

Janet Quinn – An Appreciation

Janet Quinn wrote about her time as a nursing sister in Uganda in the 1950s. She describes the adventure and the challenges and her travels within Africa. She spent three years in Mulago and it was here that she met one Paddy Quinn, a pharmacist! Their wedding reception was in the Sister's mess - the Matron stood in as 'mother of the bride'. Her story is to be found in *Scribblers inc.* - *A collection of Writings and Ramblings by Malahide Ladies of 'A Certain Age'.*



She and Paddy settled in Malahide about forty years ago with Shiela and Nick and it was here that she found her other great love, bridge.

In her recent contribution to the history booklet of MRBC, Janet describes how she and others embraced the idea of having a custom-built bridge premises. When colour schemes and carpets and curtains were being discussed, there was Janet in their midst.

She was Hon Sec for six years in the early days and was very pleased when asked to be Trustee, a post she held until her death in December.

Marie Sheehy and Daphne Mc Kee were among her bridge partners and what fun they had, with husbands in tow, they would head off to the Donegal Congress. And thereafter to Daphne's holiday home on the coast of Donegal. She really enjoyed the bridge holidays arranged by Mary Walsh, where 180 people would hit the hot spots of Europe to play bridge and golf and to sing and dance the night away!

Janet was a beautiful gardener and in her day a very keen tennis player. She enjoyed scrabble and crosswords and was not a bad scribbler either. Her enthusiasm for her Active Retirement group never wavered, she was President for many years. She is sorely missed by her friends there.

She is missed also by the members of MRBC. Janet was a charming lady and an astute bridge player. We are grateful to her for the role she played in the early years of this club.

**May she rest in peace.
Marie Sheehy & Willie Heath**