

Barry Cloughton	Interviewed by David Donaldson 16.10.14
4.00	<p>Born 1935 at 40 Arlington Road. Lived in area all his life except for 9 years beginning 1953. Very much a local lad. Went to Coldcotes School. Took scholarship and went to Roundhay School. Stayed right through Sixth Form. Always walked to school. No traffic because it was wartime. Mr Bowles was my teacher – 40 odd children in class. Infants school – one half for Gipton Estate and one half for the others. Then we went to Juniors. All wore clogs at one time – time of rationing.</p> <p>Athletics – took part in Children’s Day at Roundhay Park. Did 100 yds and shuttle relay. A great event in those days. Walked to Roundhay School through Gipton Wood. Sometimes came home for lunch. Staff sometimes played bowls at Roundhay School in lunchtimes. I enjoyed school, was a bit lazy. Played rugby for under 14s and 15s. Joined cadet force. Officer in charge was Major Hinchcliffe. He taught me history. I was in Air Force section. Played bugle in Corps band. Played Last Post and Reveille when war memorial was dedicated.</p>
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7.00	<p>All the boys in Arlington Road did things together. Went to Sunday school at Ladywood Church. Cubs / Scouts etc. Played in the street, no traffic.</p> <p>Had air raid shelters on the road and played cricket against them. Played cricket in Gipton Wood. Played parallel to Copgrove Road. Sledged in the wood. Gipton Wood Road became a sheet of ice so we played on that. 1947 winter – built an igloo.</p>
10.45	<p>Scouts quarry or Limehills (now Seacroft estate). Scouting – went camping etc. Geoff Lawson was Scoutmaster. Went to Kearby on back of a lorry with gear. Collapsible canoe on River Wharfe. Large bull came into camp once. Very pleasant childhood.</p>
13.00	<p>Had an Anderson shelter in back garden – went in during raids. Bomb whistled over and landed over Easterly Road. Could see glows of fire from bedroom window and got shrapnel in the street.</p>
17.30	<p>Then got indoor air raid shelter. Shelters demolished post war by teams of Irish navvies. Got flying scholarship in cadets. Learnt to fly a Tiger Moth as a 17 year old boy. From Leeds Bradford airport. Got my pilot’s licence. Did gliding as well.</p>
19.00	<p>Father had a draper’s shop in Harehills. Stoney Rock Lane – grandparents had shop pre-war. Made shirts, overalls, aprons. Closed during war but Harehills Lane shop stayed open. Shop doing very well. Area of Burtons factory – women came out at lunchtime to shop. Brother eventually took it over.</p>
20.00	<p>Arlington Road house bought from new. Brother opened draper’s shop in Oakwood, run by sister in law. Oakwood thriving then.</p>
25.00	<p>Old buildings – cobbler’s shop – cobbler had deformed legs. 3 chemists. Butchers, fish and chip shop. We shopped on Easterly Road parade, not in Oakwood. VE Day – bonfire in Gipton Wood Place – piled high with old trees and rubbish. Burned a hole in tarmac! VJ Day – another bonfire – burnt a second hole in road!</p>
30.00	<p>Father had a car, owned by grandfather. A Morris 10 that was laid up during the war. Petrol rationing. Holidays – a week in Bridlington. Wore school uniform with short trousers. Had grey flannels and Harris tweed jackets in our teens.</p> <p>Trams were great things. Enormous speed – could get so many people on a tram. Wife lived at 41 Oakwood Avenue – would push baby and put pram with driver at the front, go up one stop, take the pram off, to watch football matches.</p>
31.30	<p>Soldiers’ Field fenced off early 1950s and cattle grazed on it. Went past them with our band and caused them to stampede.</p> <p>Trams turned round in a loop at Oakwood, around the clock. Air raid shelters built on Soldiers’ Field – still a hump there.</p>
34.00	<p>Parents worked at Blackburns. Father a carpenter making aeroplanes and mother worked on the office – that’s where they met.</p> <p>A propeller was still in the tree from where the test pilot was killed.</p> <p>Joined Young People’s Fellowship at church, which is where we first met girls.</p> <p>Thriving. 15-18/19 year olds. Weekly meeting with a talk, including one on Socrates!</p>

39.30	<p>Once a month had a social evening. Had the odd party dance.</p> <p>Went to church Sunday evening then go to the park in the evening afterwards. I still meet up with some of the couples. Some went to the Astoria but I went away to do National Service.</p>
43.30	<p>Got first TV in 1953. All neighbours and friends gathered to watch the Coronation.</p> <p>Roundhay School was for boys. Roundhay High School was for girls. A different world. Had to work hard. Had to wear school cap and uniform. Very formal. Mr Farrow was Headmaster. Assemblies, hymns and prayers. Large Jewish population. They had a separate assembly. 40 minute lessons. Had Saturday morning lessons when I started. No soccer, all rugby and then cricket in the summer. In bad weather did cross country running across Soldiers' Field and through Roundhay Park. 5 miles was the long course – arduous.</p>
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52.00	<p>Went straight from 4th form into the 6th form. The 6th form met in the Mansion. Girls strictly separate from the boys. Rifle range in the school, through armoured doors. Wonderful building – was a fire in the basement but easily contained. Got a job teaching at the High School after working in London. 3 men on the staff. Hard work. Standard was amazingly high.</p>
59.30 1:01:30	<p>1972 became a combined school. Nice atmosphere in the school. Became a comprehensive. Old schools pulled down.</p>