

Norman Frost

Norman was born in Northampton in 1921 and left school at 14 to work as an office boy in a shoe factory. Not finding this to his liking he became a booking clerk with the old LMS railway. In 1941 he volunteered for the RAF and was sent for his pilot's training to the USA. Having gained his pilot's wings he was sent for more training in England on Lancaster bombers. He then did a full tour of operational bombing missions with 103 Squadron.

In 1943 he married Eileen and their daughter was born in the following year, 1944. In that same year Norman had brought his badly damaged plane, with the injured crew, back to England where he was able to crash-land in Suffolk. For this he was awarded the DFC. He then did a second tour of duty with 617 Squadron until VE day when the squadron was sent on a six month visit to India.

He was demobbed in 1946, and then back to the railway, but this time as relief station-master during which time his son was born. Norman rejoined the RAF again in 1951 as Qualified Flying Instructor on bases in England and at SHAPE Headquarters near Paris and then back in England before retiring in 1968. That was the year when Eileen and Norman took over the Post Office in Milton which they ran for twelve happy and busy years, during which the Post Office was extended twice. Due to Norman's ill-health they sold up in 1980 and moved to Station Road, Shipton.



In 1944



50th Wedding Anniversary, 1983

In 1981 Norman was one of the founder members of the Wychwoods Local History Society and its first secretary. He carried out a prolific amount of research into the Groves's family history and began the collecting and copying of old local photographs. With Mike Linfield, they were used for the presentation of slide shows for charity, and the photographs became the core of the WLHS archive.

Eileen and Norman moved back to Milton in 1990 but Norman's activities were curtailed by his first stroke in 1997 and subsequent strokes which finally led to his death on the 3rd of September.

John Rawlins.



Christmas Quiz – Win a basket of flowers

- Q1. Which was the first country to decorate Christmas trees ?
- Q2. From which carol is this: "Who toil along the climbing way, with painful steps and slow" ?
- Q3. What are the latin names of the Holly and the Ivy ?
- Q4. Who co-wrote "Do they know its Christmas" with Bob Geldof ?
- Q5. What is the capital of Turkey ?
- Q6. What is the Tibetan name for "The Abominable Snowman" ?
- Q7. Who sang "Walking in the Air" from The Snowman ?
- Q8. What is Galanthus ?
- Q9. Euphorbia Eucherrima is a favourite at Christmas – what is it ?
- Q10. In which year did Cliff Richard have a Number 1 hit with "Mistletoe and Wine" ?
- Q11. Who sang "Peace on Earth/Little Drummer Boy" in 1982 ?
- Q12. On which record label was the Beatles' "Magical Mystery Tour" in 1967 ?
- Q13. Who sang the Christmas song "Pretty Paper" ?
- Q14. Dora Bryan made the charts with which Christmas song ?
- Q15. How much did the price of a single record go up to in 1955 ?
- Q16. What did Good King Wenceslas ask his page to bring for the peasant ?
- Q17. What did my true love send on the 6th day of Christmas ?
- Q18. "White Christmas" was featured in which Paramount film ?
- Q19. In which year did Bing Crosby die ?
- Q20. MACABRE CHILD SAYS STRICKEN SCHOLAR (Anagram) – Literary work.

Please send completed entries to:-

Heather's Flowers, Southfield, Leafield Road, Shipton-Under-Wychwood,
Oxon. OX7 6EA, to arrive no later than 12th January.

Winner will be highest scoring entry.

In the event of a tie, a draw will decide the winner.