Transcription

"Well, it was very easy... I mean, starting at Smiths Industries [on Temple Road], next door to that there was a bus garage, and just past that, Dollis Hill Lane. From then on, to Hendon, all factories. And every single one of those factories had signs up for vacancies, various types of work. So it was very easy to get work.

[Interviewer: So this was the 1960s? The early 1960s?]

Yes, very early"

Daniel Foley was born in Mayo in 1945. The youngest of seven children, his father and all his siblings had left home before he finished school. With many of his brothers and sisters in London, Daniel and his mother moved over in 1959/60.

After early jobs in a butcher's shop, a fish and chip café, and a supermarket, Daniel trained as a journeyman electrician. One of his first jobs was in Smiths Industries, working on the new computer installed there in the early 1960s.

He often socialised in Cricklewood, at the popular Irish venues including the Crown, Burtons, and the Galtymore. He met and married a young Irish woman from Cricklewood and later moved out to Harrow.