

## Summary of Interviews with Vic Howarth (#2 of 2)

Interviewee : James Victor Howarth, born 20 March 1930, and wife Pat Howarth

Interviewers : Irini Tzortzoglou & John Batty

Date of Interview : 6 February 2016

Duration of Recording : 50 mins 28 secs

Approx time (mins)	Content
0 – 1	Introduction, with intention to discuss secondary school and career.
1 – 2	Attended Ulverston Grammar School for 7 years, concluding with scholarship to University. But first, did national Service in Royal Air Force, based in Germany.
2 – 6	Graduated from University College, London, with degree in physiology, then stayed there for several years as a demonstrator under A B Hill who was an expert in muscle physiology. During that time, liaised with the Marine Biological Laboratory in Plymouth, before joining their staff, and spent rest of career there, apart from secondments to various Universities, 18 months at Univ. of Illinois and 2 years at Yale Univ., and briefly at Berne; for 17 years, edited the Plymouth Marine Biological Laboratory Journal; returned to Cartmel in 2003 after parents died and buying half share of their house from brother.
6 – 7½	Details of travelling to school in Ulverston by bus.
7½ – 9½	Memories of school at Ulverston, subjects studied, playing Rugby and Cricket, and matches against various other named schools.
9½ – 10	Extra curricula activities at school.
10 – 14	Memories of playing for Cartmel Cricket Club; mention of a book about the Cricket Club called “B’twixt Cock and Fairy”, in which he is mentioned, and explanation of its title.
14 – 18	Memories of evacuees coming to Cartmel during WWII, initially a group of children from a Jewish school in Salford, with occasional visits by a Rabbi for their religious instruction, later some from London too.
18 – 19	Mention of military camps at Cark during WWII.
19 – 21	Discussion regarding when Vic first left Cartmel; he was ill for a year when aged 12, and subsequently a year behind his contemporaries at school..
21 – 22½	Memories of war-time Cartmel re rationing and self produced food.
22½ – 29	What parents & other locals did during WWII; father was a Special Constable; mention of some of his duties; the Home Guard was initially the Local Defence Volunteer, the LDV, known as Look, Duck and Vanish; also mentioned ARP Wardens (Air Raid Precautions Wardens), Observer Corps and WVS (Women’s Voluntary Service); Home Guard training with assault course in Priory gardens etc.
29 – 29½	Americans temporarily based at Cark pre D Day.
29½ – 30½	Trying to turn discussion to how things got back to normal after the war.

- 30½ – 43½ Memories of former shops etc. in Cartmel after the war, mentioning in Cavendish Street Mr Wareing's shoe shop, Mr Eccles' warehouse as fruit and vegetable wholesaler, Dr Charlton's surgery, Frank Campbell's confectionary shop and tea room; elsewhere, location of Unsworth's garage, in The Square, Fred Brown, baker, Norman Kerr, bookseller and his knowledge of German railways during WWII; over the bridge to Miss Warrener's sweet shop, the former Blue Bell Inn run by Mrs Mayor as another confectioner and café, Sid Hull's grocer's shop, continued for a while by his daughter Marion Airey, background on The Larch Tree, Ye Olde Priory Shoppe run by Mr Turner and then Mr Cummins; Fred Burton's joiner's shop at Clogger Beck and his apprentice Harry Chambers.
- 43½ – 45½ Boxing Club in Cartmel in late 1940s, run by Charlie Mayor, briefly a professional boxer; tournaments against Barrow Sea Cadets and others; John Crowe from Field Broughton quite prominent in the club.
- 45½ – 49 Changes whilst not living in Cartmel, though felt he had never left; village expanded; Council houses built; several articles on old Cartmel written for and published in Parish Magazine, and offer to give copies to JB for CVS.
- 49 – 50½ Conclusion, but mentioning that the local river was once a river for Salmon and Eels, both now gone, which is described in more detail in one of the articles that Vic wrote.