

# Biographical Record

## **DEREK HUBERT WATSON (1923 – 2000)**

Represented the Beverley and District Society on the Central Council  
from 1996 – 1999 and attended 4 meetings

He was born in Stourbridge on March 10<sup>th</sup> 1923 and learned to ring at St Thomas, Stourbridge on Christmas Day in 1939. He rang his first quarter peal, Grandsire Doubles, only six months after his first ringing lesson.

He rang his first peal in September 1944: Grandsire Triples at Hagley, Worcestershire.

He was proud of having rung a peal of mixed minor in 1996 to celebrate his 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

He rang about 17 peals.

He was a Life member of the Worcester & Districts Association.

From August 1985 until his death he was a member of the band at St. Mary's, Beverley.

He was the Public Relations Officer of the Beverley and District Society from February 1992 and a Vice-President of the Beverley and District Society from February 1995.

During the War he served as an officer in the Royal Navy. Later he trained as a teacher and worked in primary schools.

He died on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2000 and his funeral was held on January 31<sup>st</sup> at St. Mary, Beverley.

