

Biographical Record

The Revd. Roger Owen FRY (1930 - 2010)

Represented the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association on the Central Council from 1954 – 1959 and attended 1 meeting

Roger Owen Fry was born on January 17th 1930 in Bath.

He learned to handle a bell at St. Swithin Walest - which had only one bell. Later he rang at St Mary Bathwick, which had eight bells at that time. He taught himself to handle a bell, but was helped later by Joe Kelly at Bathwick.

He rang at Bathwick 1945-1948, then at Bath Abbey and then at Twerton, Bath 1953-1958.

He rang his first peal, Grandsire Doubles, at All Saints Weston, Bath in March 1946. His first peal as conductor was a peal of Grandsire Triples at Twerton in September 1946.

He rang 399 peals in total; these included peals on all the heaviest rings of bells from 5 to 12.

He rang in about 1,400 different towers.

He was the General Secretary of the Bath & Wells Association 1953-1958 and during this period he was the Ringing Master at Twerton on Avon, where he taught a young band to ring.

He was a Priest in Holy Orders, being ordained at Wells Cathedral on December 21st 1960. An account of his ordination appeared in 'The Ringing World' on January 6th 1961.

He died on May 8th 2010 and a service of thanksgiving for his life was held at St. Mary's Church, Westonzoyland on May 21st.

Obituaries in 'The Ringing World', July 9th 2010.

