

Biographical Record

FRANK CHARLES JOHN ARNOLD

Representative of the Norwich Diocesan Association 1978 - 1989

Attended 12 meetings

Frank Charles John Arnold was born on 17th November 1926 at Tacolneston in Norfolk.

He learned to ring in 1943 at Bunwell, Norfolk and rang his first peal, Plain Bob Minor, at Mulbarton, Norfolk on 17th May 1948.

Notable performances included a peal of 12,160 Plain Bob Major at Gressenhall on October 29th 1977 and 45 Spliced Doubles at Reymerston on June 1st 1976. His unique record was that he had rung a peal at Long Stratton on Christmas Eve for 50 consecutive years. He circled the towers at Saxlingham Nethergate and Bedfield.

Frank rang 1481 peals in total; 418 of these peals were for the Suffolk Guild and 1028 for the Norwich Diocesan Association. He rang his 1000th peal on 19th September 1992 and his 1000th for the Norwich Diocesan Association on 31st August 2001.

He was elected Vice-President of the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1989. Other capacities in which he served the Association were Southern Branch Secretary 1970-1987 and Chairman of the Southern Branch 1989-1992.

He participated in local organisations, being a church warden at Bunwell, the Secretary of the P.C.C., a member of the local Parish Council and a member of the Village Hall and Playing Fields Committee. He enjoyed gardening and playing bowls and was an active member of the Royal British Legion.

By trade he was a bricklayer.

He died on September 7th 2010 and his funeral was on September 16th at Bunwell.



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