



## SCARBOROUGH MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE

### NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2019

#### 'Pop-up' Mini Exhibitions

Alongside our regular exhibitions we are doing some mini 'pop-up' panels. Our first one featured Scarborough's role in D-Day, 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944. After 75 years we looked back on the event that Scarborough men and women played a part in. We also looked at the local impact on the town and the extra work for businesses in making packing cases and wooden crosses. Our second 'pop-up', in July, will celebrate 50 years since man landed on the moon. We look at the many maritime connections that voyaging in space has with the old days of sail and how the moon influences us today.



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#### Seafest 2019

Once again we will be closed over the weekend of July 27 and 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have a major exhibition in the tent on the West Pier, entrance free. Beer Festival, fish cooking demos, entertainment etc.

#### Marine Drive History Trail Project

The main aim of the SMHC is to educate the public about Scarborough's history and we have started a joint project with the Scarborough Museums Trust, Civic Society and Archaeological & Historical Society to develop a Marine Drive History Trail. We are investigating installing information panels along the 1km sea wall so people can walk and learn. More on this project as it develops. We hope to deliver this in 2020.

#### Future of our Seas

At the Green Party Conference, at the Spa in June, a public debate was held discussing the future for our seas in regard to plastic and pollution. Three Marine Biologists from the University of Hull spoke about their knowledge of pollution, including plastics, ocean darkening and fish stocks. A local fisherman spoke about the South Bay pollution and its link to the McCain's factory in Eastfield. On a positive note, Scarborough's new Seaweed Farm owner, Wave Crookes, spoke about his plans to develop an offshore seaweed farm. It will provide alternatives to plastic containers, food protein and makeup as well as new jobs. A review can be read at: <http://greenworld.org.uk/article/saving-oceans-time-crisis> or a video at: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=3CKqWS58iT8&fbclid=IwAR1wMU5jqMuEwH5uZiworofRR063W\\_PI2tMoYBU4qaTDZbnIMzz0ouoolzE&app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=3CKqWS58iT8&fbclid=IwAR1wMU5jqMuEwH5uZiworofRR063W_PI2tMoYBU4qaTDZbnIMzz0ouoolzE&app=desktop)

#### Current Exhibition

Our new exhibition, from July to September is on Scarborough's old and current hotels. Thanks go to our volunteer, Alan Hargreaves, who prepared the background material.

#### On the Up

Figures from Visit England show Scarborough and the wider borough, which includes Whitby and Filey, is now the most visited area outside London by British holidaymakers. An average of over 1.3 million trips a year are taken here. They spend £280m in the town's guesthouses, attractions and ice cream shops. This is nearly £30m more than is spent on average by visitors to Blackpool.

## Other News

Image below left: One of our Children's University visitors voted us best attraction in town and drew this picture to share that news with her classmates.

Image below right: A sculpture made of beach litter collected from Scarborough's South Bay beach last summer was on display in the Town Hall, Market and will be at Seafest in July.



## Volunteers Week

National Volunteers Week was in June and a few of ours made the following comments:

Debs: I like volunteering at the Maritime Centre. I started in November 2018 and didn't have any confidence in talking with and meeting new people. Now my confidence has grown and I love meeting new people and talking to them. Volunteering has given me that opportunity.

Jean: For me, a new-comer to the Maritime Centre, volunteering means meeting people and learning lots of new and interesting things every time I'm on duty. Not only do I learn from the displays but also from listening to colleagues. They have incredibly wide-ranging knowledge and every now and then a visitor will tell me more than I can tell them about a particular subject. It isn't like work at all.

David: I found out about the Maritime Centre by a Job Centre Club. I enjoy being able to help people and get to know about the proud heritage of our great town. I hope that people want to learn more about this town's great past. I have enjoyed my volunteering over the last 3 years.

Jennifer: As a newcomer to Scarborough I have found volunteering at the Maritime Centre an invaluable way of learning about the history of the town and making new friends. My fellow volunteers are so friendly and knowledgeable that I quickly felt part of the community and enjoy sharing new information with visitors. We are lucky to be offered training in museum curating and conservation.

## Links

On our 'Featured Articles' page on our website you will find links to several new and interesting pages. The first is on the origins and history of the song 'Scarborough Fair'. Another is a link to a historic map of North Yorkshire that has old photographs of the area.

## Thanks

Thank you to everyone who has donated pictures, books and artefacts in the past three months.

We are run entirely by volunteers and public donations. We are always in need of new volunteers even if you can only spare two hours a week – no prior knowledge or skills needed. Please help us in any way that you can. Thank you.



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