



## Newsletter – December 2013



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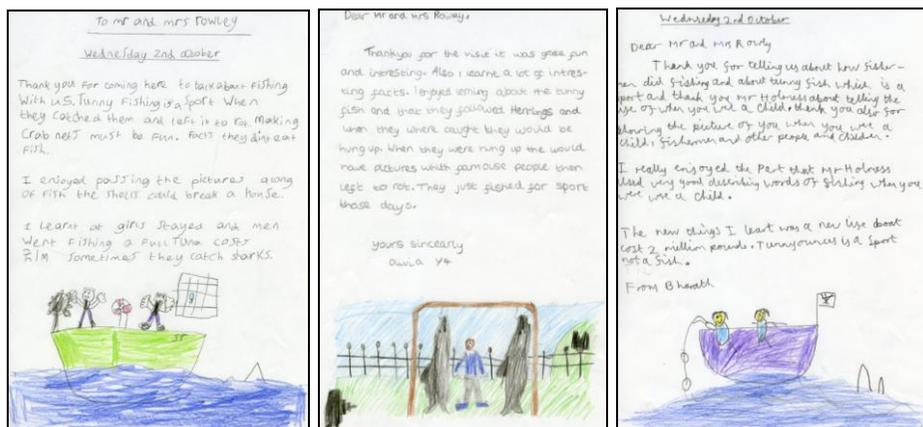


### Fourth Birthday

In November we reached our 4<sup>th</sup> year in 36 Eastborough. Thanks go to all our volunteers and supporters who have helped us along the way.

### Schools & Talks

Lindy and Tom Rowley gave a talk to pupils at St Peter's School and received some wonderful letters of thanks in return:-



### Visitor's comments about SMHC on the Internet 'Trip Advisor' website

*What a great introduction to Scarborough. Great displays and very knowledgeable staff. Got a lot of information about Scarborough. Just a pity that this place is not located in a more prominent location on the shorefront with more passing visitors. Well done guys! A great asset to Scarborough.*

*We called in on Sunday morning and were greeted by two very helpful volunteers. They shared lots of fascinating information and we enjoyed seeing interesting items on display.*

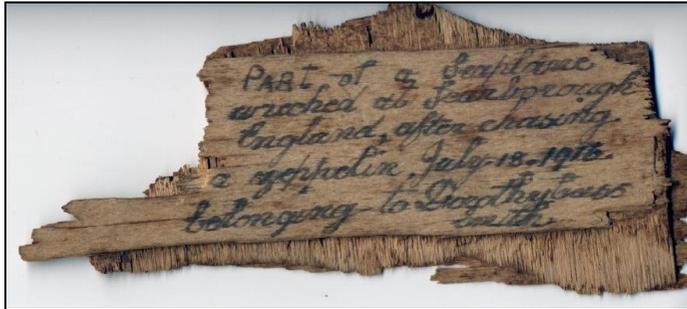
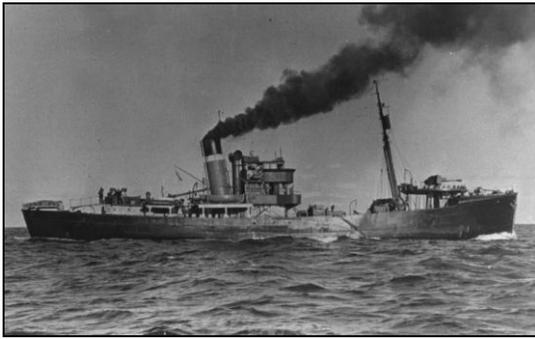
*My ancestors come from Scarborough and it was great to see them mentioned in here and actually meet someone who was related to my grandmother and great grandfather. When we arrived home some more copies of photographs had been forwarded to us, also found out where my great grandfathers grave was and went to see it. The information in the museum is very interesting. The history of Scarborough is fascinating. Would definitely recommend a visit to anyone.*

*Surprised to find that it occupied only one room but, nevertheless, we found the exhibits fascinating. It is a shame that its potential isn't realised and funding is not made available to move to larger more suitable premises where stored items can be displayed.*

*How so much information can be contained into a reasonably small place astounds me! Absolutely fabulous visit shame that it's one of those places you must know is there or you may miss the opportunity to visit as it is somewhat out of the way. Staff friendly and lovely and as a friend of the late John Rushton whom I know had a lot to do with the establishment I can only say his and everybody else's efforts in the team has paid off! Also no charge to visit just a pleasant request for donations, well done!*

*Had a great time. Friendly welcome and a really interesting place to visit. Not only for maritime 'buffs'. Stop by when you're in town, you won't regret it.*

*This is a great place full of interesting information. Learned a lot about the area here. There is so much history in Scarborough and this is a great place to learn a bunch of it. Very well done.*



### Coble & Keel Boat Society Visit

In September, members of the Coble & Keel Boat Society visited our Centre. They were taken on a tour of the old town (see photo above) and SMHC volunteers, Tom Rowley & Tony East, gave them a talk.

### Recent donations

Top left is a picture of the HMT Cape Portland, a trawler converted for minesweeping and anti submarine work during WW2. The picture is part of a collection donated to the SMHC by the Royal Naval Patrol association, RNPA, Scarborough branch which has been disbanded. Top right is the crest for the Scarborough branch. We hope to put on an exhibition about the work of the RNPA in which some of Scarborough's fishermen were involved.

Directly above is a picture of a piece of a seaplane wrecked in Scarborough's South Bay after chasing a Zeppelin on July 18<sup>th</sup> 1916. The artefact was sent from Australia by Betty Foster, whose great grandfather-in-law was Captain Walter Pentland Cass Smith, harbour master at the time.

Thanks go to Jennifer in Hunmaby who donated a spectacular model of the HMS Pandora, made by her recently departed husband.

Thanks also go to all those who donated maritime photographs, charts, certificates, books & artefacts in the past few months.

### Help Wanted

We are always looking for friendly volunteers who can spare a few hours a week to help with filing, scanning, fundraising, accounts or greeting the public. Please call Lindy Rowley for a chat on 01723 369361, pop in or email us.

The SMHC needs to raise £4000 for its rent this year. Anything you can give us would help. Many thanks.

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