



FRIENDS OF HARDWAY

WELCOME TO MEMORIES OF HARDWAY

Our objective is to capture stories of those who have lived or worked in the Hardway area and preserving them for future generations.

We welcome contributions from residents past and present you can submit articles or memories via our [website](#), [facebook group](#) or via [Email](#) .

We hope you enjoy these memories and that they might prompt some of your own that you'd like to share with us.

Thank you

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COCKLES & WINKLES @1936

MEMORY PROVIDED BY JILL SMITH, GOSPORT

Hardway History Cockles & Winkles @1936

Memory from Jill Smith, Gosport

"I was born at 125 Priory Road in 1936; this was my Grandmother's house.

My Grandfather used to collect cockles and winkles to sell to local residents to supplement his Naval pension.

In later life my Grandmother moved to No 4 Priory Road, opposite Quay Lane, which was just a sort of track straight down to the water. At the end of the lane on the left, was a pig farm and on the right, was what I think was an orchard and a couple of cottages.

Mr Hunt used to come to our house in Findon Road to teach me to play piano, early 1940."

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THE YEW TREE @1973

MEMORY PROVIDED BY LESLEY THOMAS, GOSPORT

Hardway History The Yew Tree @1973

Memory from Lesley Thomas, Gosport

"The Yew tree, on the right overhanging these D Day trucks, became unstable around 1973.

My friend Neil Johnston, who I believe lived at 82 Priory Road, Hardway, lived next to Mr Hunt the music teacher. Neil's dad asked if he and I would assist him in removing the stump after it was felled. The tree surgeons did their job and a stump of approximately 4 feet in diameter was left to be removed. We spent the best part of a day digging around the stump and severing the huge root system and once we had the stump rocking, a rope was tied between the stump and the back of Ian Johnston's Mazda RX3 and it was duly dragged out.

There in the soil among the roots was a 14th century Edward III groat; I don't know how old the Yew tree was but there was this 600 year old coin nestled in its roots.

The current tree which was replanted is around 45 years old."

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An Edward III (1312 - 1377) groat like the one that was found in the roots of the felled Yew tree

