

From the Willoughby Society Archives

Willoughby

The Old Rugged Cross was played on the clarinet at the funeral of Pat Sheaf at Willoughby Church. Almost 300 friends of Pat crowded into the village church together with wife Sylvia and daughters Maria and Trisha.

All aspects of his life were represented at the church --- all had come to say goodbye to a true friend so suddenly taken away.

Pat will be remembered for his cheerfulness and sense of humour. As he worked at his garage on the A45 he was the person you looked for when you came into the village,

always a friendly wave and as one old friend stated "If you were miserable when you called in to see Pat you were smiling when you came away". He will be loved and remembered by all.

The service was conducted by Rev Jonathon Merritt and was followed by cremation at Canley Crematorium Pall bearers were his fellow committee members from the cricket club, Peter Green, Eric Palmer. Fred Mitchell and Frank Hallam.

The cricket club's under 15's team have reached the final of the Avon Youth League Knockout Cup Despite the rain which stopped play at the under 15's six-a-side organised by Barby C.C., the Willoughby lads were going strong and are through to the semi-finals which due to the weather had to be adjourned to a later date.

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