

Rod Morgan	Interviewed by Edna Murray 16.3.15
1.45	<p>Aged 71. Lived in Oakwood as a child and went to Roundhay School. 1953 came to Leeds in Coronation year. Came out of Leeds on tram, up to Oakwood past the clock. Moved into staff accommodation because parents were in service at a house in Park Ave, for Polish man George Stross. Dad was chauffeur / handyman and mum was cook / housekeeper.</p> <p>Travelled to Harehills to school on tram past clock every day. Area very different then. Tram tracks up west side of clock. Livestock in fields, mainly cows. Walked across fields, once had to move cattle out the way.</p> <p>Fish and chip shop, chrome window.</p> <p>Moved from Roundhay to Chapeltown so then commuted the other way. Always busy around the clock.</p>
3.45	<p>At grammar school 1955 to 1962. Pupils sat around clock in summer. Roundhay was an all boys grammar school. Blazers green and in Sixth Form could wear black or green. Had to wear cap – black, green and white with a metal badge.</p> <p>Motto – we seek virtue.</p>
6.00	<p>Roundhay Park – military tattoo in arena although we didn't see it. Weekly cycle races. Events on lake, speed boat racing. Crazy Gang. Went into park a lot. Did cross country and ran through park and over ring road.</p> <p>Remember outdoor swimming pool. An acquaintance, James Parnam, he was a fabulous diver on high boards at pool. Folly in park.</p>
8.00	<p>Remember pub with bowling green at the back. The Gipton.</p> <p>Remember Astoria. Went occasionally. Went to see Chris Farlowe, You're out of Time. Have clearer memories of Fforde Grene and Harehills.</p>
11.45	<p>Always seemed to be sunny in recollections. Boys and girls schools separate but could meet at clock. Old Mansion house between schools – used as teaching space. Shared the swimming pool. Swimming lesson every week.</p> <p>Was in Combined Cadet Force at school. Headmaster saw Roundhay as a rugby school. Teacher organised 5 a side lessons outside but was told off by Headteacher – a rugby school not soccer school.</p>
13.15	<p>Form teacher Mr Ferguson. In charge of RAF section. Headteacher Mr Haworth – unpopular, a real disciplinarian. Monthly marks were published and each month end the number 1s were paraded in front of assembly. Cadet Force – 3<sup>rd</sup> formers joined army cadets for a year of basic training then could go into navy or RAF section.</p>
16.15	<p>Could be a conscientious objector. I went through RAF route. It was during school time. Very helpful training – navigation, annual camps, went flying, exercises and activities. Did private pilot's licence at Leeds Bradford airport.</p>
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18.30	<p>Park Avenue – was an annual Scout event where they held soapbox derbys – go kart races. Remember Tour of Britain finishing at Roundhay Park. Annual Children's Day – helped out with Scouts. A police horse event in arena. We helped with stewarding.</p>