

Chapter 41: Following in Musical Footsteps

Grandad continued to try out and buy new musical instruments. He had previously been given a flute by his brother Jim in 1922¹ and had tried playing the flute in the inter-war years.² However, in May 1947, he tried unsuccessfully to buy a flute in Nottingham, so he ordered one from [Boosey and Hawkes](#) in London for £9 10s 0d. However, three weeks later, grandma and Olive managed to get him one from Linwood³ at [Eastwood](#) for £5, so grandad returned the flute to Boosey and Hawkes. The next month, he was pleased as he managed to sound a “low C” on the flute. He continued to play the clarinet which he had bought during the war⁴ and, in November 1948, noted that he had a new way of “fingering” for the clarinet.



Above – grandad in 1949
Right – Boosey and Hawkes advert

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All her life, mum enjoyed listening to and taking part in musical performances and, in this regards, she followed in grandad’s footsteps. During this period, a large number of the musical performances they attended were at chapel.⁵ However, mum also sometimes went to musical performances outside chapel including, a music festival in Sutton with Hazel Munns, a concert in Bentinck with Joan Storer and to hear “[Merrie England](#)” in Sutton.

In May 1946, mum started music lessons and she continued these regularly on a Tuesday afternoon throughout this period. In October 1948, she referred to getting a new piece “[In a Monastery Garden](#)”. Both mum and some of her friends sat music exams. For example, mum noted that Hazel Munns went for a music exam in March 1946. In terms of performing, many of mum’s musical performances during this period were in chapel including playing piano at Sunday School and singing in the choir.⁵

Music for “[In a Monastery Garden](#)”

¹ See Chapter 1.

² See Chapter 20.

³ While I initially struggled to find any details of this shop, I did get helpful responses when I posted a question on the [Nottingham Memories Facebook group](#). It seems it was located at 95 Nottingham Road where Eastwood Town Fish Bar is [now](#). It seems it was opened by Arthur Linwood as early as the 1880s.

⁴ See Chapter 31.

⁵ See Chapter 38.