



# Young Heritage Hunters

## My Milton Keynes

### Coffee Hall



Coffee Hall Local Centre, 1980s



Housing in Coffee Hall in the early days

Coffee Hall consists of council and privately owned housing, a local shopping centre, including a church, fish and chip shop and the much loved Chinese restaurant and takeaway, Beijing Peter. Coffee Hall also houses a first school and the Coffee Hall Out Of School Project (CHOOSP) which offers child-minding services for working parents during office hours. Coffee Hall is located between Leadenhall, Eaglestone, Netherfield and Beanhill. The roads on the estate are all named after old London coffee houses hence the name Coffee Hall. The houses on Coffee Hall are a mix of bungalows and terrace houses. It has five playgrounds.

Here is a memory from Stuart Holden from the Francis Frith Website: *"My parents moved to Coffee Hall from London in 1977, there was me, my sister Emma and my mum and dad... I remember the first shop on Coffee Hall was a 7-11, then it went to an M&W store. I remember going to the youth club at the rear of the shops, the woman that ran it was called Jean. We would do pottery or carpentry, there would be discos or they would show films and there was a tuck shop there too. Another recollection that I have is of the big tree outside the Walnut Tree pub being struck by lightning and a massive branch falling. I went to Cornhill First School... These were good times. I remember the first adventure playground at the back of Rochfords going up, it was like a massive log cabin."*



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