

Margery Cadman

MISS MARGERY CADMAN M.B.E. The death of Miss Margery Cadman occurred on Monday 30 June 2003 in Ipswich Hospital, she was 95 years of age. She moved to Campsey Ash in the early seventies and lived in the village until 1998 then moved back to Wickham Market. Miss Cadman was born in Wickham Market in 1907 and had five brothers. She attended Wickham Market Old School and left at the usual age of 14 and assisted her mother at home and others less fortunate who lived nearby. She began at this age her association with the Royal British Legion by volunteering to collect for the Earl Haig Fund, the forerunner of the Poppy Appeal. She was not allowed to collect on her own at the time but two years later she was able to. She also collected for the Blind, Red Cross, R.N.L.I., Mission to Seamen, and many other charities. During the war years she worked at serving food to the soldiers at Glevering Hall and in the Land Army in Sussex. Following the death of her parents she became housekeeper to a school master and companion to his daughter for nearly thirty years, while she lived in Wickham Market. She joined Wickham Market church choir at an early age when her father and brother were also there, she was also a sides person at Wickham, Sunday school teacher, and regularly arranged flowers in the church until 1998. She was a bell ringer and was the only woman to ring the Victory Peal at the end of WW II. While living in Campsey Ash she supported the church and village hall by organising jumble sales. She also supported the other churches in the Benefice with regular attendance at services and fund raising occasions. She won many prizes at local Flower Shows and was always cooking rusks, scones and making jam to give away to some organisation.

Tennis was her main sport which she played into her seventies and she introduced many people to the game and gave them every encouragement, she also supported Wickham Market Football Club who three of her brothers played for. All through her life whatever she did it was for the benefit of other people. She continued to collect for the Royal British Legion wherever she lived and received Certificates for 50 and 60 years collecting, Merit awards and as a consequence of her efforts alone she was awarded the M.B.E. in 1996 attending the Palace to receive her medal from The Queen. She was very proud of this award in a quiet way but it was well deserved. Wickham Market church was full, on the 9th July for her funeral, with people who cherish their own memories of her, especially her 'family' of over sixty nephews, nieces and their offspring. Following the service and the exultation from the Royal British Legion she was buried in Wickham Market, a remarkable lady who will be missed by many people who came in contact with her.

Andrew Cadman Footnote: On Thursday, July 17th, which was the 7th anniversary of her trip to Buckingham Palace to receive the MBE from H.M. The Queen, a Quarter Peal was rung on the bells at St. Andrew's Church, Marlesford to celebrate the life of that remarkable lady. The ringers were Katrina Rogers, Alan Rogers, Barry Gould, Glenys Fear, Jonathan Stevens and Tim Holmes. Alan Rogers, Tower Captain

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