

Scarborough's Renaissance News



Scarborough's Future
A Renaissance Town

**The next Town Team Meeting will be Tuesday
19 June 2007 at 7.00pm, The Spa Complex**

An exciting new look for Scarborough's Renaissance News

Welcome to the exciting new colour edition of Renaissance News. We are very grateful to Tyro Training and Tourism First who have kindly sponsored the monthly newsletter to be printed in colour till the end of the year. We hope you like the change. There is more on Tyro Training on page 2 outlining the range of their activity and how to contact them.

Trafalgar Square hosts its first 'Fair in the Square'

The weather might have been cool with a high wind, but there was a warm welcome from the organisers of the event and plenty came along to support and help raise funds for further activity.

There were all manner of stalls, from the usual tombola to a bucking bronco ride.

A good start for our colour edition showing our new Mayor, Councillor Janet Jefferson with her Consort, husband Geoff and our award winning Town Crier, Alan Booth. Alan



was one of the first people to approach the Renaissance Office and suggest we start some of the work in the area. There will soon be some significant changes to improve the appearance of the area such as a new lighting scheme which the community chose at a recent open meeting. The green in the centre will also soon be fenced once again, using the recycled railings from the Marine Drive. Much of this work started from Alan's approach and the enthusiasm of the residents committee. Head of Scarborough

Streetscene, Bernard Goulding who has been remarkable in all of his help said "It is amazing what can be achieved when you get the community supporting you like this".

Left - Hamps Tramps, great music and plenty of colour.



Right - Martin Whelan the organiser (on the left) and Colin Charles Chairman of the residents committee (on the right) help the Mayor.



For any further information, or to get yourself or a friend added to our data base, please call Nick Taylor or Linda Tindall on 01723 341346 or email nick@scarboroughsfuture.org.uk



TourismFirst is offering eligible businesses in Scarborough **FREE** business training to help meet business and staff development requirements. This project is managed by Tyro Training, the commercial training division of Craven College based in Skipton, in association with Yorkshire Coast College.

It is part funded by the European Social Fund and aims to assist tourism companies to cover the cost of staff training.

The growth and improvement of the tourism “*product*” within North Yorkshire, and specifically Scarborough, has been identified as a key measure in the rebirth of our town as an attractive and vibrant place for visitors.

All the new exciting investments in the town’s buildings and amenities are helping to make this happen. To complement this, TourismFirst’s staff development programmes can help businesses adapt and become more competitive for the future, by leading improvement in levels of customer care, management and marketing skills, and many more too. The buildings are getting better, so let’s make the visitor experience better too.

Tourism First offers customised training and short courses, particularly in customer service, administration, health and safety, management and the use of computers. In addition to the training, computer equipment such as laptops, printers and software is available on a loan basis to assist businesses and help them fully understand and utilise the benefits of modern technology.

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Project Update May - June 2007



The Swedish Team - an early arrival for the Thundercat World Championships, reputedly the fastest of all the teams as well as some significant vehicles arrive early. The commentary box in place across from the entrance to the underground car park - the advance arrivals for an exciting week of racing.

The Rotunda Museum Showing the new entrance area with roof and the beginnings of the work on the 'soft landscaping' area in front which is also taking place on the other side of the road.





One of the large new seats installed on Sand-side. This element of the project came from the comments from traders that there needed to be more places for people to sit and enjoy the area - and their ice creams. At the same time they requested not to have a whole lot of traditional benches that don't look too good when empty and not being used.

Thank you to the owner of Bamfords. The colour looks great and much more in keeping with the area. When is the 'Pound Shop' going to do the same?



The beautiful new sculpture on the end of Vincent Pier called the Diving Belle, commissioned by the Civic Society



It will be interesting to watch the hotel development below on Falconers Road



Above - is it acceptable that these motor caravans can park here? The design was based upon everyone's suggestion to open up the sea view. There are even wedges to level the vehicle - he must be staying a while!



Urban Space Group



Urban Space Group

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Urban Space Group will be held at the Renaissance Centre on Thursday 14 June 2007 and will start at 19h00.

In a change to our previously advertised agenda, this meeting will focus on developments surrounding proposals for **Station Square** and will be a continuation of our debate begun in April. There will be a number of short presentations illustrating some of the ideas that have come forward. These include radical changes to the road scheme around the Station and commentary on the Council's own proposals. Everyone at the meeting will be able to discuss these issues. Following this meeting, we will be preparing our own report, which we hope will help to encourage further thoughts on what we can do to improve this important area of the town. This is your opportunity to contribute so please come along!

Future Events

At our July event **Gordon Somerville** will be presenting a meeting dedicated to planning & development: Does Scarborough get the buildings it deserves? In August we hope to host a one day workshop on a visioning exercise for **The Futurist** site. We think it should have a future and we hope to show how this can be achieved.

Further information about our latest meetings, programme, projects and planning issues, can all be found at our dedicated blogsite:

<http://www.scarborough-renaissance.blogspot.com>

Contact Us

If you would like to receive information from the USG and are not currently on our e-mail list, please contact Linda at the Renaissance Office:

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Nicholas Hart – Urban Space Group

Come along to our meeting on Thursday 9 August to explore your ideas for this building.



Scarborough's Renaissance Town Team

Synopsis of the Minutes of the Town Team Meeting

15 May 2007

How do you see Scarborough Improve? A Discussion including Foreshore Road, The Casino, Futurist, Town Centre Traffic and Redeveloping the Most Hated Buildings in Scarborough

Nick Taylor introduced Nick Hart, Chairman of the Urban Space Group, who led this session. A 'brainstorming' session took place as the Town Team split up into groups to discuss the above topics. One person from each group reported back on their discussions. The results have been collated and will be used in future Urban Space Group meetings. They will also be circulated for inclusion in the relevant consultation processes at the Town Hall and a fuller report will be made through this newsletter next month, as much of the content will shape future Town Team Activity

Project Updates – Doug Kendall

Doug reported that work had started on the Business Park and that Yorkshire Forward were considering working with County Education and young people.

Action Group Roundup

Graham North reported that the May meeting of the Forum for Tourism Group took place at the Spa and they had been given a tour of the building and the refurbishments. It was suggested that the next meeting of the Town Team take place at the Spa and also include a tour of the building.

T Turner reported that the search for premises for a centre for young people will be starting in July when a meeting with the relevant agencies has been arranged.

Renaissance Manager's Report

Nick reported that the Thundercats had been required to relocate from Castle Howard and it was a possibility that these events may now be held in Filey Bay or in Scarborough. Watch this space for some interesting work to give the future of one of the derelict shelters on South Cliff a new lease of life.

What's Coming Up? Gordon Somerville, Head of Planning Services

At the next Planning & Development Committee there will be items including the revised Park & Ride plans, the existing Rugby Club site's plans for a health village and a proposed residential development in King Street. In early June there will be a presentation to the Planning & Development Committee on the Regional Spatial Strategy which will outline a higher level of growth allocation for house building in Scarborough, ie the highest housing targets in 15 years.

Renaissance has received this email, which is a plea to anyone able to offer their time on a regular basis to assist Lindsay Hicklin (Youth Leader at St Columbas' Church) and help prevent the closure of the Youth Group

Dear all,

My youth group runs every Friday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. There has been a youth group at the church hall on Dean Road on and off for at least twenty years with varying success. Currently we have 35 young people registered and weekly attendance is between 15 and 20.

Our group is classed as being part of the church and because of this all money goes into a church account. If our group was to step away from the church we would lose the building facilities but become able to apply for local council funding. Do we stay with the safety of the building or go with funding to be able to entice leaders with a chance to be paid for their time and effort?

This is my problem, leaders: Unfortunately next week (25th May) I will be closing down my group until further notice as I have insufficient leaders to continue running the group. I am unsure of the future of our group and it is with great regret that I have to do this. I need some support, advice and guidance on what to do and I ask that a solution can be found.

This email has also been sent to the church committee and I am hopeful someone will be able to help. Thank you all for taking the time to read this email.

Lindsay Hicklin

Lindsay Hicklin

Youth Leader, Saint Columbas YOUTH, Dean Road, Scarborough

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If you think you might be able to help, please contact Lindsay direct.

Beached 2007—9th to 12th August 2007

H20:Beached started in 2001 with four bands, a – then impressive - crowd of around 600 people, and a very unreliable generator that kept threatening to blow up at various points during the day. From such unsteady beginnings grew a music festival that has continued to develop over the past seven years, proving a springboard for bands such as The Kaiser Chiefs, The Libertines and The Fratellis who have all graced the Beached stages, as well as more established acts as Thunder and The Bluetones.

Of course with growth comes regeneration of ideas, and the organisers of Beached have certainly come up with plenty of these; from all-night dance events to a series of ‘Audience with.....’ events with artists such as Rolan Bolan (son of legendary glam rocker Marc) and Steve Harley, the Beached crew are constantly trying to keep the festival as fresh and innovative as possible.

One of the most inspiring ideas born out of the 2005 event was the ‘Beached Academy’. As General Manager Mike Lynskey explains;

‘We discussed the possibilities of taking Beached into the very heart of the Scarborough community, and decided organising an academy open to pupils of all ages would be the best idea. We wanted people to have the opportunity to work with industry insiders, to learn everything they could teach about musicianship; singing, stage craft, design, lighting and PR, and in 2006 were lucky enough to welcome Dave Laudat, (X factor voice coach), Mark Richardson (drummer with Feeder) and Jo Beddoe (formally the General Manager of London’s Royal Court Theatre) to the team. I think one of our greatest assets is that the Academy is free for anyone to attend – if people want to learn from scratch, or refresh skills they already have, it’s the perfect opportunity to develop’

The Beached Academy week is split into two different pathways, one for musicians and bands, and a separate programme for non-musicians. Participants spend the week working in purpose-built performance venues at the University of Hull, and are constantly supported and guided by the team of professionals. As Mike continues;

‘To say the Academy only started last year, one of our greatest success stories of 2006 has to be one of our pupils who is now on tour with the band Faithless. He really proved that he could handle the often stressful circumstances of the music industry exceptionally well, and showed a real aptitude for lighting and sound – he was talent spotted and whisked away before his feet could touch the ground, and we hear he may also be touring with Depeche Mode too when he finishes with Faithless’

2007 will see the second Beached Academy take place, as well as the usual weird and wonderful fringe events surrounding the main festival to be held from the 9th to 12th of August.

At the time of writing (late May), the following bands have been confirmed to appear:

ALABAMA 3, INME, ELLIOT MINOR, MALPRACTICE, MANCINI, ONE NIGHT ONLY, ALSATION, THE NICOLES, AMY MACDONALD, KHARMA 45 and MIDDLEMAN.

For further details and to keep up to date with developments as they happen, take a look at the new website www.beached.net/H2007

Arts and Culture Forum—Remit

Scarborough Arts and Culture Forum meets once a month to discuss issues relating to the development and promotion of the arts, culture and creativity within Scarborough. This group also acts as the Urban Renaissance Action Group for Arts and Cultural matters and works closely with the Town Team.

The Forum is open to anyone who is interested in helping to develop or promote the arts, culture or creativity in the town. Currently the forum has around seventy members made up of artists, musicians, designers, academics, performers, art lovers, music lovers, arts organisations and other members of the community who see great creative potential in Scarborough.

The forum was born at the first Urban Renaissance Community Planning Weekend held in 2002 as a response to the many calls for a greater role for the arts and culture in the future of the town. The Arts and Culture Forum also gave birth to the Yorkshire Coast Festivals Association which has been set up to promote, develop and support cultural festivals throughout the Borough of Scarborough.

We aim to give the whole Culture sector a voice in Scarborough, but to do that we need individuals who are prepared to come along and contribute ideas, time, expertise and enthusiasm. If we work together we can transform Scarborough into a major cultural centre by the sea.

Arts and Culture Forum – Objectives

The Forum aims to ensure that arts and culture is at the heart of the renaissance process in Scarborough and that professionals in these fields have a voice within developments for the Town.

The Forum's objectives are to:

Work on a strategic level to ensure that arts and culture are fed into the Urban Renaissance process and Scarborough Borough Council developments

Ensure that members are aware of local, regional and national issues for the arts and culture sectors

Deliver 3/4 identified projects a year

To actively find and help realize new ways, and to enhance existing ways, of advertising and promoting the existence of arts, cultural events and venues in the borough to people within the towns themselves, the rest of the borough and throughout the country.

To actively facilitate the integration and acceptance of various arts and cultural venues/businesses into an encompassing system that includes both government, council, charitable and private business in the borough that are devoted to the promotion of all forms of the arts in the area as being important and that they are aware of each others existence and details.

Arts and Culture Forum – Current Projects:

Image showreel promoting individuals and organisations working in the arts and cultural sectors

Initiate and promote 'Lonely Arts Lunches' for people working in the arts and culture sector which give people a networking opportunity and provide a space to share information

Sub-regional investment plan negotiations

1/2 more projects to be identified for 2007/8

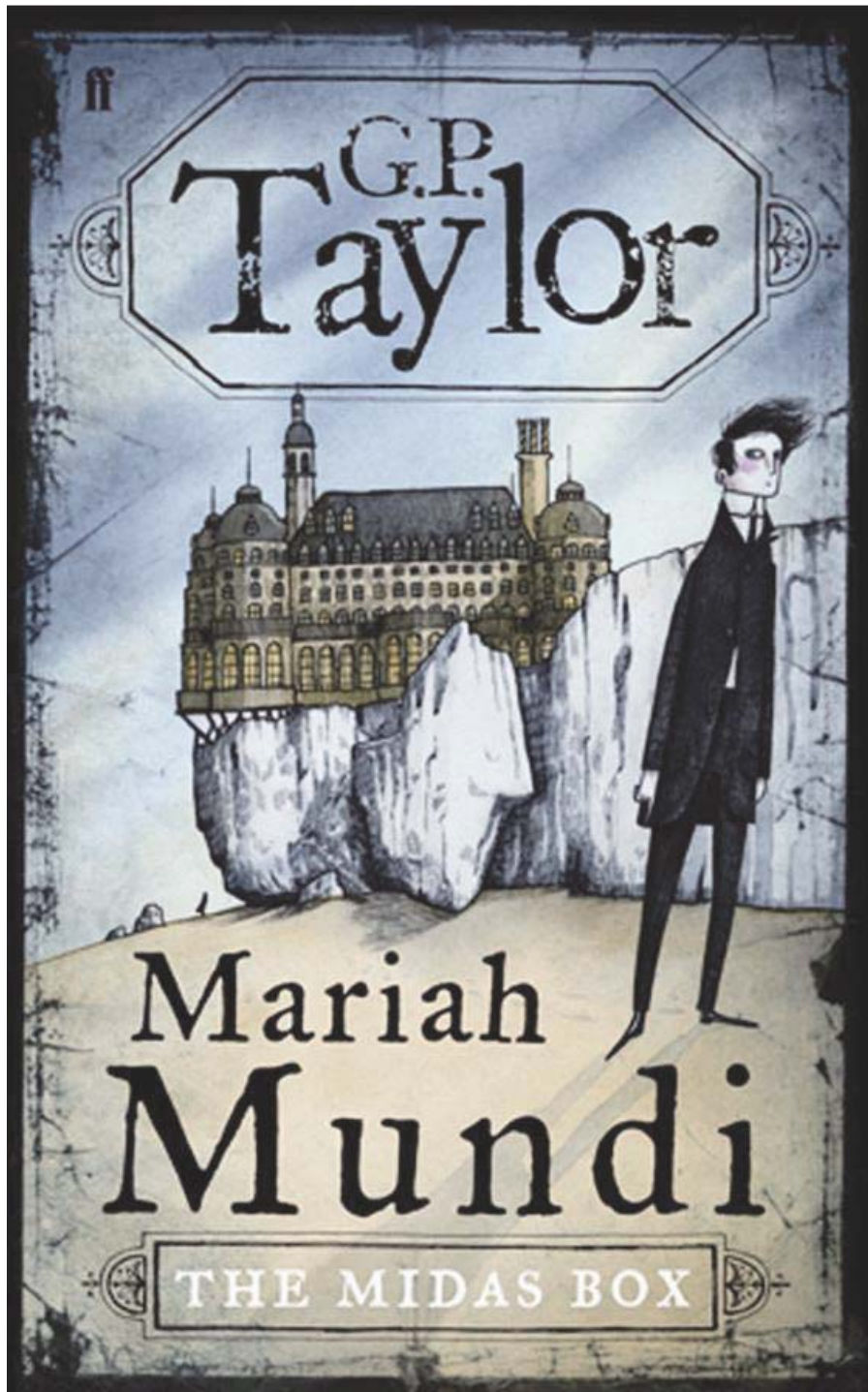
The Forum is supported by local Arts Development Agency, Create and is currently chaired by the Director of Create, Wendy Clews.

If you would like to get involved with the Arts and Culture Forum please contact Wendy by any of the following means:

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A keen reader of this newsletter and enthusiastic follower of Renaissance is renowned local author Graham Taylor. His new book, *Mariah Mundi*, has a seaside flavour and a significant Scarborough theme—the Grand Hotel is featured and the whole book is full of Scarborough references. It is set for worldwide release in September in 43 languages.

This summer a delegation from a University in Korea are coming to Scarborough to meet with the author and hear more about the setting of the book.

- Still life specialist
- Creative advertising
- Art copy work
- Landscapes

davidchalmers photography

Local photographer David Chalmers has returned to Scarborough after twenty years of taking photographs for some of the biggest household names in the business.

After gaining his qualification at Blackpool Photographic College David was fortunate enough to gain an apprenticeship with London's top advertising photographer Graham Ford where his client list ranged from BMW and Volvo to Silk Cut and Benson and Hedges.

His most prestigious moment was perhaps being commissioned by H.M. Tower of London to creatively photograph the complete Crown Jewels Collection. In the year 2000, Royal Mail asked David to work on their prestigious Millennium celebratory stamp project and was commissioned to photograph an image for their Tree and Leaf series entitled 'Forest for Scotland'. David received a D&AD award for this commission.

Working from his new studio in Ayton, David continues to work for his nationwide client base on projects consisting of still life product photography and two and three dimensional copy work for artists.

He has also been spending time developing his landscape portfolio and is launching a brand new collection. He has focused on the man-made coastal architecture that has protected the land for so long. He continues to explore this subject and in doing so the collection is ever expanding. 'Seascapes' is now available to the public and can be viewed online or at his studio at Betton Business Park. David's previous collections have exhibited at Saatchi & Saatchi, the Woodlands Art Gallery in London and as far afield as the Silver Light Gallery in Carmel, California.



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Another Renaissance landmark event!

Wednesday 30 May 2007 marked another special day for Renaissance, with the topping out celebration at the new Creative Industries Centre.



The scale of the new building can be seen (left) behind the existing Wood End building where the old extension and rear garden areas were. This is the part that has the environmentally controlled space in the basement that will house all the collections owned by the museum service. The other floors will be where the new creative industry business incubator units will be accommodated. The speed at which the building is going up now is dramatic after so many difficulties at the beginning.

Pictured right, Councillor Derek Bastiman ceremonially tightens up the final bolt in the roof using a golden spanner!. This has since been presented to the town by the contractors, 'Allenbuild' and is in a glass case.

The roof will be made of zinc and the building itself will have many environmental features to make sure that not only is the working atmosphere of the building suitable for its occupants, but the emissions from the site make as small an impact as possible.





BRITISH TEAM GYM CHAMPIONSHIPS

BRITISH SUCCESS FOR SCARBOROUGH GYMNASTS!

Two teams from Scarborough Gymnastics Academy recently travelled to Gloucester to compete in the British National Team Gym Championships 2007. Both teams qualified to compete in the British finals after their successful performances at the Northern and Midlands tournament in March.

The first competition was the 'Primary Girl's' competition for gymnasts aged between 8 and 12 years. The Scarborough team were up against tough competition from seven other top qualifying teams from throughout the country, the majority of the teams coming from the south. Scarborough represented the north along with the city of Newcastle and Halifax.

The Primary team had a fantastic day, performing confidently and consistently throughout. The initial sight of the large competition arena, along with the competition formalities such as standing for the national anthem prior to the competition starting, created a few more nerves amongst the team than usual! The team performed a flawless floor routine followed by acrobatic tumbling and vaulting routines. The competition was extremely close and the Primary team came third overall earning the team their first British medal. This result was fantastic, not only for Scarborough but for the whole Northern region as the Southern teams usually dominate the British medal positions.

The Junior girls team were next to compete. The team, aged between 12 and 16, faced strong competition from 10 other qualifying teams. Their routine was performed with lots of energy and their performance was also positively commented upon by the head judge who said she hadn't seen a tumble routine "executed as fluently and with exact technique in the competition in the last five years". The excellent teamwork and consistency earned the team a creditable 6th place overall and a fantastic 3rd on floor. The Junior team was also ranked top of all the Northern teams competing on the day.

The competition was filmed by the British Gymnastics Association and will appear on British Gymnastics' TV in the next couple of weeks. This can be accessed through the British Gymnastics website www.baga.co.uk. The teams also received congratulations from Milano Pro-Sport who supply kit for the British Team, as well as the Scarborough Gymnastics Academy.

Team Coach Nikii Walker said "This is the second year Scarborough Gymnastics Academy have entered and qualified for this British level competition, and both teams have made great improvements since last year. Although we have confidence in the gymnasts' ability and performance, we knew we were up against tough competition from all the Southern teams as well as the other teams from the North. This is a first for Scarborough to be represented and to be awarded a British medal in a British National Gymnastics Championships at such a high level, so it is something for everyone to be proud of. The results from this competition are fantastic, and all the other Northern team were really supportive of each other and were pleased that a Northern team had managed to secure a place in the medals. The gymnasts have all trained really hard this year and have really improved. Well done to everyone who took part. This is a great result for Scarborough, Yorkshire and the North of England! It puts Scarborough firmly on the map as an ongoing contender at a British National Level." The next gym competition for both squads is the Newcastle Open Championships in July.

LET'S CELEBRATE! LET'S HAVE A (FREE) PARTY!



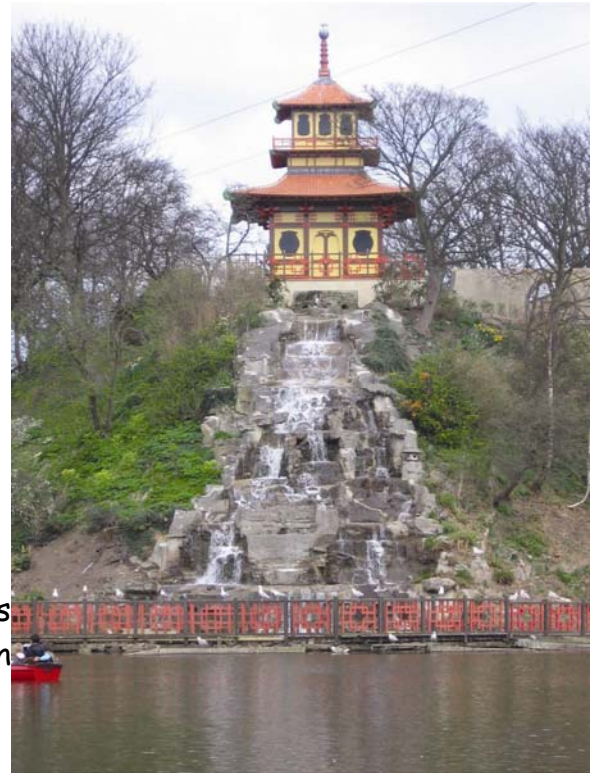
On Sunday, 24th June 2007 the Peasholm Park Friends are co-hosting, with the Parks and Countryside Services, a Party in the Park to celebrate the long awaited reopening of the Island to the public.

The Party will start early - 10 am and finish late - 10 pm. In between there will be a fantastic range of things for the whole family to enjoy. These include: Opening the Island by a celebrity; Chinese Lion Dancers; Naval Warfare Sail past; Japanese Tea Ceremony; Poetry workshop with Kate Evans; Dinoday, presented by the NE Geology Trust; Guided Walks by the Scarborough Archaeological Society; Flower Arranging Demonstrations; Stalls held by each of the Bloom Groups and the Friends Groups; Music by the Scarborough College Orchestra; workshops to make paper Chinese lanterns and paper Chinese Dragons; Tai Chi Demonstrations by Howard Gibbons; Oriental Dancing by the Julie Hatton Dance Troupe; a Firework Display, courtesy of the Scarborough company, "Firework Events"; we will show a Chinese film and we will set loose, late in the evening, hundreds of lit paper lanterns onto the Lake...

Even this is an incomplete list - Guides, Brownies and Rainbows are also involved, as are the Cubs, Scouts and Eagle Scouts.

The Peasholm Park Café will remain open until 10 pm and as well as all their usual menu will have many specials to be in keeping with the Oriental theme of the day.

Adapted from Peasholm Park Friends Newsletter, Issue 4, May 2007.



Scarborough Art Gallery - 28 April - 15 July 2007

10 artists from the open Studios event are exhibiting their respective artworks in the coffee lounge of Scarborough Art Gallery.

This 'taster' exhibition showcases 10 of the 38 local artists who will be opening their studio doors for the public to come and investigate how artists produce their artworks.

The exhibiting artists are:-

Jenny Pepper, Sue Black, Jackie Stonehouse, Clothylde Vergenes, Rachel Howfield, Janette Boskett, Judith Ellis, John Jones, Michael Atkin, Andrea Bailey.

A full comprehensive list of all the participating artists can be found at <http://www.art-connections.org.uk> or, alternatively, in the fully illustrated brochure from Scarborough Art Gallery.

Renaissance Dates for your Diary

June 2007

Thursday 14 June—Urban Space Group, 7.00 pm, Renaissance Centre

Tuesday 19 June—Town Team, 7.00 pm, Spa Complex

Wednesday 20 June—Creative Coast, 5.30 for 6.00 pm, upstairs at the Merchants, Eastborough

Thursday 21 June - The Harbour Group will meet at 5.30pm at the Sea Cadet HQ in the Old Town.

July 2007

Wednesday 4 July—Arts, Culture and Festivals, 5.00 pm, Stephen Joseph Theatre

Thursday 5 July—Active Transport, 5.30 pm, Renaissance Centre

Thursday 5 July—Forum for Tourism, 7.30 pm, Scarborough Bowls Centre

Festivals—What's on around the area in June and July?

11-10 June—Thundercat World Championships, Scarborough

17 June—Race for Life, 11.00 am, Oliver's Mount

17-24 June—Scalby Fair

22-30 June—International Youth Music Festival, Scarborough

23 June-1 July—Scarborough International Bike Week, Oliver's Mount

24 June—Scarborough Fayre Festival Parade, from Burniston Road Car Park

6 July—North Sea Yacht Race, Scarborough Harbour

Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10.00—12.00 and Friday 19.00-21.00,
Free Coaching at Scarborough Bowls Centre (Please pre-book at Reception—01723 353992)

Details of various events around the Borough can also be found at
www.discoveryyorkshirecoast.com/content/whats_on and
www.hightidemagazine.com

If you have an event you would like us to publicise, please let us know

Scarborough's Urban Renaissance Town Team Meeting



Tuesday 19 June 2007

7.00 pm at the Vitadome at The Spa Complex

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Matters outstanding from the previous meeting
3. The Sandside Anchor - a presentation by the Sub Aqua Club who found it (some history about it) and seeking your views on where this important piece of maritime heritage should go.
4. The Futurist - some excellent views aired at the last Town Team where time would not permit a full debate. Some were for demolition others were in favour of a refurbishment. Come along and have your say.
4. Project Updates (Doug Kendall)
5. Action Group Roundup
6. Renaissance Manager's report
7. Casino Update
8. What's Coming Up? – Gordon Somerville, Head of Planning Services, brings us up to date
9. Any Other Business
10. Date and Time of Next Month's Meeting:

7.00 pm on Tuesday 17 July 2007—Venue to be confirmed

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