

The Friends of the Victoria Pavillion, (Winter Gardens) Morecambe. *Charity 1064127*
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NEWSLETTER

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Evelyn Archer

5th August 1940 - 4th November 2018

It is with great sadness that the Friends have to inform members of the death last November of our chair Evelyn, following a short illness. Evelyn became chair over 25 years ago, even becoming a City Councillor in order to champion the Friends campaigns. It is thanks to her tenacity on the council and the Friends, funding was found for the external restoration in the early 1990s.

Evelyn's love for the Winter Gardens started like many with a childhood visit to see the magical pantomime Cinderella, participation in the dance festival, local amateurs. Evelyn wished for younger generations to have the same experiences as she was able to enjoy. This passion saw the Friends being offered the building in the early 2000s, the Friends took the decision establish the Preservation Trust in 2006 and subsequently buying the Winter Gardens. With Evelyn's passing we have all lost a personal friend, her remarkable legacy has left us with a functioning theatre at the heart of Morecambe, we offer her family our heartfelt condolences for their sad loss.

We now move forward in the history of the building and dearly hope you will continue your valued support for the Friends and the Winter Gardens. Finally thank go to all the Friends and volunteers who immences contribution have to allowed the theatre to operate or worked on its continued restoration.

The committee wish to notify you of the 2019 Annual General Meeting information is on page 2.