

1960s Workshop

Aim of the workshop to give an overview of what it was like to live in the 1960s through objects (when hiring 1960 Loans box) and photographs.

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After the Second World War there was not enough houses because many homes had been destroyed by the bombing. London County Council put pressure on surrounding areas create homes for them. Many had been placed in temporary accommodation called pre fabs. Camberley was one of the places chosen to rehouse some of the homeless or those living in poor or temporary houses.

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Many still living in them in Camberley in 1960s only supposed to be temporary homes. The Old Dean estate was planned initially for local people. However in late 1950s LCC earmarked it as an area to rehouse Londoners. The first house finished in 1953. By 1964 1177 houses had been built. In 1961 Cordwalles School was built .The population had ew rapidly in Camberley with large influx of labour. Private houses were also built on the estates and grounds of some of the Victorian villas as people chose to move out out the city and commute greater distances to work.

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After the war men were away at the war came home in 1945 People had also been put of having families until after the war. When the war ended there was a huge rise in the birth rate. This was called a Baby boom it lasted from 1945 to the end of the end of the 1950s. In 1960 the baby boomers were becoming teenagers. By 1960 come out of rationing economy was booming almost full employment shortage of workers. And they had extra money to spend. They were interested in fashion and wanted to be different. They could afford motor bikes and scooters.

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Teenager in Camberley would go to the Agincourt to listen to the latest music Thursday night was twist night.

They had most up to date music. In 1963 Mersey beat became popular across Britain. The Agincourt was the main music venue in the town and they had Hollies and Freddie and the Dreamer on their bill.

Later The Who, The Rolling Stones and Pink Floyd played there

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The Beatles never came to Camberley nearest they came was Guildford and Aldershot.

Teenagers did not want to dress the same as their parents they had own fashions

Show dresses and talk about development of new fabrics.

Fashions followed music trends

Early 1960s similar to 1950s with flared knee length dresses

Moved onto shorter lengths

Show suit Inspired by Jackie Kennedy who was the President's wife.

Men wore suits the cut of which followed pop scene such as Beatles also mod worn parkers and rocker leathers

Short blusoned jackets.

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During the early sixties it was fashionable to have big hair. Used back combing and hairspray.

Children Girls wore mainly dresses boys wore short trousers even in winter.

Pop Music very important show gramophone and records. Music was on vinyl

Teenagers also listened to the radio new pop channels. Such as Radio Caroline and Radio Luxemburg.

Show Radio and record player.

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Not just pop music young people also liked jazz. At Old Dean was a Jazz club in the Highwayman public house

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Young people would go for a coffee in a coffee bar Sipping Frothy coffee eating bacon sandwiches while listening to the Juke Box. There were a number of coffee bars in Camberely

Camberley had Cut Loaf in High Street or 66later

Gallinis opened in The High Street

Oasis and Virginian on London Road and Zyder Zees in Yorktown Gallini's was a mod bar and Virginian rocker bar.

The Old Manor cafe was very popular with bikers but had a terrible reputation within the area for trouble makers.

The cinema was also popular The main cinema was on the London Road.

Camberley also had a very popular swimming pool. You walked past it when you walked in. It was an open air pool and very popular in summer.

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People began to be able to afford to buy more things. More people were working and there were more labour saving devices to buy.

Television became more common in 1964 80% of all houses in Camberley had a TV.

Half of all house had a washing machine.

80% a vacuum cleaner

40% had a car

40% a fridge

Other electrical became popular such as hairdryers (Show hairdrier)

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People were beginning to go abroad on holiday. 10% of people went abroad 60% had a holiday in this country.

Shopping began to change. At beginning of 1960s most of the shops on the high street were owned by families living in the town

Large chains wanted to come to the town but difficult to find premises. The Main shops were on the London road which were also getting clogged up with car and traffic was becoming a hazard to shopper council decided to re develop the town centre At beginning of 1960s The council decided to redevelop the town centre

The developers knocked down houses and Camberley Infant school to re build town centre providing new shops and car parks. 104 new shops were built.

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Road became really congested with the increased number of cars

Camberley a place people travel through on the way to the south west. First toilet was where arena is people travelling from London knew as a toilet stop. In 1967 M3 proposed and 1968 work began opened in 1974.

Camberley Kate was a well-known personality programme made about her

Also Camberley elephant was put up in 1963. It was built by the firm Trollope and Colls. They invited artists to design a model out of the pipes that could be towed through London as part of the Lords Mayors show. In 1964 the company was given permission to stand the elephant at the entrance to their yard.