

Biographical Record

GLADYS ELSIE WILHELMINA BARKER (née Bateman)

Representative of the Oxford Diocesan Guild 1948 - 1959 and 1961 - 1965

Attended 17 meetings

Born at Stoke Green, Bucks on 9th August 1900.

Began ringing at Stoke Poges in 1915.

Rang her first peal on 30th November 1918: Grandsire Triples at Burnham, Bucks.

Rang a total of 87 peals.

Her achievements include: the first peal of maximus on tower bells by a lady (Waltham Abbey, 2.4.1921); the first peal on 12 bells in which a husband and wife took part (3.2.1923); the first peal of Stedman by 8 ladies (Old Windsor, 10.5.1924); the first peal of Stedman Caters by ladies (St Clement Danes, 21.1.1926); the first peal of spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor (30.1.1926); the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by ladies (Crayford, 31.3.1928); the first lady to ring at St Paul's (1921).

Occupation: Teacher.

Died on 16th August 1998.



*Obituary and articles in The Ringing World
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