



## Miss E M Palmer

### Broad Marsh and Drury Hill Protester

Miss Palmer a retired schoolteacher from Rathmines Close Lenton, was the leader of the protests to stop the building of the Broadmarsh centre and the destruction of Narrow Marsh and Broad Marsh and Drury Lane. She felt strongly that the City fathers – councillors were out of touch with citizens and were destroying old and loved parts of the city and creating some sort of American town.

She was a member of the Civic Soc, the Trust for nature Conservation and the Local History Soc. She wrote letters, lobbies councillors, sought local support and attended all of the public enquiries. She cross examined the City Planning officer and succeeded in embarrassing him eg that the meeting about the Severns building took place in London, and that he didn't know where the public could contact the City Planning Office but the decision was very much a fait accompli. She took the stand and read a 9page indictment of the scheme and the men who implemented it.

The protesters won the preservation of some caves – now City of Caves and the moving of the Severn's Building but they did not stop the Broadmarsh centre which has been unpopular since its inception.