

# Biographical Record

## **BRIAN GEOFFREY WARWICK (1930 – 2006)**

Represented the Leicester Diocesan Guild on the Central Council from 1960 - 1981 and from 1987 - 2006 and attended 41 meetings

He was born on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1930 in Leicester.

He started to ring at Rothley, Leicestershire, in February 1946.

Subsequently he was a member of the Leicester Cathedral band 1948-1953 and then of St. Thomas, South Wigston from 1953 until his death in 2006. He was Tower Captain at South Wigston for several years.

He rang his first peal, Grandsire Doubles, at Rothley on 6<sup>th</sup> November 1948.

His first peal as conductor was on handbells: Plain Bob Major on 29<sup>th</sup> August 1949.

He rang a peal of Stedman Sextuples in hand.

He rang his 1000<sup>th</sup> peal at South Wigston on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1973. He rang his 1000<sup>th</sup> peal for the Leicester Diocesan Guild at South Wigston on 24<sup>th</sup> May 1978. His 1000<sup>th</sup> peal as conductor was at Leicester Cathedral on 15<sup>th</sup> May 1982 and his 1000<sup>th</sup> peal as conductor for the Leicester Diocesan Guild on December 29<sup>th</sup> 1983.

He rang his 2500<sup>th</sup> peal for the Leicester Diocesan Guild on 23 December 1997 at Kirby Muxloe.

He rang his 3000<sup>th</sup> peal at South Wigston on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2001.

He rang his 2100<sup>th</sup> peal with Winifred, his wife, at the Loughborough Foundry Campanile on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2005 at South Wigston he rang his 1900<sup>th</sup> peal of Surprise, for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his learning to ring. He circled Ratby tower on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2005; it was the 26<sup>th</sup> Leicestershire tower he had circled.

He rang his 2900<sup>th</sup> peal as conductor on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile.

He rang 3428 peals in total.

He was General Secretary of the Leicester Diocesan Guild 1956-1964 and a Trustee 1964-2001. In 1986 he was President of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

He was an active member of the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway for over 30 years, having qualified as a Guard and a Signaller and being assistant membership secretary.

By profession, he was a schoolmaster.

He died on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2006. His funeral was at South Wigston on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

