

Biographical Record

Denis Richard CARLISLE (1917 – 1990)

Represented the Derbyshire Association on the Central Council from 1951-1953, from 1966-1971, and attended 8 Central Council meetings

Denis Richard Carlisle was born on July 4th 1917 in Nottingham.

He learned to ring at Old Basford, Nottingham in 1934. He rang at St. Giles, Sandiacre from 1945 until ill health prevented him from doing so in the late 1980s.

His first peal, Grandsire Triples, was at St. Peter's Nottingham in February 1947. He rang 494 peals for the Derbyshire Association (later the Derby Diocesan Association). He did not keep a peal book; his peal total will be higher than 494.

He was Secretary of the Ilkeston District of the Derby Diocesan Association from 1951-1953; Chairman of the Ilkeston District from 1953-1955, from 1957-1958, from 1962-1963 and from 1970-1972. He was Ringing Master of the Ilkeston district in 1956 and 1964. He was an Ilkeston District Committee member from 1974-1982.

He was the Association Peal Secretary from 1949-1965 and Vice-President of the Derby Diocesan Association from 1983-1990.

Denis rang in the first peal – Stedman Cinques – on 12 bells for the Derby D.A. by an all resident band at Leicester Cathedral on May 6th 1967.

He was a competent conductor and also composed peals in the days before they could easily be computer checked. He also enjoyed change ringing on handbells.

For over 35 years he was one of the organisers of the Derby DA Annual Dinner; the arrangements included songs about various members which he had written himself.

He was a research engineer for Rolls-Royce in the aero-engine division.

He died on 3rd March 1990 and his funeral was held at Sandiacre church on 9th March.

A tribute appeared in The Ringing World in 1990 on page 364

