

Harry and Lizzie, Derrick's mum and dad when they were 50 years old.



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Going Back In Time



Derrick with his mum when he was just 3 years old.

Part Five
keeping warm



This is where grandpa Derrick lived when he was a boy.



This is what the lounge of grandpa Derrick's old house looks like now.

How do the new people keep warm?



It wasn't like this when grandpa Derrick was a little boy.



He didn't have a gas fire or a radiator.

How did he keep warm when it was cold outside?

The range made the back room nice and warm in wintertime as long as the fire was lit but the other rooms in the house had no heating at all.



Every year at the first sign of winter coming, Harry had a special job to do inside the house.

He would push newspaper into all the cracks and gaps around the window frame. Can you guess why he did that?



Can you remember what grandpa Derrick's house looked like from the outside?

In those days his house had windows like the ones the red door house has. They are called sash windows and work like this....



Harry had to push newspaper into the spaces around the old wooden frames

to stop the draughts coming through and to stop the old, loose window frames rattling in the wind!



The old houses were very cold and draughty in the winter time. When Lizzie put grandpa Derrick to bed and left him a drink of water, sometimes he would fall asleep and the drink would still be there in the morning. BUT when it was very cold outside and there was frost on the windows, something would happen to the water overnight.



Can you guess what happened?

His drink of water froze!



What do you think Lizzie did to warm grandpa Derrick's bed up when he was a little boy? What did she pop in there to keep him warm?

Did you guess that it was a hot water bottle?

Hot water bottles in those days didn't look like the ones we have now. They were stone jars like this one next to the clock.



The hot water bottle had a screw down stopper at the top.....



.....and a knob to hold it with on one end.



Do you remember the sink in Lizzie's scullery? What was different about her tap?

In the winter it got so cold that they had to keep a paraffin heater burning under the sink all the time.

Why do you think they had to keep the paraffin heater going day and night?



Did you guess that it was because if they didn't the water in the cold water pipe might freeze and burst the pipe?



This is a drawing of a very old paraffin heater.

Paraffin is a fuel that burns to give heat but it's also very smelly!

Here is a photograph of some more heaters that people used in those days because they didn't have central heating.



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