

6. Diary 1927 ~ a holiday in Minehead

This is a jolly account of a happy holiday taken by two sisters, Rose and Nellie Morris, in Minehead, a seaside resort in Somerset in the West of England. The diary begins with Rose and Nellie catching the train at Paddington. The next twenty-five pages are packed with an



account of their holiday adventures in and around Minehead. The handwriting is very clear, in pencil. There is a picture of Minehead market square inserted on the first page.

Anybody who chooses to study this diary would need to research the history of the seaside holiday, especially in Britain. When did people begin to pack up their bucket and spade and swimming costume and head for the sands? It's a fascinating history, and Rose and Nellie Morris were part of it. Here's a link to Minehead's history: <http://www.minehead-online.co.uk/>



The diary doesn't relate directly to any of the weekly topics, but if you choose to work on it, it would be interesting to compare it to one of the diaries by Miss C.M. Gaskell, later Mrs Constance Sharps: the cheerful jaunt of two ordinary sisters from London off for a short seaside break compared to the worldly-wise perceptions and experiences of a wealthy, educated upper-class Englishwoman for whom a two or three-month cruise on a luxury ocean liners seems to have been a fixed part of her social year – though always as an unaccompanied passenger, whether before or after marriage [Diaries no.10, 19, 20 and 21].