



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

THELMA says, 'Gala Days!'



Gala Days are a popular local celebration that helps to bring the community together.

This photo of the Gala Queen, holding her sceptre and orb, is from a Gala Day in 1953.



Trumpeters leading the procession. Greig Smith on the left trumpeter at the Gala Day Broxburn 1977.



We are in West Pilton, Edinburgh for today's picture at the crowning of the Gala Queen in June 1957. The lucky girl having the magnificent crown placed on her head is Mary Sutherland and the occasion is the West Pilton Community Association Gala.



Evelyn Whitfield centre-left in white dress.
 'There was a gala organised for Coronation Day with events for children. Hardly anyone owned a television on which to watch the Coronation live so the outdoor gala was well attended.' **Says Evelyn Whitfield**

On the right, a mermaid in Leith Pageant in 1995.



A studio portrait of a Newhaven Fishwife, with her daughters, in the Gala costume, in 1927.
 Grace Hackland and her daughters Jean (left) and Grace (sitting).

The Newhaven Gala Queen and her entourage are setting sail from Newhaven Harbour on "The Gratitude" in June 1955. The Queen is Maureen Linton and her Ladies-in-Waiting are Carole Armstrong (later Larkin) on the left and Janette Ramage on the right. What a splendid sight with the piper playing and all the bunting fluttering in the breeze.





A fancy dress float in Earlston in 1924.

Love Newhaven Gala day. My mum and I will usually dress up in our Fishwives costume on the day. In fact, in 2016 my mum crowned the Gala Queen.
Says Suz Edwards

Leith Pageant at the foot of the Walk, in 1910.

Our Gala Day was the first Saturday in July. We all went to the park for the races. There was the three-legged, the sack race and the egg and spoon. **Says Jean Mackenzie**



Colinton Mains Park. A group of majorettes, possibly the Bellettes.



Newtongrange Gala Day Dress Competition in 1988.

We used to get a bag with a pie, a bun and a bottle of milk. There were races in the park after the parade and there were prizes handed out at the end. **Says George Sloan**



The Pipers marching in Leith Pageant in 1995.


Do you have memories, stories, or photos you'd like to share?


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In the photo below we see the Maid and Consort at Ormiston Gala Day in 1939.



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