

**Sedgley Friendship Group/Sedgley  
Archives Project/All Saints' Church**

REMINISCENCE CAFÉ



# Reminiscence Cafés: **Streetscapes and Roads** **(SAP/2)**

Sedgley Friendship Group - Sedgley Archives Group –  
All Saints' Friday Coffee Morning

**Slide show and talk**

All Saints' Church

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019, 11am

**Dudley Street Before 1901 (Steam-drawn trams)**



Lower Dudley Street – Cartwright's  
Paper Shop - c 1910?





Phil Mills Delivered papers for them years ago  
remember the shop well you could buy a  
single Park Drive fag in those days 😊

Liz Jones I remember May, Harry and Victor  
Cartwright. My mom Dolly Callow was best  
friends with Victors wife Margaret for over 60  
years.

Janet Cartwright My husband John was born  
in 1939, not sure if May was running the shop  
then, I think she might have been, but we  
married in 1963 and May had been running  
the shop quite a while by then with the  
"help" of Harry and Dorothy.

Jo Jo Hi my mom was Janet  
Cartwright and lived here when she  
was young with my great Aunt May  
and Uncle Harry. The picture is of my  
Great Great aunt Charity. She ran the  
shop after her mother Elizabeth who  
had the shop built in the late 1890's.  
Charity ran the shop with her sister  
Sarah and my Great Grandad Henry  
Cartwright known as Harry. My  
Great Grandad served in the shop  
into his 80' s. He had his photo in the  
Birmingham mail. After his death in  
1951 my Great aunt May took over  
running the shop with her brother  
Harry and Aunt Sarah. Later on she  
was helped by my Great aunt  
Dorothy and various members of the  
family including my Grandmother  
Annie married to Sidney the  
youngest brother

My nan also had a cake shop opposite  
Townsend Ave in 1948.

## Lower Dudley Street

Patricia Steadman

My aunt Nell use to live in one of those  
terraced house on the left it would have been  
where Concord Market is now

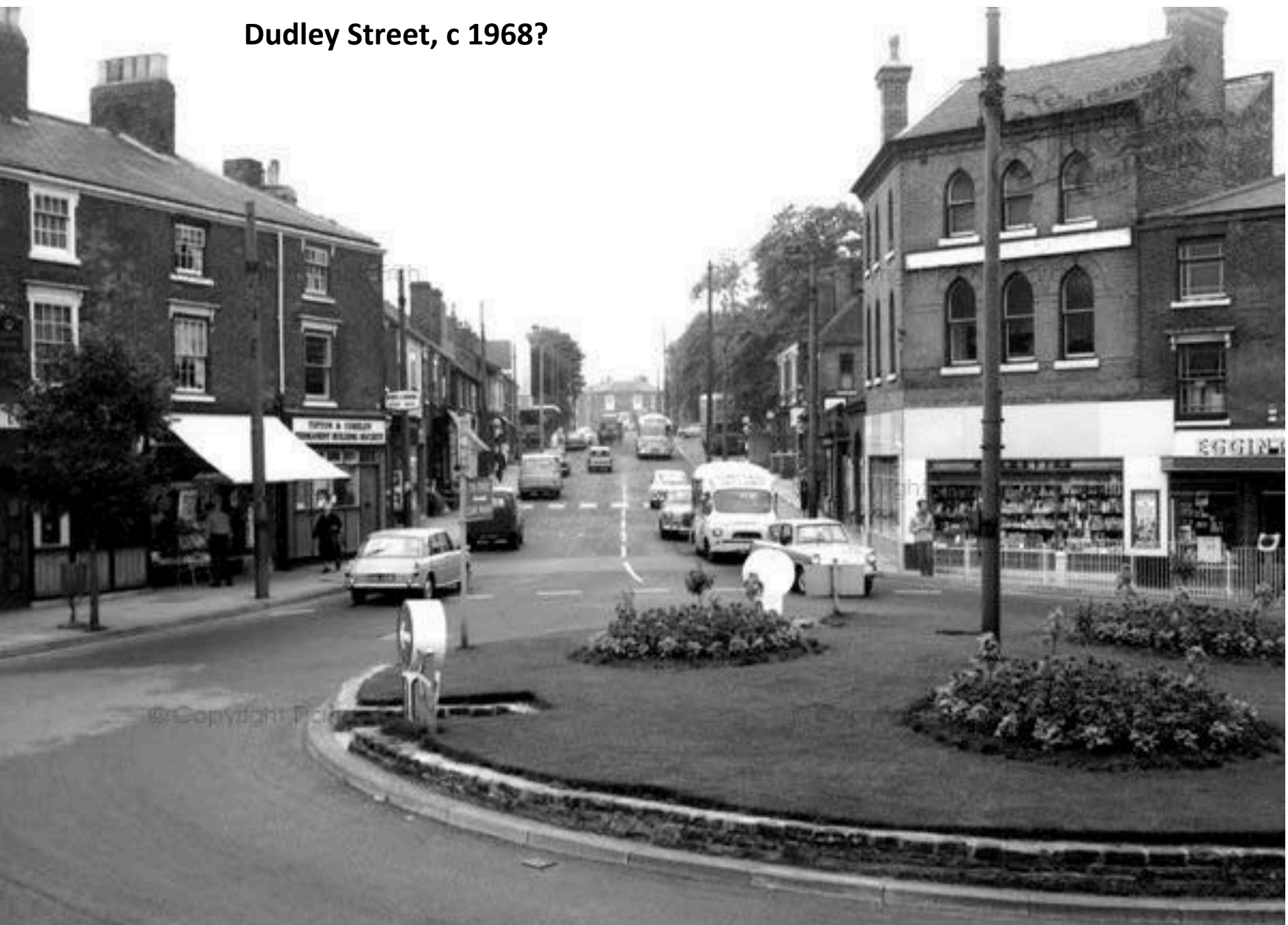
Kathryn Poole

My great grandparents lived in the first  
terraced house No.6, the little single storey to  
the left was their pantry, known to my Mom  
as Granny Bennett's pantry. It's still there  
today, but the window has been bricked up.

Dudley Street, c1930



Dudley Street, c 1968?





Dudley Street 2019





Patricia Venables Does anyone remember  
Robinson's fruit and

Veg shop

Upper Bilston Street, South Side, c1950?



## Upper Bilston Street, South Side, August 2019





## Upper Bilston Street Parade August 2019

Heaths Fruit  
and Veg

The Shoe Box  
(Slaters)

Coppice Bakery

Bulls Head



Bilston Street c 1970



Bulls Head

The Shoe Box  
(Slaters)

Coppice Bakery

Heaths Fruit  
and Veg



Ruth Denise Jones: I had beans on toast every lunch time at the coppice bakery. Warren Jones

Dot Shaw: do you remember queing for bread at the coppice bakery in 1977 I asked for four loaves they said you could only have one per person I said that's right one each for me and my three children who had been in the que with me i'm happy to say the we walked out with 4 loaves

Ann Farmer: Len Chesterman had the Coppice bakery I think in the 60,s or 70,s

Paul Benton: Matt Mills and the coppice cycles before the bakery shop.

Ian Holmes: My Mom worked at the coppice bakery years ago, I'm sure the owners were Italian and had a son. Was their surname something like 'Salsarno'?

Lee Ruscoe Yes, they were named Salerno, they moved to Kidderminster in the mid-80s, if remember right? My mother worked for them for many years.

**Stephen Ruscoe:**

Doreen Jones it was alf and jo salsarno who had the coppice bakery they had 2 kids agustino the son and the daughters name was maria if my memory is right

Sheila Morris:

Bulls Head always went in their when we was teenagers in the back room , Rock n Roll yrs it was great .

Q

Joy Smallman

Loved going in Heaths with my mom, writing  
my name in the sawdust on the floor!

Lesley Hale Such a memory, used to go heaths  
with my mum when I was very young, every  
pair of school shoes and T bar sandals (clarks  
or Startrite) from the shoebox.. Always  
measured your feet in there.. So many things  
come back to me..

Upper Bilston St - nearest  
High Street

Naylors?

Margaret Beales

Anyone remember Naylors outfitters around  
50 and 60s Mr Naylor a dapper man always in  
a suit with a measuring tape round his neck a  
Mrs Simner used to work in there



Upper High Street, c 1960s



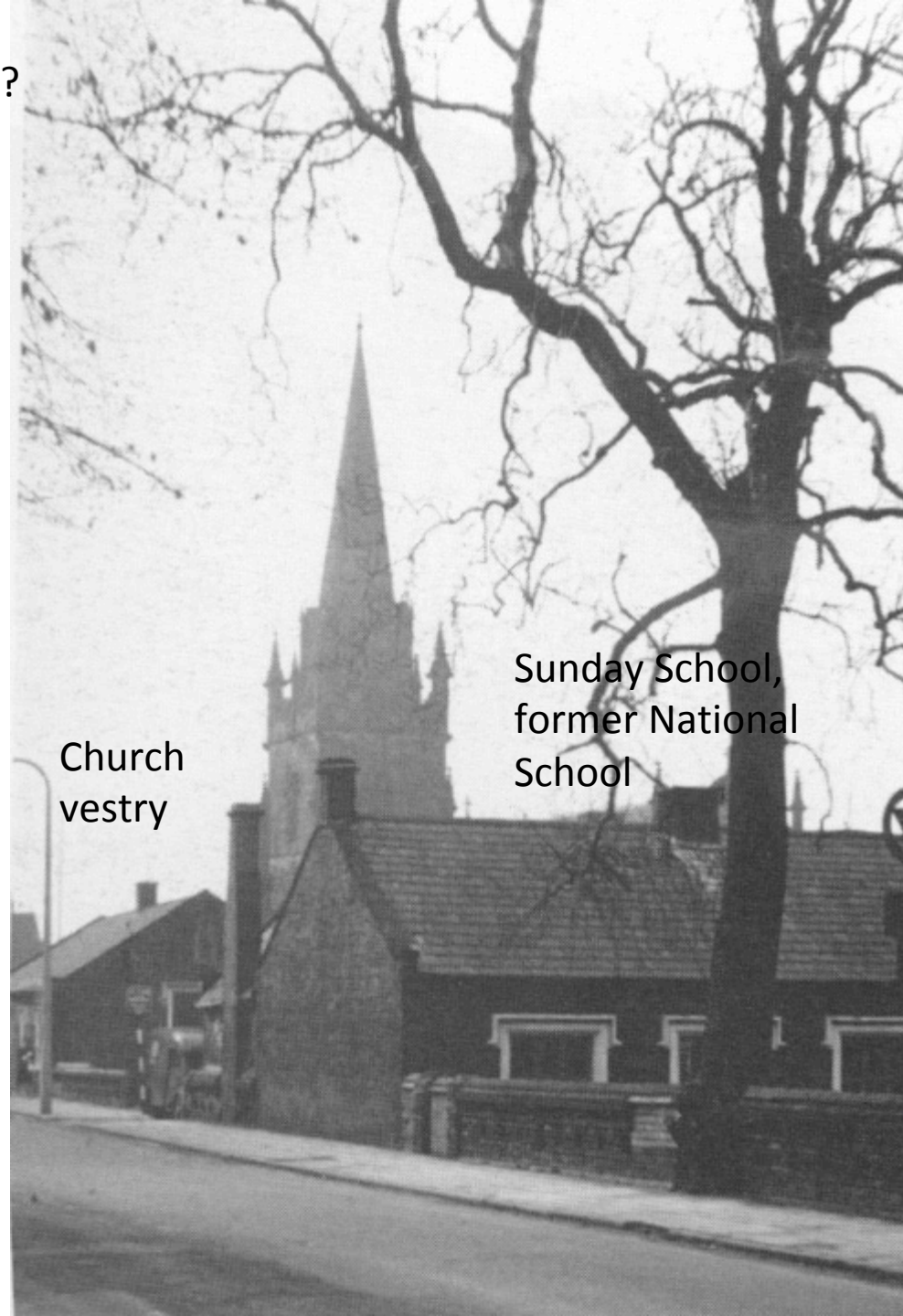


## High Street, August 2019





Vicar Street, late 1960s?



Church  
vestry

Sunday School,  
former National  
School

Vicar Street, August 2019

Iceland

Car Park





Mill Bank, c 1930



Mill Bank August 2019





**Dudley Road, date unknown  
possibly late 1920s**





**Dudley Road, August 2019**





Adrian Cresswell My recollection, from left to right - Clarke's Newsagents, then a butchers, to the left of which there's a door leading upstairs to a hairdressers. Vasey's in the middle was the fruit and veg shop, next to that is Holdens out door / off license and on the right is Hunston's which was a general store.

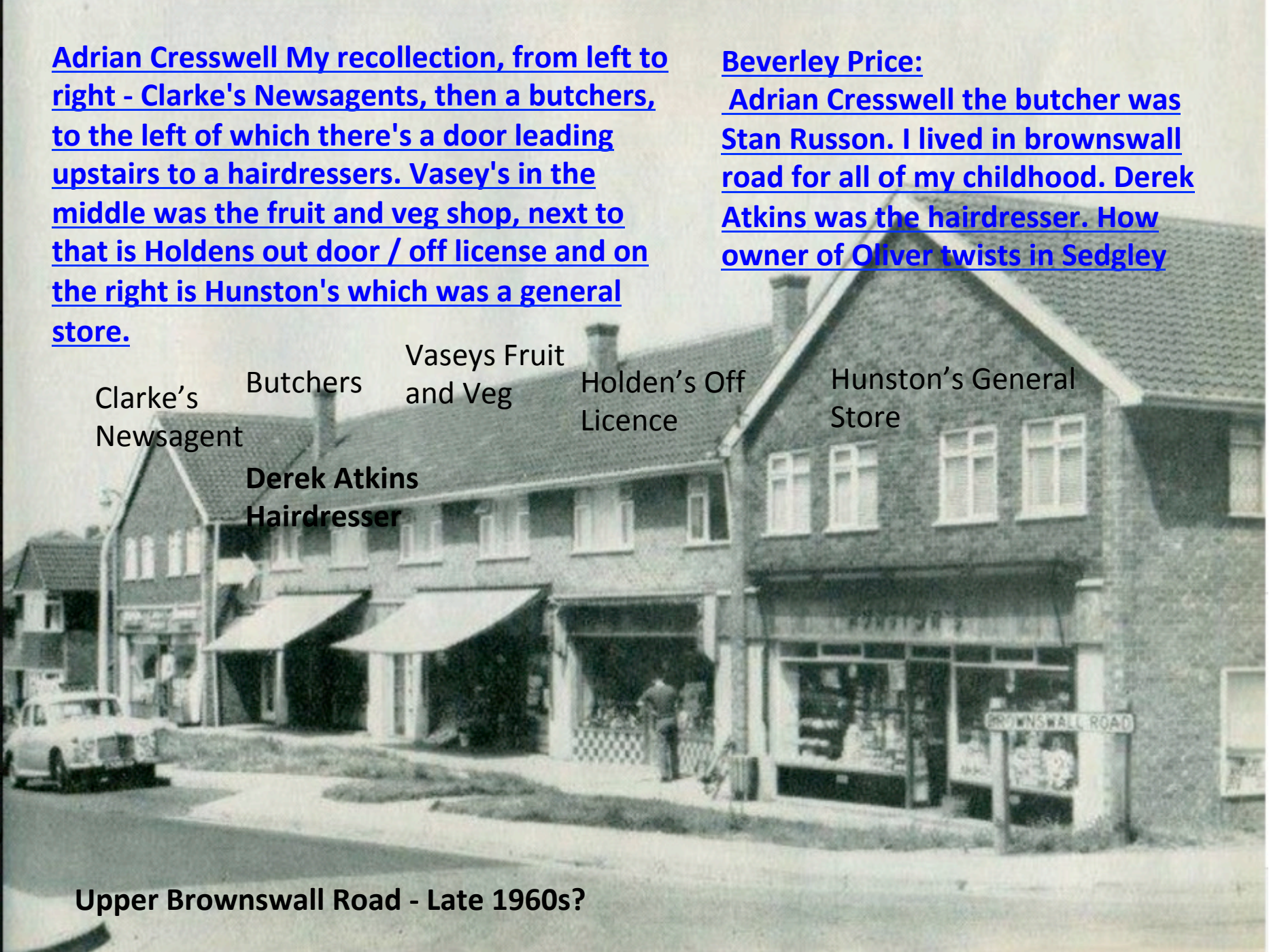
Beverley Price:

Adrian Cresswell the butcher was Stan Russon. I lived in brownswall road for all of my childhood. Derek Atkins was the hairdresser. How owner of Oliver twists in Sedgley

Clarke's Newsagent      Butchers      Vaseys Fruit and Veg      Holden's Off Licence      Hunston's General Store

Derek Atkins Hairdresser

Upper Brownswall Road - Late 1960s?





Upper Brownswall Road August 2019

Unlet?

Brownswall  
News

**Inigo** – was  
Fruit and  
Veg





## Upper Brownswall Road

Jayne Edwards

I had my paper round from Clarke's on my rally bike I did Brownswall Rd evenings. Did try Gospel End Sunday morning papers nearly killed me the weight of them didn't last long. Then worked for Derek Saturday job in hairdressers. Hunstons lovely Trixie on the till. Vaseys fruit n veg happy memories !

Susan Iles

I remember the off licence used to give green..shield stamps.....we used to buy draught port for port and lemon....how sad is that ?

Matthew Baines I had a paper round working for Sid and Sue at the newsagents 1988 to 1990. my back is still not right!

Pete Cresswell

Was a paperboy there for Clarkes 1963/4

Helen Langford I lived in Brownswall Road for 21 years. I remember all those shops. My mom used to have a box of groceries delivered every week by Hunstons.

I remember Sylvia and Ron Vasey Their shop was always full of lovely fruit and veg and I think they sold cheese as well

I remember Peter Clarke as well

Doreen Ann Cresswell One of the butchers was Gerald who married Mrs Hunstons daughter Margaret

Jan Simner I worked for derek Atkins hairdressers first job at the age of 14 friday after school and Saturdays went on to work full time

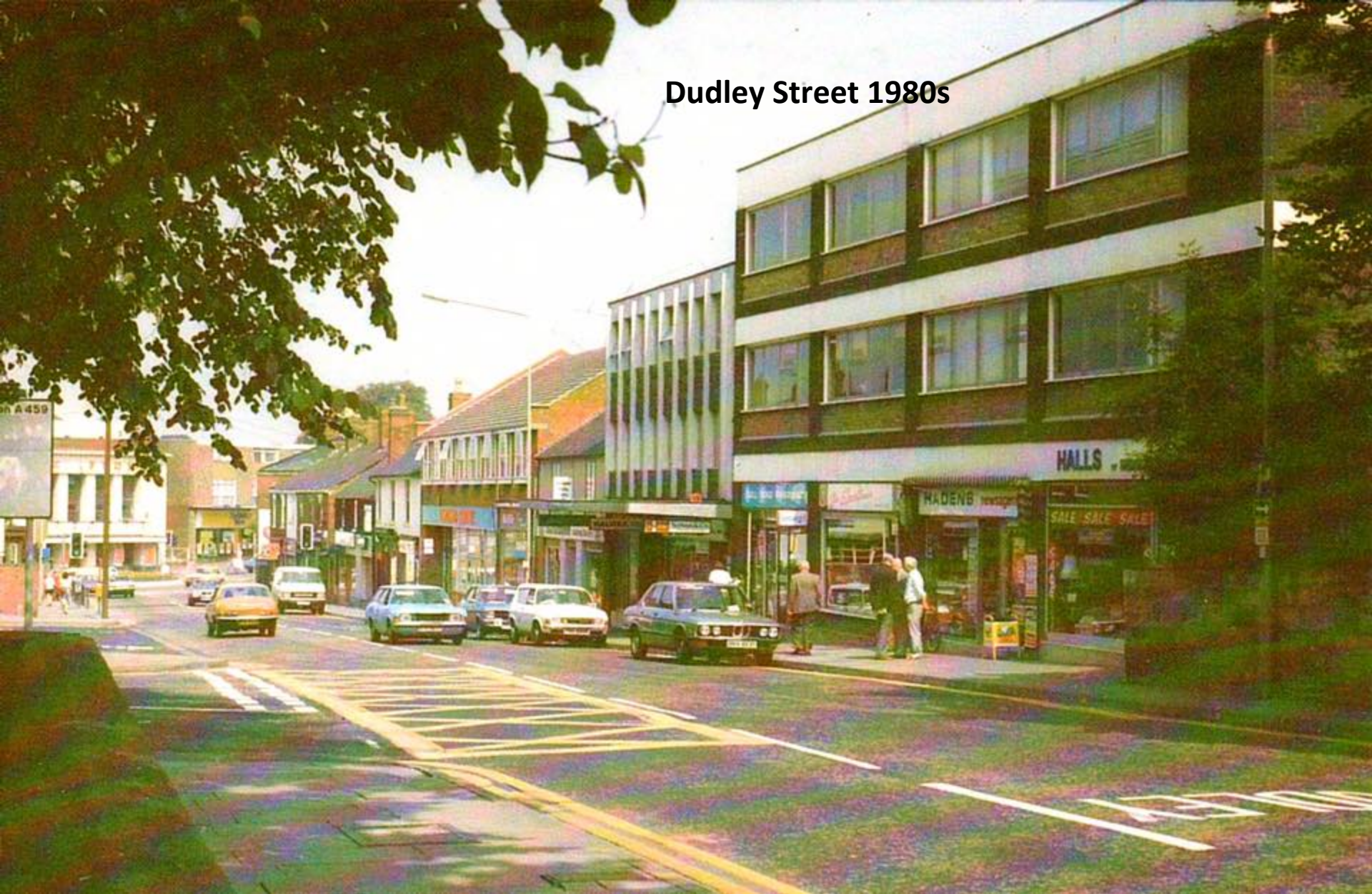
Valerie June Slater Gerald Owen owned the butchers shop, sadly no longer with us.

Doreen Ann Cresswell The upstairs hairdressers was first opened and run by Marian Etchells, then followed by a lady called Sue who my daughter worked for on Saturdays, they had to provide a box for her to stand on to wash clients hair.

Then Derek took over before moving to the Bull Ring

Christine Hawthorne Happy days buying "2 for a penny" sweets on the way home from Cotwallend School, faves were flying saucers, black jacks and fruit salads! ☺ and those little cloth bags filled with gold coloured bubblegum rocks, "pirates gold?" or was that the stringy bits of coconut with a brown sugar coating?

Dudley Street 1980s





## Dudley Street August 2019





**View from All Saints' Tower Parapet 1960s**





**View from All Saints' Tower Parapet Ascension  
Day 2018**





High Park Crescent c 1970





High Park Crescent August 2019



## High Park Crescent

Warwick Rowley

Those drives on houses on the left  
exceptionally long .

Paul D Williams

I remember before the long drive houses  
were built, cliffs running with water  
overlooking the farm and the rabbit  
bank....more boyhood adventures!

Margaret C Moss

My Nan used to call this street the come and  
ave a look at ems. It was always the poshest  
street in Sedgley. They used to go walking  
down High Park Crescent to see how the  
other half lived ! Happy days !

Mike Bradley A friend of mine moved into  
High Park Cres in the 80's, she put her  
washing line out one weekend and was  
swiftly told 'WE DON'T DO THAT HERE'. 😏😏



Jeff and Beryl Monk

Margaret C Moss

I lived there from 1939 totally unaware  
of its posh status , but it was a  
wonderful place to live, before they  
built the houses with the long  
drives. From our front door we had  
rolling green fields as far as you could  
see

Matt Mills

One of my grandad's cousins was  
married to one of Tomlinson family  
of builders, who built some of the  
High Park Crescent houses

Philip Adam Look at all them shiny  
new cars! Its like millionaires row!



Wonder what all the bollards are for  
half way up the drive? Cant think  
that anyone still has them now 🤔



Lower Catholic Lane - Late 1960s?





## Lower Catholic Lane August 2019



## Lower Catholic Lane

### Malcolm Semple

Chap who lived to the left of the picture, just at the top of the first hill, built a very big motor launch in his garage. He bought a Landrover to drag it up onto the Dudley Road.

### Malcolm Semple

We also once met a WMPTE double decker bus on that bit of flat, he reckoned the first steep hill was the steepest road he'd ever driven a bus down. He must have made it down to the bottom but it must have been terrifying. Fortunately there were no passengers on board he was picking up a school party from the Nature Reserve.

Maxine Hughes My grandparents lived in white house in top picture many years ago. In those days it was damp and horrible. Council put them into a council house.

### Alex Wilkes

Is it true that the cottage in the centre was built over 300 years ago?



**Lower Catholic Lane, late 1960s?**



### Debbie Street

I lived at number 42 which was on the right of this picture, it was my parents home the built in 1957 I was born 1960 lived there till 1989.

My playground was the nature reserve owned by Mr Knock 🥰

### Nikki Johnson

My grandfather designed his house in catholic lane. It was called Green Doors . I believe that it has been demolished recently 😞. It was located on the right hand side after st Chads

### Clive Atkins

Delivered Sunday papers from 63 to 65 and they all tipped well even bacon Sarnies xx

### Diane Griffiths

Nikki Johnson yes, that's the house ( no. 16 )

Unrecognisable now to how it was!

Right opposite my family bungalow ( no. 43 ) my Mother & Father moved there in 1942, my brother still lives there! The Cooks lived there then , followed by the Anslows & there have been two families living there since!

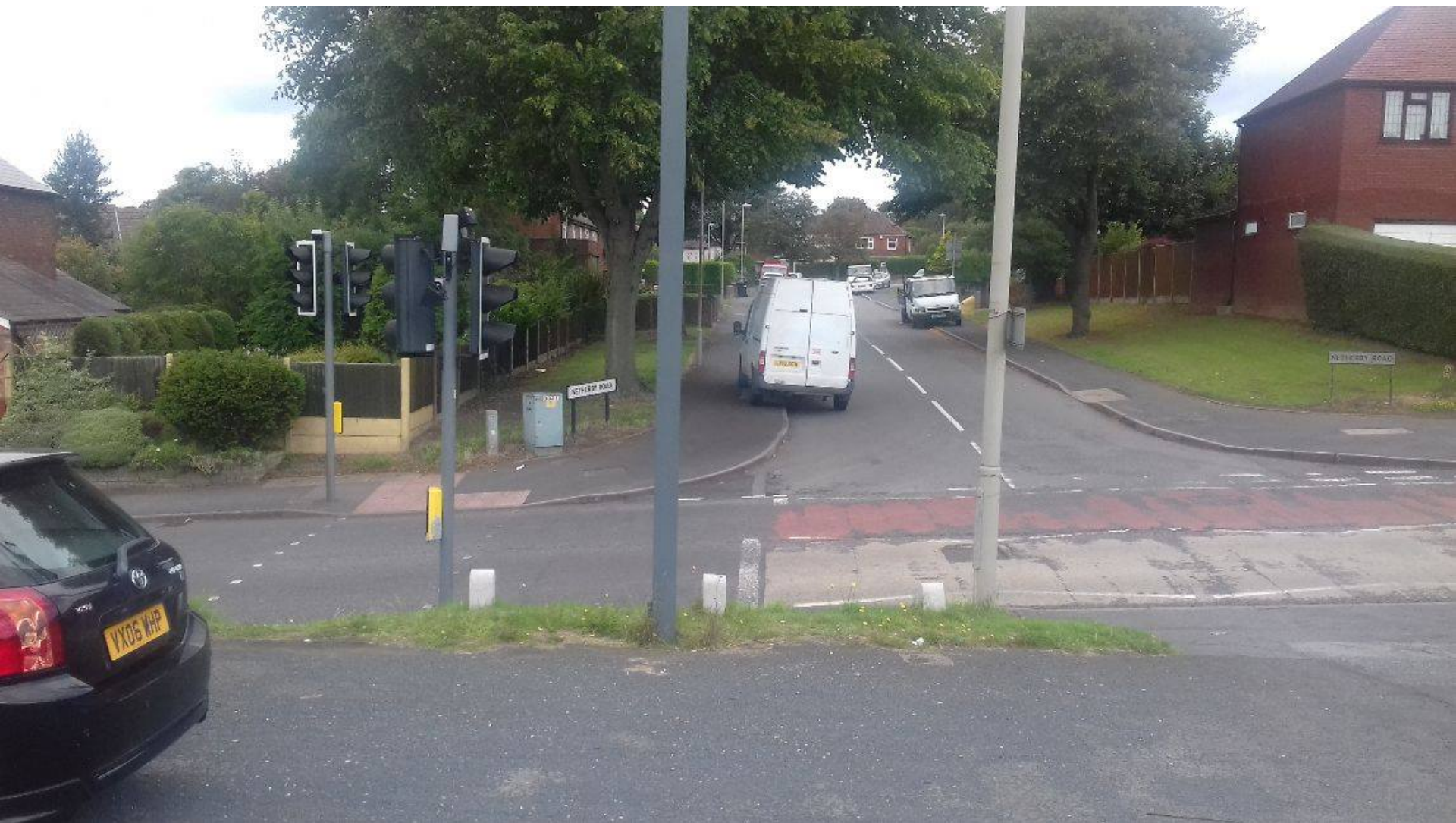
I have lived in Catholic Lane since I was born in 1948, I now live at no. 25!



**Car Park Seven Stars 1960s – Netherby  
Road and White City Estate**



## Car Park Seven Stars August 2019 – Netherby Road







High Holborn, 1980



High Holborn, 1985





## High Holborn 2019





Holborn Garage, High Holborn c1985?



Asda , High Holborn, 2019





## Upper Dudley Street August 2019



Upper Dudley Street

Alison Caldwell

Robert Marsh dentist was also on first floor,  
after moving from Dr surgery on Dudley Rd.

Richard Hawkins

I worked for Draftech on YTS from when left  
school in 83 to 84 wasn't the best but had a  
great time on placement to Grovewood  
kitchens in Tipton driving fork lifts an old lorry  
and old cortina estate around the trading  
estate while putting up scaffolding or  
conveyor track pre todays Health & safety  
bureaucracy

Mischa Welsh Above Haden's was  
a Drafting office in the 80s - myself  
and a couple of buddies from High  
Arcal did our weeks work  
experience there in maybe 85ish



Ian Beach

Mischa Welsh I worked for Sabre from 1972  
until 1978 but rarely in the Sedgley Office,  
almost entirely out on contract.



Castle Street 1960s?



Castle Street August 2019





Kate Burton

It reminds me very much of castle street,I was born there and lived there until I was 7.If my memory serves me right they were all terraced houses with a corner shop

Glenis Baskerville Most definitely Castle Street we lived in no8 backed onto the Congs church and opposite the Bulls Head and the paper shop on the corner of Brick Street moved from there probably 1958 to the Greenway. I just lived living there 2 up 2 down with a cellar and a Brewhouse we were posh then x

Margaret Smith

Akermans shop on the corner. My brother was a paperboy there

Carl Higgs I think this is Castle Street before most of it was demolished. My great grandmother Eva Hayward was born here in 1884. The Thomas Darbey School stood on the opposite corner to The Bull, next to the Congregational Church facing Bilston Street. The school was built in 1861 at the expense of the Sedgley entrepreneur and benefactor who was a distant relative of the Darby family of Coalbrookdale. He was also the nephew of my 4 x great grandparents Thomas and Rachel Hancox who lived in Coseley. The St Andrew's United Reformed Church Centre now stands on the same site, but if you look around the corner into Castle Street, some distinctive Victorian brickwork of the Thomas Darbey School has survived.

Priory Lane c 1970?





**Tenscore, by Priory Lane August 2019**



Pete Cresswell Think we all did a bit of  
"courting" there in the 60s

Liz Bentley Going back, anyone remember.  
The Monkey Run.?.?

Damian Patrick McClay 1st Sedgley Scout hut  
on the far right opened 1977

Ken Reid Am I correct there used to be  
allotments on the right?

Mischa Welsh So that's pre 70s because the  
townhouses on Ladies walk are missing. The  
clinic is there though, which should narrow  
the date down further.



**Lower Catholic Lane – late 1960s?**



## Lower Catholic Lane August 2019

