

Graham Latty	Interviewed by Edna Murray 16.2.15
2.00	Born in Roundhay at Four Gables. Stayed for most of childhood. Talbot Road County Primary School – Mrs Gray was Headteacher. Then went to Roundhay High School.
3.15	Passed clock on tram. Had to walk up to Parade of shops. 3 circular tram. Could get off tram in middle of Soldiers' Fields. Could get out of school at lunchtimes when older – went to fish and chip shop. Could afford chips and scratchings and sit under clock.
5.45	First girl I walked home, I said goodbye and had to walk all the way back to Shaftsbury Ave. Chemist on Street Lane, sweet shop, shoe shop. Friends with Cedric – he went to a different school but at 14 he came back to Roundhay School to take GCSEs. I used to meet Cedric at clock when he was at other school. Car park not there then so it was nicer. Lovely clock with nice seating. Could arrange to meet a girl there (1950s).
7.30	Went to Roundhay School in 1947 at age 11, with Mr Farrah as Headteacher, until 1954. Then went to Art College. Late 1940s people behaved differently. There were more trams and fewer cars. 1957 – went for National Service and when I came back there were no trams. Changed seats over when coming back. I called some of them Coronation Trams, the posh ones.
10.30	Shops were old fashioned. School – Mr Haworth took over as Headteacher, a disciplinarian. Jimmy Gentles took English and gave me a detention. Mr Charlesworth was Geography teacher, he used to beat you. Mansion in school grounds. An old stone house. First formers were in that building. Over the wall was the girls' school. It was totally forbidden to look over that wall!
14.00	Had to play rugby – was lousy at it. Did cross country running. No football. Cricket in summer. A super school. Went back to borrow chairs when I was in my late 30s. What a difference. Place was looking flea bitten. (Before new school was built).
18.15	Worked in Roundhay at P K Motors. Started with Mercantile Credit, then Forward Trust (in York, as Branch Manager). Then took a pub for four years. Then went into retail – Jack Tordoff, JCT600, as a finance man. Then P K Motors – they were based on Street Lane near the pub. Had always been a Conservative. Wife and I moved to Rawdon. Got Agent's job in mid 90s, Agent for Sir Giles Shaw. Then I got elected after 10 years.
20.00	Roundhay Park – Cedric and I spent all our time there. Park Rd and golf course – woods on the right of the little lake. Had a walk all through the woods – bird life.
21.00	Saw my first woodpecker there. A little café. Little stone folly – black stone. I remember big lake being drained. Never got a boat. Remember a lad falling in and drowning. Remember Mansion being revamped. Magnificent building. Events – Hill 60 and Arena. As quite a small child lived at 142 Roman Avenue, near the top. 6 or 7 kids used to go to Roundhay Park and roll down Hill 60. I got a nasty cut from a bottle on my leg. Talbot School – had slides and I fell over and banged my eye. I hid my face so it

26.30	couldn't be seen!
31.00	Children's Day – we could walk there. Watched cricket matches there and cycling. Canal Gardens – Coronation House – no pub across the road then. Olympia Works – produced bits of aircraft during the war. Father was a commercial traveller. Worked until he was 70. Was Chief Traveller. Mother stayed at home.