

# Biographical Record

## **Edward (Ted) MARTIN (1950 – 2005)**

Represented the Swansea and Brecon Guild on the Central Council from in 1981 and attended 0 meetings

Edward (Ted) Martin was born on 27<sup>th</sup> January 1950 at Heanor in Derbyshire.

He learned to ring at Swanwick, Derbyshire circa 1966, being taught by Eric Sterland.

He rang his first peal, ringing the treble to Cambridge Surprise Major, at Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1969. He was a competent Surprise Major ringer.

When he lived in Loughborough, he taught a band to ring from scratch.

In the mid-1990s he gave considerable help with the restoration of the bells at Pentrich in Derbyshire.

He had a variety of interests: as a youngster he played cricket for a local club; he qualified as a football referee and used to officiate in local matches; he played chess and played bridge at international level, playing for Wales.

He was very musical, playing the saxophone and singing tenor in various choirs, including the choir at All Souls, Langham Place in London. He played tunes on handbells as well as ringing methods on them.

He read Chemistry at Oxford, and did a PhD there, later working as a chemist for ICI. His work took him to Kent and South Wales and then to Ashbourne, Derbyshire.

In the late 1990s he moved to High Wycombe, where he taught Chemistry.

He died on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2005 and his funeral took place at Holy Trinity, Lane End, Buckinghamshire on November 5<sup>th</sup>. His widow bought a bell for High Wycombe as a memorial to him.

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