



Newsletter – June 2013

**Come and see our new exhibition at
Scarborough Seafest
West Pier - July 20th & 21st**

Maritime History Course

The SMHC has teamed up with the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) to deliver a ten evening Maritime History Course starting in September 2013. The course will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Scarborough. We need to recruit a minimum of 12 adults for the course to run and it will be free to anyone on benefits or income support.

Topics covered will include: the history and development of the harbour; shipwrecks and shipbuilding on the Yorkshire coast; tunny and herring fishing; 1914 bombardment; the Titanic; the history of yachting; maritime superstitions and folklore.

The course will give people the chance to learn more about Scarborough's fascinating past. There are no exams or homework and WEA staff will be on hand to help and advise if participants want to do more research on any of the topics. Please contact us as soon as possible to enrol or make further enquiries.

Fish, Chips and Entertainment

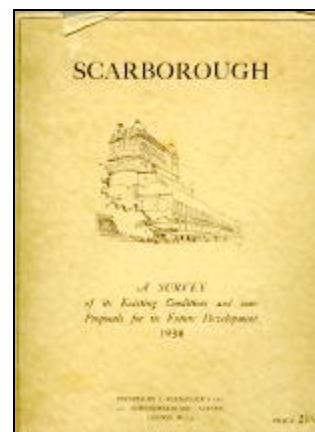
On Saturday 13th July at 7.30pm the 'Bridbeat Singers' will entertain you while you enjoy a fish and chip supper at Restaurant 55 in Eastborough. Tickets cost £10 and support the SMHC. Contact us to reserve a ticket.

HMS Esk

A WW2 prisoner's war camp diary was recently donated to us along with a photograph album from 1931. Herbert Vaughn was in the Royal Navy and served on HMS Bridgewater off China from 1931 to 1934 and then on HMS Esk in 1940. HMS Esk hit a mine off the Dutch Coast and sank. We have put the thrilling first hand account of the sinking of HMS Esk, days spent in a life raft and then capture by the Germans, onto our website. See 'Recent Articles' page or use the 'Search' box for HMS Esk.

1801 Visit to Scarborough

During April's Literature Festival, Dr Zoe Kinsley, gave a talk at the SMHC about Dorothy Richardson, who wrote evocative travel diaries at the end of the 19th century. Extracts of Dorothy's visit to the Yorkshire coast can be read on our website. See our 'Recent Articles' page or use the 'Search' box.



Recent donations

As well as the magnificent model of a trawler, currently in our window, we also received some rare books donated by John Rushton. The 1934 Borough Council's Report on the Development of Scarborough makes for interesting reading and can be viewed at our Centre during normal hours.

New Exhibition

From July to September 2013 our new exhibition covering the most important aspects of Scarborough's maritime past will be on display at our Centre in Eastborough. Open: Wed-Sun 11am to 4pm, entrance free.

Maritime Museums meeting in Shetlands

SMHC Director David Normandale and supporter Norma Harrison travelled to the Shetland Islands to take part in the National Maritime Museums' Annual Conference. Topics discussed were: Shetland's traditional boats and the Norway-Shetland boat trade, positioning your museum at the heart of its community and the passing on of maritime skills. Chris Dobbs gave an insightful presentation about the opening of the new Mary Rose exhibition in Portsmouth.



Did you know the maritime Centre costs £10 a day to run? If you can help raise funds or give a donation we would be very grateful. Thank you.

Talks and walks

Maritime history talks were given to several groups; one given to the Burton Fleming local history society included a guided tour of Scarborough's old town and harbour. Another guided walk that is open to all members of the public will be given on **Saturday 17th August**, meeting at the Lifeboat House at **6pm**. There is no charge but donations will be gratefully accepted.



Pirates on the sea front

Thanks go to all the SMHC volunteers involved in fundraising on the seafront on both Bank Holidays in May. Those who dressed as pirates and 'shivered their timbers' went home with sore throats after a hard days 'argghing'! £90 was raised.

Help Wanted

The SMHC is looking for friendly volunteers who can give a couple of hours a week to help with filing, typing or greeting the public. If you can spare us some time we would be glad to hear from you. Please contact Lindy Rowley for a chat on 01723 369361, call in or email.

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