



THE SOUTHWOLD SAILORS' READING ROOM

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The front room of the Reading Room underwent a major refurbishment during February this year. A team of volunteers, under the watchful eye of Stephen Wells, removed all the exhibits and models from the walls and ledges, to enable a complete clean down and repaint. Then everything had to be put back - no mean task, but the result is stunning. You may have seen for yourself.

Next up is the Members' Room, where it is intended to facilitate a small maritime lending library.

Shelving will cover the west wall, to be filled with books hidden in boxes for several years now. There will be space for more, so if you have suitable maritime reference books, looking for a good home, please get in touch.

The work is scheduled for early 2019, once again necessitating a shut down for several weeks, but it will be worth it.



Photos: Robin Greenaway

During the year, we ran our two annual fundraisers, namely a cake stall in July and a Tombola in August. These events raised £600 which all helps to keep the SSRR going, bearing in mind we are totally reliant on subscriptions and visitor donations to pay our way. However, innovative ideas can only be implemented through exceptional donations, and this year we have been extremely fortunate benefiting from a substantial legacy from Peter (Peely) Palmer, and the generosity of the Paisley Trust and the Le Roux Trust. These monies will enable us to continue to develop the Reading Room and what it offers to members.



Photos: Graham Denny

Once again, we are grateful to the anonymous donor providing the subscription to the Guardian and Sunday Observer, to supplement the papers paid for by the Reading Room.

To mark the end of the Great War, the Reading Room hosted a presentation by The Southwold Players "Lest we Forget, Southwold Remembers" - a moving performance of poems, prose, songs and recollection, in memory of men of Reydon and Southwold who fell in the Great War 1914-1918. It was a moving experience and the retiring collection of £303.24 was donated to the British Legion.



Photos: Graham Denny

Snooker continues to play a part in the life of the Reading Room but we would like to see more members taking advantage of this special facility. You can join the die-hard and enter the annual competitions or just enjoy a social game.



Billiards Winner
Gary Farnam



Doubles Finalists
Philip Youngman, Alex Moran,
Dean Whatling & John Everson



Highest Break Winner
Dean Whatling

Photos: John Everson

Following the success of our Christmas card sales over the past two years, we have produced a new design for 2018, as illustrated. The cost is £3 per pack of 5 cards.



The Christmas cards can be purchased direct from the Southwold Arts Centre, or by arrangement through the Sailors' Reading Room.

Finally, we wish all our members a Happy Christmas and New Year.

And don't forget, a Year's subscription to the Sailors' Reading Room makes a good Christmas present!