

Scarborough Sea Wall Heritage Trail Project – Scarborough Memory

WW2 Breaks Out - Mr J. A. of Scarborough

Mr J. A. remembered the circumstances when WW2 broke out. He was in the Harbour Bar in Scarborough and was about to be treated to his first ever knickerbocker glory ice cream. His aunt had taken him there when she found out that he had never previously been bought one. He was really excited and looking forward to this treat.

He remembered that there was a radio playing at the Harbour Bar at the time and quite a few people were in there listening to people talking on it. He had no idea what was going on but the radio was quite loud and people were very quiet listening to it intently. Suddenly people were shocked and upset by the announcement which was made by what Mr J. A. learned much later was the Prime Minister announcing that Britain was at war with Germany.

Women started to cry and this included Mr J. A.'s aunt. She was so upset that she dragged him out saying she had to get back to his mother's house. That put an end to Mr J. A.'s knickerbocker glory and it was many years before he finally received one.