

By the seaside

This selection of old pictures featuring Lincolnshire coastal resorts takes you back to a bygone era.

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1 - BELL TENTS ON THE SOUTH SHORE, MABLETHORPE

This charming watercolour postcard shows the row of bell tents on the South Shore at Mablethorpe before the days of beach chalets. Queenie from Swannington in Leicestershire came for a week in September 1929, when the weather was 'grand' and she thought it 'a nice quiet place'.

2 - SEASIDE ENTERTAINMENT IN HAPPY VALLEY SKEGNESS, 1914

From 1904 to 1930 (with the exception of the Great War years) Fred Clements had a stage in a hollow of the dunes at Skegness known as Happy Valley (the Sun Castle is the site now). This is the audience there on Thursday 27th August 1914.

3 - A STROLL WITH NANNIE ALONG THE PIER AT SKEGNESS, 1928

Skegness photographers like Jackson

(and later Wrate) were there to snap you strolling along the pier. This looks like Nannie taking the children for a purposeful walk along the pier. It is dated Sunday 2nd September 1928, and was in the morning, judging by the shadows.

4 - THE ABELL FAMILY OF LINCOLN AT MABLETHORPE, 1925

Ernest Abell of Lincoln (right) looks well pleased with his sand modelling at Mablethorpe in 1925, with family and friends. Two crouching lions guard the Lincoln Imp in the shield and FLOREAT LINDUM spelled out in sea shells and pebbles.

5 - THE FOUNTAIN BATHING POOL, SKEGNESS

For those who did not want to venture into the main swimming pool at Skegness, with the twin waterchutes on the left, there was a children's pool and this fountain – the forerunner of the Jacuzzi.

6 - PROMENADE AND VICTORIA TERRACE, CLEETHORPES

The crowd here at Cleethorpes in the 1920s by the pier approach, and with Victoria Terrace in the background, had turned out to look at the new Sea Car (an amphibious vehicle, registration FU 718) being paraded with the silver band. A clear link with Cleethorpes' hinterland is the advert for the Sheffield Telegraph. The sender of the card didn't find the weather as sunny as this: "We are having a very wet day. We have decided to come home on Saturday."

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