

EILEEN FLOWER Obituary

Eileen played most of her bridge at Selsdon Bridge Club. She started her involvement with the Croydon Congress by assisting Beryl Absalom with administrative duties. (The Congress itself had first been held in 1951, organised then by Fred Hobden and directed by Dudley Freshwater.)

Eileen later became the Congress Secretary, ably assisted by her husband John, and continued to organise it for over 20 years. She charmed the players with her chirpy and courteous manner, and her hard work and dedication ensured that the 50th event was reached in the spring of 2001.

Unfortunately, Eileen was not able to continue as its Secretary after that. Latterly she had been suffering severe discomfort from a spinal disorder. Despite this, she continued her involvement, radiating cheerfulness. Her obituary appeared in the "Surrey Bridge" magazine of Spring 2003.