

Moving On To A New Life

Ronald Arthur Cyril Mitchell was born in Milton on 8th February 1924; his parents were local girl Mabel and Arthur who came from Oxford. Betty May Mitchell, nee Tidmarsh, was born in Chipping Norton on 29th May 1928; her parents were Freda and Arthur Tidmarsh, both local to Chipping Norton. In 1939 Betty moved to Crows Castle, where her Dad was to work for the Edginton family.



Hardware Store, next to the Library. When the Co-op made him redundant, Ron went to Parker Knoll in Chipping Norton, working for them until his retirement. In her younger days Betty worked at St. Mary's Primary School in Shipton (now converted to three houses in Church Walk).

She later returned to work at Reavley's Chemists in Burford.

In The Cards

Ron and Betty met at whist drives held in the Village Hall in 1947 and were married at Milton Church on Boxing Day 1949. They started their married life at Crows Castle before moving to The Sands in Milton. Their son Brian was born in 1951, closely followed by daughter Sue. The house in The Sands was too small so the Mitchells 'swapped' with Ron's parents and moved to Meadow Lane in Shipton. At this time Ron was working for Charles Wain Butchers in Milton, delivering meat around Fifield, Idbury, Westcote and all the small, outlying villages. Charles Wain sold out to the Co-op and Ron spent the next 20 years with them, first in the shop opposite the village green and then in the High Street in the shop that was to become Pratley's

Golden Years

Ron and Betty spent 51 years living in Shipton; Ron was often seen sitting at the Red Horse corner with one of my dogs. He loved to sit there and watch the world go by and would often pop into the pub for a pint.

During the last few years, their health has started to fail, and after Betty was very poorly in November, they decided that a move to a bungalow would be the best thing.

They chose Carterton as Ron still enjoys a flutter on the horses and they could be near the shops and the market. Their son Brian and his wife Jenny live close by. Although sorry to leave Shipton, they have settled in a lovely bungalow in Black Bourton Road and are able to keep in touch with their son and his wife, me their daughter, their five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sue Foster

Thanks Jan!

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