

Lois Bentley	Interviewed by Jeanette Payne 21.10.14
4.00 6.00 8.00 9.30 13.30 17.00 18.30 22.00 23.30 24.30	<p>Born in Liverpool in 1957. Came to Leeds 1976 to study and never went back. Had lived in Adel, was looking for an apartment. Chose West Court, which overlooks Soldiers' Field. Been in Oakwood 19 years so has adult memories. Clock is a landmark. Tells taxi drivers to head for the clock.</p> <p>Oakwood did get shabby. Changes mostly in relation to the shops. Bookshop has gone – was stacked with things, has fond memories of it. Could browse and chat. Tailors shop – opened at 7am, shut at 4pm. Has made her ladies' jackets.</p> <p>Always travelled in his jackets. Could feel relaxed but smart.</p> <p>Fish and chip shop – a classic. Art Deco front.</p> <p>Can walk down to Oakwood to eat.</p> <p>Pretty Woman parade. Oakwood Gallery – Debbie died 2000. Was a character, feisty, a musician.</p> <p>HSBC – local Branch, always busy.</p> <p>Estate Agent – Manning Stainton.</p> <p>Tall terraces up Oakwood Lane – old flagstones in street.</p> <p>Soldiers' Field – it's the idea of men from around Yorkshire gathering there and signing up.</p> <p>Michael Jackson concert with godson in Roundhay Park. The Love Parade. Left a mess. Likes difference between the quiet and the big events. Fireworks Night.</p> <p>West Court has 38 flats. Has management committee. No community events for flats as yet. Goes to vote at Parochial Church Hall.</p> <p>Loves Farmers' Market. Market has a buzz. Bought honey last time.</p> <p>Marvellous Chocolate cake stall.</p> <p>Gets bus into town. OK bus service. 8 minute walk.</p> <p>Goes to Roundhay Fox, Canal Gardens, specialist gardens.</p> <p>West Avenue postbox – people had to fight for it. Went into High School to talk about job – ran a business game. Liked the school.</p> <p>Drs is at Oakwood.</p> <p>Shops at the Co-op – person sized. Does big shop in Tesco.</p> <p>Remembers fruit and veg and florist – went often. Sad it went. Also another flower shop and a milliner – made Lois a handmade hat.</p>