

JANE ROSE (1954–2000)

Jane Rose, one of the early editors of *Deddington News*, died on 20 July after a long battle with cancer. She was 46. Many people will not know of her involvement with the *DN* in its early days.

Jane, and her husband Roger and children Christopher and Helen, came to Stone House in 1978 and she quickly became involved in village life, including the Guides and taking on the challenging task of raising advertising revenue for the *DN*. She became the third editor in October 1980, running the magazine virtually single handed. Her last issue as editor November 1981 lists her contribution as 'Copy, Editor, Typing, Duplicating' – enough to finish anyone! A new production team was in place the following month, but Jane still had her sleeves rolled up for another two years, wielding the ancient duplicator that turned out the pages.

DN was living from hand to mouth in those days, and Jane's last issue records £60 being raised at a coffee morning, which was enough to keep the magazine going until Christmas. How times have changed, with *DN* firmly established as part of the parish and its finances secure. Jane's energy and organisational ability were put to good use in her work over many years as Administrator at the National Institute for Nursing (now the Royal College of Nursing Institute) at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford. She was passionate about skiing, organising many trips in Europe and North America for the Oxfordshire Ski Club.

The onset of cancer seven years ago did little to restrict her activities. Indeed, rather than giving in, she grew in purpose and determination, working until the last couple of months of her life. Jane will be hugely missed by all those who admired her unflinching courage and determination.

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