

Biographical Record

Herbert Jonas Bradley (1872 – 1952)

Represented the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths on the Central Council
in 1920 and attended no meeting

Herbert Jonas Bradley was born on 9th October 1872 in Knightsbridge, London and he was baptised on December 29th 1872 at All Saints, Ennismore Gardens, Knightsbridge.

At the time of the 1911 census he was living with his wife, Martha Rose, at 3, Thorngate Road, Paddington. It appears they did not have any children.

Herbert Bradley was largely responsible for the restoration of Shoreditch bells in 1913 at a cost of nearly £500. He was a fund raiser, rather than a benefactor. The inscription on the third bell at Shoreditch reads: 'This ring of 12 was restored through the efforts of Hubert J Bradley, Steeplekeeper'. It seems there may have been an error on the inscription as Mr Bradley signed himself 'Herbert' in a letter to *The Ringing World*. He collected subscriptions for the work. Prior to 1913 the bells at Shoreditch had been unringable for nearly 20 years. The work on the bells was done by J. Warner & Sons.

He elected Honorary Secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in 1914 on the resignation of Mr. Frank Bennett.

Mr Bradley wrote a history of Shoreditch Church.

He died in the Windsor area in the last quarter of 1952, aged 80.