

Pat Carter – Interview Notes

Interview date: 15th June 2005 Interviewer: Sonya Teale
Location: Interview no: ST-13

Formerly Pat Young. Second oldest of six children. Born 20th March 1940 in very oldest house in Westbourne Square and house had no electricity until the day Pat left Westbourne. Attended Westbourne School until leaving at 15 and then worked in Chichester in the council offices. Very happy memories of living in Westbourne. Married at 18 to Frederick Carter who lived in Rowlands Castle. They went to live in Uplands Rd Rowlands Castle. Had two children, a boy, Brian and a girl, Karen, both went to the local school. Pat's husband worked at old brewery for 42 years. Pat didn't work at first but then worked at school (?) after which she worked in a small bakery in Havant.

There were many shops in Rowlands when Pat moved there – Dairy, butchers clothes shops. Her children always attended the local school, son was in the local football club and the tug-o-war team. She helped form the local allotment society with Mr Hockey. The allotments are at Durrants Rd, there were 40 but now 36. Member of Rowlands Castle Village Fair and ran the Horticultural Show on the Green. Used to be very well attended but isn't now. She started to judge the photographic competition at the village fair. She was a member of the camera club at Havant.

When she first lived here it was at no 19 Uplands Rd then they moved to no 52, a bigger house. Husband's father also lived in the village and worked on the railway. Pat's husband worked on the railway until he went in the Grenadier Guards for three years, he then went to Gales as a drayman when he came out. He remained a drayman until he retired at 62. Pat left the shop job and they did lots of gardening, entering lots of flower shows in the summer (every week).

She needed to do more. Got a job delivering papers for the local paper shop which involved a 5am start. She still does a paper round in Uplands Rd now and also some housework jobs.

She would like more time to do photography. Started taking pictures about 10 years ago and did a B&W photography course at Southdowns College. She joined evening group at the Bourne college and learned basic photography at the same time as being in the Havant Camera club. She also did wedding photography and took local photographs.

Pat talks at some length about the Horticultural show and judging it and about the threat to the allotment's access.

Lots of detail about the annual plant sale in Parish Hall which was attended by people from as far away as Portsmouth and Fareham.

Talks in great detail about the preparations for the Village Fair and the Horticultural and Produce show in the Marquee on the green and also her plant sales stall on the green.

Tour de France – roads closed. They waited three hours by the arches while entourage went through and the cyclists went through in a flash.

Floods – has hundreds of pictures of the floods from 1994 when they were particularly bad with fire engines pumping water for months in Finchdean Rd. Again in 2000 when there was also snow and lastly in 2003. Lotsof description o f flooding.

Kings stone rededication.

Description of Brick yard sample house dismantling and the photographs Pat took of the process.

Wedding Photography – didn't like doing – too nerve racking. Many places eg wedding in Stansted house drawing room. Opinion film vs digital photography.