

Scarborough Sea Wall Heritage Trail Project – Scarborough Memory

Sunday School Trips - Mrs Scaling of Malton

Mrs Malton grew up in Malton. As such she rarely came to the coast. The highlight of her year as a child was the annual Sunday School trip to Scarborough and she started doing this in the late 1930s. They would travel either by train or bus and they spent most of the day on the beach. They would bring a picnic with them and eat that in a big group on the beach. What she remembers most is the waves breaking on the sands and so many children and masses of people in their colourful outfits. The children were building sandcastles, or kicking balls or playing cricket or splashing in the sea. It was such a busy place compared to her home town.

There were donkeys on the beach and you could buy a ride on a donkey for £0.20p. She thinks that is now £3. Her mother would always give her enough money to have one donkey ride and most of the children in the party would do the same.

It was just wonderful.