

London North Group Newsletter April 2011

Henrietta Search

It is with great sadness that we announce that Henrietta Search, our Newsletter Editor died suddenly on 26 March at University College Hospital after a brief but serious illness. Henrietta joined our group in July 2008 following a stroke which affected her speech and right side. She was also a member and then a trustee of Connect, the communication disability network.

Henrietta was always supportive of other members and was respected as a critical friend. She quickly responded to a request to help Michael Brown our website designer in getting our website underway and continued to work on its development - see photo below. It was Henrietta who suggested the shortened address dsln.co.uk to make logging on easier for stroke survivors who had lost the use of their right hand. She took on the role of Newsletter Editor in November 2008. Henrietta regularly attended our Monday Chi Kung Group and had become a member of our new steering committee, organised to develop strategies for the survival of our group in the event of continuing Government cuts affecting our funding.

Prior to her stroke Henrietta worked for Marie Stopes International, firstly from 1985 as a Projects Manager and subsequently as Overseas Programme Director. In 1994 she was appointed Managing Director of Options an overseas health aid consultancy.

Henrietta's funeral was on 12 April at Golders Green Crematorium, followed by an event at the British Library with speeches and readings. Many of Henrietta's friends from the group attended one or both events - Bella, Cathy, Craig, Dominic, Ian and his wife Thelma, John, Pat and Shakila.



Henrietta, Michael and John finalising the website before going live in 2008.

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Support for Younger Stroke Survivors