

Biographical Record

ERNEST FRANK WILLCOX (1934 – 2009)

Represented the Shropshire Association on the Central Council
from 1966 - 1972 and attended 1 meeting

He was born early in 1934 in Shropshire, where he grew up. At twelve years old he asked to learn to ring at St Mary's, Shrewsbury.

He rang his first peal before 1950.

His 100th peal was on the tenor at Liverpool Cathedral.

His 200th peal was at Welshpool on May 29th 1978.

He circled the tower at Atcham twice with a peal on January 1st 1981.

His 125th peal for the Shropshire Association was at Uppington on March 30th 1981.

He rang 138 peals for the Shropshire Association, of which he conducted 19.

He rang 258 peals for 20 Associations.

In the early 1970s he was Ringing Master of the Shropshire Association and of St. Chad's Shrewsbury.

He donated the cup for the Shropshire Association striking contest.

He was renowned for ringing heavy bells and rang peals on the tenor at St. Chad's Shrewsbury to peals from Triples to Maximus. An attempt for Minor was lost when one of the other ringers had had enough.

He worked as a bricklayer, having served his apprenticeship. Later he joined the Police and worked in Buckinghamshire for ten years. On his return to Shrewsbury he resumed his brick laying career.

He enjoyed military music and also attending the Munich Beer Festival.

He died on December 20th 2008 and his funeral was held on January 8th 2009.

An obituary is in The Ringing World, 27 February 2009

