

1930s IN SOUTHMEAD

FAMILY

We all shared the bath water once a week – dad first, then mum, then me!
– Joan Clifford

Only unmarried ladies could be teachers, they had to leave if they were married. The only lady teachers who were called Mrs were widows – Brenda Jarrett

JOBS

What my dad did was rare for a man back then and that was to take me out in my pram on his own. He would meet up with his brother, also pushing his baby daughter, and they would go for a quiet drink in a pub garden and then go home to their Sunday dinners – Brenda Jarrett

MEALS

Table etiquette was very important whilst I was growing up – there was always a cloth on the table which was laid up correctly – everyone sat together at the table for all meals – no elbows on the table and everyone waited until all had finished their meal before being ‘excused’ and we could leave the table.
– June Bull

SCHOOL

Teachers were very strict but fair. We had every subject possible. Plenty of sport. Punishment usually consisted of two to five-hundred lines. When parents asked why were you late home you got some more punishment like a clip round the ears - Ken Ledbury

PETS

We weren't allowed any pets, apart from cats or dogs, but we broke the rules and kept two rabbits. Sadly someone reported us so we had to get rid of them.

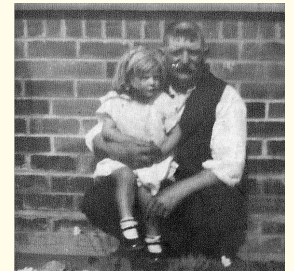


No rabbits allowed, only cats and dogs!

They were beautiful ... black and white with little black butterfly noses
– Brenda Jarrett

HOME

In Southmead we lived in a corner house, but as our road wasn't finished we were called 36A Ringwood Crescent. When the road was completed we became 26 Eastleigh Road. Hence two different addresses – Marion Garland



Marion Garland in Eastleigh Road, 1936

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HEALTH

Before the war, Southmead Hospital held a carnival each year on a field between the hospital and Horfield Common. The proceeds were for funds for the hospital. Nurses in their uniforms walked around with a money bag hanging from their shoulder and a roll of tickets. We bought the amount we needed and had to give up a ticket for every ride or side show we went on. Of course these carnivals weren't during the war years and shortly after the war, 1948 the NHS made these fund raisers redundant – Brenda Jarrett