



THE Living Memory Association NEWSLETTER

A Quick Look Around Leith.



Leith Provident Co-operative Society was based on the principle of being owned and controlled by its members and being operated for their benefit. Rather than profits from the business going to one owner they were distributed to all the members as a dividend. This photo shows a Heinz promotion to win a mini at North Fort Street store, 1965.



Foot of the Walk, 1951.

A lot of people would congregate at the Foot of the Walk for a blether. It was the entrance to the Kirkgate which was a major thoroughfare in old Leith.



This photo shows students from the deck cadet course at Leith Nautical College on board the training ship TS Dolphin in 1954.

Whisky bottlers at William Muir Bond 9, Commercial Street, 1960. Leith was whisky and Edinburgh was beer. At one time the north side of Commercial Street was full of whisky bonds. It was mostly women who worked in the bonds.



A group of Leith teenagers in the 1940s. The word 'teenager' only began to be widely used in the late forties. Up until 1947 children left school at 14 then went straight into work. The school leaving age was raised to 15 in 1947.

Leith Hospital in 1925. It was situated in Mill Lane. It closed in 1987.





This photo shows part of Kirkgate in 1955. You used to be able to get anything in the Kirkgate. It was a great place to meander along and have a blether.

Leith Pageant at Great Junction Street, 1910. Thousands of people would line the streets to see the floats and to donate a couple of pennies to Leith Hospital.



This photo shows boats moored at Customs House on Water of Leith, in 1966 when it was tidal. A lock has been put in since then.

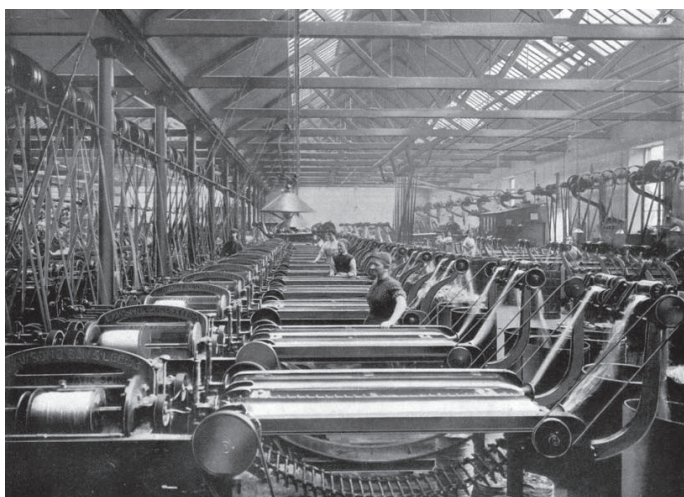
Staff outside the Lochend branch of Leith Provident Co-op in 1935. Each time a member made a purchase, they gave their membership number to the checkout operator, so that their purchase would count towards their dividend.





Leith silver band in the town hall in 1955. The band played regularly, often at the Foot of the Walk around the Victoria statue. They competed in many band competitions.

Towergate, the old entrance to the docks in Tower Place. There was a very popular transport cafe just near the Tower Place gate.



The photo on the left shows the Leith Roperie. This is the rope spinning dept. A continuous band of fibre leaves the cans, passes over the machine, and finds its way onto the bobbin as a finished rope yarn.



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