

Biographical Record

ANTONY SWINBURNE BAKER (TONY)

Representative of the London County Association 1987 - 1989

Attended 3 meetings

Antony Swinburne Baker was born on 13th June 1943.

He rang his first peal, Plain Bob Minor, which he conducted, on 7th March 1970 at Cranford in Essex.

He rang a total of 97 peals; 89 being on tower bells and he conducted 5 of these. He conducted 1 of his 8 handbell peals. He enjoyed ringing handbells as well as ringing tower bells and arranged practices and peal attempts at his home. He was also keen on teaching others to ring both tower bells and handbells.

For a time he was Master of the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.

During his working life he had many different kinds of employment: when he left school he went to sea; he then joined the D'Oyley Carte Opera Company for a career in singing; later he worked at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry as a bell hanger; following that he worked on the London buses, both as a driver and as an inspector; then he worked as a Service Engineer for a photocopier company. This last job took him to South Wales where he lived and rang for the last 6 years of his life. After being made redundant from his work he qualified as a driving instructor.

In September 1994 he suffered a heart attack and never recovered his good health.

He died on 24th March 1995 and his funeral took place on 13th April at Western Cemetery, Cardiff.

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pages 159 and 160.*