

**Interview summary:** Marian Fowler, attended Manor Gardens as a child  
**Interviewer:** Ariadne Birnberg  
**Interviewee:** Marian Fowler  
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**[00:00:00-00:08:10]** (Tags: relationship with the centre; health services; sunlight therapy)

Marian introduces herself. She was born in 1943. She speaks about her relationship with the centre, where she was taken as a child for orange juice and dentist visits. The centre was also a place to play, and Marian says that it was a fun place to go to once a week.

She describes different health services available at the clinic, including sunlight therapy, head lice treatment by 'Nitty Nora', and the dentist, whom she found very scary!

Marian speaks about the toys that Manor Gardens supplied for the children, including a large teddy bear.

**[00:08:10-00:14:44]** (Tags: wartime; staff; past and present; health services)

Marian suggests that the centre supplied products such as cod liver oil and orange juice to boost the health and strength of children following wartime rations.

She shares childhood memories of her family and school years. Marian says that she was targeted due to her dyslexia and states that things were just different then.

Marian remembers the staff at Manor Gardens fondly, excepting the dentist, who all enjoyed playing with the children. She also mentions having a major operation on her leg at the age of eleven in the Royal Northern, and says that the doctors were all very nice.

**[00:14:44- 00:23:26]** (Tags: nutrition; health services; war memorial; community)

Marian is asked about the provision of nutrition information by Manor Gardens. She talks about her diet growing up and states that there wasn't an awareness of healthy eating as such. She says that she's learned over the years what's good for you.

Marian says that Manor Gardens has remained a part of her life over the years and she returns annually to visit the war memorial. She discusses plans to remove the memorial in 1990 and how she contacted the local newspaper and campaigned to ensure this didn't happen. Marian received an award for her community work.

Marian says that Manor Gardens has remained a vital part of the community of Islington and that she walks past it often. She says that she feels it hasn't changed much.

END OF RECORDING 1

**Interviewers:** Paris Lawrence and Roslyn (Students from the IAMS School)

**Interviewee:** Marian Fowler

**Interview date:** 17 April 2014

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**Recording length:** 00:12:03

**[00:00:00- 00:03:09]** (Tags: relationship with the centre; health services; activities)

Marian speaks about her past and present relationship with Manor Gardens, which she attended as a child and where she is still involved in war memorial services today.

She recalls how Manor Gardens provided the children and families of the community with nutritious resources such as juice and milk along with other health services, including head lice treatment. She describes receiving sunlight therapy treatments.

Marian continues to speak about playing at the centre and not wanting to leave. She recalls the toys, the sandpit, and the slide.

She feels that she has had much to do with Manor Gardens as she has always lived in the community.

**[00:03:14- 00:07:01]** (Tags: activities; past and present)

Marian describes a typical day at the centre. She recalls playing in the sandbox and preferring the toys at Manor Gardens to those she had at home. She then reiterates how much she disliked the dentist, who she found rather aggressive.

Marian compares activities such as playing conkers to those allowed today. She seems to suggest that they had more freedom around playtime then, but says that she envies today's schooling, which she feels is better.

Marian says that she loved Manor Gardens because it was a fun place to go, and mentions that she used to dance there also.

She remembers the centre not only as a place that provided health services, but also as a place to play and a very social environment. She recalls, however, that everyone used to refer to one another by their surnames, which she finds rather amusing.

**[00:07:02- 00:12:03]** (Tags: present relationship with the centre; childhood memories)

Marian speaks more about her current relationship with the centre and her involvement with the war memorial services.

Marian then speaks about various family photographs that she has brought to the interview. She reiterates that she did not enjoy secondary school as she was treated dismissively due to her dyslexia and did not receive the support she needed. Marian also shares memories about her father, siblings, and husband.

END OF RECORDING 2.