



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

**THELMA** says, 'Put a shine on your shoes.'



The family in today's picture, taken in 1955, are having a rare old time on a windy hillside. It's summertime and the kids are wearing their shorts and summer footwear. We didn't call them trainers in those days, they weren't a designer item and they didn't cost the earth. What did you call yours - plimsolls, gym-shoes, rubbers, pumps, gutties?

A young woman is having a studio portrait taken in 1925 at the Sam Brown Studio in Dundee. Patricia Anderson (née Hendry) told us: 'Eva Anderson was a livewire as a teenager. She smoked cigarettes out of the toilet window and used to hide her dancing shoes in the bin - special shoes were used for dancehalls to protect the smooth polished floor - because her parents disapproved of public dance halls.' Those shoes are certainly something special, Eva.

I remember getting black patent party shoes at Allans in Princes Street. It was quite posh. They would bring the shoes out to you. **Says Heather Robertson**



My Dad polished all the shoes, and he would buff them until they sparkled, and I remember in the summer when he would use whitening on my shoes and plimsoles they were put out on the windowsill to dry. **Says Dot Walker**



In today's picture three bowling championship-winning sisters are captured in action in Edinburgh in 1985. They are, from L-R, Miss E Seggie, Mrs Hood and Miss N Seggie. Each of them was a bowling champion and they are kitted out in their special bowling shoes.

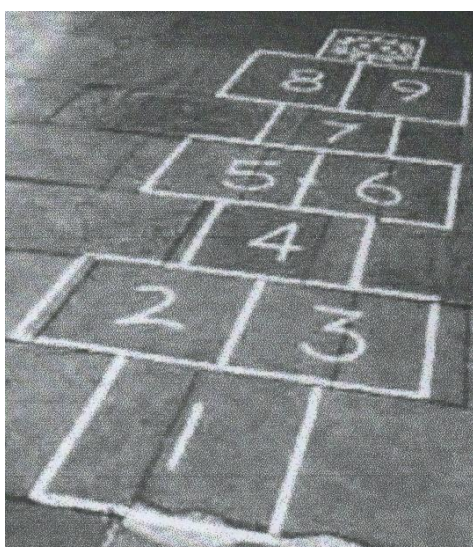
I had a pair of Wayfinder shoes. They were tracker shoes for boys with a compass in the heel and animal footprints on the sole.

**Says Mark Hayward.**

My husband polished all the shoes on a Sunday. Separate brushes for black and brown polish, Dubbin for work boots. **Says Maureen Sweeney**



This picture was taken at Butlins in the 1960s. All three children are wearing Clarks sandals.



We played peevers on the street. We chalked out the beds, then got my mum's old shoe polish tin and weighed it down with a stone. We'd kick it into the beds and hop on one foot. **Says Jenny McClure.**

The empty polish tin was then filled with earth and used for peevers. **Says Fiona Morag Grahame**

The two young ladies having their portrait taken in today's picture in 1927 are Grace Williamson and Jenny Simpson. The photographer was at Morrison's Studio, 137 Leith Street, Edinburgh. Grace Melrose (née McGregor) who brought in the picture told us. 'My mother Grace Williamson and her pal Jenny Simpson who lived in Albert Street.' They are certainly stylish with their Marcel wave and their fashionable frocks and footwear.

I liked going back to school because I got new shoes after the summer. But then I changed schools and had to wear plain brown lace-ups. I never wear brown shoes, even today. **Says Joyce Miller**



I remember at school when the bell rang, and everyone got up to leave and I couldn't because someone had tied my shoelaces to the underside of the desk. **Says David Donaldson**



In today's picture, taken in 1957, Andrew Dunbar is polishing his shoes in his back garden at 39 Northfield Crescent, Edinburgh.

A studio portrait of James Whalen with three of his children, Cathy, Tom, and Alex. 1917. All the children are wearing boots.

I got black patent party shoes with a red trim detail. I think I was about 10. **Says Susan**





Blackpool promenade, 1934. Centre front, wearing spats, is Sir Harry Lauder.

A studio portrait of a boy scout in 1931. He's wearing a pair of sturdy-looking shoes.



I remember stepping up onto the X-Ray machine in the shoe shop in order to get an X-Ray of my feet. **Says Mark Hayward.**

Cherry Polish in the wee flat tin with the clasp that pushed the lid off. **Says Susan Bird**

**Leith Provident Shoe Repair factory staff, 1958.**

I had Chelsea boots when the Beatles first came out. Later on, when I became a mod it was the brogues, a brown pair and a black pair. **Says John Thomson**

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