

## Tribute to Helen

It's now over three months since Helen sadly passed away but still, I think, we feel her presence at our weekly meetings. She was such a force for good, not only in the leadership of Watford Writers, but in everything she did for the community in which she lived. I, like everyone who was privileged to know Helen, was always struck by her kind-hearted and selfless attitude to life and how, despite the enormous health challenges she faced every day, she never complained. On the contrary, she talked about how lucky she was to be surrounded by family and friends that loved her, and how she had never expected to live to see her grandchildren.

Unsurprisingly, she was an amusing and sensitive writer, her pieces reflecting her wry take on life with every opportunity taken to see the funny side of things. But as the leader of a group dedicated to the promotion of good writing, she was unafraid to give straight, constructive criticism, always, of course, with a warm smile.

We all miss her deeply, but influence on the group and its members lives on.

R.I.P.