

Biographical Record

John Edgar SPICE (1922 – 2006)

Represented the Oxford University Society on the Central Council from 1944 - 1948, from 1960 - 1963 and attended 5 meetings.

He was born on May 3rd 1922 at Sittingbourne in Kent.

He first started to ring in 1930 for about six months, then later started in earnest in November 1936 at Tunstall in Kent.

From 1939 to 1945 as a member of the Oxford University Society he rang at most of the Oxford churches, particularly at Christ Church and St Mary the Virgin.

In 1946 he was a member of the band at Liverpool Parish Church, (Our Lady & St. Nicholas) before the bells had been rehung.

He was Master of the Oxford University Society 1940-1945.

He was a co-founder of the Universities Association and its first secretary from February 1942 until December 1946.

He rang his first peal at Barden in Kent on November 27th 1937.

He conducted the first peal of Glasgow Surprise Major ever rung on December 28th 1946.

He rang in the first peals of Lavenham Court, Highbury Bob, Spalding College, Kidlington College, Maidstone Bob and New London Court, all on handbells.

He rang in a notable handbell peal before breakfast on January 2nd 1945 – it was the first one in 21 Spliced Plain Major methods.

He died on August 26th 2006.