

In July 2018 Rosemary McKay, Wendy Macmillan and Cheryl Ashworth were privileged to meet local residents Betty and Margaret for an afternoon of tea and reminiscences. Betty lived in Lasswade as a child and attended Lasswade School in the 1940s, while Margaret worked in the cutting room at Tod's Paper Mill (now the Paper Mill restaurant). Both had fascinating stories to tell and between them, painted a vivid picture of life in Lasswade in the 1940s and 1950s. Highlights included:

- The excitement of catching a train from Lasswade to Portobello
- Memories of the many shops in Lasswade, including Mr Kirk's the butcher and Mrs Kirk's which was one of the 3 sweet shops in Lasswade. There was also a fish shop, chemist, post office, grocer's and the bank, among others.
- At New Year there were sing-songs in the Forrester's Arms pub (now the Laird and Dog) when Betty's father played the piano.
- The Home Guard marching up and down School Green practising with broom handles.
- Tod's Paper Mill was much larger than the current restaurant building and operated round the clock when there were big orders. There was a great camaraderie among the staff.