# Armchair Ramble

I was due to give a presentation at the History Group AGM of a selection from Maurice Criddle's collection of postcards which is now held at the Museum.

Due to the Coronavirus this did not happen.

I have put the postcards together in the form of a ramble round Dawlish from the comfort of your armchair, a scroll rather than a stroll.

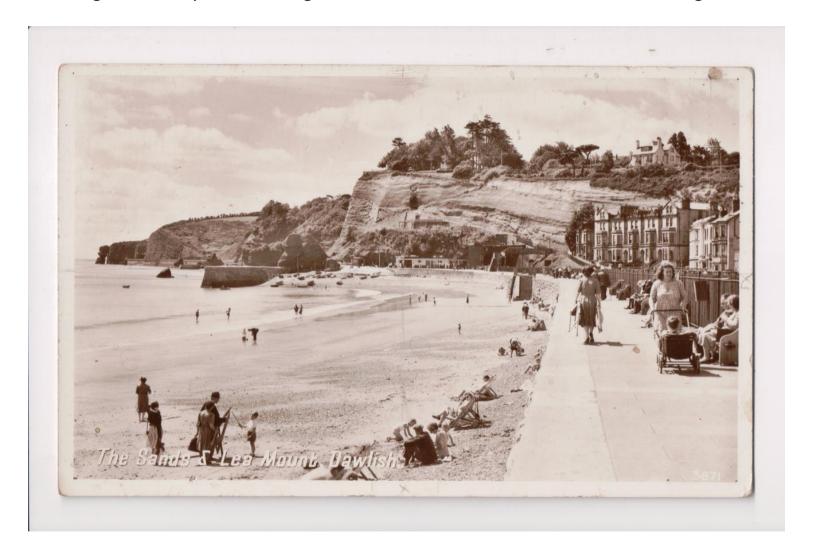
I do not have the dates of when the pictures were taken and we will jump about a bit in time.

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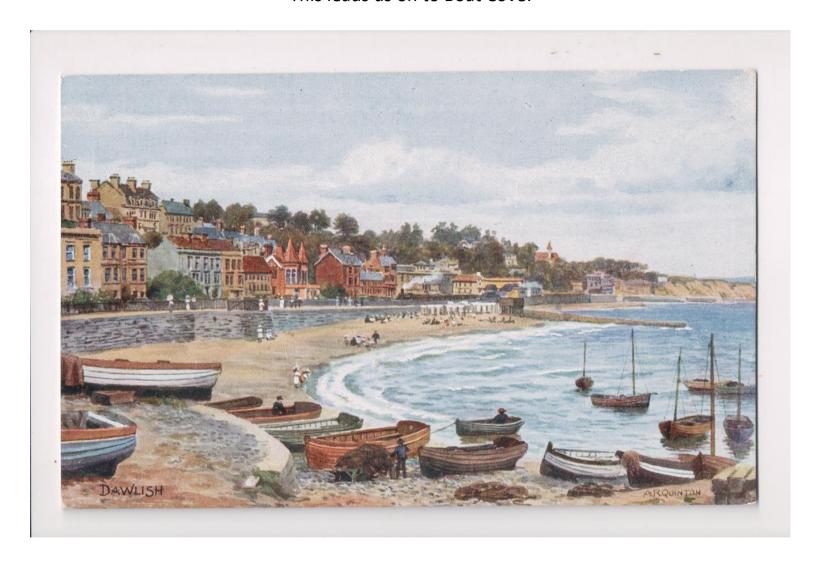
We start by looking out of the Royal Hotel down Marine Parade with Lea Mount in the background.



Having left the Royal Hotel and gone under the viaduct we find ourselves on King's Walk.



This leads us on to Boat Cove.



Continuing along the front and up the steps towards Lea Mount we look down on Coryton Cove.



Once on Lea Mount we get a good view of Dawlish and the sea front.



Having left Lea Mount we can proceed down West Cliff towards the centre of Dawlish.



### At the bottom of the hill we arrive at Tuck's Plot.



Moving onto Jubilee Bridge we look over the model boats on the Brook to the Lawn.



Crossing the Bridge and along Piermont Place we can make our way up the Strand.



At the top of the Strand we turn right into Queen Street and pass Cox's Drapers shop.



We go along Park Road and Old Town Street to the bottom of Badlake Hill.



## And to our left is Bridge House.



From there going along Church Street takes us to St. Gregory's, the picture in the postcard is from the time when the church was called St. Michael's.



Going from St. Gregory's towards the sea we can drop down through Manor Gardens to the brook, I think the buildings in the postcard are in the area that is now Wedlake Mews.



Crossing the road we go down Brunswick Place and over the water onto the Lawn, looking across what is now the bowling green.



Continuing down the Lawn we see the Congregational Church, now the URC and Strand Centre, to our left.



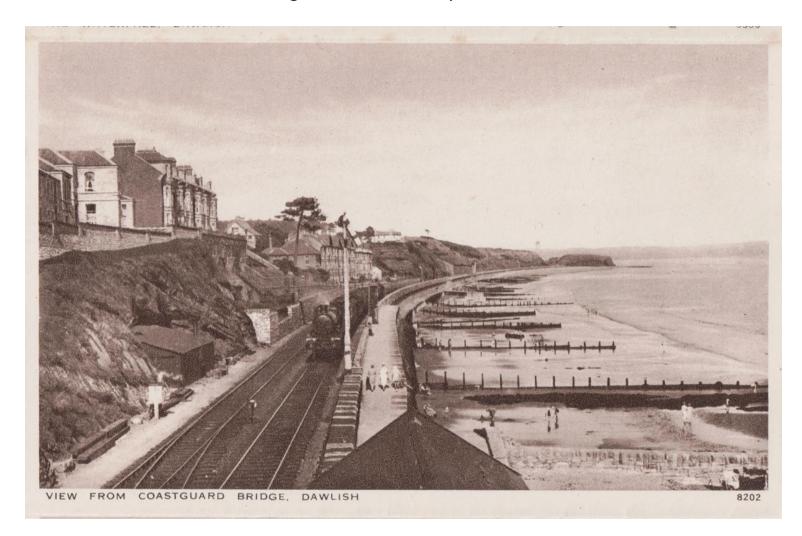
And to the right St. Mark's Church which I believe was closed and demolished in the 1970s.



Making our way onto Exeter Road we go right onto the path that takes us to the Coastguard Station.



Across the bridge we make our way down to the Sea Wall.



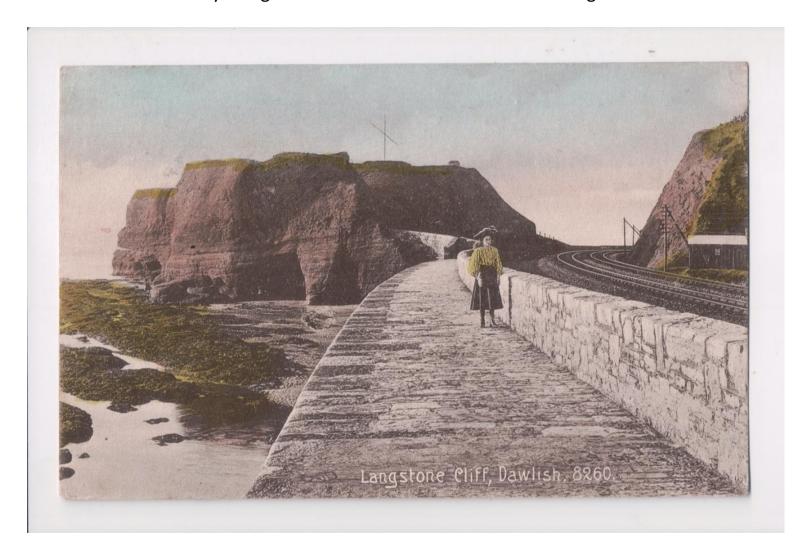
#### Once on the Sea Wall there is a chance to relax!



At the far end of the Sea Wall from the top of Langstone Cliff there is a good view back to Dawlish.



On our way along to the Warren we can look back at Langstone Cliff.



Looking at the Warren it is bit different from what we see today and interestingly the postcard is labelled as:

At the Warren, Exmouth



From the Warren we go up Pleasant Road and pass the Mount Pleasant Inn on our left.



It is a fair distance from the Mount Pleasant Inn along Warren Road to the Exeter Road.



#### And back to Dawlish where we started.

