

Tom Murray	Interviewed by Edna Murray 5.3.15
3.30 5.00 7.00  10.00	<p>Came to Oakwood about 25 years ago. Lived in Alwoodley for about 10 years before that. Came to Leeds as a student in 1969 and have been here ever since. Roundhay Park is a jewel in Leeds. A lot on offer and it's all free. Went by bus and walked around the lake. Noticed the clock.</p> <p>Events – went to Children's Day. Have seen the park packed – about 80,000 people. 1980s – rock concerts. Park would be fenced off. Concerts well organised. Rolling Stones, Madonna, Bruce Springsteen, Genesis. Great events. Were phased out because cities built arenas instead. Clock always the thing people spotted when going to the park.</p> <p>Love Parade – copied event in Berlin. A gay parade – a huge event. Whole park full of people listening to music. A lot of complaints. Walked through Parade – I saw people having a good time. I was Chair of Leisure at Leeds City Council at the time.</p> <p>You could see that clock was corroding. Often it didn't work. It looked tatty around it. Discussions about need to renovate it. Leeds City Council didn't have the money, so a group decided to put their heads together.</p> <p>First Oakwood Day – I opened the day with Edna. Start of the publicity to raise money to renovate the clock. Rock concert held.</p> <p>In Oakwood there are more places now for people to meet. There is more life in Oakwood, daytime and night time. Oakwood is a busy place, with a huge school. Library is attractive. Main artery for access to the park. Old toilets need to go. Remarkable stories – Blackburn factory made parts of the Swordfish. Also met Jack Bairstow at 101 – he beat me at snooker!</p>