

IAN PAULING, d. 2008

Ian was a member of a Chipping Norton farming family which came to Ilbury Farm, Hempton in the early 40s. Ian went to Barford Junior School and then to the old Windmill School in Deddington, where he became heavily involved in the school farm, looking after pigs and sheep and growing vegetables. In 1959 Ian married Ann, daughter of the landlord of the George, Barford. They had two children, Linda and Stephen, and grandchildren followed in due course. Ian worked hard at Ilbury; there were tough times, but a difficult parcel of land was turned into a fine farm. Country sports offered relaxation. In his younger days Ian enjoyed fishing and entered competitions. He did some shooting, though what he liked particularly was beating, which gave him a good chance to observe the wildlife and in particular where foxes might be.

Hunting was his great love. He rode to hounds as a child, but in later life preferred to work with terriers. Hunts were invited to Ilbury and there was also a regular shoot there. Representing a traditional way of life rooted in the land, Ian commanded the respect and affection of his neighbours in the country community, as the large numbers attending his funeral made clear.

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