

Obituary - Katriona Karney

In December, we said farewell to a much loved member of the Hanney community. Catriona Karney died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family.

Catriona and Patrick moved to East Hanney in 1995, when they moved into Darden House (then home of Patrick's father, Peter Karney), to care for Peter. They built Midgy House in the garden of Darden House and named it after Midgy Ha', a farm in Northumberland where Patrick and Catriona got engaged.

Catriona immersed herself in Hanney, joining many clubs including the WI, Gardening Club and of course, the Hanney Wine Circle. In the early Michaelmas Fayres, she was involved in the planning and helped run the clothes stalls. Catriona and Alma Triffitt ran a very successful MacMillan coffee morning, raising over£4,000.

Catriona played an active part in the Church and was a member of the Church PCC. Her faith reinforced the compassionate, caring and generous person that she was.

Midgy House was always welcoming, a place where Catriona loved to entertain with fabulous cuisine and Patrick's wine. She was a superb cook and always made everybody feel welcome and special, resulting in many wonderful Hanney friendships.

Catriona was born in Jerusalem and lived in Bagdad as a baby. Aged one, they moved to the UK when Catriona's sister contracted polio. Catriona lived with her grandmother in St Andrews, who taught her to sew and introduced her to many crafting skills.

Catriona's nimble fingers and creative brilliance underpinned her life.

She entered beautiful quilts, needlework, knitting and scarecrows into the Michaelmas Fayre competitions. She created a seemingly unending flow of fancy dress, soft furnishings, toys, clothes and quilts.

Catriona and Patrick were tremendous travellers and she visited over 70 countries by the time of her death. She loved to explore new places, cultures and sample cuisines; and captured her travels in wonderful homemade albums.

During her ten-year battle with cancer, Catriona maintained her elegance and dignity.

She never complained and exuded positivity, gratitude and love at all times.

Patrick and the family would like to thank all the wonderful Hanney friends, who showed Catriona such kindness, support and love, especially during her final months.

Catriona's funeral collection was for 'Myeloma UK', a charity that funds progressive and much needed research into Myeloma.

If you would like to donate, please visit <https://catrionakarney.muchloved.com/>. Catriona will be dearly missed by her family and many Hanney folk.



Helen Cavendish