

ALBERT EDWARD PAYNE (d. 2007)

Albert was born in 1916 in Charndon, Bucks, where he attended the village school, before moving with his parents in 1929 to Tomwell Farm on the outskirts of Hempton. He went for six months to Deddington School. On leaving he worked at Tomwell Farm, where he remained for the rest of his working life. In 1935 his father retired and the family moved to Folly Cottage in Hempton. Albert met Mary from Barford and they were married in 1944 and lived in that village. They had one son, Michael, born in 1949.



In 1954 they moved to Mount Pleasant in Hempton, where Albert remained. In his younger days he played football for Barford and Deddington, kept bantams and had sheepdogs for most of his life. In his retirement he delivered the Banbury Cake and helped at Stonewalls Gardens, always being on the gate for the Open Gardens day as well as attending to his own well-stocked garden. Despite losing his wife in 2003 he still enjoyed his weekly trip to Banbury on market days. He watched football and horse racing on TV. He supported Hempton Church, particularly with produce for Harvest Festival. Albert was a real village man and he will be missed by Michael, family and friends.

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