

**MBL 004****Summary – Eric and Jill Atkinson (aged 77 & 76) – Witherslack****Jill was brought up on family farm in Witherslack, Eric's family moved to Ulverston and back to area when he was 12.**

00 – 2.55	Eric used to come on holiday (1946) to Grange Baths, talks about playing on the Limestone pavements by pool not grass as there is now. Eric – in 1960 & 61 worked as pool attendant during summer. In 1961 he meets Jill at the pool, bringing in her pupils for swimming – married in 1962.
2.55- 4.20	Jill as teacher at Cartmel brought a group of pupils to pool every day from March through to July for swimming. Not known as lido. Jill spent her teenage years there - a centre for young people and always full.
4.20 – 5.40	Temp of water seldom above 60 - 62 degrees, salt water Children came after school. Locals didn't think anything of temp of water, Water never heated just treated. Eric's pay was £10 a week (took him three years of teaching to earn the same).
5.40- 6.30	Description of pool also paddling pool known as piddling pool. Eric training as PE teacher so had his lifesaving qualification.
6.30 – 7.20	Description of pool, seating areas, everyone happy, people meeting each other.
7.20 – 8.30	Seawater kept in tanks under pool, filters would get blocked by sand so would be flushed out.
8.30- 9.30	Eric describes people who worked at Pool looking at photo from 1961 (photo attached)
9.30- 11.04	In winter the attendants were employed as rodent operators in Grange Eric tells a story of rodent extermination in Grange by people who worked at pool.
11.04- 13.49	Other places they visited, after haytimming in Witherslack young people would go to rock pool at Ulpha to swim. Jill talks about Haymaking in Witherslack – small farms meant that everyone helped each other. Kitty the horse was used around the farms to rake the hay.
13.49-17.20	Jill born in Cleveleys but moved to grandparent's Witherslack farm when she was three. Family Sunday walks dressed up to walk along the prom at Grange or Arnside or sit and watch the trains over the viaduct. Also Silverdale and Arnside Knott. Meet lots of other families. Jill unaware at time that area was a tourist destination living in Witherslack. Cartmel Races. Grandparents would sit on hill and watch the queues of traffic going to Cartmel
17.20- 21.06	Eric moved to Ulverston from Liverpool at the age of 12. Eric's family originally came from area, Great grandfather was coachman to Croppers, mother moved to Liverpool during depression for work. Eric used to walk along beach to Barrow during the summers look at redshanks and go flook fishing under Viaduct and rush up ladder to escape incoming tide. People would come from Preston and Fylde to fish for flook on Sundays. Many went back home with sackfuls of flook. Bardsea now full of Marram grass.
21.06-22.20	Jill as teacher at Cartmel secondary was given pots of Morecambe Bay shrimp instead of apple.
22.20 –22.40	(interruption) ..... What else happened at the baths? Swimming galas, cross bay swim organised by Gerald Fosberg. Swam from Morecambe

	finish at grange pool tide came up to pool. Description of diving boards. Swimming club attached to Bath
22.40 -26.34	(interruption) ..... Eric talks about microclimate of the Bay .... Jill talks about the tides Grange over grass, new moon sometimes the tide comes over the grass, two days never the same, special climate
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