



SCARBOROUGH MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE

WINTER 2021



**Season's greetings
& best wishes to
you all for 2022**

Please note we are
closed from
20th December to
11th January



New Exhibition

From January 12th to the end of April our new exhibition will be about Harry Smith, former Borough Engineer from 1896 to 1933. He oversaw many transformative projects in our town, including the South Bay Pool, Open Air Theatre, Town Hall conversion, Cliff Lifts, Beach Huts, the War Memorial, Peasholm Park and South Cliff Gardens.

Shop Front Renovation



Several of our volunteers helped local retired joiner, Fred Anderson, remove the rotten wood from our shop front and replace it with new wood. Thanks go to North Yorkshire County Council for giving us a grant to pay for the renovation work.

New Donations

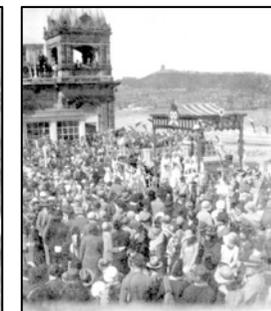


Above left: Mike Thornton presenting SMHC Director & volunteer, Dave Normandale, with a ceramic model of the old Graham Sea Training School, now Paradise House up near Scarborough Castle. Dave went to school there with Mike and both have fond memories of the place.

Above centre: A fish gutting board donated by Richard Craven.

Above right: A Kelvin Hughes sextant, donated by Richard Whitehead.

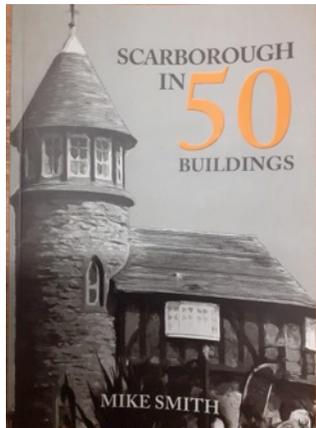
Below are two photographs donated by Mr. C. Clarke. On the left is the old South Bay open-air pool with changing rooms. On the right, is the Spa sun court before the enclosing glass wall was built.





Above are two donations from Mr Peter Baker. The top image is a brass Dobbie-McInnes Depthometer made in Glasgow. Above is an RAF Dingy knife with a cork handle so it stays afloat if dropped in the water. It has a rounded end so it does not puncture the dingy!

New Book



Mike Smith has listed the SMHC as the 50th most important building to visit in Scarborough. Other buildings include architectural landmarks and notable structures, old and new. Through a fascinating and diverse selection of buildings Mike charts the development and changing face of the town. His new book is available on Amazon.

Other News

Several of our volunteers have featured in some audio podcasts as part of the 'Wild Eye' project to encourage a greater awareness of nature, heritage, the marine environment and the arts. Listen at:

<https://invisible-dust.com/projects/wild-eye-audio-postcards>

Ed Asquith, former Editor of the Scarborough News, interviewed several of our trustees, Lindy Rowley and Peter Simpson, about their lives and why they became involved in the SMHC. See his article at <https://cavca.org.uk/news/volunteers-who-bring-to-life-the-heritage-treasures-of-scarborough/>

and

<https://cavca.org.uk/news/how-lindy-helped-to-preserve-the-memories-of-vanishing-communities/>

Visitor Numbers

After re-opening on May 19th this year we have welcomed over 2500 visitors. In October we welcomed our first international visitors from the USA and Australia. One of the Australians had an ancestor deported in the 'First Fleet' on the Scarborough built ship, the 'Scarborough'. She was delighted to be taken on a tour of the harbour and old town to see where the ship would have been constructed. Scarborough has seen one of its busiest summers on record.

We are run entirely by volunteers and public donations.

We always need volunteers. No special knowledge or skills are required.

Please contact us if you can spare a few hours a week?

Thank you



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