

Childhood Holiday Memories – by Mrs R from Hull

On a recent holiday to Scarborough with my daughter and son-in-law, my daughter picked up a Scarborough Memories Form and gave it to me as she knew I had holidayed here as a young child and had some lovely memories.

I first came to Scarborough in 1945, with my Grandparents, as a ten year old. The war had finished in May and we were there the last week in July and the first week in August.

We stayed at 23 Franklyn Street. It was the home of Mrs Beswick and my grandparents had spent holidays at her house before the war. We found it again on this recent holiday!

It was the kind of boarding house where you brought in your own food and Mrs Beswick prepared it for you. We had breakfast, dinner at mid-day and tea later on.

The first day there we always went for a walk in the Glen leading to Peasholm Park, I seem to remember an entrance to the Glen in Columbus Ravine but couldn't find it on our recent holiday.

Most mornings we would go down to the beach using the cliff lift which, if I remember rightly, cost 1d (one old penny) for adults. I can't remember what it cost for children.

Grandad and I would leave Grandma on a seat at the front where she was quite happy to sit and watch the world go by, whilst we would probably go onto the beach or a walk along the pier.

There would always be a Gala Night at the Open Air Theatre each Wednesday and we would join a very long que to get in. I remember there were some hilarious stunts taking place during the evening.

I also remember going to see "Gone with the Wind" at the local cinema when it was raining.

I holidayed in Scarborough for three or four years with my grandparents and remember queuing for a limited sticks of rock on the South side.

Incidentally when I first met my husband, we discovered he too had spent his summer holidays in Scarborough as a child, staying with his Grandad who lived there. It is quite possible we played together on the beach as children do, as we were there at the same time.

As a result of these early holidays I have always loved Scarborough, which was why my daughter brought me there this summer