

Judith Blake	Interviewed by Edna Murray 31.3.15
1.30	<p>Grew up near Oakwood, between Oakwood and Harehills. Mum moved to Oakwood aged 2. Early memories – refusing to be strapped into buggy and then falling out of it in Oakwood.</p>
4.00	<p>Went shopping on Parade every week. Orders were delivered on bikes from grocers shop. First supermarket I went to was Safeway. Bought bubblegum at old Post Office.</p>
5.00	<p>Dentist – Mr Olvers – upstairs on Parade, did fillings with no anaesthetic in the late 50s, early 60s. Grandma had had all her teeth taken out, common in those days. Mr Olver’s son took over and he believed in anaesthetics!</p>
6.45	<p>Oakwood clock was the meeting place in the area for young people. There was carving on the panelling. Would head off on bikes from there. Collected little fish from lake. Swimming baths outside – freezing. Got chips and scraps from chippy on way home. Shop used in film ‘Yanks’.</p>
9.15	<p>Don’t live in Oakwood anymore but memories go deep. Astoria – opened a small bar underneath – went to Keyhole Bar.</p>
	<p>Oakwood has an incredibly strong community. A place where people want to stop and shop.</p>
	<p>Is now Deputy Leader of the Council.</p>
	<p>Talked to my mum about her experiences at Roundhay High School – she was permanently in bother. Went to Lidgett Lane Primary School, now Gledhow Primary School.</p>
	<p>Open air swimming pool, had cabins and slats on stand on. Had a sweet machine selling Murray Mints. We all used to hang about together.</p>
	<p>Mother and sister both had wedding receptions at the Mansion. Library – lots of memories of having to behave and be quiet. Remembers old factory site – after the war they kept their air raid siren which they used when it was break time. Had people living close by who had a firework business. They used to store fireworks in a brick shed in Gledhow Valley Woods.</p>