



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

**THELMA** says, 'Remember Waverley Market?'



This photo from 1937 shows the original gardens on top of Waverley Market.

Waverley Station is the only station in the world to be named after a novel. Sir Walter Scott wrote the Waverley Novels, a series of more than two dozen historical novels. Waverley was the first in the series.

Photo courtesy of Edinburgh Collected.

This photo is from 1955. The Scott monument was completed in 1844. It's 200 feet high and has 287 steps. It is the second highest monument to a writer in the world. (The highest one is in Havana.)

The Waverley Market was well used. Some of the events that I remember are the annual Ideal Homes Exhibition, motor car exhibitions and my favourite as a young teenager, The Carnival at Christmas. I was taken to various exhibitions there during my childhood. **Says Margaret Moore.**

I remember circuses being in there. **Says Susan Bird.**





Waverley Market before creation of present-day shopping centre. It was a Christmas showground usually referred to as The Carnival. The photo was taken by showground photographer nicely catching our fashionable grey 'shortie' overcoats and 'Windsor' knots in our ties. **Says Ronnie Dunbar**

A family group is enjoying a trip to the Waverley Market in 1949. They are, from left to right, David Jones, Bridget Jones, Maureen Jones, Ian Alvis, Ada Alvis and 'Gwynne'. They all look very excited about the visit.



The Laidlaw family at the circus in 1952.

Me on my Nana Cunningham's lap, sister Christine, Mum and Dad at the Circus in old Waverley Market. **Says Stuart Laidlaw.**

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There are three events that I use to go to most years. I always enjoyed going to the Christmas Fun Fair, especially the Dodgem Cars. They were great fun and only 6p to ride on your own! The other show I used to go to was the Royal Caledonian Horticultural Spring Show with a wonderful display of Spring bulbs. Thirdly I always visited the Ideal Home Exhibition to get D.I.Y. tips and loads of freebies! **Says Ronnie Dickson.**



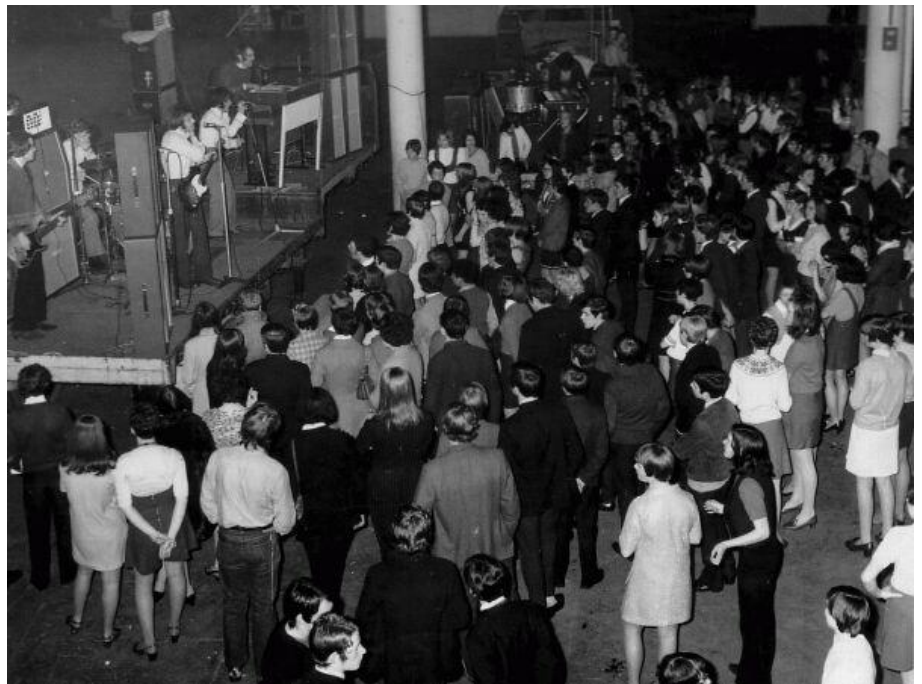


Makeshift bar at Waverley Market, late 1960s.

The bar was sponsored by Scottish & Newcastle. Usually, the dance halls only had coffee and coca cola, no alcohol. This was the first place to sell drink at the dancing. **Says John Thomson.**

Live music concert at Waverley Market, late 1960s.

I saw the bands, Love Affair, Them and The Troggs at the Waverley Market. **Says John Thomson.**



Backstage at a concert in Waverley Market in the 1960s.

The music was really good, all the sixties stuff, there was a great atmosphere. **Says John Thomson.**





They had a big circular track made of wood and they called it the Wheel of Death and motorbikes used to perform tricks and manoeuvres. The audience were standing at the top, looking down, like the Colosseum. My Dad used to take me when I was about ten or twelve. **Says Dot Law.**

I remember organising a charity 'It's a Knockout' event in the Waverley Market when I was in the City of Edinburgh Round Table around 1970 when the programme was popular on TV. **Says Don Whitfield.**

I went with my granny on the ghost train at Waverley Market and one of the things that came out to frighten us took her wig off. When the ride stopped, the men had to go in to find it. **Says Heather Robertson.**

Went to the carnival and shows there. **Says Dougie Kohler**

I loved the waltzer at the carnival in Waverley Market. **Says Jenny Robertson**

I remember most the carnival at Xmas, and the dog shows, loved the atmosphere. I can't remember if it opened on Sunday. At that time there was almost no entertainment on Sundays, a walk along Princes Street, or a listen to the preachers at the foot of the Mound. **Says Dorothy Overbeck.**




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