

ROGER NOBBS, d. 2004

Roger moved to Castle Farm, Deddington in 1991. After growing up on the family dairy farm and attending college, he learnt sheep farming at Dunthrop House, near Heythrop, from Nancybell Gregory, whose daughter Ann he married in 1967. Until their move to Deddington, they ran Dunthrop, winning many cups and trophies. Roger himself was a Crop Judge. In 2003 the Banbury Farmers' Association gave him the Tony Baldry Award for 'an outstanding lifetime contribution to agriculture and farming clubs'. Modest about his own achievements, he was immensely proud of Fiona's and Duncan's. Deddington is indebted to him for clearing rights of way across his fields and creating extensive tree plantations on his land. *CH*

(See also Walter Meagher's article, written from a botanist's viewpoint, in September 2004 DN on Roger Nobbs' pond at Castle Farm)