



There is an interesting advertisement for Mrs Avison's shop which sold Millinery, Lingerie, Haberdashery, Bathing Costumes- Ladies & Children's. It was opposite Post Office where Silver Bay is now, but no date is given. It would seem that it was catering mainly for the visitors

with the bathing costumes.

Nearby was Waller's shoes which was open from about the 1950's until fairly recently.

Fisher's toy shop and Crompton's café were where San Marco is back in the 1920's-30's.

The chemist on the corner of West Avenue was Stather's until taken over by Boot's.

Murray Street took the place of Queen Street as Filey's High Street with banks, the Post Office, the Police Station and numerous shops. In recent years several of these have been replaced with cafes and licensed premises, an indication of changing times.

John Street

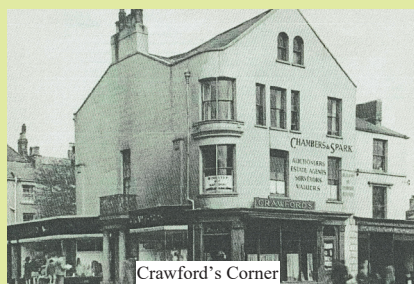
A couple of early advertisements from the Filey Advertiser in 1868 are obviously aimed at the visitors to Filey.

Kendall's bookseller & Stationer Est. 1859 "Views of Filey, Stationary of every description and articles adapted for presents in great variety"

E. Precious, 4 John Street. "Begg most respectfully to inform the Inhabitants and Visitors of Filey that a first-class stock of French & English boots and shoes are always at hand, which for beauty and style cannot be surpassed. A visit to this Emporium of Fashion will be an esteemed favour."

A few other businesses at various times in John Street were Mrs Rae Stockdale's Greengrocers at 1a John Street, Albert E Bulley's Watchmakers, Jewellers and Opticians at no 6 and W C Kilburn's High class grocery & provisions shop on the corner opposite Crawford's which again seemed to be trying to attract the more affluent visitors.

Another interesting one from 1907 is Crawford's which was a 'fish & ice merchants' – the days before fridges!



Belle Vue Street

The most prominent shop in Belle Vue Street was Crawford's. In 1898 it was advertised as a 'Draper, Hosier & Glover' at number 20 but later was extended to no. 22. As the shop grew so did the range of its stock to include higher fashions, haberdashery and soft furnishings. The premises again were extended round the corner to 25 Belle Vue St in the 1950's.

W H Smiths opened before 1909 at no. 36. It was run by 2 sisters, the Misses Cogill at the beginning of WW2 and in 1976 was taken over by Wray's of Scarborough.

Simpsons Fish & Game shop was up near where Household Stores is in the early 20th century and sold a wide range of poultry, game and fish including Filey Bay Salmon. Mr. Simpson also had a wet fish shop at 7 Reynolds Street which his mother ran, so catered for both sides of the town.



Summary

Shops change hands, some close down and new ones open, but after 92 years some of the shops are still carrying on the same trade!

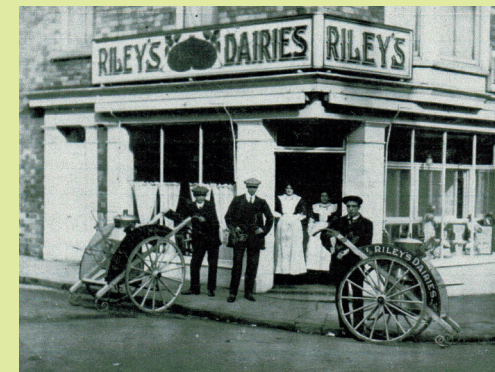
It seems the town centre is increasingly becoming a place for social activities such as eating and drinking out, specialist shops and charity shops. Filey still has mainly independent traders unlike many places which have mostly national chains. This has proved very beneficial during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic as many have found creative ways of continuing to trade and satisfy their customers needs.

No doubt in future years we will see further changes. The effect of the Internet has already had a significant impact and may well progress further – who knows? We can only wait and see.

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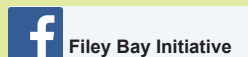


SHOPS IN FILEY

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Introduction

In recent times there has been much discussion about the demise of the High Street and the changes in town centres. Various reasons for this have been put forward, but if we look back through history we find this is nothing new. Even in a small town like Filey we can see how people's lifestyles and shopping habits have brought about significant changes. Nowadays people have transport so they can travel to out of town shopping centres or shop on the Internet. Years ago you could have your groceries delivered from the corner shop but now it's from one of the large supermarkets. As people have fridges to keep food fresh they are able to shop less frequently, they no longer need a local shop for daily purchases.

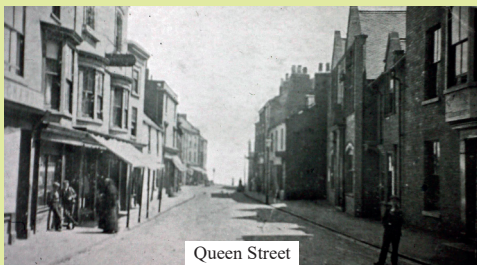
Historically Queen Street was the main street in Filey – the centre of the fishing community – with a number of shops along its length which catered for everyday needs. As the town expanded the shopping areas gradually moved towards the south to Murray Street, Hope Street, John Street and others. With the development of 'New Filey' more shops opened in the Belle Vue Street area. These tended to be more upmarket to cater for the more affluent visitors. Some examples follow to demonstrate these changes and give a snapshot of the variety of shops in Filey over the last couple of centuries.

Queen Street

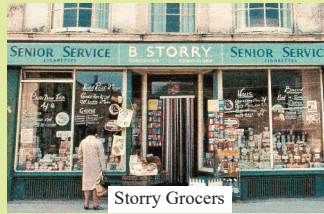
One of the earliest records for Queen Street is of Newman Crawford, Draper, Hosier & Hatter who ran the Old Post Office in King Street – as it was named then – about 1840. This would have been at the very beginning of the postal service.

Through the mid-1800's there are also records of several butchers, bakers, confectioners, tailors and a watchmaker.

The population of Filey rose dramatically through the Victorian era from about 800 to over 3000, but this was mainly due to the development of 'New Filey', and the Queen Street area remained a stable community. In 1901 there were still numerous shops serving the area including butchers, greengrocers, bootmakers, confectioners, a chemist and a chimney sweep.



Queen Street



Storry Grocers

The main grocers shop was William Storey's which is mentioned as early as the 1851 census and continued until the 1950's – 60's when it was demolished to make way for Providence Place along with other old cottages nearby. Some of the shops that closed at the lower end were converted back into houses and evidence can still be seen on close inspection.

Mitford Street



Cammish's Mitford Street

One example of a local family business that adapted to changing times for over more than a century is Cammish's at the top of Mitford Street. This was started in 1913 at 15 Reynolds Street by Robert 'Bobbin' Cammish who was unable to go to sea as he suffered from seasickness. He served an apprenticeship with a cobbler and learned to make the leather sea boots worn by the fishermen. This successful

cobblers business was taken over by Bobbin's son Edmund in 1943. By then the fishing industry was in decline so he branched out into other forms of footwear as well as continuing to do repairs. Edmund's son Ian joined the business in the 1980's. He was a keen sportsman and started selling sports goods, trainers and walking boots, reflecting the fitness and leisure trend. Ian and his wife Joanne have since expanded into selling outdoor clothing and camping equipment to cater for the increased demand from the long distance walkers visiting the town.

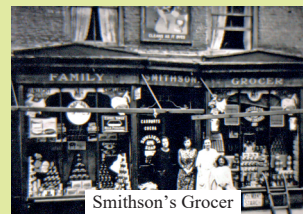


Cammish's today

Various other shops over the years on Mitford Street were Cammish's grocers and Smithson's grocers in Edwardian times.

Willis' had a fish & chip shop in about the 1920's where Dicky Bees is now. The fire station was formerly Wright & Fearons hardware, glass and china shop before the 2nd World War.

Across the road Cambridge's the plumbers traded for many years. The business was a gas fitters and plumbers in the 1920's - also fitting gas lights - and continued till the end of the 20th century.



Smithson's Grocer

Hope Street

Shops mentioned in the Filey Advertiser for Hope Street in 1868 included -

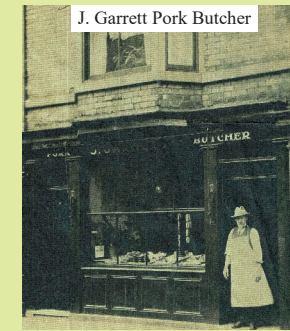
R.Lorrinan, Hope Street (opposite Long's Wine and Spirits Vaults). "Whole and Retail Dealer in Sea-birds' Plumes and Wings. A stock of Birds' Eggs always on hand."

Another one from the same publication but in 1895 was for 'F. Vasey, Hope Street, Fashionable Boot & Shoe Maker'.

Before 1891 John C Clifford, dairyman, set up a dairy business, with milk doorstep deliveries. This eventually closed after about 100 years. Back then daily milk deliveries were essential for the milk to be fresh as people didn't have fridges.

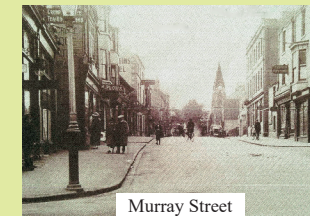
Later in 1895 J Appleby Tobacconist & Newsagent and Ross & Son Ironmongers & Plumbers were mentioned and also R. Marriner, Bootmaker, at the corner shop next to where San Marco is today.

More recently Stewart Cammish had a bakery on the far end corner of Hope Street and Mitford Street in the 1990's, J. Garrett, Pork butcher was at 15 Hope Street in the early 20C and Bill Haxby was also a butcher next to San Marco's about that time.



J. Garrett Pork Butcher

Murray Street

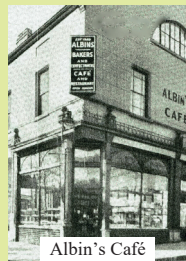


Murray Street

Again from the Filey Advertiser in 1868 there is another interesting advertisement for *C. Boyce, Murray Street. New Fish & Oyster rooms.- "Salmon, mackerel, live cod, crimped or plain, lobsters, soles, turbot and all kinds of fish in season, Oyster Room, with a good sea view upstairs."*

In the 1890's Crabtree's - Pastry Cook, Bread & Biscuit Maker – was at 2 Murray Street where Boot's is now. At the top of Cargate Hill was Towse's Grocers & Post Office in the early 20th century with Riley's dairies next door where Dixon's is now.

Mr. Sterchi came to Filey before the 1st World War. He was apprenticed to J Albin of the Crompton Cafe who was a Swiss baker, confectioner and chocolate manufacturer. He later set up his own business in 1919 in Murray Street producing high quality cakes and handmade chocolates. The shop continues to this day in Hope Street.



Albin's Café