

## **'A Street in Doncaster' 1940-1955**

A local history publication authored by four former residents of Earlston Drive, Bentley, recounting their time growing up there in the period 1940 to 1955, has been donated to Doncaster Archives and Local History Library at the Danum Centre.

A typical cul-de-sac of the 1930s, the street had a turning area at the end which was known to the children as the 'frying pan'. The work centres on the street and the immediate neighbourhood as it was at the time, its close relationship with Kirkby Avenue School, the people who lived there and what it was like for children living on the street with a 'frying pan'.

The authors relate scenes of family life during and after WW2. They describe their games, friendships, adventures, their schools, visits to each other's homes, the scrapes they got into, their opinions of their grown-up neighbours and much more.

There is happiness and also sadness. There was a fire at the Railway Plant Works, a German bomb killing fifteen people nearby, suicides, a murder, a visit by King George VI and an invitation to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party.

Doncaster Archives say that focusing on a single street is a very good way of presenting a slice of local and social history. They add that it is a "very good read" and that the donation is greatly appreciated.

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**'A Street in Doncaster': Earlston Drive, Bentley, Doncaster 1940 to 1955.**

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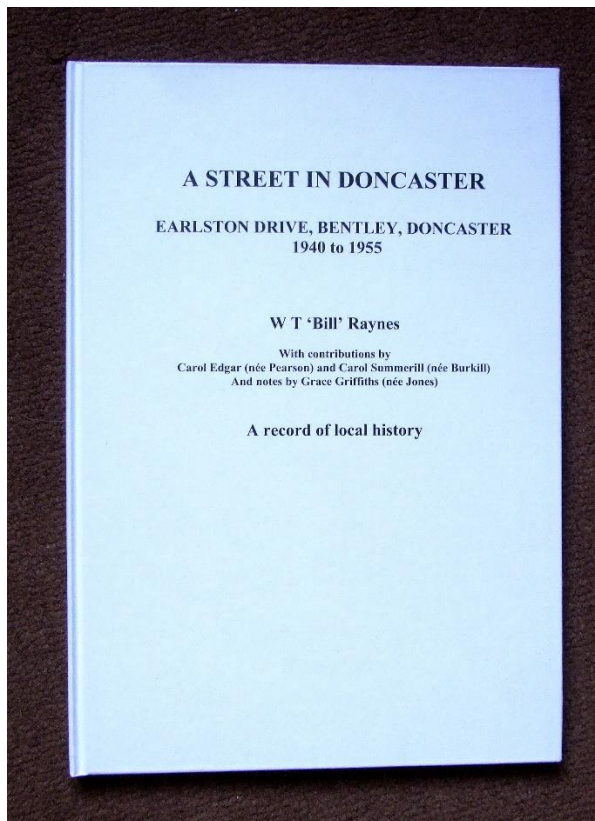
1950s: Frank Pearson in his garden at No 46 Earlston Drive



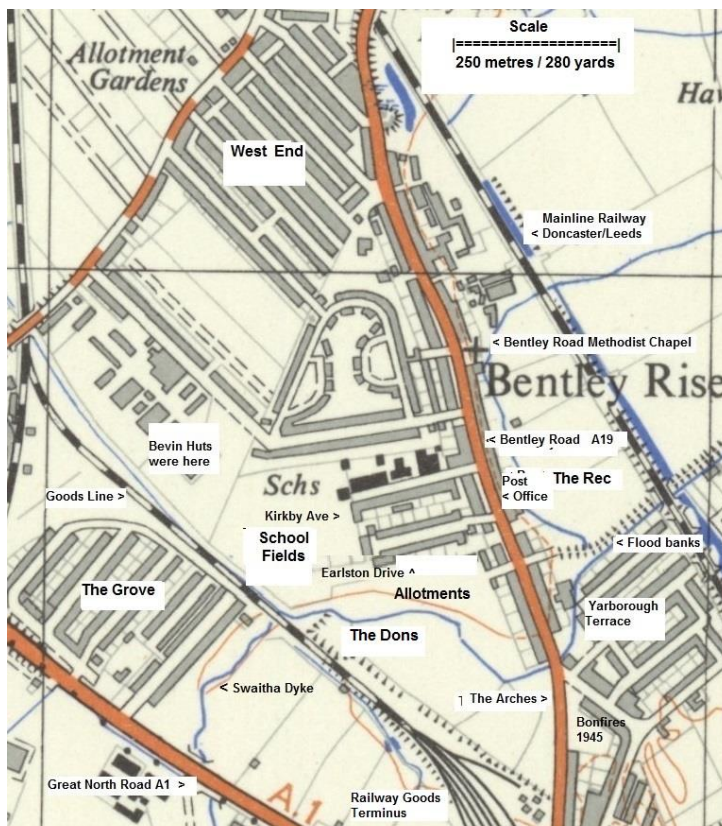
1950s: Barbara Harrison and Bernard at No 45 Earlston Drive



1950s: On their bikes. Girls from 36, 35 and 37 Earlston Drive.



Book cover



1944-61 OS Map of Bentley Rise – tagged.