

MEMORY ROAD

There is a lot of nostalgia about lately and I love it, being a Brummie born and bred so I thought I might add my own.

I wonder how many people of my age (nearly 79) who have lived in Handsworth all their lives realise that two very celebrated families lived in Antrobus road many years ago?

The Ketelbeys (of In a Monastery Garden) lived opposite to our house.

My husband cannot remember the sons. They had flown the coop when he realised who they were, but he served the old parents to greengrocery from off his lorry.

They kept themselves rather aloof behind a high privet hedge but were very nice people.

Further down the road on our side lived Jack Payne, the band leader, and his family.

My husband remembers Jack as a pimply faced youth who attended Grove Lane Secondary School.

His father was a dentist, rather stout, and a taxi called every morning to take him to his surgery.

Jack attended his father's funeral and was seen no more in the district

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