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Ledbury lost one its most remarkable parishioners this month with the passing of Irene Clegg.

Irene spent the best part of her life in and around Ledbury and Herefordshire enjoying a life rich with family and friends, finding a love for the natural world by living off the land and discovering a relationship with God that affected not only her life, but that touched those around her.



Born in Blackheath, South London on 27th February 1929, Irene was the only child to Walter and Amy Gooding. Her father was a scientific instrument maker at Siemanns in Greenwich working 10 hours a day, five and half days a week for a £5 wage.

"I loved him and my earliest memories are of waiting at our front gate in the evenings for him to come home from work. I would run to meet him and he would swing me up in the air."

Irene's grandmother lived with the family and they enjoyed their spare time listening to the radio, dancing and singing and going to the pictures at the Children's Cinema Club on Saturday mornings.

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