

Scarborough Sea Wall Heritage Trail Project – Scarborough Memory

Gala Land and disco at the Futurist – Barbara Igoe

I started coming to Scarborough as a young child with my family and have got so many happy memories. Going to Gala Land, a very exotic and mysterious place, I wonder if it's still there under the road.

Trips on the miniature railway or in Dad's car to Scaly Mills. We went in the evenings and listened to the man playing the accordion under the twinkling fairy lights on the concrete base opposite the pub. My sister and I went across the stepping stones, across the river. We usually ended up paddling! We would scramble up the cliff opposite the pub and walk on the path looking out to sea. We would even play inside the concrete pillbox.

We had trips to the outdoor pool and went to see shows at the outdoor theatre. The seats were always uncomfortable. I always wanted to know what was going on behind the scenery!

Mum and Dad would take us to Peasholm Park to see the Battle then do the Wonderland Walk through the trees, (that's what we called it).

We would go across and have a ride on the boats and go on the Water Chute.

Mum and Dad would take us for a cruise on the *Coronia* so we could see Scarborough from the sea. They would have a drink from the bar! We did the same things with my children.

I loved Scarborough so much that in 1971 -74 I went to North Riding College of Education on Filey Road where I trained as a Teacher. What fun times we had there and made lifelong friends! It was hard work but prepared me for 40 years in the teaching profession. We would go down to the Mermaid for the Friday disco at the Futurist, then to the Toby Jug bar for a few drinks.

The Ramshill and Holbeck Hotels were our locals. We had our first Christmas Ball at the Grand, (long dresses and photo on the beautiful staircase).

Winter walks to watch the fish being landed at the harbour and hot chocolate at Picittos or Bonnets and visits to the Stephen Joseph Theatre. Just been back to see "Brassed Off". It's still my favourite place.

I'm 71 now – so many memories My maiden name was Senior, (if there are any OLD students still out there)!