

17. Working Life

**Adrian So c'raad v'ou goll lurg yn studeyrys ayd ec scoill Vallakermeen?
Row oo goll dys Sostyn?**

So where did you go after studying at Ballakermeen school? Did you go to England?

Brian Va. Ren mee goll dys Lerphoyll er y fa dy row eh ny voayl s'niessey da Mann. As va mee soit er ve my er-ynsee agh hooar mee magh dy tappee nagh row shen yn obbyr dooys. Va mee ayns scoill grammeydys Waterloo, Waterloo Grammar School, as va'n ard-vainshtyr coontey dy row shen, v'eh jannoo sorch dy mission son ardveenid, t'ou toiggal, son civilisation. As ansherbee va mish gynsaghey fishig ayns shen as lurg mee ny ghaa smooinee mish, 'Shegin dou scapail'. Agh va mee goaill daa vlein er scapail er y fa dy row mee fo smaght armee Hostyn, t'ou toiggal. Va red v'ad gra rish Shirveish Ashoonagh ayn. As va skeeal feer aitt mychione shen. Begin dou cur screeuyn stiagh gagh blein dy ghra dy row, nagh row mee eginit dy gholl er y fa dy row, v'eh quaagh, er y fa dy row keim fishig ayns as va mee gynsaghey fishig, va shen mie dy liooar. Agh ren ad marran keayrt ennagh as ren mee geddyn, ny v'ad gra 'call up papers' as va mish corree agglagh. Va mee jeeaghyn orroo ayns y scoill as va mee roie magh dys chellvane theayagh as hooar mee argid as ren mee cur eh stiagh as ren mee chellvaney er yn offish ayns Lunnin as ren... va mee loayrt rish yn dooinney shoh as gra, 'Jeeagh ta shiu er n'yannoo marran', as ren yn argid goll magh ass as v'eh bunnys goll magh, as ren mee fosley yn dorrys as va dooinney shooyl shaghey as dooyrt mee, 'Cur dou argid', as ren eh cur argid dou dy chur stiagh ayns y chellvane. As ansherbee, lurg shen ren mee goll obbraghey son yn Lught – cre yiarragh oo – Yn Lught-Reayll Breneenagh, yn Atomic Energy Authority as eisht va mee slane sauchey voish yn armee. ... er y fa dy row mee ayns boayl feer follit ayns Capenhurst tra v'ad, cha row jannoo y lheid tra va mish goll dys shen, agh v'ad er ve jannoo stoo ry-hoi bleaystanyn. As va shen faggys da Chester as va mee gobbraghey ayns shen son kiare bleaney as eisht hie ny muckyn ny hrooid, trooid ooilley yn stoo cheshveanagh. Cha row ad goll, v'ad ooilley failleil, t'ou toiggal, as v'ad geddyn rey rish sleih as dooyrt mee, 'Whahl nee'm scapail.' As ren mee goll geddyn obbyr myr fer-ynsee ayns colleish chaghnoaylleeagh, college of Chaghnoaylleeagh, ayns Lerphoyll.

Yes. I went to Liverpool because it was the nearest place to the Isle of Man. And I was set on being a teacher but I quickly found out that that wasn't the job for me. I was in Waterloo Grammar School, Waterloo Grammar School and the headmaster considered that to be, he was doing a sort of mission for

civilization, you understand, for civilization. Anyway I was teaching physics there and after a few months I thought, 'I must escape'. But it took me two years to escape because I was under the control of the English army, you understand. There was something they called National Service. And I've got a very funny story about that. I had to send a letter in every year to say that I didn't have to go because, it was strange, because I had a physics degree and I was teaching physics, and that was OK. But they made a mistake one time and I got what they call 'call up papers' and I was terribly angry. I looked at them in the school and ran out to the public telephone and I got money and put it in and I telephoned the office in London and...I was speaking to this man and saying, 'Look you've made a mistake', and the money was running out, and it was nearly gone, and I opened the door and there was a man walking past and I said, 'Give me money', and he gave money to me to put into the phone. Anyway, after that I went to work for the Company – what would you say – the Atomic Energy Authority, the Atomic Energy Authority and then I was completely safe from the army. ..because I was in a very secret place in Capenhurst when they were, they weren't doing such things when I went there, but they were doing stuff to do with bombs. And that was near Chester and I worked there for 4 years and then it all went wrong, all the nuclear stuff. They weren't working, they were all failing, you understand, and they were getting rid of people and I said, 'Well I'll escape'. And I went to find work as a teacher in the technical college, College of Technology, in Liverpool.