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Powdered egg came on the scene, although very few seem to have a good word for it. Audrey Gelder hated the stuff as in her opinion it didn't resemble the real thing, and even to this day if she breaks an egg when frying it, she has to either throw away the jumbled mess or slip it onto her husbands plate as an extra rather than eat it herself.

## Extracts from the book 'Friday is tin bath night'

In summer Walter and his mates would play in the fields. Once they put a lad in an old tractor tyre and rolled him down a hill. When it came to an abrupt stop by hitting a wall at the bottom of the field they thought for a moment that they must have killed him, until to their relief, he walked groggily away.

A supposedly  
'child friendly'  
Mickey Mouse  
gas mask



Newspapers were always recycled in those days. It might be trendy today to recycle newsprint for pulp, but back then they were cut into squares and hung behind the door of the outside toilets. They weren't there for reading either.

Mollie Farrington remembers being in her school cellar which doubled as the air raid shelter when an ARP carried out a gasmask drill and so whirled his rattle round to teach them that at its sound they had to put their gasmasks on. The children were all talking and not paying attention so the ARP gauged that they would have been gassed by then. He went around the room belligerently pointing to each child in turn and saying, "you're gassed, and you're gassed". She didn't know what being gassed was, and so was convinced afterwards that she had been gassed that day, but thought that it can't be that bad because she didn't really feel any different.

The book is a joint venture between Morley Elderly action and our equivalent organisation in our Twin Town of Siegen and has been produced, edited, typeset, and proof read by volunteers in Siegen. As with most dual language editions, inevitably it contains some errors in spelling and grammar.

It is not however a book about English spellings and grammar, but is a collection of memories from a generation of wonderful unassuming people who lived their childhood years through some very remarkable times, and so, in an unassuming way, they themselves represent what is in my opinion a very remarkable generation.

The title 'Friday is tin bath night' reflects the cultural differences, German bath night was Saturday (Samstag) and in England it was of course Friday. In the German language therefore it is called 'And Saturday in the zinc bath'. The first part of the book tells in both languages the stories from Siegen, and then from page 120 onwards there is the Morley contribution.

Please accept in advance our apologies for any errors, and then sit back and enjoy a thoroughly interesting insight into the times when people lived respectful lives, community spirit was alive and flourishing, law and order was taken for granted and bath night was sharing a tin bath in the kitchen, or in front of the fire, on a Friday night.

Neil Lennox

Author of the Morley Elderly Action segment of 'Friday is tin bath night'. September 2006

