

Derek

DEREK IS FROM ≡ POLLOCKSHIELDS ≡

I SPENT A FASCINATING HOUR IN HIS COMPANY AND HEARD PLENTY OF STORIES!

" I LEARNT VERY EARLY THAT GIRLS PREFERRED GOING BY CAR THAN BY BUS.
SO I GOT MY FIRST CAR AS SOON AS I COULD ≡ I WAS JUST 17 ≡

≡ A FORD PREFECT WAS MY PRIDE AND JOY ≡

I HAVE MY FATHER TO THANK FOR THIS. HE WAS A ≡ WONDERFUL ≡ MAN
WHO RAN THE FAMILY BUSINESS.

HE GAVE ME A GREAT JOB AND A GREAT START IN LIFE.

I WAS ≡ LUCKY ≡ I WAS ON ≡ GOOD ≡ WAGES. BUT WORKED HARD OF COURSE.

I'D SPEND MY MONEY ON CLOTHES ≡ I LIKED TO LOOK THE PART ≡
NOTHING BRIGHT OR FLASHY. LOW KEY, RESPECTABLE. THAT WAS ME.

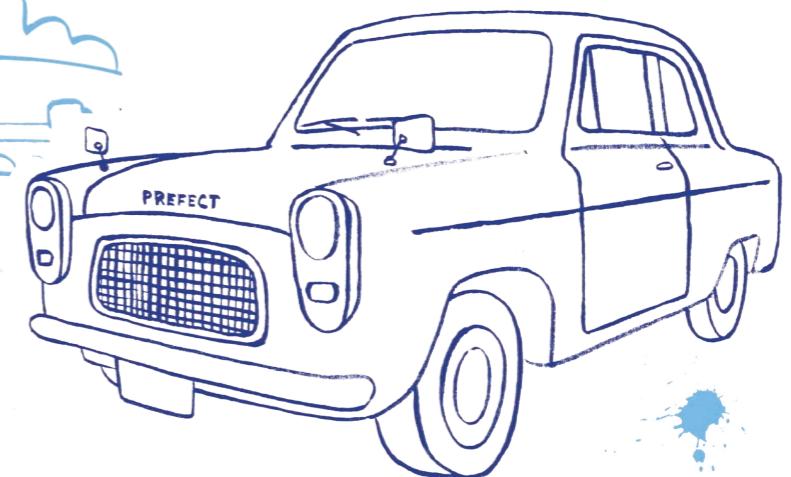
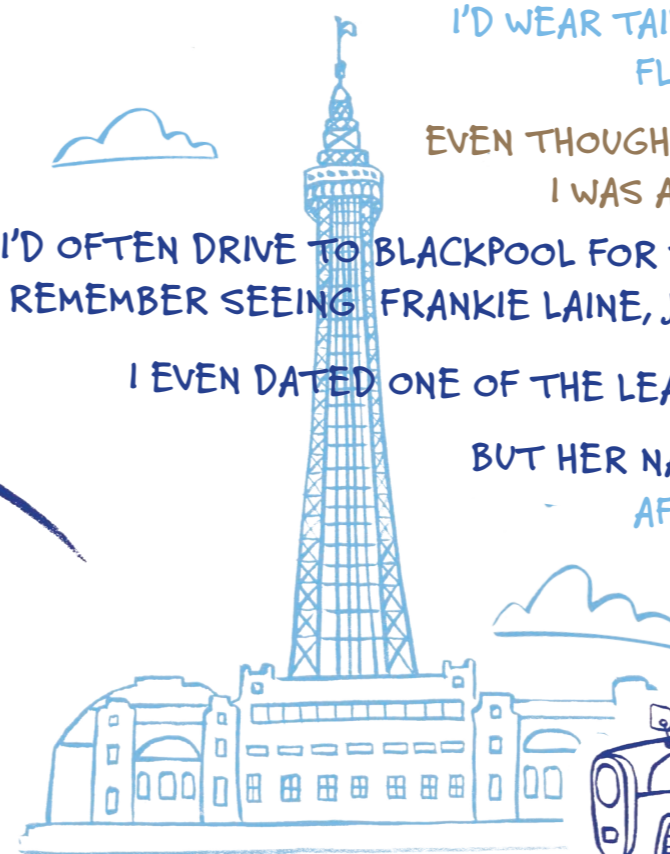
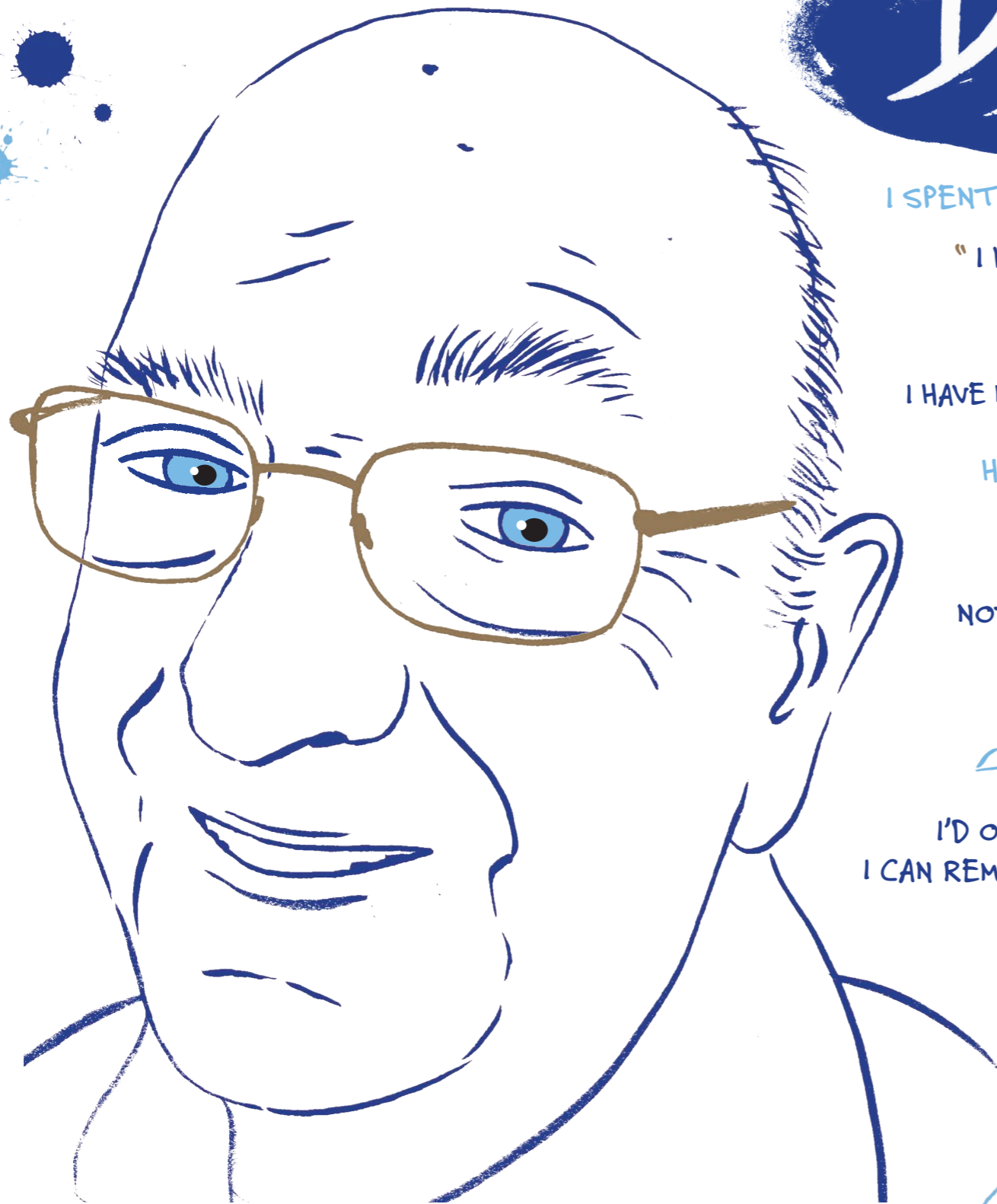
I'D WEAR TAILORED SUITS DURING THE WEEK.
FLANNELS AND A BLAZER AT WEEKENDS.

EVEN THOUGH I SAY IT MYSELF,
I WAS A DECENT KIND OF GUY.

I'D OFTEN DRIVE TO BLACKPOOL FOR THE ≡ WEEKEND ≡
I CAN REMEMBER SEEING FRANKIE LAINE, JOHNNIE RAY AND WINIFRIED ATWELL.

I EVEN DATED ONE OF THE LEADING ≡ SINGING ACTS ≡ OF THE TIME.

BUT HER NAME WILL REMAIN A SECRET
AFTER ALL, I'M A DECENT KIND OF GUY!"



Dorothy

DOROTHY IS ORIGINALLY FROM YORKSHIRE BUT HAS LIVED NORTH OF THE BORDER MOST OF HER LIFE.

" I ABSOLUTELY ADORE SCOTLAND.

THE FRESH AIR. THE SCENERY. THE WILDLIFE. ≡ I LOVE IT ALL ≡

SINCE MOVING HERE MANY YEARS AGO I'VE NEVER WANTED TO LEAVE.

I'M NEARLY 88 NOW, BUT I STILL WALK MOST DAYS WITH MY HUSBAND, AND HE'S 92. WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER WE'D GO ON LONG HIKES AND ADVENTURES.

WE REALLY MADE THE MOST OF THE OUTDOOR LIFE.

I'VE WALKED THE WEST HIGHLAND WAY. BAGGED QUITE A FEW MUNROS.

SCALED THE COBBLER NEAR LOCH LOMOND.

AND CLIMBED TO THE TOP OF BEN NEVIS.

WE TAUGHT OUR SON TO SKI AT AVIEMORE - THESE DAYS HE'S IN CHARGE OF A SKI RESORT IN AUSTRIA.

MY TIPS FOR A LONG AND HAPPY LIFE?

STAY ACTIVE. DON'T DRINK. AND BAKE YOUR OWN BREAD!"



Flora



FLORA IS A RETIRED HEADTEACHER FROM GLASGOW.
SHE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT HER TEACHING DAYS IN GOVAN.

"MY SCHOOL WAS CALLED HARMONY ROW.
IT'S AWAY NOW.
THEY KNOCKED IT DOWN YEARS AGO.

BACK IN MY DAY IT WAS A POOR, POOR AREA.
FAMILIES WERE SO DESPERATELY POOR.

THEY'D BE ONE LAVATORY IN THE STAIR, SHARED BY A WHOLE CLOSE.
PERHAPS TWENTY PEOPLE OR MORE.

GOVAN GOT A RAW DEAL. IT WAS ALL SO UNJUST AND UNFAIR. I USED TO GET SO ANGRY.
⇒ SO I FOUGHT TO MAKE THINGS BETTER ⇒ AND OVER TIME IT DID.

ONE DAY, A MOTHER I KNEW CAME RUNNING ACROSS THE
PLAYGROUND WAVING A LETTER.

⇒ WE'VE DONE IT! WE'VE DONE IT! ⇒ SHE SHOUTED
⇒ MY WEE GIRL IS GOING TO UNIVERSITY! ⇒

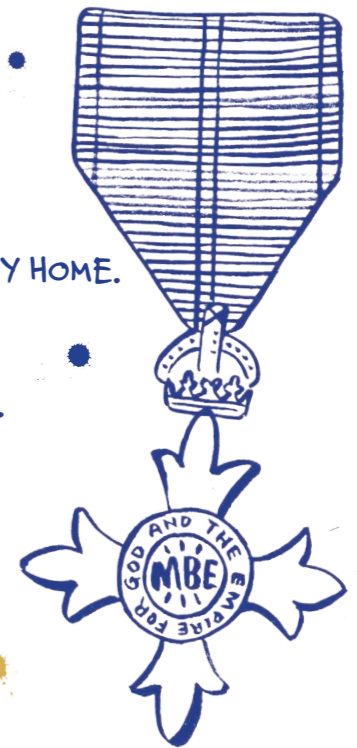
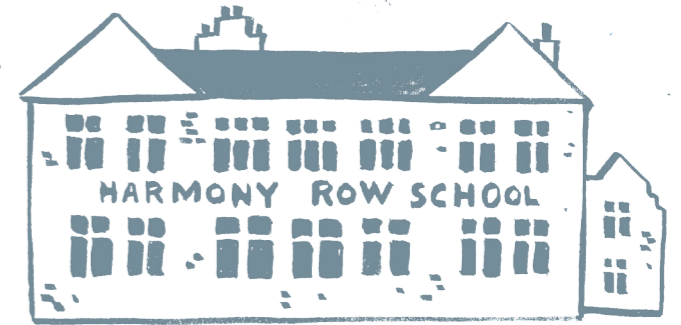
I KNEW EVERY CHILD IN THE SCHOOL AND I'D VISIT EVERY HOME.
I JUST WANTED TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE.

I'D START CLUBS TO KEEP THE CHILDREN OFF THE ROAD.
THEY'D PAY A PENNY IF THEY HAD IT. BUT MOST DIDN'T.

ON A SATURDAY I WOULD MANAGE THE BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM.
I'M NOT SURE WE WON A GAME THOUGH!

IN THE ⇒ SUMMER ⇒ WE'D GO OFF TO SALTCOATS.

THE CHILDREN WERE SO ⇒ EXCITED ⇒
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME ANY OF THEM HAD SEEN SAND!"



FLORA WAS AWARDED THE MBE
IN 1973 IN RECOGNITION
OF HER COMMUNITY WORK IN GOVAN.