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Prologue

Following the highly successful publication of our first book, *Talking of Coley*, we realized that we had written something that people really wanted to read. We received so many favourable comments not only from the people of Coley, who seemed pleased and touched to see their own history in print, but from others not directly involved. Oral history accounts are accessible to everyone and seem to hold a special fascination for many.

For these reasons the group felt it was important to go ahead and publish all the other marvellous material we had collected and share it with as many people as possible.

All the information in this book including interviews and background research was gathered at the same time as the original book. The text is based either on interviews or on notes that people sent in. As far as possible we have backed up material with evidence to be found elsewhere, such as the school logbooks or papers of the time.

We hope you enjoy reading this book as much as the first one.

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Notes on text

I have tried, as much as I can, to reproduce faithfully what people said, so as to convey the real flavour of conversation. However, sometimes, for reasons of sense and space, some changes have had to be made.

- indicates a pause the speakers themselves made
- ... indicates where I have missed out words

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