



SCARBOROUGH MARITIME
HERITAGE CENTRE

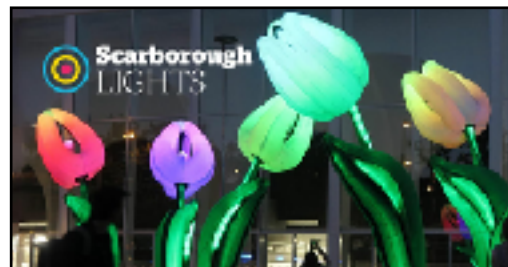
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM US ALL



Thanks go to everyone who has helped and supported us in 2023, including our fabulous volunteers, who do a magnificent job welcoming the public, scanning and indexing our collection. Sadly, we were badly let down by the sellers and the estate agent of the larger building we wished to purchase earlier this year. We will ring fence the donations given to us for a future move and will now reorganise our current space to make the best use of it.

Christmas Lights

We are taking part in the 'Scarborough Lights Festival' so our window will be lit up in an advent calendar theme based on the Christmas carol '*I saw three ships come sailing in*'. Please visit anytime after dark from now until the 8th of January 2024.



New Exhibitions in 2024

This December, we are putting on a special exhibition about Scarborough's boxing day traditions in conjunction with an art show at the old boatyard on Sandside. It runs from early December until Christmas. The Maritime Centre will be closed from December 18th until January 10th but we have some exciting plans for 2024. We will start with the boxing day traditions exhibition then go on to look at women in maritime work and an exhibition on the history of the British seaside experience. We will also be supporting a theatre project and a National Lottery Heritage funded project called 'What the Sea Saw'. Volunteers are required to help record oral history and help with the project. Please contact us if you can help?

Tribute

Our condolences go to the family of Captain Robin Whitehead, a long time supporter of the SMHC. He grew up here and attended the Graham Sea Training School. His father ran Whitehead & Barn plumbing & heating supplies. Robin was a merchant navy captain with Andrew Weir shipping line (Bank Line) traveling worldwide. Robin went to the Falkland Islands in 1982, during the conflict, taking equipment and food to Port Stanley. He retired to Kent and donated his sextant to us.



Above left: Captain Robin Whitehead.

Above right: The Globemakers – The Curious Story of an Ancient Craft, by Peter Bellerby www.bloomsbury.com/uk/globemakers-9781526650870

New Book

Peter Bellerby is the founder of Bellerby & Co. Globemakers, the world's only truly bespoke makers of globes. His team of skilled craftspeople make exquisite terrestrial, celestial and planetary globes for customers around the world. The story began after his attempt to find a special globe for his father's 80th birthday. Failing to find anything suitable, he decided to make one himself which took him on an extraordinary journey of rediscovering this forgotten craft. Our thanks go to Bloomsbury Publishing who donated a copy of the book to us.



Podcast, Lecture, BBC, Liverpool

Our chairman was interviewed by TV historian, Dr Sam Willis, for 'The Mariner's Mirror' podcast. It is online at <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/the-mariners-mirror-podcast/id1536277713?i=1000634589052>. Mark also gave a one hour lecture to members of the Scarborough Archaeological & Historical Society looking at twenty of our top artefacts and their background stories. The recording of this talk is available on our website.

BBC reporter, Carla Fowler, filmed an interview with four of our members looking at some interesting artefacts and their stories. The broadcast will go out on BBC Look North in due course.

SMHC directors, Dave Normandale & Mark Vesey, participated in the UK National Maritime Museums Forum held in Liverpool. Mark talked about our Sea Wall Heritage Trail project. In news from other sites, Bristol is building a £10 million replica of Brunel's ship the Great Eastern & Liverpool is spending £11 million on refurbishing their dock area. A link has been made with the Southend in Essex museum as Scarborough born Admiral Sir John Lawson's flagship 'The London' sank nearby.

Anne Bronte Society

At our AGM in April, SMHC volunteer, Lauren, gave a presentation about setting up an 'Anne Bronte Appreciation Society' linked with the Maritime Heritage Centre. She then put on an exhibition in the SMHC which has been widely praised and brought in a new audience to us. We will create a permanent 'Anne Bronte Corner' in our reference library area. If you want to learn more about the Society please contact us.

Scarborough Memories Project

Thanks to those who have sent us some fantastic memories about Scarborough in days gone by. You can still contribute to the archive by writing to us with your memories or family stories, or we can record you. See our website page '[Porthole in Time: Public Memories](#)'.

Phonebox Repaint

Thanks go to Sarah Normandale who helped us repaint our old BT red phone box on Sandside. It was opened in 2019 as the world's smallest maritime museum and is a dedicated memorial to all of Scarborough's maritime families, past and present.

New website pages

See our 'Featured Articles' webpage for news on 'What has the sea ever done for me', William Milner Coastguard Officer, and many others.

We are run entirely by volunteers and public donations.
We always need volunteers. No special knowledge or skills are required.
Please contact us if you can spare a few hours a week.



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