

Biographical Record

Douglas HUGHES OBE (1917 – 1997)

He was an Honorary member of the Council from 1954 to 1987
and attended 27 Council meetings

Douglas Hughes was born on 17th August 1917 at Leytonstone.

He learned to handle a bell as a young boy at the foundry by pulling up, on the wheel, small bells erected for testing. Later, with his brother, he hung a small bell in the roof timbers and taught himself to ring with a rope.

Later he was attached to St. Lawrence, Jewry from 1936-1939 and Hayes, Kent from c1947-1954.

He was a Trustee of the John Carter Ringing Machine from 1965-1981; the Hon. Treasurer of 'The Ringing World' from 1964-1986 and an auditor for the Central Council in 1967-1975.

He was a member of the Central Council Standing Committee from 1964-1972.

He was awarded an OBE in the New Year's honours in 1977.

He was a bell founder at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

Articles about him appear in *The Ringing World* in 1982 page 817, in 1986 page 1040 and 1987 on page 87.

He died on 29th March 1997.

His obituary was in The Ringing World 1997 on page 388.