

A BIOGRAPHY OF JUNE GAUGHAN

June Gaughan was born in 1940 and is now 73 years old. Throughout her 73 years, she has lived through a lot of big events and now knows lots about Caistor's heritage. June has 16 grandchildren!



June Burnett entered this world in 1940 and lived in Caistor for all of her life. During her childhood, she had to help with the housework which was:

1. Help with the younger children.
2. Do the washing
3. Set the table
4. Milked the cows

If she didn't finish these by the time that dad got home, however, there would be **BIG TROUBLE**.



When she was seven, in 1947, there was lots of snow. In her words, "if you stood on top of the snow, you could reach the top of the telegraph poles, which were of course broken."

Sunday was 'family day' for the Burnetts. They went to church together, played games together and read the family's Bible. Sunday was June's day off from all of her chores. On Sundays June could wear her Sunday best this was a lemon dress that she loved. June went out and played football with her friends (who were boys). She used to love this because it expressed who she was and what she was like. She didn't have clothes that were appropriate for playing football in, though, so she just hitched up her dress in her knickers and played it like that- she didn't care! So you see, June was a bit of a tom boy when she was a child.

When June turned ten, she had to go shopping for her family as well as doing all of her other chores. She shopped at where the Spar is now. In the garden they grew their own vegetables, strawberries, apples and raspberries. They also had a pig which gave birth to piglets every year; they fattened the piglets up and then killed them for pork. Her mum made jam and butter too, to go on homemade bread. June prefers modern life because there are fridges and freezers to keep the food cold and so it doesn't go mouldy. She doesn't think that food has changed over the years because you can still buy the same sorts of food that you could then. But she now likes to do all her shopping in one shop.

June's favourite celebration was the Queen's coronation because she sat on top of a lorry and drove down to Pelham's Pillar. She also celebrated her birthday, Christmas and Easter; they had big parties when they celebrated these. Her all time favourite present was a bike that her dad bought for her second hand.

She now still lives in Caistor after a long, happy life and one marriage.

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