

## Obituary

# Doreen Sweeting

### 1911-2004

Her many friends in the Wychwoods will be saddened to learn that Doreen died on 18<sup>th</sup> February this year, peacefully at home in Nottingham with all her family around her. She was 92. Doreen and Cyril lived in Shipton from 1961 until

they left in 1983, to live near their daughter Paddy and her husband Ian.

During the war Doreen and Cyril were evacuated from Westcliffe on Sea, along with both sets of parents. They had to find somewhere that had enough room for all of them, and so, with no experience at all in running a pub, they came to run "The White Hart" in Charlbury. By then,

Cyril had joined the army, leaving Doreen to run things. She had many adventures, not least of which was the requisitioning of the pub by soldiers, which meant that Doreen awoke to find a tank outside with its gun pointing in the direction of the Evenlode, from which direction the invaders were clearly expected!

After they moved to Shipton, Doreen

helped out every day at "The Shaven Crown", then run by Monty and Elsie. As her daughter, Paddy, recalls Doreen did afternoon reception work, and also typed out the menus for the next evening. She was very proud of her typing skills, but



on this occasion she must have had an aberration. When she went in the next day there was uproar; "Do you know what you have done?" they said. Instead of typing "Roast Duck" she had typed "Roast Dick"! Doreen would delight in telling this tale, particularly as the dish was a sell-out! Cyril died in 1993. Doreen went on to many more adventures, including her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration

party at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground, and her visit last year to Dudley Hopkin's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations at the Beaconsfield Hall.

Doreen loved life in Nottingham near Paddy and Ian and adored her grandchildren Clare and Simon. After a short illness, Doreen "decided to go" on Clare's birthday. She will be remembered with love.

### An Apology from the Editor

We must apologise to those advertisers and contributors whose entries were affected by the errors experienced in our last issue. Part of Bob Forster's marvellous article on page 34 was omitted and page 42 was duplicated leading to the omission of page 46. We are working with our printers Direct Image to ensure such problems don't occur in the future. The late arrival of the magazine on your doormats was due entirely to a failure of the postal service.