

Harley School Reunion September 15th 2019

Interviews With Former Pupils

Ex-pupils Afternoon Tea

15th September, 2019
2 – 5 pm

1.30 pm	Expect early arrivals.
2.00 pm	Arrivals
	Hand out name badges to pupils. (VT)
2.00 - 2.10	Welcome to school (PT).
	Explain format & timings P or V.
	Call out Register (as in school) (V). So that pupils will know who is present, as may they may not recognise each other from school days.
2.10 - 2.30	Pupils intermingle.
2.30 - 3.45	Info. gathering exercise.
3.45 - 4.00	Photo shoot outside, as in school photos.
4.00 - 5.00	Afternoon Tea.







Contact list

	Date sent	Accepted	Name	
1	9/7/19	Yes x 2	Mary Woolley nee Lewis	90 years old. Lived Wyse Barn, Kenley. Talented artist. Painted poster for school social in 1938, aged 8.
2	10/7/19	No	Edna Munslow	Unable to attend, prior engagement.
3	10/7/19	Yes x 2	David Ryder & Merryn	Mum, Barbara & step father (Tom) lived in The Flats. Tom as oldest resident opened The Pound in 2005 when refurb'd as one oldest resident. Formerly live at The Towers.
4	10/7/19	No	Alistair Preece & grandson Scott	Lived at no. 8, but not expected here today as didn't attend Harley School.
5	10/7/19	No	Bev. Nicholls & Josie	Unable to attend, seriously ill, recently in Severn Hospice.
6	10/7/19	Yes x 1	Derek Evan & Sheila	Lives in Cressage next to Eagles, with son Mel made Thankful Village seats. Accompanied to school on first day by Mary Lewis from Kenley.
7	10/7/19	Yes x 2	John Munslow & Esther	Rowley Farm, Domas. Sister Audrey, lives in Australia and Edna can't attend..
8	10/7/19	Yes x 2	David Brazier & Sylvia Brazier	David, lived at Unicorn and 13/ or 14 Harley now (Brant) next to Mr & Mrs. Hoult/Holt.
9	10/7/19	Yes x 2	Susan Attwater Nee	No info. Lives in Warwickshire.
10	10/7/19	No	John Hyland & Pamela	Lives at Atcham, but away on holiday. Sister Judy Hughes, The Moors, Cressage.
11	12/7/19	Yes x 1	Clive Evans	Younger brother of Derek lives in Bayston Hill..
12	12/7/19	Yes x 2	Carol Harries nee Robinson & Gerald	Lives in Bayston Hill
13	12/7/19	Yes x 1	Margaret Davies nee Tittley	Lives Brosley Wood, cousin of Carol Harris, above.
14	29/7/19	Yes x 1	Charlie Hatton & Ruth	Lives Church Preen. Builder, re built church wall some years ago.
15	29/7/19	Yes x 2	Ivy Hatton & son	Sister of Charlie, lives in Oswestry. Lived at Number 11. Can't now attend, but has photo of children sitting at desks in school. Awaiting copy.
16	29/7/19	Yes x 2	David Jellicoe & Peta	Son of Alan and Joyce Jellicoe, lived at The Plume of Feathers. Career in Navy.
17	29/7/19	No	Edward Esp	Lives in Wern.
18	30/7/19	Yes x 2	David Brassington & Mary	With 2 brothers attended Harley, farms Mill Farm, Wigwig.
19	30/7/19	Yes x 2	Graham Clark & Jennifer	Attended Harley School, has sister Sheila, who lives in Wrexham, but due to illness can't attend. Farms Wigwig.
20	2/8/19	Yes x 2	Edward Brassington & Celia	Brother to David and John. Farms in Presteigne.
21	5/8/19		Wilfred Robinson	1/2 brother to Judy Hughes nee Hyland (below).. No response to date.
22	5/8/19	Yes x 1	Judy Hughes nee Hyland	Lives in The Moors, Cressage.
23	8/8/19	Yes x 2	Michael Rowlands & Carol	Brother to Violet Read and Gordon Rowlands. Taught by Miss Zillah Hughes.
24	9/8/19	Yes x 2	Joe Hughes and Christine	Father Dickie lived at The Flats. Joe has lived at 5 different houses in Harley. Brother in law to Judy Hughes. Managed house building of bro. John below. Knew who lived at every house in Harley.
25	9/8/19	Undecided	John Hughes	Brother of Joe, lives in East Grinstead, Sussex. Built Anne & David Sharpes & Sarah & Damian Devers house in 70's. Original cottage demolished in 1914. During WW2 Mr. Grosvenor, school Headmaster grew potatoes on the top of the plot. John friendly with Italian family – there were 2 families in the village then.
26	9/8/19	Yes x 1	Violet (Edie) Read nee Rowlands	Sister to Mike & Gordan Rowlands. Lives in The Moors, Cressage.
27	9/8/19	Yes x 1	Francis Carter	Brother John also attended Harley, grandparents farmers Stonehouse Farm, Kenley. Francis lives in Shrewsbury Road, Cressage. May bring photo. With her.

28	9/8/19	No	Keith Bridgewater	No info. except wife ill.	
29	8/8/19	Yes x 1	David Venables	Lived at No. 2 Harley aka Old Timbers. Currently Church Cottage.	
30	9/8/19	Yes x 1	Gordon Rowlands	Brother to Mike Rowlands and Violet Read, lives in Wellington.	
31	12/8/19	No	Cliff Ashley	Lives in Sundorne, Shrewsbury, unable to attend. Lived at No. 2 aka Old Timbers, currently Church Cottage	
32	23/8/10	Yes x 1	John Brassington	Brother of David and Edward, farms at The Down, Bridgnorth.	
33	27/8/19	Yes x 1	John Harris	88 years old. Lives at Snedshill, Telford and has 4 sisters 3 of whom below went to Harley school, trying to persuade Margaret (86) to attend	
34	27/8/19	Yes x 1	Margaret , Dorothy, Eileen, Jean, & Josie (sisters) nee Harris	3 elderly sisters of John above, 1 younger Josie attended Cressage School.	
35	28/9/19	Yes x 2	Eileen Clay nee Hughes & husband Jack	Lives in Harnage. Eileen is sister to Derek Hughes.	
36	29/8/19	Yes x 3	Gwen Rogers nee Williams	Age 92 years, lives Sutton Farm, Shrewbury. Lived with grandmother in Domas (now Glebe Cottage) Parents lived in cottages on left at end of Cound Straight.	
37	29/8/19	Yes x 2	Derek Hughes & Julie Fazey	Unrelated to Joe & John Hughes. Lives in Claverley. Sister to Eileen Clay.	
38	11/09/19	Yes x 2	Margaret Harris nee Roberts	Lives Ludlow	
				NB House numbers 1 – 18 ran through village 1, 2,(Church Cottage); 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 are still standing. nos. 4, 5, 6, were demolished in the middle lane. Nos. 11, 12, were also demolished in Mill Bank, 13 & 14 are now Brant. Nos 15 & 16 are beyond The Plume. The Red House, now known as The White House on Harley Bank were nos. 17 & 18. There were cottages in the vicinity of The Towers and the windmill and households situated within The Towers.	

Question List

- 1.Home address in Harley/Kenley/Wigwig/Cressage/Harnage?
- 2.Parent/sibling names?
- 3.Parent occupation?
- 4.Your school dates?
- 5.Did you walk to school/ how long did it take. Did you walk back home, (in the dark)?
- 6.Teachers names - what were they like?
- 7.Did you have a favourite teacher?
- 8.Was Miss Hughes your teacher (for post 1947 pupils)?
- 9.Can you remember your first day?
- 10.School friends – their names? Where did they live? Best friend – did you keep in touch?
- 11.What was your favourite lesson?
- 12.Can you remember the school day?
- 13.Did you have favourite school games?
- 14.What naughty things did you get up to?,
- 15.What was the school room like?
- 16.Can you remember the screens that separated the room? What was painted on them?
- 17.Were there school dinners? Or Did you take sandwiches?
- 18.Can you remember any celebrations for Whitsuntide, Empire Day, Wenlock Fayre, Harvest Festival, Christmas?
- 19.Were there any plays, musical events or social events in the school?
- 20.Were you warm enough in school, how was the room heated?
- 21.Were there any blinds/curtains/blackout at the windows?
- 22.Were you a school monitor – milk, ink etc?
- 23.Can you remember the school dentist when you were there? Or the nurse?
- 24.Did you do exercises or sports at school?
- 25.Did you have assembly every morning & sing hymns before starting lessons?
- 26.What were the toilets like? Were you allowed to go during a lesson?
- 27.Who delivered the milk?
- 28.How was discipline maintained?
- 29.Did you go on any school trips? Where did you go on school trips?
- 30.Was there a school bell (hand or fixed)?
- 31.Did you do any gardening at school?
- 32.Did you have the Liverpool evacuees billeted at your house? Did they come to school?
- 33.Can you remember the Italian children being at school?

34.What did you do when you left Harley School?

The Interviews

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		Susan Jones. Born1945	Interviewer: Richard Harris
Question	Topic		
1	Address	The Plume of Feathers pub. Parents were tenant landlords	
2	Family	Father Eddie Jones, mother Molly. Siblings Lynn born 1944 Evelyn born 1950	
3	Parents Occupatioin	Publican	
4	Dates attended school	Early 50's	
5	Journey	Walked to school from pub. Remembers dark evenings no torch.	
6	Teachers	Teachers names Miss Hayward reception, Miss Hughes post reception	
7	Favourite Teacher	Miss Hughes kind, always had a packet of Ryvitas on her desk, allowed children to watch her television for nature programs during school hours	
9	First Day	no recollection	
10	Friends	Michael and Jeffrey Venables, Audrey Munslow, Margaret Nicholls, Josie ?, John Munslow, Maureen Hughes	
11	Favourite Lesson	art and drawing	
12	School Day	only vague memories	
13	Favourite Games	skipping and hop scotch	
14	Naughty	Doesn't remember being naughty	
15	School room layout	Remembers the school room as divided between reception and older children.	
16	Divider screens	No detailed memory	
17	School Dinners	remembers them being brought in ready cooked and brought in by dinner lady. Enjoyed the stew and semolina.	
18	Celebrations	remembers coronation day with marquee on the field in front of school. Music and games, was given a five shilling piece in plastic case	
19	Plays and social events	No social events she can remember	
20	Temperature	Was often cold in school. Remembers a very hot stove in the classroom.	
24	Exercise	PE once weekly in the playground	
25	Assembly	Vague memories of prayers and hymns	
26	Toilets	Awful. Boys could spy on girls	
27	Milk	Milk was delivered in crates ? by whom	
28	Discipline	Miss Hughes was “strict but fair”.	
29	Trips	No recollection	
30	Bell	Hand bell	
31	Gardening	Remembers a small garden in the playground no gardening lessons	
34	On leaving	When she left, went to live with an aunt in Birmingham and attended secondary school there. Susan brought with her a 4 page letter in beautiful handwriting, written to her by Miss Hughes after she left the school.	

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		David Jellicoe Born 1950	Interviewer: Richard Harris
Question	Topic		
1	Address	The Plume of Feathers pub. Parents were tenant landlords	
2	Family	Only child of Alan and Joyce. Took over from the Joneses as tenant landlords	
3	Parents Occupation	Publicans	
4	Dates attended school	1957 - 1961	
5	Journey	Walked to school alone from pub. Was given a torch but told to use it only if he saw a car, not to find his way, so as to save battery.	
6	Teachers	Miss Hughes "Zilla", a spinster "not to be trifled with"	
7	Favourite Teacher	Miss Hughes, used a pen and inkwell and had beautiful writing. Wrote to him three or four times per year after he left the school.	
9	First Day	Remembers his first day	
10	Friends	John Brassington, David Brassington, Wilf Robinson, Edna Munslow, Kathleen Johnson, Graham Brazier.	
11	Favourite Lesson	Arithmetic and English. Remembers how good Miss Hughes was at explaining arithmetic. Friday afternoons was class singing, or sometimes Miss Hughes would bring in her phonograph and play records such as Kathleen Ferrier (Blow The Wind Southerly); Berlioz, and Sibelius (Finlandia). Recognises that his lifelong love of music began with these lessons. Miss Hughes also encouraged reading, Enid Blyton, famous five series. Allowed children to take home books from library in classroom.	
12	School Day	Children filed into class from cloakroom. Ledger for Roll Call.	
14	Being naughty	Doesn't remember being naughty.	
15	School room layout	Remembers the school room as divided between reception and older children. As they grew older children progressed from right to left in the classroom, finally emerging by the door on the left hand side.	
17	School Dinners	Children were allowed to play for 10 minutes before dinner. Dinner was bought in in aluminium boxes ready cooked, and served by dinner lady Mrs Hughes.	
18	Celebrations	No recall of any celebrations	
19	Plays and social events	No social events he can remember	
20	Temperature	David was the coal monitor. As the biggest and strongest, he had to fill up the coal bucket four times a day and build up the fire. They were never cold at school. Ice was on the inside of the windows	
24	Exercise	PE in the playground	
25	Assembly	Prayers on Monday Wednesday and Friday	
26	Toilets	Toilets were very primitive; remembers husband of dinner lady Mrs Hughes cleaned them every Friday evening. Doesn't remember any spying on girls.	
27	Milk	Milk delivered in crates	
28	Discipline	Was "in awe of Miss Hughes but not frightened of her".	

		David Jellicoe Born 1950	Interviewer: Richard Harris
29	Trips	No recollection	
30	Bell	Hand bell	
31	Gardening	No gardening lessons	
34	On leaving	He was one of three pupils to sit in the 11+ and won a place at Adams’ Grammar to which his parents were unable to take him. Miss Hughes, of whom he thought the world, approached Lutwyche Lodge School to take him. (Simon Brown and Phil Wadlow from Much Wenlock were pupils there, too, and are still in touch with him.) He was one of three pupils to sit in the 11+ and won a place at Adams’ Grammar to which his parents were unable to take him. Miss Hughes, of whom he thought the world, approached Lutwyche Lodge School to take him. (Simon Brown and Phil Wadlow from Much Wenlock were pupils there, too, and are still in touch with him.)	
		John Peters, the electrician, lived at Harley Farm House [the Cowells’ house] as his father manged the farm	

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		Gwen Rogers age 91	Yvonne Bridgeland
Question	Topic		
1	Address	Gwen lived at Cound but stayed in Glebe Cottage, Harley, where her grandparents lived, during the week. Alan Howard lives there now.	
2	Family	Gwen's grandad had been a blacksmith in Cound. Her mother went to Harley School with Aunty Doris and Aunt Edie. in the Shropshire Magazine photograph in 2012, Gwen is third from left in the second row. She is standing next to Ken, the young man who drowned. In the photo with 2 flags, Aunty Doris (Doris Hughes) is in the middle. Gwen's grandad had been a blacksmith in Cound. Her mother went to Harley School with Aunty Doris and Aunt Edie. Most of the families in Harley were Hughes or Braziers, all related.	
11	Favourite Lesson	Gwen loved art and won prizes. One was of Stokesay Castle, but she could not collect it because she had scarlet fever. Mrs Lee, the teacher, received it up on her behalf. Scarlet fever was very common at that time. Antibiotics were not in	
12	School Day		
13	Play/Favourite Game	As children they played in Wig Wig ford where the Jones family were. the Jones family came here to school as did the Wilds. Both families were Wig Wig farmers.	
32	Liverpool Evacuees	Evacuees from Liverpool were in The Rectory in Harley.	
33	Italian children		
34	On leaving	Gwen left school at 13 and took up an apprenticeship in hairdressing in Shrewsbury in what is now called Cameo but was then called Arthur's. She had three hairdressing salons in town. One of them was Alyssia's by the Column. One of her clients was Eve Manby, wife of Michael Manby, the Head of Prestfelde at the time. She had the shops until she was 76 years old	
35	Other recollections	Most of the families in Harley were Hughes or Braziers, all related.	

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		Mary Lewis (Wooley) Age 90	Interviewer: Yvonne Bridgeland, Andy Jackson and Jean Buswell
Question	Topic		
1	Address	The family lived at Wyre's Barn, Kenley.	
2	Family	Mary was born in Canada. Her mother was Welsh, and her father was English. Her mother returned to England (with Mary then aged 4) because her mother was ill. Was a neighbour of the Evans at Kenley. She used to take the boys to school. She came to England from Canada when she was 8 and started at Harley School.	
4	Dates attended school	Mary Lewis (90) was at school with Gwen (Rogers). They were at school in wartime. Mary attended Harley School from 5-13 years old.	
5	Journey	We walked to school, me and my brother we called at Frances Carter's house and 4 of us walked together. We were never late, you wouldn't dare be late!	
6	Teachers	Mrs Smith, the Head Teacher, taught Mary, and she was made to change her hand preference as she was left-handed. Her left hand was tied behind her back. It was very distressing. Mrs Lees taught painting. They did the Light of the World which is in the church. [Paul Trenberth says it is in the possession of a family in Much Wenlock whose ancestor did a lot of work on it. It is unlikely we will get it back].	
11	Favourite Lesson	I think I was happy at school, well, we didn't know anything else did we? When it was nice weather we had lessons on the grass under the trees	
15	School room layout	Miss Hughes' desk was the other side of the mantel piece (The Edwards' house side).	
17	School Dinners	Mary used to take sandwiches to school because there were no dinners. She swapped sandwiches with her friend. We did not have school dinners we took sandwiches usually jam or cheese. I used to swap with Frank Jones because he had Marmite.	
19	Plays and social events	Sometimes in the evenings we had dances at the school. The screens would be pushed back and we moved the furniture. The teacher Clara Hayward fancied my dad. She used to say 'Are you coming to the dance tonight? Is your dad coming with you?' When we got there she 'snaffled' my dad and was with him for most of the night. My dad always had the last dance with me and when we got home my mum would say 'Did you dance with your dad?' and I said 'yes'.	
20	Temperature	The school room was heated by a big fire with a guard round it. Boys used to bring the coal in buckets from the shed.	
24	Exercise	We had sports day in the summer, egg and spoon and 3 legged races things like that. Some times 'Sidoli's' ice cream van came and we could spend 2 pence on an ice cream.	
27	Milk	In winter we put our frozen milk bottles in front of the fire to make it warm. In summer the milk was often sour, they tried to make us drink it, but we tipped it over the wall into Pound Field.	
28	Discipline	She is naturally left-handed, but had her left hand tied behind her back to make her write etc with her right hand. She now can paint right -handed but is naturally left-handed. Still gets table settings the wrong way round. I was left handed and the teacher strapped my hand behind my back to make me use my right hand. The boy behind me used to undo the strap so I could use my hand to write but the two writings looked different.	
32	Liverpool Evacuees	When the Liverpool evacuees came some of the older pupils went to the Rectory and were taught there. We had a girl evacuee staying with us. She could not use a knife and fork and she never took her clothes off. Used to sleep in all her clothes! I was shocked and complained to my mother. She only stayed for a short time she moved to be with her brother.	
34	On leaving	After school, Mary went to the Tech to do a Commercial Course. She wanted to go to Art College, but her father would not let her. She did the poster on the social event to hand over the Light of the World to Harley Church. [She was delighted to see it hanging above the fireplace today.] I then went to Shrewsbury Tech I wanted to study Art but my dad said I couldn't he said we had no money. I did a commercial course.	
35	Other recollections	They wore gas masks and practised putting them on. They were not allowed to talk to the prisoners of war. Mr Brookshaw had been in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He called Mary "Little Miss Canada". During the war we practised emergency drill. We had to put gas masks on quickly, they smelt horrible, and we would dive under the desks. At first the masks were in cardboard boxes then the boxes were changed to tin. We girls knitted sea socks for the sailors. We wore pinafores because the wool was very oily and our hands became dirty. We knitted the foot of the socks but someone else knitted the heel and the top. The nit nurse used to come and your mother was summoned to the school if you had caught nits. If you went up Harley Bank on the bus, after it got so far up, we all had to get out and walk. The bus moved off and stopped further up the bank then we got back on again and the bus carried on. In winter a man called Charley Cookson had the job of clearing the snow from the bank he stayed in a hut on the bank.	

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		Mary Lewis	Interviewer: Victoria Todd.
Question	Topic		
1	Address	Wyse Barn, Kenley but was born in Canada and came to England around the age of 8.	
3	Parents Occupation	Her father worked for Col. Pollitt as gamekeeper at Harnage on returning from Canada.	
4	Dates attended school	1937 - 45/46	
5	Journey	Walked from Kenley	
10	Friends	<p>Pupils she remembers William (Billybug) Jones (he had nits). The Rowe family Alice, Ken, John, who lived at 17 or 18 referred to as The Red House, but more recently The White House (currently painted yellow). Their father was the Lengthsman (a role no longer in existence, with responsibilities for keeping the roads, gutters and ditches clear. Often seen on Harley Bank with wheelbarrow, spade and broom). Joe Hughes dad used to help him when weather was bad i.e. snow.</p> <p>Talbot and Beverley (brothers) Nicholls whose father was a fishmonger and they lived at The Grove, Kenley Road, Harley.</p> <p>Joan Rowlands and the family at 15/16 Harley. Also the Harris family in Castle Hill Cottages, Domas Lane consisting of Dorothy, Eileen, John, Margaret, Betty & Jean,</p> <p>Mary also remembers the Brookshaw family at Harley House Farm, the home of Jim, Roma and Rosemary. Their father Len was in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and would always sweep Mary up into his arms, she remembers he was very tall.</p> <p>Mary Brown left the school, but remembers Isobel Gregory who lived on a farm in Domas. Mary remembers the Jones and Clark family from farms in Wigwig.</p> <p>Mary can recall the Preece family of Joyce, Jim and Alistair & (Tony) at No.8 (now Meadow Cottage) and also the Post Office there in the front room, which was partitioned off.</p> <p>She also recalls a J. Spragg of Merryshaw Farm, a scrappy boy of gipsy folk being very dirty and flea ridden. Other names remembered were, Sheila Edwards, Beryl Jones, Dorothy Evason, sister of Mary. They lived on the way to Harnage Grange at Butlers Bank. Beryl Jones, sister to Frank of Wigwig. Lilian Wilcox, Eileen Marston lived at farm in Domas (former home of Margaret & Pryce Brown). Gwen Williams lived with her grandmother in a cottage in Domas, whilst her parents lived in cottages at the end of Cound Straight.</p> <p>Names also summoned up were Sidney James. One of the Rowlands (boys/girls?) was deaf after an operation on ear. Frank Jones is remembered by Mary because they swapped sandwiches at lunch times behind the field wall, because she liked his Marmite sandwiches. Mary also remembers walking to school from Kenley each day. On occasions calling at Stonehouse Farm, Kenley (the grandparents of John & Frances Carter) and she would be given a slice of fried bread to eat on the way to school.</p> <p>When Derek Evans started school they would walk to school together and still talk of it to this day. Mary mentioned the death of Ken Rowe (1951) drowning in the river at Cressage. Eric Brown moved away. Noel Hayward lived at Kenley.</p>	
11	Favourite Lesson	<p>Mary loved Art. She helped to paint the screens in school and she painted Little Jack Horner. There is framed poster now above the mantelpiece in the village hall. This poster depicts in the top left corner a picture of Little Jack Horner, similar to that she painted on the screens.</p> <p>Mary was a talented and gifted artist, the poster was painted, (and the water colours) when Mary was 8 years old. The poster was for a Social Evening to raise fund for an embroidery that older girls worked on (1/2 life size) 'Called the Light of the World'. It was given to St.Marys to hang in the church.</p>	
28	Discipline	Mary remembers vividly being made to write with her right hand, her left hand being tied behind her back with a scarf.	
32	Liverpool Evacuees	During the war her family had an evacuee from Liverpool billeted with them, Mary distinctly remembers the girl couldn't use a knife and fork and didn't take her clothes off to go to bed.	
34	On leaving	Mary wished to pursue art after leaving school, but her father insisted that she went to Wakeman college, to take a commercial course. During her free period she spent in the art room, she like to paint still life, like oranges and pears. To get to college Mary would cycle to Cressage via Wood Lane. The first train left Cressage at 5.30am, that was too early for Mary to catch for college, so she had a dispensation to arrive at college at 9.30am. Subsequently, Mary worked at the hospital for 30 years.	
35	Other recollections	<p>During the war the older girls knitted sea boot socks, when it came to 'turning the heel' the socks would be taken to Miss Trevor, Castle Hill House to do. They had to wear smocks to protect their clothes from the oil in the wool.</p> <p>Mary recalled a visit from the Ironbridge Power ARP who visited their home at Wyse Barn, Kenley (on high ground). The curtain in Mary's bedroom was not properly closed, hence the visit.</p>	

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		Frances Carter	Interviewer: Yvonne Bridgeland
Question	Topic		
4	Dates attended school	1944-52 at Harley School.	
5	Journey	Frances's brother, Johnnie, (5 years older) walked to school with Frances in 1944. When Frances was 5, her father had a sidecar and took her to school. The children who walked from Kenley to Harley used to call early in the morning to Johnnie's house to get warm bread from the fire. Frances and Johnnie lived in the Stonehouse, Kenley. From 1946, they had a school bus. Miss Hayward, the Infant Teacher, lived in Kenley and also came in on the school bus. There were 10 altogether on the bus.	
7	Favourite Teacher	Mrs Smith and Mrs Lees (war time teachers) were nice. Frances was very happy at Harley School	
10	Friends	Frances' best friend was Violet Rowlands. They have kept in touch and both live in Cressage now. Frances at 1 Shrewsbury Road, and Violet at 8 the Moors.	
11	Favourite Lesson	Their subjects were Arithmetic, English, Geography and History. They worked in the morning and played in the afternoon. There was not much PE; they had to work. They did not get much homework. Frances' favourite subject was maths.	
12	School Day	On arrival at school, they hung their coats in the porch [old kitchen] which was the front door in those days. Miss Hughes did the register for everybody. At break they had 1/3 pint of milk and a vitamin c tablet to stop scurvy. They went home for lunch or brought in their lunch. Gwen and Mary brought their own.	
15	School room layout	The little ones (infants) aged 5-7 faced the church. The primary children aged 8-13 faced the Edwards' house. There were screens in the middle. [No longer here]. They had shutters on the windows for blackout blinds.	
17	School Dinners	School dinners came in during 1947. They cost 4d a day, or 1s 8d for the week. They were cooked in Bayston Hill. Miss Zilla Hughes and Mrs Hilda Preece helped with the dinners. Mrs Peece was a chain smoker, and her ash fell into the custard pot which was then stirred and served out to the children. The children ate at a long table in front of the fire. After dinner, the children went to play outside so Miss Hughes and Mrs Preece could have their dinners. After dinner, Mrs Preece would wash the crockery and cutlery in a bowl in the porch.	
19	Plays and social events	The children were involved in festivals like Harvest for the church. They had a Christmas party in school with a Christmas tree. Children made paper chains to decorate the room. Father Christmas came. There were cakes and Pass the Parcel with a piano for the music.	
26	Toilets	Gwen and Frances were given the cane for standing on the loo seat and looking over into the boys' toilet.	
27	Milk	At break they had 1/3 pint of milk and a vitamin c tablet to stop scurvy.	
28	Discipline	If they were naughty, they had to stand in the corner (by the fuse boxes) for 10 minutes. They were sent there for talking or for spelling a word wrongly. Frances got the cane for stroking horses in the Pound Field. The progression of punishments was the corner, the ruler, and finally the cane.	
31	Gardening	There were flower beds in front of the wall on the school drive by the Pound field. The school garden was 2 feet wide, and 6 feet long. They grew Cosmos. Miss Hughes had a path through the garden to her house. There were owls in the trees by the road. They tarmacked a plot in front of the school in about 1947.	
34	On leaving	After Harley, Frances went to Coalbrookdale School. She worked in houses and in the fields on their farm and on other people's farms.	
35	Other recollections	Once a year, the doctor came to do routine check-ups, and the nurse came every 12 weeks (once a term) to check for nits. If they were found to have nits, their mother was told, and they had to suffer the nit comb. The doctor saw them in the porch. Aged 10, they knitted socks for sea boots in the war. Yonder Castlehill took them in and turned the heel and sent them off. They had Sidoli's ice cream for 2d in the war. Country children lived better than children in the towns. Frances remembers going to pick cowslips in the spring time after school with Maureen Evans. Her dad had to go and find them and take them home.	

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		Violet Rowlands	Interviewer: Yvonne Bridgeland/Jo Jackson
Question	Topic		
1	Address	When at Harley School, Violet lived in the two cottages (Yarchester Barns) by the Plume of Feathers.	
2	Family	Younger sister of Gordon.	
6	Teachers	Zillah was a good teacher. She was strict, and they had to be obedient. They learnt manners from her, to say their Pleases and Thank Yous. Miss Hayward kept her handkerchief up her knickers legs.	
11	Favourite Lesson	Violet's favourite subject was English. She remembers sewing purses out of leather and enjoyed that.	
12	School Day	If they wanted to write something, they spelt the words in a book, and Zillah checked them. They learnt spellings at home. They made leather purses by punching holes and threading through. They had Nature walks to Kenley with Zilla. Violet was told she was naughty not to like hedgehogs having knocked one with her foot.	
13	Play/Favourite Game	There were netball posts at the school. Rounders were played in the Pound Field, and they skipped at play time. [They could not remember skipping songs.]	
15	School room layout	She remembers the screens but didn't work on them. She says Isobel Gregory did.	
28	Discipline	She and her friend Joan Hughes loved the horses and one day they were stroking them in the field and miss Hughes took them both inside and gave them the cane. She said the horses could have kicked them. She said she had lots of telling offs and admits she didn't learn much in school.	
32	Liverpool Evacuees	The evacuees lived in the rectory – about 15 of them. Graham, bill and Marie Skelton she remembers.	
34	On leaving	When they went to Much Wenlock School, they had to wear navy blue knickers. Violet was there from 12-15 years. Both Frances and Violet loved Harley School, but they hated it at Much Wenlock. It was too big, and	
35	Other recollections	At home, they made their own entertainment – rabbiting and working hard on the land. Violet helped with the animal feed. Miss Hayward kept her handkerchief up her knickers legs. She says the boys and girls used to all meet together after school on the corner by the rectory and would be there up to midnight sometimes. Her dad used to come down and haul her indoors. He was very strict. They all had lots of chores to do after school.	

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		Gordon Rowlands	Interviewer: Yvonne Bridgeland/Jo Jackson
Question	Topic		
1	Address	Lived in Raby cottages (now Yarchester Barns) with 3 sisters and 3 brothers. They had a back and a front kitchen and 3 bedrooms,	
2	Family	Violet's brother, was 4 years older. In the 1948 photo, Violet is 4 th from the left, front row; John, Frances' brother, is 4 th from the right back row; Frances is middle front row. Violet said that Gordon was good at school and good at home.	
4	Dates attended school	Gordon was at Harley from 1937-48.	
5	Journey	He walked to school and brought sandwiches for lunch. If they arrived in wet clothes, then chairs were put round the fire and the wet clothes draped on them. He remembers John and Frances Carter used to arrive at school on a motorbike and sidecar.	
6	Teachers	Miss Sutton was the head teacher and Miss Howard (Hayward?) was the infant teacher. He remembers a man being there for a while who used to break a piece of chalk and throw it at the children then when they went out it send to get trodden into the floor.	
10	Friends	Johnny Price whose parents kept the post office was his best friend – he thinks he now lives in the Isle of Man.	
28	Discipline	Other teachers used the cane. It used to stand beside the fireplace.	
29	Trips	They had school trips to Church Stretton on which they had a bottle of Corona lemonade and a sandwich. They climbed the hill and picked bilberries.	
34	On leaving	leaving at 14 to work for an agricultural contractor where he was taught to plough.	
35	Other recollections	They had an evacuee at Yarchester, and their mother talked about her for years. They got extra money for having evacuees which helped with the family budget. The Rowe's were their neighbours and he recalls the drowning of Kenny as a huge tragedy.	

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		John Harris	Interviewer: Yvonne Bridgeland/ Andy
Question	Topic		
1	Address	They used to live at 'Old Timbers' and came across the field to school. He lived in a cottage below Castle Hill next door to Joe Hughes grandmother. George Adams' bungalow is there now.	
2	Family	John's mother was ill after Margaret was born, so he lived with his Great Uncle who was a wagoner with horses. John was the 3 rd out of 7 children (and the only boy), Margaret was the 4 th	
4	Dates attended school	was at Harley School for 3½ years from age 5-8½ years old. After that, he went to Cressage.	
11	Favourite Lesson	John liked English but not Maths. He learned more maths after school.	
26	Toilets	The boys used to climb the wall by the toilet and watch the girls!	

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		Derek Evans	Interviewer:
Question	Topic		
4	Dates attended school	was at Harley School from 1941-47.	
5	Journey	He walked to school from Wyres Barn, Kenley.	
6	Teachers	The teachers were Miss Sutton and Miss Clara Hayward (in the Infants). Miss Hayward still owes Derek a chocolate bar. He carried a pen knife in his pocket (and still does) which she borrowed to sharpen the pencils for which she said she would give him a bar of chocolate. He is still waiting.	
9	First Day	Mary Lewis walked with Derek on his first day at school. He remembers his first day.	
13	Play/Favourite Game	They played cricket and football in the Pound Field. Derek played versus John (see above).	
34	On leaving	At 11 years old, Derek went to Coalbrookdale School. He was happy there because he was interested in football. Aged 14, Derek worked at Harnage Grange cutting grass and mixing it with protein for animals in Liverpool.	
35	Other recollections	During the war, they sat on the school wall watching American convoys going past (no bypass then) and shouted, "Give us some gum, chum!" The American soldiers threw them some chewing gum. There were troop trains in Cressage. Kenley children were divided between Harley and Church Preen Schools. The ones who went to Harley had more in common with Harley children with whom they played after school than the Kenley children who went to Church Preen.	

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		Judy Hughes & Margaret Davies	Interviewers: Jean Buswell & Sarah Dever
Question	Topic		
1	Address	Judy Hughes and Margaret Davies were sitting together at the reunion and were interviewed together. They had kept up a friendship since school with visits to the pictures or to Shrewsbury. Margaret was at the school from the age of five to eleven and loved it.	
6	Teachers	Miss Hughes would teach all the children on either side of the screen but there was also Miss Hayward who taught the younger ones. She biked from Hughley. She was lovely. Everyone noticed that she kept her handkerchief tucked up in her knickers.	
8	Miss Hughes	Judy's memories of school were dominated by Miss Hughes treatment of her. She hated Miss Hughes because she made her sit between a dividing screen and the entrance doors. There was another screen halfway down the hall to separate the younger children from the older ones. (Going from this section to the one where the older children sat was quite an educational landmark.). Judy said she had 'no teaching' but could hear everything from behind the screen. She implied that this situation repeated itself every day and persisted for the whole school day. She was effectually in solitary confinement on the coconut mat until home time. She never knew what she had done wrong to deserve this punishment. One day she was kept in late with no message home. Her Granny (with whom she lived) was worried about her. When she finally arrived home, Granny marched her back to the school to have it out with Miss Hughes. There was a big sign up which said that anyone who argued with Miss Hughes would be fined. Granny ignored	
11	Favourite Lesson	Sometimes they would have lessons under the two sycamore trees. They had assembly, Maths, Music etc. and used plasticine.	
14	Being naughty	Miss Hughes used the cane liberally. Once when a boy had gone into the field, Miss Hughes said the horse would kick him. He said it wouldn't and was caned for answering back.	
17	School Dinners	Dinners came from Berrington in big containers on trolleys. The children would ride on them and get the cane for doing it. Jim's ma/ Godmother ? was one of the trolley ladies, so he didn't get caned. They liked the dinners, especially the Manchester tart for pudding (but not the tapioca). The little third of a pint milk bottles were brought in frozen in the winter, sometimes with tops pecked by the birds and they would stand in front of the fire	
23	Dentist	When the mobile dentist came he would treat the children in the schoolroom behind a screen. Often there was no anaesthetic but Margaret had a broken front tooth extracted with a whiff of gas and remembers the smell of the anaesthetic being horrid.	
26	Toilets	The toilets were like a bucket with a shelf. Mr. Hughes emptied them. You were only allowed to go at break time. Otherwise you were told you had to wait even if you were desperate. (Margaret didn't have a flush toilet until she was nineteen and no bathroom until she was twenty-two.)	
34	On leaving	At the age of thirteen Margaret went to the Shrewsbury Tech. At one time children would stay until they were thirteen and then go to the Secondary Modern.	
35	Other recollections		

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		Eileen Hughes	Interviewer: Jo Jackson
Question	Topic		
1	Address	Lived in the grocery shop next to school with sisters Joan, Margaret and Janet (now lives in Hastings) and brother Derek. They used to have to bring all their water over from the blacksmiths.	
4	Dates attended school	At school in 1936 (she has problems with remembering things)	
26	Toilets	Remembers the bucket toilets in school	
34	On leaving	She left school to work in a bakery in Cressage.	
35	Other recollections	Her husband talked of the double summertime during the war and said the lads used to go running rabbits in the fields until after midnight. He was at school in Cound and they used to go to the seaside in Albert Davis coaches	

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		Carol Robinson	Interviewer: Jo Jackson
Question	Topic		
1	Address	Carol lived with her grand parents and Margaret Titley and her parents (Their mothers were sisters.) in Domas Cottage until Margaret moved out to live in the Towers. She remained living with her grandparents until her grandfather William Robinson (Mary was his wife) was killed on the road, he was a roadman. Killed ? on the corner by Cambers.	
2	Family	Carol's mother lived in Shrewsbury where her mother was in service. Carol's 4 sisters and 2 brothers all lived in a 1 up 1 down. Her father was in the navy. She saw her mother once a year. She was the eldest and although she's asked, she doesn't know why she didn't live with them. She suspects her dad is not her real father. After Grandad died she went to live with her mother's sister in law in a house behind her mother's in Shrewsbury.	
5	Journey	She had a club foot and a built-up shoe so used to come part way to school on her tricycle then leave it at her aunts. She says she was never bullied in school.	
8	Miss Hughes	She loved school and miss Hughes used to get her to sing 'Blow the Wind Southerly 'in singing lessons. She was also entered into a handwriting competition by Miss Hughes because her handwriting was so neat. She doesn't remember what happened.	
24	Exercise	She remembers, with a grimace, doing PE in knickers and vests in the playground and frozen milk put by the fire to defrost.	
34	On leaving	She left at 15 to work in catering.	
35	Other recollections	She does remember a tramp who lived in Cressage and used to regularly come and stand by the school wall. (David Brazier said he remembered the tramp, more than one of them. He says they used to call at his house, his mum was afraid of them but they were always given a cup of tea or bread and cheese)	

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		David Brazier	Interviewer: Annie Harris
Question	Topic		
1	Address	David was born in Unicorn House on the Wigwig lane (middle lane), but his family moved to 13/14 Harley when he was very young. Number 13/14 was a pair of semi detached cottages and he showed me a photo of himself as a small boy sitting in the garden of the cottage with Rosie the greyhound.	
4	Dates attended school	1951 - 57	
9	First Day	David's memories of school were minimal, he said he did not think that his experience of school helped him in later life. There was too much sitting still and not enough hands on activity with a practical purpose.	
14	Being naughty	He said that he was a quiet boy in school but regularly got into trouble and does not remember what it was he was in trouble for.	
20	Temperature	The school room was very cold unless you were lucky enough to be sitting near the fire or the pipes that ran around the outside edge of the classroom. The middle of the room was very cold even with the screens up.	
26	Toilets	He remembered a story about what the boys did when the girls used the toilets, the boys would lift the back panels to each toilet and "sting" the girls sitting on them with sticks. David went on to say that the older girls would punish the boys by making them roll up their trouser legs and sting their legs with sticks in return. He said it hurt so I assumed he was one of the culprits!	
27	Milk	Milk was delivered each day by a family in Atcham David thinks, he remembers how the children had to go to the top of the lane and bring in the milk.	
34	On leaving	When David left education he got a job on the Wenlock Estate doing building work, he did not want to do it but he did it for a while. He really wanted to work with wood as a carpenter. An acquaintance of his told David about a carpentry job that was going in Shrewsbury and suggested that he would help David write a letter to his employer explaining the move he was wanting to make. David wrote to his employer Lewis Motley and was fearful when some days afterwards Mr Motley summons David to the office, David thought he was going to be told off which is what happened often in school! To his surprise and relief Mr Motley wanted to see David to wish him all the best in his new job and told him that he was sorry to loose such a hard working employee. David spent the rest of his working life in carpentry repairs which he enjoyed because each job was different.	
35	Other recollections	David spoke of a memory, there was a pantry on the wall dividing the cottages, in the wall was a small hole that went right through to their neighbours half of the cottage. David said he would find his mother talking to the neighbour through said hole in the wall, he remembers them doing this every day. He also said the boys used to roam the fields. Once when sledging they lit a fire in the field where there was a lot of rubbish and the fire got out of hand. They used to sledge on the fields by Harley Bank and used to career through 3 fields and gateways. He remembers John Hughes putting 'brakes' on his sledge and when they failed, he went through hedges and barbed wire and got cut up. David liked to visit to the forge over the other side of the lane, they were allowed to take turns pulling the below, it was hard work but he liked doing this. A memory of the village was of how often families moved because many were farm workers, one of his school friends had moved house 5 times in one year. another memory of the village was how each family raised their own pig. When one of the pigs were big enough it would be taken to the Blacksmith's forge where the pig would be slaughtered and the meat shared amongst all the houses in Harley. He remembers how big the pig was!	

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		Margaret Wall (nee Harris)	Interviewer: Self Reported
Question	Topic		
1	Address	born at Castle Hill Cottage, (demolished to make way for a bungalow).The family moved to Cressage in January 1940 to a house with more room.	
2	Family	Parents:- William and Mary Harris Siblings:- Dorothy/ Eileen/ John/Margaret/Betty/Jean	
35	Other recollections	Dorothy remembers more than the others do, she was 12 years old when she left and went to Cressage. She helped to paint the screens. She remembers playing with Mrs. Lea's daughter, who was about the same age, after school in the playground. She said they used to play with old wheel frames and bowl them along with a stick and children were allowed to take them to school and play with them in the playground. Dorothy remembers that Mrs. Lea was very artistic and painted the school house windows with African scenes.	

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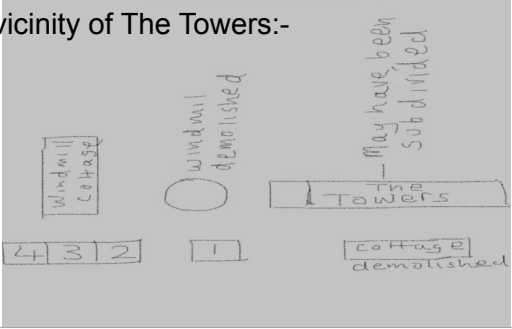
		David Ryder, Charlie Hatton, Margaret Ryder	Interviewer: ?
Question	Topic		
1	Address	David and Margaret Ryder: lived in No 1, Harley Towers. Charlie Hatton lived in Harley in the predecessor to the Munslovs' bungalow. His father also worked at Harnage Grange.	
3	Parents Occupation	David's mother worked at Harnage Grange (the Grange employed a number of people at that time), and she cycled or walked to work. Charlie's father also worked at Harnage Grange.	
4	Dates attended school	1957-61	
8	Miss Hughes	Great affection shown for Miss Hughes, as Head Teacher, and all three had, clearly, very fond memories of the school. Miss Hughes played the piano – often for fun.	
12	School Day	The school bell was in the top south corner of the roof of the school room.	
13	Play/Favourite Game	they played outside on the tarmac play area – mostly ball games. The pupils were allowed to go and buy sweets from the shop next door.	
15	School room layout	Pupils were placed in one of three groups of six, based on age.	
17	School Dinners	School dinners arrived in a yellowy van from much Wenlock, and were served by Miss Hughes.	
27	Milk	Play time included a daily 'third of a pint' of milk.	
28	Discipline	Miss Hughes was quite strict, and Margaret remembered her being very cross when a drain cover in the play area got broken	
29	Trips	There were no school trips, although they remembered going to the church to do some brass rubbings. There was a fair and gymkhana on the adjacent field that was open to all, and also a fete at Castle Hill.	
34	On leaving	When Harley school closed, all three moved to Cressage (Miss Hughes moved as well). David and Charlie then went on to Much Wenlock Secondary Modern. Margaret went on to Shrewsbury High School.	
35	Other recollections	<p>There was a row of cottages where the phone box is now. They remembered taking cows up the road to Kenley. Bread was delivered from Much Wenlock twice a week. From Harley (across the main road) towards Wigwig, in a field down on the right, was a tumble down cottage. The fishmonger in Much Wenlock came to Harley to sell fish from his van. (His son is still alive in Cressage – Bev Nicholls). The German POW buried in the churchyard. Mr Griffiths (Jack) who lived opposite Unicorn House, was a 'larger than life' character. They all remembered Sonny Brazier as being a 'real character'. Unicorn House used to be a coaching house. Miss Hughes fell over the cat and broke her hip (long time after she retired), she was in great pain. Dr Robinson was called, and then the hospital. She went into Shrewsbury Hospital. During the war, a 'dummy' airfield was built by the Americans on the fields opposite Cambers, there are still remnants of some of the buildings. These buildings were much frequented by the children in Harley for play. Miss Frances Pitt wrote books on wild life and rode horses – she had no husband. Miss Ann Trevor bought the carpets in the church. She kept cage birds including a parrot.</p>	

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		Joe Hughes, David Venables, Margaret Harris, Derek Evans, Violet Read (nee Rowlands), Graham Clarke, Clive Evans, David Venables, David Brassington, John Brassington, John Munslow, Judy Hyland.	Interviewer: Margaret Brown/Andy Jackson
Question	Topic		
1	Address	Joe Hughes said the family had lived in 5 houses in the village a black and white cottage (middle road where The Wold is now, Yarchester cottages (on right up past Plume of Feathers) - the Rowlands lived next door, Domas Cottage (then two cottages), Castle Hill cottages (where Yonder Castlehill bungalow now stands) - John and Margaret Harris lived next door and finally (after Joe had left school and joined the army) the Flats on the Kenley Road.	
2	Family	David Brassington, John Brassington, John Munslow: Father used to bring the Brassington boys. Were very cagey when I asked if they ever missed school because they were needed to work on the farm. David went to Much Wenlock Junior school for one year after leaving Harley. Judy Hyland: Has brothers John, Roy and Will. Mum moved to Admaston with the boys and left Judy with her gran who lived at Mill Bank, Harley	
4	Dates attended school	Joe Hughes 1937 - 1943 or 1944 Judy Hyland: She attended Harley from the age of 4 to 11 and then went to Much Wenlock	
5	Journey	Joe's father used to give him a lift from Wig Wig to school in a "clapped out old van". David Venables used to live in 'Old Timbers' and walked across the field to get to school.	
6	Teachers	Joe's teachers were Mrs Lea and her daughter who lived in the school house. Margaret Harris said Mr Lea was in Africa and Mrs Lea was very artistic and decorated the school with African artifacts and she painted African pictures. John Brassington and David Venables recalled Mrs Hayward as their infant teacher and then Miss Hughes.	
8	Miss Hughes	Judy Hyland: Miss Hayward was very nice. She used to come to school on her bike.	
9	First Day	Derek Evans (Wyres Barn) recalls being petrified entering the gates on his first day but Mary Lewis who lived next door to him (Wyres Barn) held his hand. Mrs Lea and her daughter were also Derek's teachers and later he had Miss Hayward.	
11	Favourite Lesson	David Venables: David's favourite lesson was maths.	
12	School Day	The school day was from 9:00 to 4:00 pm with lunch being brought from Much Wenlock.	
13	Breaks/Favourite Game	All pupils I spoke to agreed they had played out in the yard and on the grass.	
15	School room layout	Margaret Harris said entrance to the school was via the door facing the Pound field. David Jellicoe said The entrance used to be through the old Village Hall kitchen. The room was divided into two by the wooden screens - Margaret Harris said she had helped paint the nursery rhymes on them. The side nearest the entrance was the infants side and the older children were in the other half.	
17	School Dinners	None of the pupils I asked could remember what they did at lunchtime but all were sure they didn't go home and assumed they took sandwiches. However, David Venables (Old Timbers - now Church Cottage) joined the table and said he had school dinners which were brought in in big containers from Much Wenlock and served on a table in classroom - no fuss! Margaret Harris said the older girls made the cocoa and she thought they must have drunk it at morning break. There was no milk then. David Jellicoe said the food for dinners used to come from Much Wenlock in big containers. Mrs Hughes (next door) was the 'dinner lady'. David remembers her smoking a cigarette whilst serving the meals. Ash dropped in to the custard whilst she stirred and served it!	
20	Temperature	Margaret Harris said there was a fire in the grate with a boiler behind it. This boiler ran the "central heating" which was a 4" pipe which ran all round the room. David Venables said sometimes it was so cold they sat in their coats all day.	
25	Assembly	All said they used to sing hymns every morning and the lessons consisted of maths, english, geography and religious knowledge.	
26	Toilets	Joe Hughes and Margaret Harris said the toilets were "across the yard" roughly where the toilets are today. They had wooden seats with a hole in - not sure who emptied them? There was a water tap on the wall outside the door (in what is now the courtyard)	
28	Discipline	John Brassington and David Venables said as headmistress (Miss Hughes) was also in charge of the cane - fortunately neither of them felt it. Judy Hyland: One day Judy and her friend, Kathleen were playing in the field with the horses. Miss Hughes told them to come out of the field. Judy did, but Kathleen didn't. When She did eventually come out of the field Miss Hughes gave her the cane. But Kathleen had put horse hair on her hand and it "broke the cane" (AAJ not sure if the means that the cane didn't hurt so much, or that it did in fact break.)	
31	Gardening	Violet Read (nee Rowlands) said there used to be a flower border under the Pound field wall alongside the entrance path and Joe Hughes, David Venables and David Brassington all remembered a school vegetable plot they used to tend. The plot was just past the school entrance door. All the pupils tended the plot and the produce was taken home.	
32	Liverpool Evacuees	Judy Hyland All children wore the same sort of clothes - from Rummage Sales held in the school. One girl who was an evacuee from Liverpool never took off her clothes - even when going to bed.	
34	On leaving	Joe Hughes won a scholarship to Coalbrookdale High School at the age of 11.) David Venables left Harley in 1953 and went to secondary school in Much Wenlock. He left in 1956 and went to work for Mr Brookshaw.	

		Joe Hughes, David Venables, Margaret Harris, Derek Evans, Violet Read (nee Rowlands), Graham Clarke, Clive Evans, David Venables, David Brassington, John Brassington, John Munslow, Judy Hyland.	Interviewer: Margaret Brown/Andy Jackson
	Other Recollections	<p>Joe Hughes, Derek Evans and David Venables said that throughout the war 3 American soldiers remained in an air raid shelter (covered with grass) on the Broms (across the fields between Cambers and The Crows Nest). They had a huge generator in the shelter and every night beamed out bright lights to try and save the big cities from being bombed.</p> <p>Joe Hughes said there was also a pub up on the Broms called the Park Inn. There was also a pub on the Wig Wig road - the Unicorn? and the Plume of Feathers. Joe Hughes said he remembered a family called Faulkner living at The Towers and they came to church on a Sunday in a carriage drawn by 2 horses. When they left a Mr Hayward came to live there and he too had a carriage to come to church. There were 6 houses round the Towers and the windmill but he doesn't remember seeing it with any sails. Mrs Hammonds lived in Barn Cottage and owned 2 fields down the Wig Wig road (no bypass then) and would pay Joe 2/6p to fetch her cows up from the field. Mr Sammy Mear lived in Castle Hill House and then Mr and Mrs Preece who worked in industry in Wolverhampton. They were followed by Mr Wigwig who had battery hens and Dick Hughes worked for him.</p> <p>in 1962 the water supply in Harley froze and Len Brookshaw used to send David Venables (who worked for him at Forge Farm) to collect water in milk churns from Merrishaw Farm.</p>	
		<p>Graham Clarke said one afternoon, after they finished school, they went to Derek's 6th birthday party at Wig Wig. As a present, he took a little well-used dinky lorry. There was no money for expensive presents. There were big celebrations at Kenley, Harley and Cound for VE Day (Victory in Europe).The Pound field was the site of the Village Fete and a Gymkhana. They also did trotting with a pony and trap. There were chickens on the Sharpes' land at Edgeview. Margaret Roberts took her pony lorry down Harley Hill where it overturned, and everyone trooped up at school lunch break time to have a look. In 1947, they had 8 weeks off school because of the snow. They just got groceries through. Charlie Hatton dug the road to Wig Wig by hand. Prisoners of War from Acton Burnell went once a week to Lower Springs and Gippols Farm to work. The Italians were nice. Derek's mother traded tea, eggs for wicker baskets with them.</p>	
		<p>Clive Evans fell out of the back of the Italians' lorry on which he was having a lift to school. He limped to school where the teacher took one look at him and sent him home. He had to walk home where his mother took grit out of his face.</p> <p>When Derek and Clive had a lift in the Italians' lorry, they had to get out before school so no one knew they had had a lift. Later, the Italians had bikes on which they gave them lifts. Steam engines and threshing boxes went past the school. The smithy, Jack Bedward, opposite the school was shoeing horses which the children loved to watch. It was a lovely sound. Derek went to High School, and Clive went to the Tech.</p>	

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		Margaret Titley, Carol Robinson, David Venables, David Brazier, Alistair Preece, Cliff Ashley, Martin Ashley, David Ryder, John Harris, Derek Evans, Violet Rowlands.	Interviewer: Victoria Todd
	Conversation with Margaret Titley nee Davies and Carol Harris nee Robinson who is cousin to Carol Robinson who also lived in Harley. They both loved school but they did have the ruler across their knuckles.		
14	Being naughty	Violet Rowlands remembers with a friend, having the ruler on the knuckles from Miss Hughes, for stroking the horses in the field.	
17	School Dinners	They sang hymns every morning and the dinners were cooked at Berrington and left at the school gate on a trolley. <i>(V- just wondering wherein Berrington they could have been cooked?)</i>	
26	Toilets	Carol remembers <u>David Venables</u> (middle of 9 children) looking under the girls toilet door. (At the reunion he remembers doing this). David Brazier and other boys used to put nettles on the girls toilets but Piggy Hayward (their nick name for Miss Hayward) must have used the girls' toilet so she made the culprits take down their trousers so the girls could sting them with nettles	
27	Milk	Sometimes the milk in the summer would go sour, so we poured it over the wall. In winter the milk in the bottles used to freeze and push off the tops, so it was placed near the fire to melt.	
29	Trips	When they were asked if they would like to go on a school trip, they always chose Carding Mill Valley, Church Stretton, they loved to paddle in the stream.	
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11	Favourite Lesson		
12	School Day		
13	Play/Favourite Game		
14	Being naughty		
15	School room layout		
17	School Dinners		
18	Celebrations		
19	Plays and social events		
20	Temperature		
24	Exercise		
25	Assembly		
26	Toilets		
27	Milk		
28	Discipline		
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30	Bell		
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32	Liverpool Evacuees		
33	Italian children		
34	On leaving		
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M.L. No 2.	During the war the older girls knitted sea boot socks, when it came to’ turning the heel’ the socks would be taken to Miss Trevor, Castle Hill House to do. They had to wear smocks to protect their clothes from the oil in the wool. Mary recalled a visit from the Ironbridge Power ARP who visited their home at Wyse Barn, Kenley (on high ground). The curtain in Mary’s bedroom was not properly closed, hence the visit.
F.C.	Once a year, the doctor came to do routine check-ups, and the nurse came every 12 weeks (once a term) to check for nits. If they were found to have nits, their mother was told, and they had to suffer the nit comb. The doctor saw them in the porch. Aged 10, they knitted socks for sea boots in the war. Yonder Castlehill took them in and turned the heel and sent them off. They had Sidoli’s ice cream for 2d in the war. Country children lived better than children in the towns. Frances remembers going to pick cowslips in the spring time after school with Maureen Evans. Her dad had to go and find them and take them home.
V.R.	At home, they made their own entertainment – rabbiting and working hard on the land. Violet helped with the animal feed. Miss Hayward kept her handkerchief up her knickers legs. She says the boys and girls used to all meet together after school on the corner by the rectory and would be there up to midnight sometimes. Her dad used to come down and haul her indoors. He was very strict. They all had lots of chores to do after school.
Gordon R.	They had an evacuee at Yarchester, and their mother talked about her for years. They got extra money for having evacuees which helped with the family budget. The Rowe’s were their neighbours and he recalls the drowning of Kenny as a huge tragedy.
D.E.	During the war, they sat on the school wall watching American convoys going past (no bypass then) and shouted, “Give us some gum, chum!” The American soldiers threw them some chewing gum. There were troop trains in Cressage. Kenley children were divided between Harley and Church Preen Schools. The ones who went to Harley had more in common with Harley children with whom they played after school than the Kenley children who went to Church Preen.
E.H.	Her husband talked of the double summertime during the war and said the lads used to go running rabbits in the fields until after midnight. He was at school in Cound and they used to go to the seaside in Albert Davis coaches
C.R.	She does remember a tramp who lived in Cressage and used to regularly come and stand by the school wall. (David Brazier said he remembered the tramp, more than one of them. He says they used to call at his house, his mum was afraid of them but they were always given a cup of tea or bread and cheese)
D.B.	David spoke of a memory, there was a pantry on the wall dividing the cottages, in the wall was a small hole that went right through to their neighbours half of the cottage. David said he would find his mother talking to the neighbour through said hole in the wall, he remembers them doing this every day. He also said the boys used to roam the fields. Once when sledging they lit a fire in the field where there was a lot of rubbish and the fire got out of hand. They used to sledge on the fields by Harley Bank and used to career through 3 fields and gateways. He remembers John Hughes putting ‘brakes’ on his sledge and when they failed, he went through hedges and barbed wire and got cut up. David liked to visit to the forge over the other side of the lane, they were allowed to take turns pulling the below, it was hard work but he liked doing this. A memory of the village was of how often families moved because many were farm workers, one of his school friends had moved house 5 times in one year. another memory of the village was how each family raised their own pig. When one of the pigs were big enough it would be taken to the Blacksmith’s forge where the pig would be slaughtered and the meat shared amongst all the houses in Harley. He remembers how big the pig was!
M.W.	Dorothy remembers more than the others do, she was 12 years old when she left and went to Cressage. She helped to paint the screens. She remembers playing with Mrs. Lea’s daughter, who was about the same age, after school in the playground. She said they used to play with old wheel frames and bowl them along with a stick and children were allowed to take them to school and play with them in the playground. Dorothy remembers that Mrs. Lea was very artistic and painted the school house windows with African scenes.
Group 1.	There was a row of cottages where the phone box is now.They remembered taking cows up the road to Kenley. Bread was delivered from Much Wenlock twice a week. From Harley (across the main road) towards Wigwig, in a field down on the right, was a tumble down cottage. The fishmonger in Much Wenlock came to Harley to sell fish from his van. (His son is still alive in Cressage – Bev Nicholls). The German POW buried in the churchyard. Mr Griffiths (Jack) who lived opposite Unicorn House, was a ‘larger than life’ character. They all remembered Sonny Brazier as being a ‘real character’. Unicorn House used to be a coaching house. Miss Hughes fell over the cat and broke her hip (long time after she retired), she was in great pain. Dr Robinson was called, and then the hospital. She went into Shrewsbury Hospital.During the war, a ‘dummy’ airfield was built by the Americans on the fields opposite Cambers, there are still remnants of some of the buildings. These buildings were much frequented by the children in Harley for play.Miss Frances Pitt wrote books on wild life and rode horses – she had no husband.Miss Ann Trevor bought the carpets in the church. She kept cage birds including a parrot.
Group 2.	Joe Hughes, Derek Evans and David Venables said that throughout the war 3 American soldiers remained in an air raid shelter (covered with grass) on the Broms (across the fields between Cambers and The Crows Nest). They had a huge generator in the shelter and every night beamed out bright lights to try and save the big cities from being bombed.
	Clive Evans fell out of the back of the Italians’ lorry on which he was having a lift to school. He limped to school where the teacher took one look at him and sent him home. He had to walk home where his mother took grit out of his face.
	When Derek and Clive had a lift in the Italians’ lorry, they had to get out before school so no one knew they had had a lift. Later, the Italians had bikes on which they gave them lifts. Steam engines and threshing boxes went past the school. The smithy, Jack Bedward, opposite the school was shoeing horses which the children loved to watch. It was a lovely sound. Derek went to High School, and Clive went to the Tech.

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