from the Charity Bank.

A list of all the donors who have supported the project so far can be seen on our website and anyone who still donates over £100 can have their name, a loved one's or ancestors name, engraved on a 'Roll of Honour' that will appear in the new Centre.

We also received a letter from the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, who said *'Scarborough has such a wonderful seafaring tradition and so I wish you every blessing as you seek to enable future generations to engage with that heritage'*.



Thanks go to all the students from the Scarborough Campus Business Management Degree course that helped put on a Cabaret Night at the University with all proceeds going to the new premises for the SMHC.

Help Wanted

We are always looking for friendly volunteers who can spare a few hours a week to help with filing, scanning, fundraising or greeting the public. Please call Lindy Rowley for a chat on 01723 369361, pop in or email us.

We are still raising money to help secure new premises. Any help or donations you can give will be gratefully received. Donate by post or online at www.localgiving.com

Coming Soon

The Youth Support Service and artist, Gabrielle Naptali, who created the mosaic by the Police Station, are creating a new installation for the Castle Ward area. The mosaic will measure 5 metres long by 1.5 metres high and will feature influences from the coastline from North to South Bay. Many community groups will be involved in the design and creation, including volunteers from the SMHC. Volunteers can take part in 5 sessions to help create a lasting piece of artwork. 3 workshops will run from 19th June to 9th October (every Thursday) with a 2-hour slot for each workshop running any time between 1:30pm to 6:00pm. If YOU would like to take part please contact us as soon as possible.

This year's SEAFEST festival with music, food, beer & maritime events & exhibitions is from 25th - 27th July. Please come and visit us in the main exhibition tent on the West Pier.

The Scarborough Museums Trust 1914 exhibition entitled 'Remember Scarborough' will open to the public on July 26th at the Art Gallery.

From 4th August we will begin our exhibition about World War 1 and the Scarborough men and women who were involved in it, at home and abroad. If you have any family stories you wish to share please contact us as soon as possible. You can read some of the stories and information we have already collected about WW1 on our website.



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