

# Biographical Record

## JOHN DAVID CLARKE

Representative of the Southwell Diocesan Guild 1957 - 1971

Attended 8 meetings

John David Clarke was born on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1929 in Whatton-in-the Vale, Nottinghamshire.

He rang his first peal, Plain Bob Minor, at Whatton-in-the-Vale, on 7<sup>th</sup> June 1954.

He rang many peals in a variety of methods up to Spliced Surprise Major, fifty of his peals being for the Southwell Guild.

He joined the Southwell Guild in 1954 and was elected to the District Committee in 1956.

He was Ringing Master of the Newark District 1957-1959 and was a member of the Newark District Committee 1958-1961.

In 1962 he was elected as the first chairman of the Bingham District of the Southwell Guild; he held this post for ten years.

David was one of the driving forces behind the restoration, 1966-1968, followed by the augmentation to eight of Whatton bells in 1970. In addition to helping with the actual work, David did much of the necessary fund raising. He was Tower Captain of Whatton for many years.

He was also a proficient handbell ringer, ringing tunes four in hand.

In his working life he was in the building trade, later being employed as a quantity surveyor.

He died on 30<sup>th</sup> June 1994 and his funeral was held at Bramcote Crematorium on 7<sup>th</sup> July.