## **Biographical Record**

## Jean Agnes DARMON nee Southerst (1925 - 2008)

## Represented the Southwell Diocesan Guild on the Central Council from 1949 - 1950 and attended 1 meeting

She was born on May 19th 1925 in Finchley, London.

She learned to ring in Oxford in 1944, being taught by John Spice.

She was subsequently a member of the following towers: Oxford (various) 1944-1946, Newark (St Mary) 1946-1948 (also rang at Lincoln Cathedral), Leeds (St Michael, Headingley) 1948-1949, Claines (Worcester) 1949-1951, Dublin (various) 1951-1956, Bushey (St James) 1956-1962, Amersham (St Mary) 1964-1989.

She returned to tower bell ringing, after a gap of 18 years, with a peal at West Wycombe on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1975.

She took part in a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques, rung by three married couples, on August 10<sup>th</sup> 1980 at Amersham.

She rang in the first peal of Surprise Sixteen in one method only at Holyport on March 18<sup>th</sup> 1981.

She rang in the first peal of Bristol Surprise Fourteen on handbells at Maidenhead on July 14<sup>th</sup> 1982.

She rang in the first peal of Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells which included changes of method at the half-lead at Langley on April 20<sup>th</sup> 1983.

She taught French at Worcester Girls' Grammar School.

She died on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2008.



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