Biographical Record

John (Jack) Horace HINE (1911 – 1998)

Represented the Devon Association on the Central Council from 1965 - 1992 and attended 0 meetings

John Horace Hine was born on 24th September 1911.

He was the Tower Captain at Plymstock, where he apparently ruled with a rod of iron; he would not allow any female ringers in the tower. He never rang methods and refused to accept that method ringers could produce good striking. He would not allow a full peal of method ringing to be rung in Plymstock tower.

He rang many peals in the call change sense and won the majority of competitions. He rang the treble which was of great importance in the raising and falling of the bells before and after the 60 on thirds competitions. His team was rarely out of the first three in any call change ringing competition.

Jack was in great demand as a judge of call change competitions. He was able to judge both 6 and 8 bell contests. When he was the chief judge, he was able to make shrewd and measured comments on where teams did well and where their ringing did not come up to scratch.

He was a painter and decorator by trade.

He died on 5th September 1998 and is buried in Plymstock churchyard.