

Author's search for sheilas

MADAM, - I'm in the photograph of Johnson Matthey staff at the Vine pub in Newcastle in the mid-1960s (*The Way We Were*, January 17). I'm fourth up on the right from the bottom of the picture.

I enjoyed working for Johnson Matthey, in Burslem, and remember every face in that Photograph.

Two of the girls, Pauline Morrall and Sylvia Wood, are still my best friends in the UK.

We are in touch constantly.

I think we've known each other longer than our respective husbands.

And I favoured the Crystal dance hall in Newcastle. I have two daughters and two

grandsons. I was managing director of Hold-Fast Radiator Valves Ltd until my retirement in 2008.

I was also director and company secretary for Ford-Mainwaring Ltd.

Approaching retirement, my husband and I sold both companies, which are still going strong, and in 2009 we emigrated to Australia, where we are enjoying a happy retirement.

I have been writing for almost 27 years, but it wasn't until I came to Australia that I found success as an author.

All of my novels are on Amazon/Kindle and eBook stores worldwide, and two of them will be published in paperback this very month by Sid Harta Publishers here in Australia. I hope

you get more replies, as I'd love to know what happened to the rest of the girls in the picture.

I'll look out for any follow-up articles or comments on the original.

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