



# 1940s room

## Suggested Questions

- Do you recognise a room like this?
- What is different to now?(no carpets, no TV)
- Did you have lino flooring? Rugs? How were these cleaned? (Carpet cleaners, Carpet Beaters)
- What kind of cleaning products did people use? (Carbolic soap, star drops, etc)
  - How would you listen to music?
- What would people do for entertainment?
- Did you have a picture rail? With wallpaper underneath?
- What did you eat? Where would you eat your meals? (Talk about rationing)
  - Did your front step get 'Donkey Stoned'?



# 1950s room

## Suggested Questions

- What is different in the room from the 40s to the 50s?
  - Did you get carpet?
  - Did you change from a coal fire to a gas fire?
- Did you buy records? What records did you listen too? Where did you buy them?
- Who did you listen too? (Elvis, Bill Hayley, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Eddie Cochrane)
- What colour was your living room in the 50s?
  - Did you have a telephone?
  - Did you have net curtains?
- What did you eat? Where did you eat?
  - Did you have a vacuum cleaner?



# 1960s living room

## Suggested Questions

- Swinging 60s wallpaper came into fashion, did you have it?
  - Did you have the bright and bold 60s carpets?
    - Was you working during the 60s?
      - Who did you live with?
      - Did you have young children?
- What kind of music did you listen to during the 60s? (Beatles, kinks, Rolling stones, The Who, Hermans Hermits, Beach Boys, Lulu) Who was your favourite?
- Did you have a hostess trolley? (Shown In the pictures?)
  - How did you entertain?
- Did you drink Babycham? Snowballs? Did men and women have different drinks?
  - Did you watch the pools? Did you ever win?



# 1970s living room

## Suggested Questions

- During the 70s frozen food became more available. What did you buy? (Peas, fish fingers)
- Did you ever have your dinner in front of the TV (TV dinner, Teas on Knees)
- Women were working more in the 70s and more electronic items were available to save time like microwaves, sandwich makers, Did you have any of these?
  - What would you do for entertainment?
- What music did you listen too? (Pink Floyd, T Rex, Carpenters, David Bowie, Bee Gees)
- What TV programmes did you watch? Rising Damp, Are you being served, In sickness and in health, porridge)
  - Did you have a soda stream?





# 1980s living room

## Suggested Questions

- Did you have a floral wallpaper, matching curtains and cushions? These became very fashionable and often purchased in a catalogues. (Freemans, Littlewoods, Index, Argos)
- Did you get a cordless phone in the house, have an answer machine on your phone? Who recorded the message?
  - Did you have video player? Record things from television?
- Did you buy music on cassettes? If so what music? (shakin Stevens, wham, Madonna) Did you buy it for yourself or someone else?
- Did you have a 'Henry' Vacuum cleaner? Did you use Shake N Vac?