

AWARD TO ONE OF MILTON'S MUCH-LOVED RESIDENTS

Everyone who knows Daphne Edginton was delighted to hear that she had been awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours list – for “Services to the Community”: a long overdue recognition of all the wonderful community work that she has done in Milton and surrounding villages.

The list of the things that she's done is a long one; perhaps she is best known for being for some 15 years, Centre Chairman for Chipping Norton Red Cross. In this capacity raising record sums of money by highly successful Xmas bazaars each year and jumble sales. She has always used her loft for the storage of medical aids for the community that can be borrowed at any time, and this service continues.

She has been awarded the Badge of Honour of the British Red Cross Society and is now Vice President of the Oxfordshire Red Cross.

She has helped for many years at the Blind Club in Chipping Norton, giving lifts to meetings and helping with the cooking. A Disabled Club was started in Milton by Daphne where again she assisted with lifts and cooking. Unfortunately this is now defunct.

Many will not be aware of the great help she has given for many years to two refugees (one recently died) since WW2. She helped them in both business and personal affairs, even to cutting their toe-nails!

Her home is popularly known in the village as the ‘Convalescent Home’ and many local people when first discharged from hospital spend a happy week or so with Daphne. (Vi Miles being the latest beneficiary).

Every Christmas Day, although she could spend it with her family, she cooks a wonderful lunch for half-a-dozen people without families.

She has done voluntary nursing at the Chipping Norton Hospital and been very involved with the St. John Ambulance in Milton, among her duties being helping to put disabled people to bed. For five years she and Vi Miles went to Leafield each Sunday to assist an M.S. sufferer to bed. She also trained cadets and judged their ability in such things as bed-making.

In her spare time(!) Daphne is Vice-President of the Milton W.I. having been a committee member several times, a member of the Wychwood Singers, a member of the Mothers' Union and of the Wychwoods Local History Society: to them and other societies she has given fascinating talks on her life as a farmer's wife.

She has also taken over Brian's service to the Meteorological Office in recording the local rainfall – out *every* morning early to read the rain-gauge!

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She is a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and assisted in manning the Mobile Information Room in Ascott during their recent trouble.

Daphne was not only the busy wife and mother to a busy farmer, but was Brian's mainstay in his many capacities: Chairman of the Milton Parish Council, of the Chipping Norton Rural District Council, of the West Oxfordshire District Council, of the Farmers' Union of Oxfordshire, an Oxfordshire County Councillor and for many years President of the Moreton-in-Marsh Show.

I could fill the whole magazine telling you about Daphne, a truly remarkable lady, but I'll end by saying what a wonderful cook she is, so many functions benefiting from her wonderful cakes and 'puds'.

Our Congratulations Daphne!

She will receive her award from H.M. the Queen on 18th February – her fourth visit to Buckingham Palace!



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