

Transcript

00:00:00 Speaker 1

Sorry, so I'm just gonna give your name, actually, because I haven't done that bit yet, have I? Howard Goddard. And it's set for 009. Carry on. Sorry.

00:00:09 Speaker 2

As as a school boy at the grammar school in Basingstoke, I was always into explosives, always blowing things up. Great fun at at school. And then I didn't find out until later, my grandfather was an **examiner in fusilier** [?] at the Woolwich Arsenal in the First World War, so transfers through the genes.

00:00:27 Speaker 1

I'm not sure that can be tested in genetics.

00:00:29 Speaker 2

No, I'm sure, but it doesn't matter, does it? It's just a bit of history.

00:00:34 Speaker 2

And then then he died in 1915, not in, well, he died of pneumonia, but not in the flu pandemic which I thought he died in, which would have been in 1918. But he he wore himself to death through, he moved to Newcastle with the family and worked at Armstrong's, I think, the munitions people. But.

00:00:50 Speaker 1

OK, yeah, and it's colder up north.

00:00:52 Speaker 2

Yes, it bloody was. Sorry, pardon my French.

00:00:55 Speaker 2

I I lived in the North East for a while.

00:00:57 Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah. I mean, it's not that warm on this lump we're on.

00:01:01 Speaker 2

No, it's warm enough, isn't it? And it's dry relatively.

00:01:11 Speaker 1

Right. OK. So what do you want to tell me?

00:01:16 Speaker 2

This little item is a nonsense.

00:01:19 Speaker 1

OK.

00:01:20 Speaker 2

Do you know what it is?

00:01:23 Speaker 1

No.

00:01:24 Speaker 2

It's a tea caddy.

00:01:25 Speaker 1

Yeah. OK.

00:01:26 Speaker 2

But it's a tea caddy that came from the wartime, but it never learned to fly.

00:01:31 Speaker 1

Right. OK.

00:01:34 Speaker 2

In the war time, they were calling for all aluminium to be sent back to the Ministry for recycling, to turn into Spitfires, but my mum bought this, probably in the 30s. She loved it so much. No, you're not going to have it.

00:01:47 Speaker 2

OK. And it stayed in the family ever since. OK. And this it's as old as, older than I am. So I'm 81. Yeah. So no it is a very simple domestic part part of our family history. That's it.

00:01:58 Speaker 1

That didn't make it to the war?

00:01:59 Speaker 2

No, it. Well, it stayed, stayed around in the wartime, but it never became a Spitfire, so it never learned to fly.

00:02:07 Speaker 1

That's a brilliant way of putting it.

00:02:09 Speaker 2

Isn't it?

00:02:09 Speaker 1

It is a brilliant way of putting it, yeah, very, very good. So, OK. So you were born when?

00:02:18 Speaker 2

13, I can I can prove it to you.

00:02:20 Speaker 1

You don't need to prove it. I believe you. But.

00:02:22 Speaker 2

That's my national registration there. My date of birth is on there.

00:02:27 Speaker 1

1942, OK.

00:02:31 Speaker 2

My mum can remember recount remember the 1000 bomber raids and we lived in Leicester at the time and they used to assemble over Leicester because it was in the Midlands.

00:02:41 Speaker 1

So OK, so are you happy for them to photograph these two object? Yes, the the, the the non-war tea caddy.

00:02:52 Speaker 2

Yes. Yeah. You know the non-flying tea

00:02:55 Speaker 1

The tea caddy. I'm gonna have to write this down.

00:02:58 Speaker 1

So it's the tea caddy. Is that?

00:03:00 Speaker 2

That never, that never learned to fly.

00:03:01 Speaker 1

That never learned to fly, because that will make them smirk.

00:03:05 Speaker 2

Yeah, well, that's the the. You know it's you'll remember that, won't you? Yeah. Otherwise it's just a bloody tea aluminium tea caddy for Christ's sake. But it never learned to fly. It should have been sent for recycling and never went there.

00:03:15 Speaker 1

Yeah. OK. Yeah. No, that's that's, yeah.

00:03:19 Speaker 2

What's what's a shame is there's no manufacturers name on. It's very, as an engineer, I can tell you how it's produced, it's spun on the lathe, formed, just and quickly done and then just wrinkled on the outside which gives it strength and texture.

00:03:33 Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:03:34 Speaker 2

And and it's done its purpose for nearly over 100 years, probably.

00:03:37 Speaker 1

Yeah. So I presume you don't still use it at this moment?

00:03:40 Speaker 2

Well, I I I store bits and pieces in it.

00:03:42 Speaker 2

But it can be used as a tea caddy.

00:03:44 Speaker 1

Ohh, don't tell me you put nails or something in it in the garage.

00:03:45 Speaker 2

No, no, no, nothing like that. No, some musical bits and things.

00:03:47 Speaker 1

All right, I was gonna say. Because there's been all sorts of things stuck in garages with things in that. So. OK, So what I'm just gonna do is do a number for your photography bits. Which, if it's OK, we'll also include that because that's quite important.

00:04:04 Speaker 2

Yes. Yeah.

00:04:08 Speaker 1

So if I do number, there you go, #14.

00:04:13 Speaker 2

It's I could have done a lot more thinking about it, but I didn't that that's that the that was the outstanding part, because what do I do with it? It's gonna have to go down to my brother now, isn't it.

00:04:22 Speaker 2

He but he he lives in Holland, so he's got.

00:04:24 Speaker 1

All right. OK.

00:04:27 Speaker 1

So tea caddy.

00:04:30 Speaker 2

It's an aluminium tea caddy.

00:04:32 Speaker 1

Yeah, I'd better put aluminium, hadn't I?

00:04:36 Speaker 2

Because that's the crunch, you know.

00:04:37 Speaker 1

Yes, that is, that's the key, isn't it? Yeah. Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:04:37 Speaker 2

They wanted all. Yes, they want the wanted all.

00:04:42 Speaker 1

So national registration card.

00:04:46 Speaker 2

Are you a local lady?

00:04:46 Speaker 1

I come from Hampshire, but I've lived up in Norfolk for 37 years.

00:04:51 Speaker 1

So I'm not quite Norfolk yet.

00:04:53 Speaker 2

Ohh right, same here I I well, I was born in Leicestershire, but I lived in in Hampshire for most of my life, in Basingstoke

00:05:03 Speaker 1

All right, no I was Portsmouth, Fareham area. And so I'm going to give you that. OK. And then I'm, I'm going to just stop recording for now.

00:05:12 Speaker 2

But what only what was told to me that my mother remembers the the, and it always sent a shudder, and we we'd go and and be put underneath the stairs, which had been reinforced, OK.

00:05:27 Speaker 2

Because that was the nearest you'd get to a shelter **if you [?]**, a a 1000 bombers over over Leicester where I was born.

00:05:33 Speaker 1

Because Leicester had quite a lot of throughfare, didn't it?

00:05:34 Speaker 2

Yes, it was the the the the gathering area for these thousand bomber raids and they would go on for hours, wouldn't they? These thousand bombers? Ohh, but horrendous times. But the other thing is my father was in a reserved occupation. He was a lift engineer going all over the country installing lifts in cold stores because we needed to store food over the winter.

00:05:56 Speaker 2

He I don't know how he managed to have four children because he was never home and my mother did a wonderful job of of diet, of diet because I've I'm 81 now and I've survived without really much problems and and she did it by herself virtually. And that's what the women had to do. She didn't, you know, didn't go out and work. She was just caring for us children.

00:06:11 Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

00:06:16 Speaker 2

Yeah. So how what what **gutsy [?]** job was that?

00:06:19 Speaker 2

Didn't didn't go in industry, didn't have the time.

00:06:23 Speaker 1

No, no no no, not with four, certainly not.

00:06:24 Speaker 2

No, well the fourth came on afterwards in 52

00:06:27 Speaker 1

Ohh, right. OK, we're 3 then.

00:06:28 Speaker 2

Yes, three, it was that was enough.

00:06:29 Speaker 1

Three. So. OK. Yeah. So yeah.

00:06:33 Speaker 2

That's all really. It's just fantastic times.

00:06:36 Speaker 1

So yeah, yeah. For for a child, I think it probably would be in those times.

00:06:41 Speaker 1

Yeah, yeah, yeah. I must admit. It's. Yeah, so. OK. It's absolutely amazing. I've got to turn this off.