

Steypning Parish Council



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GILL NESS-COLLINS

It is with great sadness that I have to report that one of our longest serving colleagues on Steypning Parish Council, Gill Ness-Collins, passed away recently after a long battle with cancer.

Gill had served for 12 years as a member of Steypning Parish Council and remained in-post until she passed away, having been actively participating until only a few weeks earlier, a mark of her dedication to the council. Despite having decided initially not to stand at the last election in 2015, she agreed nevertheless to continue as there were sadly less candidates at the time of the election than there were posts to fill.

Gill served as the Chairman of our Playing Fields Committee for nearly 10 years, reflecting her Physical Education teaching career in London Westminster and her interest and enthusiasm in the wellbeing of young people. Locally she was heavily involved with running the Girl Guides Ranger Unit and was a commissioner specialising in disabled needs. She was also Chairman of the Trefoil guild for former Guides.

In addition to her work with the Parish Council, Gill was also the Secretary of the Catholic Church and Churches Together and was awarded a Papal medal which was presented to her by the Pope himself for her services to the church. Again reflecting her commitment to the wellbeing of the local community, Gill was secretary of the Steypning Health Centre Patient Participation Group and Editor of the PPG 'Good Health' magazine.

Gill's quiet, generous and tireless services to the communities within Steypning will be very much missed by many.

Steve Northam
Chairman
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