

Celebration of the Life of Tina Bradley

30th August 1959 - 25th August 2020



Remember Me

by Anthony Dowson

Speak of me as you have always done.
Remember the good times, laughter, and fun.

Share the happy memories we've made.
Do not let them wither or fade.

I'll be with you in the summer's sun
And when the winter's chill has come.

I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.

I've rested my eyes and gone to sleep,
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.

Sometimes our final days may be a test,
But remember me when I was at my best.

Although things may not be the same,
Don't be afraid to use my name.

Let your sorrow last for just a while.
Comfort each other and try to smile.

I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.
Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become.





This book is dedicated to the life of Tina Bradley, who dedicated her life selflessly to helping others.

Constructed with love from memories and photos from those whose lives she touched, both professionally and personally.

Central Sterilising Club 2020

Tina was a remarkable person.

She joined the Hospital Infection Research Laboratory early in her career and both adapted to it and adapted it to her. She acquired skills that are not taught but need to be gained through experience and logic. In doing so she became one of the main driving forces in that organization. It didn't stop there.

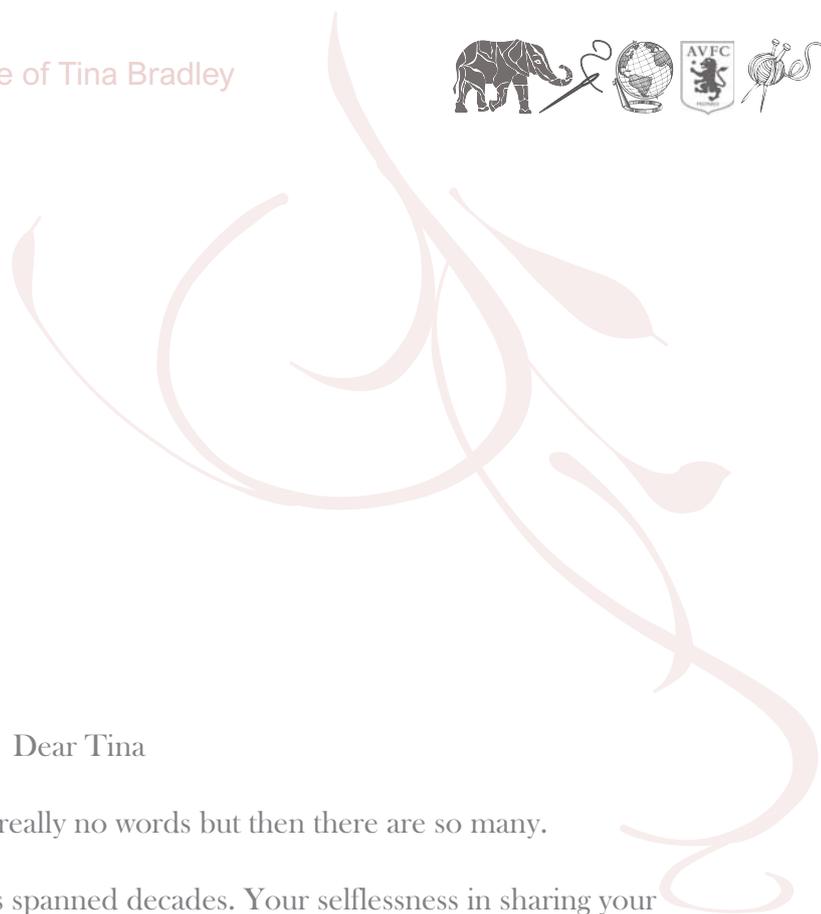
Tina was a true innovator by whatever means were necessary. She was tirelessly active in many professional organizations, particularly in organising conference programs to address current problems and the formation of working groups on issues vital to public health. Tina was passionate about what she did and the benefits that it could bring to a wider society – locally, nationally and globally.

Tina was not defined by the application of science alone. She was every bit as enthusiastic about the social side of conferences and meetings, in both organising and participating; work and enjoyment meshed seamlessly together. She would revel into the early hours and yet be bright as a button in the early sessions the following morning.

Tina, a friend and colleague to so many, left us too soon. All will remember her with fondness, admiration and sorrow.

Peter Hoffman





Dear Tina

Where do I start for there are really no words but then there are so many.

Our companionship and friendship has spanned decades. Your selflessness in sharing your knowledge and skills on endoscope decontamination with me. Your support in developing BSG guidelines, audit tools and training packages. The loves and the laughs we had whether it be on safari or in Selfridges.

The endoscopy world has lost a guiding light, patients may never know that you are largely responsible for their safety. Heaven has gained the friend that I have lost.

**'When the real value of service becomes clear in the judgement of god
People who worked in quiet anonymity will be the real heroes'.**

Henry B Eyving.

RIP my hero- until we meet again.

Dr Helen Griffiths



I worked closely with Tina before she retired. After Tina retired we still met when she was having an appointment with the clinic for a Costa. It was a long standing thing we took it in turns to buy and she gave me so much valuable advice! Tina was such a lovely lady and so keen for anyone to progress/develop thus she handed over to me her annual lecturing sessions with IPC nurse at Birmingham City University. I will never forget the day she asked me to do her presentation for CSC, she was so positive and encouraging and I was a bag of nerves! But hopefully I did her justice! Well that let the flood gates open as she started to push more and more presentations my way and Tina paid with a skinny Latte!

Tina was key in getting the UHB Central decontamination unit up and running and in honour of her memory within the unit the team we will be dedicating/placing a plaque on one of our machines. Tina used to go into the unit and work alongside the team when she was carrying out research on some device, so all the team knew her very well and she would roll up her sleeves and work alongside the team! She was so proud of our unit and many times she would be showing international visitors around the unit.

Sharon Fox



Through the years

Day one as a new infection prevention nurse in 2001, I turned to Tina by happy chance. Tina invited me to HIRL & taught me so much on day one & everyday thereafter.

When Hereford built the new hospital, we benefited from her expertise in the commissioning of many aspects, the Theatres & all of the protective rooms were tested and commissioned by Tina, she made testing airflows fun, everything was fun with Tina.

Tina's diverse work in improving standards of infection prevention, in so very many areas, continues to protect countless people, Tina's work has undoubtedly saved Patients lives through the prevention of avoidable harm.

My daughters & I have many happy memories of fun with Tina, from bear hunts to feet aching shopping trips, memories of which we will enjoy whilst wearing the beautiful scarfs Tina expertly crafted for us.

Tina was so much, to so many of us, loved for a million reasons. Heaven will be a happier place with Tina, filling it with fun, craft and the care of a modest, wonderful person.

Tina we love you.

Gillian Hill



Personally, I was devastated to hear this sad news. Tina was such a warm and friendly person, with whom I felt a special connection. Presently, I'm sitting at my desk reminiscing about past times and looking at the pretty glass paperweight that she once gave me. It has taken on a new significance now, I'm sure many of us are experiencing similar feelings.

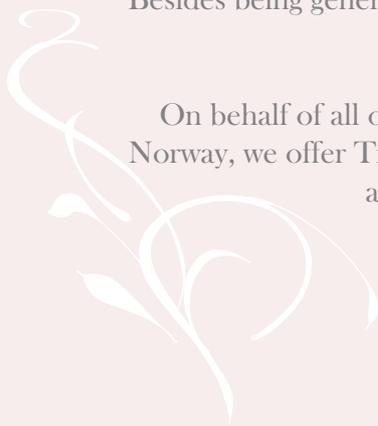
Our Head of Department, Dr. Egil Lingaas (a past Kelsey lecturer) and myself would like to share a few memories and sentiments about our association and friendship with Tina:

It was with great sadness that we learned of Tina's passing. Having known Tina for more than 10 years, first making her acquaintance through the CSC and later when she kindly supported our conference in Oslo, with talks on endoscopy decontamination. We held Tina in high esteem for her dedication to infection prevention and decontamination.

Besides being generous with her knowledge, we had many a good laugh with Tina, in particularly the fun and giggles we had playing pub-skittles at a CSC meeting.

On behalf of all of us here at the Department of Infection Prevention Oslo University Hospital, Norway, we offer Tina's family, friends and colleagues our most heartfelt condolences and sympathy at this difficult time. R.I.P. dear Tina, we will never forget you.

Linda Ashurst





I worked with Tina and she was always very supportive and helped me with the development of standards for Endoscopy.

I will never forget her cheerful manner and was always impressed with her knowledge and professionalism.

Rest in Peace Tina, You will be missed by us all

John Harrison



Tina was a lovely person and extremely generous with her time and in sharing her expertise.

I particularly remember that when I was setting up the Sheffield “Don’t Panic!” infection control meetings in the early 2000s, she was always willing to speak and, as a well-recognised expert, she was a great “name” to have on the programme.

I knew that I could always tap in to her knowledge of the field to identify speakers on almost any area of decontamination and healthcare-associated infection.

Many of us have progressed through our careers relying on the fact that Tina was available for advice and support - she will be sorely missed.

Dr Elisabeth Ridgway



Tina fought so bravely, and will be fondly remembered in our industry.

The Decon world is a sad place today.

John Prendergast



I have vivid images in my head of Tina lecturing persuasively and simply to large, attentive and appreciative audiences, patiently responding to particular questions from small groups or individuals, talking about everyday life to Rosemary and myself and joking with her friends in post-meeting bars and restaurants.

Craig Mackintosh

Christina Bradley- In Loving memory

It is with great sorrow and a heavy heart that we learnt about the passing of one of our most passionate ICAN friend and colleagues.

ICAN had very long history with Tina, for many years we invited her as an expert on Decontamination and Sterilization. Her journey with the Unit of infection prevention and control (UIPC) at Tygerberg Hospital Cape Town and the Infection Control Africa Network (ICAN) started in 2008.

Tina was loved and greatly respected for her knowledge and friendly approach to the students, we cherish the great memories we have of her working and playing with us. On and off the teaching platform, Tina was always full of love and fun.

She actively participated in the ICAN international conferences until 2018. Tina will be missed and leaves behind a great hole in our hearts. ICAN salutes her life achievements and it was a great honour and privilege to have known her for so many ways in on so many levels. RIP

Prof F Ogunsola and Mrs AC Vorndran

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Christina (Tina) Bradley joined the Hospital Infection Research Laboratory (HIRL) in Birmingham shortly after leaving school, working as a laboratory assistant; through studying she gained qualifications in microbiology and achieved status as a senior laboratory scientific officer before becoming leader of the laboratory under the direction of Professor Graham Ayliffe and latterly, Dr Adam Fraise.

The HIRL facility itself achieved both national, international, and commercial success as a reference laboratory, for its test work on disinfectants and all matters related to the decontamination of reusable medical devices, especially flexible endoscopes.

Tina represented HIRL and her profession of laboratory scientists on several national and international committees and working groups and was much in demand as an international lecturer, tutor, and values committee member. Her loss after a long period of illness will be remembered worldwide for her enthusiasm on her knowledge base and skills.

Recently Tina became the first female chairman of the UK Central Sterilising Club; a role which she undertook with her usual diligence and wonderful sense of humour.

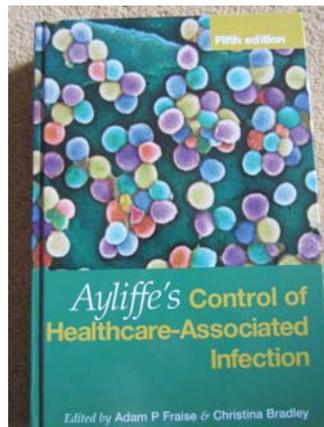
She will greatly be missed by many of us globally.

Gillian A Sills

HIRL (Hospital Infection Research Laboratory, Birmingham, UK)

Concern about the general problem of infection in hospitals in the Birmingham Region led to the establishment of the Regional Hospital Infection Research Laboratory (HIRL) at the Dudley Road Hospital (later the City Hospital) in Birmingham in 1964.

The initial functions of the HIRL were to assess the extent of infection in local hospitals, and to determine the causes of infection and recommend preventive measures. Later, this evolved into a special interest in disinfection and sterilization. The experience of the HIRL was used to develop regional recommendations for controlling infection. These were later developed into a handbook on control of hospital infection initially edited by E.J. Lowbury, G. Ayliffe, A. Geddes and D. Williams. First published in 1975, this handbook has been used widely both nationally and internationally, and is now in its fifth edition as Ayliffe's Control of healthcare-associated infection, edited by Adam Fraise and Tina Bradley.



Tina rest in peace my dearest friend.

I have had the privilege to work with a true great in Infection Control.

I first met you when I started out in Infection Prevention in 2008. You were one of the main reasons

I took up a career in Infection Prevention. It was a dream to be able to work at UHB and have access to all your knowledge. You played a massive part in the person I am today. It is an honour to be the Director of the Hospital Infection Research Laboratory, I hope I do you proud.

More than anything else I had the pleasure to call you my friend. I shared many memorable moments with you. From the birth of Ryan, to all the trips to conferences, including abroad where you first met my wife Abi in Romania.

We all loved you finally get the rest you deserve.

I was always one for puns, for you Tina - LEGEND sums it up xxxx

Mark Garvey, Abi and Ryan





The HIRL developed an international reputation for its work on disinfection and decontamination. Alcohol hand rubs for hand disinfection in hospitals were widely used in Europe in the 1960s and 1970s, but not in the UK or the USA. The HIRL led the use of hygienic hand disinfection with alcoholic solution in the UK.

In the late 70s Tina joined the HIRL straight after school and qualified as a biomedical scientist in 1979. Tina and the HIRL demonstrated that there were drawbacks to the use of alcohol for hand hygiene. This led to the development of a new technique for hand disinfection which is used all over the world. Second, alcohol is not active against all viruses. Work by Tina and HIRL showed that, whereas the herpes viruses were sensitive to alcohols, some non-enveloped viruses, such as polioviruses, were more resistant and handwashing with soap and water was still required during outbreaks of enterovirus infection.

As flexible endoscopy became more widely used, outbreaks of infection related to inadequate decontamination of these instruments became more frequent. Tina and HIRL worked with manufacturers (and continues to do so today) to improve the cleaning and disinfection of these devices. Tina became the world expert in endoscope decontamination, and this is what she is most famous for in the world of Infection Prevention. Her work in endoscopy decontamination led her to travel the world and she is known in every part of the world as the Queen of endoscopy.

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Christina Bradley
Laboratory Manager
Hospital Infection Research Laboratory
Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, UK
www.qehb.nhs.uk



Over the years Tina and HIRL has collaborated on many more projects with many more researchers than is possible to describe here. Suffice to say that Tina, HIRL and its collaborators contributed hugely to the knowledge base upon which current infection and control proactive is based, and to the education of healthcare professionals on infection prevention and control. Tina and HIRL are synonymous in the world of Infection Prevention. The HIRL continues, supported by industry, research and by University Hospitals Birmingham (where Tina moved the lab in the early 2000s).



Tina was an extraordinary lady, humble, funny, a very loyal friend and an exceptional scientist. Working in Birmingham for HIRL since the 1970's at City Hospital and then at the Queen Elizabeth had been her life. She became the voice of decontamination not just in the UK but Worldwide and her word was the quality sign off - no question.

I had known Tina since we did our 'special' together at Birmingham Polytechnic no less in 1980 - 40 years - she was a very dear friend, we spent many evenings enjoying some lovely food and obviously the odd glass of wine :) I shall miss those evenings, her lively company and her sense of humour which she kept until the end.

The last two years were not easy, but she enjoyed some quality time in retirement, travelling to South Africa to see Shaheen and spending lots of time 'crafting' with Verity.

She has gone too soon, the world of Decontamination will miss her,
but her friends and family will miss her more.

Karen Johnson



I am very sorry to hear about the loss of Tina, and would like to extend my condolences to friends, family and colleagues.

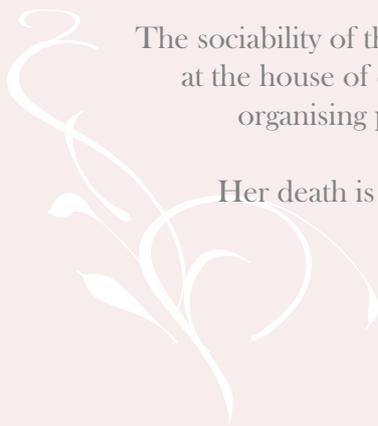
I have very fond memories of Tina and her kindness to me - I started as an antibiotic pharmacist at Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust in 2002, and was based in the microbiology department at City Hospital; this was a fantastic place to begin my career, as it was the home of both the BSAC Susceptibility Testing Methodology Centre managed by Jenny Andrews and the Hospital Infection Research Laboratory, managed by Tina. In addition, there was a fantastic team of microbiologists and the odd guest appearance by Professor Richard Wise and very occasionally, Professor Ayliffe. Such stellar company!

While I didn't work directly with Tina, there was a tradition of gathering for a coffee about 10.30am in her office, when the microbiologists, registrars and the HIRL team would chat over coffee. As a newbie in the department, this could have been an intimidating environment to join, but Tina was so friendly, welcoming and interested in my job and what I was doing, that it wasn't. I have the fondest memories of these times, and it was an environment and atmosphere that I haven't encountered anywhere else since - it really made my job fun and enjoyable and was a high point of each day.

The sociability of the group, fostered by Tina, extended to BBQs and Christmas parties, often held at the house of one of the microbiologists, and Tina would be at the centre of the activities - organising party games, encouraging people to participate and just being lots of fun.

Her death is a great loss, but I will always treasure the happy memories I have of Tina.

Conor Jamieson





The Dash

by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile... remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?



I have known Tina for over 40 years. We first met when I was a trainee Microbiologist in the mid to late 1970's, at a Central Sterilising Club meeting. We endured a strong friendship until long after I retired from the NHS.

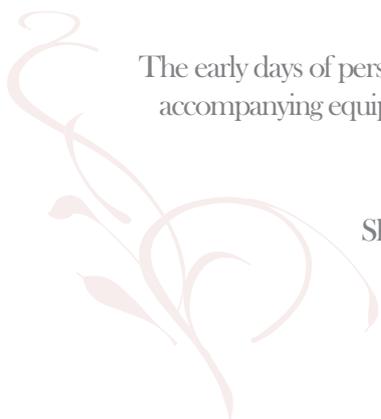
Tina, like me came from the old "technician stock" (I too was once Junior Lab Technician prior to studying medicine). I therefore more than most appreciate what she managed to achieve in difficult professional world.

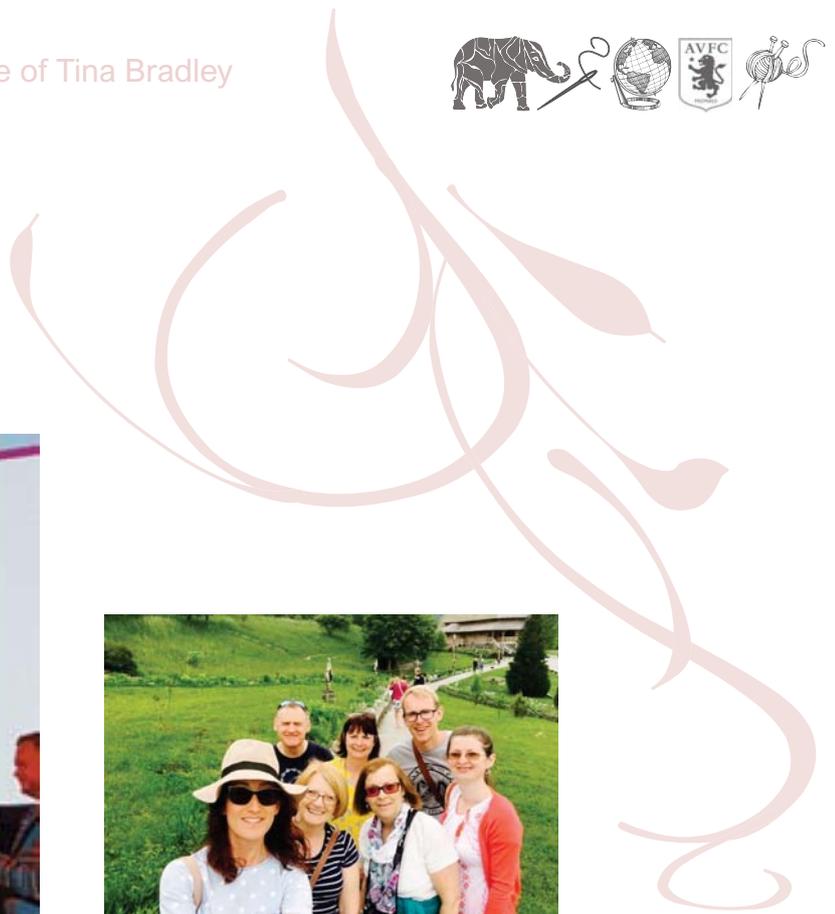
Tina rose from the being a junior MLSO up to the peak of her profession. Although her abilities were frequently underestimated by her administrative masters, she became not only highly respected in the UK for her work on Flexible Endoscope Decontamination, but a Global Phenomenon.

The early days of persuading Endoscopists of the need for proper decontamination of these endoscopes and the accompanying equipment were an uphill battle. Yet Tina by sheer personal charm was able to rise above and ensure that her standards became the standards.

Tina was a wonderful lady, full of fun and lacking any pretension.
She will be much missed by her many professional and personal friends.

Geoff Ridgway





An inspiration



Tina will be sadly missed by myself and all at PFE not only for her knowledge and dedication to decontamination but also her amazing spirit and passion.

She was always free to talk no matter how big or small the question and ready for a good laugh. She treated everyone as an equal, even when I did ask stupid questions and was just a genuinely lovely person.

I am truly grateful for everything Tina taught me and the support she showed me.

Rest In Peace Tina.

Rebecca Hartley



Having known, worked and laughed with but most of all respected Tina for many years, this news has deeply saddened me.

She was such a massive font of knowledge and has helped me overcome my confusion in the decontamination world greatly. I will be forever thankful for her helping hand and her constant availability, no matter how simple the question.

Rest In Peace Tina.

Sohail Shami



I met Tina many years ago when I was working in the labs at Pall Medical – we hit it off straight away as I had also trained as a Biomedical Scientist in my local hospital. We attended many of the same conferences and had lots of fun, as you can well imagine!

My pathway took me to the Water Management Society and so I saw less of Tina recently, which I really regret. We last met up at conference in Wales exactly 3 years ago on 7th September 2017 – she was on top form as always, both when presenting and partying afterwards!

Elise Maynard



Such a fount of all knowledge. Always patient and helpful. Well remember a conversation about our theatres with her on the pier at Brighton with seagulls in the background. Will be terribly missed

Alison Johnson





Mose and I always looked forward to your visits, work hard and play hard
My dearest friend, you will be sorely missed. I have no one to drive with for 9 hours from the Northern Cape to Cape Town so that we could catch our plane!! We only went out to see the Namaqualand daisies and overstayed because it was your 50th birthday.

Prof Shaheen Mehtar



It will be a very sad day as we have all lost a good friend who helped us all with her judgement and knowledge. I know that she helped me a great deal in trying to find solutions to problems as and when we found them, she was a great sounding board and offered many answers to our questions.

I think Tina enabled us all to progress to very high standards in the UK as a whole, and I know we made the patients much safer because of her.

She will be greatly missed by me and many others.

Graham Stanton



My professional and personal outlook has been enriched through knowing Tina. I only wish I'd known her for a lot longer than the 8 years I did.

As a work colleague, she was engaging, thoughtful and encouraging. Out of work, I found her to be great company, often surprising and occasionally mischievous!!

My heartfelt condolences to Tina's family, friends and work colleagues, far and wide, for her loss. Tina will be greatly missed and remembered with respect and love.

Paul Pitts



My Name is Muhammad Abdulrahman Halwani and I did a Ph.D. in the UK in infection control between 1999 to 2004. I was really shocked by this news; Tina was a great dedicated person as I attended my courses and seminars with her during my studies. I also met her many times during conferences, HIS and FIS and others during my stay in the UK and other international conferences around Europe after my Ph.D.

I will always remember her smile especially when I ask her, besides she had a marvellous way in simplifying her answers when you ask. I am sure that everyone will miss her like myself and more. She will leave a big gap in the IPC world that will never be filled again.

Muhammad Halwani

I am one of the large number of infection prevention and control nurses that learnt so much from Tina. She was always approachable and was able to explain decontamination and disinfection in simple language for everyone to understand, even me!

I invited Tina to join a team in 2015 traveling to Zalau in Romania where she accepted and was absolutely fabulous at being able to advise and share her knowledge with the doctors and nurses at the hospital. She joined the team in Romania again in 2017.

I also have fond memories of IFIC conferences with Tina, we were IFIC buddies in Malta, India and Brazil. My memories of my IFIC buddy are being met in the hotel reception by Tina after an overnight flight to Delhi only to find that they didn't have a room booking for me, ready to sit down and cry she scooped me up and said I could share her room (the hotel eventually sorted my room). And again in Sao Paulo after an overnight flight she offered me her room to have a shower and get changed, we shared a kettle to make loads of cups of tea and we bought loads of havaianas flip flops!

She was incredibly kind and supportive, she was also good fun with a great sense of humour. I will miss Tina's wonderful friendship and her amazing knowledge, may she rest in peace. xx

Carole Hallam



I would like to offer my condolences to the family and friends of Tina, following the sad news of her death.

I was fortunate to share an office with Tina when HIRL moved to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. She was a kind, funny lady, with immense knowledge which I was able to call on for many years after I moved to Worcester.

Our office talk was often about our love of football, and my constant ribbing of her support for Aston Villa.

She has left a legacy and will be missed by Us all.

Peter Jackson





Committee Membership

Central Sterilising Club (1995 - 2011). 2007 – 2011 as Treasurer

Chair of Central Sterilising Club (2014 – 2020)

Medical Devices Agency : Register of Experts in the field of sterilization, disinfection and decontamination (May 2001 – 2020)

Pan Birmingham Decontamination Service Review Committee – Microbiology representative (2003 – 2020)

Hospital Infection Society – Member of 2010 Conference organising committee

Hospital Infection Society - Member of Education Committee (2010 – 2012)

Hospital Infection Society – Member of Scientific Committee (2010 – 2020)

Hospital Infection Society – Member of Sporicidal Task Force (2010 – 2020)

Infection Prevention Society – Member of Scientific Programme Committee (2012 – 2015)

British Standards Institute. Member of TC 216 (chemical disinfectants) and TC 198 (autoclaves and washer disinfectors)

Professional Bodies Decontamination Forum – representing Hospital Infection Society (2010 – 2014) and Central Sterilising Club (2015 – 2020)

Membership of Working Parties

British Society of Gastroenterology Endoscopy Committee on the cleaning and disinfection of equipment for gastrointestinal endoscopy.

Joint working party with the Hospital Infection Society, Infection Control Nurses Association, Institute of Sterile services Management and Royal College of Surgeons on the Decontamination of minimally invasive surgical endoscopes and accessories

Central Sterilising Club - Laundry Processing

Infection Control Nurses Association - Standards in Hygiene (in conjunction with The Association of Domestic Managers)

Endoscopy UK. Audit tool for decontamination of endoscopes March 2006

Infection Prevention Society. Audit tool for endoscope decontamination (published 2013)

Healthcare Infection Society. Facial Protection Working Group published 2013

Healthcare Infection Society: Decontamination of intra-cavity devices working group

Healthcare Infection Society; Development of a standard test method for assessing the efficacy of chemical disinfectants against Clostridium difficile spores (published 2015)

Department of Health HTM (CFPP) 01-06 working group – published 2016

World Health Organisation - Secretary of working group on Decontamination of Medical Devices (2011 – 2020) Published September 2016

Infection Control African Network - Co-author of an App on Decontamination of Medical Devices (available for Apple and Android)

Central Sterilising Club – Chair of working group on Air quality in endoscope decontamination units. Published 2016

Central Sterilising Club – Member of working group on endoscope storage/drying cabinets

Healthcare Infection Society – Chair of working group on Rinse water quality in endoscope reprocessing (2015 – 2020)

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I was lucky enough to have known Tina for many years, it was always nice to know that you could ask her for advice or her views on certain issues at any time, Tina was a person who always had time for everyone.

I will especially miss our football bets, whenever Aston Villa played Man City we knew the bet was on, and with such big stakes of 50p. I will miss you Tina, both as a colleague and as a friend. May the memories of Tina's wonderful personality and many contributions be celebrated by all.

Mike Bowden

Dearest Tina

You will be missed so much by all your IPS friends. You were always the reference point for anything to do with decontamination and endoscopes. No product or method of decontamination was acceptable unless you said it was ok. You were always so sensible and practical, but also so humble and kind. You helped people develop and bring new technologies forward. Your work led to many improvements in the world of decontamination.

Tina you have been such a friend to so many of us in the Infection Prevention Society. Your input to the Scientific Programme Committee over many years contributed to the high standard of our conferences and branch events. You were always a great speaker who was able to hold the audience with a particular mix of wisdom, humour and humility.

It was a great honour for me as President to present you with the Ayliffe Award, named after your friend and mentor Prof Graham Ayliffe. You were such a deserving person to receive that important acknowledgment from the society and I was delighted to tease the room with the announcement. How the voices of everyone there at Gala dinner in 2018 erupted when they heard that you were to receive the award. It was a measure of the love, affection and respect for you in the room and the society as a whole.

I was so lucky to call you my friend. I have so many happy memories of time spent with you as I know do so many of my IPS colleagues.

We are so sad that you had to leave us so early, way too soon. Now you can catch up with Prof Ayliffe and Janet and John Babb.

Sleep well my lovely friend

Pat Cattini

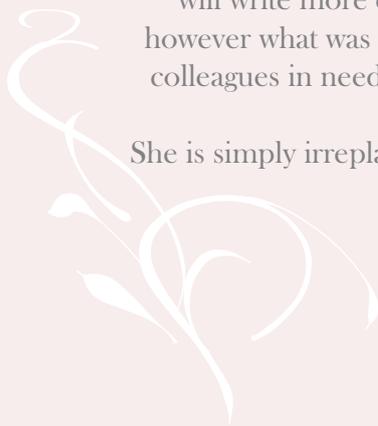


Tina Bradley. What can one say? Simply the most generous, humble, knowledgeable modest person I will ever know I think.

Tina was a constant source of information and support to practitioners all over the world and was rightly respected wherever she went, and wherever she went, fun went with her. I remember going up to The Peak in Hong Kong and having a wonderful day out whilst at a conference there. Others will write more eloquently about Tina's technical expertise, of which I was a willing recipient, however what was most striking was the generousness of the sharing of information and support to colleagues in need of information or assistance. Nothing ever seemed too much trouble for Tina.

She is simply irreplaceable and I shall treasure her memory and think fondly of her every time that I think of a gastroscope!

Martin Kiernan





The Trustees, members, and staff at the Healthcare Infection Society (HIS) were saddened to hear of Christina (Tina) Bradley passing away on Tuesday 25th September 2020.

Tina's 35 years of experience working as a Biomedical Scientist and Laboratory Manager made her an invaluable asset to the entire healthcare community. Her profound passion and expertise in preventing healthcare associated infections made her a valued and highly esteemed member of our Society.

Over the years, Tina made significant contributions to HIS's Education, Scientific and Conference Organising committees and was an active member of our guideline working groups. We are grateful and highly honoured to have had a privilege working with her over the years.

The Society sends all good wishes and condolences to Tina's family and friends at this sad time.



An Everlasting Legacy

Tina's passion for exacting standards and scientific credibility in the world of infection prevention has benefited the global healthcare (and wider) community now, and forever. Tina was amazing at developing + optimizing test methods, sharing her knowledge + capability and being truly collaborative. Tina was so open and helpful in our efforts to bring effective, data driven, proven hand hygiene solutions to the public!

Rest in peace, and with pride in your contribution to the world.

Love and best wishes from all the GOJO family xx



Tina inspired so many people during her career. She was a great credit to her profession. We shared many memorable times together both when she came to Ireland to speak at our conferences but most often at IFIC conferences where after giving her immense knowledge to delegates she joined our post conference trips and we enjoyed her company and had great fun.

Tina has very sadly left us but we just remember the good times spent in her chatty, happy company. Her peace has come.

Jane Murphy

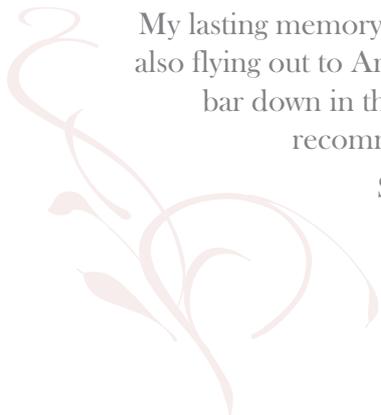


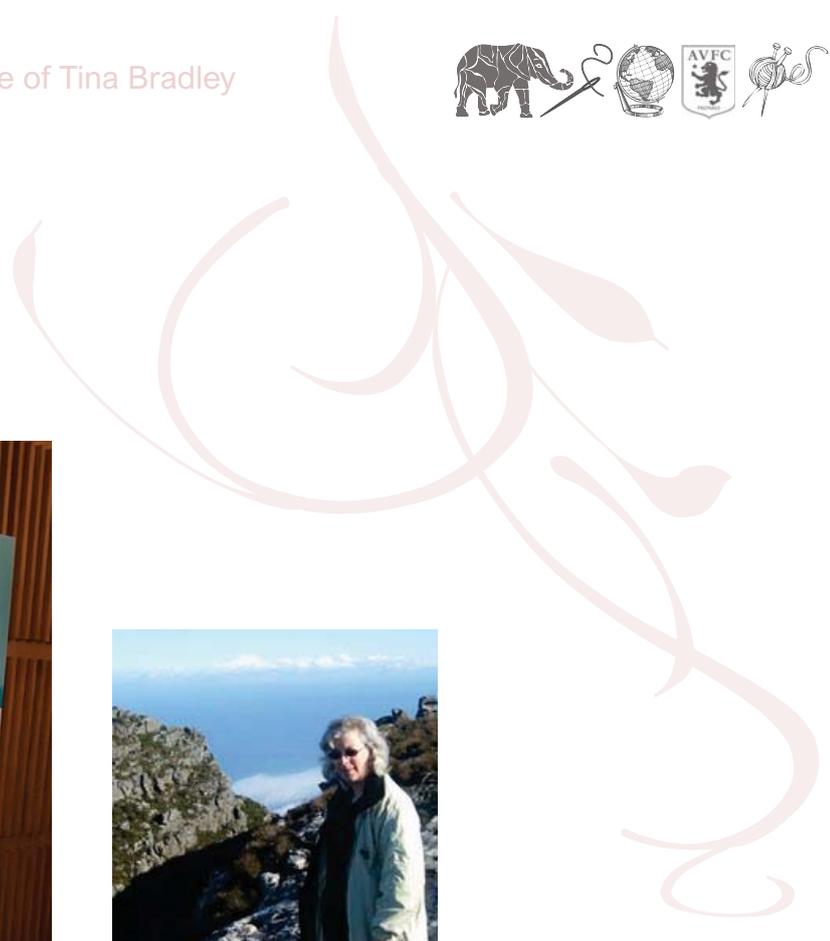
My memories of Tina are not just my own but are also enhanced by reading the social media messages paying homage to her, they reiterate my feelings and lovely memories:
- 'read any decontamination guidance and you will see her name - her passion and knowledge has steered decontamination services'
- 'remembering the amazing star that will never fade '
- 'she was a lovely person, fabulous colleague and extremely knowledgeable'

My lasting memory will be not just her caring connections when my mum had health problems but also flying out to Argentina, and a few lovely days together in Buenos Aires after conference - in the bar down in the cave of the hotel and trying to find the boat trip launch pad we had been recommended - just one of many great times I was lucky to share with her.

She was always kind, considerate, patient but also honest and stimulating in all conversations. I will miss her very much.

Claire Kilpatrick





True adventurer



Teaching in (South) Africa.

Demonstrating thermocouples in a washer disinfector to students on the Post graduate Diploma in IPC, Stellenbosch University, Cape Town



In the many years I have been a member of CSC I will always remember Tina, the fountain of knowledge. When I first joined CSC, all those many years ago, she took me under her wing and guided me through my transition from the operating theatres to the black art of decontamination.

She was only a phone call away - I think I needed a hot line in those early days.

Over all the many scientific conferences we always had time to party, sometimes in to the very early hours. I was always the first to hear my bed calling, Tina on the other hand looked as fresh as a daisy. What a lady.

Tina always had time for others, no matter who they were. Tina's conurbation and dedication to the world of decontamination and infection control will never be forgotten. A true leader always at the forefront of innovation.

I think I have lost count of all the many committees that Tina chaired or was part off, a lady at the forefront of many of the standards we have today. Her presentations where always witty yet always very informative, if you did not learn something from them then you were not paying attention.

Tina will be missed by so many people, but she will always be remembered as a caring, compassionate person, who lead from the front. The world of decontamination and infection control have lost a fountain of knowledge.

Keith Rimmer



I had the pleasure of knowing Tina for many years and particularly whilst I was the CSC Secretary when she was the first woman to Chair the CSC of which she was immensely proud. I worked with Tina in a number of areas through various committees and book chapters that she contributed to.

Tina was an amazing character and we often bumped into each other at scientific conferences and social occasions were always a pleasure where Tina was concerned. Not surprisingly Tina was so admired for all the work that she did at HIRL and was held in very high esteem by so many people that worked in our area of decontamination and disinfection. She was always the go to person when it came understanding disinfectants, washer disinfectors and endoscopy units.

Tina contributed so much to the practical and commercial aspects of the work and was very much in demand by the commercial sector due to her in-depth knowledge and ability to see what would work in a practical perspective.

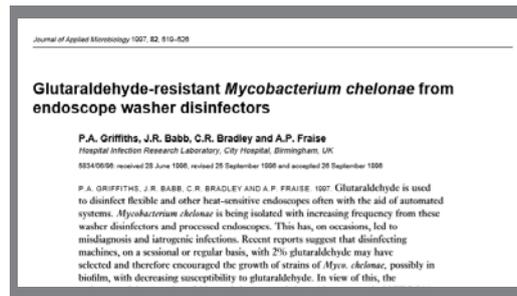
We will all miss Tina, not just as a work colleague but as a very good friend. After Tina had retired Gill and I met up with Tina in Birmingham when we travelled through on our canal boat and it was lovely to have her on board "Offerocker" in Gas Street Basin.

Jimmy Walker





I had the great pleasure to work with Tina and the HIRL (Hospital Infection Research Laboratory) team in Birmingham. My first time meeting with Tina was with Graham Ayliffe and John Babb in Birmingham and particularly on a research project we were interested to work together on. It came from this original publication and the only source of the strains was digging into the archives in Birmingham with Tina. She was able to recover the strains and was a basis of a series of publications that understood the mechanisms of resistance and the impact to healthcare:



From the first time I met Tina we were kindred spirits in microbiology. I worked closely with her in the investigation of new products during development for reducing the impact of healthcare acquired infections, which gave us a lot of opportunities to work and travel together. She was a well-renowned speaker, being down-to-earth, scientifically-based, often serious and equally humorous. Many may remember a cartoon she always use to end her slides on the many presentations she gave over the year. Just to note that 'Klebs' indicated was Theodor Albrecht Edwin Klebs (1834 -1913) a German-Swiss microbiologist. His research paved the way for the beginning of modern bacteriology, and inspired more widely known microbiologists such as Louis Pasteur and Robert Koch. The bacteria Klebsiella is name after him. Tina was always approachable and respectful no matter your title, position, or question.



I also had the great pleasure to work with Tina for 5 years on the CSC (Central Sterilising Club) committee, an organization she was very committed to during her career. Tina played an important role in the success of the club, including being the first website master (in 2002), marking the 50 year anniversary in 2010 (as treasurer), and as the first female chair of the club (2014-17).



I was fortunate to call her both a friend and colleague, and I will miss her.

Gerry McDonnell



Tina's knowledge of the infection prevention aspects of decontamination was second to none. Through the work she did for the Hospital Infection Research Laboratory she was responsible for providing much of the evidence that supports the practices that UK hospitals routinely use today in endoscope decontamination. She has contributed in one form or another to many the UK guidance documents published in this field over the last 20 years and was well known amongst infection prevention practitioners all over the world.

Her knowledge was such that when she retired from work we never really found an alternative speaker for our study days that had the same breath of knowledge of that Tina did. It was a privilege to work with her and call her a friend.

Wayne Spencer, CSC Chair 2011-14

I met her for the first time at CSC in a year I cannot remember, but a long time ago and our friendship was timeless. She was the smiling welcoming face in the crowd where you knew no one, the person that would talk to anyone, particularly if you were on your own. She was the person you could ask any question of and if she didn't know the answer herself, would know someone who could. She was a selfless person and saw everyone as equal, with a valued point of view, no matter what that was or if she agreed with it or not.

We never truly value our friends until they are no longer with us and her memory will be with me forever, oh and the scarf she knitted for me! RIP Tina Bradley.

Val O'Brien, CSC Chair 2017-20





Central Sterilising Club

Past Chairs

- 2014-17 **Tina Bradley** (first female chair of the CSC)
- 2011-14 WD Spencer IEng, MIHEEM
- 2008-11 PF Hooper CEng MIMechE FIHEEM
- 2005-08 AP Fraise MB, BS, FRCPath
- 2002-05 G Ridgway OBE, MD, BSc, FRCP, FRCPath
- 1999-02 RC Spencer MB, BS, MSc, FRCPath
- 1996-99 AM Emmerson OBE, MD, FRCP, FRCPath, FRCP(G)
- 1992-96 C Roberts MD, MRCP, FRCPath, FFPHM, FRCPath
- 1989-92 SWB Newsom MA, MD, FRCPath
- 1986-89 GAJ Ayliffe MD, BSc, FRCPath
- 1983-86 RJ Fallon MD, FRCP, FRCPath
- 1980-83 ER Mitchell MB, MRCS, MRCP, DipBact
- 1977-80 REM Thompson MB, FRCPath
- 1974-77 JC Kelsey MD, FRCPath, DipBact
- 1971-74 EH Gillespie MB, FRCPath
- 1968-71 GL Gibson MD, FRCPath
- 1966-68 AC Cunliffe MA, MD, FRCPath
- 1963-66 WA Gillespie MD, FRCP, FRCPI, FRCPath
- 1961-63 Sir James Howie LLD, MD, FRCP, FRCPath, FRCPG
- 1960-61 E.M.Darmady MA, MD, FRCP, FRC Path





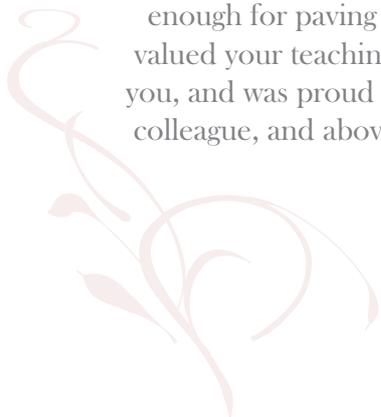
Dearest Tina, Rest in Peace!

It was a real pleasure working with you as your deputy at HIRL. We did make a great team! You ignited my interest in Infection Control, and the support from both you and Dr Fraise in my PhD studies developed and inspired my interest in Antimicrobial Resistance! I can never thank you enough for paving my career in Infection Prevention and Control. I learnt so much from you and valued your teaching and friendship more than you ever knew. I held high respect for you, admired you, and was proud of your successes. It gave me great pride to represent you at meetings, to be your colleague, and above all be considered your friend. I will always remember you with great fondness.

Sleep with the Angels peacefully.

Remembering you always

Dr Azra Khan





Wild about life



I worked with Tina at the QEHB (starting at the old QE) with Martyn. They joined Microbiology and soon became part of the lab family. I took part in hand washing trials and became friends with Tina. She was excellent at giving help, advice and a friendly ear.

I was fascinated by Tinas extensive travel history and crafting and we'd often have good chats. Work outings we'd sit chatting and I really enjoyed her company.

She gave me a wonderful leaving gift I will cherish. Tina was a bright light that was ironically infectious! I will miss her smile.

Jodie Earp



I remember meeting Tina during a regional training day held at HIRL when I first arrived in the West Midlands as a Registrar in microbiology in the early 1990s - Tina and John Babb showed us around the CSSD at City hospital and we marvelled at the autoclaves.

Tina's passion about all things decontamination came across subsequently when I was appointed as a consultant at Good Hope Hospital in 1999, Tina was a frequent source of advice on any queries that I had.

Tina was always a great resource, a lovely person and will be missed. May her dear soul rest in peace.

Dr Savita Gossain



I was lucky enough to have cross path with Tina and got a chance to see what a great lady she was. I will miss her extraordinary knowledge and talent. The loss of Tina will be felt by so many in the industry. May the memories of her wonderful personality and the many contributions that she has made be celebrated by all who have known her.

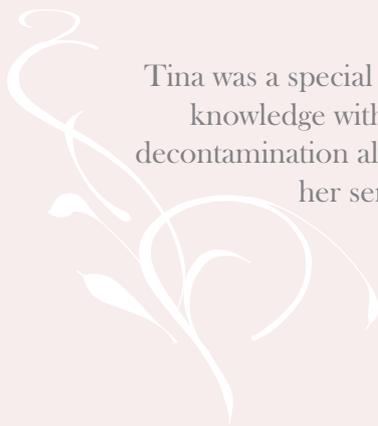
Sincere condolences to all her family and friends and may her soul rest in eternal peace.

Martine Beche



Tina was a special person, professionally and personally. She never failed to share her exceptional knowledge with anyone asking for help. Her down-to-earth explanation of the intricacies of decontamination always made sense to the 'dummies' among us. But, I will remember her most for her sense of humour, kindness and sheer love of life. Sweet dreams Tina.

Heather Loveday





When someone you love becomes a memory, that memory becomes a treasure.

You were already a treasure Tina. May you rest in peace. I hope your family find some comfort in the legacy you have left behind.

Karen Wares



I first met Tina as a new IPC Nurse trainee at QEHB around 7 years ago. She was welcoming, supportive and formidably knowledgeable. Nothing was ever too much, nothing was ever a strain, thank you to Tina for her unwavering support and guidance. Our annual IPS Conference catch up was something I always look forward to, she will be missed immensely.

Thoughts and best wishes go to her family and friends.

Maj Jo Dews



I will miss our sporadic but memorable encounters Tina, usually as we shared a stage, somewhere in the world, standing in the heat, the cold, always a smile and usually much laughter. You were an expert leader and role model - approachable, humble, kind and totally brilliant. Gone too soon.

Julie Storr



Please pass on my sincere condolences to her family and friends, just terribly sad news.

Tina was a lovely lady, kind, caring, friendly, jolly and generous with her, time, knowledge and advice. Tina helped me out on many occasion she would always find time to give advice and guidance when needed. She was so well respected by me personally and professionally as she was by so many others, Tina will leave a forever legacy with her contribution to the microbiology, decontamination and infection control community.

What can I say other than she will be missed and never forgotten. Sending love and kindness to all.

Jennifer Stevenson

I met Tina during my time working within the CEDU in Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham and the CSC. I must say it was a pleasure to work with her - so knowledgeable, approachable, down to earth and most of all a really lovely lady. I feel very privileged to have known her, and she will be sorely missed by so many. RIP my lovely lady xx

Georgina Curtis



Tina was my 'phone a friend' for all aspects of endoscope decontamination and I have learned so much from her. She was always approachable and you could ask her anything regarding decon, from the most bizarre to the basic and she would never make you feel foolish for asking.

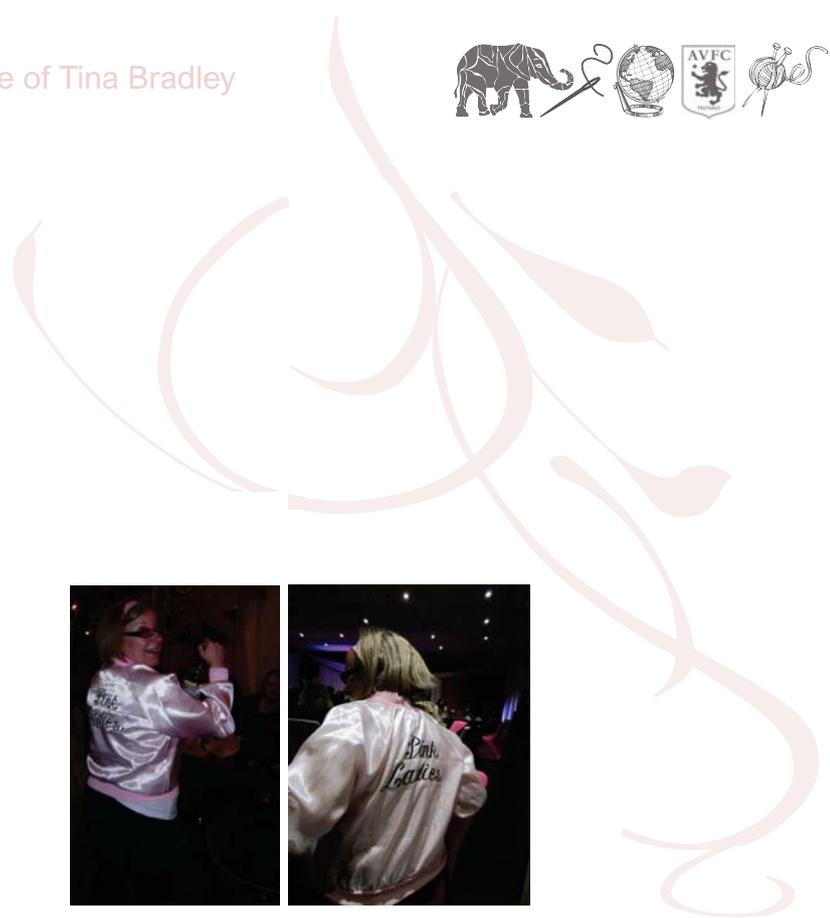
If you went to a lecture by Tina you knew it was going to be practical and rooted in the real world. She made guidance penetrable and yet firmly based on sound evidence

I have spent many happy times with Tina through IPS involvement and at events. We served on the IPS Scientific Programme Committee together and whilst she wasn't wild about the air stewardess uniforms she was game for a laugh and went along with it.

I admired her for her contribution to Infection Control Africa and her experience helped me when I had the opportunity to go Malawi. She was just good to spend time with and that doesn't happen all that often in the professional world.

I will miss her.

Elaine Ross



Life and soul



As a Biomedical Scientist beginning to specialise in Decontamination and Infection Prevention there can be no greater role model than Tina.

Whilst it was always clear that Tina was extremely knowledgeable what I will remember is her selflessness, her good humour, her eagerness to share and her desire to support, educate and to develop anyone and everyone.

I am so grateful to Tina, for her time, her guidance and the belief that she placed in me. I am in awe of the fact that she found time to give so much to so many people. I cannot imagine where I would be if I had not made that first call, asking Tina for advice. Tina habitually gave more than was asked.

Karren Staniforth



I am so sorry to hear of Tinas' passing. She had an immensely positive impact on me during my time as Decontamination manager at the University Hospital of North Staffs (now North Midlands) She was never afraid to challenge and correct and was SUCH an encourager!

She leaves behind an impressive legacy and I am glad to have known her.

Christine Morrow



I had the pleasure of meeting Tina on a couple of occasions, she was so warm and friendly and happy to share her knowledge and passion for all things microorganisms and disinfectants. Someone who so readily shares such things is, in this day and age, so hard to come by.

In the short time I spent with Tina it was obvious that she was warm, friendly and had an awesome sense of humour and will be missed by many, myself included. Farewell to such a lovely person.

Lucy Welch



As an industrial microbiologist trying to learn about endoscope washer-disinfectors, I asked Tina for her help. She introduced me to the Birmingham QE team and taught me that the secret currency of the NHS is the cream cake. I went from being an unwelcome interruption to their busy schedule to being a welcomed visitor, offered full cooperation and support.

Later we shared a number of BSI committee meetings together (chemical disinfection standards) and Tina was always supportive and happy to share her experience and wisdom.

Lawrence Staniforth





A brilliant mind and smile. An inspiration. Tina will be deeply missed by all those that had the opportunity to meet her, work with her, or see her speak.

Emma Barrett



I deeply admired Tina's knowledge and passion for her work. During my time as a professional advisor to the Welsh Government she was my 'go to' person for all things 'decontamination'. I, like many others, will miss her dearly as a friend and colleague.

Tracey Gauci



Tina taught me years ago and her and her work inspired me like a "big sister" and professional colleague. We also enjoyed a few drinks and craic post conference, sterilisation and I will miss her deeply.

Hugh O'Connor



Having known Tina for decades, it's difficult to know where to begin. She was present at many national and international conferences, and it was always nice to have a chat with a friendly face. Tina's contribution to infection prevention and control are very evident – as was her passion for making a difference. She will be sadly missed as a colleague and as a friend.

Richard Bancroft



I would like to remember Tina through the different training workshops. We've been friends for many years. She had lots of knowledge, a sense of humour doing great presentations and agood listener - always at the end of the phone problem solving.

Will miss her smile. My condolence to her family on their loss. God Bless.

Donna Brown



She was such a bright spark, a scientist of distinction and such a stalwart of the CSC. There will be very many in the decontamination community who will look back on a lot of wise counsel given freely.

Jim Reid









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