



# THE Living Memory Association NEWSLETTER

## *A Quick Look Around Portobello.*



Central Cinema, High Street, Portobello in 1971. The Central Cinema opened 1915 as the New Picture House. It was renamed the Central, then the George and back again to the Central! It closed in 1961. The building was then used for Bingo and as a nightclub before being redeveloped into flats.

Portobello  
Thistle Ladies  
Football Team  
at Woods  
(Bottleworks)  
Park, 1928.



The Skylark ran between Portobello and Inchkeith island. Passengers were able to visit the island for half an hour before returning to Portobello. This photo shows the Skylark at the jetty between Pipe Street and Tower (now Figgate) Street in 1952.

A very busy Portobello Beach on a sunny day in 1900. The beach is crowded with ladies wearing hats and long dresses and the men in caps and suits. Children are playing in the sand and many people are walking along the promenade towards the amusements.



Two brothers paddling in the sea at Portobello in 1964. They both have their own bucket and spade to make sandcastles with.



Children on Merry Go Round at Fun City Portobello Promenade, 1948.

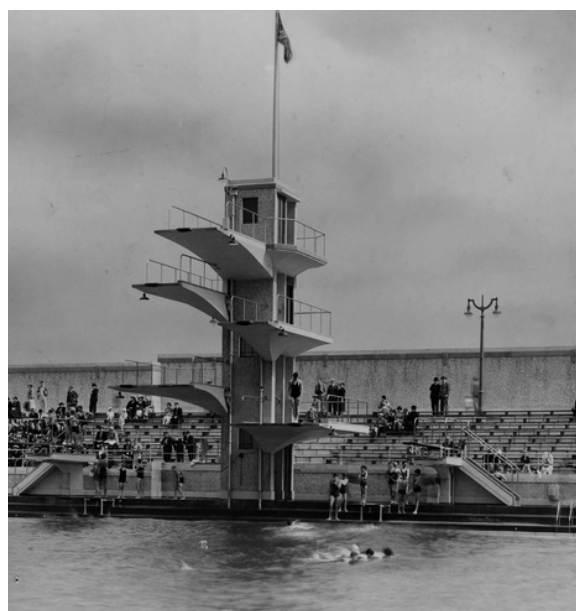


Three Scouts at the annual 14th Portobello Scout Camp in 1958.



People relaxing on deckchairs at Portobello beach in July 1959.

Portobello's outdoor swimming pool was opened in 1936. It was equipped with diving boards and a wave machine, and was open between May and September.



Studio portrait of two young boys standing on a mast, 1908. It was taken at the Vienna Photo Company Studio on the esplanade, Portobello.

In the 1960s, Portobello Beach was a bustling seaside resort with a large promenade, amusement arcades, and funfair attractions, drawing thousands of holiday-makers, especially from Glasgow.





Andrew Bernard Butler (first left) with the donkeys he kept for rides on Portobello beach in 1940.



The pool closed in 1979, not long after the power station, and was demolished in 1988. The area is now used for five-a-side football.



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