**Transcript of interview by Charlotte with Ally and Chris**

**Ally –**

I'm Allyson Poore. Now Allyson Penn, and I started playing football when I was 17.

**Chris –**

I'm Chris Harding. Now Wickham. I joined in 1967. I played centre forward and goalkeeper. I scored 75 goals in one season. Which was a record.

**Ally –**

I was a defender as well. I always played centre half for the same reason as Chris, I could head the ball in those days but could also pass. We used to play at school, you know, in playtime and stuff. So, we've always been sporty. It's just that nobody took any notice of women playing, did they, in those days, so we were quite happy to do that. And be like the boys,

**Chris –**

And we had a lot of fun. A hell of a lot of fun.

**Charlotte –**

So, what are some of your memories from playing at that time?

**Chris –**

The changing rooms, they were sheds, no showers, bucket of water, if you're lucky, and going home in your muddy kit.

**Ally –**

And oranges at half time.

**Chris –**

I remember Joyce Palmer who's not here today. She took a free kick. Missed it three times. And the referee gave her free kick to the other side. And we all fell on the floor laughing and that's always stuck in my mind.

**Ally –**

We're so pleased to see how women's football has moved on because like myself, our grandchildren are involved in sports and we've got granddaughters and they play football, women's football too. They're only seven and nine but they're involved and there's so many more opportunities for them now to join a team. There's no stigma about being a girl.