



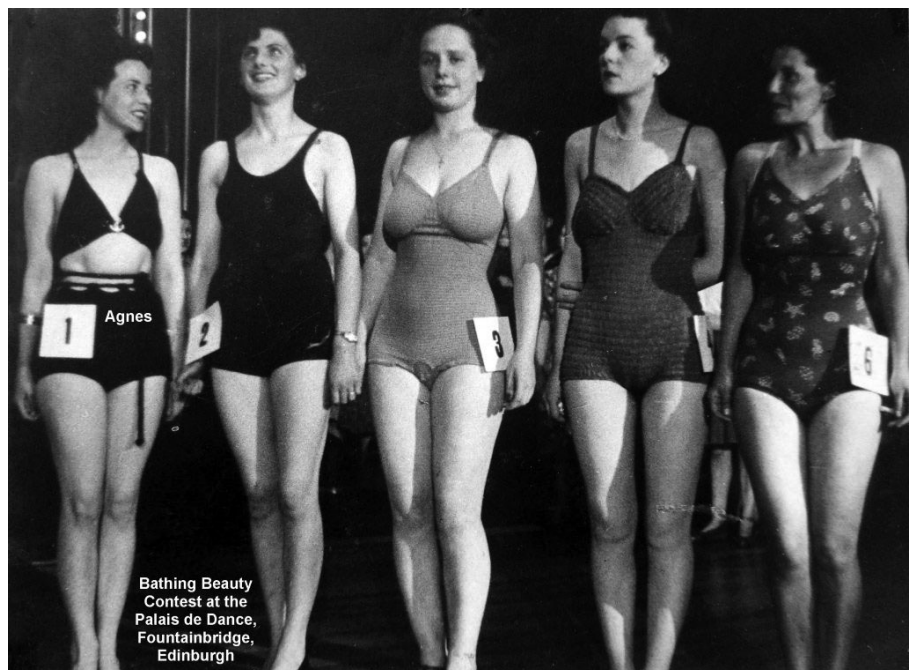
THE Living Memory Association NEWSLETTER

'A Quick Look Around Fountainbridge.'



The Palais de Danse in the 1950s. This photo shows its famous revolving stage which would turn to bring on another band. The Palais was a popular dance hall with a balcony where people could sit and watch the dancing.

One of the events that was staged at the Palais de Danse was a bathing beauties contest. This photo is from 1945.





Many people had no hot water in the house other than what was heated on an open fire or gas stove. Families depended on the Council's public wash house for the weekly wash. This one is at Murdoch Terrace. A laundry basket filled with shirts and bedclothes would be trundled along the streets in the frame of a pram. They would be washed and then taken back home and the items hung on a clothes pulley fixed to the living room ceiling, or hung on a 'stretch' (personal clothing line) in the backgreen.



John Greig & Sons was based at Fountain House Works in Dundee Street. They produced presses and other machinery for the printing and bookbinding trade. Photo 1923.



The Zodiac performed from 1959-1965. They played the Palais de Danse as well as touring the UK. They supported people like Jet Harris and Tony Meehan.

This photo of The Zodiac is from 1962.



William McEwan established a brewery in Fountainbridge in the 1850s. His company developed into Scottish and Newcastle Breweries Ltd. The Fountain Brewery closed in 2004.



The parked cars indicate the number of people working at the brewery. There was a traffic jam when the staff drove out at the end of the working day, heading for Tollcross and the city centre.

This photo shows a works outing to Bertram Mills Circus in the 1950s. The Big Top was put up beside the rugby ground at Murrayfield. The group are all employees of the North British Rubber Company based at Fountainbridge.



This picture shows a row of barges moored on the canal at Lochrin Basin. The photo was taken in in 2014.



Brewery horses at McEwans brewery in 1940. The brewery used horses to deliver its beer. These horses, often Shire horses, were used to pull drays. McEwan's Brewery was founded in 1856.



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