

Biographical Record

Austin Thomas S WINGATE (1913 – 1986)

Represented the Hereford Diocesan Guild on the Central Council from 1960 - 1986
and attended 19 meetings

He was born on Christmas Day in 1913 in the Hereford area.

He learned to ring at Sutton St. Nicholas where he was taught to ring plain courses of Grandsire Doubles by numbers.

In 1938 he joined the band at Hereford Cathedral and remained a member of that band until his death.

He rang his first peal, Grandsire Doubles, on May 15th 1937 at St. Nicholas, Hereford for the Coronation of King George VI.

In 1952 he was a member of the band which rang five peals in one day at Llanfihangel Rhydeithon.

He rang in a peal of 10,000 Plain Bob Major at Llanfeugan on July 15th 1972.

He rang in a peal of 15,000 Doubles (10 methods), being the longest peal rung for the Hereford Diocesan Guild, at Eardisley on August 11th 1974.

He circled Hereford Cathedral to peals on June 7th 1977.

He was District Secretary for the Hereford District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild 1953-1958 and was Ringing Master of the District for the following two years.

In 1962 he was elected Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild for a two year term.

He was Ringing Master of Hereford Cathedral for many years.

The first Hereford Course was held in 1963 and he helped with that and was associated with the course every year until his death.



He died on October 15th 1986 and his funeral was held in the

Lady Chapel at Hereford Cathedral on October 22nd.

He was cremated later.