

Romany Theatre Company

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Reminiscence Interview – Transcription of Edited Interview

Date of Interview		Interviewer	Interviewee	Age Range of Interviewee	Duration of Edited Recording
14-2-10		Damian	Ted J	84 years	07:09
Key timing	Initial of person speaking	Transcription of Interview			
00:00		<p>The first plane I see what come over 'ere. Was Just an ordinary plane. German's with a cross on and he was taking photographs of all Worthing he was and err we had the Germans come over there I jumped down in the ditch where the tanks, where the tanks went and it was deep like that I jumped down in one of them when they started shooting all over there. Then they dropped 2 bombs at the umm... gas works out there. They went through there. You used to run when you get some was... when the planes went over. There's something wrong over there.</p>			
00:39		<p>Well, anything logs mostly.</p>			
01:08		<p>I mean Lord Dog he kept running in front. I was frightened he get runned over. So I got through that town church, run round in this passage way. I thought 'now I've got you', but I got the auto lighters and I was waiting for him to overtake me and he did; try to, but I hit him straight there and it take set him back on his backside and he didn't run in front no more. (laughs)</p>			
02:16		<p>I did go to school and Parrot was his name. He said 'Well its Jones away, Cooks alright, when Cooks away, Jones is alright'. (laughs).</p> <p>Did you get anything out of going to school?</p> <p>Nah, I didn't. I used to go to school for a little while and I used to go... and they used to say you've got the afternoon off now. Right, I used to get on the bike quick. Go and get the nets and so I would be up there in that field. Me and my Granddad and Jonah. Got 14 in one afternoon out there. Where Raymond is. He's buried there. Got 14 rabbits there. One dog was Johnny's dog, greyhound or lurcher, did see him and he caught this rabbit. Norman said 'What's he doing out there? Go and see what he got out there'. I went out there to see and I brought it back and he'd been eating it. Norman said 'Come here son'. He didn't half hit him with it. Said he wont do it no more!</p>			
02:36		<p>We never did travel about much. No not much. We was in the 'ouse. We lived round the square at Brawn(?). A little square was over there and that's where he had the pigs; all up round there. Dozens of them. He used to have a piggery.</p>			
03:00		<p>Was there racism in them days, was people funny about the travellers?</p> <p>Yeah. Even if they see a black bloke they used to run all the way to South(muffled) it was and he was over the road with a case selling silk stuff and things like that. My mum went Frit She said 'Get in doors quick. Get in doors.' I said 'Why?' She said 'He might chor ya'. (laughs).</p>			
		<p>No matter where you go it's different. Only a lot. A lot. Hell of a lot. When we got married, I used to go up on the golf course a lot with a ferret and rabbit like that. I only</p>			

		<p>used to have a couple. I wouldn't take a lot. But, old boy, he used to come in at Christmas and Raymond said 'Did you ever see my dad up there rabbiting?' Cos he had all the war to watch. He said 'Yes. I know you was there but I wouldn't say nothing'. My dad didn't see him. He'd give him a good hiding coz he didn't like em getting anything like that. Old What's-his-name used to say like 'Leave him alone' he said 'How are you?' 'Alright' he said, but he wouldn't let his father like tell us what to do. We only used, as I said we only used to catch about 4, me and Jonah 'ould go up there and have about 4. He used to have 2 and I used to have 2.</p> <p>On the 8th green there was a big ferret there and Tuckers was golfing, caddying and he see this ferret and he went to pick it up and he turn round and 'tschcshc' and it bite him so he told us and we went up there in the evening. Jonah said there is... coz Jon, he's frightened of getting bit and I grabbed his tail like that and took him right out into the open and then I let him go. I said get your coat off Jon he got his coat off and we slung it over and he come out the sleeve and I got it like that (laughs) Weren't half a lovely ferret though. Bloke said 'You bin up here long?' About an hour or so walking about up here getting the ... 'Oh, you in't seen a ferret have you?' we said 'No, we in't seen no ferret'. Walked right back to the door from market, we did. Tuckers, he said... I said 'Didn't they look... kept chasing and chasing' I said 'Got fed up with it'. Well, so we got... tucker was only chasing him in the boar pen, where the boar was. Big boar he were. we said 'Right' I said 'You can go and get im then tuck.' 'I in't going to get him. I in't hopping in there'. Anyway we find another gate and we put the pig in there and the ferret in there.</p> <p>And then we got... we was walking along. We never had nothing. We knew very well we wouldn't get home that night. What's that in the road? Bloody lovely, brand new clorf. So he said 'My 'orse wont carry it'. I said 'Well my 'orse, its only a little thing' and I put it on its back and tied it on. We had it to put over a branch. We went down the pub not far from there and you ought to see the soldiers coming through there. They lookin' all 'Hello everybody what you doing in here? Your not supposed to be in here.' He said, coz we were having a look round for like just... to say what they gonna do when they got abroad. I got down to Poulitice Lane there and my dad come along. 'You just got back? Bout 3 o'clock in the after noon'. 'Yeah, we haven't had nothing to eat yet. 'Alright' he said. We walked back with the 'orse there, to the 'ouse. He said 'I'll tell your mum to put them on' 6 hours I eat. To think their marriage lasted.</p>
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07:09		<p>Would you say your proud to be a traveller?</p> <p>Yeah. You're a traveller, you're a traveller in't ya? I'm poud of it. Didn't learn anything but I learned a lot of dealing and that and horses and that.</p>

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