

## Interview 4: Bernard Macnaboe and Angela Macnaboe

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I am Bernard Macnaboe, University of Central Lancashire, and this is Interview 4 conducted with Angela Macnaboe nee Hollinhurst, on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2007.

- 1 B Angela, when were you born?
- 2 A. I was born in 1955.
- 3 B. What was the name of your father?
- 4 A. ? Hollinhurst.
- 5 B. Can you recall his date and place of birth?
- 6 A. He was born...I don't know the year. He was probably born in Lime Street Hospital,  
7 'cause that's where all the people of the area went to at that time.
- 8 B. What was his occupation?
- 9 A. He was a grocer, a greengrocer.
- 10 B. Did he work long hours?
- 11 A. He did, ya. He worked in the shop from about 8 o'clock in the morning, and we shut at 6  
12 o'clock, and then there was all the work to do after, stacking the shelves, book-keeping  
13 and everything.
- 14 B. How many days a week exactly?
- 15 A. Six days a week, every day but Sunday.
- 16 B. What was his age when he died?
- 17 A. He was just 70.
- 18 B. And can you remember the date?
- 19 A. It was the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 1991.
- 20 B. What was the name of your mother?
- 21 A. Winifred Baine, before she was married Winifred Baine.
- 22 B. And can you remember, again, her date and place of birth?
- 23 A. She was born in Chorley on the 30<sup>th</sup> June...I can't remember the date. She was 81 years  
24 old.
- 25 B. She would have been born in 1926.
- 26 A. Yes, that's right.
- 27 B. What was her age at marriage?

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- 28 A. 27.
- 29 B. And would you know her occupation before she was married?
- 30 A. She worked at Leyland Motors during the war, and she worked in Leyland Motors in the  
31 office just before she was married.
- 32 B. Did she continue to work after she got married?
- 33 A. Well she got married and then worked in the shop, because she married dad who had the  
34 shop. She became his shop assistant.
- 35 B. So it was a family concern?
- 36 A. Yes.
- 37 B. What about brothers and sisters?
- 38 A. My brothers and sisters?
- 39 B. Yes.
- 40 A. Well my sister Christine, who now lives down in Kent, had a brother Julian, but he was  
41 killed in a car accident when he was 21, that was in 1973. My brother Gerrard who's  
42 now 50, that's it.
- 43 B. Can you remember anything about your grand-parents?
- 44 A. My grand-parents, yes. My father's parents used to run the shop before he did and my  
45 father took over from him, it was also owned by Elizabeth, Hollinhurst. When they  
46 retired they moved out to Ingol, they bought a house at Ingol and moved out there, but  
47 granddad still worked in the shop for a little while. He came in and helped out, and my  
48 mother's parents lived in Chorley. They were Hannah and Herbert ? they lived in  
49 Chorley.
- 50 B. So they didn't really live near you, but certainly with your father's *parents* you did see  
51 them quite often.
- 52 A. Yes, when we were children. They were always busy in the shop, but my dad on a  
53 Saturday we used to go up to Ingol, they had a big garden but because we lived in a  
54 terraced row we didn't have a garden, so we used to go up there on a Saturday. Catch the  
55 bus, the four of us and spend the day up there.
- 56 B. Now, what sort of house did you live in?
- 57 A. It was a terraced house, on what was a very busy main road at the time, Manchester  
58 Road. It was quite a big house, downstairs was the shop that took over, it had two  
59 windows, one window there was all cakes and biscuits and cooked meats, and in the other  
60 window we used to have fruit and vegetables. Then behind the shop, we had like a  
61 dining room which led into a kitchen, which was quite long. In mi granddad's time they

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- 62 put on an extension so we had quite a long kitchen. Above that we had our sitting room  
63 upstairs (to keep away from the shop), then there were two bedrooms on that level, and a  
64 bathroom, and then up another flight of stairs which was the attic which was another two  
65 bedrooms. Me and my sister used to sleep in the front bedroom, my brothers were in the  
66 back bedroom, mum and dad were down stairs. And the back bedroom (the extension bit,  
67 next to the garage) was just a storage room for all the bags for the shop and everything.
- 68 B. What about at the back outside, was it a back yard or did you have a little garden or  
69 anything?
- 70 A. It was a backyard which was quite long really because we had two sheds in it. The first  
71 shed was where in my granddad and great-grandfather's time used to have a boiler for  
72 bottling chickens and bottling fruits, and when we were kids we quite often go in there  
73 and play with this old boiler. There were lots of bottles with lids and everything and we  
74 used to play in that shed, you know, and then we had a top shed which when we were a  
75 bit older we cleared out and made it into our little den. And we had an outside toilet,  
76 even though it wasn't used (we did have an inside toilet), and then we just had one privet  
77 tree and a little scrap of soil but nothing in it. But the next door's garden which also  
78 belonged to my mum and dad, we own both ouses, because when we were younger when  
79 granddad was still living at 137 Manchester Road we used to live at 135, just next door,  
80 and then when granddad retired and moved up to Ingol we moved into the shop and then  
81 we rented out that property to a couple who I think are still in it now, although he died I  
82 think Ann is still living in the property now.
- 83 B. Tell me about the area that you lived in, which was right in, more or less, the heart of  
84 Manchester Road wasn't it. Tell me about that area; describe it to me, as it was as a  
85 child.
- 86 A. As *when* I was a child?
- 87 B. Yes.
- 88 A. Well at the front of the back of the shop were all terraced houses, I think they were mill  
89 houses because there was a lot of mills round there, and the Convent (as it was) was  
90 Horrockses house, and he had all the terraced houses belonging to the mills round there.  
91 They were just two up and two down (*rooms*) with a yard at the back. Then there was a  
92 church sort of across the road and round the corner, St. Augustine's Church, and then on  
93 the corner of Manchester Road there was the ? I do remember some of the shops, there  
94 used to be a butcher's across the road and on the end of the road there was a pub, and  
95 then there was a sweets-shop, which in my granddad's day was one of his sister's shops,  
96 she used to own that, but that was a sweets-shop. Then there was a couple of houses and  
97 then there was our shop and then there was a betting shop next door to that. Then just  
98 some row of houses.
- 99 B. So it was quite self-contained as an area?
- 100 A. Yes.

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- 101 B. What about your relationship with neighbours? Were they good or distant, sharing?
- 102 A. Well I remember the people next door because they had a son and daughter about our age  
103 and we used to play with them, and we were always sort of in and out of each other's  
104 houses. We always knew Ann as 'Aunty' Ann. She used to go in and make us jam  
105 butties, (laughing) which my parents weren't very pleased about, because it used to spoil  
106 our dinner (we used to have proper dinners, you know). They used to say "have you been  
107 eating jam butties again at Ann's". With living in a shop we knew everybody really, we  
108 knew the people in the area, and you got to know the generations of people. With dad's  
109 family having the shop for so long he knew people there that he went to school with. He  
110 knew who'd been married and quite often they'd talk about people with their maiden  
111 names rather than their married names, and it used to get very confusing. So you sort of  
112 knew the people that your parents knew, and you grew up with them, you went to school  
113 with them, which I think is very friendly.
- 114 B. So there was a sense of a rather close-knit community. People knew each other and knew  
115 about each other's families.
- 116 A. Yes, 'cause a lot of people round there were Catholics and they all used to go to St.  
117 Augustine's, so everybody met regularly at St. Augustine's church, and everything that  
118 was going on they got involved in it. Like mum was in the Mother's Union, dad used to  
119 ring the bell for the Masses, at certain Masses, and we'd all be there lined up in church.
- 120 B. What about in the house itself, did you do any chores as children? Did you have jobs to  
121 do?
- 122 A. Only, I can remember when the shop shut at 6 o'clock we all used to have tea together  
123 when the shop was shut. So mum would be making the tea, dad had be shutting up the  
124 shop and we all had to come down and bring the things out of the shop, the cooked meats  
125 and the bacon and everything, the sausages, put them in the fridge in the kitchen. We had  
126 one of these huge fridges with very thick walls, very old fashioned, I think it were going  
127 for donkey's years, shops didn't have refrigerated apartments, or anything, in those days,  
128 so everything had to be brought from the shop into the kitchen, into the fridge. So that  
129 was our job and putting the lids on the biscuit tins, because we used to sell loose biscuits  
130 rather than packets, and we used to have to put the lids on the biscuit tins.
- 131 B. Was there any baking done at the shop?
- 132 A. Not in my memory, not when I was a child, but there certainly was when my granddad  
133 was there, and his dad before him. They used to bake cakes and biscuits – in fact they  
134 used to make Christmas cakes, and they used to make potted meat. One of my childhood  
135 memories is of my granddad standing at the stove making potted meat, and he always  
136 used to tell me "don't stand too close 'cause the steam could burn you". He had a big  
137 pot on the stove and he used to put all sorts of things in it, and the gelatine to make it set,  
138 and then he used to put it into moulds and wait for it to set in the fridge. People used to  
139 love it because it was a cheap meat.
- 140 B. Probably very nutritious as well, ya.

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- 141 B. What about shopping. I assume that where food was concerned you obviously catered  
142 for yourself from the shop.
- 143 A. Yes, we lived out of the shop, we didn't do any shopping as such.
- 144 B. What about other types of shopping?
- 145 A. Well, we used to go to a butcher's, which was somebody dad knew so we had to support  
146 them as they supported us in the shop. They bought from us and we bought from them,  
147 so every Sunday we'd have a joint, one week lamb and one week beef. I think that was  
148 on London Road, I seem to remember going down with mi mum to get the meat. And  
149 then, I think a fish van used to come round because we always used to have to have fish  
150 on a Fridays, so the fish van would come round and we'd buy fish for Friday tea. I think  
151 pretty much everything else was out of the shop.
- 152 B. What about clothes. Did your mother make any clothes at all, or did you buy them?
- 153 A. Mum did make clothes, yes, we didn't have very many 'cause we always had to have a  
154 school uniform, and school uniforms were quite expensive so we just tended to have that  
155 and something for Sunday best. We always had a nice coat and a hat because we always  
156 had to have a hat to go to church in, and an outfit for Sunday, and then we had things for  
157 playing out in, old trousers and things for playing out in.
- 158 B. Coming to play which is actually quite important, where did you play when you were a  
159 child and who did you play with?
- 160 A. We played in the back yard with the next door neighbour's children when we were  
161 younger, and then as we got older we sort of ventured further afield and we used to go  
162 out of the back into the ginnel. By this time the houses had been pulled down, so the  
163 back of our yard was open because all the houses had been pulled down, so the actual  
164 building site was our play-ground for a number of years. We used to have some real fun  
165 on there. We used to play with some families of children from Carr Street, Larkhill  
166 Street, and Larkhill Road, and we used to actually play in their street opposite the  
167 Convent because it was a very quiet road, there weren't many cars around in those days,  
168 very few people had cars. Some used to play in that road and we used to play cricket,  
169 and hopscotch, and we used to sing those rhymes "whose got the Ballio", throw the ball  
170 "I haven't got it, it isn't in my pocket" – that sort of game. And then when we cleaned  
171 the shed out at the top of the garden we had a little club that we invented with all our  
172 friends, and this was our 'club-house' and as they were pulling the houses down we used  
173 to get to know who had moved out so we'd be in the house when they moved out, and  
174 they always left things behind, and we'd find an odd chair, or an odd picture and take it  
175 out of the house and put it in our shed. It was like 'fair gain,' so our shed was quite well  
176 decorated. I'll never forget we got a picture of the Laughing Cavalier and we used to go  
177 in (like the winter months when it was cold), and we'd have candles in the shed, we'd got  
178 a table. Oh! Quite often people used to abandon cars, we used to call it 'the bonk': on the  
179 bonk' where all the rubble was when they'd pulled the houses down, and we would take  
180 out the leather seats from the cars, which most cars had in those days, leather seats, and

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181 we'd make settees and chairs out of them for our shed. One time we got a picture of the  
182 Laughing Cavalier, and we had these candles on and we used to tell ghost stories and  
183 frighten each other to death, and then Alan, and Martin and Paul were brothers and sisters  
184 lived in Carr Street they used to be frightened of going home so we used to have to walk  
185 them home.

186 B. So you made your own amusements really, and apart from that played quite traditional  
187 games, games that had been handed down over generations. Did you do a lot of skipping  
188 or anything like that?

189 A. We used to do that at school, not at home. Somebody would bring in a big rope, and  
190 we'd all line up and skip through the rope, and we had rhymes that we sang as we did  
191 that. Another craze at the time was 'elastics' where you'd have a long piece of elastic  
192 and two people would wrap it round their legs and you'd do a little dance, bringing the  
193 elastic over and getting into a tangle in the middle with it. And then when it was wet  
194 playtimes a lot of people had 'jacks,' the little counters that when you threw up a ball and  
195 the first time you'd to catch one jack, then you'd to catch two jacks, then you'd to catch  
196 three. And we used to play 'pick-up sticks'. A lot of our amusement at that time was  
197 playing on building sites...

198 B. Did you play...did you have mixed play, did you play with boys as well as girls?

199 A. Oh, yes, ya. 'Cos by this time, by the time we were that age my older brother and sister  
200 didn't play with us, they went off and played with their own friends, and there was just  
201 me and mi younger brother Gerrard and we used to play with Helen, Paul, Martin  
202 Lonsdale...and Paul Carr and the Lockwoods, there's Christine and Sandra Lockwood  
203 and Peter and we all used to play together.

204 B. What about your relationship with your parents, you know, were they casual or strict, did  
205 they play with you as children.

206 A. Not at...no, I don't remember them playing with us as children. They always seemed to  
207 be very busy in the shop, because the shop didn't shut till six, and when we came home  
208 from school we went straight upstairs to the sitting room – and they were in the shop, and  
209 then there was one thing that my dad always insisted on was that we ate together, he said  
210 that we should all get together and eat, talk and tell each other what we had done during  
211 the day. So we did, there wasn't any of this silence at the table, we used to chat and talk  
212 about everything that was going on, what had happened to us during the day, tell each  
213 other stories and everything. Then after tea we'd all go back up to the sitting room, and  
214 dad would be busy back in the shop, mum quite often used to wash-up and sit downstairs  
215 and read the paper and then join us later, and dad didn't come up till practically bedtime.  
216 So we didn't see an awful lot of mi dad, although he was there in the house we didn't see  
217 and awful lot of him. I can't remember him playing with us, apart from on a Sunday  
218 when we used to go out because we didn't have a garden, and dad insisted that we go out  
219 to the countryside, so usually in the summer months we would go out on a Sunday for a  
220 ride in the car, we had a little green van, I don't know how we all fitted in, actually,  
221 because it was only a two-seater little green van, but I do remember mum telling us (I

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222 can't remember it but my older brother and sister Christine certainly can) he attached two  
223 deckchairs in the back of the van for Christine and Julian to sit in, 'cause during the week  
224 it was a delivery van because he used to go to the market in the mornings, pick up fruit  
225 and veg. and bring them back to the shop, and then he used to do a lot of orders as well  
226 where he made orders up and delivered them to different people so during the week it  
227 was a delivery van and at the week-ends it was made into a little four-seater car with  
228 deckchairs and he put wooden pegs in to hold them in. And I can remember I've looked  
229 at pictures of us, and there's mum, dad, us four children and mi grandma and granddad  
230 had gone out in that van, I don't know how we all fitted in but we must have done 'cause  
231 there's pictures of us all out having a picnic sitting in front of the green van. I don't  
232 know how we ever fitted in it, but we actually did used to play with...on a Sunday, we'd  
233 always take cricket bats and balls, and we'd have a game of cricket wherever we went,  
234 and mi Uncle Joe quite often went with us (that's mum's brother) and he used to like  
235 playing cricket, so we used to have a game together all playing cricket.

236 B. So Sunday was quite a family day?

237 A. It was, ya. We'd get up in the morning, we wouldn't have any breakfast but we would go  
238 out straight to church, usually 9 o'clock Mass. We'd come back and have a big breakfast  
239 and then set off for somewhere, take a picnic during the summer. In the winter we  
240 always had a proper Sunday dinner.

241 B. What about celebration of events – special events such as Christmas, Easter, Bonfire  
242 night. Have you got any special recollections of special holiday events?

243 A. Bonfire night, we always had a bonfire. Next to our shop was a sweet-shop and they  
244 used to sell fireworks, we'd always be given money to go in and buy fireworks off Stan,  
245 Stan Little his name was, and Elsie his wife. And we'd buy these fireworks, we'd be sent  
246 in... "can we have so many worth of fireworks", you know, but then he always made a  
247 bonfire in his garden (it wasn't a garden as such, it was just the back of the yard, but he  
248 seemed to have a lot more land than we had, because they used to be an old brewery bond  
249 where they used to store bottles at the back), so we used to have this bonfire on that land  
250 there, and Stan always used to bring all the left over fireworks that he hadn't sold, so we  
251 used to always have lots of fireworks, and I remember all standing round the bonfire and  
252 watching all these fireworks going off. Then in later years because the back of our house  
253 was a building site, we had the bonfire out there. We used to go round collecting fire  
254 wood, which there was plenty of...we used to collect all the wood and build a bonfire, and  
255 we used to invite all our friends, and all our friends mums and dads, we'd be anxiously  
256 waiting for them to come and light it for us. Mi dad used to say "well let me shut the  
257 shop up first and then I'll come and light it for you". So we got a lot of fireworks then  
258 because everybody brought them. Christmas was a great celebration. Grandma and  
259 Granddad from Chorley, and Uncle Joseph used to always come to our house on  
260 Christmas Day. Mum used to have the traditional Christmas dinner.

261 B. Tell me what you did. Tell me what you did during the day, the whole day, if you can.

262 A. Christmas Day?

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263 B. Typically, yes.

264 A. Yes, right. Well, we'd get up, there'd be all our presents there – we used to have a chair  
265 each. I can't remember getting an awful lot but I think we were quite privileged,  
266 compared to some children, we did get presents. We always got a 'selection box' each,  
267 we always got crayons, and colouring books. We always got a book each and different  
268 little things. What did I get one year? A doll's house; and I found out in later years that  
269 one of mi dad's friends had actually made this dolls house, and it had electric light in,  
270 there was a battery in the back with a little bulb and it used to light up when you switched  
271 a switch, and there was all furniture for it, and it was lovely. One year I got a little  
272 sewing machine, because I liked to sew. A little doll's sewing machine which actually  
273 worked, because I used to like making dolls clothes. My brothers used to get 'Meccano',  
274 I remember them playing with Meccano, building things with it, and Bricco we used to  
275 build houses with the Bricco, and lots of cars – toy cars. So yes, we'd all get lots of  
276 presents and then we'd get dressed up and go out to church, and then we'd come back  
277 and mum and dad would be busy in the kitchen making Christmas dinner, and dad would  
278 go over to Chorley and pick grandma and granddad up, and Uncle Joseph up, bring them  
279 back, and then we'd have lots and lots more presents. We'd have a present each of  
280 Grandma and Granddad, and then it would be dinner time and we'd all sit down to a  
281 lovely dinner (we used to have it downstairs, and the table would be brought into the  
282 middle of the room), and everything would be all spread out on the table. Then after  
283 dinner we'd all go upstairs to watch the television, there'd usually be a circus, I can  
284 always remember circuses being on at Christmas time, and then we'd all have tea after  
285 that. We seemed to be eating all day long...mum and dad would disappear again  
286 downstairs, and we'd pull down all the best china out and plates with cakes on, we  
287 always had those little triangular chocolate biscuits – every Christmas, that's when we  
288 always had them. Then we'd have slices of turkey and salad and ham, with Christmas  
289 pudding, and then we'd go back upstairs and sometimes we'd have a sing-song. You  
290 could sing Christmas Carols 'cause Grandma used to get fed up of the television and said  
291 "come on we'll have a sing-song", so we'd sing Christmas carols and have a few drinks  
292 of sherry, and then dad would take Grandma, Granddad, Uncle Joseph home, and we'd be  
293 all packed off up to bed.

294 B. It sounds like a really nice Christmas all together.

295 What about discipline at home, Angela? Who enforced it?

296 A. It was usually mum, she was the one that was around the most.

297 B. Was she very strict?

298 A. I can't ever remember being shouted at too much about anything, but if dad ever shouted  
299 at us that was really serious. Mum used to get a bit hysterical at times, with four children  
300 and the shop, she always used to say "you used to gang up on mi". I can't remember  
301 being shouted at an awful lot, no. And we certainly were never hit. The only time she  
302 used to be annoyed with me was when I used to bring mi school reports home and I  
303 hadn't done as well as she thought I should have done, and I used to get in trouble



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304 then...We used to get silly at times with there being four of us, giggling and laughing and  
305 we'd do something,...so if we acted silly we used get in trouble for getting too silly.

306 B. What about holidays. Did you ever go on holidays as a child?

307 A. We did, ya. We quite often went to Wales, 'cause we had a car and we used to pack up  
308 and go off to Wales and stay in 'bed and breakfasts'. I can't remember too many  
309 holidays...We went to Cornwall one time, but we only ever stopped in 'bed and  
310 breakfastses' and I can remember mum once telling us that we set off on holiday and we  
311 hadn't booked anywhere (we only ever used to go for a week, they couldn't afford to shut  
312 the shop for longer than that), and we always went in Preston holiday weeks because  
313 most of the town were on holiday anyway, and so we wouldn't lose much profit from the  
314 shop. We set off down there, six of us and we didn't have any accommodation booked or  
315 anything, and we arrived in (it must have been Wales), and we were knocking on doors at  
316 these 'bed and breakfast' places, and if it was more than 2/6d we couldn't afford it so we  
317 used to go on to somewhere else, 2/6d. a head, quite often some of these landladies did  
318 take pity on us and take us in...We'd end up with four of us in a double bed, we thought it  
319 was marvellous, then we'd go down to the beach. There's lots of pictures of us on  
320 beaches, in and out of the sea.

321 B. So you have nice memories really, of those little jaunts?

322 A. Yes. Quite often we used to go away at Easter as well, because dad liked to get away to  
323 the countryside and we used to go up to the Lake District at Easter and stop with a lady,  
324 Mrs Bland, her name was, she had a farm 'bed and breakfast' in the Lake District, and we  
325 used to go up there for Easter. I can remember lovely meals, and days out in the Lake  
326 District. It was good, rolling our Easter eggs in the Lake District hills.

327 B. Did anyone in the family smoke or drink?

328 A. Yes, mum and dad both smoked. A lot of people did in those days, didn't they? But they  
329 never drank very much, as we grew older they used to go out for meals more than  
330 anything, with friends, and they'd have a drink then, but they weren't regular drinkers,  
331 they didn't go out to the pub drinking together, or anything. They would have a drink  
332 with a meal, and we always had wine at Christmas or special occasions, we were always  
333 given a little drop as a child, 'cause mum used to say "if you try it now you won't...", she  
334 used to like us having a little glass of wine or a little glass of sherry, or something. But  
335 they never went out to the pub. I remember mi dad saying there was a pub in King  
336 Street, on the corner, and he said "many a night a would have liked to have gone and had  
337 a pint, but all the customers come in there and if I had bought a pint for one I'd have had  
338 to have bought a pint for them all, so I'd better not go in than to be seen to favour one  
339 person above another". So he didn't go.

340 B. Going on to education, school, which school did you go to first?

341 A. I went to Larkhill Convent School.

342 B. And how old were you when you first went?

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- 343 A. I must have been five when I first went to school.
- 344 B. What are your earliest memories?
- 345 A. Well I remember being made to feel very privileged, because it was a private school, you  
346 were paid for, mum always regretted not having a proper education she was always very  
347 clever at school but she regretted not being able to go on and do what she wanted so she  
348 was adamant that her daughters, in particular, would have a good education, so me and  
349 mi sister went to Larkhill Convent.
- 350 B. Have you any memories, early memories of the school itself?
- 351 A. Yes. I remember the uniform. I remember mi first day at school, wearing a little brown  
352 pinafore dress with a yellow blouse, and brown socks and brown shoes, brown coat and  
353 brown hat, and being packed off to school, feeling ever so smart. But my first memory of  
354 my first day was, I remember sitting in class at a little desk, and it was a Nun that took  
355 the lesson, and we were all told to look in our desks and find a pencil and a ruler, and I  
356 didn't have a ruler in my desk and I got into trouble for not having a ruler in my desk,  
357 and she was saying "where's your ruler", "I don't know", and another girl piped up "oh,  
358 she's a new girl, she's only just started today". "Oh well, you shouldn't have a ruler in  
359 your desk then." They were quite strict! I can remember learning to read. We used to  
360 read 'Flower fairy' books that we learnt to read with. I remember learning to read very  
361 quickly, and writing on a chalk-board, we all had a little blackboard in our desks with  
362 chalk, and we used to do our letters on the chalkboard. And our classroom had a canary  
363 in it, it was Reverent Mother's canary.
- 364 B. Were all the teachers Nuns?
- 365 A. They weren't, no. The Headmistress was a Nun and there was another Nun, but the rest  
366 of the teachers were not Nuns.
- 367 B. Can you remember any of the teachers?
- 368 A. I can remember Miss McGuinness. We started off in kindergarten (they called it), that  
369 was a Nun. A nun taught us in there. Then we went to Miss McGuinness's when we  
370 were six, and that was down a little corridor. She was a very tall woman who wore very  
371 tight skirts, it was the fashion in those days to wear very tight pencil skirts, and she was  
372 very tall. And then we went to...Miss Thompson was the next one, I can't remember very  
373 much about her. We used to do sewing.
- 374 B. What were your favourite subjects?
- 375 A. English. Usually English, I liked to write stories. I didn't like Maths, could never quite  
376 fathom that. I always used to be one step behind everybody else, well I just clicked at the  
377 last minute, you know. I used to struggle a bit with Maths, and my sisters was in the top  
378 class as I went in to kindergarten, and I can remember I cried a lot at school, I didn't  
379 really like school because we used to have to drink the milk, I never liked drinking the  
380 milk, now at home I used to drink milk all the time but we used to get milk in these little

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381 bottles and they used to be left outside sitting in the sun, and when I used to get it (and I  
382 was a very faddy child) and I just didn't like drinking this warm milk that flies could  
383 possibly have got into, so every break time I used to cry because I didn't want to drink  
384 this milk – and they made you drink it, so my sister used to drink it for mi. But then  
385 when she moved up to the senior school I had to drink it myself, so I learnt to drink it  
386 myself.

387 B. What about discipline at school. Was it strict, was there corporal punishment?

388 A. There wasn't corporal punishment, no, but they were very strict, and I think that was  
389 done by the religious side of it, which kept you in tow, because it was very religious.

390 B. So there was an emphasis on religious instruction?

391 A. Definitely, yes, yes. We had prayers at the beginning – we had an assembly where we  
392 sang a hymn and then said prayers, and then before each lesson we'd to say prayers, and  
393 at the end of each lesson we had to say prayers, and I think the discipline was there  
394 because of the religious aspect really, because they always said that Our Lady was  
395 watching you all the time, if you were bad it would make her unhappy, and we were told  
396 about the Cardinal sin, that every time you sin you get a blot on your soul, and it was that  
397 sort of fear of that happening, fear of going to Hell that kept you in tow, that made you  
398 good people, one way or another.

399 B. What about special days? Holy days, Easter and Whitsun? Where there special  
400 celebrations for them? Did you go on any Whit-walks, Whitsun walks, for example?

401 A. I can remember what we use to call 'walking round', which was, we walked round the  
402 grounds of the school in our white dresses and veils. I always remember the Corpus  
403 Christi, that was a big celebration because we used to walk all around the school in a  
404 procession singing hymns, all with our Rosary beads, in a procession, and then if it was  
405 fine we used to go out into the grounds and walk all round the grounds. And they used to  
406 have 'strewing of petals' where six or eight, eight girls out of the top class were chosen to  
407 be 'strewers', and they used to walk in front of the procession and strew petals so that the  
408 statue (I think it was the statue of Our Lord) was carried by some pall bearers and they  
409 used to walk over it (*the strewn petals*). I was a strewer, we used to have to carry a little  
410 basket with the petals in, and every so often we had to kiss the petals and put them on the  
411 floor, so I was very privileged.

412 B. What subjects were you taught Angela?

413 A. Maths and English, Geography (I remember doing about maps of different countries), we  
414 use to do Needlework (this was in Junior school). I can't remember, to tell you the truth.

415 B. Did you do Domestic Science?

416 A. In the Senior school we did, yes. Oh, and Art. Yes in the Senior School we did Art,  
417 Domestic Science, Needlework, English, Maths, Science, and all the sciences were split

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418 up into three, we did Chemistry, Biology and Physics, they were all separate lessons.  
419 Then our Maths was split up into Algebra, Arithmetic and Geometry.

420 B. So you had quite a varied curriculum?

421 A. Yes.

422 B. What about physical exercise, did you go to the gym or swimming in school?

423 A. We never went swimming, but we use to have P.E. lessons.

424 B. P.E. lessons, yes.

425 A. We played netball in the winter, rounders in the summer, and then we used to have  
426 apparatus out, horses and ropes, swings and things.

427 B. What about your parents' attitude to school in general, was it very positive, supportive?

428 A. Yes, yes. They wanted (specially mum) she wanted us to do well. Dad wasn't that  
429 bothered really, he just said "oh, do your best and work hard" and he never used to bother  
430 about school because he had trouble, he always had trouble spelling, dad, he couldn't  
431 spell very well...Mum was really keen, she wanted us to do well at school.

432 B. What about homework, did you get homework?

433 A. We did, yes, right from the word go, I think our school was different, if we had gone to  
434 St. Augustine's school, I think it would have been slightly different...mi eldest brother  
435 went to St. Augustine's, then he was having trouble reading and writing, and they tended  
436 not to bother with them in those days, they just got put to the back of the class, so mum  
437 wasn't having this, you see, she decided that 'my son's bright and it's your fault if he  
438 can't read or write', so she took him away from that school and sent him to a different  
439 school, and he had a private tutor, and she said that he was what you would say now as  
440 dyslexic, but they used to call it word-blindness in those days. So mum paid for him to  
441 have a special tutor. He went to night classes to be taught how to read again.

442 B. Do you think your father was possibly dyslexic?

443 A. Probably, yes, because he did always have trouble spelling, and if he was writing out a  
444 cheque he use to have all the numbers writing on his desk, sixteen, seventeen, eighteen so  
445 that he could just copy them, and when he was writing a cheque and he was always  
446 asking mum how to spell things, and she used to do the writing for him really.

447 B. This was just a girl's school wasn't it, so you were never taught with boys?

448 A. I wasn't while I was there, but when I got to the second year I left that school and I went  
449 to a Secondary Modern school, so I was taught with boys there.

450 B. Where was that?

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451 A. Thomas Moore at Fulwood, you see because the eldest brother Julian was taken away  
452 from St. Augustine's he went to St. Ignatius's, and because he'd gone there Gerrard  
453 followed him there, now the feeder school for St. Ignatius was Thomas Moore, so they  
454 automatically went there, 'cause it was only just built actually. Julian went to Central, St.  
455 Ig. Central because he actually passed his 11+ but the teacher at the time said because of  
456 his reading difficulties and spelling he probably wouldn't flourish at Catholic College,  
457 they advised them not to send him to Catholic College because it would have been too  
458 strict a regime for him, so they said it would be better if he stayed at St. Ig. Central and  
459 then when they had built Thomas Moore he went there. He went there in the third year,  
460 Gerrard, and then I went there.

461 B. What sort of experience was that? Did you enjoy Thomas Moore?

462 A. Yes, I liked it a lot better. I liked it a lot better than the convent?

463 B. Why?

464 A. It was a lot easier going, 'cause I found that Larkhill it was always 'you could do better',  
465 all the time 'you could do better', you were never praised for what you did, and looking  
466 back I was quite good at English, I used to get very good marks for it because I was quite  
467 good at writing stories, I'd got a lot of imagination and I think that was sort of beaten out  
468 of me, through always being told "you don't spell it this way, you don't spell it that way"  
469 because I wasn't very good at spelling either, and I think that more emphasis was placed  
470 on your spelling than on your actual content of what you were writing, and I always felt I  
471 wasn't good enough – I never got praised for what I did. I never actually wanted to go to  
472 the Senior school, 'cos a lot of my friends from the area that didn't go to that school, that  
473 went to St. Augustine's were going down to the Secondary Modern school, John Fisher,  
474 and when I was in the first and second year I heard that girls, that I knew who, that I  
475 didn't think were very bright were doing well there, they were coming top of the class  
476 and I always came bottom of the class at Larkhill, and I was thinking "why am I bottom  
477 of the class because I am getting good marks" but it was because the competition was too  
478 high. So when I went to Thomas Moore I was top of the class and it just boosted my ego  
479 completely. I was put in the 'A' set straight away and I found that we just did General  
480 Science, all the sciences were mixed up together and it just seemed a lot easier. The  
481 Maths was easier 'cause what I'd done at Larkhill, in French for example, we used to  
482 learn French, at Larkhill we had done every tense that you could imagine by the second  
483 year, we had done past tense, future tense, but when I went to Thomas Moore they were  
484 still on the very early stages and I'd done it all, so it gave me chance to catch up the  
485 things I'd sort of missed, and I did quite well there.

486 B. Did you enjoy the company as well? Fellow pupils?

487 A. I did, ya. I seemed to fit in better there. I found the girls from Larkhill (although very  
488 nice girls) were quite a lot more privileged than I was. They came from (I wouldn't say  
489 better homes because I had a very good home) but more privileged homes and the fact  
490 that they owned big houses up Fulwood, and their fathers were doctors, lawyers, I always  
491 felt I wasn't up to their standards. They had things that I didn't have, they could afford

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492 the clothes and things tht I didn't have. I always felt a little bit an under-dog there, and I  
493 used to be ridiculed. I can remember once being ridiculed, I'd got this bag for Christmas  
494 and I'd had this bag about two years and we'd gone to some social or other at the school  
495 and I'd taken this bag thinking it was ever so nice, and somebody said oh how old  
496 fashioned it was because they could afford to buy the sort of next fashionable thing and I  
497 didn't bother about that – it was just my bag, but they thought it was old fashioned. But I  
498 found the girls very nice at Thomas Moore, they were more my type.

499 B. At both schools, did you eat lunch in the school or did you bring in sandwiches?

500 A. We always had lunch in the school.

501 B. What were the dinners like?

502 A. They were very good actually, I quite enjoyed them. They were just very basic, but at  
503 Thomas Moore we used to have to sit four boys and four girls, the boys had to sit  
504 opposite the girls, and the girls had to go up and collect the tins with the food in, and it  
505 was usually some sort of meat and potatoes and vegetables. So the girls would go up and  
506 collect the tins, sit down, and we had to serve the boys. Four of us sit there, and one  
507 would give out the meat or fish, whatever it was, the next one would give out the  
508 potatoes, the next one would give out the vegetables, and then the other one had the  
509 gravy. So we waited on the boys.

510 B. So you were split into gender roles. So you had a cooked meal each day?

511 A. Yes.

512 B. Can you remember how much you paid for the meals?

513 A. I can't no – no I can't.

514 B. That's o.k.

515 A. You used to have to take your dinner money in every Monday.

516 B. Did you wear a uniform at Thomas Moore's?

517 A. We did, ya. It was a nice uniform, I like it a lot better than Larkhill 'cause I didn't like  
518 the brown. We used to have to wear a grey skirt; I think it was a grey jumper with the  
519 emblem on, Thomas Moore's would be black and red, and I always suited red. We used  
520 to have to wear a black blazer with red piping round, with the emblem on, and a red hat, a  
521 red felt hat, and I always liked that uniform. In the summer we used to have to wear pink  
522 checked dresses and the blazer, yes, and a panama hat, no it was a boater, a boater hat  
523 with a red ribbon round.

524 B. How long did you stay at Thomas Moore? When did you leave school?

525 A. I left school after the fifth year, when I was fifteen.

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526 B. Did you take any exams?

527 A. I took GCSE – not CSE’s, CSE’s, yes. If I had stopped at Larkhill I would have taken  
528 ‘O’ Levels ‘cause that’s what grammar schools did in those days, they took ‘O’ Levels,  
529 but at Secondary Moderns you took CSE’s which were supposed to be more practical  
530 based.

531 B. O.k., which leads me on to the world of work, which is what the CSE’s were gained  
532 towards, were they?

533 A. Yes.

534 B. So, you left school at fifteen, where was your first job?

535 A. Well, I didn’t go straight away, I went to college...I decided I wanted to do Childcare, so  
536 I went to Lytham St. Anne’s Further Education College to do a residential Childcare  
537 course. I was told at the time, ‘cos I was tossing up between doing Nursery Nursing  
538 which would have been at Alster Hall or this residential Childcare course at St. Anne’s,  
539 and I quite fancied going to St. Anne’s, you see, so I went for that one, but I was under  
540 the impression when I took it that I could do Nursery Nursing as well, but I couldn’t, I  
541 found out two years later. But it was more of all-rounded course because we did ‘O’  
542 Levels as well, whereas if I had gone and done the Nursery Nursing that’s all you did,  
543 and I think my mum was thinking “well if she goes off the idea of Nursery Nursing she  
544 will still have some ‘O’ Levels”. So I took Sociology, English Literature, and Human  
545 Biology ‘O’ Levels, oh and, Nutrition and Cookery, so I took four ‘O’ Levels, plus the  
546 Childcare course subjects.

547 B. So how long did this take you...?

548 A. Two years.

549 B. Two years.

550 A. But then when I finished there I decided I didn’t want to do Childcare after all, (mi mum  
551 knew better than I did), so with that I’d got four ‘O’ Levels, you see. I’d got eight CSE’s  
552 and four ‘O’ Levels, so I do remember we went off on holiday, just Gerrard, myself, and  
553 mum and dad, we went on our very first Spanish holiday, package tour, that year. Stayed  
554 in an hotel for a week, and then when I got back I thought “oh, I’d better find myself a  
555 job”, so I got an appointment with the Youth Employment Office (I think it was on  
556 Lancaster Road in those days), I had this appointment there, so I went and sat down and  
557 she said “what sort of work do you fancy doing?” I said “I’d like to work in an office”,  
558 so she thumbed through a few cards, and she said “oh, we have got one here, and office  
559 junior, Sun Alliance Insurance Company, Winckley Square, would you fancy that?” and I  
560 said “oh yes, that will be alright”, so she said “right, I’ll ring them up, see if I can get you  
561 an interview”. So I went down (I think it was the following day) for an interview, and I  
562 started the following week as an office junior, Sun Alliance Insurance, Winckley Square.

563 B. Did you enjoy work?

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- 564 A. Erm! I missed mi friends to tell you the truth. I didn't enjoy it when I was younger. I  
565 was eighteen when I started work and I hadn't been used to mixing with older people, so  
566 I didn't really get on very well with them. I was a bit too shy, and I used to miss my  
567 college friends, being around a group of people my own age. I felt like I was a fish out of  
568 water being put in with these older ladies, and older men which I was a bit scared of, but  
569 it wasn't too bad, there was a couple of young ones there.
- 570 B. What did you have to do?
- 571 A. As an office junior you did most of the filing, it was mostly filing stuff away and putting  
572 things in envelopes, we didn't do an awful lot really.
- 573 B. Do you remember how much you were paid?
- 574 A. I think it was about £24.00 a week.
- 575 B. And how many hours a week did you work?
- 576 A. Well, I worked nine till five. That figure just sticks in my head, it was just £24 a month,  
577 or £24 a week, I'm just not sure.
- 578 B. O.k. How long did you stay there?
- 579 A. I only stayed there twelve months.
- 580 B. What did you do then?
- 581 A. I went to work for Social Services because I thought that might be more in keeping with  
582 what I'd studied to do, with residential Childcare. So I went to work at Social Services  
583 down East Lane. There I was responsible for; there was an Act passed I think in 1970,  
584 the Disabled Person's Act where they were allowed to get 'aids and adaptations' to their  
585 property, and I sort of took charge of the paperwork for that. I'd get applications in (we  
586 were a divisional office) so I would get the applications in from the area offices, from the  
587 Social Workers who had been in to see these people, and I'd have to do all the paperwork  
588 to see whether they qualified for it through personal circumstances, and financial. And  
589 then, if it was below a certain price I could pass it as being alright, and then it used to go  
590 to Head Office to be put into action, but if it was above a certain price it had to go to  
591 Head Office to be approved. So I used to deal with the paperwork there.
- 592 B. Did you work full-time?
- 593 A. I did, ya. Nine till five.
- 594 B. And can you remember what you were paid for it?
- 595 A. No. Too long ago. So long as I had enough to go out with I wasn't bothered.
- 596 B. Did you keep all your wages, or did you have to pass some over to your parents?



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- 597 A. I passed some over to my parents. I can't remember how much. I did pay board, it  
598 wouldn't have been too much.
- 599 B. What about your leisure time? We have talked about play as a child, as you became a  
600 teenager did the type of leisure that you were involve in change. Well, it obviously did  
601 change. Did you join a Youth Club or other organization?
- 602 A. Yes, I joined...I was in the Guides, we used to go up (a friend and myself) used to go to ?  
603 and I was in that for a few years. I enjoyed that, we used to go on camps and went to  
604 Silverdale once, in tents, and I really it. I joined the Youth Club, that's probably when I  
605 was about fifteen, I joined the Youth Club at St. Augustine's, we used to go to St.  
606 Gregory's Youth Club, and we used to go to St. Ig's Youth Club, but St. Augustine's was  
607 the one we stuck with, and went to regularly. It was good.
- 608 B. What sort of activities took place?
- 609 A. Well, there was dancing – there was a D.J. on, and you could dance, which is what me  
610 and my friends used to like to do. And then, there was like a Coffee Bar where you could  
611 sit and drink a coffee, chat, and then one of the leaders used to do the Duke of  
612 Edinburgh's Award, so I started doing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, I did the Silver –  
613 no, I did the Bronze and I did the Silver but I finished there, because I think going out to  
614 night-clubs took over then, so I didn't finish it off. A friend of mine did, she ended up  
615 getting the Gold award and went to Buckingham Palace to get it. I gave it in.
- 616 B. So as you became older you obviously graduated toward a more fashionable night-life. I  
617 want to come back to the Frenchwood area. You told me about the immediate locality,  
618 you know, the shops and houses, how important was the church to the local community?
- 619 A. It was very important, that was the hub of the community really, 'cause a lot of people  
620 round there were Catholics. We used to go to church. I always remember church  
621 functions; we used to have jumble sales, plant fairs to raise money for different things,  
622 just everybody went, ya parents went, ya friends went, everybody that you knew went  
623 there.
- 624 B. So it wasn't only a religious hub, it was a social hub as well?
- 625 A. I'd say so, yes. You used to see the same families there every week.
- 626 B. Was religion a strong force in your life, and in the life of the community?
- 627 A. I'd say so, yes, 'cause that's where you were brought up. You went to a Catholic school,  
628 and you tended only to mix with Catholics, it wasn't until you went into the world of  
629 work that you met people who were non-Catholic (as we used to call them). It were like  
630 Catholics and Non-Catholics.
- 631 B. So there was still a religious divide, even if it was unspoken during the '60s and '70s?
- 632 A. Yes, because they used to have St. James's that was the Non-Catholic church. It was just  
633 on the corner of Manchester Road. It got pulled down.

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- 634 B. Was there a school attached to it – to St. James?
- 635 A. No, there was at St. Augustine's. The old school got burnt down, then they built a new  
636 one. For years it was ironic really, 'cause my brothers didn't go to the local school, St.  
637 Augustine's they went up to St. Ig's, but then when the school burnt down all the children  
638 were sent up to St. Ig's while they built a new school.
- 639 B. Was it a very friendly area, did you comfortable growing up in that environment?
- 640 A. Yes, yes, there was never any threat, it was never even thought of really. You just felt  
641 safe. We never went very far, you see, my life revolved in a triangle really, from the  
642 shop, to the church, to school, and that was my little triangle. You very rarely went  
643 anywhere else, and then you'd go into town, so it was all very tightly knit we didn't  
644 really need to go any further.
- 645 B. Did you feel fairly free as a child to wander round that little area?
- 646 A. Oh, yes, definitely. Because mi mum and dad were in the shop and they didn't know  
647 where we really were, once we graduated from playing just in the yard. We use to go as  
648 far as London Road, we used to go to the shops. There used to be a 'joke-shop' down on  
649 London Road that we used to go to, and we used to just take ourselves off down there,  
650 then we'd go into town on our own, just never any threat or anything. We'd go to the  
651 library, we used to wander just as far as we wanted to. We were never allowed to go on  
652 the park on our own, but I can't remember every wanting to, to tell you the truth, we just  
653 stayed where we were.
- 654 B. So you never really went on Avenham Park or Miller Park?
- 655 A. No.
- 656 B. As close as they were to you?
- 657 A. No.
- 658 B. What about down to the river?
- 659 A. No, we never went down there.
- 660 B. O.k. When did you start seriously courting?
- 661 A. When I was about 22, no, no, 20. I was married at 22. Twenty.
- 662 B. How did your parents react?
- 663 A. I think they were quite glad really to see me settling down, 'cause I used to go out quite a  
664 lot, myself and mi friends used to go into town on a Friday night and Saturday night, and  
665 sometimes on a Sunday night, and I think she was quite pleased really, for me to settle  
666 down.
- 667 B. When did you get married?

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- 668 A. I got married in 1978.
- 669 B. What's the name of your husband?
- 670 A. John Macnaboe.
- 671 B. What was his occupation?
- 672 A. He was an aircraft fitter at British Aerospace.
- 673 B. When you married did you continue working after you were married?
- 674 A. I did, yes. I used to work at Visionhire then.
- 675 B. Your first home together, was it rented or did you buy it?
- 676 A. We bought it.
- 677 B. Can you remember how much it cost?
- 678 A. Ten thousand, five hundred.
- 679 B. And did you have to put down a deposit on it?
- 680 A. We did ya, we put two thousand pounds deposit down.
- 681 B. Did you have to provide any surety, any references, to be able to get this mortgage loan?
- 682 A. Mortgages were very difficult to get at the time, I seem to remember. I can't remember  
683 about that – references.
- 684 B. How many children have you?
- 685 A. Two.
- 686 B. And who are they, and how old are they?
- 687 A. Well, there's Helen, my eldest daughter, she's 25, and then Kate who's 21.
- 688 B. Were they born at home or in hospital?
- 689 A. In hospital.
- 690 B. Now, coming back again to the Frenchwood area, do you have any special memories of  
691 your childhood and your early adult years, that stand out. Any special memories of the  
692 area?
- 693 A. I think it was playing on the building sites, it was just such good fun, we were just let to  
694 go wild really, and this scavenging thing that we used to do, that was really good fun.  
695 We used to wait until people moved out then we'd be in to see what they had left for us.

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- 696 B. Were people generally respectable in the area? Generally decent and respectable. How  
697 would you describe, you know, the community there?
- 698 A. Very honest people. Very honest, hard-working people really. Most people did work,  
699 and a lot of people had very big families, they must have found it hard, but most fathers  
700 worked and mothers stayed at home to look after the children.
- 701 B. Were they generally working class people?
- 702 A. Yes, I'd say so.
- 703 B. So it was a working class community?
- 704 A. Yes.
- 705 B. Is there a favoured memory that you have?
- 706 A. What as a child?
- 707 B. Mmm.
- 708 A. Erm – I can't think...what of the area?
- 709 B. That's alright. I suppose of the area, and of your own life?
- 710 A. I do remember some days being very special. Didn't like getting up and going out  
711 without any breakfast but I always felt safe in church, and part of the community, I think  
712 because you'd see the same people there every week. We'd go in and it was packed out  
713 in those days, 'cause if you were late you wouldn't get a place, you wouldn't be able to  
714 all sit together as a family, and I can remember we always used to sit in the same order;  
715 mum 'ud go in first, then they'd be us children and dad at the end. And that's how every  
716 family was, you get mum inside, all the children then dad at the end, and I can remember  
717 feeling so much part of the community, with all the same people being there.
- 718 B. Yes, a sense of security about that?
- 719 A. Mmm.
- 720 B. You briefly told me about a lot of families were quite large, was there any physical  
721 poverty that you remember?
- 722 A. People used to come in the shop and you could tell they were very hard-up. Everybody  
723 did their best in those days, everybody sort of made their own clothes if they couldn't  
724 afford to buy them, and I always remember everybody being quite well turned out,  
725 specially for church, you had to be, you had to have your best clothes on. Had to be seen  
726 to be presentable to all the church. And I think a lot of the people had hand-downs,  
727 didn't they, I know I used to have to wear mi sister's clothes, so I think with the big  
728 families the clothes were bought and then handed down so people didn't look scruffy.  
729 Everybody seemed to look well-dressed, from what I can remember anyway. Well,

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730 obviously, people did used to come in the shop and dad used to do some ‘special offers’  
731 like the ends of bacon (off the main roll of bacon), you’d have it on a little tray and he’d  
732 sell it cheaper and people would come in, “oh, I’ll have that bacon”...and I used to think  
733 “oh they are a bit hard-up, they can’t afford the proper bacon, they’ve got to buy scraps”,  
734 sort of thing. And everybody used to cook, didn’t they, themselves and make cheap,  
735 good meals. So I think everybody was well-nourished even though...they didn’t have a  
736 lot of money.

737 B. Do you have any bad memories of the area?

738 A. Not really.

739 B. That’s o.k. I’ll leave it at that Angela. I want to thank you very much, that’s been  
740 absolutely fantastic.

**End of interview**