

Ursula 'was just a lovely person'

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"From all of us at Godolphin our thoughts are with Kevin, and the family, and we look forward to welcoming him back when he is ready."

As well as her racing life, Ursula was well-known in local running circles. She was an accomplished distance runner and a member of Newmarket Joggers.

Kevin said she had competed in the London Marathon three times and had also completed the Berlin Marathon in 2014 when she recorded her best time for the distance, three hours and 23 minutes.

Kate Warboys, chairman of Newmarket Joggers, said: "Ursula was an integral part of the club. She was not only a fantastic runner but an inspiration to all members and particularly supportive of those just starting out. She was the first woman to win our champion performer award.

"She was just a lovely person and although very focused on her running it was not to the exclusion of everything else. She always had time to help others because she could remember what it was like when she first took up running."

Ursula had first been diagnosed with cervical cancer in 2019.

"Her reaction to that was to do what she could to raise awareness of how important it was to make sure women got themselves tested for it," said Kevin.

"She suffered a lot as a result of the radiotherapy treatment but she was clear of it for 18 months. It came back and in 2022 had spread to her lungs. She did her best to keep going and we got on with our lives.

"She wanted to try and live her life to the full and she did that. In August we went to see The Who at Sandringham and when we got back she complained of a headache. The cancer had spread to her brain but she dealt with that by getting an 18-month old cocker spaniel puppy, Fergal, to keep her going."

Kevin was full of praise for the staff at St Nicholas Hospice Care who cared for Ursula at the end of her life. "They were marvellous, not just for Ursula but for us," he said.

And donations made at her funeral, which will be on Monday, December 4, at 1pm at West Suffolk Crematorium will go to the hospice.

He also thanked the community in Fordham and all those at Godolphin for their support.

Academy students' awards for their efforts in careers expo



Winners Grace Woollard and Emel Kurian Jacob with Josh Schunmann and Tracy Grew and Nick Carson of Yutree

Two Newmarket Academy students have received recognition for the part they played in a careers event held at the Exning Road school last month.

Year 8 pupil Grace Woollard and Emel Kurian Jacob, who is in Year 10, received Lego set prizes given by town firm Yutree Insurance.

More than 800 students at the academy took part in the careers expo organised by the Newmarket Charitable Foundation and involving some 24 town businesses and organisations.

The foundation's new director, Josh Schunmann, who was at the prize presentation, said: "We asked attending organisations not to talk just about specific jobs but to help students to understand the array of available careers within their sector.

"We wanted to open their eyes to what is out there, raising aspirations and making it clear that all of this is right on their doorstep. The feedback from the students and businesses has been fabulous and we are already discussing ways of making it even better next year."

Residents' plea to planners to reject 'deafening' aircon units

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Residents living close to Newmarket town centre claim council planners have ignored their pleas to intervene after the owner of a neighbouring building installed unsightly compressor and air conditioning units within five metres of their homes.

People living in Church Lane said the machinery, at the rear of a new Turkish supermarket, in the former Blockbuster video shop at 128 High Street, was completely different to what was shown on an application for planning permission submitted to West Suffolk Council and had been installed before permission was granted.



The units which have been attached to the rear of a High Street premises

"We have objected on the basis that the location, the size and the number of these units is not what is shown on the council's own planning portal," said one neighbour, whose front sitting room and bedroom look straight out on the equipment.

"Our homes were built in 1900, and are in a conservation area, but this

shows a complete disregard for our heritage," she added.

"We have also asked the council to carry out a noise impact assessment because we believe the compressor's noise could be as high as 120 decibels, 40 decibels higher than the highest permitted level, which would be deafening," she said.

"To the best of our knowledge, no-one from the council has ever been out to look at this site."

The residents are also concerned about the installation of the equipment.

"It was initially held up with ropes but has since been welded on to brackets. Nothing has been put in to prevent the transmission of noise and when they're turned on I fully expect my windows to vibrate.

"Our proposal is that they should

be taken down to ground level and fenced around to dampen the noise but the council has made no response to our comments. This is pushing everybody to breaking point."

The application to the council also included changes to the front of the building to install a timber frame to conform with West Suffolk shop front policy but, to date, although the supermarket appears to be stocked, no work on the front has been carried out and it remains closed.

A council spokesperson said: "The council is working with the property owner to understand and address the noise issues raised by neighbours. A new planning application has been submitted and comments from neighbours and consultees are being considered carefully as part of the planning process."

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