

## **SUE BLISS (1959–2014)**

Sue was born in Banbury in 1959, the only child of Ann and Bob Mitchell. The family moved to Swindon in 1963 when Bob came out of the Army. Visiting her Deddington grandparents, Sue met Pete Bliss in the British Legion Club. They married in Deddington Parish Church in 1979, and set up home in Adderbury where two sons, Martin and Andrew, were born. The family then moved to St Thomas Street in Deddington where they settled.

Sue's natural ability as a wife and a mother was second to none. She was a perfect role model in every aspect of life; her infectious smile warmed any situation and will be remembered by everyone. She never had a bad word to say about anyone, and was always kind and caring in every situation, lending an ear and advice to anyone who needed it.

In the mid-80s Sue became a helper at the nursery at the Windmill Centre, and then a few years later with Deddington Cubs and Scouts. Returning to work, she started at Solar Designs in Hopcraft Lane and then went on to join the team at Hayward and White estate agents, her perfect job.

Travel was a passion for Sue. She was always planning a trip somewhere sunny, or a weekend away. It was her planning and organising abilities that led to the nickname 'Leader'. Her other passion was the gym. She joined Spiceball to get fit and healthy, but she stayed for the social aspect: she made so many great friends.

After her terminal diagnosis in 2012 Sue carried on with life as if nothing was wrong. Brave, modest and selfless, she enjoyed every moment she had left. She worked as long as she could. She was determined to be at Martin and Joanne's wedding and she was, bright and cheerful. She spent her final days in Katharine House, laughing and joking still, as sociable as ever with the staff and her many visitors alike.

Sue's premature death has brought great sadness to many – but this is a tribute to the grace and beauty of her life.

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