

Susan Slater 1938-2026

Susan had been a member of Rugby Rail Users Group for at least 15 years, and secretary of the Group for 12 years.



She had a lot of history, graduating from Oxford in Maths in the class of '59, and had lived in London and her native Cumbria; she also lived in Grantham from 1968 until 1983, then Oxford, Whitstable, and in Rugby when she retired.

She initially lived in Furrow Close but really wanted a house that backed onto the abandoned Great Central railway, which she duly obtained in Slade Road. Deer would appear at the end of the long back garden where she lived with her two cats, Portia and Mercedes, (named for being both cars and Shakespearean). Her children and grandchildren caused her much amusement and some consternation, but she seemed to rise above it all.

At some point around 2014, Susan took on the role of secretary for the RRUG; she has been described as the most level-headed member of the committee. She enjoyed monthly trips to the Dunchurch Jazz, and every year we would wear the same Santa hats to the Xmas show. I also know that she was always preparing her next presentation to the U3A Science Group, or getting ready for a play reading, and she was an avid consumer of newspapers and magazines. She was a regular at the Rugby sports centre gym for quite a few years.

Susan had a few health episodes; she had seen off breast cancer and lung damage and was still living at home, with her miracle stair lift, right until the end. In the last few years she had seemed frailer but paced herself admirably and continued living a good life.

Rest in peace.