

Summary of Interview with Joyce Smith

Interviewee : Joyce Penelope Juliana Smith, born 3rd Qtr 1909

Interviewer : Dr Malcolm W. Arthurton, born 2nd Qtr 1918

Date of Interview : 2 March 1999 Duration of Recording : 1 hr 17 mins 17 secs

Approx time (mins)	Content
0 – 3	Came to Cartmel in 1910 when father was appointed Vicar; born at Walney Island where father had been sent to oversee building of new church for expanding Vickerstown; had elder sister born in Grange during father's first curacy there after training at Theological College and with Archdeacon Boutflower in Barrow ; soon after arrival in Cartmel, the verger arranged for his mother to act as midwife for imminent birth of younger brother Armand.
3 – 4	Father declined ringing of church bells for first baby born in the Vicarage; subsequently 2 brothers and a sister born in the Vicarage.
4 – 5	One brother re-named with McKenzie as a family middle name, after delayed intervention from senior member of the family during WWI.
5 – 7½	Armistice celebrations in 1918; helped in putting flag up; another war-time story withheld pending publication in the parish magazine.
7½ – 9¼	Memories of shopping with mother with ration books in WWI; doubtful if children got enough nourishment; father weighed out portions for breakfast; memories of pinching extra butter when hungry.
9¼ – 11½	Other memories of WWI; Special Constables guarding reservoirs; hand pushed fire engine, Mr Teasdale from the Post Office was chief fireman; remember one call out to a greenhouse fire at Broughton Lodge, owned by Mr Ridehalgh.
11½ – 13¼	Village social life : great dividing line between the gentry and what were called the village people, they rarely met except at organisations like Mother's Union, Scouts etc.; frustrated at being told not to play with village children.
13¼ – 17	Childhood friends included Remingtons at Aynsome House, Pearsons at Tanley, Greyriggs at Wood Broughton; delight at being able to visit them and play with their boys' toys like Hornby trains, Meccano, pedal cars; some comments on each of these families.
17 – 18¼	Father was a Special Constable; started the Scouts group, and later became Rural Dean; memory of rural deanery meetings with Vicar of Lindale arriving on a bicycle with a string saddle.
18¼ – 24	Changes at the Priory. i.e. refurnishing the Town Choir : Scouts cleared up former junk room; altar installed; curtain rail behind altar made in local smithy; chairs bought with donation from Mrs Townley of Ivy House as thanksgiving after wounded husband returned unexpectedly from war having been presumed dead; altar frontal (no longer there) of beautiful embroidery made by one of the Miss Blagdens, sisters of the Bishop of Peterborough, who lived in Prior Close; kneelers embroidered by Mrs Sam Taylor and brother's mother-in-law Mrs Harden whose husband was Vicar of Field Broughton.
24 – 26	Origin of custom of having coffee after morning service, initially improvised catering then building proper kitchen for it.
26 – 29	Not many village customs, but some anecdotes on village life.

- 29 – 31½ Memories of various trades : 2 blacksmiths, 2 joiners, builders Thompson & Rawson, chimney sweeps, Gaskarths plumbers etc., road repairs.
- 31½ – 33¼ Memories of shops : 3 grocers, Teasdale, Crawshaw & Miss Lishman, their location and activities.
- 33¼ – 34½ Shops contin. : dressmakers, milliners, cycle shop, umbrella man.
- 34½ – 36 Shops contin. : Mr Wareing's shoe shop in Cavendish Street.
- 36 – 39¼ Shops contin. : Miss Wilsons (now Priory shop), Miss Overend, draper with store room over Gatehouse; Mrs Ayres' bakery in Cavendish Street with son-in-law Mr Campbell.
- 39¼ – 41 Crime : only two heard of. Policeman lived in old Police House in Priest Lane with lock-up underneath it and ring for tethering horses outside; Campbell alleged to have stolen plums from the Vicarage garden but not prosecuted; milkman prosecuted for leaving water in cans after washing them at the village pump.
- 41 – 42½ Craftsman making walking sticks; how he made and decorated them; he lived in now demolished cottage adjacent to the Institute.
- 42½ – 43 Memory of Rawson, the chimney sweep.
- 43 – 48¾ Health topics : location of nearest hospital, doctor & dentist; during flu epidemic of 1918, mother & father helped with doing the medical rounds, memory of father taking a foot long jam thermometer to Miss Rudge at St. Mary's Lodge; mention of a Dr Lowther in Grange; there was an unpopular doctor in Cartmel whom mother, a trained nurse, refused to have; memory of Margaret Pearson having a bed in the garden on Hagg's Lane when she had TB; local water supply blamed for children having poor teeth; note on district nurse and Verger's wife delivering babies.
- 48¾ – 53 Notes on fuel & lighting : memories of locations of paraffin street lights, lit by lamp lighter Mr Campbell or his son; son Frank Campbell was a musician, sang in choir and played piano at cinema in Grange; location of a few early private electricity generators; some acetylene lamps, particularly bicycles; acetylene lamp used to light model theatre made by brother Armand; use of coal cellars and putting slack on fires.
- 53 – 56 Entertainment & Leisure : Choral Society stories in parish magazine; only public rooms were in the Institute and the little vicarage room, now called Wheel House, formerly in the vicarage garden, with parish room upstairs and Scouts headquarters downstairs; plays and concerts were put on there.
- 56 – 57¼ Father put on lantern lectures; projectors powered by paraffin or acetylene lamps; slides still available, but projectors to show them are now rare.
- 57¼ – 58¾ Summer garden fete or pageant one year at Aynsome Manor, put on by Sir Evan and Lady MacGregor; children involved in acting nursery rhymes.
- 58¾ – 61¼ Memories of Sanger's Circus coming to Cartmel with procession of animals around the village.
- 61¼ – 63¼ Memories of cinema in Grange.
- 63¼ – 64¼ Tragedy at Cark Head : boy and Scoutmaster drowned during swimming lesson.
- 64¼ – 64½ Other entertainments : bowling hoops around the village, and visiting barrel organ man with monkey.
- 64½ – 67¼ Transport : no bus services, nearest train station at Cark; horse bus and wagonette at Cavendish Arms; horse drawn charabanc also mentioned, all pre 1918; later Unsworths ran a taxi service.

- 67¼ – 68½ Maurice Unsworth born 1918, same age my sister, they had same nurse; Unsworth boys were mischievous when young; later Ernest opened a garage and Maurice ran a bus.
- 68½ – 69½ Memories of itinerant tramps.
- 69½ – 70½ Brief comments on poverty : don't remember bare-foot children, but wore clogs; no houses were painted, all looked shabby and patched with DIY repairs.
- 70½ – 74½ Concluding recap of father's appointments; births and naming of brothers and sisters.
- 74½ – 76¼ Old font returned to Priory from Cark after Cark and Flookburgh churches built.
- 76¼ – 77¼ Recap on early car owners : Remmington, MacGregor, Newbolt; children taken to school in horse traps known as governess carts.