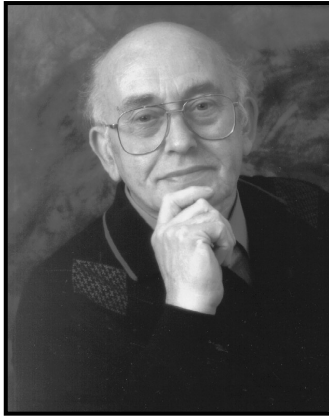


Don Williams 1929 - 2004

Don came to live in Milton from his home in Kingham when he married Irene in 1955. He started his working life at the age of fourteen on the railway, in the signals and telegraph department. He completed his National Service at Woolwich Arsenal and in Austria, where he was billeted in a camp, which had been occupied by German officers during World War II.

After his two years in the Army he returned to the railways to become a Fireman on the steam trains. Shift work and working weekends clashed with his love of football; he played for the Kingham All Blacks, winning cups in 1951 and 1953. He left the railways, allowing himself more time for sport and went to work for Alfred Groves for the next 41 years.

He enjoyed sketching and architecture; the building work having increased his interest in old buildings. Don also had a



great interest in horses; his father had been a groom for many years at Sarsden Glebe in the days of Lady Hutchinson. He enjoyed visiting the stables with his father and had many a ride in the stable yard. He passed this love of horses on to our daughters, Ruth and Audrey.

On retiring in 1992, never one to be put out to grass

Don continued helping daughter Ruth with a barn conversion and dry-stone walling in Ascott. He also worked in several gardens in Milton.

In early July 2003, Don was diagnosed with a terminal illness and his wish was to remain at home in Milton. He spent the next 11 months enjoying visits from family and friends and short trips in the car.

Don was released from his illness on June 4th and will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Irene Williams

We would like to hear from you!

Have you been looking after or supporting in some way, a relative or a friend who has a learning disability? Are you over 59? If so, we would like to hear from you.

The Older Carers and Advocacy Project has been set up to find out what carers need as they get older, what plans they are making and whether they need help in getting their voices heard. We would like to include people from all over Oxfordshire. *Could you spare a short time to fill in a questionnaire or talk to someone?* The report from the project will be important in the planning of advocacy and other services in the future.

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