

# Biographical Record

**George Edwin FEIRN (1914 - 2009)**

**Represented the Lincoln Diocesan Guild on the Central Council  
from 1945 - 1986 and attended 42 meetings**

George Feirn was born on April 10<sup>th</sup> 1914 at Bigby, Lincolnshire, where he learned to ring in October 1931.

He rang his first peal, four extents of Kent Treble Bob Minor and three extents of Plain Bob Minor, at Bigby on December 10<sup>th</sup> 1932.

On June 16<sup>th</sup> 1939 he conducted the first ever peal in 100 methods, at Bassingham. He followed this up by calling peals in 102, 104 and finally 125 Minor methods in nine 720s at Bigby.

On handbells he rang several multi-method Minor peals culminating in 105 methods on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1947 and 106 methods on 8<sup>th</sup> August 1955, the record at that time.

He rang his 500<sup>th</sup> peal at Lincoln Cathedral on 29<sup>th</sup> December 1966.

He composed and conducted many multi Plain Major methods in hand, up to 27 methods; he also composed and conducted a peal of Original Major at Walesby on May 29<sup>th</sup> 1938.

He rang in the first peal of Bristol Surprise on handbells in the county of Lincolnshire at Lea on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1984.

He rang a total of 447 tower bell peals (conducting 180 of them) and 284 handbell peals, of which he conducted 168.

George was Ringing Master of the West Lindsey branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild from 1945 until at least 1961; he was Peal Secretary for the Guild 1948-1967 and was a member of the Guild Committee.

While on the Central Council he served on the Peals Collection Committee.

An article about him in the series 'Personalities of the Exercise' appeared in *The Ringing World* on September 15<sup>th</sup> 1961, page 621.

George farmed 55 acres in Lincolnshire.

He died on August 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 and his funeral took place on September 1<sup>st</sup> at Kirton in Lindsey.

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