



SCARBOROUGH MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE

SUMMER 2022

Seafest

Seafest is back again after a two-year break during the pandemic. We will be displaying an amazing collection of interesting topics based on Scarborough's history & heritage. As usual there will be a beer tent, cooking demonstrations, music, trade stands and lots for everyone to see and do on Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th July. Don't forget the free fireworks on Saturday night.



New exhibition

After Seafest our new exhibition, with many interesting photographs and details, will focus on the history of Quay Street. It will run until October.

Filming

In June, a cameraman working for the National Geographic TV channel filmed an interview in the SMHC. A young woman had volunteered to work for ten weeks on an Icelandic trawler and have her experiences documented. The follow up interview took place here as her home is in North Yorkshire. The TV series will be released this autumn in America.

Marine Drive – 'Porthole in Time' project



We are pleased to update you with the news that a contractor has now been appointed to make and install 31 engraved granite portholes on the Marine Drive this September. Each one will have a few interesting historical facts about our town. Local schools and a college have designed the graphic images on them. We will also be engaging the public by asking them about to write about their historic memories & stories of Scarborough. All the information will be made available on our website and a mobile phone app trail. Funding for this project comes from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

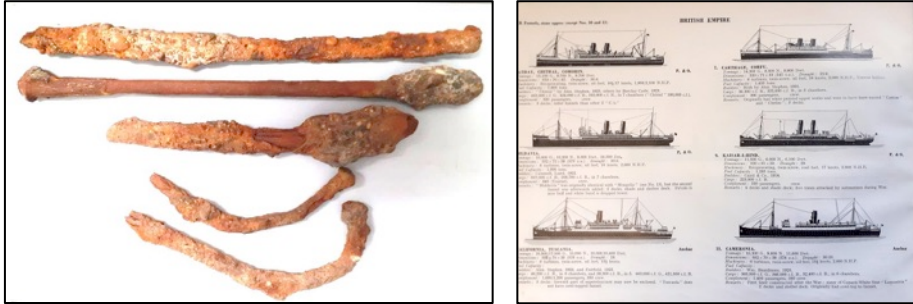
Book Review

The Ship Asunder – A Maritime History of Britain in Eleven Vessels, by Tom Nancollas, is a fascinating and enjoyable book describing Britain's amazing maritime history. He looks at eleven items connected to boats and ships. Wood, iron, rope, propellers, steam engines, trumpets, bells, figureheads and masts are just some of the items. In the final chapter, Tom looks at anchors and raises the question, have we 'swallowed the anchor' and lost sight of our heritage? With the advent of cheap flights, most Brits have lost touch with boats and ships as a way of travelling and thus our connections to the seas and oceans. Charles II started sailing for fun and Tom visits Scarborough Yacht Club to see that a passion for sailing, boats and the sea is still alive today. Tom poses a final thought that with climate change and the need for low carbon transport, might nautical travel once again come to the fore?

New donations

The rusty ship's nails and iron rods, below left, were found in Cornelian Bay and are most likely from an 18th or 19th century wooden ship. The nails are about 7 inches long and the rods about 18 inches long. If anyone has any more information about them please contact us?

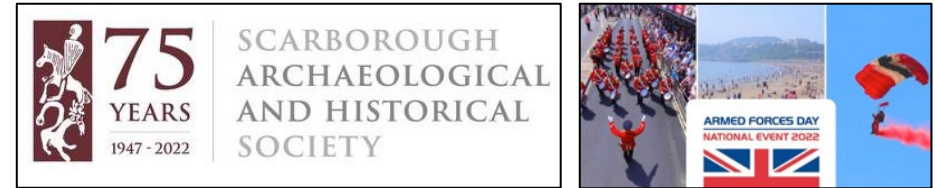
Below right is a page from a British Merchant Navy 'Empire Ships' recognition book that shows the outlines of nearly 9000 ships post WW2.



Above left is a picture of Gerald Webster of the Scarborough Sea Cadets, based in the Graham Sea Training School. The middle picture shows the cadets on the school's ship, the Maisie Graham. Above right is cadet Eric Barlow. The photographs were donated by Graham Tipper.

75 years of local history

The Scarborough Archaeological & Historical Society is celebrating its 75th year of operation. It will be digitising all its publications making a fantastic resource for anyone interested in local archaeology and history. See their website www.sahs.org.uk or Facebook page for more details.



Armed Forces Day

National Armed Forces Day took place on Saturday 25th June and featured representatives from all the UK's armed forces. Thousands of visitors came and saw a fly-past by the Red Arrows and other aircraft. Several Navy ships were in the South Bay. Two of our volunteers sold books about Scarborough's history during WW1 & WW2.

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?
Thank you



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