

# Biographical Record

## Eric BRUNGER (1938 - 2012)

Represented the Norwich Diocesan Association (Eastern Branch) on the Central Council from 2010 until his death in 2012, and attended no meetings

Eric was born 8th February 1938 in Dartford, Kent. He was taught to ring by Bernard Collins and others at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells in 1954. By the late 1950s he was chairman of the East Grinstead and District Guild and became a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in 1959.

He married Jenny Langsdon at Blean Parish church on October 1st 1960, and they rang together at Tunbridge Wells and in the South London area before moving to Hertfordshire, where they rang at Tring and Aston Clinton.

After a break, Eric and Jenny started ringing again when they moved to Ranworth in 1987, from where Eric commuted to London for work. In September 1991, he had a massive stroke. It took him 12 months to recover sufficiently to try some simple ringing. Slowly, over the next few years, he became more involved with ringing in Norfolk, becoming a member of the NDA in 1998. Subsequently he joined the band at Blofield where he taught his brain to concentrate and learn to ring the 'standard eight' Surprise Major.

In 2003 Eric was made Ringing Master of the Eastern Branch of the NDA, a post which he held until shortly before he died. He was also a valuable member of the Bell Restoration committee, bringing his considerable engineering skills to bear on many Norfolk towers. He was also a member of the NDA Education Committee and helped to run the Training Day, which was very dear to his heart.

His careful stewardship was in many ways responsible for the successful opening of the Paul Cattermole fund, the smooth running of which venture owed much to Eric's attention to detail.

Eric was elected as an NDA representative to the Central Council in 2010, but it was a great disappointment to him that he became too ill to attend any meetings.

He died peacefully at home on 25th September 2012 after a long illness, during which he was looked after by his wife, Jenny.



*His obituary appeared in The Ringing World 11th January 2013*