

MRS AVERY

of Church Street, Shipton, died on 6 August at the age of 78. Mrs Hall writes:

Having been born in Shipton and lived here all my life (more years than I care to remember) the little general store in Church Street has always been run, to my recollection, by Mrs Avery.

Although born in Chipping Norton, she lived all her married life in Shipton.

Ivy and Perce were both prominent members of the community, Ivy running the shop while Perce introduced the village taxi service.

To me and many more, Ivy and her shop represented the nucleus of the village. Every visit guaranteed a laugh, a joke, together with all the news and gossip; Ivy being able to conduct her business in the most pleasing, country style.

Not content with just running the shop, she also supplied many people's tea on a Tuesday evening from her fish-and-chip counter behind the shop.

Another service to the area comes from her son, Vic, a most competent electrician.

Ivy also had an artistic flair with her, sewing knitting, crocheting, etc., and her love for growing flowers in her well-stocked greenhouse.

A love which, I'm happy to say, has been inherited by her granddaughter Elaine, who is now running the shop as a general store and florist.

I'm sure that many inhabitants, in particular of Shipton, have felt a personal loss following the death of Ivy and will remember her for her unselfish generosity to those who were in need.