

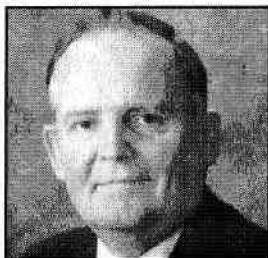
Obituary

Tony Pickering died on 29 January 2003 in Broadwindsor, Dorset. He and Rosemary moved from Courtlands last August when he knew the seriousness of his illness. His courageous move was so that Rosemary could return to her childhood home and also be closer to their family of three children and ten grandchildren.

Tony and Rosemary moved to Shipton in December 1993. They were regular worshippers at St Mary's church where Tony became churchwarden for two years. Their inspiration and enthusiasm were soon apparent and it was Tony's suggestion that the pews be moved in the Lady Chapel and the refreshment area made larger.

Few know of his talented past. He won a music scholarship to Sherbourne School in Dorset, served in the Royal Navy during his National Service then went on to Christ Church College in Oxford where he read modern history.

He taught at Bloxham School, Wellington College in Berkshire and was



Tony Pickering
1935 - 2003

headmaster at Pocklington School in Yorkshire. He gave 20 years service to the Admiralty Interview Board selecting officers for the Royal Navy. On 'retiring' to Shipton he set up the Arkwright Foundation which sourced money from corporations to fund educational scholarships for talented sixth-formers.

His contribution to the world of sport in rugby, cricket, boxing and golf throughout his life was outstanding. He was elected President of Oxfordshire Rugby Football Union and was awarded life membership of the England Rugby Football Schools Union. He represented Oxfordshire on many occasions at both rugby and cricket.

He also played golf at the Wychwood Golf Club where he was a keen member of the seniors section and achieved a handicap of 8.

He was a leader and an inspiration to others but always amazingly humble about his achievements.

John Hartley

PLANT SALE



Sue and Gail's annual *Plant Sale* will be held on

Saturday 17th May

on Shipton Village Green from 10 am - 12.30 pm.

in aid of **DOUGLAS HOUSE**

a Respite for Young People



Donations of plants -shrubs, perennials, annuals, vegetables, fruit etc. gratefully received

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