

Biographical Record

Jack Roberts Worrall (1928 – 2013)

Represented the Guildford Diocesan Guild from 1954-1957
and attended 1 Council meeting

Jack Roberts Worrall was born at Rogerstone, Monmouthshire on 24th April 1928. He took up ringing at the age of 15 when he was taught to ring by Reg Addis at St. Mellons near Cardiff. He rang his first quarter peal (Grandsire Doubles) on Christmas Day in 1945. His first peal followed on May 18th the following year when he rang Plain Bob Minor at Llanfrehfa. His first peal as conductor was Plain Bob Minor on 6th May 1948. One of his ringing achievements later was to conduct the first peal of Grandsire Cinques for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

Jack did his National Service at Catterick and while there helped to form a ringing society. Jack went to Bristol University and was Master of the Society there from 1949-1950 and again from 1951-1952. During the intervening year from 1950-1951 he was Secretary of the University Society. When he left Bristol in 1952, he took a post as Housemaster and Languages teacher at Bisley School in Surrey. While there he rang at Horsell and Woking. His teaching career took him to several schools in Germany, working for the Service Children's Education Association. He married Cecile in 1956 and after leaving the Services schools in Germany, where he had risen to the post of Headmaster, in 1976 he was offered the post of Headmaster of Hautlieu School in Jersey. This meant that it was easy to visit Cecile's family at Pont l'Abbe. It also meant that Jack was able to take up ringing again at St. Mark's and St. John's churches on Jersey. He became tower captain at St. John's and trained the entire band there prior to the installation of the new ring of eight bells. He was made a Life Member of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild in recognition of the work he had done supporting the ringing at these two Jersey churches. Jack's peal total was in the region of 250.

Jack's other interests included playing hockey and Rugby; in his youth he captained Monmouth Schoolboys' Rugby team. He was also a keen stamp collector. Later during his retirement he became interested in genealogy and spent 22 years as a Volunteer Genealogist answering queries from abroad from people trying to trace their family history back to Jersey.

Jack died on 1st September 2013 and his funeral took place at St. Mark's in St. Helier, Jersey.

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