

Mullingar 1975 to 1981

In Mullingar in 1975 there used to be farmers markets where they sold cattle. You would see tractors and trailers parked up at the side of the road. The square would be fenced off and cattle inside the fence.

An odd cow would get free and then farmers would run after it. The market was every Thursday. After the market the farmers went to the pub then take home their cattle. The farmer left the dirty work to the Co. Council to clean the mess. In 1981 they stopped the market in town and built a market yard just on the outskirts of Mullingar. Its still used today.

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I interviewed Nora O'Malley about her childhood. When Nora was a child they had lives much harder than we have today. When Nora was very young there was no electricity at all. For light they used candles or oil lamps. When Nora got older and went to school she had to walk a mile and a half to get to school and in bare feet. When winter came round they were lucky because they got Wellingtons for walking to school in. They used flour bags to carry their books in. They had Irish, English, Tables, Catechism Bible and one copy. Nora went to Carrowniskey School and