

Andy Wilcox	Interviewed by Roundhay School students
2.45	Feel very loyal to Oakwood. Delivered newspapers. Grew up here. Met up at clock. Played football and cricket. Met girls there. Born in Liverpool and moved to Leeds at the bottom of Easterly Road aged two. Moved to Gledhow Wood Avenue from 12 until I got married. House prices – bought at £1650 in 1959, now worth about £440,000. Families used to be bigger in size.
4.15	We lived in small cul de sac and there were about 30 kids in the street. From age 5/6 up to secondary school, all playing was done outdoors. It was great – bikes, football (used tennis balls).
7.15	Used to have different shops, now everything is in Tesco.
8.45	Was a stronger sense of community then. Some people on the estate don't know each other. I make sure older people are looked after. They do feel more vulnerable and less able to cope.
11.30	Oakwood hasn't changed that much socially. It has evolved. Library was the police station. Bargain Booze was sweetshop and newsagent. Everyone has cars to get to supermarket. Cars have changed the world. More people did work locally.
14.45	Used to have Blackburn factory and factories down the bottom. Had full employment after the war. Not so many imported products. Bought home products. World markets meant local factories shut. Products cheaper now, so have less value to people.
18.00	Remember first lad at school with a turban. People looked at him like he was a Martian! Don't give it a thought now.
21.15	Fiona and Emily. Have lived both sides of Oakwood. Spent a lot of time in Roundhay Park. Oakwood has changed because of the car. Before that, people walked to the shops and they got to know each other. More friendly, a togetherness. I help to run a small development at the back of Tropical World so I know the older people.
24.30	Used to play Cowboys and Indians – played out all the time. Bottom of Dib Lane – people stayed there for years. We moved because of the four kids. Played cricket all summer long. Did boxing in winter.
31.30	Community events – Children's Day, organised by Council, schools took part and the park was absolutely full. Egg and spoon racing etc. A good time. No TVs until the Coronation. Ellie and Sophie. For 22 years I lived in Cleckheaton but otherwise I've been here all my life. Music – mother was a semi professional singer and pianist – sang songs from shows. At 7 I was sent for violin lessons. I used the violin as a sledge! Sister bought rock n roll records – Elvis, Bill Haley. Friend's parents had radiogram – listened to Hound Dog on it. What a sound! Remember it like it was yesterday. Always people singing in our car. Saw Rolling Stones. Wife saw Beatles in Leeds.
33.45	Simone and Edina. Favourite memory – meeting my new wife. Favourite record – Del Shannon, Runaway. Other favourites – helping people, doing good deeds. I live in a communal development of 80 properties. Most kids now do activities indoors.

39.45	Parents didn't want us in the house!
	My two best friends ended up in Harrogate.
	I worked at old Woolworth store and also ran bacon stall in market.
43.15	Children's Day, then became Printers' Sports Gala. Would be good to have it today.
44.45	Clock – got scaffolding up today. We used to meet there when younger – would meet girls there.