

Brian Saxby 1941 - 2007

Brian's parents were evacuated from London to Shipton and Brian was born and registered at Chipping Norton. He was the eldest of seven children and their home was in St Michael's Close.

Brian went to school at Shipton and after passing his 11+ went to Burford Grammar School. He was both

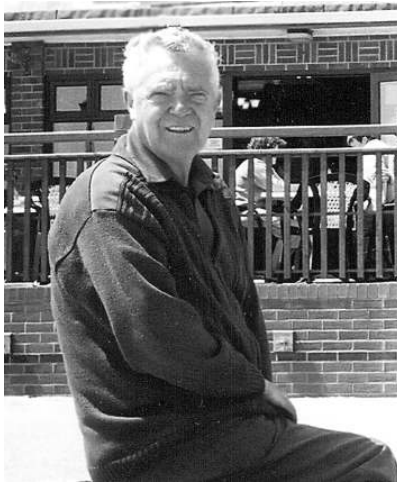
academic and keen on most sports. He played football and cricket for Shipton and then latterly for Milton.

He left school at 15 (after his father was taken ill). He worked at Alfred Groves & Sons in the office. He moved onto Jack Fowlers and Hobleys - all building companies, doing office work; he had a real head for figures.

Brian met Sue in 1960 and they married in 1963. They first lived in Carterton, where Claire and then Tina were born. In 1970 the family moved to Milton, to the first house that was ready on Poplar Farm Close, which was still under construction.

In 1974 Brian went back to Alfred Groves & Sons to work, where he stayed until his recent death.

Brian enjoyed village life and he spent five years on the Parish Council. Cricket became a family event with Sue making the teas. He also enjoyed golf and was a member of Burford Golf Club. Following his retirement from cricket he was



introduced to horse racing, forming a syndicate with some friends. They spent many occasions watching *Tom's Prize* and *China Chase* at various courses across the country and were regular visitors to Stratford race-course.

Brian enjoyed a good social life. Both he and Sue played cribbage and he ran

the Wychwood Crib League for the past 18 years. Brian also enjoyed playing Dominoes for the local pub and most card games including Whist, Solo and Poker.

After being taken ill he spent his last week at Katherine House Hospice where he was really well looked after by the staff. He also had a lot of visitors who he was really pleased to see.

The service of thanksgiving for Brian's life was a great tribute and was attended by all of his family and the friends he had made throughout his full life. Donations from the funeral enabled us to give a cheque for £2,275.00 to Katherine House Hospice, plus £200.00 each to the church and village hall.

Brian was a great man who is sadly missed by his family and friends.

Sue, Claire and Tina and family would like to thank everyone who sent letters, cards and donations in Brian's memory and for all the support, kindness and friendship from the local community.

Claire and Tina