



# **THE** Living **M**emory **A**ssociation **NEWSLETTER**

**THELMA** says, 'That takes the biscuit!'



Three members of staff are standing at the door of Macvitties Guest and Company shop on Comiston Road, Edinburgh in 1925. The window is full of tasty teatime treats. Are those macaroons in some of the jars on the shelf?

I like ginger biscuits, but they don't get on with other biscuits. They go soft in the tin. My Mum used to work in a biscuit factory – Peake Freans – and she brought home broken biscuits. **Says Mark Hayward**

I like Jammie Dodgers, Jaffa cakes too. They brought out a variation on Jammie Dodgers with chocolate in the middle, but I don't like to see companies trying to change a classic. **Says Barry Davidson**

I worked in the office of Scribbans Kemp Biscuits, off Leith Street. Happy days. **Says Florence Dunnet**



I used to stick two digestives or Rich Teas together with butter so you could see it wiggle through the holes! Or heat a choc digestive in front of fire until the choc melted. I loved Gypsy Creams, Clubs, Golden Creams, Hobnobs, and Ginger Nuts dunked in tea. When I was wee, I loved Jammie Dodgers, but the smiley faces sometimes looked a bit demonic! **Says Susan Bird**



The young ladies were all employees of Crawford's Biscuit Factory in Edinburgh. They were competitors in the William Crawford's Miss United Biscuits beauty contest in 1967 and the event was held in the Trade Winds pub. They have all cast off their biscuit assembly line overalls and are looking very glamorous.



It is the opening meeting of the Leith Camera Club on 6th October in 1959. The members are enjoying a tea break. This photograph is from a collection of a member of the Leith Camera Club in the 1960s.

My mum, Violet (Vi) Orr, worked in Crawfords as a bookkeeper. When the factory closed the girls would meet up once a month on a Friday in Crawfords Tea Rooms. As a special treat I would get to go along, and whilst the Crawfords' girls had a big catch up, I was treated to a big meringue! I think I was about 7 at the time. Happy Times. **Says Jay Allan**





This is Burton's Biscuits Rich Tea line at their factory at Sighthill, Edinburgh. At the time of the photo Burton's Biscuits was the largest manufacturer of rich tea biscuits in Europe. Courtesy of Peter Stubbs in 1992.

Does anybody remember going to the side door of a biscuit factory to buy a bag of bargain price biscuits, usually slightly misshapen or broken but still perfectly tasty?

A woman is having a cup of tea and a biscuit - the universal panacea. She is at 42 Dumbiedykes Road, Edinburgh and Jean Bell (née Bottomley) told us the story: 'My Auntie Aggie in our kitchen. The old grate was huge. We all kept out of the way when Mum was black-leading it.'  
Auntie Aggie's biscuit looks like it might be a Rich Tea. The picture was taken in the mid 1950s.

When I was younger, my grandparents used to take me to my flute exams. I had to miss school to sit these exams and every time before taking me back to school, they would treat me to two custard creams. I liked to dunk them into my tea.  
**Says Naomi Lawson**



The back green at 178 Causewayside, Edinburgh in 1946. Annie Watson who brought in the picture told us that Millar's sweetie factory was next to their stair and Middlemass biscuit factory was across the road from where they stayed.



The family is gathered round the table for tea and biscuits at home in Hart Street, Edinburgh in 1965. These are members of Sarah Knight (née Weddell)'s family. Her niece Helen is in the bottom left corner and her sister-in-law Ethel is the lady in the floral dress.

I worked at Crawford's biscuit factory for 3 weeks during the school holidays in 1968! Still remember all that shortbread coming down the conveyor belt at break-neck speed - all 3 shapes - that had to be boxed up PDQ! The ladies who worked there were incredible! Bless them all! They were magnificent! **Says Patricia Wigston**





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