Renie Adams
1920 – 2002

Lady Renie Adams, widow of Sir John Adams, former director of projects and former director-general of CERN, died on 30 September 2002.

Lady Adams had a unique impact on CERN. In the early 1970s she noticed that many newcomers’ wives faced great difficulties in adapting, which could lead to severe family and social problems. To help them, she proposed creating opportunities for them to meet and to help each other. With strong determination, she managed to convince a small circle of friends to help her in this task, and in 1974 the CERN Women’s Club was born. In addition to general meetings, some 30 other activities were offered in various areas, including languages, sports and handicrafts. Interest and success were immediate, and the present vitality of the club attests to her foresight.

Lady Adams’ special charm was due to her great simplicity and her warm presence, and she will be deeply missed by all those who knew her.

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