

Biographical Record

JOHN SPENCER WALTON (1921 – 1994)

Represented the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association on the Central Council
from 1972 - 1983 and attended 11 meetings

He was born on August 29th 1921 in Edgbaston, Birmingham.

He learned to ring in 1934 at Clent in Worcestershire where he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on the 26th October 1935. He was taught to ring by William Short.

Subsequently he was attached to the following towers:

Hagley	1938-1941	Deddington	1949-1951
Banbury	1941-1954	Unattached	1951-1961
Birmingham Cathedral	1947-1949	Churchill	1961-1992
	Worle	1992-1994	

While in Birmingham he took part in the last peal (Stedman Caters) on the ten and the first (Stedman Cinques) on the twelve at Birmingham Cathedral.

He was Axbridge Branch Chairman 1962-1973 and 1980-1984.

He was Association Peal Secretary from 1972-1988.

He was Association Instructor from 1973-1980.

He rang his 150th peal for the Bath & Wells Diocesan Association at Bleadon on July 25th 1987.

For his services to the Association he was elected an Honorary Life Member in 1989.

He rang 243 peals; in nearly 50 of these was someone ringing their first peal, which he conducted. He also kept a record of peals lost, and the reason for the loss. There were 303 of those.

He joined the Great Western Railway, later moving to the Somerset and Dorset Railway. He worked as a relief Station Master on the Cheddar Valley line before finally being based at Temple Meads in Bristol, working in various departments.

He died on April 21st 1994 and he was cremated on April 25th.

