Growing up in Scarborough - Mrs H of Stockport

Mrs H had grown up in Scarborough and was in the town to attend a reunion of pupils who attended Scarborough's High School for Girls in the 1960s. Mrs Hales shared her memories of growing up in Scarborough which, because of the facilities available to visitors to the town, was a great place to spend your childhood whatever your age.

When she was young she and other friends were members of a swimming club at the Lido on the North side near what was the Corner Café. Every Monday evening between 6 and 8 o'clock all visitors had to leave and the local children who were members of the swimming club had the run of the pool and its facilities. Afterwards they would walk home. No one would be picked up by their parents in those days and very few families even had a car.

Later when teenagers, we were able to visit the nightclubs. There were more in Scarborough than in York or Leeds according to the people who visited from these towns. One night club was called Night Scene owned by Don Robinson who was one of Scarborough's big businessmen. There was also the Penthouse night club which was located near where the back door to Marks & Spencer is now. She remembers seeing Mungo Jerry, Mott the Hoople and Status Quo.