

Dick Bradford

I spent my childhood in Toddington where my parents had a small mixed farm. At 18 I joined the Army and I was commissioned into the Coldstream Guards in 1967. I served in many parts of the world including Germany, Borneo, Malaysia and Hong Kong and I completed regular operational tours in Northern Ireland between 1970 and 1987.

I retired from the Army as a Major in 1990 and have worked as a land manager on rural estates, first in Suffolk and then in Gloucestershire until I retired in 2015.

In 1998 I became Resident Agent on the Stowell Park Estate for Lord Vestey and lived on the estate in Yanworth. My job involved overall management of farming, forestry, residential and commercial property and game shooting.

My wife Anne and I were married in 1975 and we have three grown up children and four grandchildren. We have owned our house in Manor Farm, on the outskirts of Shipton, for a number of years but moved to live here permanently on my retirement.

In Yanworth I was Church Warden and Chairman of the Parish Meeting. Anne and I are both active on the committee of the Chedworth and District with Andoversford branch of the Royal British Legion.

My interests are travel and military history. I enjoy skiing and sailing. I have given up shooting but am training a young gundog.

I am not a chartered surveyor but I hope that my experience in land and property management will be useful to the Parish Council and to the village.