

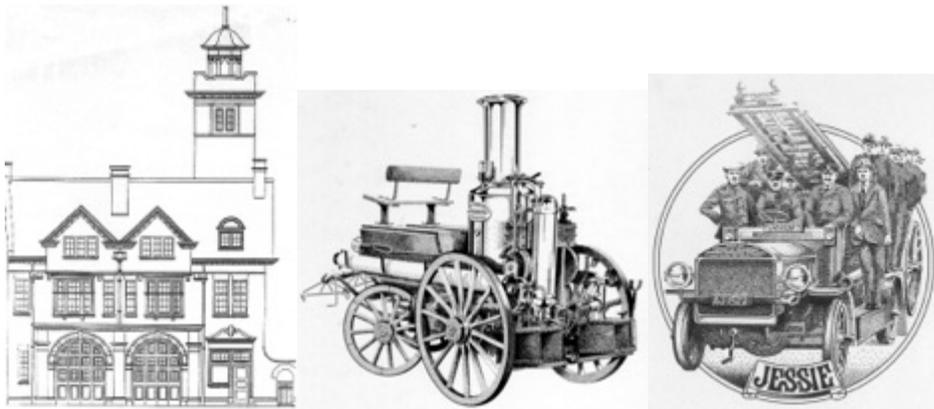


## SCARBOROUGH MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2019

### New Exhibition - Scarborough Fire Brigade 1847 – 1942

From January to the end of March our exhibition is on the formation of the Scarborough Fire Brigade in 1847 up to the advent of WW2 when a National Fire Brigade was formed. The development of Scarborough fire engines, from hand pumps through steam pumps to petrol engines; the various buildings the engines were housed in and the notable fires handled are all covered. We also have a number of artifacts loaned by the North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service.



### 10th AGM Invite

On April 8<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating our 10th agm. We will look back at our progress over the past 10 years and celebrate with a buffet and refreshments. Please join us at the Angler's Club in Friars Way from 7pm.

### Scarborough Museums Trust & WW1 Project

For the centenary of WW1 the Scarborough Museums Trust carried out research at the SMHC and we loaned them our Bombardment display exhibition panels. With support from Historic England they held workshops for Year 5 and 6 classes. Seven schools took 355 pupils to the Woodend premises where children learnt about remembrance and the impact of the war on Scarborough. They used artefacts and oral histories from their collection with a key focus on the Bombardment. The children were able to relate to this important episode of local history. After learning about the Bombardment and handling artefacts from WW1 the focus turned to commemoration. Pupils discussed local memorials and symbols of remembrance. The workshops also looked at a Wilfred Owen poem, addressing Owen's connection to Scarborough, as well as Edith Sitwell's role in publishing Owen's poems after his death. The day finished with pupils writing their own poems, inspired by WW1 and the lessons they had taken from the day. Teachers loved how the session brought history to life for their pupils and said it was *"Very engaging"* and *"the Children enjoyed being historians"*. SMT workshop leader, JaeAnn Huh, said *"SMHC's support led to a truly excellent experience for local pupils and will hopefully lead to more collaboration in the future between the SMHC and the Scarborough Museums Trust"*.

Below: A teacher examines the Bombardment panels with students.



Below: JaeAnn Huh introduces a class to the session.



### New Donations

Thanks to Robert Scott who donated a set of colour slides, samples below, of the Scarborough Carnival from 1971. Do you recognise anyone?



### Wilfred Owen Trail Leaflet

Wilfred Owen was a WW1 soldier and poet. He stayed in Scarborough in 1918 at what is now the Clifton Hotel. A free trail leaflet is available in our Centre for anyone wishing to know more.

### Volunteer Party

SMHC volunteers celebrated an end of year festive party held at the Scarborough Sub-Aqua Club. Many thanks to the Club for hosting us and thanks to all our volunteers and members for another year of support.

### Other News

On 8<sup>th</sup> November the Scarborough News reported that the wreck of the Bonhomme Richard may have been found off Filey Bay. Burnt timbers have been raised that indicate it could be from the former French ship, under an American flag, that attacked British ships in 1779.

### Thanks

Thank you to everyone who has donated pictures, books and artefacts in the past year including most recently, June Fletcher, for an old 'Seagull' outboard engine.

We are run entirely by volunteers and public donations. Please help us in any way that you can. Thank you.



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