

Dale Kitching	Interviewed by Edna Murray
1.15 2.45 4.15 5.30 6.00	<p>Born in 1954 up the Gledhow Valley Road. Lived in area since birth. Oakwood – used to go to fish and chip shop. Joined Air Training Corps in Oakwood. Went there Tues and Friday nights and still does, as a civilian instructor with ATC. Grandfather was first officer commanding – George William Thomas Hartwell – 208 Sqn – called the Blackburns in 1941. Strong links with Blackburn Aircraft. Father, Eric Kitching was a cadet there and met his mother Colleen there. ATC has been based in 3 or 4 different places but always in Oakwood.</p> <p>Also has an army cadet force there. Dale was cadet in late 1960s. There were 2 hangars, they built a hovercraft and zoomed around the hangar. Had parts of aircraft at Towerhurst – a B2 without wings. Had visits by Robert Blackburn. Has an aerial shot of Blackburn site. In late 1920s used to push aircraft up to Roundhay Park to take off.</p> <p>Dale remembers last trams and taking the tram to visit his grandparents in Harehills.</p> <p>Oakwood has retained a lot of its essence with the clock at its centre.</p> <p>Went to Leeds Modern Boys School (now Lawnswood school) on ring road. Used the facilities at Roundhay School for lifesaving awards.</p> <p>Went to Children’s Day and did maypole dancing. Saw cycling there. Parade used to go on Old Park Road on way to the park.</p>