

Down Memory Lane at St John's Ivy St

Agnes Hirst: Maiden Name: Boyle

St Johns from around 1935

One of my most vivid memories was being caned on both hands by Sr Ignatius.

I remember teacher Alice Marrow from Thursby Road who later married a widower Wilfred Brett.

My favourite subject was history which I always found fascinating, I did not like adding up one bit.

Friends included Agnes Walsh, Kathleen Quinn, Eileen Grimes (now Fleming), twins Delia now (RIP) and Eleanor O'Mara (now Ashworth).

I remember Martin Molloy, during the war, was playing with a mouse in his gas mask in class, he told Miss Marrow, who saw it, screamed and ran away.

Sister Ignatius observed my brother and sister sitting side by side in the air raid shelter and admonished my sister Ada for talking and disturbing everyone, Ada dared to answer Sister back to be told that, "that was the Protestant influence from her family" mother was not Catholic.

