

CYRIL TUSTAIN (d. 2008)



Cyril was born at Chisnell Farm, Souldern, one of ten children, his mother and father being workers on the farm. The family came to Deddington when Cyril was five. He married Rene (a schoolmate) just as the War began. At the same time, having worked at the slaughterhouse in the Grove, Cyril went to Alcan. Here he spent the remainder of his working life, finishing as a supervisor with a large body of men in his charge.

Cyril and Rene moved into The Paddocks when the houses were first built, by which time they had three children, Brian, Peter and Pat. In 1961 they suffered the tragedy of losing Brian and Peter in a car crash. Despite this hardest of blows, Cyril managed to find contentment, particularly in his extended family. He delighted in his greenhouses and garden. In his younger days he played snooker at the Legion. He enjoyed football on the television (Manchester United was his team) and racing, with a flutter on the horses from time to time. He also played the lottery; he wanted a big win – not for himself but for Pat; after all, his family was everything to him.

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IRENE TUSTAIN (1920–2011)

Irene Shrewsbury was born in Hornton in 1920. At the age of four she came to Deddington where she attended school. After school she worked as a domestic in Oxford Colleges along with her elder brother Eldon's wife, Daisy. Dancing was one of her early pleasures. She married Cyril Tustain at the age of 18, a marriage that was to last 60 years until Cyril's death in 2008, and which produced three children, Brian, Peter and Pat.



After a move from the Hempton Road, the family lived at the newly-built Paddocks and much enjoyed the support and friendship of the close community there. Tragically, Brian and Peter were killed in a car crash on the Oxford road in 1961, a blow from which it was difficult for Irene fully to recover. She found some comfort in walks with her great friend Rene Clark. She took pleasure in her dogs and her cooking – her cakes were particularly good. She did crosswords and liked to watch the soaps and the football on TV. She looked after her mother who became invalid towards the end of her life and was herself devotedly cared for in her last days by Pat and partner Ted.

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