

**Hello.**

**I moved to Eltham when I was 9 years old quite a few years ago!**

**Over the years of my childhood I found Eltham to be a great town. It had a bakery called Fysons at the top of the High Street and I could smell the bread being baked during the day as I wondered home during the day. There was a superb toy shop called Showells that I used to disappear into. It was a magical world at the time of toys hidden in all corners. I would spend ages in there and often get asked to leave! My first toys included a superb James Bond car. I wish I had kept it it is worth a lot of money now. I remember that there was also another model shop with a Scalextric Racing Car track set up. Also at the top of the High Street was the silent cinema from 1913 – no longer in use but it would have give a lot of fun to children years before. Plus it would have had a pianist to accompany the films.**

**There was also record shops where I would buy the latest releases and cinemas where I saw some of the great films of the time. In those days there was always a support film and then someone came out and you could buy ice cream etc from them. In the Eltham library you could not only borrow books but also browse through all the records that I could not wait to get home to put on my turntable.**

**Eltham is still a great place to live but I do miss that bakery and the smell of baking bread!**

**David.**