

Biographical Record

ROGER WETENHALL DANIELS WETENHALL (1903 – 1998)

Represented the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association on the Central Council from 1969 - 1976 and attended 8 meetings
(This Association became the Carlisle Diocesan Guild in 1975)

He was born at Stanwick, Northamptonshire on August 17th 1903.

He learned to ring in 1923 at North Wheatley, Nottinghamshire, where his father was Rector.

He rang his first peal, Plain Bob Minor, at Stow in Lincolnshire.

He rang in the first peal of Surprise Major by a resident band of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association at Cockermouth on 18th December 1965.

He rang his 100th peal at Kirkby Stephen on March 30th 1970.

He was Secretary of the Cumberland and North Westmorland Association 1971-1975.

He rang in various parts of the country, including London and Birmingham, before moving to Cockermouth. When he arrived in Cockermouth the bells had been silent for some time, but he soon got regular Sunday service ringing established there.

He was the driving force behind the installation of the ring of ten bells at Whitehaven, which had previously had only one bell. He had the vision to start the project and did most of the fund raising.

He rang his last quarter peal to celebrate his 90th birthday.

He was Master of the Carlisle Diocesan Guild at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

He had a very varied working life, being involved at different times with the fur trade, mining, the petroleum industry and finally in insurance.

He died on November 7th 1998.

There was a private funeral at St. Cuthbert's, Lorton, where he is buried in the churchyard, and a memorial service was held later in All Saints, Cockermouth.

He was formerly known as Roger Daniels.

