

Biographical Record

ALFRED BALLARD

Representative the Leicester Diocesan Guild 1946 - 1953

Attended 7 meetings

Alfred Ballard was born at Stoney Stanton in Leicestershire on 14th December 1908.

He was taught to ring at Stoney Stanton by the Rector, Rev. R.P. Farrow in 1924. Later he rang at Burbage 1926-1951 and then at Hinckley 1951-1978.

He rang his first peal, three Doubles methods, conducted by Ernest Morris, at Witherley in Leicestershire on 19th March 1927.

He rang his 1000th peal, Stedman Cinques on handbells, on 19th March 1969 (42 years exactly after his first peal). His thousand peals included peals on all numbers from five to twelve both on tower bells and in hand. He also rang one peal each, in hand, of Stedman Sextuples and Kent T.B. 14. He was the 32nd ringer to ring 1000 peals.

Of his first 1000 peals, he rang 601 tower bell peals, of which he conducted 43, and 399 handbell peals, of which he conducted 60.

He took part in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus to be rung in hand and also in the first two peals of Surprise Royal to be rung in hand. He rang in a peal of 12,663 Stedman Cinques on handbells.

In total he rang 1338 peals, of which many were on handbells.

He was Chairman and Ringing Master of the Hinckley District and also Ringing Master of Hinckley church.

By profession, he was the manager of Francis & Windlebier, hosiery manufacturers.

He died on 13th May 1992.



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