Biographical Record

JOHN ROBERT SMITH (1924 – 1997)

Represented the Norwich Diocesan Association on the Central Council
from 1978 - 1986 and attended 8 meetings

He was born at Attleborough, Norfolk on September 7th 1924.

He learned to ring at New Buckenham in Norfolk in 1936.

He was subsequently attached to Leicester Cathedral 1944-1954 and then to Aylsham in Norfolk from 1957 until his death.

He rang his first peal, Stedman Triples, at Leicester Cathedral on January 6th 1944.

By 1978 he had rung 502 tower bell peals, of which he had conducted 90 and 16 handbell peals, of which he had conducted 6.

He rang in the first peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus on May 22nd 1950 at Leicester Cathedral.

He rang in the first peals of Spliced Surprise Maximus up to 12 methods at Leicester Cathedral in the early 1950s.

By profession he was a schoolmaster.

He died on November 2nd 1997.

