

Marshall Capel	Interviewed by Edna Murray 1.12.14
2.30	I'm a Leeds lad born and bred. Born 1947. Lived in St Martin's Ave. 1951 moved to Churton Grove behind Clock Cinema. 1953 – Gaythorne Terrace, then 345 Roundhay Road. Married 1968. Moved to Moortown then to Nursery Lane until 1996, then back to Oakwood to Oakhampton Court. Then to Birkby Grange Farm for 12 years. Lives in Park Avenue now. Enjoys Roundhay Park.
3.30	9 <sup>th</sup> birthday – had 3 guineas and got tram to town. Went to toyshop in Mecca Arcade and bought 3 foot long torpedo boat with 2 propellers and an electric engine. Went to little lake on Roundhay Park and stayed until dark.
6.15	Bonfire Night – firework displays. Would stand in front of Mansion, over 50 years ago. Big lake – took rowing boats out and had 2 diesel engine launches there. Little lake – paddle boats for kids. Always wanted 'Dan', my favourite. Went to old lakeside café. New one used to be a boathouse. 2 – 300 people could be seated. Children's Day – procession started at Town Hall and ended at the Arena. Maypole Day, he represented Harehills County Primary School.
11.30	Went to Roundhay School for boys. I wasted a good education there. I was in form 6f, which was the lowest form. Wanted to get out of school and make money. One of the best schools in Leeds. Left school with no GCSEs. Went into family baking business in Chapel St, Halton. Started own business on Roundhay Rd. The Jolly Bakers. Supplied oven cakes to Leeds Market. Got 3 bakeries, in Leeds, Doncaster and Wigan. Also baked cakes and supplied every major supermarket chain.
14.30	Went back to see Form Master at school. Went with friend Murray Collins – Murray was wealthy then. Roundhay Road bakery was opposite Blind School. Oakwood Clock memories. I cycled to school – it rained often and I sheltered under the clock. Did paper round – did the round behind the paper shop. Runaway tram – it careered down Roundhay Road and it ran onto main road. Remember them towing the tram back onto the rails. I used to go to the Jewish school and the fare was a penny (half fare) for 3 stops. Went up to a penny ha'penny. Oakwood, Gipton Woods, and I got off at the stop after that.
16.30	
17.45	Fish and chip shop. A treat on a Thursday night. Then to Clock cinema for matinée. Astoria, did afternoon tea downstairs. Remember ballroom upstairs. Went to weddings, charity dos. Had The Tremors, with Rodney Brooks the singer. Bought new swimming trunks every year from the men's shop on Parade. Oakwood was my home for 14 years. Every shop was proprietor owned. Surprised that major supermarkets have opened 7/11s. Very useful for locals. 1980s was an absence of grocers in the area. Norman C Ashton built our home on Roundhay Road. Norman Ashton took on Turnways Garage, he named it.
24.45	Bought pens and sold them to save up for honeymoon.
26.00	Played in woods. Gipton Wood Rd. All kids living opposite Ditchburns went looking for broken trees for Bonfire Night. Towed them to the bonfire. Also Gledhow Valley Woods and Gipton Woods. Gipton Woods thicker now than 50

29.30	<p>years ago.</p> <p>Am interested in trams and trains. Could sit up for hours taking numbers of trams. No 151 my favourite. Leeds bought redundant trams from London. 601, 602, 603 – single deckers, purple.</p> <p>Trams stopped running along Street Lane first. Terminus up Easterly Road and a turn round at Roundhay Park. Stopped 1957 I think. Remember last tram. I stayed up to watch it. Tram tracks not good for cars, got stuck.</p> <p>Children's Day processions were fabulous events. Would drive around the Arena – 30 or more floats. Always stopped momentarily at the Clock. I remember toilets being built in the 1950s. Farmers market a lovely feature.</p>
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