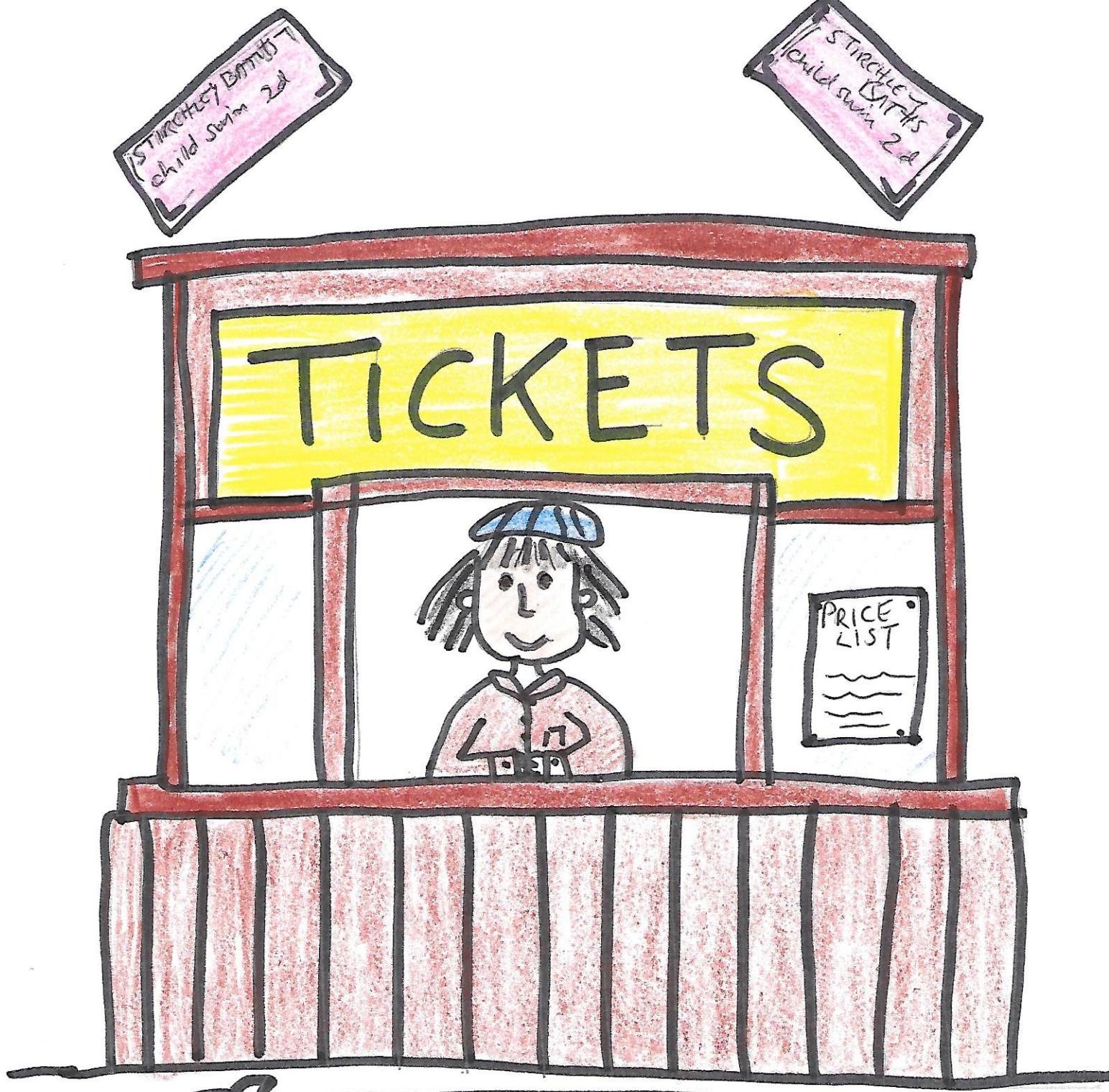


Beryl
of the
Baths.



Do you remember meeting Beryl?





You can buy a working class ticket or a more expensive middle class ticket. Which do you want?

And remember, boys and girls go into the pool through separate entrances One door for boys, one door for girls. All in the name of public decency.

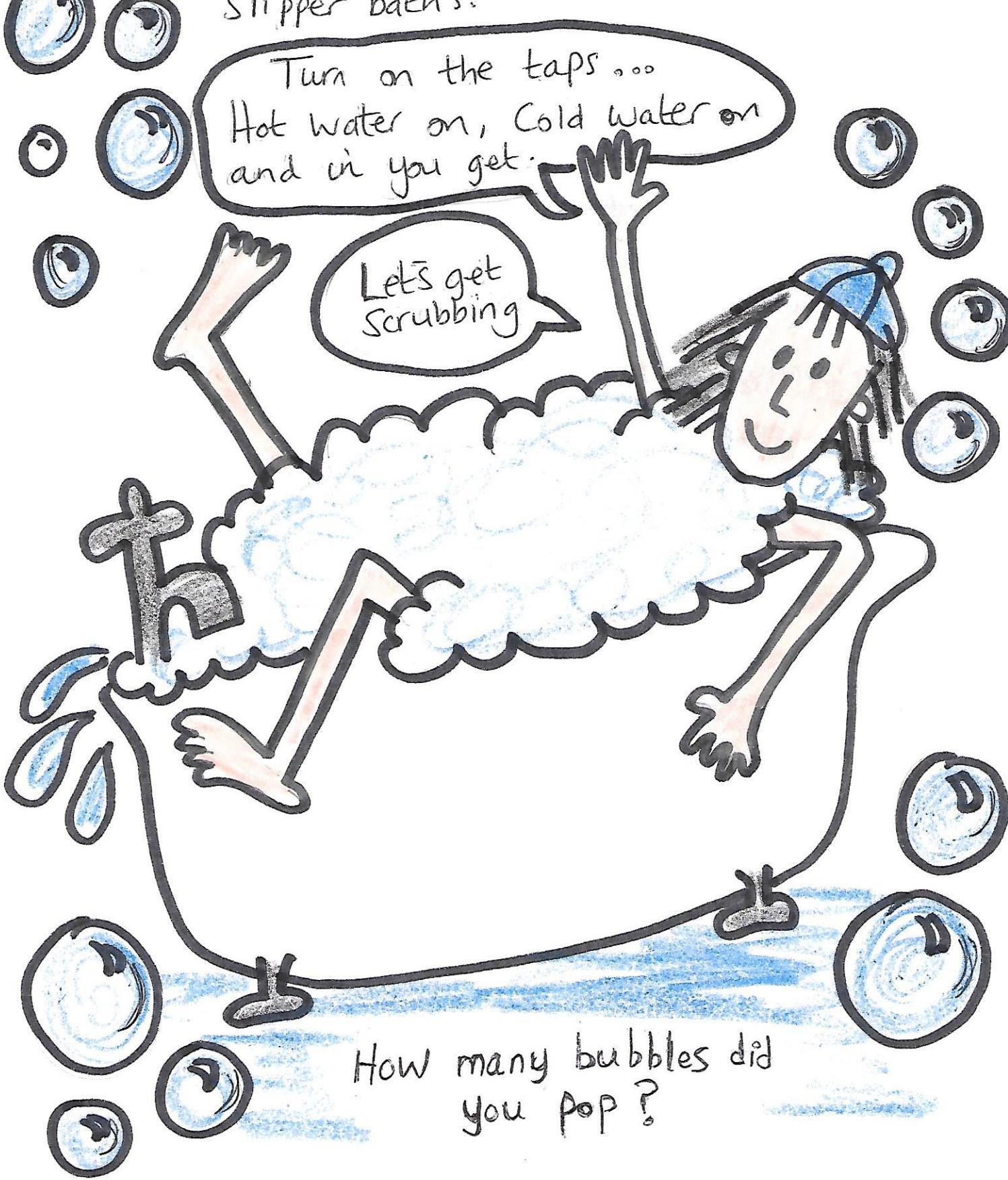
Have you all got your tickets?

Right, in we go then.

Just then, we met Doreen. She helps Beryl to keep the bath house clean and shining.



Before we could swim in the pool, Beryl said we needed to get nice and clean in one of the slipper baths.



Before we had a chance to get into the swimming pool, the building played a trick on us. We were magically transported back in time to 1918 and the 1st World War.

1918

The swimming pool had been boarded over and the building was being used as a first aid post.

Did you practise using the bandages?

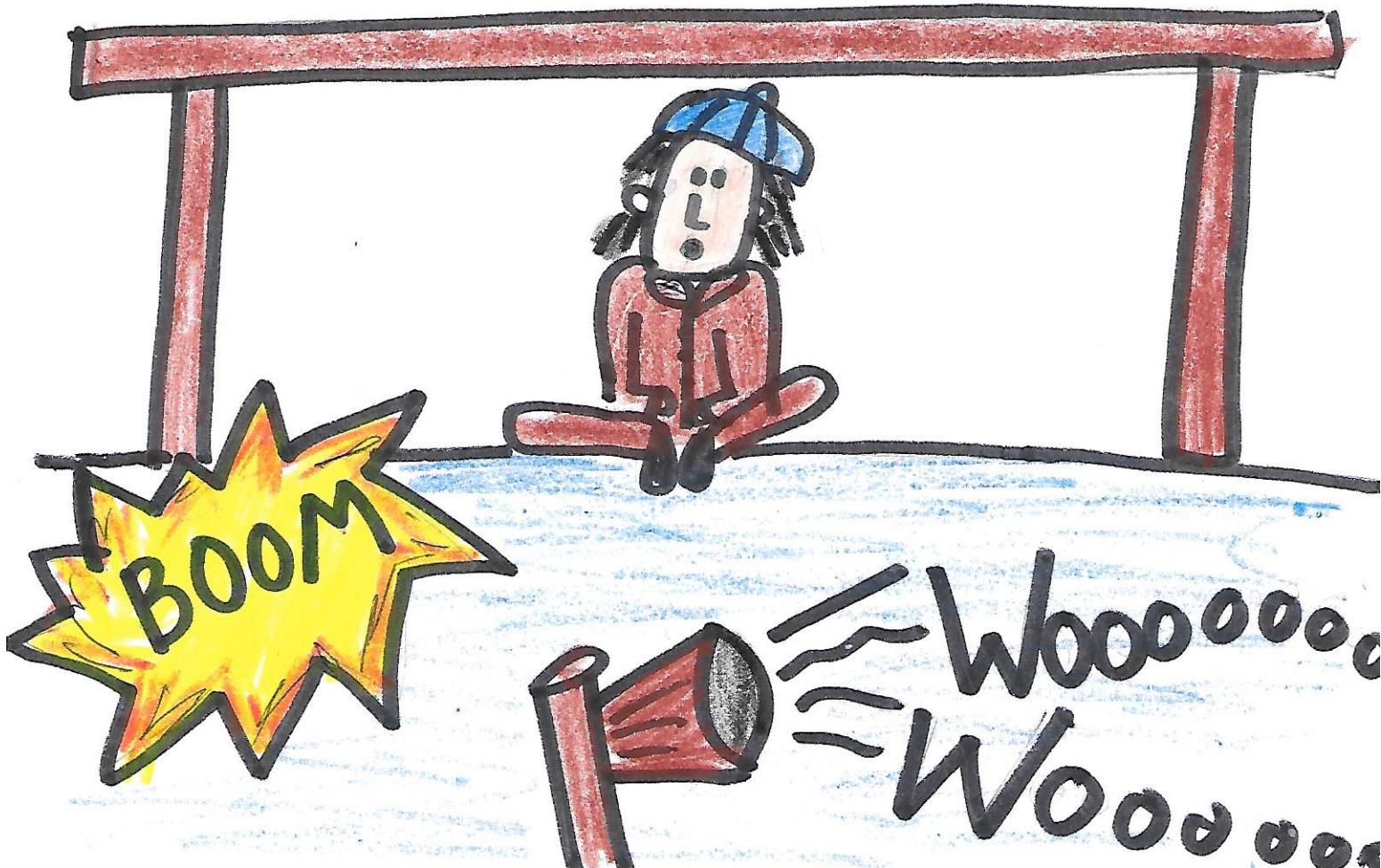


1942

During the 2nd World War, enemy planes dropped bombs onto the city and blew up lots of the buildings in Stirchley.

Do you remember hiding under the table with Beryl?

What noise did the air raid Siren make?



We helped Beryl install some hot showers. We all had a shower to make sure they were working properly.

What song did we sing in the shower?



During the War, the building was also used as a dance hall. The swimming pool was boarded over and used as a dance floor.

What groovy moves did you do on the dance floor?

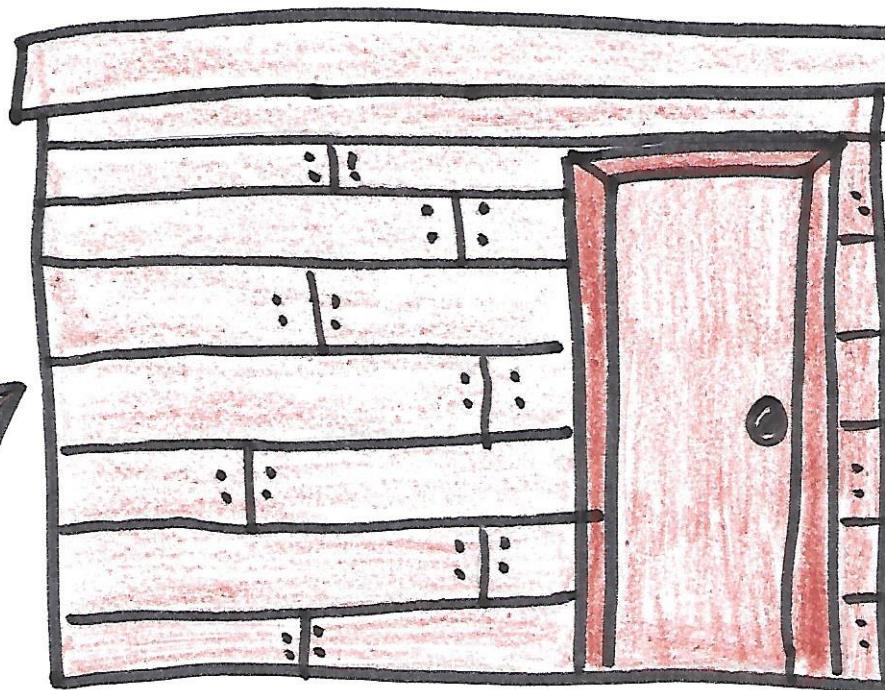
Beryl and Doreen did the Jitterbug!



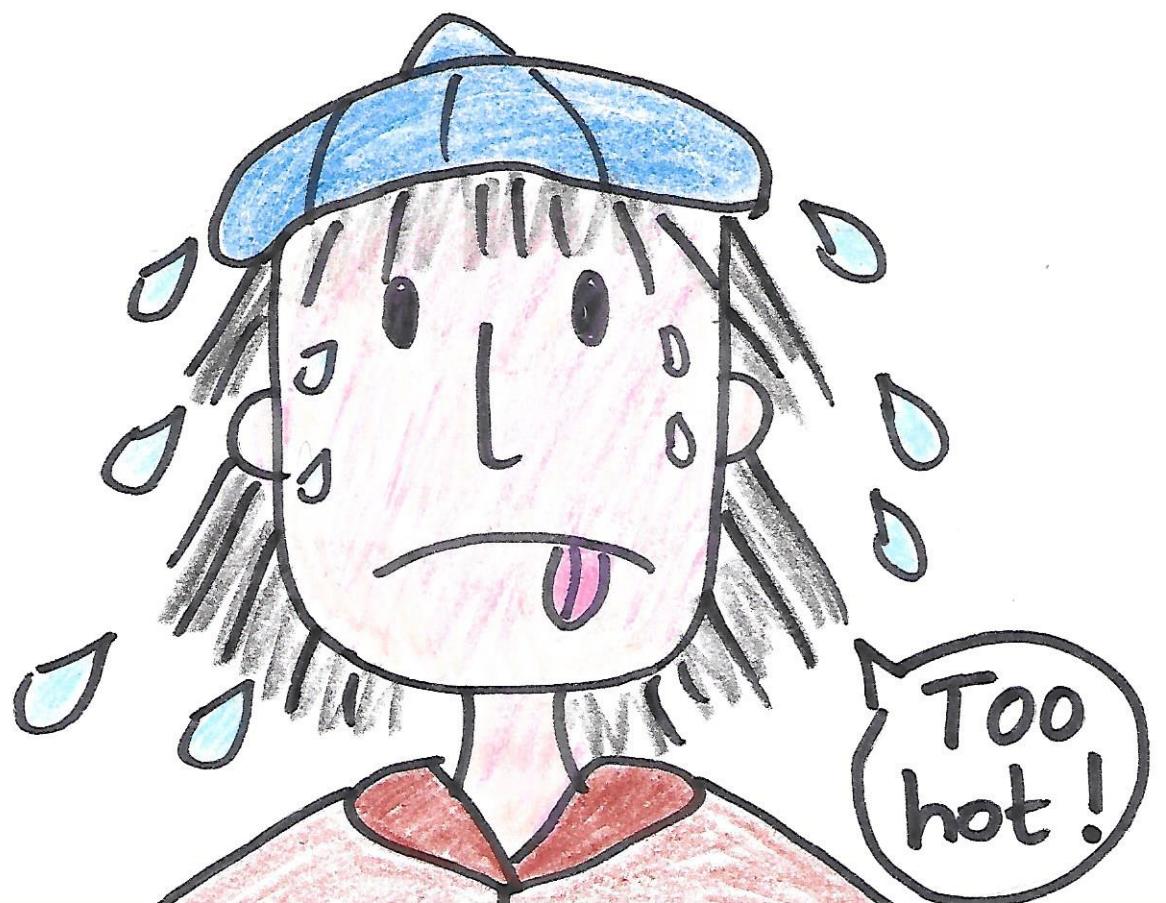
We time travelled to 1964

Stirchley Baths had been given a present from Finland.

A Sauna



Was the Sauna hot inside or cold?



Finally, it was time for us to swim!
Beryl jumped into the swimming pool
with us. We all practised our
swimming strokes. What strokes
did we swim?



Suddenly , there was an almighty

CRASH

The ceiling in the women's changing room had fallen in. There was now a big hole in the roof !

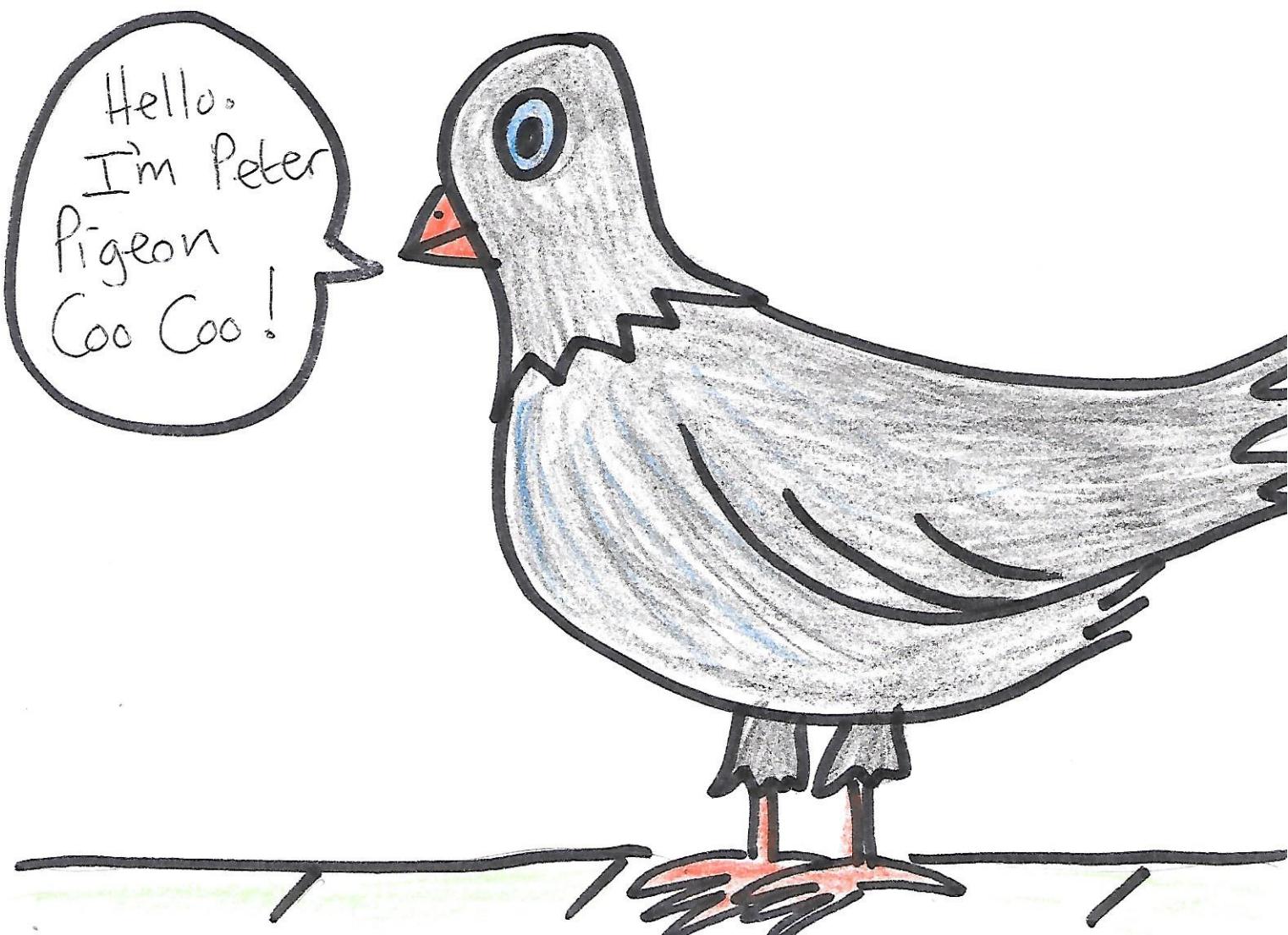


Sorry everyone.
The pool is now
closed. You all
have to go home
now.

1988

Stirchley Baths closed for good. With a big hole in the ceiling, no one could swim there anymore.

The building was boarded up and the pigeons moved in.



Do you know what the building is used for now? Is it still a swimming pool? or does it have a different use now?

Thank you for visiting
Stirchley Baths, we hope you
had fun!

Come back
Soon!

