

Anne Jennings - a life well lived



Anne was 68 when she died a few weeks ago; a sudden unexpected death; far too young - she was always so full of zest for life. She didn't want a traditional obituary so here are some reflections on her life.

She had the rare gift of making us all feel comfortable and relaxed in her company, be it in her home, your home, in the pub, in committee meetings, or at work. She kept her friends for her lifetime - some for over 60 years and many in Wirksworth following her move here in 2017 – but regardless, she made us all feel welcome in her life, and was always kind.



Anne had an incredible work ethic. She worked hard in everything including school, university, her life-long career within the NHS as ward sister and then in administrative roles. She volunteered more than most, hence her being awarded the

Mugs Trophy 3 times by the Gliding Club for all her dedicated hard work over many years. As a trustee for 20 years of Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care she played an active role in ensuring their direction, financial security, staffing and resources in their essential work in helping patients return home from hospital.

Here in Wirksworth she became an integral part of the U3A taking on the roles of membership secretary and webmaster, as well as running the cycling group and the crime fiction group and she was active in many U3A activities.



Some of her favourite things:

Cycling with friends on the Derbyshire cycle trails, especially on her electric bicycle.

Skiing with friends and family especially in North America. Gliding, and the delight

she felt when she outsoared every other pilot. Walking, with HF holiday friends and

exploring all the local footpaths. Holidays with her friends and family and her great adventures to exotic places, a particular favourite being the expedition to the Galapagos Islands. Lunching with friends from Wirksworth, Sheffield, Wolverhampton and further afield. Playing canasta - she had a poker face and you never could guess her next move. Playing farkle which made everyone laugh so much. Reading crime fiction novels, too many authors to name. Crocheting Christmas blankets for her great nephews and for charity. Film - Mamma Mia and dancing to Abba songs. TV - watching Strictly Come Dancing with friends, prosecco and pizza.

As well as all those activities, she also gave over 100 pints of blood, she loved walking other people's dogs (and dogs adored Anne), she was a keen bird watcher and she loved putting up her Christmas lights every year.



But most of all, her favourite thing was to be with her friends and family. Bless her, she is sorely missed.

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