

Biographical Record

RONALD HAMMERTON DOVE

Honorary Member 1973 - 1976, 1977 - 1983 and 1991 - 1997

Attended 10 meetings

Born at Winshill, Burton-on-Trent, on 1st June 1906.

Began ringing at Burton-on-Trent in 1925 and was later attached to St. Peter's Croydon 1928-1932, St. Michaels' Headingley 1935-1945, Leeds Parish Church 1947-1972 and St Wilfrid's Harrogate from 1973 onwards.

He rang his first peal at Ibstock in Leicestershire, covering to Doubles, on 18 September 1926. Rang a total of 484 peals.

He called a peal rung by Altar Servers at Christ Church Epsom on 20th August 1932; he rang in the first peal of London Surprise Royal No 3 (Beddington, 4.2.1933) and took part in a peal rung by employees of Taylors at the Loughborough bell Foundry on 24th July 1933. He rang the treble to a peal of 13440 Plain Bob Major at Hanbury in Worcestershire.

He was Secretary of the Burton District of the Midland Counties Association 1926-1928.

He initiated the schemes for the installation of two new rings of bells: St. Matthew's Chapel Allerton, Leeds in 1955 and St. Wilfrid's Harrogate in 1973, teaching bands at both churches.

He compiled 'A Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain', which became known as 'Dove's Guide'. He started this in 1927 and it was first published in 1950; the 9th edition was published in 2000.

He was the first person to ring in more than 4000 towers and rang in 5329 places in total – all with 5 bells or more

Occupation: Horologist.

Died on 19th March 2001 and was cremated at York on March 31st

Obituaries in The Ringing World in 2001 on pages 312, 840, 960 and 1054.

