

Biographical Record

Frederick HOPPER (1879 – 1963)

Represented of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on the Central Council
from 1927 - 1929 and attended 3 meetings

Frederick Hopper was born at Olney, Buckinghamshire, on January 10th 1879.

He learned to ring at Olney in 1895.

Towers to which he was subsequently attached are St. Edmund, Northampton 1899-1901; St. Giles, Northampton 1901-1913, where he was Tower Captain from 1910-1913; St. Peter, Northampton 1914-1919. Later he rang at St. Edmund's, Northampton until 1939, after which he was unattached.

He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, at St. Giles Northampton on 20th June 1901.

He rang his 150th peal on July 22nd 1926 and rang at least 166 peals.

One of his notable performances was a peal of Stedman Triples, which he conducted, at St. Edmund, Northampton on 17th July 1919. All the band were members of the Central Northampton Association and the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, the peal being rung during his term of office as Grand Master of the Victoria Lodge and President of the Central Northamptonshire Association. The peal was rung to commemorate the signing of the Peace Treaty and was the first Friendly Society peal rung in the county of Northamptonshire.

He served on the Committee of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild from 1903-1928 and was Vice-President of the Northampton branch from 1917-1918. He was President of the Central Northants. Association from 1918-1919.

For a number of years he was the Instructor to the Towcester and District Association.

He was a boot and shoe maker.

He died in 1963.