

Louis King

81 years ago Louis King drew his first breath. As his father was a butcher, he was born in the house attached to the Butcher's Shop.



Louis wasn't the richest person but had a nice cosy house above the butcher's which he had to share with his five siblings.

As he grew older, at about four years old, he began to go to school. On the first day his parents walked him to school but after that he had to walk on his own. As he and his brother became more responsible his father gave him jobs like carrying the meat and taking it to people who have ordered it. When he turned 5 years old he got a very serious disease called scarlet fever and he was in isolation for 6 weeks (isolation is where you are not allowed to talk to your family and friends for a few weeks) He could only speak to his family through a window.



As a child there were not any electronic games so he had to find ways to entertain himself. If he had any free time he would spend that time going outside and playing with his siblings or going for a walk. He has always loved the garden and to this day he still does. When things like the coronation were on he didn't have a TV to watch it with so he would always go to the neighbour's house to watch the funeral of King George and the coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

As he became more mature he was given pocket money. He got a penny every week. You might think that isn't a lot, but back then one penny would go a long way; he would spend half of it on an ice cream which is a ha' penny and then save the rest.



In his teenage years he was conscripted into the army and was taken for training in Hampshire and his first posting was in Tripoli, then he went to Egypt.

Louis goes to church every week at the Methodist church. Louis got married in this building (Caistor Arts and Heritage Centre). He is now retired but did follow in his father's footsteps as a butcher until April 1997 and now does a lot of volunteer work at the school and other places.

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Louis King, by the sea in Tripoli, 1951