

Biographical Record

CHRISTOPHER WELDON WOOLLEY (1906 – 1991)

Represented the Hertford County Association on the Central Council
from 1936 - 1956 and attended 7 meetings

He was born on 21st November 1906 at Longstanton in Cambridgeshire.

He learned to ring handbells at Longstanton in 1916 and learned to ring tower bells at Stoke by Nayland in 1918.

He rang at Bushey from 1936 – 1991.

He rang his first peal on 19th September 1919: Plain Bob Minor on handbells at Longstanton Vicarage.

He rang in many notable peals:

Record peal of 12663 Stedman Cinques in August 1946

Record peal of 13664 Double Norwich C B Major on handbells on 29th February 1948

First peal of 4 methods Surprise Royal on handbells June 1966

First peal on 16 handbells, Kent Treble Bob at Watford on 25th April 1969

Record peal of 16 Spliced Surprise Maximus on handbells in April 1970

First peal of Surprise on 16 handbells on 25th January 1971

He rang his 1000th peal at Watford on 2nd September 1970 - on handbells.

He rang handbell peals of Cambridge and London Surprise Major, silent and non-conducted.

He rang 194 peals on Bushey bells and circled the tower 13 times.

He rang a total of 1330 peals, of which 693 were on tower bells and 637 in hand. He conducted 324 peals.

He was on the Peals Collection Committee of the Central Council 1948-1957.

He was President of the Hertford County Association in 1955.

He was the author of the Central Council publication 'Change Ringing on Handbells' in 1964.

He was a schoolmaster by profession.

He died on July 15th 1991 and was cremated.

