

## **EVELYN FREEMAN 1929–2013**



Evelyn Davies was born in Hornton in 1929. After school she did war work in munitions at Kineton. Later at the Tropical Preservation packing company in Banbury she met Dennis Freeman. The couple married in 1954 in Hornton Church. A few years later they moved from Milcombe to Windmill Street in Deddington and then in the eighties to the Hempton Road.

Evelyn's family was central to her life. She had three children, and doted on her nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Family holidays, often on the Isle of Wight, were a particular pleasure. She liked to have her neighbours dropping in for a cup of tea and a chat. Her garden gave her great happiness and she loved its birds, particularly the robins. She had a number of jobs in the village, among them cleaning the Windmill Centre, and 'doing' at Castle House for a proud 27 years.

She was a member of the Deddington Ladies. In her latter years her arthritis became very restrictive and Evelyn was pretty much housebound. However, she had the loving care and support of her family, Dennis coming into his own as a cook under his wife's supervision. If not a Deddingtonian born, Evelyn nevertheless became part of the fabric of the village, which shares in her family's loss.

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