

The shops and businesses of Rothesay in the early 1950s

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*"There's a wee bit toon called Rothesay on the bonny Isle of Bute,
As a holiday resort it gained renown,
Despite very little action to present some new attraction
For years and years the folk came skurrying down.*

*"And they merely promenaded (though they all looked somewhat jaded)
As on the stormy skies they cast a frown,
Then they'd hurry helter-skelter to beneath the Cabman's Shelter,
Where for hours they'd watch the rain come tumbling down.*

*"But by dint of education came eventual realisation
That a world existed far beyond their view,
They heard of the Riviera, Blackpool, Brighton and Maderia,
So they packed their bags and went to pastures new."*

It is only natural that someone who was born in Rothesay and has lived in the town all his life should look back to his teenage years with some nostalgia. It is easy to remember all the pleasant things that happened in those far off days and forget, either intentionally or by poor memory recall, all things not so pleasant. I like to remember my home town as a bustling holiday resort and naval base, and so, armed with the Royal Burgh of Rothesay's Valuation roll for 1951, I embarked on a survey of the town and its tradespeople in that year. The result, I am sure, will be an eye-opener to all those too young to remember these days, or who have come more recently to live on our beautiful island.

1951 was the year of the Festival of Britain, that great show of patriotism on London's South Bank, and of the Pageant of the Brandanes here on Bute. Rothesay was on the way to recovery from the ravages of war. The late 1930s had produced a far-seeing town council with one of the most memorable of men, Provost Angus Robertson Thompson, at its helm. It had given the town its first slum clearance housing scheme and the finest ballroom and indoor swimming pool in the west of Scotland. The town also boasted three cinemas, collectively showing six main feature films a week, not to mention the eagerly awaited 'wee picture'. The Winter Gardens housed the world famous Rothesay Entertainers with a twice nightly programme. Many a star was born here such as Jimmy Logan, Nicky Kidd and the inimitable 'Sexy Lexy' Lex McLean. The Royal Navy dominated Rothesay and many of the former sailors married local girls and live on in the town to this day. [See Plate 13]

Dancers could choose from a fine selection of good quality hotels, with pride of place going to The Grand Marine, especially on a Saturday night. There must be few of my generation who cannot look back with fondness and happy memories to this ballroom and the great band of 'Danny Mac and his Dixielanders' and the combo which included Hugh Mullarky, Danny Lamont and Ian & Fenick McDougall. Local musicians also played every Tuesday and Thursday at the Ettrick bay Pavilion, famous for the knots on the floor and the almost complete lack of toilet facilities. The real dances, however, were in the Pavilion. Here were to be found the big bands: Harry Gerrard, Geraldo and Harry Margolis. Upwards of one thousand people danced to these bands every night in 'the season'. Unlike today this 'season' lasted from Easter until September weekend.

The survey dramatically illustrates the demise of the small shopkeeper. It is hard for us in 2004 to imagine the great number of shops in the town half a century ago, which provided a living, and in many cases a very good living, not only for their owners but also for the large number of shop

assistants they employed. As will be seen there were 29 grocers, 14 bakers, 12 butchers, 13 greengrocers and 8 fish merchants, almost all of whom employed delivery boys. It is now possible to count on one hand the food shops in the town that are able and willing to offer this type of service. Many parts of the town, notably Ardbeg and High Street/Russell Street, were practically self contained villages whose inhabitants could do all their shopping without having to venture more than a few yards from their homes.

Many of the buildings listed no longer exist. Two blocks in Montague Street, one in Gallowgate, one in Victoria Street and the entire south side of Guildford Square have been demolished, as has most of High Street. The Volunteer Arms, the Athletic Bar, the Harbour Bar, the Club Bar and the Bute Arms Hotel are among businesses once housed there. The Thack was in a building demolished to make way for the Moat Centre. The Castlehill Vaults has been converted into a house, and the Grand Marine is awaiting similar conversion. Very few of the shops in the town's back streets have survived. The 'Tin Church' shown in Plate 17 has also disappeared.

The valuation roll follows the six ward system which was in use at that time. The shops on one side of a street were sometimes in a different ward from those on the other side. I have altered this arrangement to make it easier for the reader. Let me take you on a walk from the top of Wyndham Road in Ardbeg to Craigmore Pier, along the length of Montague Street, up the High Street and round the back streets of the town, and see how many of these shops and businesses you can recall.

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1	Wyndham Road	George Finlay	Grocer
1a		Russell Darling	Post Office and Stamp Collector
11		Charles Muir	Baker (branch)
13		Mary Campbell	Dairy
15		Alistair Barclay	Grocer
39		Andrew Lamont	Nurseryman
80	Ardbeg Road	Arch. Finlay	Stationer and Newsagent
74a		Helen Cassidy	Greengrocer
74		Caesar Zavaroni	Ice Cream/Sweets
72		Andrew Dickson	Grocer
75a		Harry Pullen	Greengrocer (Wooden Hut)
10		Rev. F. W. Greer Hutchinson, Minister	Baptist Church
		Matilda Whitelaw	West bay Kiosk Tearoom
19		Dr. Jack GP	
9	Argyle Place	Robert Chrystie	Dentist
1		E. Purves Thomson	Dentist
42	Argyle St.	Royal Burgh of Rothesay	The Pavilion
41		D. G. Richardson	The Grand Marine Hotel
35		A. Harris Ltd.	Lending Library
33		Manager Andrew Prentice	Regal Cinema
33		Manageress Margaret Burns	Regal Café
32		William C. Muir	Outfitter
29		Ministry of Labour	Offices
28		Rev. J. B. Mirrilees, Minister	St. John's Church
25		Margaret Millar	The George Hotel
24		Rev. William Downie, Minister	The West Church
24a		J. Barr Lawrence	Jeweller
23		J. T. Tannock	Photographer (Adamsons)
20		Beckett & Hamilton	Needlework Shop
20a		Hector McKellar	Tobacconist
20b		Cecil C. V. Dempster	Chemist
19b		Alan Glasgow	Grocer
19a		John Loch	Fancy Goods

18a	Argyle St.	W. M. McTaggart	Carlton Bakery & Tearoom
18		William Marshall & Co.	Shoe shop
17		Charles Muir	Bakers (branch)
16		John Allan	Fancy Goods
15		Margaret Whiteford	Ladies' Outfitter
14		Janet & Agnes Currie	Greengrocers
3	Chapelhill Rd.	Masonic Lodge	Rothsay St. John 292
4		May Cunningham	Ladies' Hairdresser
5		Depot	The Caddlehill Laundry
7		Private car lock-ups	
24		Rev. Peter M. Jackson	The [Wee] Free Church
13	Argyle St.	J & A Urquhart	Licensed grocers
11		A. McCallum	The Bay Café
10		Nancy Love	Ladies' & Children's Outfitters
9		Robert G. McKenzie	Radio Dealer
7		T. F. Glen & Son	Tailors
6		Robert McDougall	The Rock Shop
4		Annie Halliday	Milliner
3		James Cuthill	Baker
1		James Cuthill	Grocer
81	Victoria St.	S.C.W.S.	Furniture etc.
79		Canon Hesketh, Rector	St. Paul's Church
77	Victoria St.	Crabb & McKenzie	Jewellers
75		Bessie Cooper	Florist
73		Mrs Johnston	Johnston's Restaurant
72		Queenie Johnston (Rena Allan)	Ladies' & Children's Outfitter
69		Donald Sutherland	Tailor & Outfitter
67		Georgina Allan	Ladies' Outfitter
63		Wm. Meldrum & Andrew Prentice	Allan's Tearooms & Restaurant
55		Elizabeth Dorrie	The Victoria Hotel
53		Cath. McTavish	Milliner
49		Dan Cameron	Hairdresser
47		John McKinnon	Fancy Goods
45		Birrell & Co.	Sweets
43		Jim Miller	Chemist
39		Chas. McKay	Tailor & Outfitter
37		The Royal Bank of Scotland	Branch
35		Jack Smith	Fishmonger
31		Mary Paterson	Ladies' Outfitter
25		David L. Currie	Gents' Outfitter
21		John Williamson	Stationers
17		Hugh Johnston	The County Restaurant
15		The British Linen Bank	Branch
13		D. & W. Grant	Solicitors
11		Bute Creamery	Offices
9		David Rogers	Photographic Studio
7		Douglas McDonald	The Club Bar
5		R. S. McColl	Sweets
3		C. Hunter Lyle	The Harbour Bar
1		Geo. Hicks & Son	Chemist
5	Guildford Square	The Clydesdale Bank	Branch
4		J. A. Rankin	The Lexington Hotel
3a		E. M. Craighead	Newsagent
3		Hugh Miller	The Volunteer Arms Bar
2		The Bank of Scotland	Branch
1		Dave Willis	The Bute Arms Hotel
3	Watergate (part)	John Lyle	The Lorne Hotel
1		McNeil & Co.	Jewellers
15	Albert Place	John Stewart	China shop
13		Cesare Zavaroni	Café
12		Mary McNicol	Newsagent
10		Jessie & Isa Brown	Ladies' Outfitters
9		Robert Ralson	Fruiterer
8		Murdo McKenzie	Watchmaker
7		James Whiteford	The Tartan Shop
5		Mr. Leggat	The Royal Hotel
2		Caldwell Bros.	Ladies' & Gents' Outfitters
1		J. W. McNab	Stationer

	Shop on pier	Effie Carruthers	Sweets etc.
1	East Princes St.	McKirdy & McMillan	Taxi Office
3		J. S. McMillan	The Golfers Bar
4		Eugene Yost	Office
5		U.C.B.S.	Bakehouse
6		S.C.W.S.	Grocers
6a		S.C.W.S.	Ladies' Outfitters
8		U.C.B.S.	Bakers
10		Caesar Zavaroni	Fish & Chips
10		Caesar Zavaroni	Ice Cream factory
12		James Heaton	The Palace Bar
13		Ian McNeil	Chemist & Optician
15		Manager Thomas Devlin	Palace Amusements
18a		Cunningham	Lemonade factory
18		Manager Bob. Robertson	Palace Cinema
19		J. C. Young	Stationer
21		Ruth Turpie	Ladies' Outfitter
23		Mrs. Carmichael	Irish Linen
24		Ruth & Alice Turpie	Corsetiere
24a		Catherine Scott	The Bower Tearoom
25		Alice Turpie	Ladies' Lingerie
26		Othello Ramacotti	The Kettledrum Café
28		Thomas Brighton	Fancy goods
29		Helen Douglas	Masseur
30		Agnes McPhail	The Prom Tearoom
2	Battery Place	Dr. Arthur Christie	GP
6		Dr. J. Thompson	GP
13		Dr. T. W. Howie	GP
19		J. R. Sweet	Photographic Studio
20		Y.W.C.A.	
28		Dr. Buchanan	GP
33		Indoor Baths	
	Mountstuart Road	Manager. John Nelson	Glenburn Hotel
		Rev R. M. Fulton, Minister	St. Brendan's Church
		James Taylor	Craigmore Pier
33	Gallowgate	John Williamson	Gallowgate Post Office
29		Joe Foschetti	The Excel Café
27		Angela O'Connor	The Criterion Bar
25a		Attilio Foschetti	The Unique Fish and Chips
23		John Lightbody	Bakehouse
19		Marshall's Stores	Grocers
17½		Robert Crawford	Butcher
15		Elizabeth Sloan	Ladies' and Children's Outfitter
11		Walter Jenkins	The Athletic Bar
9½		John Lightbody	Baker
9		Violet Harvey	Ladies' Outfitter
15		Willie Edgar	Butcher
3-1		Ada Biagioni	The West-end Café
22		John Walker	The Rabbie Burns Bar
16		Agnes Barrett	Greengrocer
12		Thomas Brighton	Newsagent
10		Robert Ferguson	Paint and wallpaper
6		Andrew Donnachie	Greengrocer
4½		Mary McDougall	Tobacconist
4		William Stagg	Ironmonger
4	Bridge St.	Ada Biagioni	Fish and Chips
6		John Stark	Painter
28		Peter Whiteford	Carrier
30		Miss Rankin	The Rothesay Steam Laundry
31		Wm. Leckie & Sons	Slaters
25		John Anderson	Carrier
21		Moodie & Duncan	Veterinary Surgeons
15		Duncan Currie	Slater
7		Calder Bros.	Cycle Shop
3		John 'Hooky' McLellan	Barber
1		Jimmy McLean	Christian Brethren Hall
2	Bridgend St.	Willie Davidson	Grocer
4		Ada Docherty	The 'Why Not?' Bar

6	Bridgend St.	Colin Currie	Cobbler (Shop)
8		Norman Scade	Stationer and Newsagent
10		J. K. Neilson	Gents Outfitter
12		Colin Currie	Cobbler (Workshop)
14		Malcolm Stirrit	Painter
7a		John & Dan Shaw	Amusements and billiards
9		Robert Glover	Druggist
17		John Gillies	Coal Ree
17		Dan Cunningham	Plumber
19		Adam Ventre	Café
19½		Adam Ventre	Fish & Chip Shop
21		A. Robertson & Son	Upholsters and furnishers
21½		David Johnson	Grocer
25		Margaret Wilson	Ladies' hairdresser
10	Hillhouse Rd.	Adam Maltman	Dairy
1	Columshill St.	Rev. John McQueen, Canon	St. Andrew's Church
2		Adam Maltman	Grocer/Dairy
10		Thomas Napier	Ironmongery workshop
16		Flora Thompson	Ladies' hairdresser
34		Willie Thorburn	Post Office/Grocer
33		Alex Bryce	Grocer
19		J. Gow & Son	Furnishers
17		Jean Kelly	Home bakery
15		Matthew Duncan	Plasterer
2	Columshill Pl.	Victor Zavaroni	Wee chip shop hut
	Bellevue Road	Rev. D. Gunn Sutherland, Minister	United Free 'Wee Tin' Church
2		Barone Road	James Wilkinson Piggery
2		Thomas Kirkwood	Joiner
4		Isle of Bute Industries	Retail outlet
8		Alex. Lister & Sons	Nursery and Shop
56	Ladeside St.	Robert Yates	Garage
11		James Taylor	Boatbuilder
9a		Andrew Donnachie	Stable
9		Pat Shields	Junk Store
44			The Salvation Army
18		Parker Brown & Co.	Motor engineers & petrol station
6		James Cuthill	Bakehouse
6a		Margaret Markwell	Umbrellas
6b		Jean Cameron	Sunday papers
4		Mary McMillian	Second-hand clothes
2a		George Maitland	Ironmonger/Gasfitter
1		Hydro Board	Electric station
5	Queen St.	Hugh McDonald	Joiner
5	King St.	James Fisher & Son	Grain merchants
8		Inland Revenue	Offices
10		Alex. Beaton	Coal Ree
17		S.C.W.S.	Grocers
12	Mill St.	Matthew Shields	Cobbler
14		Janet Trescowthick	Grocer
20		W & J Duncan	Motor Engineers
20a		Jack Carruthers	Petrol store
22		William Mackie	Newsagent
24		Murray & Gillies	Electricians
30		John McMillian	Licensed grocer
48		Robert Tait	Painter & Decorator
37		Duncan Jenkins	Joiner
37	Mill St.	Bert Campbell	Boatbuilder
37		Henry Dougall	Fisherman
41		James Fisher & Son	The King's Mill
9		William Faulds	Stables
11		Jimmy McNamara	Barber
19		Elsie Maltman (McKenzie)	Dairy
23		James McGuire	Second hand shop
15	Union St.	John Hunter	Builder
13		Western S.M.T.	Bus Garage
11		Bute County Council	Yard
9		Malcolm Halliday	Sawmiller
7		John Morrison	Football Clubroom

6	Colbeck Place	Youth Club	
6		Health Centre	
4		John Sprowl	Joiner
4		Bertie Bone	Builder
3		Alex Duncan	Plumber
7	Russell St.	Shaw & Gillies	Carriers
7	Stuart St.	Bute Museum	
11		John Smith	Coal Ree
15		Donald Weir	The Thack (bar)
17		John S. Slaven	Kippering store
19		Brighton & Searl	Walking Pictures*
21		Bill Bush	French Polisher
3		John St. T.W.Parker & Son	Joiners
3		Duncan McNicol	Bakehouse
5		David Watson	Laundermatt
7		James Canning	Painter & Gilder
22	Castlehill St.	Tony Heard	The Castlehill Vaults (bar)
20		A. W. McLean	Accountant
14		Malcolm McLellan	Mac's Bar
2			Walking Pictures workshop*
117	Montague St.	Annie & Lizzie Jeffrey	Fishmongers
115		Robert Currie	Butcher
113		A. & M. Waterson	Newsagents
111		Mary Macfie	Drysalter
109		Hydro Board	Showroom
107		Arch. Ferrier	Ham store
105		Thomas McLean	Shoe shop
101		Cooper & Co.	Grocers
99		Woolworths	Chain store
81		Jack Smith	Fishmonger
79		Robert Ralson	Greengrocer
75		Marion Heaton	Ladies' Outfitter
71		Stead & Simpson	Shoe shop
69		Campbell Dick	Baker
67		Donald McKellar	Butcher
61		John S. Slaven	Fishmonger
59		Margaret Sinclair	Ladies Outfitter
57		Alex Munro	Butcher
53		N. G. Napier & Son	House furnishers
51		Liptons	Grocer
49		Janet Buchanan	Stationer & Newsagent
47		N. G. Napier & Son	House furnishers
45		James Dobbie	Ironmonger
43		R. Brown & Co.	Ironmongers
39			Norman Stewart Institute
35		James Johnston	Norman Stewart Institute Restaurant
31		A. Brown & Son	Drapers
27		Fleming Reid & Co.	The Scotch Wool Shop
23		Pullars of Perth	Dry cleaners
21		Bute Investment Co. Ltd.	
19		William C. Muir	House furnisher
17		Rothsay Express Office	Printers & Publishers
15		Duncan Carmichael	Restaurant
13		Zelma McCormack	Ladies hairdresser and sports goods
11		Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes**	Hall
9-5		James Graham	Toys
3		Luigi Giannotti	Fish & Chip Shop
1		Thomas Brighton	Newsagent
6		Alistair McKinnon	Grocer
10		William Sheal	Draper
24		Montague Burton & Co.	Tailors
26		Boots the Chemist	Chemist and Druggist
30		James McNicol	Baker
32		Alex. Lister & Son	Florist
36		Mathew McLauchlin & Son	The Sixpence Ha'penny Bazaar
38		Helen Cassidy	Greengrocer
44		Greenlees Ltd. (Easifit)	Shoe shop
48		Millers	Drapers

50	Montague St.	Maggie & Cathie Love	Dairy & Bakers
54		Hepworth & Co.	Gents' Tailors
56		The Maypole	Dairy
60		Harry Bain	Tobacconist
62		Bobby Stewart	Grocer
64		Jack Napier	Ironmonger
68		R. S. McColl	Sweetie shop
70		Cuthbert Smith	The Grapes Bar
74		James McIntyre	Butcher
78		Nancy Wood	China shop
82		Willie Lyle	Butcher
84		Daniel Johnston	Restaurant
86		D. C. Murray & Co.	Painters
88		Annie Whiteford	Ladies' Outfitter
90		Archie Morrison	Barber
92		A. R. Thompson	Shoe shop
94		Barbara Tait	Chemist
96		John Anderson	Dairy
98		Crabbe & McKenzie	Jewellers' workshop
102		William Hodgart	Fancy goods
104		British Canadian Co.	"Snowfreeze" ice cream
106		Robert Forsyth	The Yorkshire Tearoom
1-5	Deanhood Pl.	David Walker	Ladies Outfitter
7		Elizabeth McAleese	Greengrocer
6		Pullar & Sons	Dry cleaners
8		Jeanie Stirrat	Sunday papers
10		Luigi Guazzelli	Ice Cream
12		J. Leafe	Radio repairs
14		Parker Brown & Co.	Electrical repairs
16		S.C.W.S.	Furnishers
20		James Johnston	Tailor
4	Tower St.	D. & M. Taylor	Wine & spirit merchants
10		Dougal Murdoch	Dairy
12		Tower Street Hall	Lodge of Good Templars
14		John Morrison	Upholsterer
18		George Brown	'The Handy Store'
20		Matthew Shields	Cobbler
22		C. Lang	Second hand goods
15		Elizabeth Smith	Home Bakery
3		Ella Sheal	Ladies Outfitter
1	High St.	James Fletcher	The Madeira Hotel
4		W. Stanners & A. Johnston	The Esplanade Hotel
6		Montague Burton & Co.	Tailors
16a		William McDonald	Sweets & Tobacco
18a		Walking Pictures Ltd.	The Hole in the Wa'
18		N. G. Napier	Store
20		Sam McCombe	Ladies Hairdresser
22		Robert Ralson	Fruiterer
48		Leo Pellegrotti	Ice Cream & Sweets
50a		Duncan McKellar	Joiner
50	High St.	Robert Paterson & Son	Slaters
52		Robert Ewing	Radio
56		Dundas Fyfe	Undertakers
58		Ian McGregor	Newsagent
72		J. & S. Brown	Greengrocers
76		Birrells	Sweets
78		Manager Colin Muir	The Ritz Cinema
78a		Other shop at Ritz	vacant
84		Robert Ewing	Grocer
92		Bert Maltman	Grocer
100			Fire Station
114		Royal Burgh of Rothesay	Yard, Gasworks & Slaughterhouse
		Rev. N. H. G. Robinson, Minister	The High Kirk
	Meadowcap	H. T. Johns	Refreshment hut
	Townhead	Royal Burgh of Rothesay	Parks Dept.
		Western Regional Hospitals Board	Robertson-Stewart Fever Hospital
		Royal Burgh of Rothesay	Thomson Home
	High St.	Western Regional Hospitals Board	Victoria Cottage Hospital
		Duncan Ferguson	Foley House Nurseries

	High St.	George Thorburn	Foley House Hotel
2	Mansfield Place	Hugh Little	Grocer
131	High St.	Mrs Ellen McBain	Sweets
127		David Ferrari	Ice Cream
119a		Francis Dewar	Boat hirer
119		Shell Mex & BP Ltd	Oil store
111		Chas. & Thomas Kirkwood	Joiners
109		Andrew Baird & Son	Blacksmiths
105		Victor Zavaroni	The Ritz café
101			Unionist Rooms
97		Robert Glover	Druggist
95		John & Dan Shaw	Amusements
93		Jimmy Gillies	Fishmonger
91		John Baxter	Grocer
89		R. & J. Crawford	Butcher
85		Mrs. Breslin	Home Bakery
81		Eddie McKenzie	Baker
73		Christina Dobbie	Sweets 'The puff candy shop'
4	Broadcroft Lane	Mrs. Reynolds	Fish & Chips
2		Meikle & McKellar	Removers
69	High St.	S.C.W.S.	Dairy
67		D. H. Mcfie	Painter
61		James Sweenie	Cobbler
55		The Mansion House	Bute Estate Offices
49		John Cruikshanks	Plumber
45		Sarah Smith	Newsagent
39		Royal Burgh of Rothesay	Burgh Chamberlain's Office
33		Bute and Renfrew Constab.	Police Station
29		James Whiteford	Saddler
27		McNab & Jefferson	Electricians
25		Alex Crawford (Carnegie)	The Auld Hoose
23		James Bulloch	Grocer
19		J. Vogt & Co.	Opticians
17		Charles Muir	The Castle Bakery
13		A. & M. Ralson	Fruiterer
11		Robert Zavaroni	The Castle Café
7		James Wilkinson	Butcher
3		E. & M. Craighead	Toys
6	Castle St.	Archie McMillan	Barber
8		Capt. Duncan Bell	The Galatea Bar
10		The Buteman	Shop
16		The Buteman	Printers & Publishers
18		C. Taylor	Sweets
26		Campbell Swan	Sheriff officer
30		Rev. John Lindsay, Minister	Trinity Church
36		McBeth & MacLagan	Solicitors
15	Castle St.	William Fulton	House Factor
11		D. Watson & Son	Blacksmiths
7		Bute Savings Bank	Branch
47	Watergate	William Skelton	Solicitor
45		Ministry of Works	Office
43		Robert McNab	Architect
39		Peter Barr & Son	Kipperers
35		James Morrison	Plumber
33		J. B. Stewart	Painters
29		Bute Creameries Ltd.	Ice Cream manufacturers
27		Maggie Grindley	The Argyll Arms Bar (The Glue Pot)
21		Wilson Alexander & Co	House Factors
19		James & Alec Canning	Butchers
17		Mitchell McKenzie	Barber
15		Robert C Ross	Printer
13		James Hamilton	Butcher
11		C. & C. McMillan	Dairy
3		John Lyle	The Lorne Hotel
1		McNeil & Co.	Jewellers
8		Luigi Gianotti	Fish & Chip Restaurant
16		Charles Muir	Bakehouse
18		James Graham	Radio Repairs
18b		Rothesay	Old Men's Club

30	Watergate	Peter Barr & Son	Fishmongers
36			Courthouse, Fiscal's Office
2	West Princes St.	Rothsay Tramway Co.	Office
4		William Black	Isle of Bute Hotel
6		Norman Scade	Tobacconist
8		Frank Wynne	Grocer
6	Store Lane	John Fordyce	Upholsterer
12		Celestino Bonaccorsi	Turf Accountant
3			Telephone Exchange
10	West Princes St	John Morton	Slaven's Fruit Store
16		Janet McPherson	Ladies' Hairdresser
18		Willie Thorburn	Fishmonger
22		Jean Currie	Ladies' Outfitter
24		Thomas Bell	Painter
26		Hugh Kerr	Grocer
13		James Whiteford	The Tartan Shop
7		Duncan McKay	Cobbler
3		David Brown	The Black Bull
1		John Lyle	The Lorne Bar
6	Bishop St.	Jean McNicol	Newsagent
8		James Graham	Electrician
10		G.P.O.	Crown Post Office
22		Helen McGhee	Sweets
28		George Ewing	Home Bakery
30		Pearl Assurance Co.	Office
34		Taggart McKirdy	Coal Office
38		Taggart McKirdy	Coal Ree
37		Bute County Council	Remand Home
33		Girl Guide Association	Hall
27		John M. Cullen	Solicitor
15a		Donald Heaton	Joiner
7		Duncan McEwan & Son	Grain & Potato Merchants
5		Sydney Buckeridge	Cycle Hire
3		Sadie Clark	Grocer
1a		Peggy Currie	Butcher
1		McKirdy & McMillan	Garage

* Walking Pictures employed street photographers to take unsolicited snaps of holidaymakers, who could subsequently purchase prints. The service was popular before cameras became commonplace.

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