

FREDA IVINGS (née Martin), 1923–2005

Freda was born in Northampton in 1923, the last child of two boys and three girls. After school in Northampton she began work at the CWS as a clerk. At the Methodist Church canteen run by her mother during the War, Freda met Bill Ivings stationed nearby with his army unit. They married in 1945 and came to Ivings House in Philcote Street. She was secretary of the WI, and a central member of the Parish Church, cleaning and providing chrysanthemums from her garden. Bill taught her bell-ringing. She catered for ringers' suppers and rang hand bells for private parties. Freda worked for 30 loyal years as part-time secretary for the Stevens at Manor Farm in Adderbury, and hammered out many pages of the DN on her portable typewriter.

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