

Nina Nicholson

Nina and her husband Eric, were both heavily involved in community activities especially the Bredfield and District Community Council.

They were always involved in Church and village Fetes - she helped run the White Elephant stall and could be seen late into the early evening packing up the boxes of unsold items. She also helped organise the Harvest supper and Barn Dance, the Suffolk Historic churches trust cycle ride and many other village occasions requiring help with teas, catering etc. Her cheese scones and salmon quiche graced many a table. She volunteered at the village shop; was a member of the over 60's club along with Sheila Wood and Joyce Finch and also was a Tennis club member, (later to become president of the tennis club), with neighbours Richard and Angela Bridges and Patsy Ginn. These neighbours became invaluable in helping Nina latterly in times of need when Nina struggled to manage house and large garden.

About the time that the BDCC reorganised, Nina became involved in PCC activities and took on the post of Church Warden which she held for many years, several by herself. She had a very strong sense of duty and was often to be found around the church sorting out flowers, notices etc. She keenly upheld Church traditions - ensuring the flag flew on the Church tower on 'flag days', organising the procession of crib figures around the village during advent and carrying the flag on Remembrance Sunday to name but a few. She knew how things 'should be done' and didn't take kindly if they were done differently however well meant! That said, she could be very welcoming to visitors and would keep them talking for hours. Nina had the ability to hold a conversation with barely a pause for breath.

She loved wildlife and encouraged the birds, animals and wildflowers into her garden. Her 2 cats - Parsley and Basil were boon companions and were known to accompany her on visits to the neighbours. Indeed, so keen were her cats to stay with her, she once drove to Church only to see Basil sitting on the back seat in the rear view mirror. That said, she disliked the bats in Church especially when clearing up after them before a Service.

Despite having no children of her own Nina always had time for the youngsters, She would keep the sweet jar that rewarded those taking part in Sunday Service activities well stocked. She also went out of her way to assist those in need especially the bereaved. She would visit those in need, often taking a plant or small gift and her maroon VW Golf with its balding tyres would often be seen parked up around the village as she made her calls.

In fact, she always was somewhere around the village - if she was still about - she would have told everyone when and where her funeral was to be held!

She was one of life's real characters and the village will be a poorer place without her.