

Woodcut of Tuckers Stores

This woodcut was given to Deddington in June 2015 by Joanna Levan whose family formerly lived in Tuckers House and ran the adjacent Store. She was familiarly known as Joan at that time. Rob Forsyth formally received it on behalf of the Parish and, with Joanna's agreement, suggested to Sam & Simon Yeomans, owners of *Foodies* in Tuckers House, that they might like to hang the woodcut in the coffee shop. They were very pleased to accept it on loan and it can now be seen there.

In Joanna's own words:

"My father Mr Mervyn Wynne and his wife Marjorie (Nicky) moved to Tucker's Stores, Deddington, in the late 1950s. They had three children, Joan, Judith and Sharon.

When we moved there I remember the shop being very small and dark, with orange boxes along the walls that were used as shelves! My father renovated the shop and it became one of the first delicatessen shops of its time in the area.

This wooden plaque was carved out of an old piece of wood that comes from the original shop building when it was renovated (from one of the original beams I believe). It was carved by an old friend of my parents who used to visit us from London. The original long crack on the front wall of Tucker's Stores can be seen in the carving!

I have many happy memories of my childhood in Deddington. My mother was very active as President of Deddington W.I. and will no doubt still be remembered by some. I enjoyed bell ringing in Deddington Church although I could never remember the correct time to pull my bell!

It gives me great pleasure to offer this plaque to Deddington community in memory of my parents who offered so much to the local community at the time it was carved."