

DANCEZING NEWS

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We were incredibly sad to learn that our dear friend and much loved member of our Dancezing family, Gill Peachey, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Sunday 16th January.

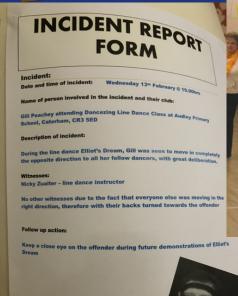
Gill had been dancing in our club for many years and had been line dancing for around 20 years in total. She will be sorely missed by many of us.

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I am fortunate to have met Gill through line dancing. She was truly one of life's gems! She was kind, smiley, had time for everyone, extremely knowledgeable, loved nature & dancing & had a great sense of humour. She was a beautiful person and I am going to

miss her so very much. I am lucky that I have an image of her in my head of the last class she came to just a few days before she passed and she was laughing so much......





After the sad & unexpected death of our wonderful friend Gill, we thought we would remember and share some of our memories.

We first met Gill about 20 years ago. She came with a friend to our line dance class as an absolute beginner. Well that first week she was very uncoordinated & very unsteady, but she went home

and studied the internet & returned the next week having one dance under her belt. There was no stopping her after that - she was hooked! She knew the steps, tags, restarts. She was the first to laugh at the fact that her feet didn't always know what her brain knew. The giggles when she went wrong are legendary. Always a giggle to come face to face with her on the dance floor. We also had many a laugh away from dancing - she is a very entertaining dinner companion.



Gill was also a font of knowledge about flora & fauna. She especially loved moths, butterflies & other insects, (a glow worm walk with Gill was a highlight). She made the most of this knowledge with her camera. Her pictures of insects are

She also did some wonderful slide shows with her narrative which brought the pictures to life. She enjoyed sharing her knowledge in a very fun & informative way.

During lockdown Gill kept us connected & sane with weekly Zoom meetings. So funny to see Gill peering past Mabel's tail, as it flicked & gyrated, when her Mum's cat joined the meeting! Gill enjoyed Nicky's on line dance sessions & would often end up laughing when she found herself among the coats hanging in her hallway having run out of space!



Her love of Farthing Downs & Coulsdon Common took on another meaning when she had her camera with her. She saw the little things others missed. We loved to walk & talk.



We enjoyed may line dance weekend breaks together and have fond memories of Saturday afternoon 'parties' in Gill & Jenny's room, having a glass (or two) of vino and laughing uproariously!

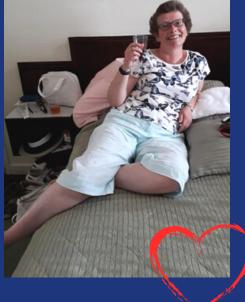


Gill's humour added to the enjoyment and fun we all had during the many meals out we arranged. She was a very entertaining & knowledgeable companion.





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We were lucky to share many wonderful times with Gill over the years and we will miss, the baby of our group, Gill Peachey, dearly....

Debbie, Pauline & Valerie xxx

Goodbye Gill Peachey

Gill was such a good friend for so many years (I really can't remember which year we met at Delys' pilates class in Coulsdon – but a very long time ago!), we had such a lot in common. It was always a pleasure to go walking with Gill on Farthing Downs every week because of her knowledge of nature, and her ability to identify unusual plants – she always found something different to keep us happy and amused. Recently, during latter lockdown Jenny Green joined us as we discovered Gill and Jenny had a lot in common.

We followed Gill's butterfly transepts (Jenny also does a butterfly transept), counted glow worms in the dark every June and used her bat detector to identify the different species of bat flying overhead. We also discovered that our art, photography and technical knowledge were really complementary to each other and it was a joy to compare our ideas together and, previously, with her mother.

We met each other's friends and family, discussed line dances and progress (or lack of) and had happy moments playing games together such as shove halfpenny or Mexican Train.

Gill's warmth and friendship will be sorely missed; love her forever

Ricky Austin



Gill will be missed by many because she touched the hearts and minds of everyone who met her.

Let's take comfort in the fact that she is still with us in the beautiful nature that surrounds us and in every dance step we take







