

Wendy Greenstock audio file

(recording made 22.1.2020 by Nathalie Hetherington)

Wendy Greenstock was born in Milborne Port in 1941 in the same house in West View where she still lives! She was the third of three girls and her parents were Edward and Florence (née Hallett) Greenstock. The Hallett name goes back many hundreds of years in the village.

Running Order (approximate minutes and seconds)

Start – Hallett grandparents at Newtown & the fair

1.53 - involvement in the Congregational Church

2.10 - a large family of eight children! Plenty of cousins around...!

5.40 - Samuel Hallett's death and childhood time at Newtown

6.45 - parents' work & interests

8.05 - sisters' lives and a banking first!

8.55 - time at primary school, nature walks & a lot of freedom & games – 'a privileged childhood'

11.30 - a family that didn't go without – the advantages of having a large family during the war!

13.13 - vegetable garden and allotments

14.09 - the house at the edge of the village & Mr Hunt's steam engines

15.20 - more on school life and the 11+

17.00 - starting work at the age of 15 at a solicitor's in Sherborne

18.55 – more memories of village life

20.25 - wartime and an evacuee in the family

27.00 - the Boys' Brigade

28.50 - helping the community & the Commonalty

30.00 - looking out for each other and being wary of the local policemen

31.15 - fire at Ensor's factory

32.00 - stone picking

32.50 - the waterfall by the mill

32.35 - time at the Church School – "Axe! A mouse!"

34.20 - Milborne Port families

35.50 - 'old school' school & trips

37.20 - school subjects

38.02 - life straight after leaving school

39.10 - transport on a budget!

40.35 - spend or save?

41.09 - cinema in Sherborne

41.44 - home and away

45.30 - always happy to come home...

Photos below:

Grandparents Samuel and Violette Hallett at Newtown

Samuel and Violette late 1930s or 1940/41

Wendy c. 1943

Lydia Craggs, Wendy and 'Pop' Craggs 1946

Wendy c. 1947

Wendy and her sister c. 1947

Council, c. 1947, Wendy is far left of front row

Boys' Brigade North Street c. 1955 x 2

Boys' Brigade at Coldharbour c. 1955 – Edward Greenstock with the flag!

Wendy c. 1956

Wendy's parents, Edward and Florence Greenstock

Wendy in her retirement in 2006













