

Biographical Record

JEAN SANDERSON (1937 – 2009)

Honorary member of the Central Council from 1982 - 1997,
Represented the Ely Diocesan Guild from 1998 - 2007,
Honorary member from 2008 - 2009 and attended 20 meetings

Jean Sanderson was born on 29th January 1937 at Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire.

She started to ring on 15th January 1951 at Norton in Hertfordshire, being taught by Tom Werrett, Tom's son Horace, Eddie Buck and Jack Dear.

She was attached to Norton from 1951-1964 and subsequently to Melbourn and Meldreth 1964-1985; to Haslingfield from 1985 onwards and also to Saffron Walden between 1964 and 1974.

She rang her first quarter peal in 1951 at Norton and her first peal, Plain Bob Triples, at Norton for the Coronation of HM Queen Elizabeth II on June 2nd 1953.

She rang a total of about 420 peals of which she conducted 1.

She was a member of the Central Council's Library Committee 1981-1999, being chairman of this committee from 1992-1999 and was also a member of the Council's Publications Committee.

Jean was the General Editor of the three volumes of 'Change Ringing: The History of an English Art'.

She was a member of various bell related societies. She was an International Delegate to the World Carillon Federation from the British Carillon Society. She was archivist to the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. She was Chairman of the East Anglian Region of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain. She was a member of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. She belonged to the American Carillon Society and also to the French and Dutch Carillon Societies.

She was a very keen collector of books, particularly books relating to bells. She enjoyed giving talks to various groups about anything to do with bells.

She worked with books all her life. She became a librarian, then worked at Heffers, the book sellers in Cambridge. In 1970 she joined the University Library and finished her career as librarian of the Astronomical Institute.

She died on 30th October 2009.

There was a memorial service for her at Haslingfield on 11th November 2009.

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