

East End Community & Voluntary Sector Forum

Time Line

Year	UK and World Events	Community Events	Personal Events
1860	.	St Michael's, Byker built	
1900		St Anthony's, Walker built	
1901	Queen Victoria dies after 60 year reign		
1902	.		Grandmother born. Lived in a caravan under Byker Bridge
1910			Mam born in Byker at the Salvation Army. From her birth, she had a good life, lived to be 86, had a big family and was a good mother.
1912	Sinking of <i>Titanic</i>		Great-grandparents moved to Walker from Ireland
1914	Outbreak of World War I	Hexham Avenue built	Peter Giles, a 17 year old Byker lad, shot as a deserter, by comrades, for being back late from leave.
1918	World War I ends		
1920		Walker Estate & Rochester Building built	My Granny moved here from Ireland.
1921			I was born 28th May

192?	Wall Street Crash - start of Depression	Population of Byker (including St Anthony's and St Anne's) was 43,000. <i>Population of Byker in 2002 - 8,500.</i>	
192?		Velvet City demolished	
1930			I was born in Walker Road, near Ouseburn Glasshouse Bridge and attended Ouseburn School.
1930s		Pits closed down. Various spice, egg & kipper factories in Ouseburn. Broken Kippers Pottery Bank and St Anthony's Estate built. Shipbuilding ongoing	
1933	Jarrow March	Building started on St Martin's Church, Byker Cambrian Estate, Diamond Row built.	
1937		Holy Jesus Hospital residents move to Spital Tongues	Born late 1930s at Kirkwhelpington
1939	Outbreak of World War II	Air raids People say nearly every street in Byker had a theatre	I was married

1940			In the 40s we all had to sleep together in one bed with an army blanket and slippy mat or coat to cover ourselves up to keep warm
1940s		Bombing of Goods Station Shieldfield and East End.	
194?		<p>The sugar warehouse was bombed and went up in flames - the whole East End smelt of toffee for days.</p> <p>Gas tank fire started by incendiary bomb.</p> <p>Naval yard bombed.</p>	Born in Byker and lived in one room with Mam, Dad and two sisters till I was 7 years old.
1945	World War II ends		
1950			<p>Married and moved to Gosforth</p> <p>I remember we would get the tram from Byker down to Walker</p>
1950s		<p>Food rationing continues after the war</p> <p>Mid 1950s, Hungarians and Czechs move to the area</p> <p>Shipbuilding starts to decline</p>	In the 50s we would go and have fun at the local church where the vicar would let us have records to play and have a dance with the lads who the girls had crushes on

1953	Coronation of Elizabeth II		Moved to Walker and had a proper house when I was 7 We got our first TV We had a street party for the Queen's crowning. We all got a mug.
1955			I was born
1960		All local cinemas close down St Anthony's house built	
1960s		Development of new estates on outskirts of city - people move out.	Several of us born in 60s. 2 daughters born
1961	Start of Beatlemania	Maling Pottery closes early 60s	I moved to live in Heaton with my grandparents. Went to my first dance
196?	Cuban Missile Crisis		
1963	Assassination of John F Kennedy		
1965		St Michael's, Byker site redeveloped in mid 1960s.	
1968	British Army moves into Northern Ireland Outbreak of Vietnam War		
1970		Byker Wall development starts Community Development starts in Byker	Joined Residents' Group

1970s	Lads still got jobs in shipyards and docks through dads and uncles ?Local shops: Parrishes, Wilks, Evan, Pledges, Hardys, Woollies. Late 70s: closure of shipyards	Mum worked in Parrishes Reached pension age Mother died Son born
1975	Belmont Methodist Church built	
1979	Thatcher government elected Newcastle Women's Aid begins Walker Health Project starts Byker City Farm opens	Founder member of Community Association - still going Met my partner
1980		I was born Became active in community
1980s	Cheap package holidays available World economic recession	Decline of docks High levels of youth alienation and unemployment
1980s		83 - first child; 84 married & bought first house; 85 - second child 84 - first married; 87 - first daughter
1982	Falklands War	Moved back to North East Visited Byker as a student
1983		Had my first child
1984	Miners' strike	
1985	Live Aid	Father died; I moved to Whitley Bay 5 grandchildren born

1986	Community Care Act Chernobyl	National Trust launches Youth Project in Newcastle Parrishes closes	
1989			I bought a house in Walker Vale
1990		East End Parent & Toddler Forum forms	I move back to Newcastle
1990s			90 - married; 92 - first child; 94 - second child; 96 - third child 93 - first child; 94 - start work in Byker
1991	91 & 92 - Riots in Newcastle and Liverpool Gulf War		
1993	Berlin Wall comes down	Youth exchange to Hungary	
1995		Women Away forms BARC move to 11-13 Raby Cross	Golden Wedding
1996	National Lottery starts	Byker Residents' Forum East End Partnership starts Thomas Gaughan Community Centre and West Walker Community Wing open	Start work in East End
1997	Labour elected	Byker Sands Family Centre opens Ouseburn Partnership starts	
1998		Byker Community Education Project opens	Began post in community
1999	Regional dispersal of asylum seekers begins	Going for Growth starts	Started uni

2000		National Trust Inner City Project moves to Holy Jesus Hospital	Started working in Walker Second child born Second time at uni
2000s		Much less employment - lack of choice Money-rich private development alongside the Tyne	
2001	Sept 11th World Trade Center War in Afghanistan	East Area Asylum Seekers' Group starts	
2002		East End Partnership ends	