

Susan Newton	Interviewed by Sharon Donaldson 5.3.15
	<p>Aged 30. In Oakwood since she was aged two. Love Parade – was fifteen when that was on. Woke up to find streets teeming with people - ‘hippies’. Lovely atmosphere but very busy. Allowed to go out in the evening when it was quieter. Bad snow – I was seven or eight and helped dig out the houses and went sledging near the Parochial Hall. Went to mums and tots group at Parochial Hall.</p> <p>3.00 Remember having a name peg and a seesaw. Rode bikes at the top of the hill. Ballet lessons at the Parochial Hall.</p> <p>4.30 Went to Gledhow School then Kerr Mackie Primary School in Year 3. Then Roundhay High School. Had a dyslexic base so went there.</p> <p>6.15 Gledhow School – foggy one day. Couldn’t find way back to school when we were on the playing field!</p> <p>12.45 Pond at Kerr Mackie School. Did wooden sculptures. Got banned from playing bulldogs. A bit too rowdy. Went to clay club after school. Liked science, maths and history.</p> <p>15.00 Used to go to library with doll’s pushchair. Worked at Post Office for Mr Singh – it didn’t feel like work. Knew quite a lot of people coming in the shop. Had a crisp pile in the corner – 10p crisps. Jars of sweets at the back.</p> <p>17.00 Remember Oakwood fruits. Remember Gift Ideas. A butchers as well when I was little. HSBC bank used to be the Midland Bank. Stew and Oyster a lovely place. Jack Rabbit – paint your own pottery. Remember Iceland, then it became Blockbusters. Bought ice pops, sat near recycle bins then ate the lollies near Safeway. Used to read the magazines from the recycle bin.</p> <p>19.30 Played on Safeways bank – rode down on a box. Next door neighbour hit a tree!</p> <p>21.30 Built dens on Safeway hill. Played hide and seek. Kicked balls around in car park when it shut at night and rode bikes.</p> <p>25.00 Used to play on Soldiers’ Field a lot – rounders. Tropical World got a bit boring – Olly the Octopus is still there, but you have to put 10p or more in now to get him to speak.</p> <p>29.00 Used to go to Guides at the Parochial Hall. Went to Rainbows, then Brownies. Mum was Brown Owl at Springwood Methodist Church. Went to Youth Club every Saturday night. Kids’ Praise at Church. My family involved in it. Can remember quite a few of the songs. Really fun. Youth Club – football for the boys, £1 a time, tuck shop, arts and crafts, ping pong table. Went to local field for rounders in the summer with the club. Church trips and weekends away. Peter Crew was Minister.</p> <p>31.30 Goes to Farmers’ Market. I like Oakwood how it is. Nostalgic – why do we need another estate agents? You didn’t need to go into town or go very far to get everything you needed. Loved vegetable garden they started near the clock. Would like more shops for the elderly to walk down to. Brownies sang carols for the elderly at Christmas.</p> <p>41.30 Remember fish and chip shop as my sister worked there. We taunted her – we went in for chips and sat opposite at the clock, waving.</p> <p>45.00 Wars between Allerton Grange and Roundhay High School. About 1990. Couldn’t talk to people from the other school. Got quite serious at the time. Two people brought hammers. Teachers dealt with it. Should have sold tickets to demolish the school – we would have bought loads of tickets. I think they have removed all the character. There was a tunnel between the two schools originally. Went sledging at Hill 60 in the winter. Remember Bonfire Nights – would sit on</p>

49.30	Hill 60. Dad took brother and sister down during concerts – gave them free choc-ices. Got free tickets for Robbie Williams.
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