

# Biographical Record

## **Olive Delia BARNETT (nee Hairs) (1919 – 2010)**

Honorary Member of the Central Council from 1953 –to1989,  
and attended 36 Council meetings

Olive Delia Barnett was born in Brighton on 6th July 1919.

She rang her first peal, on handbells, on 21st September 1941; she rang the trebles to Plain Bob Major, and the peal was conducted by her father, Frank Hairs. The band was made up by her mother and her future husband. She rang her first tower bell peal at Hackney on April 22nd 1967. By March 1st 1991 she had rung 28 peals, of which 25 were handbell peals.

Olive was on the Standing Committee of the Central Council from 1963 – 1972 and on the Administrative Committee from 1972 – 1987. She was on the Biographies Committee from 1980 – 1987. Her husband, Mr. E A Barnett, was Secretary of the Central Council from 1952 – 1965 and she assisted him during this period.

She was a member of the Central Committee of the Ladies Guild and was President of the Ladies Guild from 1962 – 1965.

She represented the Lewisham District on the Kent County Association Central Committee.



When she filled in a ringing questionnaire, she remarked that she was a “dab hand at ringers’ teas”. Her other interests included photography, the WI and her local historical society.

She was subject No. 48 of ‘Servants of the Exercise’ in *The Ringing World* of November 25th 1960.

She died on 25th October 2010. Her funeral took place at Zeals.

*Her obituary appeared in The Ringing World in 2010, on page 1122.*

