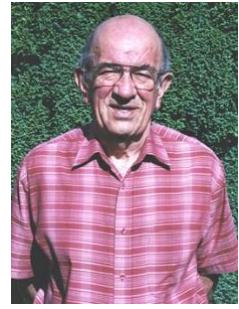


Les Chappell, 1939–2024

Leslie was born in Banbury in 1939. When he left school, he started an apprenticeship at Stones in Banbury as a printer but, halfway through, he was drafted into the army and posted to Germany with the Medical Corps (which he also represented on their football team).



When he returned to England, he completed his printer's apprenticeship, met and married Barbara and became stepdad to Darrel. He left Stones and joined WW Web Offset as a printer. When that company closed, he and five others became equal partners in a new company, Cherwell Valley Lithographics.

In 1986, Les and Barbara moved to Hempton, quickly making friends and supporting the local church, where he eventually became church warden. It was during this time that he became heavily involved in a group focussed on ensuring the future of the Hempton church. Les contributed significantly to the Hempton section in the *Deddington News* for a number of years. He also volunteered to man the Deddington Police Station, receiving his 10-year Volunteer Service Award in 2010. Les's health and mobility deteriorated significantly after Barbara passed away and he died in the Horton Hospital on 16 April 2024.

Darrel Wall