

Biographical Record

Arthur Reginald TAPPER (1905 – 1990)

Represented the Devon Association on the Central Council from 1961 - 1969, from 1971 - 1977 and attended 0 meetings

Arthur Reginald Tapper was born at Yealmpton in Devon on 21st September 1905.

He learned to ring at Yealmpton in 1919 and rang there for 70 years, 40 of them as Captain of the ringers.

He rang handbells at Yealmpton.

He served a term as President of the Devon Association 1977-1978.

He was a founder member of the Plympton Deanery Ringers and Yealmpton won the first competition held at Shaugh Prior in 1938.

He was a judge in call change striking competitions.

He took part in Christmas Bells on the BBC in 1947 and had many letters of congratulations from far afield.

He worked as a gardener, working for the same family his entire working life and was the holder of the Royal Horticulture Society Bronze medal for 40 years work, followed by a Gold Bar to add to it for an additional decade.

He was much in demand as a Horticulture Judge and won over ten thousand prize cards for his flowers, exhibiting in London and throughout Devon as well as locally.

He was founder member of Yealmpton Brass band.

During World War II he was in the Home Guard.

He died on 9th April 1990. A memorial service was held at Yealmpton on 25th July 1990.

Obituary in 'The Ringing World' in 1990, page 889.