



Honorary Life Member Citation

Philip Talbot

The Southern District proposed at its AGM in April to put forward the name of Philip Talbot to be an Honorary Life Member of the IACR.

There are many reasons for this proposal (which is probably long over-due!) ..

Agreed by many, when this was first proposed, by far his most significant achievement is his commitment to Service ringing over many years both in Dublin and Limerick.

Also agreed is Philip's ability to calm tense situations with a few quiet words, a skill believed to have been inherited from his father – another former IACR President, Very Rev. M.J. Talbot.

But there is much more to Philip Talbot.

He first started ringing in the early 1960's in St. Mary's Cathedral (Limerick) under the expert tutelage of Harry Ellis. This was the era when both Limerick towers were possibly the finest striking towers on the island – indicated by the number of times their names appear on the Murphy Cup. So, from the beginning, Philip was surrounded by excellent ringers, and with them he thrived, quickly graduating to change ringing.

In 1974 his career took him to Dublin, and following in the footsteps of several Limerick ringers who went to Dublin for work, he joined the ringers in St. Patrick's Cathedral. There over the years he rang many peals and many more quarter peals – too many to list! Along the way he quietly guided and tutored many ringers to their first Plain Course or Peal.

In 1985 Philip was elected as General Secretary of the IACR and the unenviable task of following Fred Dukes who had held the role for nigh on 40 years. Fortunately for the IACR, Philip proved to be an excellent choice.

Then in 1995 he was elected IACR President, succeeding John Lindsay. As President he laid the groundwork for what was to be a very successful IACR Centenary year in 1998. A year which included the IACR hosting the CCCBR Annual meeting in Dublin.

Over the years, Philip has proved his ability to offer quiet support and advice to ringers at all levels and stages. His opinion is still sought and valued by many. Philip has contributed to the social life of ringers at St. Patrick's & St. Mary's and is a wonderful neighbour at a dinner table.

He remains to this day modest about his many achievements, which include: -

- A member of the IACR team that rang Erin Caters in the Tewkesbury Shield.
- the first peal on the restored bells of St. Audoen's,
- a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St Patrick's
- and the first peal on the Dunmanway bells.

It is our pleasure to nominate Philip Talbot as an Honorary Life Member of the IACR.

Kieron Brislane - Secretary, IACR Southern District

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Derek McEndoo - St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.