

# Biographical Record

## WILLIAM ERIC CRITCHLEY

Representative of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers 1951 - 1975

Honorary Member 1977 - 1979

Attended 26 meetings

Born at Askern, Doncaster on 10<sup>th</sup> July 1923.

Began ringing at Campsall, Yorkshire in 1938.

He was attached to Doncaster 1944-1975 and then moved to Northamptonshire, where he was unattached.

He rang his first peal on 19<sup>th</sup> May 1945: three Minor methods at Barnby Don, Yorkshire.

Rang a total of 2139 peals, conducting 918. He rang his 1000<sup>th</sup> peal on 17<sup>th</sup> September 1976 and his 2000<sup>th</sup> on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2000.

His notable achievements include conducting a peal of 53 Spliced Surprise Major (Conisborough 24.6.1955) and ringing a handbell peal of 109 minor methods in 7 extents (1955).

He composed many peals of Spliced Surprise Major.

He featured in the Ringing World article 'Personalities of the Exercise' No 34 (RW 24.8.1961)

Occupation: Chemistry teacher.

Died on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2003



*Obituaries in The Ringing World in 2003 on pages 408, 731 and 744.*