Biographical Record

Frederick William GOODFELLOW (1905 – 1990)

Represented the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild on the Central Council from 1938 and 1950 - 1965 and attended 12 meetings

Frederick William Goodfellow was born in Walthamstow on 8th April 1905.

He learned to ring at St. Mary's Ealing in 1920, subsequently being attached to St. John's Hillingdon from about 1925. He was Secretary of Hillingdon tower 1928-1953, Deputy Captain 1954-1956 and Captain 1957-1980.

He rang his first peal, Stedman Caters, at St. Alphege, Greenwich on 14th January 1922. His first peal as conductor, Grandsire Triples, was rung on 27th January 1923, when he called Holt's Original. He rang in another peal of Holt's Original, another peal of Grandsire Triples and a peal of Stedman Triples all non-conducted on tower bells.

He served the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in many ways, being Master of the South and West District 1928-1930; joint General Secretary 1932-1937; Deputy Master in 1950, 1961 and 1962, General Secretary 1951-1953; Treasurer 1956-1976 and Chairman 1958-1960. He was elected a Life Member in 1938 in recognition of his services to his District and was made a Vice-President in 1978.

A peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Cranford in October 1976 where the average age of the band was 15 and Frederick had taught five of them, including the conductor, to ring.

He died on 4th July 1990 and his funeral was held at St. John's Hillingdon on July 13th, followed by cremation.

Obituary: 'The Ringing World' in 1990, page 766.