



## Newsletter – March 2014

### AGM & 1914 Bombardment

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April we are holding our AGM along with an illustrated talk about the 1914 Bombardment of Scarborough. The evening starts at 7.30pm in the Anglers' Club, Friar's Way, Scarborough. Members of the public are welcome, refreshments are available and entrance is free.



### Will Scarborough Support Us?

The Maritime Centre has been renting its current premises for 5 years and it is no longer a sustainable way for us to continue. We have been hoping to find a permanent home and have spent many hours applying for funding and looking at different sites. We have now discovered a building that will provide an escape from our 'rent trap' and need all Scarborough and supporters to dig deep to help us raise the extra £30,000 needed. Please spread the word and contact us if you need any campaign posters etc. Any donations are gratefully accepted.

### WW1 Centenary

2014 marks the centenary of World War One and the tragic Bombardment of Scarborough. The SMHC has teamed up with other local organisations, schools and community groups to deliver talks and exhibitions about this event. If you are part of a group that would like to hear about this important event in the town's history then please contact us. Portable exhibition also available.

### BBC Interest

We have received nearly a dozen inquiries from the BBC and other media sources to supply information about the Bombardment. One of our volunteers will be speaking on regional and national radio broadcasts. Here is a typical message from the BBC: *Dear Sir / Madam, I've been reading your website today and it's excellent. I'm trying to get in touch with someone who might be suitable to do a radio interview about the German bombardment. Best wishes Sarah Taylor, Senior Producer, Documentaries Unit, BBC Radio, Broadcasting House.*

### Education & Talks



Pictured above is Yacht Club Commodore, Nick Taylor, delivering a lecture to the SMHC / WEA maritime history group. The course, organised in partnership with the Workers Education Association, consisted of 10 lectures delivered at the local library. Topics covered many aspects of the town's maritime history including our connections with the Titanic, storms, shipbuilding, bombardment, tunny fishing, yachting, growth of the town, local characters. Guest speakers included Lindy and Tom Rowley, Keith Johnston & Fred Normandale.



### Recent Donations

Above is a picture of Stephen Dale who donated a model of the tea clipper 'Ariel' made by his father in the 1980s. His father was in the Merchant Navy and a gunner on Arctic convoys, being awarded the 'Atlantic Star'. Stephen's grandfather and great grandfather were both engineers on board steam vessels.

Below is a photo of the MV Glenorchy under fire in part of the 'Operation Pedestal Malta Relief Convoy'. The image was donated by Stuart Leslie whose father was Captain of the ship when it was torpedoed off Tunisia on 13.08.1942. Stuart has also supplied us with pictures of World War One seaplanes and patrol planes based in and around Scarborough.

Thanks go to all those who have donated items in the past few months.



### Coming Soon

Our current exhibition on The Royal Naval Patrol Service will come to an end in April. For the Easter holidays and until June we will have an exhibition on tunny and herring fishing. In July and August we will begin our exhibition about World War 1 and the Scarborough men and women who were involved in it, at home and abroad. If you have any family stories you wish to share please contact us asap.

On 5<sup>th</sup> May we will have a musical night fundraising event so please keep an eye on our website and shop window for details.

Don't forget to add to your diaries this year's SEAFEST festival with music, food, beer & maritime events & exhibitions. 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> July.

### Help Wanted

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

The SMHC needs to raise £30,000 towards a new home. Any help or donations you can give would be wonderful.

Donate by post or online at [www.localgiving.com](http://www.localgiving.com)

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