

Samuda when he lived at Bruern Abbey. He recalls that trains stopped at the crossing so that mail for the Abbey could be delivered and family members could get on and off trains almost at their front door. Can you imagine such an arrangement in our modern times?

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To correct the snippet about Vic Bartlett on our Feedback page in the December/January issue, Bob the athlete was the older brother of Reg Brookes, not of Vic.

Blood Donors

"I feel that I must reply to the article in the February/ March issue regarding falling numbers at the Blood Transfusion Service sessions. I have donated blood for a number of years and have received

bronze and silver badges but I do not think I will get a gold. In the last three years I have only given blood two or three times. Why? First I had my ears pierced and could not give blood for a year, next I had a hip replacement, no donating for a further year, next I had acupuncture for a painful foot and again could not give blood. It will be next autumn before I can give again.

The Service has tightened up so much over the years and rightly so but if you have had a sore throat/ bad cold or even taken pain relief during the preceding week you are barred from donating. So often it is not a case of not *wanting* to donate but of not being *allowed* to."

Sheila Cambray

Editor's note; but please continue to give your blood whenever you are able.

Nancy Holt 1924-2006

Nancy Holt, nee Mawle, who died suddenly on 2nd January 2006, was born at Court Farm, Shipton in 1924.

She was the youngest of three sisters; the eldest Betty Outwin, who lives near Worcester and myself, Mary Moore who now lives in Frog Lane, Milton. When our father, Harry Mawle retired from farming in 1936, the family moved

to Forest Lodge, Milton. Nancy married Professor Peter Holt in 1953 at Shipton

Church and they lived first in the Sudan and then for some time at Great Missenden, before returning to

Oxfordshire to live at Kirtlington in 1983.

Nancy and Peter remained members of the Wychwood Local History Society until Kirtlington launched their own Society a few years ago. Nancy always retained a great

affection for the Wychwoods.

Mary Moore



Nancy, Mary and Betty Mawle sitting on their pony Peggy, held by their father Harry Mawle in the garden of Court Farm, Shipton