

Julia our President opened the Meeting and there followed an appreciation of a long serving member Sheila Barton who died at the end of March.

Sheila was a people person of the first order. Fellowship and camaraderie came easy to Sheila, they were second nature to her. Sheila was an inspirational motivator and a gifted listener, essentially her personality and character really made Bosham WI what it is today.



Sheila Barton was Vice President of Bosham WI 2000 and 2001 and Press officer 1999. The Book Group founder in 1998 and part of the original Mah-jong and Walking Groups, also a participant of Discussion and Music and the Swimming group (photo evidence with the most glamorous rubber swimming cap). More archive photos depict Sheila as part of the Millennium Parade, nearly 25 years ago, time truly flies.

In Bosham Village Sheila was a founder member of 'Bosham Democrats' now the non-political Bosham Forum, which still goes from strength to strength.

A regular worshiper at Holy Trinity, always volunteering when a 'meet and greet' team was requested, and for years collating the Visitors Book comments. I am sure there were other groups and support teams Sheila was involved in, just quietly carrying on in the background.

We will miss you Sheila so much, but we love you enough to let you go – God speed, Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Next month on 1st May as ever at 2.30pm in the Village Hall when we welcome the return of Bill Avenell, talking to us about the science behind famous weather lores.

Visitors are always welcome, contact us via our website - boshamwi.co.uk

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