

If Walls Could Talk

*We would love to share
with you what we've discovered!*

The If Walls Could Talk project has spent the last few months collecting people's memories of the old shops and businesses within the Park estate. Along the way we've heard tales about a host of colourful characters; WW2 and the American troops billeted in the area; "Swindon weeks" and how most local families would make extra money by giving a room over to holiday makers in the summer; and the way the area was so well provided with shops and services that you didn't need to venture out into Weymouth at all.

We are holding three guided tours of the Park estate in August and a 50s style tea party to celebrate the end of the project.

It is all free, so please come and join us!

Celebration Saturday 23rd August at 4.30pm **Park Community Centre, Chelmsford Street, Weymouth DT4 7HR**

There will be a talk about what we have discovered, guided tours of the upstairs of the Mission Hall (once used as a 'home from home' for troops billeted in the area), an exhibition, a 1950s style buffet and 1950s music and song. We will share copies of the map and booklet we have created.

Guided Tours

We are running three guided tours of the Park area during the summer. "Daisy", a local character, will lead you through the estate pointing out the locations of the old shops and sharing stories of



what it was like to live in the area in the 30s/40s/50s. The number of people we can accommodate on each tour is limited, so we are asking that you book your place by contacting Amy on 07590 827887 or amy_hopwood@yahoo.co.uk.

When you book, you will be told of our secret meeting place!

Sunday 10th August 3.00-4.00pm

Thursday 14th August 6.00-7.00pm

Saturday 23rd August 3.30pm- 4.30pm

The tour is free, takes about one hour, and we will be walking at a leisurely pace on flat ground. If you have concerns or questions, please ask Amy on the number above.