

# Biographical Record

## Sydney FOSKETT (1902 - 1982)

Represented the Bedfordshire Association on the Central Council  
from 1954 to 1963 and attended 7 meetings

Sydney Foskett was born on 31st March 1902 in Northampton. He began to ring in 1912 at Newnham in Northamptonshire and his first peal was at St. Edmund's Northampton on 27th December 1921.

He was a member of the band at All Saints Northampton from 1920-1922; he rang at Bletchley from 1920-1929 and at St Paul's Bedford for many years after that. He served as Ringing Master at St. Paul's for many years. Later in life he moved to Nottingham where he was attached to St. Peter's Nottingham and St. Mary's Arnold at different times. He was a member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild from 1964 until his death.

Syd, as he was known, was a co-founder of the Railwaymen's Guild of ringers in 1956. He took part in four of the Guild's few peals. He also served the Guild as London Midland Region Ringing Master and, in 1973, as Guild Master. He took an active part in Guild activities until stopped from doing so by poor health.

On February 15th 1964 he married Minnie Pailing, a ringer from Nottingham, whose husband, Harold, had died some years previously in tragic circumstances. Syd rang three peals for the Southwell Guild.

Following a period of failing health, he died in hospital in Nottingham on 5th March 1982.



*A short notice of his death appeared in The Ringing World on page 316 in 1982.*