# A tribute to Sheila Oliver 1945-2020





## All Saints' Youth Club



- All Saints' Youth Club met in the Church Hall in Vicar Street and was, for a while, one of the local places in Sedgley that young people could gather and socialise.
- In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Sheila was a member of the club, that met on Friday evenings at 7.30pm. The picture shows her at a fundraising event.
- Among other activities, the youngsters took along '45' records to dance along to in the hall: eg Connie Francis, The Shadows, Cliff Richard, Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly.
- At the dance on New Years Eve 1963,
   Sheila sold a raffle ticket to a young man who became her husband two and a half years later.



## Trips abroad with the youth club

- Trips were arranged every September to Blackpool - and from the early 1960s, also holidays to the continent.
- Ostend was the first venue; Sheila went to the beautiful resort of Finale Liguria in Italy in 1963, travelling across France and Switzerland by train.
- In this picture Sheila is seen with the group in Finale Liguria (Sheila is in the middle.)



### The drama group

- The Youth Club Drama Group would perform plays annually in the Parish Hall that would always be well attended, and they also entered in the Drama Festival in Aldridge, competing against other youth clubs.
- The picture is of the last production Sheila was involved with: 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', in 1964. She's at the top in the centre, partially obscured.
- As members got older, they formed what became SECGA Theatre Group, which is still running today, based at Tettenhall College Wolverhampton.



## Ladies Walk Clinic

- Sheila used to work at the old Ladies Walk Clinic in Sedgley and one of Sheila's jobs was to sell baby food and milk powder.
- The picture shows the old Ladies Walk Clinic in 2000, pictured at the time that work on the new clinic was taking place.



### Ladies Walk

- Sheila worked at Ladies Walk clinic from September 1976. It was opened in the early 1960s and was a very small, single-storey building with many windows, that made it a pleasant place to work.
- The main function was a base for health visitors attached to the GP practices at Tandon, The Ridgeway and Northway Medical Centres.
- Sheila is in the centre of this photo with her work colleagues.







### The choir

Sheila was a longstanding, consistent and highly valued member of **All Saints' Church Choir**; she can be seen here taking part in the annual procession from the Church Hall to Church on Palm Sunday, 25/3/2018.







## The Chamber Choir

• Sheila was a member of The Chamber Choir (separate from the Church Choir) based at All Saints' during the 1980s when Bernard Harris was vicar.



#### Choir 8

Chamber choir in the time of John Albutt the organmaster/choirmaster and Bernard Harris, vicar. Back row: Kennedy Slater, Bill Davis, Tony Hart, Andrew Morris, Eric Barnett (back row third from right). Middle row: Elaine Melhuish, Jenny Cresswell, Freda Taylor, Sheila Oliver, Edith Thompson, Joyce Withers, Des Round, Ann Wakefield, visitor. Front row: ? Harris, ?, John Albutt (choirmaster), Wyn Davis, Sarah Harris, ? Chesterman.





## Individual tributes, memories and messages of condolence

## Friends

### Sarah Teoh

So sorry to hear about Sheila. She was such a great support for mom while she was fighting cancer. Love to Jane and family.

### Michael Nuttall

We are deeply saddened at the passing of Sheila. She was a kind, caring, and compassionate person whom we remember helped us with a calming influence just before our daughter Julie was born - she will be greatly missed.

We have known Sheila and Michael for over fifty years and used to meet at one another's houses at regular intervals until Covid 19 interrupted the sequence.

Although she had suffered bouts of ill health, she never dwelt on her problems and enjoyed life to the full, particularly her holidays.

Our sincere sympathy

#### Eunice & Mike

## Neighbours

### Jean Clarke

Living at the other end of the road from Sheila, we are sad to hear this news and send our thoughts to her family. Sheila's Mom was a good neighbour of my own Mom when they lived in Lomond Road. More recently we enjoyed keep fit sessions with Sheila at the Parish Hall. xx

### Jayne Emery

So sorry to hear this sad news about Sheila. We have lived on the same road as Sheila for many years and know Jane since we were at school. Sending love to Jane and all the family xxx

## Exercise class



### **Betty Jackson**

I knew Sheila from our Gentle exercise class . A lovely lady. Sorry to hear the sad news.

## Ladies Walk Clinic/Health Centre

### Judith Hickman

So sorry to hear this sad news, like many others I knew Sheila from Ladies Walk. She was always very kind and pleasant. God Bless, + receive her and bless her family xx

### **Ann Warwick**

Such a lovely lady, like many other mums l remember Sheila from clinic days. Always said hello every time l saw her in Sedgley

### Janet Nicholls

So sorry to hear this I remember Sheila from the clinic and her mother lived close to my mother

### **Sue Groves**

So sad, I remember sheila fondly at clinic in weigh day for both my children now 38 and 32, xx

## School / Reunion Group

### Barbara Bolt

A beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady.

Kind, caring & loving.

Will be sadly missed at our monthly reunions.

RIP dear friend

## Church Choir

### Elaine Melhuish

I knew Sheila from being with her in All Saints' Choir for over thirty years; she had a beautiful voice and was a lovely lady and a very caring friend. She will be very sadly missed, God Bless Her.

## General



God Bless you Sheila RIP x

### **Christine Wilkes**

Sorry to hear – a lovely lady.

### **Leanne Marlow**

So sad, such a lovely lady. x

### Lee 'H' Harris

Condolences to all family xxx

### Kate Pugh

So sad to hear this lovely lady has passed away. Sending love to Jane & family

### Susan Schanno

Sorry to hear sad news, she was a very nice lady, i just to do her moms hair x

### **Heather Gwynne**

So very sorry to hear this. Such a lovely lady. Thinking of and sending condolences to all of the family xx



Goodbye to a lovely lady who enriched all our lives.