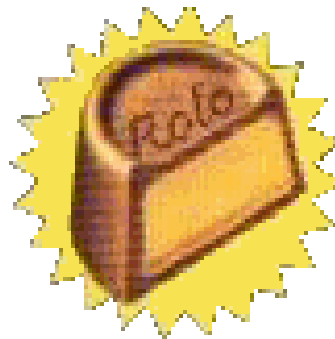
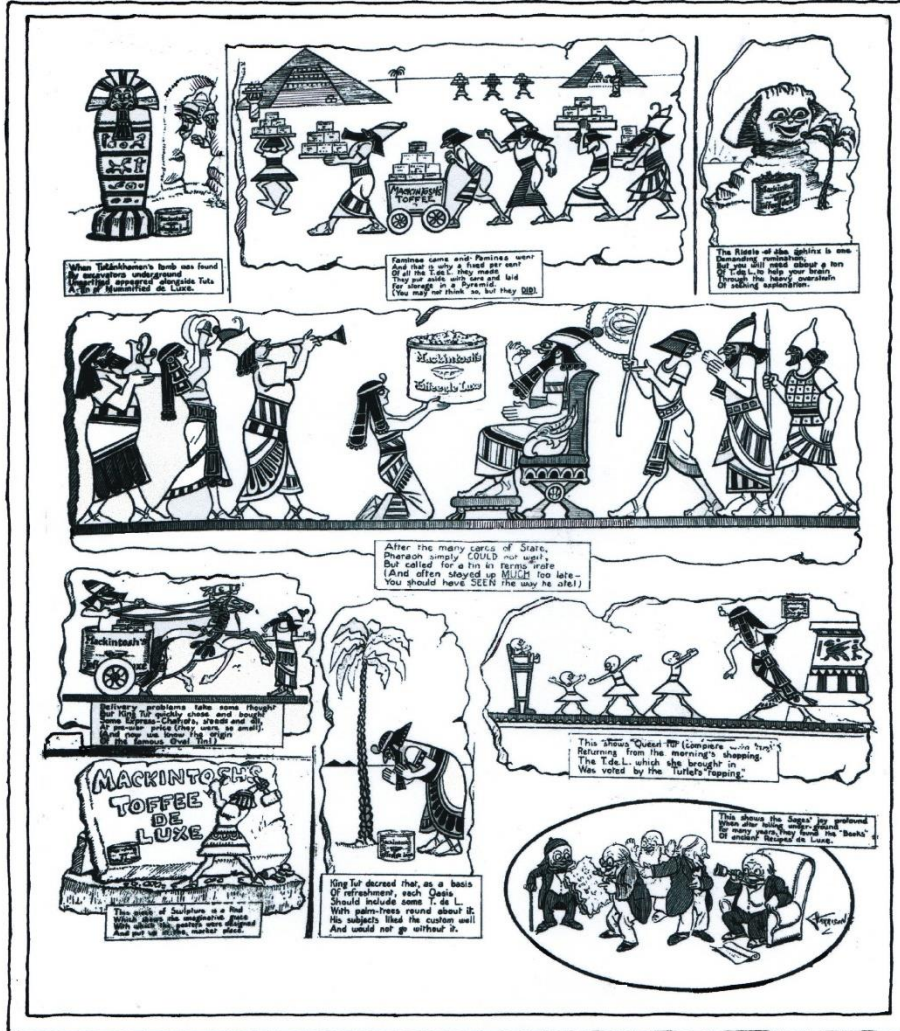


The part of Halifax history I have always found inspiring is the story of Mackintosh's Toffees. In 1990 when my Mum retired I used food colouring to paint her cake as a tin of Quality Street. As a tutor I worked with students to create a collage of John Mackintosh using toffee wrappers.



John Mackintosh died in 1920 at the age of 52 but had built the company to be the biggest manufacturer of toffees in the world. His son, Harold continued the business and such was its success that he was able to commission the country's top illustrators to visual Toffee Town as Halifax was nicknamed.



1 ANCIENT BRITISH MERCHANT RETAINS TOFFEE AT TWO GUINEAS PER MAMMOTH TON.



2 KING ARTHUR AND THE KNIGHTS OF THE OVAL TIN.



3 THE ART OF TOFFEE MAKING BEING UNKNOWN IN THE BALTIC REGION, IT IS LITTLE WONDER THAT THE NORSEMEN MADE FREQUENT RAIDS ON THE COAST OF BRITAIN.



4 KING ALFRED LETS THE TOFFEE BURN.



5 WILLIAM OF NORMANDY ON RECEIVING PROOF OF THE EXCELLENCE OF MACKINTOSH'S TOFFEE DE LUXE, DECIDES TO INVADE ENGLAND.



6 KING JOHN'S LAST SCRUPLES ABOUT SIGNING MAGNA CARTA ARE REMOVED BY THE BARRY OFFER OF UNLIMITED TOFFEE TO INVADE ENGLAND.



7 DURING THE SIEGE OF TOFFEE TOWN IN THE 15th CENTURY THE BENEVOLENT GARRISON DEMORALIZED THE ENEMY BY SMELLING THEM WITH TOFFEE - HENCE THE SWEETS OF VICTORY.



8 HENRY VIII HAD FIVE WIVES WHO TRIED TO MAKE TOFFEE - CATHERINE PARR HOWEVER GAVE HIM TOFFEE DE LUXE - AND THIS SURVIVED!



9 A GATEKEEPER IN TOFFEE TOWN SUSPECTS PILFERING DURING A ROYAL VISIT.



10 ONE OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS REFUSES TO SAIL ON HEARING THAT THE HALIFAX IN NOVA SCOTIA WAS NOT THE HALIFAX WHERE THEY MAKE MACKINTOSH'S TOFFEE DE LUXE.



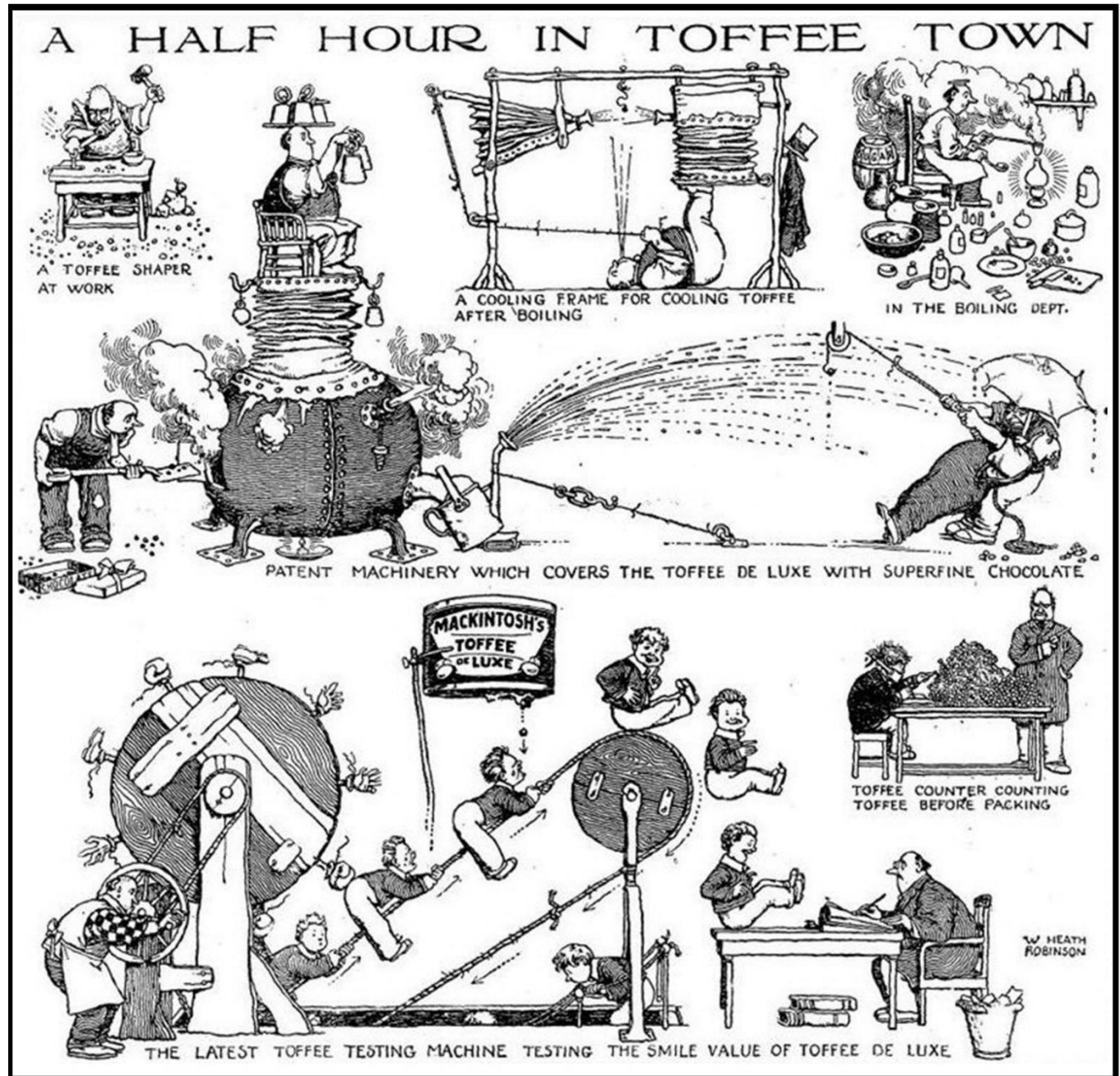
11 OLIVER CROMWELL SAYS "TAKE AWAY THAT BAUBLE" ON FINDING THE WEDDING RING OF TOFFEE IN THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE.



12 NELL GWYNN SUBSTITUTES MACKINTOSH'S TOFFEE DE LUXE FOR ORANGES, AND IS IMMEDIATELY PROMOTED FROM THE PIT TO THE STALLS.

The most famous of them all, was Heath Robinson, world famous for created fantastical machinery that found its way into everyday speech.

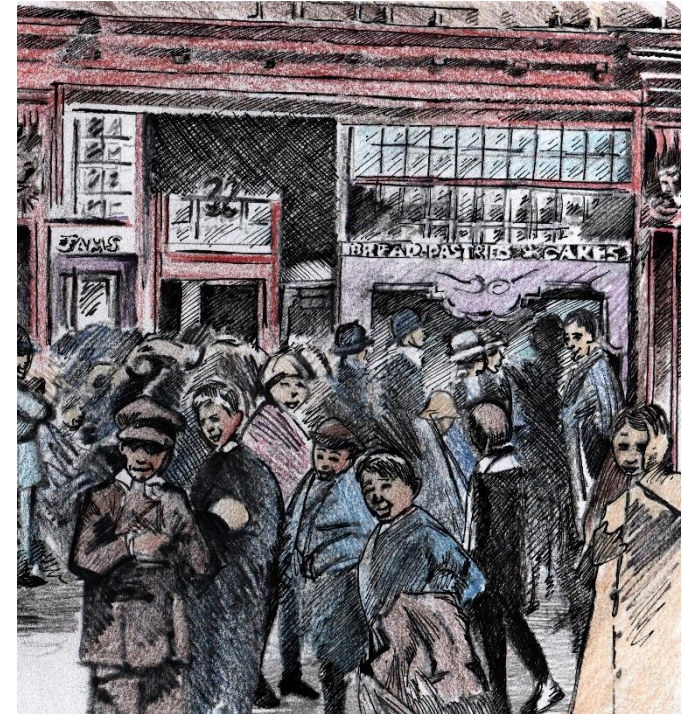
Whenever something looked to have been put together with tape, string and anything that happened to by lying around someone would say, "It's a bit of a Heath Robinson!" the most famous



Preparing an illustration

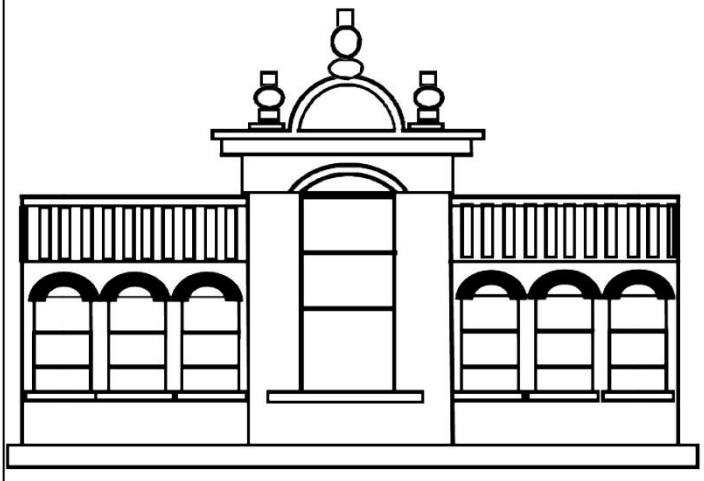
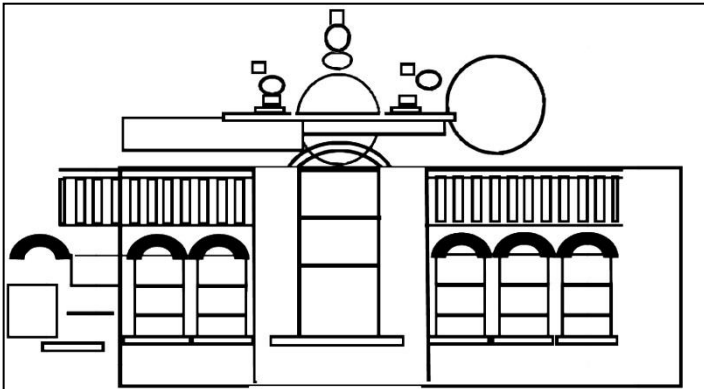
I was able to create a website called Toffee Town to celebrate the history of this local company and as well as this I wrote and illustrated a book for school children.

Parts of the story weren't documented at the time so I had to use my imagination

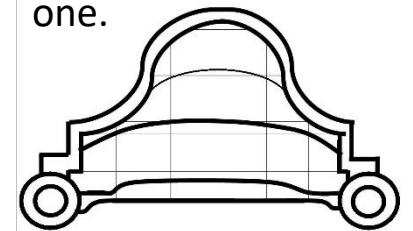




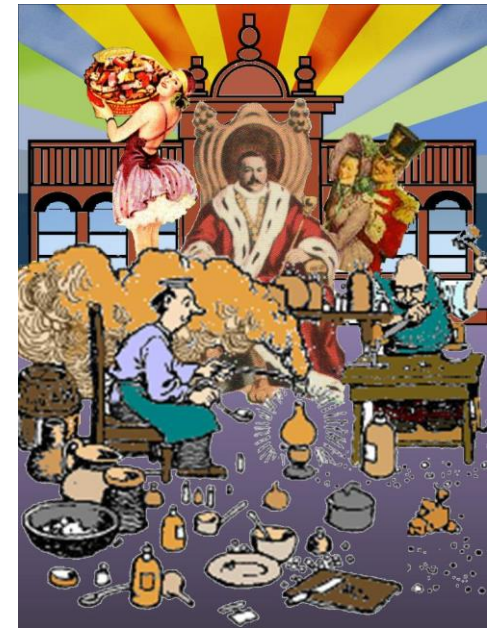
From the Queens Road factory I sketched an outline then took separate geometric shapes to recreate it.



Then, to create a logo, I took the shape of top of the building to make one.



Then came the planning of the front and back cover. I started by incorporating Heath Robinson elements as well as the Queens Road factory and other advertng images..



Inside the book the factory was also used as the basis for another illustration.

