

# Biographical Record

## **DOROTHY EVA BEAMISH nee Lewis**

Representative of the Warwickshire Guild/Coventry Diocesan Guild 1939 - 1971

Attended 28 meetings

Dorothy Eva Beamish was born on 11<sup>th</sup> August 1899 at Nuneaton in Warwickshire.

She learned to ring in October 1916 at Chilvers Coton. After the death of her husband, she moved to Midsomer Norton in Somerset and rang there.

She rang her first peal at St. Nicolas, Nuneaton on 4<sup>th</sup> October 1923.

Dorothy rang several notable peals including one of London Surprise Major at Chilvers Coton on 4<sup>th</sup> February 1950 by an entirely local band, all of whom had been born within a mile of the church.

She rang a total of 149 peals, of which two were on handbells.

She was Secretary of the Guild 1928-1935 and 1938-1956.

She was President of the Coventry Diocesan Guild from 1969 - 1972, acting as hostess to the Central Council during its visit to Leamington Spa in 1971.

She was a Vice-President of the West Midlands District of the Ladies' Guild and later President of the Western District of the Ladies Guild for some years.

She enjoyed tune ringing, four in hand, on handbells.

She was a Vice-President of the George Eliot Fellowship.

She was school mistress by profession.

She died on 5<sup>th</sup> March 1990.

Her funeral was at Midsomer Norton on March 14<sup>th</sup> following which she was cremated and her ashes interred at Chilvers Coton, alongside those of her husband, Arthur.

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