

My name is Terry Maguire. I was born 20th August 1943 at my Grannie's house 86 Waverley Street, Lochore, where I lived with my Mother until my Dad came home from the war.

We eventually moved to the pre-fabs on Balbedie Avenue.

I started school in 1948 at St. Kenneths Crosshill. I remember some classmates from then, Mike Brannigan, Alan McDonald, John Brady etc.

Teachers I remember Mr. Barnes (Headmaster) Miss Malone, Miss Friel etc.

We moved to Navitie Park Ballingry in 1950. We lived at No 79.

The lads I remember were Bob Mclean, Pete Smith, Pete Lingie and Bert Morris. We had a lot of great times climbing Benarty Hill and the Bishop Hill on imaginary great expeditions. Summer holidays we went to Loch Leven swimming even on hot days that water would stop a Polar Bear but we braved it till we turned blue with cold.

Sometimes we went to Burntisland to the fair that was best ever.

Myself and Tommy Taylor, who lived on Navitie Park, decided to walk all the way round Benarty Hill one day. I couldn't move the next day my legs were stiff.

I remember the Loch freezing in the winter we had some fun sliding on the ice.

My Grannie used to make some great Cloutie Dumplings and tablet and her soup, made with a marrow bone, was delicious no germs got through that in the winter.

When I left school in 1958 I started work at Bowhill Pit my Dad worked at Benarty Mine he was N.U.M branch secretary there. When the mine closed he moved down here then we followed in 1960 that was a sad day for me leaving the area I grew up in. Leaving my Grannie and all my pals. I still get a bit home sick even now after nearly 50 years, still I will always be a Fifer.

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