

Joyce White
<p>Born 1936. Started off in Alwoodley. Lived in Copgrove Road from the age of 11. Used to take Oakwood bus to school. Went on the tram. Oakwood has changed a lot, the shops have changed.</p> <p>Used to have the chemists, garage, house furnishings.</p> <p>At the Blackburn Works – the land was called ‘the dip’.</p> <p>Went to Girl Guides at St Edmunds in Roundhay.</p> <p>Farmers’ Market is a big improvement to area.</p>

Garth White
<p>Lived here 50 years. Remembers trams when he was here on army service.</p> <p>Leeds tram is at Critch Museum – had the number 1 for Lawnswood and he changed it to number 3 for Roundhay.</p> <p>Had to push the seats back for the return journey.</p>

Peter Sandeman
<p>Born 1952 in Cardiff but has lived in Leeds for longer than in Cardiff. Was the House Manager at the Grand Theatre. Lived in Novella House. Basil Hartley ran the Victorian digs and he was a window dresser in Gladys Vollans on Vicar Lane. Mother also had a guest house locally. Met Danny la Rue.</p> <p>Oakwood is important to me. Vibrant Farmers’ Market. Novella House was on the corner of Wetherby Road.</p>

Peter Mills
<p>Grew up on Oakwood Drive. Born 1960. Oakwood is remarkably unchanged. In 1939 the family moved to Leeds, to Merevale, Wetherby Road.</p> <p>Grandfather was manager of Kershaws, the optics factory in Harehills. In the early 1950s the family moved to North Lane opposite St John’s School.</p> <p>As a child he remembers the bus and the traffic island either side of the clock.</p> <p>Tram system to the right of Soldiers’ Field. Remembers tram tracks.</p> <p>Telephone exchange was where the Co-op is. Had a payphone outside. They rang Dial a Disc on it.</p> <p>After retirement grandad bought 3 bakeries, called Merevale. His dad was in charge of running them. There was a cash and carry on the Co-op site. Dad used to tell him that they built aeroplanes on the cash and carry site and tested them on the field. He thought it was a story but it was true!</p> <p>Kershaws was an engineering works. Made projectors for cinemas, then gun sights during the war. Dad met his mum at Kershaws when he worked there.</p>

Keith Ternan
<p>At aged 18 he went on school cricket tour. Had first match against Roundhay. Three of them walked to the edge of Soldiers’ Field. Nine years later moved to North Park Avenue. Lived here for 15 years.</p> <p>Oakwood stopped being a set of shopping parades and individual shops shut. The whole character of the place has changed to more estate agents and charity shops. The last couple</p>

of years has changed towards trendy bars etc. Born Gateshead 1948.
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Remembers little bookshop. Went to Roundhay High School. Area hasn't changed much at all. In late war years life was quite difficult. Olympia Works – was called 'the factory in the field'.
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Phil Cook
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Born in 1948 in East End of London. Came to Leeds in 1967 as a student. Has lived in Oakwood from 1978 in two different houses. Gledhow Wood Grove and Lidgett Park Road. There have been some changes locally. The clock is important, it's part of Leeds history.
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