

# Biographical Record

## **William Charles DUFFIELD (1895 - 1984)**

**Represented the Norwich Diocesan Association on the Central Council from 1945 - 1953 and attended 8 meetings**

William Charles Duffield was born on November 13<sup>th</sup> 1895 at Tasburgh Mill, Norfolk.

He was taught to ring at Tasburgh by Albert Warnes in 1909 and joined the Norwich Diocesan Guild in 1910.

He rang his first peal, Plain Bob Major, on January 18<sup>th</sup> 1912 at Pulham Market.

He rang the 6<sup>th</sup> in a peal of Oxford T.B. Major at Saxlingham Nethergate on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1914, being the youngest band to ring a peal of Major on tower bells.

He took part in 147 peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association on all numbers and in the standard methods.

One notable peal was of Plain Bob Minor on December 27<sup>th</sup> 1927 at St. Mary's Long Stratton with his father and four of his brothers.

He rang in a peal of Plain Bob Minor at Long Stratton on December 27<sup>th</sup> 1977 with a band whose average age was 75½ years.

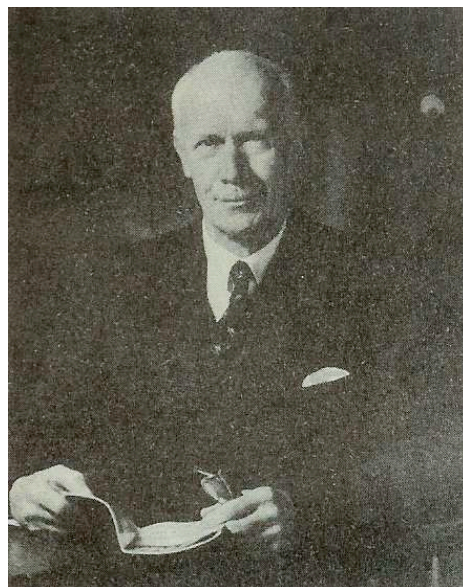
He became a Vice-President of the Norwich Diocesan Association in its centenary year.

He served with the Bedfordshire Yeomanry in France and Palestine in the first World War and during the second World War was in command of a Home Guard unit of nearly 1000 men.

He had many interests: he served as a church warden at Buxton and Lammas; he was deeply involved in village life; he was a good tennis player and enjoyed driving cars. He was a keen member of the North Norfolk Harriers with whom he hunted regularly.

He was born in his father's mill and became a miller himself. At one time he managed a mill in South Africa and he later bought Buxton Mill in Norfolk.

He died on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1984 and his funeral was held on 30<sup>th</sup> May at St. Andrew's, Lamas.



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