

### **Swimming Clubs - Mrs H, originally of Scarborough**

Mrs H grew up in Scarborough. She can remember the tunny fish being landed in the harbour when she was about 6 years of age in the early 1950s. It was at the time when these Bluefin Tuna fish had become rare and the sport came to an end shortly after that time. Her father always got to know when the fish had been caught and they would head down to the harbour to see them being weighed.

Crowds of people would gather to see the weighing. As a small girl the fish looked absolutely massive, hanging by their tails. They were weighed and their lengths were also measured. They were a real tourist attraction and non-locals would gasp at their size. There would be a very fishy smell and lots would want their picture taken near the hanging fish.

Mrs H was also a very good swimmer and a member of the Scarborough Amateur Swimming Club. She would often swim around the castle headland between North and South Bays. From time to time there were also races from Scalby Mills to the Spa. She remembers coming second in one of those races, beaten only by Sam Greetham who was a National Swimming Coach.