



SUE PARKINSON 1943–2014

Sue was born in Banbury in 1943, the only child of Bob and Sue White. She attended Banbury Grammar School where she met John. They married in 1964 and Ian – Spike as he became better known – was born in 1965. The Parkinsons lived first in Banbury, then Adderbury and came to Deddington some 40 years ago.

Sue worked for local businesses as Accounts Secretary and was very well regarded. The esteem was not just for her meticulous double-entry bookkeeping, but more for her warm and considerate personality. She had a great gift for friendship.

Sue loved travelling, preferably adventurously. Forty years ago she drove a Land Rover across Kenya with two other girls, camping by night at waterholes listening to the wild animals. She spent holidays over many years exploring Greek islands on the back of a motorbike with John, enjoying the scenery, the beaches and the tavernas, the remoter the better. Latterly holidays were campervan trips in Europe.

Her many friends remember Sue as a lovely, loving, caring lady who had time for everyone. She was a central member of the self-styled Sagalouts of the village, and, dedicated to the Sagalout cause of growing old disgracefully in happy company with others, she started up the monthly Ladies' Champagne Nights for those without partners. Her New Year's Eve parties were legendary.

But there was a more serious side to this generosity of Sue's – she was a woman of principle and would stand up for anyone she felt had been wronged. She was also a fine example of uncomplaining bravery in the face of sickness, of which she had to endure much. The community of Deddington and the spirit of Deddington owe a great deal to Sue and she will be greatly missed. *HW*