

Biographical Record

Charles William PLAYER (1877 – 1933)

Represented the Romney Marsh Guild on the Central Council in 1933
and attended no meeting

Charles William Player was born in the last quarter of 1877 and began his ringing career in Margate before moving to Stone-in-Oxney. He rang his first peal on 28 December 1901, ringing Grandsire Triples at Faversham. In total, Player rang 293 peals, conducting 37. He was a member of both the Kent County Association and the Romney Marshes and District Guild, of which he was described as “one of the pioneers.”

He worked for the family building business, originally established by his great-grandfather. His coffin was made in his firms workshop. He was married to Clara and had four children, three boys, George, Harold and Thomas, and a girl, Margaret.

Charles Player was elected to be the Central Council Representative of the Romney Marsh Guild on 21 January 1933. However, he died of pneumonia on 22 April 1933 and so did not attend a Central Council meeting. He was 55 when he died.

The restoration of the Stone-in-Oxney bells was dedicated to his memory. The tablet unveiled at the opening read: “These bells were restored in AD 1934 by the parishioners, ringing friends and others in memory of Charles W Player, for many years a member of the local company, the KC and RM & DG.”