

Biographical Record

William Frederick (Bill) GIBBONS (1920 - 2008)

Represented the Chester Diocesan Guild on the Central Council
from 1983 to 1984 and attended 2 meetings

William Frederick Gibbons was born in Chesterfield, Derbyshire on 10th November 1920.

He learned to ring in October 1939 while he was studying at Oxford University. During the war he rang at several towers including Isleworth, St. Mary Abbots Kensington and Kingston on Thames. From 1946-1947 he rang at St. Peter ad Vincula at Stoke on Trent; from 1947-1951 he was in Somerset, ringing at Crewkerne and Ilminster. He rang at St. Luke, Goostrey in Cheshire 1969 onwards.

Bill rang his first peal on handbells on 21st February 1943 at the School House, Radley. In total he rang 400 peals, with more than 300 of these being rung in hand. His last peal, Plain Bob Royal in hand, was on May 22nd 2003.

While he was at Oxford he was the secretary of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers 1940-1941. From 1983-1984 he was Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild and from 1984-1997 he was Treasurer of the Guild.

His job was Chief Engineer and he was a Member of the Institute of Physics.

Bill died on 21st June 2008.

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