



Joan Hey moved with her family to Scarborough from Leeds in 1946. They had been on holiday many times and were involved with the Methodist Church in Westborough. Joan's father commuted back to Leeds where his factory was. The family used a beach bungalow on the North Bay but they were damaged and some swept away in the 1953 floods. The old bungalows were more ornate with a cooker and a kettle. The power and water was left on all year, unlike now. The black and white photo of her climbing on some old stonework is the "Baron Albert's Tower" on the site of the old Roman Signal Station at Rigg Head. There is now little left of it. The second photograph shows the Tennis courts on the old Marvels site behind the Open Air Theatre. They had "cat gut" rackets that had to be kept in a "Press".

The coloured photographs show the "Zoo and Marineland" which later became Marvels Funpark. There was a dolphin, Penguin and Parrott show as well as the dinosaur models seen. The building housed a cafe and bar. Joan remembers going to the Open Air Theatre with her rug and thermos to see the shows as well as the Swimming Club display and races and "It's a Knockout". Joan says Scarborough was a nice seaside town with little traffic and well stocked shops. They often got to know people in adjacent bungalows and spent most of the summer on the beach.