

# Childhood Memories

**Connie Curry (née Crook) captured her memories of growing up in Wimbledon Village in a memoir. Born in 1914, Connie paints a glowing picture of daily life. Unlike wealthier children, who were always in the care of a nanny, Connie wandered freely. There were no cars to worry about, and Connie remembers wildflowers everywhere. Shops on the High Street provided for almost all the family's needs.**

Connie's Wimbledon discouraged dissent. One neighbour was labelled an eccentric for not wearing a hat. Wimbledon resident Patrick Fawcett, a little older than Connie, remembers rude slogans written on the house of a local woman who campaigned for women's right to vote. However, Wimbledon Theatre brought the community together. Connie and Patrick were regulars at its Christmas pantomime, which they both remember as an annual treat.