

William Waddell	Interviewed by David Donaldson 27.11.14
2.15	Aged 82. Comes from Glasgow, on the southside, on banks of R Clyde. Came to Leeds by chance. Set off for Blackpool but came to Leeds for a holiday. Went into Majestic ballroom and met a girl who he became smitten with.
2.45	The Ivy Benson band originated in Leeds and played at the Majestic. By the end of the week 'I could see where my future was going to be'. On Friday night went to the Clock Cinema at the bottom of Easterly Road. Had to book your seat – very popular. Went home to Glasgow in early August then came back to see his future wife. At 7am got a taxi to the house and after breakfast went to Roundhay Park lake 'I still remember it as if it was yesterday'.
3.45	Next day went to Knaresborough and then Mother Shipton's Cave. Got married and had a daughter. Got married in St John's Church, Wetherby Road. Had a tennis club and acting club there. Children and grandchildren were christened there and his wife's ashes were buried there five and a half years ago.
7.30	In May 1963 we moved to Leeds and Keith was born. Likes Roundhay and Oakwood because of the parks, especially the lake and clock tower.
9.45	Remembers the trams. Lot of activities in Parochial Hall in Fitzroy Drive. Wife's family were talented actors. Saw Christmas productions. Wife's father and uncle were in the Home Guard. Uncle, Alf Hartley, was the Sunday School teacher at St John's Church. He was buried at the church.
10.00	Lived first on Easterly Road, on the Seacroft side, in a maisonette. Then they built new properties at Ascot Hill. Moved there 1975.
13.30	Shop in Oakwood – was a Summerfields, now a Co-op. Likes the woods, and Gipton Woods.
14.00	Uses the Methodist Church a great deal. Feels at home there.
15.45	Walks in park almost every day. Really loves it. Son did some Army training in Roundhay Park. Remembers rowing on lake, late 1950s.
17.30	Being members of St John's Church enabled children to attend infant school. Then Braimwood School. 2 cousins also went. Mrs Rowe ran it. Then went to Roundhay High School. Mr Glover was the Headmaster. Very impressed with him – old style, had a great reputation.
19.00	Wife's family knew Keith Joseph very well. Cousin Peter White became his agent and his wife became Lord Mayor. William's wife became local secretary for local Conservative Assoc. Was always in the Mansion. Keith Joseph was a quiet man with a brilliant mind.
21.15	Pub called the White Horse. Wife said it used to be a private home before that, owned by American lady Mrs McPherson – she invited all the children into her garden for tea, and at Christmas they were invited into the house. Still goes to the pub occasionally.
25.45	Worked for Scottish Brewers – enjoyed it. Then joined Rank Kershaw – Rank Optics and worked on Harehills Lane. Provided steel mirrors for tanks. Then went to Oldham Signs. Wages not great but had a pension scheme. Was on Crossgates Industrial Estate.
30.00	Got grandchildren now so spend time travelling around the country. I swim, do indoor bowls, snooker and Scottish dancing. Go to Fearnville for that. Watches TV. Walks every day – at least 2 miles, generally 4 or 5. Lots of wonderful walks around Roundhay Park and Oakwood. Walks up Ascot Hill and loves the lake.
33.15	Majestic Ballroom – female talent there was quite exceptional! Conservatives

	ran a supper club at the Astoria. Wife Margaret was a well known girl locally, through the Leeds NE Conservatives Assoc. Used to be at the Mansion every month for a function.
36.45	Influx of other people into Oakwood. People from the colonies, often descended from people who fought in the war. Leeds and Roundhay very cosmopolitan. Likes Methodist Church – many friends.
39.00	Remembers old Methodist Church. Used to drive van for Scouts. Son involved in Scouts. Son is Scout Leader at St Edmunds in Roundhay. 2 grandsons are Scouts. Wife Margaret became District Commissioner for Brownies and Guides in this area. Daughter got married at St John's Church – son in law John Rayner.