

## Summary of Interview with Bob Copeland (#2 of 3)

Interviewee : Robert William Copeland, born 3 December 1919

Interviewer : Iriini Tzortzoglou

Date of Interview : 27 November 2014    Duration of Recording : 1hr 12 mins 37 secs

Approx time (mins)	Content
0 – 1	Introduction with confirmation of age.
1 – 3¾	Coming to Cartmel in 1927; mother married a cousin Charlie Huddleston Mayor; family background and gravestones in Cartmel Churchyard.
3¾ – 6¾	Memories of school, effects of wearing clogs in snowy weather; school floor boards replaced; promoted to ring the school bell.
6¾ – 8¼	Headmaster Mr Jackson; looking after his dogs for wage of 2/6 per week.
8¼ – 10	Step-father involved in bringing Electricity to Cartmel – similar to content mentioned in 1 <sup>st</sup> interview.
10 – 10½	Boys' game Tindo.
10½ – 13	George Cross selling fruit & veg from travelling horse & cart, and his parking outside the Royal Oak, and problems of pinching apples whilst he was there.
13 – 14	Memories of Cartmel Square : Kings Arms & Royal Oak; two banks, District Bank & Martins Bank; Miss Overend's shop in the archway; Teasdale at the Post Office.
14 – 15	Start of Xmas trees in the Square; Ford House occupied by the Bell family, named because of old ford across the river there.
15 – 20½	Memories of early race meetings; mention of former pub, the Mason's Arms; how locals used to sneak in to race meetings; selling race cards as a way in;
20½ – 22	Attempt to change subject to games again, but digression onto Postmen and their old shako helmets.
22 – 24½	Some family in Barrow where there was a shop selling roller skates; description of roller skates and the playground where they were used.
24½ – 27¾	Reflagging of the playground; continuation of roller skating adventures;
27¾ – 28½	People in Cartmel during childhood; only 2 cars in the village, Philip Howarth; 's father, a rate collector, and Unsworths who had a garage; location of garage with petrol pumps; where Unsworths lived in Priest Lane.
28½ – 30½	Comments on other people around the Square.
30½ – 32	Green Croft – Dr Woods lived there with 2 sons, one named Joe who had a motorbike, and memories thereof, younger brother died after cricket accident; mother used to go there as a cleaner.
32 – 35	The Smithy; spent time there blowing the fire; flooded and description of flood around Cartmel which “never ever occurred again” [until Dec 2015].
35 – 36	Memories of warm summers & Territorials coming to camp at Field Broughton.
36 – 37	Joined choir; Miss Carter's Sunday School.
37 – 38¼	Five boyhood friends, (Ronnie Burns, Philip Howarth, Isaac & John Atkinson), their games & mischief with fireworks etc.
38¼ – 42	Band of Hope meetings – location at Priory Hotel; mischief during lantern slide shows; lessons remembered.

- 42 – 45 Parson Mould's bible study & current affairs classes for teenage boys; taking his whiskey bottles for disposal in a pit on Hags Lane.
- 45 – 48½ Using earth toilets; move to Hazeldene in Barngarth which had a water toilet; old dilapidated barn nearly opposite Hazeldene used for storing Cartmel Show fittings etc.; other properties around Barngarth mentioned.
- 48½ – 50¾ Miss Carter's Sunday School again and dispute over prize giving.
- 50¾ – 55½ Joined choir instead of Sunday School & in it for 4 years; choir outings to Blackpool, Southport & York Minster; mischief during sermons, making faces at Pam Watson, forced to leave choir; Choirmasters Ingleton, Dilkes, Rathbone; Rathbone's wife was a painter, got one of her paintings.
- 55½ – 58¾ Listening to church bells before services; Bells muffled after R101 airship crashed [on 5 Oct 1930]; memories of seeing Hindenburg airship spying in 1936.
- 58¾ – 63¾ Working at Grand Hotel for 2 years; fell out with manager after being told to sweep leaves which was not part of my job.
- 63¾ – 70 Opening of the Merlewood as an hotel, and being kitted out with new uniform to work as a porter there; courting manager's daughter and breaking up with her.
- 70 – 72½ Question about Christmastime in Cartmel largely ignored; people remembered in building the Village Hall - Jackie Rawson, Farrar, Laisby, Bell; Working Men's Club in the Institute; Billiard table there; competition with prizes at Christmas time.