

### **Hispaniola Pirate Ship - Mr M of Brighthouse**

Today Mr M had been reminded of when at the age of 10 he first visited Scarborough and had a trip on the Hispaniola which was a Pirate Ship on the Mere on the approach to Scarborough. He remembers being taken on the boat to the island in the middle of the Mere. Hiding in the bushes was someone acting as Ben Gunn who, in Lewis Stephenson's Treasure Island, had been marooned on an island by his fellow pirates. The Ben Gunn at the Mere had a real wooden leg which was not something that the real ben Gunn had but it certainly made him look authentic.

He also recalls a museum which was located near what he thinks was called Marshalls Funfair, a red building which housed what he thought was the museum celebrating the Vikings coming to Scarborough. He could remember that there were authentic smells, a bit like the Jorvik Museum in York. The museum also had a lot of characters from history.