



The young people were initially hesitant but became enthusiastic after doing the first interview. They were polite and thoughtful, particularly with older people. Many interviewees found it difficult to think of something in Efford that made them smile. Most people agreed to stop and answer questions including many young and older people. The most suspicious/unresponsive group were middle-aged men. After the interviewing the young people showed me some of their haunts, including the swinging tree in the Valley.



Favourite colour: Blue

Favourite place in Plymouth: The Hoe (then Efford, a few 'in town' and the Barbican)

Favourite place in Efford: Torridge Way (then home, then friend's home, a few cemeteries and Royal Marines) (Torridge Way seen as favourite place for many because place of interaction: but also seen as scary place to those from other side of neighbourhood - place of anti-social behaviour)

What makes you smile?: mainly other people, also fighting, fishing, tracker, beer, women, lighting fires, the new church, happy faces, living here, my parents, the crane

Selected comments: 'always wars going on, always were, always will be' 'the royal marine used to make me smile' 'you can come and play if you want' 'you know when the rains on its way because you see the seagulls' 'the best landlord ever was jack zorro' 'its class now 'ere' 'there aint no girls round 'ere'

'I was walking through the cemetery when all these butterflies just flew off literally at that moment, hundreds of them, little orange ones' 'I like the views from Efford' 'I feel happy sometimes when I am walking to work and there is all the blossom' 'he had his eyes down and I passed him hundreds of times then suddenly one morning he looked up and said good morning' 'her dad used to go crackers because the cows were walking through the garden, they were the first people to move to Efford' 'the crane makes me smile because it is big and powerful and I can see it from plymouth' 'he pretended to be asleep with a sandwich in his mouth at a party' 'guy fawkes and the word went round. they torched it that night' 'lucky the wind was blowing away from the house' 'we were lighting fires and someone chucked an asthma pump in and it blew up on my bum' 'Efford – lovely -lived there all my life' 'mrs lug we called her mrs slug, she inspired you to be what you wanted' 'favourite book, noel stretfield ballet shoes' 'there's always a friendly smile' 'Efford is just one big joke' 'we started to laugh but she didn't move and we got scared' 'fighting is cool and makes me feel hard' 'pollock, mackerel, ballan rass, thomback ray, congo eels – I don't eat fish though'

'what do you know about jack sorrel?'



We taped a roll of lining paper up against the shutters of the bakery at 4pm on a Friday evening with the heading 'What do you know about Jack Sorrel?' A group of young people asked passers-by for information and an animated discussion ensued. Most people knew who Jack was and enjoyed adding their 'fact' to the list. Many stayed to chat about their memories of Jack and the pub.

That evening and the following day I collected more memories and anecdotes about Jack from residents of Efford. The young people had also collected some information with Maria during the previous week.

selected comments: 'he liked to race pigeons' 'my uncle bill used to work for him' 'he was a very well known man' 'don collins was sunday singer' 'he'd turn in his bleedin' grave if he knew the pub was gone' 'he was an old man even in the 70's' 'he was a swine – if you tried to knick a few sweets he'd have you' 'he was very rude to his customers' 'he was an old gentleman' 'he had grey hair, glasses, well built' 'he was 17 stone' 'he had the pub for 26 years, from brand new' 'he was a JP' 'he didn't smoke' 'he retired on the Hoe' 'he always wore black' 'he was a tall man' 'he was worth a fortune' 'he was president of licensing' 'never heard of him.... well you have now' 'he ran his own book' 'the butcher bought his meat to sell' 'paddy marsh was there at the beginning with jack' 'jack had the pub from new' 'ernie's sister, sue swan, managed the pub late 80's, then rocky stone took over' 'uncle stan had his own mug behind the bar' 'aunt peggy was the first bar lady' 'little pizza kiosk outside the pub with fizzy pop and lion bars' 'after rocky all doing each others mrs' 'royal marine was a very social pub, activities included football, darts and euchre' 'his wife was called ruth, he also had a son called john who is a doctor' 'jack served as chairman of licensed victuallers national homes charity' 'graham bunker and jack bought many trophies out of their own money' 'done the pigeon functions at efford youth centre' 'he allowed members to do their clocks up at the royal marine' 'jack used to have the marine cadets playing in the car park on sundays' 'he had a piano and banjo's on sundays for a sing-a-long in the pub' 'don collins did a lot of live singing entertainment in jacks pub' 'he gave lots of jobs to local teenagers to collect glasses and cleaning up at functions' 'on many occasions he lent his punters money when they were short' 'bill essory also help jack run their own bookies in the pub' 'there was trips to the big race courses' 'the best landlord ever was jack sorrel' 'mayor of Efford'