Biographical Record

John (Jack) Percy SIMS (1912 – 2010)

Represented the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on the Central Council from1981-1983 and attended 3 meetings

John Percy Sims was born on 10th August 1912 in Plymouth.

He learned to ring in 1928 at Charles Church, which was destroyed in the blitz. After the war he rang at Emmanuel Church in Plymouth, where he was a devout worshipper. He was tower captain there for 39 years.

His first peal, Grandsire Doubles, was at Plymstock on 7th March 1938. In the band there were 4 first pealers, first of Grandsire, first as conductor and first on the bells.

He rang 7 peals in total.

He was made a life long Vice-President of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers in 1970.

In 1981 he was the Master of the Guild.

He was renowned for his broad smile and the warm welcome he always gave to visiting ringers.

He enjoyed visiting Scotland and made many visits there.

He worked for the Plymouth Water Authority from the age of 14, retiring in 1977 when he was a senior water inspector.

He died on 15th June 2010 and his funeral took place at Emmanuel church, Compton Gifford, on June 25th.

Obituary in The Ringing World in 2010 on page 1072