

DONALD WELFORD was born in Clifton, one of the fifth generation of Welfords to live in the village. He suffered badly from asthma which, though under reasonable control for most of his later life, made some of the normal activities of children difficult for him as a boy. What it didn't inhibit was the development of a wicked sense of humour, and his practical jokes claimed many victims over the years. Educated at Magdalen College School, Brackley, Donald went into the family business and became a highly successful poultry farmer, ever on the look-out for ways of improving the enterprise. He wrote a history of the business under the title '*Be Happy, Be Good*' - his great-grandfather's motto, adopted by Donald himself. Donald served as Chairman of the British Chicken Association and as Chairman of the NFU Parliamentary Committee. In Deddington he was Chairman of the Parish Council, a Governor of the School and a Trustee of the Housing Association. Donald's last years brought increasing physical restriction, but also saw the development of a thoughtfulness on the deepest matters. Donald was devoted to his family, as they to him, and his wit, kindness and generosity were greatly appreciated by his many friends.

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