



## SCARBOROUGH MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE

### NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2017

#### Summer Activity



Over the summer we put on maritime heritage information stands at Scarborough Castle's war weekend event, at the Dean Road chapel & cemetery fundraising fair and the Scarborough Library Heritage Day.



We put up world war one and two historic information banners in an empty town centre shop front. Many passers by could be seen standing and reading the panels in the old 'Arrow Models' shop.

Our monthly history article in the Scarborough News has been attracting positive comments and interest among its readers. In the past few months we have written about ganseys, Walker's logs, sidewinder trawlers and Vice-Admiral Sir John Lawson.

The SMHC's chairman gave a maritime history presentation to two groups of unemployed teenagers enrolled in the YH training programme and to a group of retired women at the Rainsworth care home.



North Yorkshire County Council have launched a new walking trail guide on their website that includes the maritime centre. See website: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/scarborough-trails-discoveries-your-doorstep>. We also have available, in printed form, several booklets by the Civic Society of old town and south cliff walking trails. Price £2.50 each.



The 19<sup>th</sup> Seafest event was held in July and attracted large crowds. Our display proved a big hit with visitors. Thanks go to all the volunteers who gave their time. Photo above, courtesy of [www.scarboroughtvnews.co.uk](http://www.scarboroughtvnews.co.uk), shows Jim, Allan, Tom and Barry from Scarborough TV News.



The Children's University Network held its annual graduation ceremony at the Spa in July. Children from Barrowcliff, Braeburn, Filey, Friarage, Fylingdales, Gladstone Road, Malton, Northstead & Wheatcroft schools received certificates for their extra-curriculum work. Over 30 children had completed the maritime centre's history quiz challenge.



Zoe Frank, from the National Trust and Scarborough Sub Aqua Club, gave a guided walk around Scarborough harbour to mark the centenary of the sinking of the SS Norhilda. After the walk, participants visited the maritime centre and then saw some under water images at the Sub-Aqua club in St Mary's Street.

### COMING EVENTS

Gill Blanchard, author of the new book 'Lawson Lies Still in the Thames' will be giving a talk about this important Scarborough mariner who rose from the coal & fishing trade to become Vice-Admiral of the Royal Navy. Scarborough Library, 7.30pm on 16th October, price £3.

### NEW DONATIONS

Thanks go to everyone who has donated photographs and objects in the past few months. These include a 1m long model of the Titanic, a compendium of 'The Yachtsman' from July to December 1889, a retirement clock from 1912, a WW1 naval 'Ditty Box', an H.B. Carter print and a wooden model of a galleon.

### SUMMER VISITORS

Here is just a small selection of places where visitors to our centre have come from in the past few months: - Thailand, Singapore, Australia, USA, Canada, New Zealand, Germany, Italy, France, Holland, Inverness, Lanarkshire, Skegness, Isle of Wight, Cambridge, Nottingham, Northern Ireland.

We are run entirely by volunteers and public donations.  
Please help us in any way that you can. Thank you.



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