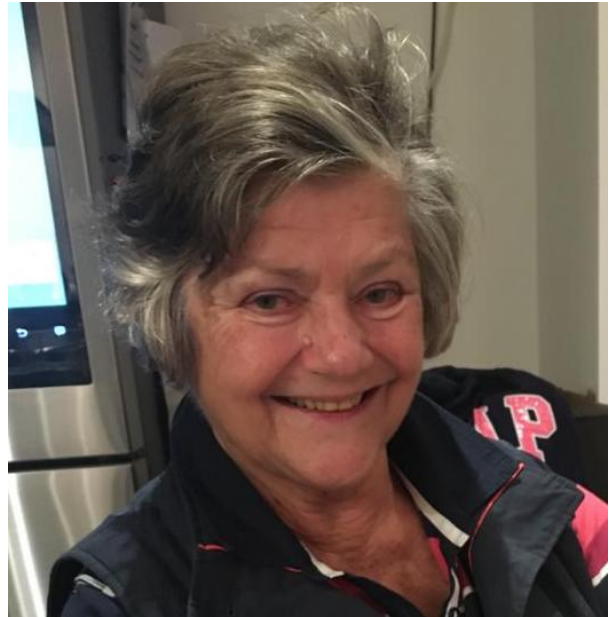


Sue Everest



Its almost a year since Sue passed away and we here at the Heritage Project still miss her greatly. Her enthusiasm, charm and knowledge of all things Blunitsham were to be much admired. With a grant from the Blunitsham 100 club a bench in her memory will be installed on the playing field and we would like to invite everyone to pay a visit and have a chat, keep her up to date with the village goings on. A fitting tribute to one of Blunitsham's finest.

Her two son's Simon and Jonty have kindly allowed us to share this tribute to Sue:

Susan (Sue) Everest (nee Ripley)

Sue moved to Bluntisham from the hamlet of Mainsforth in County Durham in 1955 as a 9 year old with her parents and younger sisters. The family moved in to Gullfield, Station Road, Bluntisham.

The reason for why the family chose Bluntisham is unclear but her parents were both stationed and met at RAF Wyton during WW2. After their marriage a business opportunity arose, and they relocated to the area where her father set up Marshall & Ripley Bridge End garage in Earith.

Sue attended what we now call the Old Day School on Bluntisham's High Street, for a couple of years before moving on to the new comprehensive St.Ivo School where she was Head Girl for her year.

Sue met Bob (dad) during her teenage years after he relocated to St.Ives from Kent.

Bob was working locally for Atcost and it wasn't long after Mum finished school that she started working for Day & Son Solicitors in St.Ives.

Sue and Bob married in the late 1960's and then built a home together in Bluntisham, which they lived in for the rest of their lives and had 2 sons, Simon and Jonathan.

Sue spent her entire professional career working for Day and Son solicitors (which later became Leeds Day). She made many friends and work colleagues whilst working here and still maintained contact with many of them through her retirement. She worked hard at the company whilst working to become a fully qualified Legal Executive. Neither of us can ever remember her coming home and complaining about her work, something that not many of us can relate to today.

Sue was always involved in village activities, this ranged from the PTA at St. Helens, assisting on the social events; Christmas Fetes, Barn Dances, Discos and Carnival activities. Being extremely active on the Parish council and then later as Parish councillor, more latterly as an active member of the WEA, University of the Third Age, the village keep fit clubs of Bluntisham and Somersham, plus Needingworth Garden Club. She was also a trustee of the Saywells School Charitable Trust supporting local organisations where they could.

Sue and Bob had a passion for travel, this centred in the 1980's and 1990's of family holidays in rural France, and then later of trips to Spain, Holland, Belgium and France with their friends, and many a happy story have been told around these trips. They also went on their own self drive holidays to Spain and Portugal in the last 15 years.

There are several items that will always live in our memories, the baking of Christmas cakes that were always baked as a ritual but not needed, seeming to know people everywhere we went (even on occasions in France), the constant reporting of how much rain had fallen in the last week, how many kilowatts the solar panels had generated in the warm weather, the shuffling and watering of the pot plants in the garden, and the finishing school etiquette that the Everest boys (and Bob) had to endure, especially if a milk bottle appeared on the table.

Simon & Jonathan

