

## **Scarborough Sea Wall Heritage Trail Project – Scarborough Memory**

### **Growing Up with Music - Mr and Mrs Binns.**

Mr Binns lived in Scarborough from an early age. Music has always been important to him and in his teens he developed into a solo coronet player. In the late 1960s he was a member of the Town's Brass Band. In 1969 the band entered the national competition. The regional round was held at Leeds Town Hall where they became regional champions. This led to them competing for the National prize at the Royal Albert Hall in London where they were defeated. Given the quality of brass bands in Yorkshire, Mr Binns was very proud of having been able to compete at the final.

Scarborough was a wonderful place to grow up as a musician. Both Mr and Mrs Binns recall spending evenings at the Candlelight club where they sat around circular tables, once watching Jeff Laycott. They were also fans of Graham Pinkney a percussionist. He was distinctive when out driving in his large American saloon painted pink to match his name.

Mrs Binns recall attending the Beatles concert at the Futurist. She was working for a firm of accountants at the time and the father of one of the accountants at the firm managed to get tickets for her.