

Biographical Record

RAYMOND FREDERICK OVERY (1912 – 2005)

Represented the Sussex County Association on the Central Council
from 1957 - 1963 and attended 2 meetings.

Raymond Frederick Overy was born on May 19th 1912 at Herne Bay in Kent.

He started to ring in 1926 at Haslemere, where he was taught by Major J.H.B. Hess, and in Guildford, where he was taught by Alf Pulling.

Later he was attached to the following towers: St. Andrew, Plymouth, Ryde (Isle of Wight), Cuckfield and Balcombe.

His first quarter peal, Grandsire Triples, was at Haslemere in 1927 and his first peal was also Grandsire Triples at Haslemere in 1927. His first peal as conductor was in 1934, when he called a peal of Plain Bob Major at Buckland in the Moor for the Devon Guild. In total he rang about 215 peals, of which 149 were for the Sussex County Association. He conducted 57 of the Sussex peals.

He took part in a peal of 10,025 Stedman Caters at Haslemere for the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Major Hess, who taught him to ring.

He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

By profession he was an optician.

His other interests included walking, chess, going to classical music concerts and steam engines.

He died on 13th June 2005, aged 93. His funeral was held at Woodvale Crematorium in Brighton.

