**Oral History Transcription - Lindsey – St Cecilia’s**

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[Text on screen: What were your hobbies when you were young?]

00:00:10 – [Lindsey] My main hobby was dancing, you see, Ruth. I used to do ballet, you see, Ruth, when I was younger, and then... and then I went on to doing jazz dancing as well, Ruth. And then our, um... our dancing school, they... they were in, like, a pantomime, you see, Ruth, so we then learnt to tap dance as well, Ruth. So I've done the whole gamut of dance, I think, Ruth. So, yeah. I really enjoyed it, so I still did it up until when I was at university as well.

[Text on screen: What did you study at university?]

00:00:52 - My first degree was in mathematics, Ruth. And then my second, my PhD, I got a PhD in mathematics and... I did a job in forensic science,

Ruth, which is like when you take samples from a crime scene, Ruth, and then you take a sample from a suspect, like a blood sample, and see if they match.

00:01:21 - I never thought I would get into it doing mathematics, you see, Ruth. But my supervisor when I did maths, you see, Ruth, he got a project going with Ian Evatt from the Forensic Science Service, Ruth. And so, yeah. And so I came in as the assistant to the supervisor. So, yeah. So that... I came in the back way, you see, Ruth. So, yeah. So, well, I worked mainly in DNA typing, you see, Ruth. So, yeah. I found it very interesting to do that, definitely, Ruth.

[Text on screen: How long did you work in forensics?]

00:02:03 - About ten years, when I had to retire because of my MS, my Multiple Sclerosis, which I've got now, which is why I've come to St Cecilia's, you see. [Ruth: Right] [Lindsey] Because I was living with my mum at home, you see.

00:02:20 - But, yeah. And so she did a brilliant job for me, Ruth. But then I think she said that she'd been to see St Cecilia's and she just said it was such a lovely place to come to. So I came here for respite, Ruth. But then I loved it so much here, Ruth, that I said, "Oh, can I please live here forever?"

[Text on screen: What activities do you do at St Cecilia’s?]

00:02:49 - They have crosswords, they have quizzes... and we actually did the St Cecilia's Olympics and Paralympics. Yeah, Ruth. Which we really got

very competitive on, Ruth. So, yeah. That was really very good, actually, to do that. Yeah, 'cause we got really competitive on that. Yeah, so, yeah, it was funny, because Margaret, my friend Margaret whose team I was on, Margaret… And she said that me and Steve were trying to out-beat each other with the crossword, Ruth. And then we found out we were on exactly the same team, Ruth.

[Text on screen: What memories do you have of days out?]

00:03:34 - Well, I've been to Hall Place in Eltham, I think it is. Which was lovely, I think, to go to. It's a lovely, like, kind of house, you know, that you can go into, Ruth. And so, yeah. And it was raining. It wasn't really a good day to go there, really, Ruth, because they've got lovely gardens there, I think, Ruth. I think we need to go there when it's a bit of a finer day, I think, Ruth. So, yeah. So we've been to places like that, Ruth. And also we've been down to... Eastbourne and places like that, Ruth. So, yeah.

[Ruth: Was the weather better? What do you remember about that day?]

00:04:21 [Lindsey] — I think so. I think so, Ruth. So that was a lot better, yeah. So we could get outside and have fish and chips, you see, Ruth. Which I quite like. I love fish and chips. Especially when they do it here. I think the chefs here are like maestros here. So, yeah.

00:04:41 - I love it here, really, Ruth. I really do, Ruth. So, yeah. I wouldn't want to have to leave here, really.

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