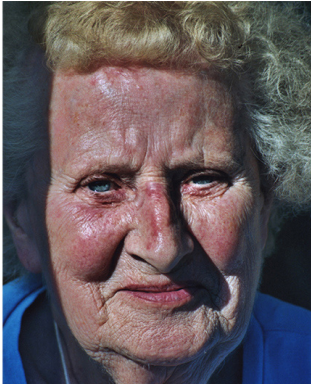


ADA BLISS (1924–2010)



Ada was born in Islington in 1924, the youngest of six children in the Sorrell family. She came to Deddington as an evacuee during the war. In 1946 she married Arthur Bliss, a farm worker and soon two sons, Roger and Terry, were born. For some years the family moved around the locality following Arthur's employment until in 1956 they came to the Paddocks.

Ada had a job with Banbury Buildings in Adderbury and at home enjoyed growing flowers, cooking, reading romances and being a central part of a growing extended family. She liked foreign travel though limitations were imposed on this by the difficulties that developed with her walking. Nevertheless, she coped extremely well with her ailments, maintaining the independence she valued.

Ada helped at the Cheshire Home in Twyford as a voluntary carer and, if a neighbour needed a hand, Ada was there to offer it. At the same time, she wasn't one to suffer fools gladly and could deliver a good talking to when occasion required.

Ada faced death with great dignity, courage and humour. She reckoned she had had a lovely life, and her care, her competence and her spiritedness certainly greatly enhanced the life of her wider family and of this community.

Hugh White