

**P1046 Wick Gala Queens**

**RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT**

Reference number: **GB1741/P1046**  
Alternative reference number: -  
Title: Wick Gala Queens  
Dates of creation: 1960-2014  
Level of description: Fonds  
Extent: 1 box  
Format: Photograph, paper

**RECORDS' CONTEXT**

Name of creators: Wick Gala Committee  
Administrative history: Photographs and details of Wick Gala Queens and respective attendants from 1960 to 2014. The Photographs were given to Wick Gala Committee for a previous display.  
Custodial history: Deposited by the Wick Gala Committee

**RECORDS' CONTENT**

Description: In 1937 a sub-committee of the Wick Riverside and Town Improvements was formed to try and bring a little pageantry to the town as herring fishing had dwindled over the previous years. They came up with the idea of having a Herring Queen and Procession.  
  
In 1953 the responsibility of the pageant was handed back to the Wick Riverside and Town Improvements Committee as the sub-committee thought it pointless to continue with a Herring Queen when so little herring were being landed in the port.  
  
The Wick Town Improvements committee introduced Wick Gala Week as we know it in 1954 and it continues to this day (2024).

Appraisal: -  
Accruals: None expected

**RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE**

Access: Open

Closed until: -

Access conditions: Available within the archive searchroom

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available within the archive searchroom and online

### **ALLIED MATERIALS**

Related material: P172 - Wick Herring Queen, souvenir programmes  
P273 - Souvenir Programme for the Wick Herring Queen Pageant  
P634/1/11 - 'Grandma Remembers: A Caithness Childhood' by Jane Waite  
P874/1 - Ray Richards Herring Queen  
P921/3/1 - Black and white postcards of the Herring Queen, Wick  
WS/15 - Wick Herring Queen and Gala

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<b>P1046</b>	<b>Wick Gala Queens</b>	<b>1960-2014</b>
P1046/1	Photographs and captions covering the Wick Gala Queens and their attendants (1 bundle)	1960-1990
P1046/2	Photographs and captions covering the Wick Gala Queens and their attendants. (1 bundle)	1991-2014