

CHANGING TIMES

Michelle Oates on the 1980s

In the 1980s more women were involved and it was more family-orientated.

Andrew's mum did a lot of work on teas when I first started doing them. But it was more sociable then and Andrew's mum, for example, didn't work.



Today, with more women working there's a real reluctance to give up Saturday or Sunday afternoons.

In my early days there was a Ladies Committee which organised the teas and also things like Sunday lunches at the Vandals rugby club and fundraising coffee evenings.