



Winter Newsletter 2015



**SEASON'S GREETINGS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**



OUR NEW HOME – 45 Eastborough, YO11 1NH

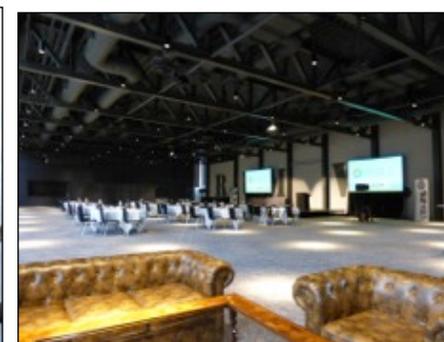
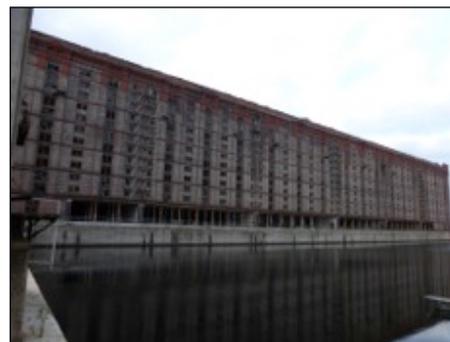


After 6 years the SMHC has finally moved into premises of its own. After a hectic few weeks of painting, our members came out in force to transport all our equipment and archives over. A huge thank you goes to everyone who has donated money or time in the past year to make this project possible. We will now spend a few months installing and arranging our archives and new exhibition area ready for January 2016. Please note we still have the same phone number & email address.



THREE CITIES MARITIME HERITAGE CONFERENCE

SMHC chairman, Mark Vesey, attended a 2-day conference in Liverpool on the subject of using maritime heritage to regenerate towns & cities. Delegates from Liverpool, Cardiff, Belfast & Bilbao were present. All stressed how important it is to retain the culture and maritime heritage yet embrace the new industries of technology, art and creativity. Commitment, collaboration & focus are needed. Cardiff has 20 million visitors a year, 4 million bed stays & £1 billion tourist income a year. Belfast spent £93 million, which included the new Titanic Museum, which gets 600,000 visitors a year. The city has 9000 tourist jobs bringing in £400 million of income. Keynote speaker, Sir Neil Cossons, quoted King George in 1751 who said *'The study of antiquity is highly commendable & improves the minds of men, it is virtuous & noble'*. We must engage the community & young as they are the next generation of guardians of our great British heritage, the best in the world.



The old Tobacco warehouse, once Europe's largest brick building, & the Rum Warehouse venue

UK MARITIME HERITAGE CONFERENCE

SMHC director & trustee, David Normandale, attended the annual UK maritime heritage forum conference in Newcastle. During the 2-day event, maritime museums from across the UK shared their knowledge and project ideas with each other. Aberdeen, Chatham, Portsmouth, Hull, Ipswich, Londonderry, Merseyside, Cornwall, Swansea, Plymouth, Glasgow, Greenwich, Scotland, Shetland, Southampton, Bristol, Swansea, Tyne & Wear, and of course, last but not least, Scarborough. (Please contact us if you would like a full summary)

HLF FUNDING

After many years of trying for Heritage Lottery Funding, we have finally been given a £10,000 'Sharing Heritage' grant to equip the new Centre. We will gain improved exhibition & archive facilities, produce & exhibit recordings made with the maritime community, train more volunteers, create new publicity leaflets & posters and install a new public research & study area in our 'John Rushton MBE memorial library'. Anyone who would like to be involved in this exciting project should contact us asap.



DONATIONS

Many thanks to the Scarborough 88 Round Table for a donation of £500 towards our work. The money comes from their annual Sleigh Pull fund.

QUEEN'S AWARD

Thanks to Scarborough Borough Council's Civic Officer, Irene Webster, the SMHC has been nominated for the Queen's Award for volunteering. Two Deputy Lieutenants visited us & talked with volunteers. We will know the outcome later next year.

ACTIVITY

Volunteer, Michael Knaggs, has been working with the Scarborough Museums Trust to produce a schools information and project pack that includes some of the 'Les Day Collection' glass plate images kindly on loan to SMHC. The pack will go to schools in 2016 and some of the images will form part of our new exhibition opening in January 2016.

SMHC volunteers have given maritime heritage talks to the 'Scarborough Beekeepers Society', 'Young Farmers' & 'Hackness Ladies Club'.



Volunteers & supporters transport everything across the road & make final touches.



Please join us for a 'Pie & Pea Supper' with 60s 70s 80s live music & quiz. Saturday 28th November, 7.30pm.

Scarborough Sub Aqua Club (Licensed premises) St Mary's Street, YO11 IQJ. Price £7.50.

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