

## KINGSLAND ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Interviewer: Jackie Markham

Interviewee: Doreen Beaman

Age:

DOB: 1945

Date of interview: 18.11.19

**SUMMARY PARAGRAPH:** Doreen was born in Birmingham, her father was just coming out of the Army and the family moved to Broomy Hill. They then moved to Moss Rose Cottage where her brother Glyn was born, renting it from Eddie Davies of Stone House, Cobnash. Later they swapped houses with her father's parents who were running The Lion (now Lion House by Shrublands). Her brother Stephen was born there.

Doreen talks about her father's work, her brothers, the many families and children who lived at that end of the village and the lack of facilities in all houses. She describes how Moss Rose Cottage was linked to the cottage next door and the policeman Mr Jane and his son Terry living there until their move to the new Police House (now called Mercia House), followed by policeman Mr Taylor and family. Doreen went to school in Kingsland and remembers the two Miss Morgans, Mrs Davies, Mr Jones and Mr Welson. She describes leaving school at 15 to work in Leominster. Other memories include playing with children in the village street, her blue tricycle, swimming in the Lugg down Mousenatch Lane. She also recalls spending time with Jean Davies (Scott) at the Angel Inn cooking and describes Fred and Walter Davies and their shop and Hot Cross Buns as well as the cobblers, other shops and services, a lack of holidays, livestock, making hay with Eve Taylor and borrowing Oz Langford's carthorse.

### TIME CODED SUMMARY

TIME CODE	CONTENT
00.00	Description of birth in Birmingham in 1945 and moving to Broomy Hill when her father left the army, followed by a move to Moss Rose Cottage.
01.03	Memory of how different Moss Rose Cottage was then. Description of outside toilet. Description of moving to The Lion pub. Description of living at The Lion. Her father keeping livestock as well as running the pub and working at Bengry's of Longmoor. Her mother opening up the pub during the day. Description of the long hours.
02.23	Where her brothers were born. Memories of a hard but happy childhood. Description and names of the families at that end of the village and where they lived.
02.55	Description of a water pump, tin bath and no bathroom at The Lion. Description of bathing weekly in front of the fire.
03.44	Story about her doll being thrown in the tin bath water at Moss Rose Cottage. Description of how the neighbouring cottage linked to Moss Rose Cottage and who lived there. How the cottages were linked inside and an outside walkthrough. Description of Mr Jane the policeman and his son Terry Jane.
04.59	Description of going to Kingsland school and the teachers there and where they lived. Leaving school at 15 and went to work at W H Smiths in Leominster.
06.09	Description of her riding her tricycle down the village and how safe it was. Story about a party.
07.06	Memories of spending all day at the River Lugg and who else went down the river too.
07.59	Memories of dances at The Coronation Hall but it being too far away with no car.
08.39	Names of other children in the village she knew and playing on the road. Description of when at Moss Rose Cottage her mother pushing her to The Angel and helping Jean Davies (Scott) cook. Story about what Jean Scott said about her. Description of Jean Davies and her cooking.
10.31	Fred and Walter having the shop (Kingsland Stores, now Edgefield) and memories of it. Story about cycling from The Lion to get hot cross buns.
11.22	Memories of the Price's cobblers by The Garth. Description of other shops and services in the village. Discussion of how it's changed.

12.53	Not having holidays. Her parents never having a holiday together their whole life. Memory of her father taking her to Bucknell and putting her on a train when aged 5 or 6 to go to her cousin's in Amendford, South Wales.
13.51	Renting Moss Rose Cottage from Eddie Davies and being friends with his daughters. Renting the Lion then buying it. Description of her father's garden at The Lion and a story about helping him and being told off.
14.53	Her father having pigs which went to market. The cow having a calf. Not being allowed a pony until her father had grandchildren. Description of other livestock they had at The Lion. Description of her father's sister, her aunt in Brecon who made butter.
16.47	Memories of the Police House (now Mercia House) being built and her neighbours the Janes moving in, followed by the Taylors.
17.19	Description of making hay on her father's meadow. Borrowing a cart horse from Oz Langford and a funny story about her mother and Eve Taylor on the cart horse. Description of where Ozzie Langford lived.
END	