

## "OUR DOLLY"

If you didn't know Dolly Moore it really was your loss. She was 'the large happy lady on a bicycle' I quote.

Born in Bledlow Ridge 57 years ago, she attended St. Andrew's Church School, and upon leaving went into service for a number of years in Kent. Probably it was from those years that she gained her remarkable skill for organizing and catering, "always work with a method" she would say, and work she did. Forever cheerful she would help anyone, anytime. In 1959 Dolly was married to Ron in St. Andrew's Church and they lived at first in Red Lion Cottage before later moving to 31 Lower Icknield Way. They had no children of their own but instead took great joy in sharing other peoples. A wonderful knitter and needle-woman, Dolly was an expert in the art of creating the most beautiful matinee coats and shawls. People in Canada, America, Australia and all over England are the proud possessors of these items.

'Auntie Doll' as she was affectionately called, enjoyed her many friends. Christmas would see her and Ron's cosy sitting-room full to overflowing providing those happy times that her friends now have to reflect upon and treasure.

Dolly's parents kept the 'Bird-in-Hand' public house for many years and she could tell you many a tale about life there and about life in Chinnor in general. My regret is that we didn't get round to writing it down. She would often say "we weren't angels but we didn't do anything to endanger anyone else".

For many years Dolly was a post lady, cycling all around Chinnor and the surrounding villages in all weathers. She would hang out washing, deliver messages, have a chat and a cuppa and on so many occasions it was her cheerfulness that was so much more important to people than the post she delivered.

A great supporter of the Chinnor Labour Party Bazaar and for the last 14 years a devoted worker for Henton Cancer Fund Dolly made dozens and dozens of 'poodles' - you may have one in your bathroom (a very pretty toilet roll holder), peg-bags, aprons, decorations, the list is endless. Whatever raffles or sponsored walks etc. were on, Doll would always support them. A true friend to the end.

The last family occasion which she had so looked forward to was the wedding of Stephen and Elizabeth on June 1st. She seemed so happy to have seen them married. Thank God he didn't let her suffer, we must remember all the happy times and so our best to help Uncle Ron in his lonely way ahead.

God bless you Auntie Dolly,  
Daphne.

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