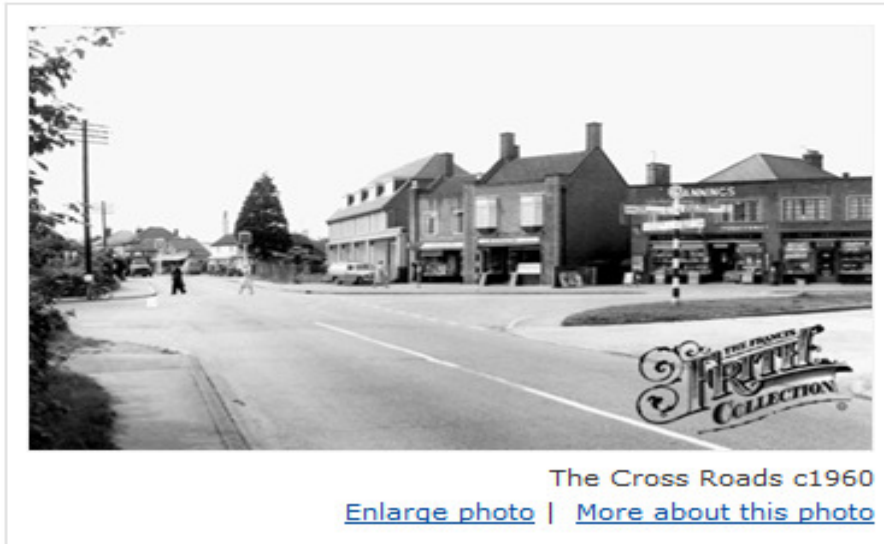


Shopping In Hazlemere In The Sixties

“ I was born in Curzon Avenue in 1953 and moved to Amersham Road in 1958. From a very early age my mother used to send me to the crossroads to do the shopping for her. Every Friday after school I used to go to Fords the grocers with my shopping list for the



week, collect all the goods, pay for them and then walk back via the sweet shop to spend the 3d (that's about 1p) that my Mum gave me. Fords had a grey van which they used to deliver the goods to our house. Often the shopping arrived home before me! Fords was, in the Sixties, one of the earliest supermarkets and had various offers. My Dad won a mini in a Heinz soup competition in 1962 and the prize included a case of all 57 Heinz varieties which he gave to Ernie Ford to distribute to his customers. Hazlemere had good choice of shops at that time including the post office & newsagents, a record shop, a boutique called Maggie Mae, a furniture shop, a chemists, a sweet and toy shop (Duggins) and a general stores amongst them. We did all our food shopping there and only went to nearby High Wycombe, where there were bigger stores like Woolworths and Murrays, for other things. Hazlemere crossroads wasn't that busy with traffic then and sometimes I'd go up there on my scooter or bike with no worries. There were lots of people about and the shops were always busy.

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“ I lived in Rushmoor Avenue until I was 8 (1957-65)and then in Eastern Dene (1965-1974). When I was small, I used to accompany my mother on her shopping trips to Hazlemere crossroads (usually on foot). The chemists was called Seymour's. I think there was an off-license



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next to Seymour's and then the furniture shop which also sold records. Later on there was a chinese restaurant - near the Newsagents. I also remember the "Singing Kettle" café next to the garage (although I never went in). I went to primary school in Tyler's Green and used to come home on the bus. We had the same bus conductress for many years - her name was Nora. When I was 13 or 14, I had a Saturday job in Maggie Mae's which was run by a very nice old lady called "Auntie". In the afternoon, I used to take her dog for a walk and pick up a fresh cream Victoria sponge cake from Fords for our tea. There was a pub called the Three Horseshoes. My parents used to go there occasionally for a drink. The landlord was called Ben West. There were several shops along the Penn Road including a shop called Peddles that sold hardware and electrical goods. In front of the shop there was a sign that said "Don't meddle call Peddle". Next door to Peddle's was the hairdresser's shop. There was another building near the sweet shop (Dugan's) - I think was the British Legion Hall. In the early seventies, we used to go to a disco there (on Friday evenings, I think). Much further down the Penn Road, just beyond Rushmoor Avenue, there was a general store called Rushmoor Stores.

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Eastern Dene

“ Does anybody know anything about the history of Eastern Dene / Western Dene? I was told about the zoo that once stood on the site of the park primary/middle school, but I hear that a battle took place on Eastern/Western Dene. I lived in the Dene when I was a boy of 12 years old. My mate and I were digging a hole in the back garden, when we came across some bones. We thought that a dog may have buried them, only to discover what we think were in fact human bones. I also dug up a brass door knocker which I took to High Wycombe museum. It was photographed and recorded, and a plaster mould of its face was taken. The face resembled a cat's face and whiskers. I still have it somewhere! If anybody reading this can help me with this history on the battle I would be grateful as this has interested me since then.



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“ Probably just behind the photographer was an old fashioned mens barber shop. All the old men would go there for a haircut and mums would take their sons too. What the mums never knew is that when you sat in the alcove to have your hair washed there were numerous naughty pictures that could only be seen from in there. I wonder if any boy ever told his mum what he'd seen?



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