

Ray Hudson	Interviewed by Edna Murray 19.1.15
	<p>Born in Crossgates in 1931. Went to Roundhay School. Met wife and came back to Gledhow and stayed for 53 years. Went to Roundhay School in 1940 and stayed through war. Left 1945. Went back to Crossgates after school.</p> <p>Played snooker and joined Home Guard Club in 1969.</p> <p>Oakwood has changed. Bus used to turn in island in Oakwood, with police box on it. Clock has been moved slightly since those days.</p>
3.30	Shops – Freddy Plummers owned a club. Became a member there. Fish and chip
4.30	shop famous. Had friends who worked at Co-op. Rico's – small snooker club above there that opened in 1911 and a few notorious people in that club. Was a shop below it.
6.15	Freddy Plummers furniture shop. Shops changed so often.
7.00	Roundhay Park has changed. Was a house on edge of Soldiers' Field. Father drew it and he sketched people in the park. Went to park as a boy to see Tattoo. Blackburn flew planes from there. Remembers Blackburn Aircraft factory.
8.15	
10.00	From Oakwood Lane there was a ginnel to open air swimming pool. Back of hospital, Newton Road, built a school where gentlemen's club was. Owned by Horace Wood.
11.30	Home Guard Club opened 1942. Next to fish shop there was a garage, then it became a bank.
12.45	A murder in the toilets. Found a body behind. 2 young boys were found guilty. Toilets became place for homosexuality. 2 boys now released.
14.45	Home Guard Club – play one another. A few outside matches, not many. Police came one night – have to be invited in. They didn't know club existed. Small private club. You have to be nominated to join, proposed and seconded, then go in front of committee. Well established. Trying to attract new members. I'm an honorary life member.
17.30	
19.30	Astoria – Elmhurst Club had its closing down do at the Astoria. Well known and liked but limited parking. Same for our club. Parking is a problem in Oakwood.
20.45	Roundhay Park – used to be a water chute there. Rowing. Had 2 launches on the lake. Talk that there is ammunition at the bottom of the lake from the First World War. Fishing – pike – 2 fishermen fished for pike to get numbers down and caught
21.45	108 in a year. Problem with Cormorants now. Lots of fish louse on the minnows. Drained lake at one point because it was dangerous and it was above swimming pool. Caught people skinny dipping in pool at midnight. Climbed in illegally. Well used in summer.
26.00	War changed life. Joined Army Cadets at school. Was there when Arthur Aaron got awarded VC. Quite a big do at school. Arthur's brother was cross country runner.
28.45	Blackburn factory closed down not long after war. Looked like huge nissen hut. Saw planes in the sky.
34.45	Trams – some on a circular route like the buses today. Trams fantastic in the fog, because of tracks. They rocked and came racing down tracks. Went from Crossgates to bottom of York Road for 2 and a half old pence single trip. First wage in 1946 was one pound two and sixpence as a decorator working with father.

Got my City and Guilds.

Worked for Thistle Hotels in London for last 6 years of working life from age 63 to 69. Aged 84 now. Has one son, one daughter and 2 grandsons.

I've seen this estate built. Lidgett Lane. Were farm buildings there. It was an unadopted road. Shanders Terrace. Gledhow School wasn't there when they moved in.

Would like to have something done about speeding on Lidgett Lane – difficult to cross road. 3 schools there – like a racetrack.