



SCARBOROUGH MARITIME HERITAGE CENTRE

AUTUMN 2019

10th Birthday

In November 2009 we opened our doors to the public. It has been an amazing decade and we have come a long way and achieved a lot. Join us to celebrate with a glass of wine and cake from 4pm to 8pm on Friday 1st November at 45 Eastborough.

HISTORY BOX – The world's smallest heritage centre

We are now the proud owners of the last red telephone kiosk on the seafront. BT decommissioned it and thanks to a local resident we adopted the kiosk and restored it to its former glory. In other towns they have been turned into mini libraries or defibrillator units. We have installed a small photograph display showing the harbour in its heyday along with a 5-minute audio commentary, triggered upon entry. Ward & County Councillor, Janet Jefferson, along with our president, Martin Johnson, officially opened the box to the public. Thanks go to all of you who contributed their support and donations.



Photos show: before, after, and first visitors.



'Portal in time' - Marine Drive information panels

Our project to install a dozen heritage information panels along the Marine Drive is progressing well. We are working in partnership with the Scarborough Museums Trust, Archaeological & Historical Society & Civic Society and Scarborough Borough Council. The information, displayed in the form of ships' portholes, will be engraved onto granite so will be long lasting and weather proof. We hope to install them in early 2020.

Current Exhibition

Our exhibition from October to December 2019 is on some of Scarborough's old churches, many of which have been demolished.

Publications

We supplied 500 free Wilfred Owen trail leaflets and sold 100 Historic Scarborough and Remember Scarborough publications so far this year.

Aviation started in Scarborough

According to the BBC TV programme 'Ideas that changed the world' Yorkshire man, George Cayley, designed the first glider to carry a man and was inspired by watching seagulls in Scarborough hover in the wind!

Heritage Action Zone

The SMHC is working in partnership with Scarborough Council to regenerate Eastborough and Newborough. A bid for £2 million worth of funding has been put in to make the area into a 'Heritage Action Zone'. This could include new street signage and improvements, marketing etc.

Children's University



Eva (pictured above left) from the Children's University presented us with her lovely drawing rating the Maritime Centre as her favourite learning destination. We gave her a glass ship in a bottle as a thank you present.

Seafest

We had a busy weekend at Seafest and received excellent feedback on our new 'multi-panel' displays. We had five topics on show including old pubs, old town, marine drive construction, old Coronia and historic local people. Thanks go to all our volunteers who staffed the exhibition all weekend. Over 10,000 people attended the two-day event.



Community Engagement



We supported a history talk & walk for Britannia Hotels. We also supported the Dean Road Cemetery Group with several events.

Website

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. We have also added new photograph albums of Hull, Whitby & Hartlepool boats. There are some photos of and a video of the last Humber keelboat afloat.

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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