

MORECAMBE BAY PARTNERSHIP HEADLANDS TO HEADSPACE ORAL HISTORY PROJECT 2015-2018

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TRANSCRIPT SUMMARY

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INTERVIEW NO: H2H2017.44 INTERVIEWEE NAME/S: Jennifer Snell

YEAR OF BIRTH: 1949

INTERVIEWER/S: Jon Randall
DATE OF INTERVIEW: 14/07/17
LOCATION: Ulverston
SUMMARISER: Jan Bloomer

Track 1

00.00-00.42	Name, date and place of birth
00.43-01.48	Names and occupations of parents and grandparents
00.49-03.30	Memories of relative Cedric Robinson: riding Cedric's shrimping horse
03.31-04.29	Memories of her parents
04.30-07.05	Early memories of life in Flookburgh: picnics on the sands; nearly drowning.
07.06-08.07	Watching people going off fishing as a child.
08.08-09.25	Spending time in the blacksmiths shop.
09.26-11.58	Descriptions of the different types of cart and how they were adapted for fishing.
11.59-15.30	Descriptions of fishing equipment: the jumbo and the cram; the oak swill baskets.
15.31-16.12	'The sand was in their blood': fishing had been in the family for generations.
16.13-16.57	Market gardening to supplement the fishing income.
16.58-18.05	History of women fishing in Victorian times.
18.06-19.11	Connections between fishing families: frequent 'fallings out' after drinking sessions.
19.12-19.52	No 'fallings out' while on the sands.
19.53-22.07	Nicknames of fishermen.
22.08-23.52	Superstitions of the sands; 'The ghost of the black scars'.
23.53-28.15	When father was reported missing in the war.
28.16-31.30	Family moving to Ulverston when fish stocks in the bay were diminishing. Buying a
	fishmongers business.
31.31-32.17	Father died in 1975 but kept going with the business until the end.
32.18-33.38	Fish no longer sourced locally for the shop: Bigger fish sourced from Grimsby, Hull,
	Fleetwood and Glasgow (Finny haddock).
33.39-33.58	The cod wars: Father grumbling, 'Icelandic people pinching cod from the British
	people'.
33.59-35.13	'Rogue fish' in the fish boxes. Jennifer can still identify many different fish.

35.14-35.53	Jennifer's life in Flookburgh compared with new life in Ulverston.
35.54-36.40	'Mrs blue hair': the local 'lady of the night' providing services to the local army
	camp.
36.41-38.40	Auntie Marie's shop- grocers, bakery and post office
38.41-39.10	Jack Nicholson's garage
39.11-40.36	National health films being shown in the village square
40.37-41.40	Back to fishing: everyone had a horse and stable. Shrimping carts still remained in them when Jennifer visited again in the 1970s.
41.41-45.08	Jennifer's interest in local history, and preserving local fishing heritage.
45.09-46.19	Jennifer's role with the Ulverston Heritage Centre.
46.20-56.24	Jennifer's new project-'The Hearts of Oak': the restoration of a Morecambe bay Prawner, its history and usage
56.25-01.01.03	Jennifer's most cherished memories of fishing life, 'The freedomI can still smell shrimps being boiledthe smoke billowing in my face'
01.01.04- 01.04.25	Final memories from war time: stakes in the sand to prevent enemy aircraft landing; Polish families living in Nissan huts.