

# A Biography on Mr Roy Schofield

## Early Life

Mr Roy Schofield was born in North Kelsey in 1941 where he lived with his parents until 1970. He attended Caistor Grammar School from 1953 to 1960. When we asked Mr Schofield about clothes he responded “they were very similar to today”. When he went to Caistor Grammar, Roy would wear, ‘short pants’ and a ‘white shirt’.

We then, following on from clothes, asked him about his Sunday best if he had one. He returned the question by saying, “I loved my Sunday best, if I could I would wear it everyday; it was a navy suit with a white tie, he thought it reminded him of a sailor, so he thought he looked quite posh in it. We asked him what the colour of most of his clothes were and he answered simply with “grey and black.” He got to the shops using public transport and buses. Roy would get on the bus and travel to either, Scunthorpe or Grimsby; “the prices were so much cheaper then”, he finished the conversation by saying.



When Roy was younger he had to do housework for his parents such as, washing the dishes and tidying his room. Since Roy was little the discipline has changed massively, his opinion is that “parents aren’t as strict nowadays as they were when I was young”. Clothes were washed in a ‘dolly tub’ and the only way to get a bath which was a weekly event was a long tin bath filled with hot water placed in front of the living room coal fire.



Mr Schofield could remember his grandparents very well who lived in Osgodby on a small holding. They didn’t need to spend a lot of money on food because they grew their own.

Roy’s father was an agricultural engineer; his mother returned to work as soon as the family was old enough as she had 4 children to support. Roy went potato picking during school holidays. Roy and his 3 sisters didn’t want to carry on the family jobs and he had other things in mind for his future.

Regarding shopping Mr. Schofield went for sweets at local news agents. His favourite sweets were Torpedoes. There were several sweet shops in Caistor he stated; “all of which sold torpedoes”. Mr Schofield also told us “we never went out for big shopping sprees like we do nowadays, and we don’t need to go for the next month”, everything was little but often then. Roy’s father bought a pork-pie every Saturday which was for Sunday breakfast. His parents house had a North facing pantry, which stores food. It was made out of brick he informed us. He finished by telling us about a small white fridge, he stated” most of our food went in there; it would stop it from going stale.

## Later Life



Mr. Schofield moved to Cumbria in 1970 to work for Cumbria County Council and he has lived and worked in other parts of the country prior to his return to Caistor in 1998. He has 3 children, Philip, Simon and Zoe but they don’t live in Caistor. Each of his children were born 2 years apart from each other starting in 1974.

Roy now lives in a Bungalow at the bottom of Caistor. He says that there are ‘52 grade 2 listed buildings’ in Caistor so there was a lot of houses for him to choose from.



Mr Schofield still lives in Caistor today.

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