



## In Memory of **Pamela Claire Taylor**

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Pam Brivio

I am pleased to be able to write these few words in memory of our dear friend Pam Taylor who died in June after a short illness. Pam will be well known to readers of the Dover Society newsletter as for many years she was a proof reader and I understand this goes back many years.

I, and many others, I know feel privileged to have had Pam as a friend and a part of our life here in Dover. Whilst South African born, Pam Loved Dover, her adopted town, always quick to defend any criticism and give praise.

She had a wide community of friends both here in Dover, the UK and worldwide. I was always impressed by how she kept up with people, whether by letter, or by long phone calls (we were not able to get her to embrace modern technology!) Pam was a friend to many, often long friendships came about by chance meetings. She was the sort of person who could- and would - talk to anyone and everyone and more than that, get to know them.

We will all have treasured memories of Pam, she was such great company, enjoying trips to the cinema, lunch at the Marina, to the theatre to see a favourite comedian, or a

play, discussing books or just stopping for coffee. A passionate advocate of many causes, the environment, peace, the women's movement, fights against injustice. Her career spanned working with older people via Age Concern (with her great friend Anne Mole) and then a return to teaching at South Kent College with students with special needs.

Family meant a great deal to Pam, and she loved family celebrations of all kinds, the advent of grandchildren provided Pam, who adored babies, in fact children and young people of all ages, with the opportunity to welcome her grandchildren into the world with love and enthusiasm.

Her funeral in the beautiful setting of Deerton Natural Burial Ground was a wonderful tribute to a wonderful person; the service was conducted by her close friend Sue Baumbach. Eulogies were delivered by her sister Moira, her children and grandchildren, her former husband Gavin and his wife Helena. "Attila the Stockbroker" read one of his poems. Pete Seeger's anthem "we shall overcome" was played and the ceremony closed with "Nkosi Sikelel i Afrika" by Soweto Gospel Choir.