Jess Marsh was a member of Oxford Meeting for at least 45 years. Kate Joyce, newly arrived in Oxford in the 1970s came to know Jess as a friendly, already established member of the Meeting. They had another interest in common, as both were teaching biology in girls’ schools in Oxford, Jess at Wychwood School and Kate just starting her twenty four year stint at Headington School. They had many helpful discussions, probably about earthworms, tadpoles or some other aspect of the O-Level syllabus and Kate occasionally went to Jess’s lovely home in North Oxford. Kate treasures memories of Jess as youthful, lively and attractive, a committed and knowledgeable biologist and teacher.

Jess suffered from Alzheimer’s Disease for more than 25 years and died on 19th January 2009 in a residential care home. Before her illness took hold, she had been a warm, active and caring person with wide interests, and especially welcoming to visitors to her home.