

Biographical Record

Eric BILLINGS (1938 - 2006)

Represented the Peterborough Diocesan Guild on the Central Council from 1962 to 1989, was an Honorary Member from 1991 to 1996 and attended 29 meetings

Eric Billings was born in Northampton on 29th June 1938 and learned to ring at the church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr in Northampton starting in November 1956. He rang his first peal, Plain Bob Doubles inside, at St. Edmund, King and Martyr in Northampton on 18th May 1957. This was within six months of learning to handle a bell. St. Edmund's was demolished in 1979 and after that Eric became a member of the band at Dallington, Northampton. He rang a total of 166 peals, of which he conducted 2. All his peals were rung on tower bells. He circled St. Edmund's tower to peals on April 27th 1971 and later circled Ringstead tower to peals.

Eric was the Peterborough Guild Secretary and Treasurer 1962-1972 and from 1973 to 1977 he was the Guild Secretary. When the Central Council visited Northampton in 1965, Eric was responsible for many of the arrangements for the visit.

Whilst on the Central Council he served on the Bell Restoration Committee for many years from 1977.

He was a member of the British Institute of Management (AMBIM) and the Institution of Works Managers (MIWM). Earlier he had been Assistant Works Study Officer with Phipps Brewery, Northampton. By profession he was a distribution manager.

Eric's other interests included gardening, skiing and swimming.

He retired to Spain and died there on 18th July 2006.

