

## Ken Garrett, 1924–91

The funeral of Kenneth Garrett, 67 of Hempton, took place on 17 April 1991.



Ken was born into a farming family in Clifton. He was first employed in the Great Western Railway Telegraph office in Banbury and developed a keen interest in railways and steam engines. In the last war he served in the RAF and performed duty in Egypt, Syria, Iraq and France. He married Edith in 1947 and came to live in Castle Street, Deddington. They had two sons, Peter and Andrew.

After the war Ken worked as a signaller at Aynho railway junction and in 1961 took over a newsagent business, first operating from Castle Street. In 1965 he became postmaster in Deddington, combining the Post Office with the news agency. He retired in 1985. Ken was a Parish Councillor for many years and was twice Chairman of the Council. He was also a governor of Deddington C of E Primary School and a trustee of two local charities. He was very popular and much loved for his many acts of service.

*Vicar Ken Reeves*



*End of an era: Edith and Ken retiring from Deddington Post Office, October 1985, flanked by Andrew (l) and Peter (r)*

With the many other people in Deddington, Hempton, Clifton and beyond, we would like to express our sorrow at the sudden death of Ken Garrett and join them in extending our sympathy to Mrs Edith Garrett, Peter, Andrew and the family. Working at Deddington Post Office, serving on the Parish Council and as a neighbour here at Hempton, Ken showed his good humour, cheerful common sense, patience and kindness. Many people have had the opportunity of working alongside him in one or other of his many activities over the years. It is a pleasure and a privilege to have known him. In tribute to Ken, a collection was made in Hempton and, at the family's request, passed to the British Heart Foundation. Just over £100 was donated in this way.

*John Webber*