

Biographical Record

Prebendary JOHN GILBERT MORTIMER SCOTT (1925 – 2007)

Represented the Guild of Devonshire Ringers on the Central Council from 1954 - 1986, Honorary member from 1986 - 1998, Life member 1998 and attended 52 meetings

John Gilbert Mortimer Scott was born in Charlton, London on 11th December 1925.

He started to ring in February 1948 while he was at Oxford University. He was taught by Kate Higgins.

He was a member of the band at Buckland Monochorum and the Oxford University band until 1949; then a member at Cheshunt and Dodbrooke 1949-1951; Exeter St. Thomas 1951-1954; Clawton 1958-1966; Newton St. Cyres 1966-1983 and Bampton (Devon) from 1983.

He rang his first peal, Plain Bob Minor, at St. Thomas, Oxford on 13th June 1950, having rung his first quarter peal, Grandsire Doubles, there on December 1st 1949. His first quarter peal as conductor was Grandsire Doubles at Morebath on 8th April 1985.

He rang about 30 peals in total. One of these was strapping the tenor at Exeter Cathedral in November 1953. He rang in the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by a resident Devon band at Wolborough on 20th June 1955.

He was chairman of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers from 1951-1954 and President of the Tamar Valley Guild of Ringers from 1960-1966. He was Librarian of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

He was a member of the following Central Council committees:

Sunday Service and Education 1958-1960 Standing / Administrative 1969-1984
Towers and Belfries from 1957 (chairman 1978-1980) Redundant Bells from 1981

He was Vice-President of the Central Council 1975-1981 and President 1981-1984.

He became Prebendary of Exeter Cathedral in April 1984.

He was Bell Adviser to the Diocese of Exeter for over 40 years.

He was the author of a book 'The Towers and Bells of Devon', which was published at the end of 2006.

He died on 9th July 2007 and his funeral was on July 23rd.

