

What we found out from our interview with Mrs Smith:

Transport:

- Much more traffic now than in the past
- Green Lanes used to be the main road in Totternhoe
- Cars weren't as fast but they looked similar - some cars had 3 wheels
- Some cars didn't have indicators - instead they had to put their arm out of the window to show which way they were going
- People were stuck in Totternhoe when it snowed as their cars couldn't get up the hill

School:

- Everybody walked to school
- Had a very small playground with no fences around the edge
- The toilets were outside
- They drank milk at school from milk bottles - if they wanted water, they had to get it from a well
- Children wrote on slate with chalk instead of using workbooks
- Had assembly everyday
- No whiteboard or screen in the classroom - they had a blackboard
- Children wore a blue uniform and they had indoor shoes - their parents had to sew the badge on their jumpers

Totternhoe Village:

- There used to be 3 shops: 1 outside school, 1 by the nature reserve and 1 towards Leighton Buzzard - they are houses now
- There used to be 4 pubs - 1 was called 'The Bell' and one was called 'The Green Man'
- The house next to the 'Old Farm Inn' pub used to be a coach house and tea room
- The pubs would put saw dust on the floor to soak up the spilt drinks
- There weren't as many houses in Totternhoe in the past - there are more houses now
- There was a lollypop lady that worked by the park to help the children cross the road

General:

- Didn't have digital cameras - they would take a film to be processed in a shop
- The Church hasn't changed for many years
- No heating in most houses - they lit fires instead
- No computers when Mrs Smith was at school - they were VERY big when they were first created