

HIGHLIGHT–Alton Camera Club Newsletter – February 2011

Jennie was admitted to Basingstoke hospital after suffering a stroke on Tuesday morning and died on Thursday evening 3rd February. She was 87.

Jennie joined the Alton Camera Club with her husband Dan soon after coming to live at the Andrews Endowed School in 1969. She was headmistress from 1969 – 1983. They soon became very involved with the club and Dan took on the task of press officer a job which Jennie took on when Dan died in 1975. Jennie carried on this task for over 30 years with only one or two short breaks. She would have written in the region of 1800 reports mostly before the use of a computer made this a less onerous task.

She co-edited the club magazine, 'Highlight' for over 20 years and was also responsible for numerous updates to both the handbook and the club introductory booklet. For 25 years Jennie co-produced and presented Presentation Evening the club's annual prize giving. When Eric Bennett was elected to the post as programme secretary Jennie acted as his correspondence secretary and in the summer of 2006 Jennie did most of the work preparing the club's successful lottery application.

In 1978 Jennie joined the Audio Group and regularly submitted AV sequences for the club's annual audio visual show, individually and as a co-author. Over the last few years she has fronted the groups AV shows given to clubs and organisations around the district.

Members of the Southern Photographic Federation will remember her representing Alton CC with Eric not only at the quarterly Club representatives meetings but at many other SPF events. They were particularly grateful for her fund raising co-ordinating print box orders. In 2009 Jennie was very proud to receive the Southern Photographic Federation Roll of Honour Award.

Back in the 1980's Jennie with Eric organised half a dozen of the club safaris, a photographic treasure hunt. Jennie was also a member of the Disabled Photographers' Society and with Eric, as a friend of the society, attended many of their events.

Jennie enjoyed travelling and was still organising the annual club weekend trips with her son Mike. She and Eric travelled to Turkey on numerous occasions from the late eighties travelling around on inter-city buses. In 1997 she made what was to be the first of many trips to Texas and the U.S. Southern States. Even in the last few years she has managed two trips to America complete with her wheelchair.

We shall always think of her with considerable warmth and affection, knowing that the Club we are involved with was developed by her efforts, gentle humour and considered direction. The club and its members owe her a great deal.