

## **MARGARET JILL SHERWOOD**

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A woman who lived in the same house on the IW all her life, died last Wednesday, at the age of 85. Margaret Jill Sherwood, of St John's Road, Newport, was born on October 16, 1927 and attended Braunstone House School, Lugley Street, from 1933. In January 1944, Miss Sherwood left school to begin work as an office junior for accountants W.C. Black and Co and was paid the going rate, ten shillings (50p) a week. Miss Sherwood qualified as a chartered accountant and became a partner of the firm in 1969. In 1987, the year after the firm became Harrison Black, when it amalgamated with Hutchinson Harrison, Miss Sherwood left and enjoyed many years pursuing hobbies and interests.

She learned to play the piano at the age of seven and achieved the Trinity College Performers' Diploma (LTCL) in July 1948. Music led her to compete in the IW Musical Festival from 1937 to 2005 and she joined the committee in 1950, from which retired in 2011, acting as honorary treasurer for 12 years. Festival chairman Barry Allen paid tribute to Miss Sherwood before the competition's instrumental class last Thursday and dedicated last Friday's afternoon and evening sessions at Newport Minster to her memory.

Another great love of Miss Sherwood was the countryside, which led to membership of the National Trust and its IW Members' Association.

She moved to Cornelia Manor Residential Care Home, Newport, in October last year, after suffering from a short illness. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday, April 2, at the IW Crematorium.

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