**Oral History Transcription – Lynny – Sobell Lodge**

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[Text on screen: Can you remember anything about your school days?]

[Lynny]

00:00:10 - [Lynny]: In London, it was really nice it was, thank you. That was like my first school, was in London, that sort of thing, yeah. Then I went down to Devon. Then I came up here to my secondary school, I did.

00:00:22 - It was here. It was in Kent. Walderslade Girls' School.

[Text on screen: Did you have any hobbies?]

00:00:30 - I used to go to the pub a lot. Used to go the pub a lot, I did. We used to go for a drink every evening on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays! We was all friends though, you see. We used to walk around, that sort of thing.

[Text on screen: Where did you work before you came to Sobell Lodge?]

00:00:54 - I worked in a Florists in Chatham called Judy’s. ….. ….. On the main street.

– [Interviewer] So you’re a trained florist?

– [Lynny] Mm-hm, yes, I am.

– [Interviewer] Did you enjoy working with flowers?

- [Lynny] Yes, I did, it was lovely, thank you, it was great. …. …

- [Lynny] I like lilies and orchids as well.

- [Interviewer] Lilies and orchids? They're beautiful.

- [Lynny] Yeah, they are lovely, thank you. Sobell lilies, the pink ones, yes. Very beautiful, they are. They're lovely, great.

00:01:35 - [Interviewer] Did you make big bouquets with them?

- [Lynny] Yes, we did, and we used to do baskets as well, baskets and... ..arrangements and all that sort of stuff.

- [Interviewer] Did you do wedding bouquets as well?

- [Lynny] Yes, we did.

 - [Interviewer] What was the biggest bouquet you ever did? … Did that have just lilies and orchids, or did you do one with kind of everything in it?

 - [Lynny] Yes, I have done, thank you. … I did one with roses and carnations and spray carnations and lilies in as well.

00:02:10 - We used to weddings, we used to go and do the churches as well, and the banquets afterwards where they had the meals.

00:02:16 - [Interviewer] Fantastic.

00:02:17 - [Lynny] We used to like do the tables for the bride and groom with the garlands on there and all that sort of thing, lovely.

00:02:24 - [Interviewer]: Lovely.

00:02:26 - [Lynny] Yes, they did look nice, thank you!

00:02:29 - [Interviewer]: And did you do the centrepieces as well?

- [Lynny] Yes, we did, they were lovely. They were great, thank you.

- [Interviewer] Ah, … it’s a very valuable part of any special occasion, wasn’t it?

- [Lynny] I used to do the big pedestal arrangements as well in the churches. It was amazing.

00:02:52 - That was my one and only job, my one and only job sort of thing, being a florist, you know what I mean?

00:02:58 - [Interviewer] You're clearly passionate about being a florist.

- [Lynny]: Yes, I am!

- [Interviewer]: You enjoyed it!

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