

HAVERHILL AT WORK

The Town Centre

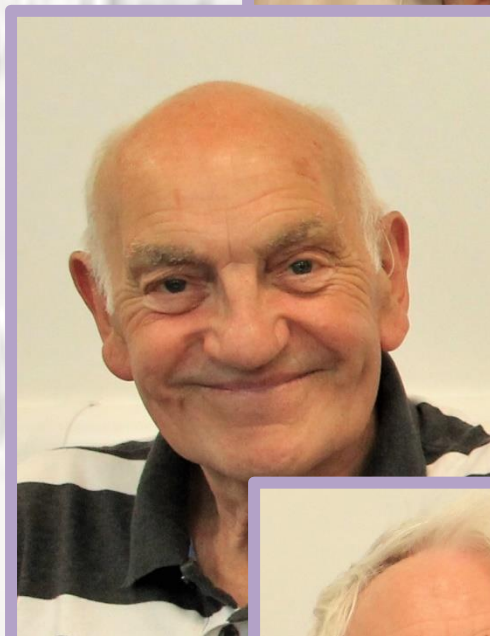
Remembering more of the Town Centre

David Francis (Hair Salon): *"There were four girls there when I first started and I ran the shop for two years then the boss offered me the chance to buy it so I thought 'Right I'm going to go for this'. I would have to pay him back so many thousands of pounds over the course of four years and if I missed a payment one month the shop would go back to him. It was quite a tough deal and I think in his heart he thought I wouldn't be able to make the payments!"*



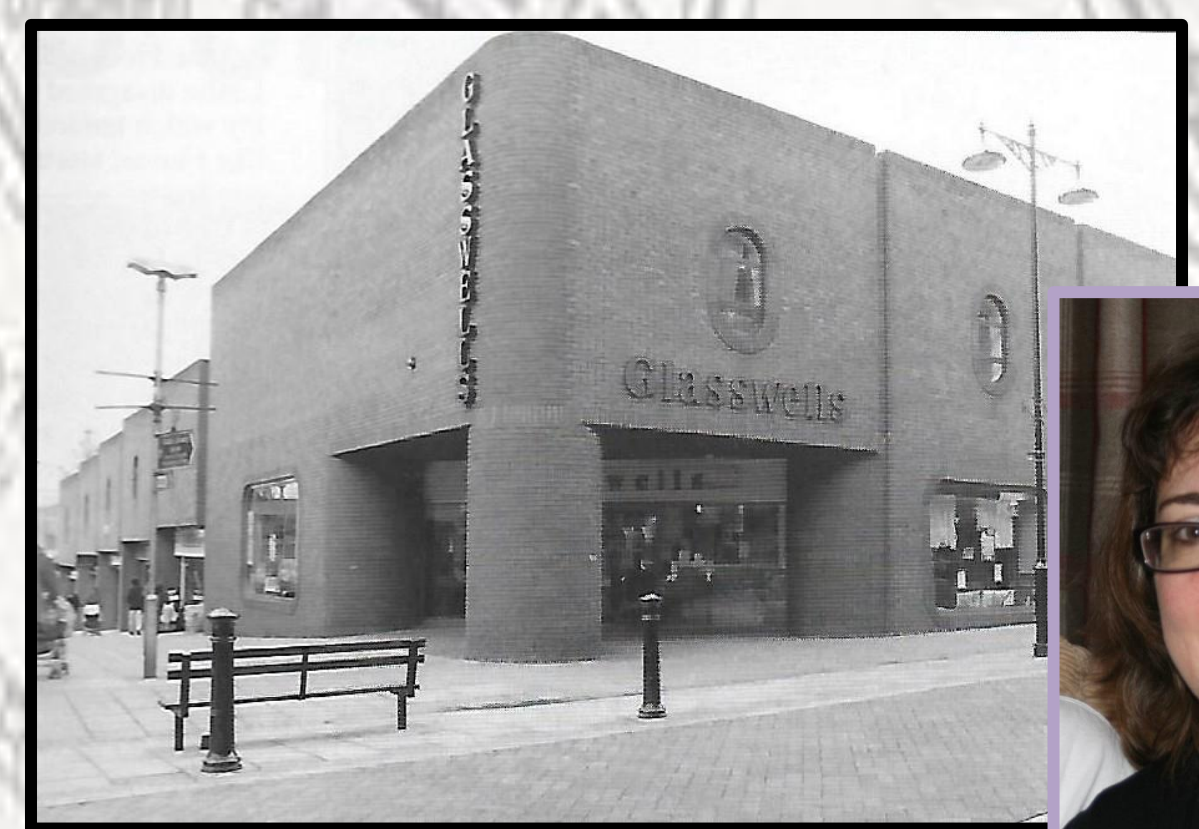
David Francis (Hair Salon): *"We would open 9am – 6pm and then we started doing men's' hair and then opening hours would be 9am – 8pm. In those days it wasn't acceptable for a man to sit next to a woman in the shop. Women came in 9am – 6pm and men from 6pm – 8pm."*

Post Office: *"Withersfield was my first delivery. Old Bob Ellis took me round to show me. We got to a cottage called Rose Cottage. He said 'This is your job every morning. You go in, you put the kettle on, you clear the grate, you light her fire, you make her tea. Once a week you take her pension book and you drop it off in the Post Office. When you come back for the 2nd delivery you pick her pension up and take it in. I had to collect her pension every week and light her fire every day."*



Post Office: *"Things were very different when we started. I used to go up Primrose Hill and they didn't have letter boxes so you'd open the door to put the mail in and on the floor there'd be coal money, milk money, insurance money but you never dreamt of touching it. You just put the mail in and shut the door."*

Post Office: *"We were taught the postman's knock. We used to have a certain knock when you put the letters in. A real old banger it was too. It let the person know you'd come. Mostly, letters in them days were something of importance."*



TVL Allstar Video: *"In the early days the only way to watch a movie was to rent it. When we first opened (1987) the way the media was packaged was as VHS tapes and then we started using DVDs."*

Glasswells: *"Things have changed quite a bit. The thing I've noticed in twenty years is that when I started people saved up and bought the best to last. It is very much a throw away world now."*

