



## SCARBOROUGH MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE

**NEWS - NOVEMBER 2024**

### **NEW EXHIBITION**

From December 4th our new exhibition will showcase a special project for the 110th anniversary of the Scarborough bombardment. Historian Dr. David Pendleton has been researching the ships sunk by German mines laid during the bombardment. Twenty ships and 135 sailors were lost just a mile off Cayton Bay. With help from the Scarborough Sub Aqua Club we will reveal new information about the wrecks. David has been to search archives in London to find the names of the crew members, some of whom came from Scandinavia, Belgium, Holland, India and Arabia.

David will give a talk about his findings to the Scarborough Archaeological & Historical Society on the 16th of December at 7.30pm in the Salvation Army Hall in Scarborough. Entrance from 7pm, cost £3.

A film about the bombardment, including interviews with David Pendleton and SMHC volunteer, Stewart McDonald, will premiere at the Tees Valley International Festival in Stockton-on-Tees in November. It is hoped that there will also be a screening in Scarborough at some stage.



**Photos above - ST 'Sapphire' and the steam ship 'Tangistan'.**

### **HERITAGE OPEN DAYS**

Martin & Sally Gorham from the Old Parcels Office joined SMHC volunteers, Mark, Stewart and Les, at the opening of the 'Fish, Ships & Chips' exhibition for Heritage Open Days in September. The SMHC helped research the text and images used. Great feedback was received from the many visitors who attended. The booklet accompanying the exhibition is still on sale in the SMHC for £5.



### **WHAT THE SEA SAW**

The SMHC supported 'Digital Drama' in a lantern making workshop with the Scarborough Sea Cadets. We supplied artefacts related to the RNLI and rescue equipment at sea, as well as giving a presentation on the topic. Join us for a live theatrical event celebrating local memories of Scarborough's fishing community on the **23rd of November** at the **Sea Cadets hall at 4.30pm and 6.30pm**. Created with singers and actors, 'What the Sea Saw' is a community commemoration of the town's



relationship with the sea. Performed in the beautiful surroundings of the Sea Cadets hall, illuminated by lanterns and accompanied by music, the performance features several generations of stories of fishing and saving lives at sea. Refreshments will be available at both performances.

To book 'pay what you can' tickets, please go to:  
<https://scarboroughfair.uk/events/what-the-sea-saw/>  
All proceeds of tickets sales donated to the RNLI

### FALMOUTH UK MARITIME HERITAGE CONFERENCE

SMHC volunteers, David Normandale & Mark Vesey, attended the UK Maritime Heritage Conference in Falmouth in October. Mark gave a report on our activities this year. Other presentations were by representatives from Glasgow, Exeter, London, Cromer, Portsmouth, Bristol & Chatham. The main topic was conservation of small historic boats, many of which are housed in Falmouth. Other presentations looked at historic vessels in danger of being scrapped due to financial restraints and a shortage of restoration and maintenance skills. Next year's conference will be held in Dundee.



### SEASON'S GREETINGS

We will be closed from Sunday December 22nd and re-open on Wednesday 8th of January. We send our best wishes to everyone for the festive season and wish you a happy New Year. Thanks go to everyone who has visited, volunteered and supported us this year.

### HERITAGE CENTRE FACELIFT

This year we have invested in repainting the window frames and installing double glazing in the accommodation we own above our museum. 2025 marks our tenth year of ownership of the building.

### SPRING EXHIBITION

Our Spring exhibition will look at the history of Scarborough lighthouse.

**We are run entirely by volunteers and public donations.**



**Volunteers Wanted, no special knowledge or skills are required.  
Please contact us if you can spare a few hours a week?**



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