

Mike Broster, his life.



Michael Broster was born in Nottingham in 1946. He recalls living in a cul-de-sac which he says always felt safe and that everybody knew everybody.

His mother was unemployed but his father worked in a shop and then as a Clerk. His grandparents moved from Jersey in 1928 but sadly his grandmother died when he was eight years old. As a child he played a lot of football and even played out in the dark.

The first day of school was a scary experience, but for Mr. Broster the scariest day must have been the second as he had to walk a mile, on his own, to go to school! Luckily his mother collected him. During his school life he always wanted to study science, on the other hand he hated English. Sadly hitting children wasn't illegal back then. He recalls they either had slippers or straps. He also had two sisters Marian and Jean, and due to Mike's father serving away in the war for 6 years, one of the sisters is ten years older than the other! When they got home from school they had a sandwich and a cup of tea, which sounds unusual, a child having a cup of tea. Speaking of food his father grew a lot of vegetables in his allotment. He also remembers bursting out in joy when he got his first train set and said he played with it for hours.



After his excellent childhood he worked for British rail testing the tracks. Speaking of Britain he remembers lots of historical moments. He remembers going over to his aunt's house to watch the coronation, also Queen Mary's death, and the best he could remember was Nottingham Forest winning the FA cup! Once he even got a job as a receptionist at an optician. When he was 35 he moved to Caistor (specifically Navigation Lane) to get a job as a sales man.



Mike has been part of Caistor Amateur Dramatics for many years.

Obviously Caistor has changed over the last 30 years whilst Mr. Broster has been living here, he says that the architecture has been properly changed to attract tourists, but that will never change the lovely community. Unfortunately a lot of pubs have been knocked down to make other things. Mr Broster says there used to be a multitude of pubs in the very local area. Another significant change is the world of shopping, especially online, Mr. Broster says that shopping is very convenient for a busy person but he would not go online clothes shopping as he thinks he would want to try on the clothes before buying. He needs to know that something fits for his hobby, walking, it relaxes him a lets him take a breather.

Mr Broster, now 67 also has children; he has 3, two boy's one girl. Mr Broster's life has been a very eventful one and life has not slowed down for Mr Broster since he retired, he is an active volunteer and enjoys going out hiking.



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