



Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness we have to announce that Jayne Bates, died last Monday 7th February 2011, from cancer.

Jayne was the highly respected founder chair-person of the Telegraph Hill Park Users Group, and member of the Telegraph Hill Society, without whose tenacity and determination the Park might never have been successfully awarded the Lottery Grant which has made it the beautiful resource it is today. In those days it was hard to drum up enthusiasm amongst park users for this funding project, the scale of which at times seemed hopelessly grand. However Jayne worked tirelessly for many years, some might say invisibly, certainly without any trace of egotism, at the head of a small steering group of park users, preparing the submission to the Heritage Lottery Commission. Jayne kindly hosted all the preparatory meetings at her home, always giving very generously of her time. She was assertive and thorough, with clarity, humour and without personal prejudice she helped the steering group to pursue our common objective, whether our personal interests were as dog owners, tennis players, footballers, parents of small children or wildlife enthusiasts. She was inspirational and the community owes her a great debt of gratitude.

When the refurbishment was completed Jayne stepped down as chair, because she felt she no longer had the time to spare. Many of us wondered if we could ever match her commitment. It was with some apprehensiveness that Paul and I jointly stepped into her shoes, aware that the only way either of us could take it on, would be to share the responsibility. She will be sorely missed.

There will be a funeral service for Jayne at St Catherine's Church at 1pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February, with refreshments afterwards at Brockley Jack. Jayne's husband Phillip tells us that anyone who knew her is welcome to join him. The family has asked for no flowers, but that a donation to St Christopher's Hospice Sydenham, (<http://www.stchristophers.org.uk/>) would be welcome as a gesture of appreciation for the place where she spent her last weeks.

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