

## Home grown rituals

**Interview with Kim A, the owner of one of the houses photographed, where she lived with her husband Richard and two daughters.**

**Interview taken place via Facebook Messenger on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Method: Photo-elicitation**

### **1) What are your memories of putting up the flags? When and how did you come to the decision? Did you have them already or have to buy them?**

We decided to celebrate by buying some flags and banners to put on the house as this was going to be a very special occasion in our lifetime, we thought I would be nice to get the children involved in what would be a really nice celebration.

### **2) How did you organise it? Who did what? Did the children get involved?**

As a family we all helped to put the flags and banners up, my husband and the children bought the flags and we all put it up as a joint effort, the children were really excited and we had a lot of interest from people going past and commenting on them.

### **3) About how much in advance did you put them up, and take them down afterwards?**

We put them up a few days before hand, and didn't take them down for at least a week after.

### **4) Did you take photos of it after you put them up? Is this the first time you have put them up? What memories have you got of this?**

We did take some pictures of the house to keep for the children for future reference, the last time we put a flag up was on St George's Day last year.

### **5) How did it feel on the day of the actual Olympic Relay? What are your lasting memories of the day?**

There was a real buzz on the day of the relay, everyone was excited, we invited friends over to celebrate with us, there were hundreds of people lining the streets in great spirit, everyone was really happy, it reminded me of the Silver Jubilee when I was a child myself (which was a long time ago).

Everyone cheering and clapping, it was great, a lovely atmosphere.

It was extra special for us as the Olympic Torch went past our front door which was good, we put loads of chairs in the garden.

It was a really lovely day, it was a smashing, the sun was out and everyone was very happy.

After it was over we continued to celebrate with a few drinks in the garden.

I would like the children to remember this when they are older as fond memories as do I when I think of the Silver Jubilee in 1977.

Ends.