



**Ivy Matthews 1916 – 2015**

**Councillor, JP and twice Lord Mayor of Nottingham**

Ivy was born at the family home in Glapton Road in Nottingham, when she was 13 they moved to Bulwell Hall Estate and aged 14 she started work at Browns chocolate factory. She was married to Frank Matthews and had 2 sons Derek and Trevor, she was later a grandmother and great grandmother. Her political career began when she stood unsuccessfully as a candidate for Nottingham's Bridge Ward in the late 1950s. Ivy was elected as a Conservative to represent St Albans Ward in 1962. Ivy's husband died in 1971. She served as Lord Mayor in 1975-6 and 1984-5. Ivy could be feisty and determined as well as being humorous, faithful, loyal and devoted and was known for getting things done. She also served as a magistrate up to the age of 70. Even in her 90's, she still led guided tours of Nottingham Council House, ran the Bulwell No 3 Old Age Pensioners Association and organised holidays for elderly people. She died on December 7, aged 99, and a memorial service was held at St Mary's Church, Bulwell.