

# Biographical Record

## ALBERT BRAY

Representative the Lincoln Diocesan Guild 1936 - 1971

Attended 27 meetings

Albert Bray (known as Jack Bray) was born on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1900 at Burton on Stather.

He learned to ring at Burton on Stather in 1920 and he rang his first peal, Plain Bob Minor, there on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1934.

On June 24<sup>th</sup> 1939 he rang in a record peal of Spliced Minor at Leadenham. The peal contained 102 methods. Jack rang the 4<sup>th</sup>. At the time it was the greatest number of methods rung in seven true and complete extents.

He rang in the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major by a resident Lincolnshire band.

He called peals on all numbers of bells from 5 to 12, all on handbells. He conducted the first peal of six Major methods in hand. He conducted the Lincoln Guild's first handbell peals of Cinques and Maximus.

He rang his 900<sup>th</sup> peal at Grimsby on November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1974.

He rang 644 tower bell peals, of which he conducted 339, and 288 handbell peals, of which he conducted 101, making a total of 932 peals, conducted 440.

In 1938 he was one of those responsible for the augmentation of Burton on Stather bells from 6 to 8.

He was Grimsby District Ringing Master from 1929 until at least 1939 and was Northern Branch Secretary from 1937 until 1939.

He was Secretary and Treasurer of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild 1948-1961 and Master of the Guild 1961-1970. He was a Vice-President of the Guild 1970-1990.

He died on November 5<sup>th</sup> 1990 and was cremated.

