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Appendix A

Porthcawl Shops 1938

Back | Home | Up | Next

Your contributions (stories, memories, pictures) are welcome.

Here is a list of the shops in John Street in 1938. Incidentally this picture was taken in 1938.

Home

Up

From Promenade (East Side)

- R Meskin Ladies Wear
- Craelys Photos
- Porthcawl Hotel
- Comleys Baker
- Hodges Dairy
- Langdons (Thomas & Evans)
- Hillier Pork Butcher
- Gladys Lavier
- Peacocks Store
- Jeeves
- Clares Jewellers
- Wilkins
- Cameron Tobacconist
- H Jenkins Chemist
- JM Walters Shoes
- Johnny Thomas Ironmonger
- Melias Grocer
- Loughlins Newsagent
- Tantum Butcher
- Briggs Shoes
- Lloyds Bank
- Midland Bank
- Houses Baker
- Churchill Hairdresser
- F E Duck Chemist
- Brice Jewellers
- Oliver Greengrocer
- Evans Confectionary
- Oliver Stationers
- Jones 'Cleddau House' Furniture
- Bevan Estate Agent
- Bragg Butcher
- Ogden Fishmonger
- National Provincial Bank
- Harris Bon Marche
- Johnson Cleaners
- Hawkins Fishmonger
- Dairy
- Packwoods Fruiterer
- Howells Ladies Hairdresser

Lias Road South

- Ladies Outfitter
- Howells Library Shop
- AJ Moore
- Walter P David Solicitor
- Miss Morgan Dairy
- Anthony's Hairdressers
- Ladies XL Pearce

From Royal Oak (back up John St.)

- Shirley Shoe Shop
- R Sampson Outfitter
- Gas Showroom
- Elizabeth Hairdresser
- Casino Cinema
- Confectioner
- Café Rosseter
- James Chemist
- Harding's Butcher
- Paul's Café
- Rock Hotel
- Hutchinson Newsagent
- Barclays Bank

- Leaks Tobacconist
- Post Office
- Lords Ladies Clothing
- Electricity Shop
- Co-Op Store
- Tom Phillips Wine Store
- Peglers Grocers
- Boots Chemist
- Coliseum Cinema
- LE Davies Cloth Hall
- M Jenkins Butcher
- Burtons Grocer
- Miss Rogers Ladies Outfitter
- Maypole Store
- Bracchis Café
- Sydneham Gents Outfitter
- Ray Soft Furnishing
- Star Supply Store
- Jones & Lewis Optician
- Wool Shop
- Pearce Shoe Shop
- Police Station
- Public Conveniences
- De La Rue
- Deere Estate Agents
- Universal Grocery Store
- I Leake Tobacconist
- Morgan Fruiterer
- Hockings Toy Shop
- Dare Bakers
- Gibbons Ladies Millenary
- Jackson 'Faces' Photographers
- Crosswoods Grocer
- Kit Kat Café
- Clare Jeweller
- Llewellyns Sweets
- Franks Sweet Shop

Appendix B:

Porthcawl Organisations

All Saints Church Mothers Union

Andy's Man Club

Arts Society

Awel-y-Mor Bridge Club

Bowling Clubs

- *Prince of Wales Court BC*
- *Griffin Park BC*
- *Porthcawl B C*

British Red Cross

Cancer Research Wales

Choirs

- *Porthcawl Male Choir*
- *Sounds Familiar*

Christmas Morning Swim

Crossroads Care Club

DASH

Elis Counselling

Floral Arrangement Society

Football Clubs

Freemasons

The Girl Guide Movement

- *Rainbows (3 units)*
- *Brownies (4 units)*
- *Guides (3 units)*
- *Rangers (1 unit)*
- *Trefoil (1 unit)*

Horticultural Society

Kidney Research Group

Lifeguards

- *Porthcawl Life Guards*
- *Rest Bay Lifeguards*
- *Sker Lifeguards*

National Coastguard Institution

Porthcawl Air Cadets

Porthcawl Air Riffle Club

Porthcawl Amateur Dramatic Society

Porthcawl Animal Welfare Society

Porthcawl Athletic Association

Porthcawl Army Cadets

Porthcawl Asperger's Group

Porthcawl Befriending Group

Porthcawl Boxing Club

Porthcawl Buccaneers

Porthcawl Civic Trust Society

Porthcawl Cricket Club

Porthcawl Fare Trade

Porthcawl Food Bank

Porthcawl Inner Wheel

Porthcawl Leos Club

Porthcawl Lions Club

Porthcawl Museum and Historical Society

Porthcawl Music and Flower Show Committee

Porthcawl Rotary Club

Porthcawl Rugby Club

Porthcawl Sea Cadets

Porthcawl Speakers Group

Porthcawl Stroke Club

Porthcawl Squash Club

Porthcawl Veteran's Cub

Porthcawl Welsh Learner's Choir

Porthcawl Town Athletic Club

Probus

RAFA Club

RLNI

Royal British Legion

St John Ambulance

St Johns Flower Guild

Sandville

Scouts etc

- *Beavers (3 units)*
- *Cubs (3 units)*
- *Scouts (2 units)*
- *Explorer Scouts (1 unit)*

St John Ambulance Brigade

St John's Flower Guild

Shout

Squash Club

Sussed Shop

Sustainable Wales

Townswomen's Guild

Trinity Carers

Ty Hafon Shop

United Services Club (see below)

University of the Third Age (U3A)

Women's Institutes

- *Newton WI*
- *Nottage W I*
- *Porthcawl W I*
- *Sker W I*

The Y Centre

Ye Pirates Club (see below)

United Services Club

While the exact date is not known, the United Services Club was formed following the end of the First World War. It was registered with the Financial Conduct Authority in 1926. The aims of the club are:

'*To supply social intercourse, mutual helpfulness, mental and moral improvement, rational recreation and other advantages of a club; also to further advance that comradeship which sprung up while serving their country*'

The original Club was built on the site of a cottage and, later, an adjoining cottage was purchased so that the Club could be extended to its present size.

Although there are other clubs in the UK which use the same name, there is no affiliation between those clubs and Porthcawl

United Service Club is a stand-alone organisation. The Club was originally the preserve of ex-service men and women, although, these days, membership is open to all. Men and women who are currently serving in the armed forces are automatically treated as members of the Club. It has 720 members and although the number has fallen in recent years, the Club has a sound financial footing. New members can join in January and July of each year.

The Club runs very popular bingo sessions 4 times a week and has entertainment each Friday – usually a singer or, occasionally, a comedian. There is also a snooker pool and four darts teams (2 men and 2 women) which play in the local league.

(Wayne Bowen, Secretary, United Services Club, October 2018)

Ye Pirates Club

Ye Pirates Club was established as a Gentleman's Club in 1928 and occupies the site previously occupied by the Harbour Inn. The Harbour Inn was one of the first hostelries in the town, being developed following the creation of Porthcawl Dock in 1828. In 1929, committee minutes recorded that the furnishing and conduct of the Club should be in keeping with its name and today the Club still maintains a nautical theme.

The membership, usually numbering around 180, enjoy regular social activities including annual dinners, snooker and golf competitions. Snooker forms the central activity of the Club and two tables are maintained to a high standard for member's use. However, the Club also enjoys 'quiet rooms' where members can relax, read, catch up with the news on TV. The reputation of the Club has always been held in high regard within the community.

But the Club's existence has probably been one of Porthcawl's unintentional best-kept secrets.

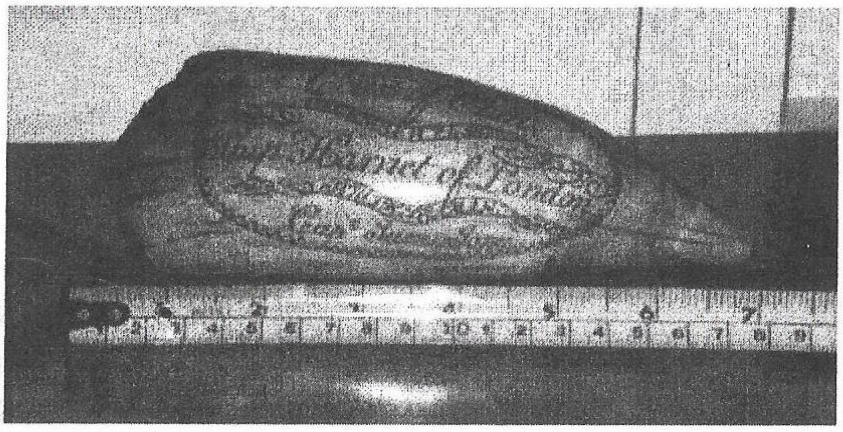
Ye Pirates theme is maintained throughout the Club and you could be forgiven for thinking you were in a Maritime Museum. A stroll around the rooms reveals a fascinating insight into the Club's history. One of the most treasured possessions, not on display, is an item of Scrimshaw produced on board the whaling ship 'Harriet' and dated 24 December 1821.

Over the years Ye Pirates Club has established a reputation for conviviality second to no other association and membership has always been a privilege many people have aspired to but only a few achieved. Membership has always been selective but certainly not exclusive and today the annual fee is very affordable.

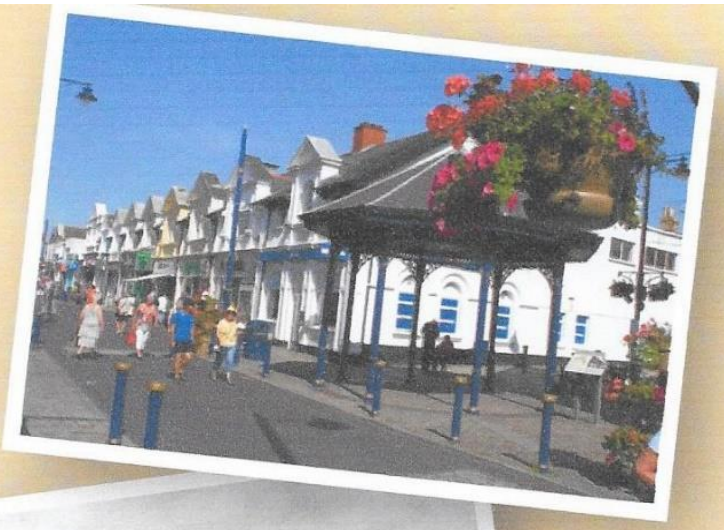
Recently, the building has been considerably upgraded following receipt of a grant from BCBC which, in turn, resulted from a successful bid by the authority for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant in 2016.

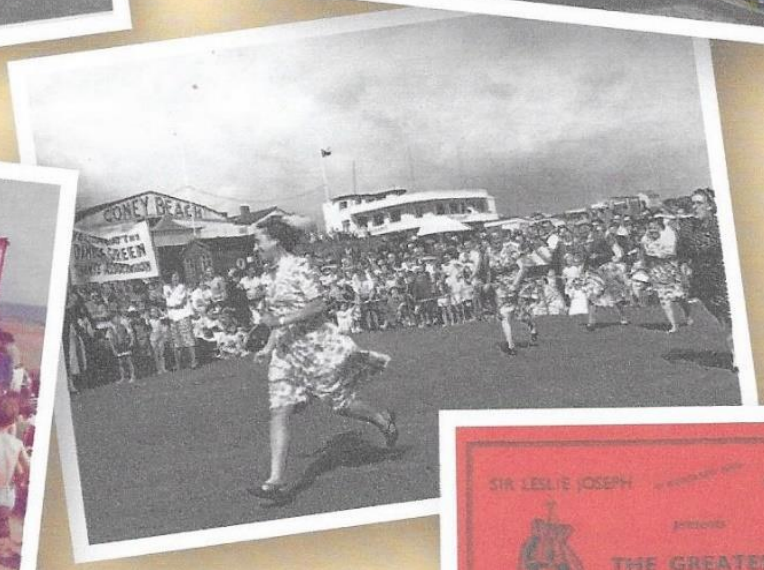
(Chris Naughton, President of Ye Pirates Club 2018)

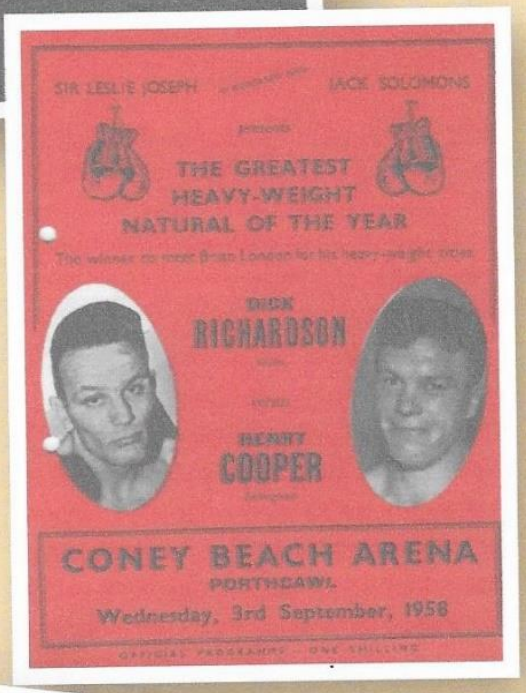
Scrimshaw is the intricate carving of ivory or bone to produce artwork of outstanding detail. On of only a few indigenous American crafts which the Inuit and other native groups practiced for centuries along the North West Coast. Yankee Whalemen became Scrimshanders in the early 1800's when monotonous whaling voyages lasted for two to five years. The Whalemen worked with whale teeth and jawbones and on many ships, whale's teeth were part of the pay and were traded for goods and services.



Inscribed on the front: 'Coast of Chili December 24th 1821 - Ship Harriet of London - Southseaman Capt. James Jones.' **Inscribed on the reverse:** 'On Chili's Coast my death I found Killd by the Harriet's Jovial Crew - My Body i in Barrels Bound - My teeth exposed to view - My Race 'tis true have often died - And cherished many a sinne - My flesh was partly Boild & Fry'd - And made a Christmas Dinner.'







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