

Janet Sheehan	Interviewed by Sharon Donaldson 29.10.14
2.00	<p>Lived on Oakwell Mount. Born Harehills. In 1972 returned to Oakwood, to Red Lodge Close - new houses. Special because father had lived on Oakwood Lane when houses were built in the early 1930s. Father told story of building of Easterly Road. He was the first with a car and wove in and out of the trees on way into Leeds.</p> <p>Moved to Oakwell Mount 1989. Children born in last house. Came to playgroup at Parochial Hall then to Roundhay St John's School. Were involved in school when it moved to new premises and in its design. Children went to Allerton Grange School. Janet went to Brownhills School on Harehills Lane then Parklands at Seacroft.</p>
5.15	<p>Would take tram up Roundhay Road to Oakwood. Remembered Claughton's shop. Parents had a shop – Robinson's Fashion Corner. Busy during the time of Burtons Tailors who were a big employer in the area – swarms of people went along Harehills Lane. Busy in shop. Fewer people as Burtons got smaller. Sold up 1966 and moved to Boston Spa.</p>
7.00	<p>Used to visit friends in Oakwood area and Roundhay Park. Came to Children's Day. Didn't take part in it but mother did in 1920s. A big event. Went to park with parents until she was a teenager when she went to open air pool on Wetherby Road. Did revision for O Levels there – long sunny days. Sad day when it closed down.</p>
7.15	<p>Went there when it was a paddling pool with her children. Walked around lake quite a lot. Could go on rowing boats and a steamer you could go on. Remembers old café that burnt down. It was where children's playground is now.</p>
9.30	<p>Oakwood Lane – we lived in Fearnville Avenue for 13 years. Houses built between 1930 and up to current day. Ours was a new house built in gardens of a house built by an inventor of automatic garage doors.</p>
10.30	<p>In Oakwood there was a butchers, fruit shops, chemists. Era when people did shopping locally.</p> <p>Father had 2 older brothers who worked at Kershaws who were precision engineers. Uncles produced TV sets. First broadcast was November 1936, the day her parents got married in Harehills. Had a Monday wedding because mother's brother was a butcher and couldn't shut the shop.</p>