

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

### **Holidays at North Bay - Mrs G. of Castleford.**

Mrs G. holidayed with her parents every year when she was a child. They weren't well off so this annual holiday was their special treat for the year. They always stayed on the North side and never visited the South Bay. In fact she was much older before she even realised that there was another bay in the town. She thinks this was because there were a lot of shops, amusements arcades, theatres and the fairground in the South Bay which needed money to enjoy them and her parents did not want to put temptation in their way.

She loved the North Bay and still much prefers it to the much busier South Bay. They would spend a lot of time in Peasholm Park and would hire a rowing boat on the lake at least once during their stay. They also enjoyed the Glen and watching the ducks and birdlife in that valley. She and her brother also loved the little model boating lake in the Glen. Her father bought them a small yacht to sail on it. They would launch it on one side of the lake and then have to run over the bridge to get to the other side to pick it up and then launch it again. Some children had quite large model yachts which made them a little envious, but just playing with their own modest versions gave them hours of fun each day. Sometimes at night they would go into the park after their evening meal and still be there when darkness fell. The Park was really lovely at night with coloured lights all the way around and a tree walk with lots of really interesting displays.

The most exciting entertainment was the naval battle which they sometimes watched. There was also a band playing most afternoons in the park. Of course a lot of time was spent on the beach building sand castles and paddling and swimming in the sea. She remembers those holidays with great affection.