

Memories of Robina 'Robbie' Scahill.

It was such a shock to hear of the death of dear Robbie. Only a couple of weeks before she had journeyed down from Essex, to our meeting at Sheila's and we were making arrangements to see her again quite soon, but this was not to be. She sadly died a fortnight later.

Robbie was a stalwart member of DKG, friendly, kind and with a great sense of humour. She will be sadly missed by us all.

Evelyn Goodsell.

I have known Robbie for about 36 years and can honestly say that she has always been a loyal, strong and reliable colleague and friend. Robbie was an established and highly thought of teacher at St Margaret's in Tonbridge, when I was appointed Head in 1987. We kept in touch after I left and lived in the Middle East for 6 years. We worked together as Ofsted inspectors and joined DKG together in 2002.



Pictured from left: Sheila, Robbie, Kathy and Barbara

Robbie and Jim spent several stays at our French home and we also travelled together to several Regional Conferences. I feel Harry and I knew both Robbie and Jim very well indeed.

Robbie was very proud of her two sons, Aidan and Alistair, and their families and talked always of their achievements.

She was a generous friend always prepared to join in any venture. I am so happy that she found time only a few weeks ago to travel from her home in Buckinghamshire to attend a DKG Revitalisation meeting at my home in Kent, and was intending to participate in our new outings programme. She was enthusiastic and committed to the last! She will be sadly missed by all of us who knew her.

Sheila Roberts

Although Robbie's death in the end was sudden she had for sometime been living with a 'ticking clock', a damaged aorta which could have gone at any time. I am so very grateful and relieved that it was peacefully at home in bed. She had been advised to continue to live as normally as possible which did include driving, a necessity for her due to her increasingly reduced mobility. Being Robbie she did not 'make a fuss' but just got on with life.



Good times at the GB Canterbury Conference in 2010 with, from left, Kathy, Carol D, Carole S, Robbie, Rosalind and Barry Price.



Carol D sent this photo of Robbie with some of the Spanish Class in Mallorca.

It was Robbie who introduced me to DKG after Peter had his stroke as she thought it would help me cope, which it did, meeting a group of very competent interesting lady educators. A highlight during our years of joint widowhood was our journey across Canada visiting Adrienne from DKG in Calgary.

Her last visit to Mallorca was in January and as you know I was with her just recently. We had some good times and I have so many happy memories. She went down to Glyndebourne only two days before she died.

Carol Dawson.



Robbie's death was sudden and unexpected, I think we were all shocked by it. She was so stoic, getting on with life although she knew her heart was 'dicky'.

I was pleased that she was able to be at the last revitalisation meeting at Sheila's house and say that she wanted to do more with DKG.

In the past she had worked with Gloria on the website, even being trained with Gloria on a new programme that they hoped to use. In 2011 Robbie became the DKG GB State Executive Secretary when Sheila Roberts took up her post as State President. Robbie was friendly, pleasant, sensible and fair minded. She will be much missed.

I know that she was so proud of her sons and we all understood why when Aiden spoke to DKG members about his career and teaching of music at the GB State Conference in Aylesford.

It was good that Robbie was able to attend Glyndebourne to see her son Alastair play. They are pictured right, with thanks to the family for allowing us to use the photograph.

Diana Bell.

I am so sorry to hear that Robbie has died. She was so full of life and so enthusiastic about everything. I did not know her very well, but I remember a very kind and determined lady.

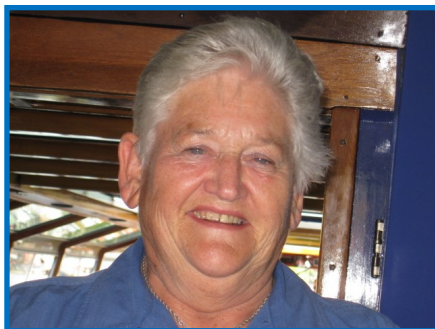
Maud Thompson.

What a shock after the lovely photo at Glyndebourne. My sympathies to her family.

Bettina Kulsdom.



Robbie with Alistair at Glyndebourne



Kathy sent this lovely photo of Robbie in Amsterdam at the DKG European Conference 2013