

Cora Pinkawa audio file (recording made 2.8.2019 by Nathalie Hetherington)

Cora Pinkawa (née Mitchell) was born in Milborne Port in 1939 in what is now the laundry office building, the sixth of seven children. She has lived in Milborne Port all of her life and from October 1991 has been the lolly-pop lady at the primary school.

Running Order (approximate minutes and seconds)

Start – A potted history of early days

0.54 – Dad and mum, working lives & Gainsborough in the 1940s

2.19 – siblings & a large family

2.36 – a typical village childhood

3.31 – 6th in line and the only one still here...

4.34 – not a good time at the Church School! – don't mess with Mrs Bradfield!

7.22 – early days at Kingsbury Yard

8.03 – living next to a working factory

9.41 – factory fire (1947) & a lasting memory

11.46 – leaving school and starting work at Ensor's & lessons from Mrs Pitman from Station Road

13.39 – meeting Herbert Pinkawa, life in post-war Germany, the German side of the family, marriage & working life

22.42 – Herbert's death in 2009

23.49 – changes in the village over the years – loads of shops! – rationing after the war

25.20 – memories of flooding & Kingsbury

27.50 – everyone knew everyone

29.10 – fewer cars

29.30 – life now in Milborne Port

30.16 – lolly-pop lady! – importance of keeping busy

33.22 – wartime & D-Day memories

35.40 – shopping for Mrs Lambert & the Stockwell Sisters

The pictures below show:

- Cora on D-Day aged 6
- Cora and Herbert's wedding day in 1956, photos taken in Kingsbury Yard
- Cora's class outside the Church School in about 1953/54
- The site of the factory fire (1947)

