

Oral History – School Days

Memories of Mary Clothier (née Cuss)- audio file, 31.5.18

Mary attended Milborne Port Church School from 1942 to 1953, leaving school at the age of 15. This photograph shows Mary in 1948, aged 10.



This photograph shows Mary (far right) with some school friends! From left to right: John King, Margaret Greenstock, Mary Dycer (now Edmonds) and David King at the front on a tricycle.



(Please see below for the Running Order of the audio file.)

Running Order (minutes and seconds)

0.00 - First days at school

1.18 - Interest in words

1.26 - Gender segregation!

2.17 - Mrs Bradfield

3.19 - All subjects overlap...

4.00 - The pattern of the school day

4.20 & 23.00 - An avid reader!

4.47 - Learning to read and write

7.10 - & 31.50 - Being left-handed and learning to crochet and to sew!

7.55 - Mathematics

8.38 - 4-15 years old and continuing education

9.53 - Miss Tabor, Mrs Smith and Mr Bradfield

10.45 - Corporal punishment: a different mind-set

13.13 - Games

13.45 - Relationships with other children

15.25 - School dinners and ice-cold milk!

15.42 - Standards and leaving ages

17.20 - Tests at 13 and the 11+ and attitudes to education

19.00 - The eldest of 7 children

20.12 - Pupil becomes teacher

20.27 - Sports Days

21.38 - Religion in the curriculum

22.25 - Children from other cultures

23.00 - Literature, reading, learning poetry off-by-heart, creative writing

25.21 - Wartime for a talkative and adventurous child!

30.05 - Post-war resourcefulness

31.10 - School resources

32.45 - Reflecting on happy days and a thirst for learning