**ORAL HISTORY BY THE MALDON SOCIETY**

**“MEMORIES OF MALDON”**

**Here are some more fascinating stories taken from our Oral History interviews carried out in the past 9 years. To listen to any of them, please put on the headphones and touch the relevant button on the Audio Unit.**

**1**.A well-known and well-loved teacher, ANNE JENKINS recalls her time at **Maldon Secondary Girls’ School** in the 1950s, remembering the poverty in some families but also the kindness of the staff. (2.5 mins)

**2**.JOHN COPSEY’S family ran the popular **fish and chip shop** on the corner of North Street and the High Street. John’s interest in the business started at an early age and he later took over from his parents. (2.5 mins)

**3**.There was a large bell in KEVIN HEDGECOCK’S home when he was young, as his Dad was a **Maldon Fireman**. He speaks about the fire station in London Road and the various fire engines. (3.5 mins)

**4**.A **German plane** flying low over the Maldon marshes during war time is a vivid memory for PAT CUNDY, also the celebrations at the end of the war. (2.5 mins)

**5**.**Fishing** from Maldon Quay was a favourite pastime for young TED CLAYDON in the 1950s. He was also involved with running the pleasure boats and rowing boats. (3.5 mins)

**6**.Heybridge has been JANET SMITH’S home all her life. As a young woman she worked in the **Heybridge Laundry**; it was a good job but hot and steamy at times. (2 mins)

**7**.During war time MARION WYLIE slept in the **Anderson shelter** every night and when the siren sounded, her Mum joined her while Dad went outside to watch the Doodlebugs. (1.5 mins)

**8**.There were **gas lights in Maldon High Street** when LEWIS BANYARD was a youngster in the 1950s. He describes how his Uncle was responsible for their upkeep (2.5 mins)

**9**.Douglas Ball was the owner of the **wet fish shop** in the High Street for many years. Here his daughters, CHRIS AND JUDY, remember the masses of customers in the shop on certain days, and the smoke house at the back. (2 mins)

**10**.The ability to remember fascinating details of **Market Hill in the 1940s and 50s** is one of MARGARETT MIRZA’S strengths. She describes the shops, the businesses, the quay and the milk deliveries. (3 mins)

**11**.A female engineering student working at **Marconi’s in Chelmsford** was unusual but CLARE URRY, a long time resident of Maldon, persevered and worked there for several years. Before that she had been rejected by Bentalls for having too many ‘O’ levels. (3 mins)

**12**.At the age of nearly 90, JEAN RUSSELL recalls her long association with **All Saint’s Church** which included doing the laundry and cleaning the brass for around 70 years. (2 mins)

**13**.His father was determined to name DOUGLAS SCURREY after his hero **Douglas Bader**. Here Douglas talks about his love of boats and his sailing adventure in a blizzard from Kent. (4 mins)

**14**.Being involved in the embroidery on the Maldon **Millennium Embroidery,** was a delight for WENDY MUNNION. She describes some of the intricate work she has done. (2 mins)

**15**.Living in a large family in a small house in **Mount Pleasant** with, at times, very little money was CHARLOTTE ROBERT’S life when young in the 1950s and 60s. She had to help with the younger children and so missed a lot of school. (2.5 mins)