

Biographical Record

WILLIAM HAWSON VIGGERS (1911 – 1994)

Honorary Member of the Central Council from 1949 - 1957,
Represented the Guildford Diocesan Guild from 1957 - 1972,
Honorary Member from 1973 - 1988 and attended 34 meetings

He was born on July 18th 1911 at Aldershot, where he learned to ring in 1927. Apart from 7 months in 1938, when he was a member of the band at Birmingham Cathedral, he remained a ringer at Aldershot for the rest of his life.

He rang his first peal, Plain Bob Major, at Aldershot on May 7th 1930, ringing 45 peals at Aldershot in total.

He was a founder member of the Guildford Guild.

From 1948-1987 he was a member of the Central Council Biographies Committee.

He worked all his life in the printing industry, being responsible for the 'Delight' series of books in which ringers could record their peals, quarter peals and their visits to other towers, and similar books for towers to keep their records of visitors, quarter peals and peals.

In partnership with Maurice Hodgson, he produced 'The Ringer's Notebook and Diary'. He also published 'A Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain' for its author, Ron Dove.

He was also a chorister and sidesman at Aldershot.

He died on January 7th 1994 and his funeral service was held at St. Michael's Aldershot on January 17th

