**Judith Cooke - 21st July 1976**

SEFF remembers Judith Cooke who was murdered 44 years ago today by Provisional IRA terrorists alongside British Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland, Christopher-Ewart Biggs.

The civilians died following a Provisional IRA landmine in Sandyford, Dublin, on July 21st, 1976.

Judith Cooke was aged just 26 years old. She was said to be a popular and talented young woman with her whole career in front of her. Although only in her mid-20s, she had already shown great promise.

Educated at James Allen's Girls' School in Dulwich, who now have an essay prize in her honour, she went on to Girton College, Cambridge.

After working in Customs and Excise, she volunteered for the Northern Ireland Office and was promoted to be Private Secretary to the Permanent Under-Secretary.

Merlyn Rees, the then Northern Ireland secretary, described her as young, exceptionally bright and "someone we had all marked out for higher things".

Judith is remembered on SEFF’s Memorial Quilt; Terrorism knows NO Borders. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Cooke family today and every day.