



## SMHC Newsletter – March 2013

### Wrecks of the Yorkshire Coast

Talk by Arthur Godfrey & AGM

**Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm**

Angler's Club, Friar's Way, Scarborough.

### MBE for Lindy Rowley

Lindy Rowley, our Vice-Chair, was recently awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours List. This well-deserved honour was in recognition of her many years service for various community organisations in Scarborough.

### Graham Sea Training School

An exhibition about the Graham Sea Training School, which was based in what is now Paradise House, will be on display at the Centre shortly.

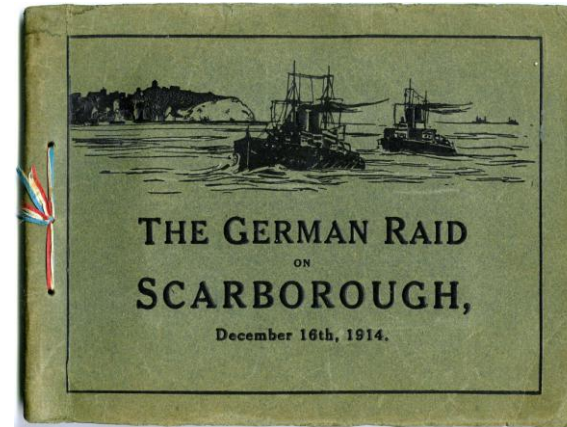
We already have lots of photographs of former pupils, school activities, and the *Maisie Graham* training vessel, as well as copies of ex-pupils' exercise books, all of which will make for an interesting and informative exhibition.

However, we still need more, so if you are an ex-Graham schoolboy, do you have any photographs, uniform items, or anything else relating to the school that you would be willing to loan for this exhibition?

### Friends Group

In order to help with our fundraising efforts, it has been decided to form a 'Friends of the SMHC' group. This will operate independently of the SMHC, and will look into methods of raising funds, finding patrons and sponsors, and generally raising the profile of the Centre.

## December 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 – Bombardment Centenary



For the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bombardment of Scarborough by the German cruisers *Derfflinger* and *Von Der Tann*, we are planning a brand new exhibition. Although the anniversary is over twenty months away, we are already gathering materials for this.

In 1977, Yorkshire TV's *Calendar* showed a documentary about the 1914 bombardment, and we managed to contact David Mould, the programme's producer, who now lives in the USA. He has kindly sent us a video of the programme segment, together with a collection of photographs, some of which have not been seen before. All these will be on display in the exhibition.

In addition, we are also looking for the loan of other souvenirs, letters and other relics of the bombardment. We already have a 7 PM edition of the London *Evening Star* for December 16<sup>th</sup> 1914, which has the headline "*German 'Cut & Run' Raid. Shells on 3 Towns*".

*The picture opposite is of a small (less than 1" high) fragment of the copper driving band from a German shell, which has been made to fit on a watch fob, and engraved with the words "Scarbro 16.12.14".*



## Spring Tide

**Picturesque Gallery** at 8-10 St. John's Road, Scarborough, is planning an exhibition for April this year titled "Spring Tide". This will be looking at Maritime Scarborough's past, present and future.

The gallery would like to invite Scarborough artists, both professional and amateur to submit original works with a local maritime theme for inclusion. Space is limited, so some selection will be necessary but the organisers are particularly keen to hear from any artists from the old town fishing/maritime community. The gallery will also be holding a fundraising Preview evening, with all proceeds going to support the Maritime Heritage Centre on Eastborough.

Anyone interested in having their work included, or for more information, please contact Deborah Kynman at Picturesque Gallery by email at [info@picturesqueframes.co.uk](mailto:info@picturesqueframes.co.uk), telephone 01723 503506

## Scarborough Literature Festival 2013

As part of the Festival, from April 12 -14, the SMHC will have a display of maritime literature and poetry. We will host a talk on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and visitors can write their own poem inspired by the sea or maritime topics.

## Help Wanted

We recently had a request for help from Henk van der Linden, from Holland, author of *The Live Bait Squadron*. This is about the fateful morning of 22 September 1914, when a German U-Boat torpedoed three British cruisers: *HMS Aboukir*, *HMS Cressy*, and *HMS Hogue*. For more information, look at [www.livebaitsqn-soc.info](http://www.livebaitsqn-soc.info).

Henk's aim for the Centenary in 2014 is to trace as many relatives of the men on the cruisers as possible. If anyone can help, you can contact Henk by email at [H.van.der.linden@tip.nl](mailto:H.van.der.linden@tip.nl)

## Stop Press ....

BBC Television will be filming a major documentary about the December 1914 bombardment, and a camera crew recently visited the Centre. Michael Knaggs (pictured right) accompanied the crew as they filmed background scenes in the South Bay and around Scarborough.

The hour-long documentary will be shown sometime in 2014, and the SMHC will be heavily involved in assisting them with their research.



## Did you know...?

*All popular histories of the bombardment claim that the Germans fired 'around 500 shells' into the town.*

*In fact, the official German Naval Archives show that 333 'large calibre' (11" and 12" shells) and 443 'medium calibre' shells were fired – a total of 776!*

*How many of these landed in open country outside the town? How many of them didn't explode on impact and are still out there waiting to be found?*

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