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**A* grade for The G. & B. –
winners of the 2012 Ringing World
National Youth Contest for the Whitechapel Trophy**



*The G. & B. team with the Whitechapel Trophy in St Martin's in the Bullring on Saturday, 30th June (l-r):
Alan Eyles (4th), Lucy Eyles (2nd), Connie Tongue (3rd), Russell Scudamore (6th), Julian Howes (treble), Simon Edwards (7th and conductor),
Michael Woodward (5th) and Benjamin Elvey (tenor) (Photo by Peter Harrison)*

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*This is the Editor's usual broad round-up
 of the whole weekend – formal minutes of the
 115th Annual Meeting will be published in
 due course.*

Making the best of a Jubilee clash



*Chester railway station
 festooned with Jubilee flags*

I think we must be honest and acknowledge
 that many Council members would rather
 have been elsewhere for this weekend ... and
 indeed quite a few of them *were*. Chester was
 a really attractive venue and the local Guild
 did a great job of organising an excellent
 programme of events.

It is just that Queen's Diamond Jubilee
 weekend celebrations (only the second
 Diamond Jubilee of a monarch in our history,
 remember – and likely to be the last for a
 very long time) also had an undeniably
 strong pull at home towers and events in
 London. With hindsight, it was not a brilliant
 decision of the Council's officers to shift the
 meeting to this weekend – though they made
 it in good faith and using the best
 information available at that time.
 Nevertheless, those of us who did attend
 made the best of it and were entertained
 warmly by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Practices, Tours, BBQ and Songs of Praise

Members and companions arriving on
 Friday night were made welcome at practices
 in Frodsham, Waverton, Chester Old St
 Mary's and Holmes Chapel.

Saturday saw the "Incoming Tour" with
 ringing slots at Lymm, Warburton, Bowdon,
 Rostherne, Knutsford, Northwich (Witton),
 Harford, Davenham, Over (Winsford), Little
 Budworth, Tarporley, Tarvin and Christleton.

A Boat & Coach Tour the same day proved
 particularly popular and involved a trip down
 the River Dee to the landing stage at
 Eccleston, followed by a short walk to ring at
 fine 26cwt eight on the Duke of
 Westminster's estate at Eccleston. The tour
 then continued by coach to Dodleston,
 Pulford, Holt and Farndon.

On Saturday evening there was a most
 enjoyable Beer & BBQ event on offer at
 Overleigh St Mary's School in Handbridge.
 Although the weather was not kind, the

School Hall provided a cheerful space to
 enjoy the tasty food and superb beer. The
 latter was provided by Mobberley Fine Ales
 of Mobberley, Cheshire and the proprietor,
 Phil Roberts, is a ringer. The beer was so
 good, in fact, that the Editor almost missed
 the last shuttle-bus back to the Headquarters
 Hotel ...

He is also ashamed to admit that he didn't
 get up in time for Sunday morning service
 ringing, which was available at Chester
 Cathedral, Handbridge, Waverton
 Christleton, Hoole, Dodleston, Backford and
 Eccleston. Sunday afternoon events included
 a fascinating trip to visit the Eaton Hall
 Carillon (although, sadly, it was not possible
 to hear it in action) and a Walking Tour
 of Chester.

The Annual Meeting of the Ringing
 Foundation at 1pm (more of that anon)
 preceded a *Songs of Praise* service in
 Chester Cathedral at 3.30pm. This service
 was a rather magnificent affair and was very
 well attended – even though it clashed
 directly with a live broadcast of the Thames
 Jubilee River Pageant.

Members who didn't succumb to temptation
 and slope off back to their hotel rooms to
 watch proceedings in London on tv were
 rewarded with an interesting and uplifting
 programme of music. This was led by a guest
 choir that is normally based at St Paul's
 Church, Birmingham – coincidentally the
 venue for this year's Ringing World National
 Youth Contest. The music included a piece
 specially composed by John Barber called
 "Bells of St Paul's" as well as Handel's
 "Zadock the Priest" which, coupled with the
 National Anthem, lent a suitably Royal flavour
 to the event. The Canon Precentor, Revd
 Canon Christopher Humphries, delivered a
 thoughtful address.

An evening Reception and formal dinner
 was held at the Queen Hotel (HQ) on Sunday
 evening and we were entertained to speeches
 by The Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster, Bishop of
 Chester, the Mayor of Chester, Cllr Pamela
 Booher, CCCBR President Kate Flavell and
 Stefan Zientek, Master of the Chester
 Diocesan Guild.



*Phil Roberts, a ringer and proprietor of
 Mobberley Fine Ales, pulls a pint at the
 Saturday evening BBQ in Handbridge
 (see www.mobberleyfineales.co.uk)*



The Queen Hotel – headquarters for the Council weekend

The Annual General Meeting of The Ringing Foundation – Sunday, 3rd June

There is no doubt that holding the Ringing Foundation Meeting on Sunday made the proceedings on Monday much less of a ‘marathon’ and the arrangement seemed to work very well for the Foundation too; attendance at its meeting in the Chapter House of Chester Cathedral was good.

Chairman Brian Meads gave a detailed report outlining the history of the Foundation to date and how it had progressed to launching the Integrated Teacher Training Scheme (ITTS), which has now outgrown the ability of the small initial team set up to administer it. The Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) had therefore been formed to carry the work forward. The Foundation is in discussions with the ART over funding the continued administrative costs of the ITTS. Although not finalised, the cost is likely to be around £25,000 over two years. The Foundation had not yet called for significant incoming funds for the good reason that it has been unable to demonstrate what it was going to spend it on; this is no longer the case. Brian said that donations to fund this work would now be most welcome. He said the estimated cost of training one ringer to Plain Bob Minor standard through the ITTS would be in the order of £200. The Foundation’s Business Plan presented last year set the long-term target of training half of the new ringers required annually – that is 500 ringers. The indicated cost for this is about £100,000 per year; around £2.50 a year per current ringer. Would your association be prepared to contribute on a *per capita* basis?

Activities during the past year had included the achievement of charitable status, which in turn enabled HM Revenue & Customs recognition for the purpose of Gift Aid; the

continuing development of the website and an application for free *Google* adverts that are now available to charities.

Looking at the accounts Director Robin Heppenstall gave a brief overview of grants and donations; four grants had been made in 2011 and that number had already been exceeded in 2012. But the income in 2011 contained just one donation from a Guild and one personal donation from a ringer, which demonstrated poor support for the Foundation. It would have been struggling to meet commitments without a £1,000 donation from the Worshipful Company of Founders and in fact the Founders had generously promised a donation of £1000 per year for a three year period (next year being the last of those three). The RF would like to go out to the market place and seek funds from other organisations that would support heritage issues and ringing, but it was impossible to do that without first demonstrating that support was already forthcoming from within the Exercise itself.

In a question and answer session Frank Beech (N. Staffs) recalled the first meeting about setting up a Foundation when it was said that the new organisation would “have nothing to do with the Church” and as a result there would be many organisations willing to donate – what had happened to all those envisaged donations? Brian Meads responded that he was not a member of Council at that time, but discussions with outside funding bodies since then was that the *most* one would obtain is matched funding; you must be able to demonstrate that you have commitment from within the organisation or community for which you are seeking funds.

Lynne Hughes (Guild of Devonshire Ringers) was applauded when she said she thought the Foundation had made an excellent start and that the ITTS scheme was brilliant;

Editorial

Our congratulations go to The G. & B. team which came first in the second Ringing World National Youth Contest at St Paul’s Church, Birmingham on Saturday. This was a really fabulous day and certainly a huge tonic for anyone who might have been feeling unduly pessimistic about the future of ringing.

It was a joy to see St Martin’s-in-the-Bullring filled with enthusiastic young ringers, all eager to learn the results of their efforts earlier in the day. One eminent observer said of the contest “The more I think about it the more convinced I am that this is the best thing *The Ringing World* has ever done.” We will have a full report, together with an interview with the winning team and more pictures in a future edition.

In the meantime please note that the date of next year’s Ringing World National Youth Contest has been set for Saturday, 6th July. We hope to be able to announce the venue very shortly.

The Record Peal of Glasgow at Christchurch, Spitalfields reported on p.702 is a great achievement and we congratulate the band. It is good to have such a comprehensive write-up, including the reflections of umpire Lucy Woodward on the ‘human’ side of the performance. No doubt the late Brian Price would also have been thrilled to know that his composition had been put to such very good use.

Finally may we congratulate Bill Butler on being elected a Life Member of the Central Council. Bill has been stalwart of the Exercise for many years and has made a truly outstanding contribution in a number of areas – so this honour is richly deserved. Unfortunately the photographs taken of him at the meeting were too blurred to reproduce with the report, for which we sincerely apologise.

2,000th Peal Congratulations

John B. Keeler

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Lynne thanked the Directors and said that she, for one, would be going back to her Guild and asking them to make a donation, as well as considering dipping in to her own pocket to make a personal donation.

John Harrison (ODG), who actually proposed the setting up of the Foundation at the first meeting referred to by Frank Beech, said that Frank had been quite right – but reinforced the point that “the money out there” was only available on the basis of matched funding.

Geoff Horrit (HCA) commented that the Central Council had already given the Foundation a grant of £10,000 and asked why that amount could not be ‘matched’. Brian Meads responded that examination of the accounts would reveal that that sum had already been more than matched by other fund raising over the life of the Foundation. Robin Heppenstall added that it was difficult to approach outside bodies for money unless one can demonstrate exactly what the money will be spent on: the foundation had not thus far been overwhelmed with projects that enable it to do that. ITTS development was, however, now enabling progress in that direction.

Chris Rogers (Guildford DG) suggested that the Foundation write to all the Chairmen of Guilds and associations, setting out very clearly its future plans then it might well produce some donations, but speaking for his own Guild he would need to know that the money was going to be well spent. The Directors said that this was already part of their plan.

Mike Chester (Coventry Guild) felt most members of his Guild knew very little about the RF and were inclined to ask “what does it do?”. The big task is informing people of the work that is done: when they see that it is valuable they might put their hands in their pockets.

CC Vice president Chris Mew (Coventry DG) pointed out that it was only in the last 12 months or so that things had really started to take off; ITTS courses were now spreading and the Foundation had received applications for grants towards several specific projects. There was now a much greater awareness of the need for better training. He said the Central Council is highly committed to supporting the work of the Foundation.

Stephen Elwell-Sutton (Scottish Association) reported a very positive feeling about ITTS in his association – a course run there was very well received. That, in itself,



Elva Ainsworth with Chris Berry during the Monday lunch break



Top table guests at the Sunday evening reception and dinner included (the Lady Mayoress) Julie Knight, Stephan Zientek (Master of the Chester D.G.), Cllr Pamela Booher (Mayor of Chester), Paul Flavell, Kate Flavell (President of the Central Council), Chris Mew (Vice President), Anne Mew, Mrs Zientek, Rt Revd Dr Peter Foster (Bishop of Chester), Derek Harbottle (CC Treasurer), Lizbeth Harbottle and Peter Wilkinson



Vice President Chris Mew with new member of Council David Roskelly



Peter Wilkinson with veteran Chester D.G. member Revd Brian Harris



The 115th Central Council meeting in session at the Queen Hotel

was a very practical way of raising awareness of the Foundation's work. More than half the towers in Scotland were represented at that one course.

Elva Ainsworth (Additional Member of Council) explained a little bit more about the *Google* adverts, which might be provided on an ongoing basis and should be particularly effective in reaching younger people. Tony Furnivall (North American Guild) reinforced Elva's comments and suggested members take a look at www.nagcr.org to experience a *Google* driven site: "the things that you can do with it are absolutely amazing". He also observed that it takes at least five years to do the ground work to produce results with major projects.

Director Roger Booth said that the *RW* was read by a minority of ringers and that the Foundation needed to look at other ways of reaching people in addition to this. He also bemoaned the fact that so much money was being directed at restoration projects rather than training initiatives; "there was a real problem here in terms of changing the culture of ringing". Over the next five or ten years we need to develop solutions to those problems.

Alison Hodge raised the issue of credibility, particularly in regard to the sums of money quoted earlier in relation to training an individual ringer. If someone can be trained to ring up to Plain Bob for £200, how does that compare with the rates for learning, say, languages or other musical instruments?

Brian Meads said that the figures related to the ITTS situation where much voluntary tuition was still given. Alison reiterated that there was a real danger in undervaluing the expertise and skills that we wish to utilise. Can we achieve our objectives through volunteers? Or do we need to "think bigger"?

The accounts were accepted by 78 for, 1 against and 13 abstentions.

Directors David Hull and John Armstrong retired by rotation: John was not seeking re-election. There having been no other nominations by the due date David Hull was duly reappointed. John was thanked warmly for his contribution to the work of the Foundation. Brian Meads said that he would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining the Board of Directors – reminding us that it is not necessary for candidates to be members of the Central Council.



John Armstrong – retired as a Director of the Ringing Foundation

The 115th Central Council Meeting – Monday, 4th June

The President commenced by reading out the message of congratulation that the Council had sent to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee, together with the appreciative response that had duly been received from Buckingham Palace.

Membership changes

New members were welcomed: these included Margaret Horritt, Peter Kemp, David Westerman, Aidan Butcher, Sue Buckingham, Andrew Barnsdale and David Roskelly. The five Additional Members elected at last year's meeting were also welcomed: Alan Frost, Peter Trotman, Adrian Semken, Elva Ainsworth and David Willis. New Ex-Officio Members included Nigel Herriott (as Chairman of The Ringing World Ltd) and Robin Walker (as Honorary Assistant Secretary of the Council).

Remembrance of members and ex-members that had died since last year's gathering included Harold W. Rogers of Isleworth who passed away on 17th February having attended a record sixty four Council Meetings during his lifetime.

Jane Wilkinson and Robert Lewis were both re-elected as Additional Members. William Butler was elected (with more than the requisite 80%+ of eligible votes) to Life Membership of the Council in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the Exercise, embracing work with the Publications and Library Committee, together with his authorship of several books and a lifetime of teaching new ringers in his home tower at Thatcham, Berkshire.

Motions

All three motions before the Council were carried – motions A (a procedural rule change to allow new members to participate in the Ringing World and Ringing Foundation AGMs when held on a day ahead of the Council Meeting at the start of a triennium) and C (change in terms of reference of the PR Committee) were completely non-controversial but, as expected, it was motion B that generated a little heat as well as light before it was finally adopted by a two thirds plus majority.

Motion B, you may recall, was: "That the Peal Records Committee shall include in its annual report a statistical analysis of peals rung by rope and wheel on dumbbell rings or rings of bells with tied clappers, provided that such peals comply in all respects with the Central Council's conditions for peals with the sole exception of the use of simulated sound in the absence of swinging clappers striking bells of metal."

In proposing, Andrew Barnsdale related that the background to this was that the Sussex County Association was approached by one of its members who has a vested interest – in so much as he has a ring of dumbbells in his garage. The issue was brought before the Association's General Committee who, in turn, sought the views of the membership as a whole through the

Divisional Annual Meetings. The feedback resulted in this motion.

He said for those people who ring in this way felt that their efforts should be properly recorded. At the moment the Peals Analysis Committee is required to identify non-compliant peals in the narrative section of the report, but not in the analytical tables. This therefore excludes many non-compliant peals from being considered for statistical purposes. The ones covered in this motion are a particular type of non-compliant peal in that they are compliant in all respects except that the sound is created electronically rather than by the striking of bell and clapper. For the ringers engaged in this type of performance the experience of ringing and the truth of the peal is otherwise the same as it would be if it was rung in a tower or mini-ring. It is not the purpose of this motion to turn such peals into compliant ones - there was no attempt being made to do this and the various debates that had already taken place in Sussex suggested there was little support for such an idea. The motion also did not cover such 'curiosities' as tapping out peals on a keyboard or a single ringer using a dumbbell and a computer providing the other ersatz ringers. It had been deliberately framed in a tight fashion so as not to reduce ringing standards. At the moment different databases treat such performances in different ways; if they are included in the analytical tables (within their own table) then there would be clarity and trends in this type of ringing would be easy to follow. This was a motion about keeping records in as full and robust a system as possible.

In seconding the motion Catherine Lewis made the point that we are trying to attract many more recruits to the Exercise and turn them into enthusiastic ringers and we want all of them to enjoy peals, quarters and outings; it can be difficult in some areas to find available towers for doing these things. Simulators were going to have to be used more – not just for teaching, but for recreational purposes too. It was therefore logical to support this motion to give "a little more status and encouragement" to those who provide these extra facilities.

Speaking against the motion Andrew Mills (Southwell & Nottingham DG) recalled his long letters to the *RW* on the subject and reiterated that he was strongly opposed to this idea because he feared it would promote the increased use of synthetic bells sounds in churches generally.

Tony Furnivall (North American Guild) who rings at Trinity Wall Street in New York said that the level of performance required is the same – his band was able to ring many more peals on its bells because the bells could be silenced: we want to be able to hear our own performances and whatever technology we can use to be able to do that is useful, constructive and ultimately beneficial to the Exercise.

Ian Smith (Guild of Devonshire Ringers) thought simulators ought to be regarded simply as what they are – i.e. as excellent tools for training. They are not bells and the Council should not be required to record performance on them. If the motion were passed perhaps there would be another one

the following year suggesting that the Council be re-named “The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and Simulator Operatives”.

Frank Beech (North Staffs) said that simulators were helpful for teaching, but not always “all they were cracked up to be”. People who were taught exclusively on simulators might have trouble handling the real thing ...

Phil Barnes (Kent County), declaring a potential conflict of interest as a mini ring owner, noted the lack of declaration of conflict of interest from Andrew Mills (employed by the bell trade) and argued that Andrew did, in fact, have a major conflict of interest here. He disagreed with Frank Beech’s remarks and drew attention to the success, in particular, of the teaching centre at Worcester Cathedral in training ringers on simulators and then introducing them to some of the most challenging bells in the country. The most important thing with regard to this motion was that the Council should push forward and not be frightened of change: not to assume that it might “open a floodgate where suddenly there would be 10,000 peals rung on a few bicycle wheels sounding like Liverpool Cathedral: it will not happen”. Those who are interested will undertake peals on simulators whether the Central Council like it or not and, for the purposes of ringing history, it is important that we collect and have records of those performances.

Robert Wood (University of Bristol Society) felt the motion would change almost nothing: “the motion doesn’t mean that peals on simulators are going to be ‘recognised peals’ as such; it simply means that we are going to maintain some statistical analysis of them”.

On a point of information about the historical background to the status of peals Tony Smith (W&P) said that “in the bad old days before 2002” Council ‘recognised’ peals that were rung in compliance with its Decisions. With those peals that were not compliant it determined whether they should be included in the analysis or not – such peals were often rung and proved highly acrimonious. Since 2002 there has been no such thing as Council recognition of peals. Peals are rung and peals are reported and Peals Analysis identifies those which are not compliant; that is a completely neutral position. This motion was therefore only concerned with the way in which the Peals Records Committee report on certain performances in its annual report.

John Harrison (ODG) said the motion was not about ringing with simulators it was about bands full of ringers on the ends of ropes ringing things upstairs which behave and feel exactly like normal bells, but where the sound happens to be made artificially – whether that is by a simulator, or by a little bell on the wall or by a separate box is academic. As for the concern that nobody would buy any more bells – bells were bought for public performance and would still be bought for public performance regardless of whether or not people ring peals for sport.

Norman Mattingley (Truro DG) was concerned about record lengths and felt that it may be unfair to compare those rung on simulators to those on real bells. Peter Niblett (W&P) said there would be no effect on record lengths because these were covered by the Decisions and clarified the difference in the reporting of the Peals Analysis Committee which would be brought about by the motion. There would be a small extra table instead of reporting in the narrative text.

The motion was carried with a substantial majority on a show of hands.

Change Ringing For the Future

This was an update for the Council to go with a paper that had been circulated and is the subject of a separate article in this issue by Chris Mew on p.693.

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The Ringing World AGM



*RW Chairman Nigel Herriott
with Company Secretary Ian Oram*

Chairman’s Report

Minutes of the previous AGM were approved and Nigel Herriott presented the Chairman’s report, pointing out that he had taken over from Jackie Roberts as Chairman from 1st January 2012, which was why the report was signed by both of them. He recalled that Jackie had been a director of the RW for ten years and was elected Chairman in 2005; she had led the Board through a period of almost continual change. As she was standing down at this meeting he thanked her for her extraordinary contribution and presented her with a small token of appreciation from her fellow Board members, which received a round of applause.

The Centenary Celebrations in March 2011 had been enjoyed by around 2000 ringers and a number of other successful centenary events



*Retiring Director Jackie Roberts accepting
her gift from the Ringing World Board*

were held during the year. Nigel highlighted the success of the first Ringing World National Youth Contest; the company was looking forward to the second contest on 30th June 2012 in Birmingham. 15 teams had entered and the day would also include handbell master classes and open towers. Adrian Udal was thanked for doing so much to make the contest a success, as were Chief Judge Simon Linford and the St Martin’s Guild for hosting it this year.

Turning to the financial report, Nigel highlighted that the company had made a similar loss this year to the previous year. The Board had reviewed its cost base and concluded that the only way to make sufficient savings was through a restructuring of the administration team and reduction in staffing levels. It was therefore with reluctance that the Board had decided to make the post of General Manager redundant, which would take effect from the end of July. The objective was to return The Ringing World Ltd. to a sustainable financial position. Nigel said that he was grateful to the General Manager, Chris Darvill, for supporting the transition to a new organisational structure, despite the difficulties that this entailed for him personally. He also thanked Chris for his contribution since joining the *RW*.

The financial position would be a great deal worse if it were not for the support the magazine receives from its sponsors and the Chairman thanked them most particularly for that support.

Last year he had spoken as Sales & Marketing Director about a 2-pronged approach to address falling circulation, the first being to stem that fall. In order to understand why people didn’t renew subscriptions he phoned all the subscribers who didn’t renew in the first quarter of last year. The following reasons were given (in order of magnitude): **1.** The subscriber was old and had given up ringing or had died; **2.** Economic circumstances (redundancies, small businesses going to the wall, etc.); **3.** Forgot to re-subscribe. Only a handful of other reasons were given and about 75% of responses fell into categories 1 and 2. It was difficult to do much about these top two reasons: the subscriber base was ageing. We therefore have to find a way of attracting younger subscribers in an age when they expect to receive information electronically.

In an attempt to stem the fall an ‘Ambassador Programme’ had been launched last year; nine people stepped forward to take on that role, which still left some areas of the country uncovered. On a positive note, many of the ambassadors had been very active and were thanked for their work. In 2011 there was a loss of only 8 subscriptions, which compared very favourably to the long term average over the last 20 years of 77 per year. Anyone who wants to become an ambassador should contact the Chairman directly.

The second prong was to develop a long term strategy for the *RW* to enable it to appeal to a younger readership in an electronic era. Work started on this last summer and it progressed slowly until *Campanophile* went down in early January

this year and there was serious doubt as to whether it would be reinstated. Despite offers of help from the *RW* and a friendly initial response, *Campanophile's* owner, Tony Parry, did not take up this offer of help or clarify his plans. As a result *The Ringing World* decided to launch *BellBoard*. Director Jennie Earis took a lead role in this, working closely with Richard Smith of Cambridge who has spent many hours doing the development work. A lot of feedback was coming in suggesting further features and the *RW* is keen to implement many of these at the earliest opportunity.

The *RW* understands its responsibility for maintaining the historical record and this is part of the development plan. Many people had been requesting better coordination between the peal and quarter information held on *BellBoard* and *Campanophile*; Nigel was pleased to report that only the previous Friday Tony Parry had given permission to copy data from *Campanophile* to *BellBoard*, which would improve coordination of the two systems in future.

The *RW* now has a mixed web/print approach and its strategy work, which has been on hold for some months, will now focus on how we go forward with this approach. A couple of leading younger ringers have subscribed to the magazine for the first time specifically to support what it is doing with *BellBoard*.

Finance Director's Report

Finance Director Richard Wallis summarized a year of continuing gentle decline and a small loss of £7,606 – remarkably similar to the year before. One good news item was the £3,000 surplus on the well supported Centenary events of 2011. Income for that was £30,724 and direct costs of £27,372. Subscription income increased followed the rise in rates last year, which had been necessitated by the well-publicised increases in postal charges. The holiday cover for the Compositor was another major item of expenditure; the *RW* was not previously being charged for (but is now). Assets and reserves remain healthy on the balance sheet for the existing business and future plans, including *BellBoard*.

Questions & Answers

In questions Alison Holliday (Lancashire Association) pointed out that the deficit was not in fact running at a similar level to the previous year, because of the one-off effect of the Centenary income. The Chairman accepted that it had increased – which was one of the reasons cost-cutting is now necessary.

John Thompson (Leicester Guild) felt that the presentation of the printed accounts was a little confusing and requested an improvement next year in matching up the headline figures on the short form with those on the detailed statements. Richard Wallis accepted that they were not particularly easy to follow and would try to improve this next year.

Richard Edwards (Kent County) asked if it was not time to put up the price of the publication up in view of the year-on-year loss. The Chairman responded that the *RW* is very

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price sensitive and previous experience was that a rise in the price was often accompanied by a significant loss in subscribers.

Mike Dew (Coventry Guild) asked about the specific development costs for *BellBoard* and how future development would be funded. The Chairman replied that the current cost was negligible because all the development work and hosting had been donated. Going forward there would be a plan with some associated funding and sustainability – but that had yet to be produced. There were ideas about how to generate revenue from the electronic publishing, but this was unlikely to be on the scale of income traditionally generated by the printed paper.

Phil Barnes (Kent County Association) asked if the restructuring would rebalance income and expenditure without recourse to investment income. The Chairman confirmed that the Business Plan aimed to take the company back to a break even point.

Michael Church (Winchester & Portsmouth) enquired about the core viability of the paper – taking into account the contributions to profit made by the diary and calendar, etc. and the effect of the departure of the General Manager. The Chairman said that if current trends continued then at some point it would become impossible for the *RW* to continue in its existing form. There is a question over long term viability and that is the big question facing the Board.

Roger Bailey (Middlesex County Association) asked, in view of the move to a mixed web/print presence, why the *RW* had failed to safeguard its intellectual property and “allowed it to be stolen by other people who made money out of it”. What steps will the company take to remedy this? The Chairman said that there was a privately run database that scanned in material from the *RW* and this had been going on for some years – the *RW* had effectively given consent by allowing this to continue. He had discussed it with the site owner who is unrepentant and it would be difficult to do anything at a practical level without recourse to legal action to stop him. Roger thought that this was “wet” of the Board. Nigel agreed to discuss the matter again with his fellow directors to see if further action is appropriate.

Leigh Simpson (Cambridge University Guild) asked about the success of on-line subscriptions. The Chairman said there were around 100 on-line subscriptions – so it is taking off very slowly as a way of subscribing. It had recently been discovered that on-line subs are subject to VAT (which the paper is not) which means 20% extra on the price and absorbs much of the cost benefit.

Mary Bone (*ex officio*) commented that if the *RW* is truly going to be an electronic

publication it cannot just be as a PDF version - it must be “designed and delivered” to cater for devices such as ipads and similar devices. There would be significant costs involved in doing that. She also said that there is a great desire and feeling that on-line information should be free and it would be difficult to get back easily to a situation where people can charge properly for it; the Board needs to address these points in its strategy.

Ordinary Resolution

An ordinary resolution was passed to limit the number of trustees to a maximum of nine (there was a pre-existing requirement for a *minimum* of three trustees, but no *maximum*). Proposed by Chris Mew, this motion was intended to ensure that the governing body could operate efficiently and effectively. Nobody spoke against the motion.

Reappointment of Directors

Jackie Roberts retired from the Board and did not seek re-election. Adrian Udal and Chris Mew retired by rotation, but stood for re-election and were duly re-appointed.

AOB

Roger Bailey said he was disappointed that someone (Elva Ainsworth) had again been prevented from speaking at a *RW* AGM through failure to tick the necessary box on the signing-in form. The Chairman agreed that this was “clearly an unsatisfactory situation” and undertook to see what could be done about it, technical difficulties notwithstanding.

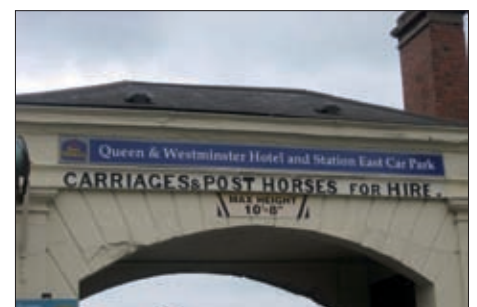
Robert Wood (University of Bristol) expressed some concerns over the timing of The Ringing World National Youth Contest – he knew of one band that took part last year that wasn't able to participate this year because of the difficulty of getting together for practices during exams. In reply *RW* Director Adrian Udal said that a survey on the date had been carried out with last year's teams and it had been difficult to find a date that suited everyone. However, it had been decided that next year's contest would take place one week later – so the date to put in diaries is **Saturday, 6th July 2013**.

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Next year's Council Weekend

The 2013 Central Council Meeting will be hosted by the Guildford Diocesan Guild in Guildford.

R.A.L.



As far as we know, no Council members availed themselves of this service ...



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Ringling and the Monarchy

SIR, – Mr Jonathan Franklin (p.596) clearly doesn't realise just how lucky we are in Britain to have a constitutional monarch and not be at the mercy of an elected head of state who, by definition, would be a career politician and all that goes with it.

Practically every tyrant, despot and "ne'er do well" known to the modern world has been an elected head of state. That's how good election is as a means of guaranteeing fitness for office! Even in mainland Europe and the USA, reasonably civilised parts of the world, elected heads of state have brought presidency into disrepute with corrupt, self-serving and immoral behaviour. By contrast, The Queen has conducted herself impeccably and acted in a way which has been beyond reproach, for sixty years. She works a great deal harder than many people half Her age, at a time of life when most of Her contemporaries are well into a hard earned retirement.

Furthermore, given that on a good day over sixty percent of the UK electorate doesn't bother to vote in elections, what chance does Mr Franklin think we'd have of electing a head of state behind whom the nation could unite if we didn't have a monarch? I'd say the chances were pretty slender. Thankfully I think the monarchy is in good form and here to stay. For what it's worth I think that's something to celebrate – and ring for. God save the Queen!

ADRIAN F. SUNMAN
South Collingham, Newark, Nottinghamshire

Help give Rob a lift

SIR, – The response to my letter of 8th June (p.596) to instal a lift in Rob Austin's house, following his spinal cord injury, has gone a long way to restoring my faith in human nature.

I have received letters and cheques from friends, family and complete strangers from all over the country, emphasising the generosity of ringers. My impromptu bucket collection at the 12-Bell Final at Melbourne raised £200 and I also received donations from ringers who came with cheques already prepared.

A huge thank-you to all who helped to lift the spirits of Kate and Rob Austin, Charlotte Everett and Clive Holloway.

We have banked a fifth of the money we need and fund raising is continuing at Christchurch and Brookes University, Oxford, Wootton village as well as on Lundy Island. Sponsorship forms are being circulated in the area for the peal in September and we hope to reach our target by then.

Thank you all so much for your support.

CHARLOTTE EVERETT
Garsington, Oxford

University ringing

SIR, – Every year, those of us who ring in university towns look forward to an influx of ringers as new students arrive in the autumn. And while I cannot speak for anyone else, every year it is a little disappointing to find how many existing ringers have come to pursue their studies, but have not chosen to carry on ringing.

When ringers move on to higher education, it is a fabulous opportunity for them to widen their ringing horizons – they may have the chance to ring methods they have never previously tried, or they may be able to take responsibility in a way that they haven't before. And I know that existing bands in university towns benefit from the arrival of new people with new ideas.

But all too often, ringers drop out at the point when they go to university. For some reason or another they never become involved in ringing with other students. The time spent teaching them back at their home tower goes to waste.

It may only be the start of summer, but there are only two or three months for us to find ways to help ringers to stay in touch when they go to university. Firstly, do your ringers know that there is ringing at university? It may well be worth mentioning that there are ringing societies in many university towns and cities. If you – or other members of your band – rang when at university, a little reminiscing about the good times you had might pay dividends.

And what information can be passed on? If you know what institution someone is going to, then the details about university societies on the Central Council website or in *The Ringing World* diary can be passed on to the new student, and an email to the current university ringers so they know who they may be welcoming would probably help too. Even if there doesn't seem to be a ringing society for the particular university, many university societies seem happy to see any student in their area. And if you ring a peal or quarter to celebrate someone's departure to university, then don't just submit a footnote that they are going to university – say which university it

is, so that the ringers in the appropriate city can at least keep an eye out to see who is coming!

When ringers go to university, many find that it's a great opportunity to develop their ringing. If we all work together, then even more ringers should be able to take up the chances that are there.

GILES BLUNDELL
Bootle, Lancashire

Nazi Olympic Bell

SIR, – Following on from John Jelley's letter (p.442) about the 1936 Berlin Olympic Bell, I attach a picture of that bell taken in January this year and its replacement.

The original bell weighs 9.6 tons, is 2.80m in diameter and sits on a plinth outside the Olympic Stadium.

The replacement (4.5 tons) is hung in the bell tower (this picture was taken in 1998).

South Shields, Tyne & Wear

KRIS KING



Change Ringing for the Future Central Council Debate

An approach to the Administrative Committee of the Central Council, resulted in a conference being held at Wellesbourne in November, 2011 to discuss the Future of Ringing. The discussions were reported in *The Ringing World* issue of 2nd December. Many suggestions were forthcoming regarding the recruitment, training and retention of ringers and a small group was formed to review how these might be taken forward in a plan for Future Ringing. The group comprised the Conference Chairman, Elva Ainsworth, Education Committee Chairman, Peter Dale and Vice President, Chris Mew and consultation included the Ringing Foundation and Ringing Centres Committee together with assistance from Marc McDonald, Andy Reeve and Mark Ainsworth. The product of several meetings was a paper put to the Central Council in Chester, outlining proposals for reviewing and improving the means by which new ringers might be attracted and how the whole body of ringers could contribute.

The paper, previously circulated to CC Representatives, was introduced by Elva Ainsworth who reiterated the source of the initiative and called upon those present to give their consideration and support the recommendations. Speaking to the paper, Chris Mew outlined the vision that there was a need to work as a team to achieve an improvement in recruitment, training and standards of new ringers.

Some key statistics were that in the last 20 years the change in numbers of ringers by age group were cause for concern, they were:

11-19 years of age – down from 20% to 10% of the total

20-39 years of age – down from 29% to 12% of the total

40 years of age or over – up from 51% to 78% of the total

Current attrition rates would result in 10,000 fewer ringers by 2038.

Not only was there a perceived “ageing” of the active ringing population but there was the big “gap” of younger mature ringers and leaders to take future ringing forward.

The principal immediate proposals for the Council were as follows:

1. To establish a Recruitment and Training Forum to co-ordinate the work of the many persons involved. It would not be yet “another Committee” but would try to ensure that work was not duplicated, that the resources available to the Council through its Committees, The Ringing Foundation and other agencies were used to best advantage and that the structure of the Council would meet future needs.

2. Carry out research into potential areas for recruitment as far as possible using expertise from within the Council. It was essential that new areas were explored such as schools, youth groups and U3A but most importantly that the greatest potential was identified so that efforts could be directed accordingly.

3. To develop a recognisable branding for ringing, akin to that publicly known for such bodies as Scouts and Guides. This would enhance public awareness and provide a new perception and pride amongst new ringers of the value of their pursuit.

4. Support the work of the Ringing Foundation in expanding the Integrated Teacher Training Scheme (ITTS) for training new instructors. Associated with this activity was the already established Association of Ringing Teachers (ART) to which it was hoped future teachers would aspire to belong. It was essential that new learners should receive quality teaching and learn techniques which would allow them to ring to good standards and which, in time, they would the pass on.

Most of those present had already heard the progress and initiatives set out by the Ringing Foundation at its AGM the previous day and it was important to recognise that contrary to some expressions of cynicism, the Foundation was now making considerable progress. There was a forward plan for rolling out the availability of ITTS nationally as resources, both human and financial, allowed. Like most new projects getting off the ground there had to be a build up with pilot training schemes now well-proven and course curriculum developed.

It was recognised that the Council had, very much like the Church, no means of making actions mandatory at Diocese and Parish level and that it was only the affiliated Societies and their respective members that could make things happen at local level. In this respect the needs and abilities of tower leaders were crucial to the success of any new drive to attract and keep ringers. The Council sought the support of all Guilds, Societies and Associations in responding to the following immediate requests:

1. All territorial organisations to review their existing and future plans for recruitment and training.

2. Where existing, to review their specifically Youth-orientated activities and future proposals for the creating and development of these. In this context the existence or future proposals for specific youth development officers was seen as important.

3. Essential to the support of recruitment and training initiatives was the identification of the resources required to achieve local programmes and to what extent the Council as a service to the Exercise, the Ringing Foundation and other agencies might assist.

All affiliated societies would be contacted directly after the meeting and requested to provide a feedback to the Council on these issues by the beginning of December, 2012.

Discussion

In the limited time available, discussion from the floor raised some pertinent points some of which are summarised as follows:

Validity of ITTS as a training tool – it was recognised that the ITTS model was not a “fit-all” solution and it was not intended to be mandatory. There were many good and

capable trainers in existence and there were many towers which were themselves centres of excellence. The ITTS scheme did, however, provide a standard to work to, particularly where the level of training (and therefore satisfaction and retention of learners) fell below that which was desirable.

There was a query of the “cost of teaching a learner at £200” quoted elsewhere. Whilst the traditional approach to teaching ringing had always been a “freely volunteered” one, the recognition of the value of teaching, and indeed if this were translated into fees, might actually enhance the perception of ringing as a worthwhile hobby. By the same token charging, like the fees paid by Scouts and Guides, could help to finance the books and administration associated with learning. It was a salutary fact that, for example, the affiliation fees paid to the Central Council equated to 14 pence per Guild member represented!

Reference was made to various local initiatives ranging from school visits, retrieving “lapsed” ringers and extending the recruitment from children to their parents and thus creating a ready-made “family” of ringers. The experience of high school contacts in New York was mentioned, this being subsequently reported in the *RW* issue of 8th June.

There was concern that there was over-emphasis on young people and it was accepted that all ages could contribute to the stock of new ringers but that the imbalance needed to be corrected to ensure a succession of leaders for the future.

The importance of ringing as a church activity was reiterated as being its prime reason over and above “fun” ringing. In response it was pointed out that, quite apart from ringing for service, ringers had a tremendous “outreach” beyond their own parishes, Dioceses and even overseas, an attribute which few clergy enjoyed.

The foregoing is only a brief note of the transactions of what was itself a small part of the overall Council but it is fair to say that the general feeling of those present was one of support for a new wave of initiatives to secure our ringing future.

CHRIS MEW

for Wellesbourne Review Group





PEAL REPORTS

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CITY OF LONDON,
St Michael Cornhill
Sat Jun 9 2012 3h38 (32)
5208 Spliced Maximus
(9m: 1152 Rigel S, Zanussi S; 864 Deimos A; 624 Great Firewall LA; 576 Prospero LTP; 288 Bastow LB, Nine Tail Cat B; 168 Crosslink; 96 Slink Diff LP; 167 com, atw for all 12 bells)
Arr. A R Kench
1 David E House
2 Jennifer E Earis
3 Paul N Mounsey
4 John N Hughes-D'Aeth (C)
5 Tessa K Beadman
6 Antony R Kench
7 David J Dearnley
8 Graham G Firman
9 Philip J Earis
10 Robin O Hall
11 Mark A Bell
12 Philip Rogers
Nine Tail Cat B Maximus:
30.1.50.3.70.5.90.7-9-9 LE12
13527496T80E
Prospero LTP Maximus:
-5-4.5-2.3-36.4.5 LE1T 108T
Crosslink Maximus:
-23-5-67- LE1T 690785134T2E

CITY OF LONDON, EC3,
St Magnus the Martyr
Sat Jun 16 2012 3h8 (27)
5040 Spliced TD Maximus
(8m: 768 Avon D; 720 each Orion S, Rigel S; 624 each Phobos S, Zanussi S; 528 each Ariel S, Bristol S, Strathclyde S; 19 com, atw)
Comp. J H Potter
1 Joanna M Ainsworth
2 Henry D Coghill
3 Andrew J Graham (C)
4 James H Foster
5 Adam A Brady
6 Stephen A Coaker
7 Matthew D Dawson
8 Charles W G Herriott
9 Graham M Bradshaw
10 Alan G Reading
11 Paul N Mounsey
12 Robert W Lee

COLLIERS WOOD, London,
SW19, Christ Church
Sat Jun 16 2012 3h24 (6)
7200 Spliced Surprise Minor
(41m: Allendale, Alnwick, Annable's London, Bacup, Bamboorough, Berwick, Beverley, Bourne, Cambridge, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Durham, Hexham, Hull, Ipswich, Kelso, Lightfoot, Lincoln, London, Morpeth, Munden, Netherseale, Newcastle, Norfolk, Northumberland, Norwich, Primrose, Rosendale, Sandiacre, Stamford, Surfleet, Warkworth, Wemmouth, Wells, Westminster, Whitley, Wooler, York; atw)
Comp. J S Warboys (SU1002)
1 Graham M Bradshaw
2 Charles W G Herriott
3 Rachael C Smith
4 Thomas F Lawrence
5 Andrew J Graham (C)
6 Philip Rogers

AWBRIDGE SOCIETY

AWBRIDGE, Hants,
Clock House Bells
Wed Jun 13 2012 2h37 (2)
5040 Lincolnshire S Royal
Comp. R J Angrave (No 21)
1 John A Dodd
2 Anne L Rueff
3 Karen M White
4 Martin J Turner
5 Janet L Morris
6 Tom Page
7 E C Gareth Higgs
8 W John Couperthwaite (C)
9 Edward J W Manley
10 Ronald F Diserens
1,300th peal: 8.

BATH & WELLS D.A.

WINFORD, Som, BVM & St Peter
Wed Jun 13 2012 2h55 (14)
5024 Felton S Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Michael J Hobbs
2 Christine Andrew
3 Diana M Bridle
4 Raymond Haines
5 Christopher R Field
6 Peter Bridle
7 Anthony J Cox (C)
8 Rebecca J Cox
First peal in the method.
Felton S Major:
f 38-56.14-56-1238-34-58.36.14-78

CENTRAL EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION

DORDRECHT, The Netherlands,
t'Klokkhuys
Sat Jun 16 2012 2h39 (1)
5152 Spliced S Major
(23m: 224 Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Yorkshire; 160 com, atw)
Comp. Norman Smith
1 David C Ockwell
2 Margaret C Gamble
3 Roger Bailey
4 Paul M de Kok
5 Harm Jan A de Kok
6 Michael J Trimm (C)
7 Brian P Diserens
8 Clive G Smith
Most Spliced Surprise Major: 4, 5.
First of 23-Spliced Surprise Major for the Association and on mainland Europe.

G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

KINGSTEIGNTON, Devon,
St Michael
Thu Jun 14 2012 2h58 (17)
5024 Pudsey S Major
Comp. D W Beard
1 Mervyn C Way
2 Jill M Hansford
3 Paul J Pascoe
4 Ian V J Smith
5 Ian W Avery
6 Pauline Champion
7 Michael E C Mears (C)
8 Thomas J Waterson

DORSET C.A.

HUNTSHAM, Devon, All Saints
Thu Apr 26 2012 2h55 (8)
5184 Xanthippe TB Major
Comp. Robert D S Brown
1 Lesley A Knipe
2 Mervyn C Way
3 Michael Hatchett
4 Richard H Johnston
5 Frederick J Sage
6 Jeffrey Knipe
7 Robert D S Brown
8 Timothy F Collins (C)
300th peal in the tower.
First peal in the method.
Xanthippe TB Major:
34x34.1x2x1x4x1x4.56.7 le 2
[b] fch BDKd

HUNTSHAM, Devon, All Saints
Thu Jun 14 2012 2h59 (8)
5184 Ysbyty Ystwyth TB Major
Comp. D Ogden
1 Mervyn C Way
2 Frederick J Sage
3 Richard H Johnston
4 Lesley A Knipe
5 Michael Hatchett
6 Jeffrey Knipe
7 Robert D S Brown
8 Timothy F Collins (C)
First Peal in the method.
Ysbyty Ystwyth TB Major:
34x34.1x2x1x4x1.56.4x7 le 2
[b] fch BDKd

ELY D.A.

LITTLE EVERSDEN, Cambs,
St Helen
Wed Jun 13 2012 2h39 (7)
5040 Spliced Surprise Minor
(41m: (1-3) Carlisle, Chester, Munden, Newcastle, Alnwick, Wooler, Northumberland, Whitley, Morpeth, Canterbury, Sandiacre, London, Wells, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Cunecastre; (4-7) Norwich, Netherseale, Westminster, Allendale, Warkworth, Wemmouth, Lightfoot, Bamboorough, Annable's London, Rosendale, Stamford, Bacup, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet)
Comp. John S Warboys (SU0308 & SU0403)
1 Marion A Robinson
2 Susan E Marsden
3 Benjamin J Willetts
4 Richard C Smith
5 Peter V Rogers
6 Peter J Waterfield (C)

WEST WRATTING, Cambs,
St Andrew
Wed Jun 20 2012 2h37 (7)
5040 Spliced Surprise Minor
(41m: (1-3) Carlisle, Chester, Munden, Newcastle, Alnwick, Wooler, Northumberland, Whitley, Morpeth, Canterbury, Sandiacre, London, Wells, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Cunecastre; (4-7) Norwich, Netherseale, Westminster, Allendale, Warkworth, Wemmouth, Lightfoot, Bamboorough, Annable's London, Rosendale, Stamford, Bacup, Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York, Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet)
Comp. John S Warboys (SU0309 & SU0404)
1 Marion A Robinson
2 Susan E Marsden
3 Peter V Rogers
4 Richard C Smith
5 Michael G Purday
6 Peter J Waterfield (C)

HEMINGFORD GREY, Cambs,
St James
Sun Jun 17 2012 2h43 (11)
5120 Glasgow S Major
Comp. R R Horton
1 Deirdre F Smith
2 Samantha L Gorman
3 Adrial R Walton
4 Susan E Marsden
5 Barbara I Le Gallez
6 J Richard Castledine
7 Paul S Seaman (C)
8 Michael G Purday
First peal of Glasgow: 2, 5.
200th peal as a conductor.
Graduation compliment to Catherine F Smith MSci (Hons).

FREEHOLD SOCIETY

TICKNALL, Derbys, St George
Mon Jun 18 2012 2h54 (9)
5040 Emily S Royal
Comp. Byroc
1 Anne C Orme
2 C Michael Orme
3 David H Sansum
4 Raymond H Daw
5 Philip J H Hudson
6 Francis W Fisher
7 Harry Poyner
8 Frank R Morton (C)
9 Colin Aked
10 Andrew F Aldrick
75th birthday compliment to Mike Orme for 11 June.
1st in m for all except 3.
Conductor's 50th peal on the bells.

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

LYDIARD TREGOZE, Wilts,
St Mary
Sat Jun 16 2012 2h49 (12)
5040 Minor
(6m: (1) Norwich S; (2) Beverley S; (3) Cambridge S; (4) Double Oxford B; (5) St Clements College B; (6 & 7) Plain B; 7 different callings)
1 Deborah N Vining
2 Brian Bladon
3 Cynthia E Howell
4 Darran Ricks
5 Mark Edwards
6 Peter W J Sheppard (C)
Rung as a compliment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on her official birthday.

GUILDFORD D.G.

FRENESHAM, Surrey,
St Mary the Virgin
Sat Jun 16 2012 2h52 (10)
5120 Frensham Pond S Major
Comp. W J Couperthwaite
1 W John Couperthwaite (C)
2 Beryl R Norris
3 Anne M Anthony
4 Janet E Menhinick
5 Jackie Roberts
6 Martin J Turner
7 Vernon B Bedford
8 Mike Pidd
Rung for the Frensham Fayre.
First peal in the method.
Frensham Pond S Major:
x58x1458x58x38x14x58x16
x58 lh18.

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KENT C.A.

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints
Sat Jun 16 2012 3h18 (32)
5080 Man of Kent S Royal
Comp. D F Morrison No 4610 (Chiltern Turbo)
1 Ronald F Diserens
2 Alan D Flood
3 Elizabeth A Barnes
4 Susan L Apter
5 Alexander J Britton
6 Phillip R J Barnes
7 Ian G Campbell
8 Michael A Birkbeck
9 John B Keeler (C)
10 J Alan Ainsworth
2000th peal: 9.
First peal in the method.
Man of Kent S Royal:
x3x4x5x36x47x8x2x67
x258.34.9 lh12

MAIDSTONE, Kent,
St Michael & All Angels
Tue Jun 19 2012 2h32 (6)
5056 Standon S Major
Comp. R Baldwin
1 Michael P Moreton
2 Diana R Wraight
3 Michael A Birkbeck
4 Jacqueline M Barlow
5 Thomas M Barlow
6 Ian G Campbell
7 John B Keeler (C)
8 Peter W Dickinson
Rung with the band's best wishes to Celia and Peter Dickinson for their move to Derbyshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSN

WHITTLE LE WOODS, Lancs,
St John the Evangelist
Sat May 19 2012 3h5 (21)
5056 Cambridge S Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Ian Smith
2 Jane Owen
3 David T G Jones (C)
4 Mark A Collings
5 Brian J Owen
6 Peter H Gardner
7 Raymond A Hutchings
8 Ashley B Wilson

SEFTON, Merseys, St Helen
Sat Jun 16 2012 2h59 (11)
5040 Plain Bob Major
Comp. Richard Knights
1 Lenard J Mitchell
2 Claire A Mills
3 Beverley J Wharton
4 Peter L Furniss
5 Michael J Allen
6 Matthew D Warburton
7 Luke D Marshall
8 Mark A Collings (C)
Arranged and rung to celebrate the conductor's (13th June) and Darren Charnock's (11th June) 21st birthdays.

PONTEFRAC, W Yorks,
St Giles
Sun Jun 17 2012 2h57 (18)
5040 Bristol S Royal
Comp. John M Thurman
1 Geoffrey R Gardner
2 Michael H Tompssett
3 Lorraine Trebble
4 Pauline Campling
5 Claire F Roulstone
6 Ian Roulstone
7 Andrew C D Mayes
8 Alan M Trebble
9 John M Thurman (C)
10 George H Campling

HEPTONSTALL, W Yorks,
St Thomas
Sat Jun 16 2012 3h2 (18)
5024 Heptonstall S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No. 2813)
1 Richard S Starkie
2 Claire F Roulstone
3 Pauline Campling
4 Geoffrey R Gardner
5 R Owen Batlye
6 John M Thurman
7 George H Campling
8 Ian Roulstone (C)
300th peal together: 3, 4.

LINCOLN D.G.

SUTTON CUM LOUND, Notts,
St Bartholomew
Mon Jun 18 2012 2h38 (9)
5088 Bristol S Major
Comp. Mark B Davies, No.7
1 A Debbie Scarf
2 Ruth Curtis
3 Martin F Mitchell
4 Christopher C P Woodcock
5 P Ian Till
6 Matthew B Jeffery
7 Christopher P Turner (C)
8 Paul F Curtis

MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.

WILLESDEN, Middx, St Mary
Sat Jun 9 2012 2h54 (8)
5184 Spliced S Major
(8m: 832 Bristol; 768 Rutland; 608 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Superative, Yorkshire; 544 Pudsey; 131 com, atw)
Comp. G A A Taylor
1 Roger Bailey
2 Ruth Blackwell
3 Philip Vracas
4 Prudence Fay
5 Stephen J F Mitchell
6 Peter J Blight
7 Andrew V Brown
8 Richard A Pearce (C)
150th tower bell peal: 4.
First peal of Spliced: 3.

ENFIELD, Middx,
St Mary Magdelene
Sat Jun 16 2012 2h48 (9)
5056 Gold S Major
Comp. Robert D S Brown
1 Monica M Trow
2 Joanna K Dorling
3 June D Wells
4 Robert A Partridge
5 E John Wells
6 Douglas J Beaumont
7 Alan Regin
8 Stephen A Rossiter (C)
1st in m: 2, 3, 4, 5.
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NON-ASSOCIATION

CITY OF LONDON, EC3,
St Magnus the Martyr
Sun Jun 17 2012 3h13 (27)
5004 Stedman Cinques
Comp. I R Fielding
1 Ian R Fielding (C)
2 David Dearnley
3 Shirley E McGill
4 Joanna M Ainsworth
5 W Nigel G Herriott
6 David E House
7 Benjamin D Constant
8 Adam S Greenley
9 Frank W Rivett
10 Oliver D Cross
11 Paul N Mounsey
12 Paul J Tiebout

ST BLAISE SOCIETY

STREATLEY, Berks, St Mary
 Fri Jun 15 2012 2h32 (8)
5040 Spliced Treble Dodging Minor
 (42m: 120 each Allendale, Alnwick, Annable's London, Berwick, Beverley, Chester, Durham, Hexham, Ipswich, Lightfoot, Morpeth, Munden, Netherseale, Newcastle, Norfolk, Northumberland, Rossendale, Surfleet, Westminster, Whitley and York S; Abbeyville, Burnaby, Canterbury, Clarence, College Bob IV, Combermere, Crowland, Elston, Fountains, Humber, Melrose, Neasden, Old Oxford, Sherborne, St Albans, St Werburgh, Taxal and Vale Royal Fourths Place D; atw, no 65's at backstroke)
 Comp. P G C Ellis (No 1039)
 1 Cynthia E Howell
 2 Lee Pinnington
 3 Nicola J Turner
 4 David G Salter
 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
 6 Colin M Turner
 Peal contains only Regular Surprise backworks.

EAST MALLING, Kent,
 St James the Great
 Sat Jun 16 2012 2h45 (10)
5040 Surprise Minor
 (7m: (1) Netherseale; (2) Carlisle; (3) London; (4) Beverley; (5) Westminster; (6) Ipswich; (7) Norwich)
 1 Nicola J Turner
 2 Helen J Piper
 3 Colin M Turner
 4 Lee Pinnington
 5 Katharine J Salter
 6 David G Salter (C)

NEWNHAM, Kent,
 SS Peter & Paul
 Sat Jun 16 2012 2h32 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
 (7m: (1) Chester; (2) Wells; (3) Bourne; (4) York; (5) Surfleet; (6) Cambridge; (7) Allendale)
 1 Nicola J Turner
 2 Katharine J Salter
 3 Helen J Piper
 4 Lee Pinnington
 5 David G Salter (C)
 6 Colin M Turner

ST JAMES' GUILD

WILLESDEN, London NW10,
 St Mary
 Mon Jun 18 2012 2h25 (8)
5024 Felton S Major
 Comp. A J Cox
 1 David J Dearnley
 2 Nigel C Smith
 3 James W Belshaw
 4 Richard M Hobbs
 5 Colin M Turner
 6 Jason R Turnock
 7 Stephen A Wheeler (C)
 8 Alan Regan

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

DUNKELD, Tayside, Ruined Cathedral of St Columba
 Thu Jun 14 2012 2h39 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
 (12m: one extent each: Netherseale; Lightfoot, Wearnmouth; Annable's London; Rossendale, Stamford; Bamboorough; Bacup; Allendale, Westminster; Warkworth; Norwich)
 1 W John Grainger
 2 Stephen A Elwell-Sutton
 3 Peter J Williamson
 4 Robin R Churchill
 5 Christopher J Frye
 6 Michael J Clay (C)

S. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SOCIETY

GUERNSEY, CI,
 St Marguerite de la Foret, Forest
 Fri Jun 15 2012 2h37 (5)
5040 Surprise Minor
 (7m: (1) London; (2) Bamboorough; (3) Warkworth; (4) Norwich; (5) Bourne; (6) Lightfoot; (7) Primrose)
 1 Julie A Haseldine
 2 Kay Bartholomew
 3 Ruth Stokes
 4 Simon L Edwards
 5 Andrew Haseldine
 6 Christopher C Stokes (C)

GUERNSEY, CI, St Peter the Apostle & Martyr, St Peter Port
 Sat Jun 16 2012 3h7 (21)
5088 Yorkshire S Major
 Comp. D Knox
 1 Kay Bartholomew
 2 Pauline F Marquis
 3 Julie A Haseldine
 4 Ruth Stokes
 5 Peter J R Bevis
 6 Simon L Edwards
 7 Christopher C Stokes
 8 Andrew Haseldine (C)
 Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Suzy Mather.

SOCIETY OF STOWMARKET YOUTHS

STOWMARKET, Suffolk,
 SS Peter and Mary
 Sun Jun 17 2012 3h11 (20)
5024 Double Norwich CB Major
 Comp. Sir A P Heywood
 1 Marion A Robinson
 2 Edith M Robinson
 3 Cherril C Spiller
 4 Philip D Bailey
 5 Winston S Girling
 6 Roger G R Collins
 7 David R Mclean
 8 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
 100th tower bell peal: 3.
 200th peal: 6.
 200th peal of Major as Conductor.

SUFFOLK GUILD

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk,
 St Mary the Virgin
 Wed Jun 20 2012 2h41 (10)
5056 Bristol S Major
 Comp. D F Morrison (No: 4776)
 1 Adrian Knights
 2 Mary S Garner
 3 Ruth Suggett
 4 Christine A Knight
 5 Thomas G Scase
 6 Mary E Dunbavin
 7 Stephen D Pettman (C)
 8 Brian E Whiting

SUSSEX C.A.

CHIDDINGLY, E Sussex
 Wed Jun 20 2012 2h45 (9)
5120 Superlative S Major
 Comp. Donald F Morrison (No. 250)
 1 Ian H Oram
 2 Rachel J Edwards
 3 Patricia J Aylward
 4 Marisa A Hayes
 5 Ronald F Diserens
 6 Alan R Baldock
 7 P Jonathan Franklin (C)
 8 David D Smith
 First in m: 3.

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VALE OF EVESHAM SOCIETY

STOURBRIDGE, Worcs,
 St Thomas
 Tue May 22 2012 3h2 (18)
5040 Cambridge S Royal
 Comp. Peter Border
 1 Geoffrey M Brewin
 2 Ashley C Fortey (C)
 3 Nicola J Beaumont
 4 Debbie M Talbott
 5 Richard J Hurst
 6 Stuart P B Talbott
 7 Geoffrey W Randall
 8 Andrew N Alldrick
 9 Stephen J Bedford
 10 Nicholas D Brown
 A birthday compliment to Nicola Beaumont.
 100th together: 7 & 8.

PERSHORE, Worcs,
 Parish Centre
 Tue Jun 19 2012 2h38 (9)
5088 Pershore S Major
 Comp. Michael Maughan
 1 Geoffrey W Randall (C)
 2 Andrew N Stubbs
 3 Debby Talbott
 4 Stuart P B Talbott
 5 Paul M Evans
 6 Christopher E Slade
 7 Andrew F Alldrick
 8 Philip G Morgan
 100th peal on the bells: 6.

YORKSHIRE ASSN

LEEDS, W Yorks,
 St Mathias, Burley
 Tue Jun 19 2012 2h35 (8)
5088 Quethiock S Major
 Gen. Byroc
 1 Jeffery P Cooper
 2 Penelope J Thorley
 3 Darren R Moore
 4 C Barrie Dove (C)
 5 Peter H Gardner
 6 Gary J Audley
 7 Robert M Wood
 8 Robert H Jordan

HARROGATE, N Yorks, St Wilfrid
 Mon Jun 18 2012 2h33 (6)
5040 Surfleet S Minor
 Comp. R Bailey No.1
 1 Emma L Coles
 2 Gail Cater
 3 Catherine J Gardner
 4 H David Holland
 5 C Barrie Dove (C)
 6 Roger S Riley

Handbell Peals

CAMBRIDGE UNIV. GUILD

CAMBRIDGE,
 16 Godesdome Road
 Thu Feb 9 2012 2h4 (11)
5040 Spliced S Minor
 (41m: (1-3) Alnwick, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Kelso, Lincoln, London, Morpeth, Munden, Newcastle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Wells, Whitley, Wooler; (4-7) Allendale, Annable's London, Bacup, Bamboorough, Berwick, Beverley, Bourne, Cambridge, Durham, Hexham, Hull, Ipswich, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Norfolk, Norwich, Primrose, Rossendale, Stamford, Surfleet, Warkworth, Wearnmouth, Westminster, York)
 Comp. J S Warboys (Sidney Sussex)
 1-2 J A Agg (Emmanuel)
 3-4 P J Earis (Clare) (C)
 5-6 S A Croxall (Darwin)
 Most methods: 1-2.
 Most methods in hand: 5-6;
 and as conductor in hand: 3-4.

HERTFORD C.A.

WATFORD, Herts,
 15 Harford Drive
 Wed Jun 13 2012 2h14 (14)
5088 Bristol S Major
 Comp. D F Morrison (#1697)
 1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
 3-4 David Kemp
 5-6 Roger Baldwin
 7-8 Michael G Purday (C)

OXFORD D.G.

MAIDENHEAD, Berks,
 7 Laburnham Road
 Wed Jun 6 2012 2h51 (15)
5040 Spliced S Maximus
 (5m: 1056 Newgate, 1008 each Bristol, Cambridge, Phobos; 960 Superlative; 23 com. atw)
 Comp. R A Pearce
 1-2 Philip A B Saddleton
 3-4 Graham A C John
 5-6 David C Brown
 7-8 Graham G Firman
 9-10 Katharine J Firman
 11-12 Richard A Pearce (C)

MAIDENHEAD, Berks,
 7 Laburnham Road
 Wed Jun 13 2012 2h34 (15)
5040 Staplehurst D Royal
 Comp. Roger Baldwin
 1-2 Patricia M Newton
 3-4 Katharine J Firman
 5-6 David C Brown (C)
 7-8 Graham G Firman
 9-10 Robert H Newton

TILEHURST, Berks,
 15 Lytham End
 Wed Jun 13 2012 2h37 (15)
5040 Lincolnshire S Royal
 Comp. G A C John
 1-2 John S Croft
 3-4 June D Wells
 5-6 Bernard F L Groves
 7-8 Graham A C John (C)
 9-10 E John Wells

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First quarter congratulations

Aston Rowant, Oxon. 12 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Richard Parker (1st att) 1, Shirley Smith 2, Kay Bartholomew 3, David Parker 4, Robert Newton (C) 5, Paul Smith 6. Rung to welcome Megan Florence Mary Parker, a daughter for Heather & Richard & first grandchild for David. **£3**

Bow, London. (S Mary) 20 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Angela Cooper (1st Q) 1, Margaret Peirce 2, Janet Drake 3, Colin Cherrett 4, Stephen Jakeman (C) 5, Jinny Kuflik 6.

Guernsey, Cl. (Forest) 16 Jun, 1260 Double (2m): Rene Batiste 1, Helen M McGregor 2, Peter J R Bevis 3, Duncan Loweth 4, Philip Le Conte (C) 5, Joe Berry (1st Q) 6. Rung to celebrate the official birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II. **£2**

Guernsey. (S Pierre du Bois) 17 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Anne Dorey 1, Christine Lenfestey 2, Jenny Rains 3, Duncan Loweth 4, Phil Le Conte (C) 5, Fraser Wilkes (1st Q, age 14) 6.

North Ferriby, ER Yorks. 16 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Grace Newman (1st Q, aged 12) 1, Celia Wood 2, Robert Wood 3, Simon Plows 4, Peter Buxton (C) 5, Mark Willett 6. For North Ferriby Flower Festival. **£3**

West Cranmore, Som. 17 Jun, 1260 Stedman & Bob Doubles: Pete Reakes 1, Chris Cawood 2, Terry Nicholls 3, Paul Treby 4, Andy Mead (C) 5, Grant Bolton (1st Q) 6. **£3**

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In Memoriam

Aldenham, Herts. 15 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Sara K D Coward 1, Brenda Redfean 2, Roger Baldwin (C) 3, Roy Adcock 4, S Kathleen M Baldwin 5, David Redfean 6, John R Southey 7, Andrew W Wootton 8. In memory of Ida Wootton, mother of Andrew.

Appleton, Oxon. 17 Jun, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Bernard J Stone 1, Barbara H Payne 2, Sylvia M Harrison 3, J Roger Mitty 4, Brian Read 5, Andrew J Dyer 6, Susan Read 7, Michael J Harrison (C) 8, Peter H M Day 9, Jenny A Dyer 10. For Evensong, also in memory of Eric L White, youngest brother of the late Francis A White.

Chulmleigh, Devon. 16 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mervyn Way 1, John Kape 2, Patricia Newton 3, Louise James 4, John Davidge 5, Charles Botting 6, Robert Newton (C) 7, David Willis 8. Remembering Arthur Newton (25.12.1911-15.06.2011) at the church where he learnt to ring. **£3.50**

Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops. 19 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Diane Waddington 1, Elizabeth Walker 2, Alison Price 3, Rev David Eve 4, Alec Osbaldiston (C) 5, Sir George Castledine 6. Rung half muffled in memory of, & in thanksgiving for the life of, Joan Mary Purslow whose funeral took place this day.

Dagenham, Essex. 20 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: John Armstrong 1, Colin G Wright 2, Sue Blows 3, Jill Wright 4, Christopher C M Pain 5, Dennis Ellisdon 6, Paul Bloomfield (C) 7, Ian Blows 8. Bells rung open to celebrate the life of Dennis G Blows (11/3/31- 02/06 2012) and in memory of Renee Armstrong on the first anniversary of her death. Both Dennis & Renee were members of the original band that rang Essex record peals of 23, 25, 27 & 32 spl S Major all the work. The quarter peal band consisted of other members of the original band plus Dennis' son & daughter in law. Len Bullock, who rang with Dennis in the 1950s, wishes to be associated with the quarter. **£4**

Great Brickhill, Bucks. 12 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Andrew Howell 1, Lyndsey Brett 2, David Middleton (tc) 3, Peter Tribble 4, Robert Tregillus 5, Nicholas Brett 6, Simon Head (C) 7, Butch Baker 8. 1st Q: 8 (Barron Knights). In memory of Sir Philip Digby Pauncefort-Duncombe, 4th Baronet of Great Brickhill, died 22nd Dec 2011. **£4**

Heathfield, Sussex. 20 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sonia Sherlock 1, Rosemary Cox 2, Margaret Pink 3, Allen Crisp 4, Sandra Titherly 5, Richard Sherlock 6, Roy Cox (C) 7, Douglas Brunger 8. Rung to celebrate the life of Graham Crompton, husband of Frances a regular ringer at this tower.

Histon, Cambs. 13 May, 1280 PB Major: Jonathan Western 1, Sarah Farley 2, Christine Northeast 3, Helen Atkins 4, Geoff Grayton 5, Des Phillips 6, Will Scheilling (C) 7, Philip Bailey 8. Rung to celebrate the life of Jeremy Clare, friend of the ringers. **£BD**

Histon, Cambs. 20 May, 1250 Cambridge S Minor: Jonathan Western 1, Geoffrey Reed 2, Geoff Grayton 3, Camilla Haggett 4, Will Scheilling (C) 5, Helen Atkins 6. Rung for evening service & in memory of Jeremy Clare. **£BD**

Hoylandswaine, S Yorks. 15 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Simon Brock 1, Carolyn Charlesworth 2, Jean Doman 3, Mike Sheeran 4, John Barden 5, Philip Charlesworth (C) 6. 1st Minor: 1. Rung cartwheel. In memory of Joan Pagdin. **£3**

Peel, IoM. 15 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Natasha Cushing 1, Ernest W de Legh-Runciman 2, Anne E Westman 3, Merri Davenport 4, Neil A Westman 5, Annette Thackray (C) 6, Timothy A Mann 7, Louise Horsfall 8. 1st triples as C. Rung in memory of John Hopwood, a good friend to Manx ringing. **£4**

Potterhanworth, Lincs. 17 Jun, 1272 PB Minimus (56 cover): Christopher C P Woodcock (C) 1-2, Yvonne A Woodcock 3, Sister Maureen Pike 4, Raymond A Cucksey 5, James M Northway 6. Rung by the local band in memory of our dear friend & former local ringer Sue Scouller, who sadly passed away 8 years ago today. The 4th bell in this tower was dedicated in memory of Sue in September 2004 after the re-hanging & augmentation of the bells. 50th Q double handed: 1-2.

Steep, Hants. 19 Jun, 1260 PB & Grandsire Doubles: Joan Sansom 1, Maureen Routh 2, Helene Tipper 3, David Hughes 4, Ronald Tipper (C) 5, Madeline King 6. To the memory of Nancy De Combe, aunt of 2 & 5, who died aged 90 on January 4th. **£5.50**

Tanfield, Durham. 7 May, 1344 PB Triples: Nora Campbell 1, Ian Wintrip 2, Stephen Heseltine 3, Paul Vincent 4, Duncan Davis 5, Andrew Wallace 6, Kris King (C) 7, Jim Crowther 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Tony Carter, a ringer & friend at this church for over 35 years. "Tenor Tony". **£3.50**

Tiverton, Devon. (S Peter) 16 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: John Kape 1, Patricia Newton (C) 2, Louise James 3, David Willis 4, John Davidge 5, Charles Botting 6, Robert Newton 7, John Martin 8. Remembering Arthur Newton (25.12.1911-15.06.2011) on his favourite ring of bells. **£3.50**

Methods named

The following methods are believed to have been rung for the first time.

Belper, Derbys. (16 Blackden Cl) 13 Feb, 1260 Kinder Scout B & PB Minor: Sally Bramson 1-2, John Cater (C) 3-4, Gill Hughes 5-6. 1st extent in PMM 2833: x16x1236x16x16x16x1234, to be named Kinder Scout B Minor. **£1.50**

Claremont, W Australia. 22 Jun, 1272 Mount Destruction D Minor: Michael Bryant 1, Mary Townsend 2, Corinne Duncan 3, Michael Collinson 4, Lloyd Cartwright 5, Adam Beer (C) 6. 1st quarter in the method. Mount Destruction is in WA at Lat 24 degrees 33 minutes S, Long 127 degrees 59 minutes E. Mount Destruction D Minor: 34x34.14x12x16.34x1234.3456.1 2.34x16x12x14.34x34.12. **£BD**

Harkstead, Suffolk. 18 Jun, 1272 Snake Pass S Minor: John F Malster 1, Rev Geoffrey P Clement 2, George M Salter 3, Gordon E Slack 4, Peter W Harper 5, David G Salter (C) 6. Snake Pass -3-4-2-3-2-1 le m.

Miscellaneous performances

Calstock, Cornwall. 16 Jun, 120 Joyous Doubles Call Changes: Douglas A F Petipher 1, S Jane Gilbert 2, Robin N Clowes 3, Karen J Alderton 4, Joanne Bower 5, Owen J Borlase (C) 6. 1st 120 at 1st att: 4. Rung before the marriage of Luke David Wills & Tabetha Rose Billing.

General quarters

Amersham, Bucks. 26 May, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Jonathan H Potter 1, James H Foster 2, Linda M Garton 3, Susan E Marshall 4, Graham G Firman 5, Adam A Brady 6, Leigh D G Simpson 7, Henry D Coggill 8, Matthew D Dawson 9, Tessa K Beadman 10, John P Loveless (C) 11, Paul J Tiebout 12.

Ashbocking, Suffolk. 25 May, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Elizabeth Christian 1, Muriel Page 2, Jenny Scase 3, Robert Scase 4, Stephen Christian 5, Tom Scase (C) 6. **£1.80**

Ashchurch, Glos. 6 Jun, 1280 Venusium S Major: Andrew Evans 1, Claire Redstone 2, Mike Seagrave 3, A J Barnfield (C) 4, Alison R Williams 5, Roy Williams 6, Mark Davies 7, Paul Evans 8.

Awbridge, Hants. (Clock House Bells) 25 May, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Caroline Daniels 1, John C Hallett 2, Roy LeMarechal 3, John A Dodd 4, Janet L Morris 5, Colin J Butler 6, Martin J E Daniels 7, James A Hodkin (C) 8.

Awbridge, Hants. (Clock House Bells) 25 May, 1282 Lincolnshire S Royal: John C Hallett 1, Janet L Morris 2, James E Daniels 3, Martin J E Daniels 4, Caroline Daniels 5, Colin J Butler 6, James A Hodkin (C) 7, Roy LeMarechal 8, John A Dodd 9, Frank R Morton 10. Circled tower as C & 100th Q on the bells: 7.

Barcombe, E Sussex. 7 Jun, 1260 PB & Grandsire Doubles: Jonathan Franklin 1, Katherine Matthews 2, Jenny Frith 3, Nick Walsh 4, Marisa Hayes (C) 5, Eric Wilkins 6. For SCACR QP Week. **£3**

Basingstoke, Hants. (All Saints) 19 May, 1280 Rutland S Major: Mark B Place 1, Timothy R Forster 2, Margaret J Smith 3, Angela M Athawes 4, Timothy C Jackson 5, Ian J Rees 6, Benjamin D Constant (C) 7, Adam S Greenley 8. Prior to the team parish confirmation service.

Beaminster, Dorset. 1 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Chris Vye 1, Nigel A John 2, Harry Murley (C) 3, Teresa J Dunstone 4, John R Schmidt 5, Andrew J Murley 6. Rung on the back 6 to celebrate the 60th birthday of Stephanie J Longridge, our friend & Tower Captain of Beaminster, during her surprise party. 1st in m: 2. 1st together for father (6) & son (3).

Bideford, Devon. (Gardeners Cottage, Hallsannery) 7 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Catherine Colman 1-2, Julian Colman 3-4, Winston Girling (C) 5-6. Congratulations to Jeremy & Cherril Spiller on their wedding anniversary.

Birchington, Kent. (All Saints) 3 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: Timothy Attridge 1, Liz Shearman 2, Douglas Neve 3, David Sheekey 4, Allan Chandler 5, Emma Tapsell 6, Michael Little (C) 7, Stuart Willmott 8. Rung to wish Tony Horton a speedy recovery from his illness.

Birmingham, Alabama. 2 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Joe Roberts 1, Amy Bischoff 2, Phil Teague 3, Jenne Johnson (C) 4, Ted Clark 5, Jeanne Averhat 6. For the Rite of Ordination to the Priesthood: Rev. Br. Leonard Mary Revilla of the Holy Spirit, MFVA; Rev. Br. Patrick Mary Russell of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, MFVA; Rev. Mr. Douglas Michael Wu; & for the Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate: Br. John Paul Mary Zeller of Divine Mercy, MFVA; Br Paschal Mary Yohe of the Nativity, MFVA.

Bishopstoke, Hants. 7 Jun, 1259 Spl Caters & Royal (4m): John C Hallett 1, D Annabel Preston 2, Charlotte K Colliss 3, Harriet J Dodd 4, Roy LeMarechal (C) 5, Kevin J McManus 6, John A Dodd 7, Graham J Wright 8, Edward P D Colliss 9, Janet L Morris 10.

Bluntisham, Cambs. 22 Mar, 1260 PB Doubles: David Armitstead 1, Cecily Marshall 2, Jon Reed 3, Naomi Laredo 4, Mike Bateman 5, Philip Marshall 6. **£BD**

Brampton, Cumbria. 31 May, 1272 PB Minimus: Angela M Branch 1, John Hopkins 2, Katy M van den Berg 3, Michael Hall (C) 4. Congratulations to John on his appointment as Churchwarden of this Church.

Branston, Lincs. (Woodside Campanile) 6 May, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: Margaret Parker 1, Sylvia Taylor 2, John F Underwood 3, Michael Tracey 4, Betty Tracey 5, Phil Mason 6, Philip Grover 7, Andrew Blacklock (C) 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. **£BD**

Bristol. (S Mary Redcliffe) 17 May, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Katharine Hill 1, Ian Fielding (C) 2, Jane Webster 3, Simon Percy 4, Patricia Donald 5, Anthony Perry 6, Susan Bateman 7, Gareth Lawson 8, David Threlfall 9, Stephen Bateman 10, Anthony Bulteel 11, Matthew Dawson 12. For Ascension Day. 1st Stedman Cinques: 8.

Bures, Suffolk. 2 Jun, 1280 PB Major: Vicky De-Vries 1, Evelyn Reeve 2, Lynda Lee 3, Valerie Banwell 4, Don Mills 5, Barry Gibbons 6, David Lee 7, Christopher Lee (C) 8. Rung following a peal attempt. 1st Major as C.

Cambridge. (12 Hertford St) 6 Apr, 1264 PB Major: Benjamin J Willets 1-2, Christine C L Seaman 3-4, Patrick L H Brooke (C) 5-6, Alison L Brooke 7-8.

Cambridge. (S Bene't) 27 May, 1260 Spl Stedman Doubles & Cambridge S Minor: Sarah Pike 1, June MacKay 2, Oliver P Bardsley 3, Max L D Drinkwater 4, Freddie R W Manners 5, James R A Dann (C) 6. 1st spl Stedman & Cambridge for all. 1st spl as C.

Cambridge. (S Edward King & Martyr) 16 May, 1260 PB Minor: Jonathan Western 1, Greg Shields 2, Christine Northeast 3, Geoffrey Reed 4, Felicity Webster 5, Tom Ridgman (C) 6. **£1.80**

Cambridge. (S Edward King & Martyr) 23 May, 1320 Primrose S Minor: Geoffrey Reed 1, Sue Binns 2, Christine Northeast 3, Janet Garnett 4, Tom Ridgman 5, Max Drinkwater (C) 6. Rung as a get-well compliment to Vanessa Webster. 1st in m: 2. 400th Q: 6. **£1.80**

Camerton, Som. 17 May, 1272 Beverley S Minor: Terry Nicholls 1, Jane Hooker 2, Morley Bray 3, Mervyn A Arscott 4, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 5, Gerry Brown 6. 65th birthday compliment to Charles. 2/4.

Cannock, Staffs. 3 Jun, 1260 St Clements Minor: Geoff Pick (C) 1, Mike Emery 2, Jim Nixon 3, Jean Nixon 4, Linda Pick 5, John Pollard 6. **£BD**

Canterbury, Kent. (Cathedral & Metropolitan Church of Christ) 31 May, 1265 Stedman Caters: Andrew J Corby (C) 1, Brenda M Davies 2, Cathryn M Hills 3, Brother Austin SSF 4, A James Phillips 5, Thomas J E Brett 6, Paul A Barton 7, Philip M Hills 8, Mark Chittenden-Pile 9, Michael Godfrey 10. Rung for the 30th Anniversary Service of Celebration for Pilgrims' Hospice & in thanksgiving for the work of the Pilgrims' Hospices in the communities of East Kent.

Carisbrooke, IoW. 4 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Brudenell 1, Mary Blake 2, David A Weir (C) 3, Colin McMaster 4, Graham A Nobbs 5, Richard Knight 6. Rung by members of the Sunday Service band for the marriage of Lisenka Joubert to Timothy Exell.

Carisbrooke, IoW. 6 May, 1263 Stedman Triples: Caroline May 1, June Mitchell 2, Beccy Noyes 3, Paul Young 4, Graham Nobbs 5, Revd Barry Downer 6, Stephen Noyes (C) 7, Kieran Downer 8. 1st Stedman: 1. For Evensong.

Castle Cary, Som. 2 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: Eloise S J Reeves 1, Tobias B Dando (C) 2, Jenny Alderson 3, Ann Pearce 4, Valerie Stone 5, John Dunford 6, Paul Reeves 7, Edward P Reeves 8. 1st in m as C.

Castlereagh, New South Wales. 8 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Matthew Ball 1, Pat Lubbock 2, Adam Beer 3, Michael Pointer 4, David Bleby 5, Roger Lubbock (C) 6. 1st in m: 4. Rung at the conclusion of the 'Adelaide Cavalcade' to Sydney. With the band's thanks to Matthew Sorell for a seriously well-organised tour. **£BD**

Church Enstone, Oxon. 6 Jun, 1260 Doubles (12m/p): Graham Nabb 1, Lucy Gwynne 2, Sue Marshall 3, Rachel Coates 4, Tony Crabtree (C) 5. **£BD**

City of London, EC3. (S Magnus the Martyr) 28 Apr, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Adam R Crocker 1, Heather M Forster 2, Jonathan H Potter (C) 3, Thomas J Waterson 4, Ryan S Noble 5, Louis P H Suggett 6, Matthew D Dawson 7, Adam A Brady 8, Edward R Mack 9, Nicholas D Brown 10, Michael R Crockett 11, Thomas B Mack 12. 1st in m: 5.

City of London, EC3. (S Magnus the Martyr) 30 May, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Louise Booth 1, Alec Gray 2, Mike Wigney (C) 3, David Roberts 4, Helen Porter 5, Linda Foddering 6, Adrian P Sweeting 7, Tom Britten 8, Phaedra Sawbridge 9, Roderic K Bickerton 10.

City of London, EC3. (S Magnus the Martyr) 30 May, 1289 Stedman Caters: Adrian P Sweeting 1, Mike Wigney 2, Tom Britten 3, Louise Booth 4, Linda Foddering 5, Helen Porter 6, Phaedra Sawbridge (C) 7, David Roberts 8, Roderic K Bickerton 9, Alec Gray 10.

City of London, EC4. (S Dunstan-in-the-West) 19 May, 1311 Stedman Caters: Andrew V Brown 1, Lucinda J Woodward (C) 2, Edward R Mack 3, Richard M Hobbs 4, Joanna K Dorling 5, Mary E Holden 6, Barry D Mack 7, Heather M Forster 8, Ian G Mills 9, Benjamin D Kipling 10. On the Feast of St Dunstan.

Corfe Mullen, Dorset. 11 May, 1296 Pattiswick S Minor: Christopher P K Smithies 1, Thomas R Harris (C) 2, Ross A Bradley 3, Michael L Jasper 4, Angie M E Jasper 5, Laurence H Turner 6. 16th in a minor alphabet series of quarters. 1st in m for all. **£BD**

Douling Beacon, Som. (Knapps Farm Campanile) 28 Apr, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Andy Mead 1, Sue Sawyer 2, Wendy Campbell 3, Lesley Tucker 4, David Huxford 5, Graham Tucker 6, Neil Williams 7, Ian Campbell (C) 8.

Douling Beacon, Som. (Knapps Farm Campanile) 31 May, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: Adrian P Beck 1, Margaret E L Chapman 2, John Harrold 3, Sheila C Matthews 4, Chris Jenkins (C) 5, Tony Fortin 6.

Eastwood, NSW. (4 Spencer St) 7 Jun, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Esther Perrins 1-2, Thomas Perrins 3-4, Bill Perrins 5-6, James Smith (C) 7-8.

Epsom Common, Surrey. 7 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Bailey 1, Jane Marsters 2, Mary Tester 3, Jane Wheeler 4, Vicky Williams (C) 5, Richard Wheeler 6. Get well wishes for Michael Chilcott.



Epsom, Surrey. (S Martin of Tours) 3 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Richard Wheeler 1, Margaret Bale 2, Alan E Brown 3, John Aronson 4, Roger Tompsett 5, Mike Bale (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Ordination of Revd Canon Adrian Esdaile.

Evesham, Worcs. 6 Jun, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Heather A Kippin 1, Alison K Regan 2, Eleanor J Linford 3, Vicki Greenhalgh 4, Martyn G Reed 5, Richard L Jones 6, James Forster 7, Stephen J Bedford 8, Rhys Greenhalgh 9, James Clatworthy 10, Christopher J Pickford (C) 11, Robert C Kippin 12. 1st in m: 4 & 9.

Ewerby, Lincs. 15 Apr, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Sylvia Taylor 1, Dot Mason 2, Michael Stracey 3, Betty Stracey 4, Fiona Dawson 5, Sandra Underwood 6, John F Underwood 7, John Nicholson 8, Jonathan Clark 9, Phil Mason (C) 10. For Evensong. **£BD**

Exeter, Devon. (Cathedral of S Peter) 3 Jun, 1250 Superlative S Major: Michael J C Cannon 1, P Wendy Campbell 2, Susan M Sawyer 3, Peter J Bill 4, Richard H Johnston 5, Andrew Digby 6, Ian L C Campbell 7, David Hird (C) 8. Rung for morning Eucharist.

Felsted, Essex. 27 May, 1260 PB & Grandsire Doubles (768 cover): John Pearson 1, Di Carpenter 2, Kate Chapman 3, David Learmonth 4, Vicky LeFèvre (C) 5, Richard Ould 6, George Bellingham-Smith 7, David Dempsey 8. Rung before the Dedication Service to celebrate the return of services to Holy Cross after an absence of nearly 8 months following the completion of the re-ordering work. 1st on 8: 1 & 6. **£4**

Glanvilles Wootton, Dorset. 7 Jun, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Patricia M Garrett 1, John R Schmidt 2, William R H Haydock 3, Teresa J Dunstone 4, Thomas R Garrett 5, Nigel R Woodruff (C) 6. 1st in m: 3. **£3**

Hackney, London E5. 7 Jun, 1260 Mixed Doubles (7m): Aine Fairbrother-Browne 1, Debbie Malin 2, David Jackson 3, Colin Cherrett 4, Stephen Jakeman (C) 5, Paul Browne 6. For Corpus Christi. **£3**

Harborne, Birmingham. 2 Jun, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Tracy Stevens 1, Sarah C Jones 2, James Stanton 3, Stephen W Horton 4, Catherine R Taylor 5, Janet A Horton 6, Clare McArdle (C) 7, Michael Rigby 8. Celebrating the 70th birthday of Oliver Burr & the 6th anniversary of his civil partnership with David Picton.

Harborne, Birmingham. 3 Jun, 1250 Bristol S Major: Clare McArdle 1, Stephen W Horton 2, Janet A Horton 3, Jack P Gunning 4, Tracy Stevens 5, James Stanton 6, Michael Rigby 7, Simon J L Linford (C) 8. Celebrating the 80th birthday of Ian McArdle on 31st May 2012. 1st in m: 5 & 6.

Heath, Cardiff. (33 St Malo Rd) 6 Jun, 1440 Kent TB Minor: Debbie Turner 1-2, Matthew Turner (C) 3-4, Peter S Bennett 5-6.

Helmingham, Suffolk. 18 May, 1344 Little B Major: Elizabeth Christian 1, Felicity Brasier 2, Jenny Scase 3, Tracey Scase 4, Tig Sweet 5, Robert Scase 6, Stephen Christian 7, Tom Scase (C) 8. **£2.40**

Helmingham, Suffolk. 27 May, 1312 PB Major: Lesley Steed 1, Jane Owen 2, Jenny Scase 3, David Steed 4, Robert Scase 5, Brian Owen 6, Stephen Christian 7, Tom Scase (C) 8. **£2.40**

Henbury, Bristol. 28 Apr, 1280 Jowkin S Major: Graham Tucker 1, Ian Campbell 2, Lesley Tucker 3, Sue Sawyer 4, Wendy Campbell 5, Neil Williams 6, David Matthews 7, David Huxford (C) 8.

Hexham, Northumb. 15 May, 1344 Cambridge S Major: Caroline Westgate 1, Clare Le Marie 2, Gill Hallett 3, Mike Le Marie 4, Ruth Kemsley 5, Andy Hayden 6, Jeremy Housden 7, Clive Moon (C) 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of Elspbeth Helen Isabel Westgate, granddaughter of 1.

Honington, Warks. 4 Jun, 1260 St Simon Double: Sue Marshall (C) 1, Lucy Gwynne 2, Jonathan Tallis 3, John Gwynne 4, George Wrycroft 5, Graham Nabb 6. 1st in m: 5.

Hopton Heath, Shrops. (Marches Teaching Belfry) 7 Jun, 1344 Spl S Major (5m): Jan Greatrex 1, Andrew Watkins (C) 2, Sue Threfall 3, Lynn Scales 4, Jan Herry 5, John Turney 6, Tony Greatrex 7, Fran Watkins 8. Birthday compliments to Jan Greatrex & Dave Thompson. Also congratulations to Jason Walker on his promotion. 450th Q: 7.

Isle of Dogs, London E14. 7 Jun, 1260 Grandsire & PB Doubles: Andrew Larsen 1, Phaedra Sawbridge 2, Christine Northeast 3, Gillian Harris 4, Roger Booth (C) 5, Gregory Rose 6. For Corpus Christi.

Jersey, CI. (S Mark the Evangelist) 9 May, 1320 Kent TB Minor: Richard Herissier 1, Michael J Halsey 2, Jack R Worrall 3, Justin A Read 4, Peter J Routier 5, David S Clare (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the 67th anniversary of the liberation of the island of Jersey. 1st in m as C.

Kineton, Warks. 1 Jun, 1250 Pudsey S Major: Graham Nabb 1, Jonathan Tallis 2, Sue Marshall 3, Lucy Gwynne 4, Becki Johnson 5, Luke Daniel 6, Clare McCauley 7, John Gwynne (C) 8. A temporary farewell to Rebecca Melen leaving for The University of Toronto. 1st Pudsey: 2, 5, as C & on the bells. Circled twice: 1.

Kingsdown, Bristol. 28 Apr, 1280 PB Major: Sue Sawyer 1, Lesley Tucker 2, David Matthews 3, Wendy Campbell 4, David Huxford 5, Graham Tucker 6, Ian Campbell 7, Neil Williams (C) 8.

Knowle, Bristol. 28 Apr, 1280 Turramurra S Major: Wendy Campbell 1, David Huxford 2, Sue Sawyer 3, Lesley Tucker 4, David Matthews 5, Neil Williams 6, Ian Campbell 7, Graham Tucker (C) 8.

Langley Burrell. 10 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jean Carey 1, Sheila Wills 2, Steve Griffin 3, Bob Mustow 4, Sarah Bye (C) 5, Chris Box 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding on 6th May of Trish and Matthew (son of tenor ringer). **£3**

Locking, Som. 4 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Sue Campbell 1, David Baker 2, Yvonne Criddle (C) 3, Ray Jones 4, John Parsons 5, Judy Aplin 6. 1st inside: 2. **£1.80**

Lower Heyford, Oxon. 6 Jun, 1320 Oxford TB Minor: Graham Nabb 1, Lynda Lazzarini 2, Anne Deebank 3, Lucy Gwynne 4, David Lazzarini 5, Martyn Marriott (C) 6. **£BD**

Lyng, Norfolk. (Campanile Dyngalyn) 7 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Lester Yeo 1, Wendy Campbell 2, Lesley Tucker 3, Graham Tucker 4, Ian Campbell 5, David Hird 6, Peter Bill (C) 7, Chris Sawyer 8. 1st quarter on the bells in England.

Marksbury, Som. 17 May, 1272 Surfleet S Minor: Charles Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 1, Jane Hooker 2, Terry Nicholls 3, Gerry Brown 4, Morley Bray 5, Mervyn A Arscott 6. For Ascension day. 3/4.

Marston, Oxford. 6 May, 1260 Doubles (1p/5m/3v): Susan King 1, Douglas Wilks 2, Roy Jones (J/C) 3, Paul Lucas 4, Hugh Deam (J/C) 5, Judy Kirby 6. Rung for Evensong; also to thank Terry Cudbird for all he has done for this church as warden & to wish him every success in the future as his first book goes on sale.

Marston, Oxford. 20 May, 1260 Doubles (5m): Anthony Hughes 1, Judy Kirby 2, Roy Jones (J/C) 3, Bernard Masterman 4, Hugh Deam (J/C) 5. Rung on original five bells after meeting short for Minor. Rung for service & as an 80th birthday compliment to Joe Ballad, with thanks for all he has done & does for St Nicholas.

Marston, Oxon. 13 May, 1260 Doubles (5m): Anthony Hughes 1, Hugh Deam (J/C) 2, Roy Jones (J/C) 3, Robert Bruce 4, Donna Murphy 5, Judy Kirby 6. Rung for morning Communion service & to welcome James Lawrie as churchwarden.

Milverton, Som. 7 Jun, 1344 Bristol S Major: Margaret A Taylor 1, Joan M Hopwood 2, Rosemary K Tuhey 3, Andrew F Howard 4, Keith E Beale 5, Preb Christopher J B Marshall 6, Giles R Morley 7, Timothy M Payne (C) 8. For Corpus Christi & the Bath & Wells DACR QP fortnight. **£BD**

Mistley, Essex. 7 Jun, 1320 Chester S Minor: Anne V Turner 1, Anne R Bray 2, David E Culham 3, Neil V Avis 4, Paul A J Bray 5, Ian J Culham (C) 6. 1st in m: 6.

New York. 27 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): Amy Lam 1, Arthur E Crumlish, Jr 2, Timothy J Barnes 3, Jeremy C Bates 4, Michael R Harrison (C) 5, Tony Furnival 6. 1st mixed: 2. Godspeed & fair winds to Fiona & John Danaher & to Nicole & Duncan Large as they embark on new courses.

Nottingham. (S Mary) 1 Jun, 1282 Owlerton S Royal: Corinna England 1, Tony Lees 2, Denise Harden 3, Emma Chapman 4, Phil Wild 5, Derek Butterworth 6, Martyn Marriott 7, Tim Poole 8, Matthew Jones 9, Peter England (C) 10. **£2.50**

Orwell, Cambs. 27 May, London S Major: Karen Hindley 1, Paul Seaman (C) 2, Barbara Le Gallez 3, Dave Hawkins 4, Alan Curtis 5, Peter Hinton 6, John Peverett 7, Geoff Perryman 8. For Evensong. **£3**

Oxton, Mers. 1 Jun, 1260 Spl Plain & Little B Royal: Margaret K S Allin 1, Helen A Stansfield 2, Valerie M Beecroft 3, Samantha C Harrison 4, Lisa K Nutall 5, Gavin E Price 6, William E Harrison 7, Joanne L Wood 8, Peter M S Newton 9, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 10. Rung to mark the passage of the Olympic Torch through Birkenhead this evening.

Peterborough, Cambs. (S Mary) 7 Jun, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): Gillian Christie 1, Elaine Wilkinson 2, Joan Parker 3, Stuart Weston 4, Andrew Christie (C) 5, Geoff Davis 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Beth Graham & Lynell McLuggage. Most m: 2. **£3**

Pettistree, Suffolk. 6 Jun, 1260 Minor (2m): Elaine Townsend 1, Pippa Moss 2, Jane Harper 3, Kate Eagle 4, Peter Harper 5, Mike Whitby (C) 6. Wedding anniversary compliments to Pat & Barry Challis - 48 years today & Mary & Roger Chilvers - 8 years yesterday.

Pimlico, London. (S Saviour) 12 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Willis 1, Jacqui Bale 2, Thomas Wood 3, Chris Rimmer 4, Peter Jasper (C) 5, Harry Baulcombe 6. Rung prior to the ULSCR AGM. 1st for the society: 1 & 4. 1st inside: 4.

Pimlico, London SW1. (S Saviour) 7 Jun, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Martin Sutcliffe 1, Margaret Peirce 2, Adrian Udal 3, Jinny Kufluk 4, Linda Foddering 5, Alec Gray 6, Juliet Lawrance 7, Tom Britten (C) 8.

Portishead, Som. 6 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Angela Roskelly 1, Jonathan Tallis 2, Christine Andrew 3, Paul R Smith 4, L Michael Callow 5, Bernard G North 6, Ian Maycock (C) 7, W David Roskelly 8.

Ratby, Leics. 6 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mark Pendery 1, Heather Morris 2, Anthony Haywood 3, Stephen Franklin 4, Francis Fisher 5, John Cook 6, Mark Banner (C) 7, Alan Whitmee 8. Rung for the evening service. **£2.40**

Raveningham, Norfolk. 7 Jun, 1260 Doubles (11m): Jeannine Roe 1, Ann-M Webb 2, Stephen Rabong 3, Katie Wright 4, David Webb (C) 5.

Rousham, Oxon. 6 Jun, 1260 (6m/p): Sue Marshall (C) 1, Anne Deebank 2, Lynda Lazzzerini 3, David Lazzzerini 4, Martyn Marriott 5, Graham Nabb 6. **£BD**

Rowde, Wilts. 27 May, 1260 PB Minor: Elizabeth Merritt 1, Jenny Hancock 2, Andrew Woolley 3, Clive Hancock 4, Richard Heath 5, Julian Ferrar (C) 6. Pentecost Evensong. 1st on the bells: 5.

Saffron Walden, Essex. 13 May, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Ann Clinton 1, Mary Bone (C) 2, Liz Griffith-Jones 3, Penny Browne 4, Katrina Bond 5, Jerry Piron 6, Nick Hughes 7, Gerard Clinton 8, Roger Collins 9, John Hall 10. For Choral Evensong. Birthday compliment to Liz Griffith-Jones. 1st Yorkshire Royal: 4. 1st Royal as C.

Sandford St Martin, Oxon. 6 Jun, 1260 Doubles (5m/p): Tony Crabtree 1, Lucy Gwynne 2, Rachel Coates 3, John Gwynne 4, Dave Kelly (C) 5. **£BD**

Shabbington, Bucks. 13 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Maureen Owen 1, Robert Patterson 2, Roy Jones (C) 3, Paul Smith 4, Jonathan Tallis 5, Ray Ferguson 6. 1st inside since last Barley Fagging: 2!

Southwark, Surrey. (Cathedral Church of S Saviour & S Mary Overie) 15 Apr, 1344 Cambridge S Maximus: Benjamin J Meyer 1, Helen M Herriott 2, Sheila M Cheesman 3, Alexander J Britton 4, Simon D Roberts 5, D Robert C Sworder 6, Timothy R Forster 7, Jeremy D Cheesman 8, Brian N Spurling 9, Michael J Uphill 10, Peter Valuks (C) 11, Christopher N McCarthy 12. 40th birthday compliment to Dr G.

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Southwark, Surrey. (Cathedral Church of S Saviour & S Mary Overie) 27 May, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Heather A Rayner 1, Christopher N McCarthy 2, Ian G Mills 3, Peter M Jasper 4, Gavin D Bennett 5, Andrew J Graham 6, Peter Valuks (C) 7, Jonathan R Slack 8, Brian P Spurling 9, D Robert C Sworder 10, Michael J Palmer 11, Matthew E Rayner 12. For the Diocesan Pentecost service. 1st Bristol Maximus: 4.

Spelsbury, Oxon. 6 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Dave Kelly 1, Lucy Gwynne 2, Martyn Marriott 3, Rachel Coates 4, Tony Crabtree 5, John Gwynne (C) 6.

St Albans, Herts. 20 May, 1278 Grandsire Caters: Cynthia Warrilow 1, Deborah M E Butler 2, Katherine P M Butler 3, Elaine Peill 4, Bjorn E Bradstock 5, Claire C Nicholson (C) 6, Ann Evans 7, Roderick K Bickerton 8, Andrew M Reeve 9, Richard W Butler 10. Rung for Persephone Amelia Jones following her baptism at St Peter's this afternoon, & for Evensong. **£5**

St Buryan, Cornwall. 1 Jun, 1320 Coldstream S Minor: Carolyn Howell 1, Jane Hitchens 2, Graham Baskerville 3, Sam Nankervis 4, Neil Hitchens 5, Chris Venn (C) 6. 1st blows in m: 3. 60th birthday compliment to Chris Venn.

Staines, Middx. (44 Sidney Rd) 7 Jun, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Muffie King 1-2, Stephen J F Mitchell (C) 3-4, Peter R King 5-6, Peter N Felton 7-8.

Steeple Barton, Oxon. 6 Jun, 1260 Doubles (8m/p): Sue Marshall (C) 1, Rachel Coates 2, John Gwynne 3, Dave Kelly 4, Tony Crabtree 5. **£BD**

Stoke sub Hamdon, Som. 6 Jun, 1260 Mixed Doubles (3m): Elizabeth Maunder 1, Linda Drew 2, Mary Graham 3, Johan Nash-Smith 4, David Ledger (C) 5, Terry Foy 6. Rung for the Licensing service of the new vicar the Revd Peter Thomas.

Ston Easton, Som. 17 May, 1260 St Clements CB Minor: Mervyn A Arscott 1, Charles Pipe - Wolfstan 2, Terry Nicholls 3, Jane Hooker 4, Morley Bray 5, Gerry Brown (C) 6. A big thank you to all the band for a good day's ringing. 4/4.

Stonesfield, Oxon. 6 Jun, 1260 Doubles (6m/p): David Lazzzerini 1, Graham Nabb 2, Lynda Lazzzerini 3, Anne Deebank 4, Sue Marshall (C) 5, Lindsey Thornton 6. **£BD**

Stonham Aspal, Suffolk. 13 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: Muriel Page 1, Felicity Brasier 2, Jenny Scase 3, Robert Scase 4, Stephen Christian 5, Tom Scase (C) 6. **£1.80**

Timsbury, Som. 6 Jun, 1260 Christchurch B Minor: Bryan G Williams 1, Valerie Stone 2, John West 3, Michael S Blissett 4, Giles R Morley 5, Martin J Blazey (C) 6. Rung on the D-Day landings 1944 anniversary. **£BD**

Toft, Cambs. 17 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Jackie Latham 1, Lyn Clackson 2, Diana Baldwin 3, JoAnne Rutter 4, Janet Garnett 5, Carol Wilkinson 6. Jointly conducted by 4 & 5. Rung to celebrate the Centenary of the Ladies' Guild by members of the Eastern District of the Guild. 1st inside: 3. **£1.80**

Trumpington, Cambs. 22 Apr, 1728 Spl S Major (8m): Pam J Davies 1, Maximilian L D Drinkwater 2, Samantha L Gorman 3, Susan B Binns 4, Christine C L Seaman 5, Ian W Davies 6, Alison L Brooke 7, Patrick L H Brooke (C) 8.

Trumpington, Cambs. 29 Apr, 1280 Spl S Major (30m): Patrick L H Brooke (C) 1, Christine C L Seaman 2, Sharon R Stimpson 3, Samantha L Gorman 4, Alison L Brooke 5, Mark H Norris 6, Robert B S Oakeshott 7, Ian W Davies 8. Most S Major Methods: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8.

Trumpington, Cambs. 13 May, 1408 Spl S Major (8m): Pam J Davies 1, Maximilian L D Drinkwater 2, Samantha L Gorman 3, Susan B Binns 4, Christine C L Seaman 5, Ian W Davies 6, Alison L Brooke 7, Patrick L H Brooke (C) 8. For Evensong.

Trumpington, Cambs. 26 May, 1408 Spl S Major (Std 8): Alison L Brooke 1, Samantha L Gorman 2, Sharon R Stimpson 3, Christine C L Seaman 4, Pam J Davies 5, Richard C Smith 6, Ian W Davies 7, Patrick L H Brooke (C) 8. 1st 8-spl: 5.

Vale, Guernsey. 1 Jun, 1260 St Martin's B Doubles: Colin Sarchet 1, Nicky David 2, Duncan Loweth 3, John David 4, Michael Bubb (C) 5, Harry White 6. Rung prior to the Deanyer Confirmation Service. Compliment to all the candidates especially those from the Vale, which included Joe Allen one of our riggers. 1st in m: 3. 21 of 60. **£3**

Vale, Guernsey. 7 Jun, 1260 Doubles (15v): Joe Allen 1, Nicky David 2, John David 3, Duncan Loweth 4, Michael Bubb (C) 5, Harry White 6. Prior to sung Eucharist & Benediction on Corpus Christi. A compliment to Duncan on receiving a 15 year housing licence. Most variations: 4, 25 of 60.

Wallingford, Oxon. 20 May, 1287 Stedman Caters: Steve Smith 1, Josie Irving 2, Patricia Newton 3, Mary Friskney 4, Robin Middleton 5, Nuala Clements 6, Christopher Tuckett (C) 7, Robert Partridge 8, Robert Newton 9, Philip Mills 10.

Wareham, Dorset. 27 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Duke 1, Sally Harrison 2, Tricia Stephens 3, Geoff Ashdown 4, Bill Day 5, Graham Duke 6, Phil Stephens (C) 7, Tim Salter 8. For Christian Aid Service with the Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury.

Warnham, W Sussex. 27 May, 1260 Double Oxford B Minor: Simon Alford (C) 1, George Woodward 2, Margaret Oram 3, Val Atkins 4, Ian Oram 5, Graham Cannings 6. 1st in m: 2, 3 & 6. Rung for Evensong.

Wellow, Som. 17 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Jane Hooker 1, Morley Bray 2, Terry Nicholls 3, Gerry Brown 4, Mervyn A Arscott 5, Charles Pipe-Wolfstan (C) 6. To celebrate the arrival of the Olympic Torch at RNAS Culdrose in Cornwall. 1/4.

West Ham, London. 13 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Rayner 1, Peter Rayner 2, Matthew Rayner 3, Liz Rayner 4, Anthony Brickell (C) 5, Ben Gaigher 6. Rung for Christian Aid week & Choral Evensong.

Winchester, Hants. (Sandecote, Norman Rd) 8 Apr, 1320 Cambridge S & Kent TB Minor: Anthea Enzor 1-2, Chris Enzor 3-4, Andrew Enzor (C) 5-6. For Easter.

Winfold, Som. 6 Jun, 1332 Stedman Triples: Christine Andrew 1, Bill Nash 2, Ian Maycock 3, L Michael Callow 4, W David Roskelly 5, Paul R Smith 6, Bernard G North (C) 7, Jonathan Tallis 8.

Winthorpe, Notts. 30 May, 1320 Silver Bells TB Minor: Paul Raithby 1, Christine H Hasman 2, Ian Hasman 3, Philip H Dawson 4, Rodney H French 5, Christopher C P Woodcock (C) 6. Rung with the bands best wishes to celebrate the Silver Wedding Anniversary today of local ringers Ian & Christine Hasman. 1st blows in m for all. **£BD**

Wolvey, Warks. 26 May, 1440 Double Oxford & St Clements: Janet Kirtley 1, Ian Thompson 2, Bill Chase 3, Geoff Pratt 4, Steve Colley 5, Gerald Trevor (C) 6. Rung as practice for a Jubilee Peal.

Wood Green, Middx. 4 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Anthony Davey 1, Ian Callander 2, Kate Giddens 3, Anselm Hartley 4, Ron Giddens 5, Tom Britten (C) 6. 1st treble to Minor: 1. 1st Minor inside: 2.

Worle, Som. 22 Apr, 1260 Doubles (11m): Ray Jones 1, Jenny Spence 2, Denis Hawkins 3, Christopher Swatton 4, Clifford Nicholls (C) 5, John Boorman 6. For morning service. Also to celebrate Chris' 60 years of ringing.

Worle, Som. 6 May, 1260 May Day Doubles: Ray Jones 1, Yvonne Criddle 2, John Parsons 3, Christopher Swatton 4, Denis Hawkins (C) 5, John Boorman 6. For morning service. Also for Baptism of Benjamin Thomas O'Brien, second son of Sarah & Edmond O'Brien. Another Grandson for Christopher & Diane Swatton & Tom & Kathleen O'Brien of Long Eaton Notts. 200th together: 3 & 6. 100th together: 1 & 3.

Worle, Som. 13 May, 1260 St Ambrose Doubles: Jill Burtenshaw 1, Jim Lambert 2, Ray Jones (C) 3, Christopher Swatton 4, Clifford Nicholls 5, Neil Berrill 6. For morning service. To welcome Jim's return to quarter pealing following an absence of nine months following his fall.

Wraxall, Som. 6 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Paul R Smith 1, Christine Andrew 2, Jonathan Tallis 3, L Michael Callow 4, W David Roskelly 5, Ian Maycock (C) 6, Bernard G North 7, Bill Nash 8.

York. (S Lawrence) 17 May, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Emma Coles 1, Charlotte Elkington 2, Helen M Beaumont 3, Jennifer Shields 4, Ryan Mills 5, Revd Ivan Howitt 6, Kevin Atkinson (C) 7, David Potter 8. Rung prior to the Service of the Feast of the Ascension.

York. (S Martin) 29 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: Joost Maagdenberg 1, Emma Coles 2, Helen Beaumont 3, Ryan Mills 4, Kevin Atkinson 5, David Potter (C) 6. Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the Baedecker air raids on York, in which this Church was almost wholly destroyed.

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Intrepid 13: Titanic sinks in Belfast

So you thought that it went down in the Atlantic? Well, when we tried to splice Titanic with Belfast, the Titanic was fine but when we got to Belfast it sank. Happily this was not the case for JJ's narrowboat Intrepid on the 13th annual tour with bicycles, bells and boating.

Whilst the Peak Forest Canal and the other rural Cheshire canals have always been attractive, the canals around Manchester have now been restored and are now also a pleasant environment for boating despite occasional obstructions (shopping trolleys?) at the bottom of locks.

Plenty of good food as always. Thanks to JJ for the use of the boat, and to all of the locals who welcomed us to ring.

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NB Intrepid, Shrops. (Shropshire Union Canal) 11 May, 1272 London S Minor: Jill Wigney 1-2, Andrew Sparling 3-4, Mike Wigney (C) 5-6. 1st wrong-place method in hand: 3-4.

NB Intrepid, Cheshire. (Shropshire Union Canal Middlewich branch) 12 May, 1260 PB Minor: Judy Sparling 1-2, Andrew Sparling (C) 3-4, Mike Wigney 5-6. 1st in hand: 1-2. 1st as C in hand.

Middlewich, Cheshire. 12 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Judy Sparling 1, Penny Bradsell 2, Mike Wigney 3, Carole Wood (C) 4, Andrew Wood 5, Jonathan Slack 6, Andrew P Sparling 7, Janet Archibald 8. 1st Grandsire as C.

Hartford, Cheshire. 13 May, 1260 Spl Minor (3m): Penny Bradsell 1, Judy Sparling 2, Janet Archibald 3, Carole Wood 4, Andrew Wood 5, Andrew Sparling (C) 6. After morning service.

NB Intrepid, Cheshire. (Bridgewater Canal) 14 May, 1344 PB Major: Mike Wigney (C) 1-2, Andrew Sparling 3-4, Carole Wood 5-6, Andrew Wood 7-8.

Lymn, Cheshire. 14 May, 1260 Stedman Triples: Carole Wood 1, Andrew Wood 2, John J Ford 3, Mike Wigney 4, Andrew Sparling 5, Penelope Sharpe 6, Jonathan Slack (C) 7, Janet Archibald 8. 1st Stedman as C.

Dunham Massey, Cheshire. 14 May, 1254 Spl Stedman Triples & Bristol S Major: Penny Bradsell 1, Jonathan Slack 2, Mike Wigney 3, Andrew Wood 4, Carole Wood 5, John J Ford 6, Janet Archibald (C) 7, Andrew P Sparling 8.

Stretford, Gtr Man. 15 May, 1280 Bristol S Major: Judy Sparling 1, Andrew Sparling 2, Mike Wigney 3, Carole Wood 4, Janet Archibald 5, Penelope Sharpe 6, Andrew Wood 7, John J Ford (C) 8.

Gorton, Gtr Man. 16 May, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Judy Sparling 1, Penelope Sharpe 2, Penny Bradsell 3, Hal Drysdale 4, Andrew Wood 5, Becky Shipley (C) 6, Carole Wood 7, Andrew Sparling 8.

Ashton under Lyne, Gtr Man. (S Peter) 16 May, 1260 Colledge B Triples: Mike Wigney (C) 1, Andrew Wood 2, Carole Wood 3, Becky Shipley 4, Penelope Sharpe 5, John J Ford 6, Andrew Sparling 7, Hal Drysdale 8. 1st in m for all except 6.

Hyde, Gtr Man. 16 May, 1312 Yorkshire S Major: Penelope Sharpe 1, Becky Shipley 2, Penny Bradsell 3, Judy Sparling 4, Carole Wood 5, Andrew Sparling 6, Andrew Wood 7, Hal Drysdale (C) 8.

Marple, Gtr Man. 17 May, 1280 Spl S Major (Std 8): Judy Sparling 1, Carole Wood 2, Mike Wigney 3, Becky Shipley 4, John J Ford 5, Penelope Sharpe (C) 6, Hal Drysdale 7, Andrew Sparling 8.

Disley, Cheshire. 17 May, 1296 Ascension Day TB Minor: Becky Shipley 1, Carole Wood 2, Hal Drysdale 3, Penelope Sharpe 4, Andrew Sparling 5, Andrew Wood (C) 6. For the Feast of the Ascension. 1st blows in m for all.

NB Intrepid, Cheshire. (Macclesfield Canal) 18 May, 1344 PB Major: Mike Wigney (C) 1-2, Carole Wood 3-4, Andrew Sparling 5-6, Andrew Wood 7-8.

NB Intrepid, Cheshire. (Macclesfield Canal) 18 May, 1260 PB Minor: Hal Drysdale 1-2, Andrew Sparling 3-4, Mike Wigney (C) 5-6. 1st Minor in hand: 1-2.

Pott Shrigley, Cheshire. 18 May, 1260 Original Minor: Carole Wood 1, Becky Shipley 2, Hal Drysdale 3, Penny Bradsell 4, Andrew Wood 5, Andrew Sparling (C) 6.

Macclesfield, Cheshire. (Christ Church) 18 May, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Jill Wigney 1, Penny Bradsell 2, Mike Wigney (C) 3, Carole Wood 4, John J Ford 5, Becky Shipley 6, Andrew Wood 7, Kevin Rogers 8, Hal Drysdale 9, Andrew Sparling 10.

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Sutton, Cheshire. 19 May, 1296 Sutton S Minor: Penny Bradsell 1, Becky Shipley 2, Andrew Sparling 3, Hal Drysdale 4, Andrew Wood 5, Carole Wood (C) 6. 1st in m for all.

Congleton, Cheshire. 19 May, 1280 Lessness S Major: Becky Shipley 1, Mike Wigney 2, Jill Wigney 3, Andrew Sparling 4, Carole Wood 5, Hal Drysdale 6, John J Ford 7, Andrew Wood (C) 8.

Penkridge, Staffs. 22 May, 1376 Pudsey S Major: John J Ford 1, Mike Wigney (C) 2, Jean Nixon 3, Jim Nixon 4, Gill Tomlinson 5, Tim Hine 6, Phil Gay 7, Tony Nunn 8.

NB Intrepid, Staffs. (Staffs and Worcs Canal) 23 May, 1260 PB Minor: Tony Nunn 1-2, Jill Wigney 3-4, Mike Wigney (C) 5-6.

Chiltern Midweek Group

The Group held its 14th Spring outing in Nottinghamshire. The glorious weather we had experienced in previous years was not to be but we still had an extremely enjoyable tour arranged by Mary. We were especially pleased that David Cornwall joined us & took part in some of the quarters.

Our thanks to the local incumbents for allowing us to ring, to the local ringers for meeting us & making us so welcome.

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Kirkby Mallory, Leics. 17 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: Barry Cowper 1, Mary Rixon 2, Stella Shell 3, Deirdre Watson 4, Paul Norman 5, Brian Watson (C) 6.

Orton on the Hill, Leics. 17 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Barry Cowper 1, Stella Shell 2, Gill Hughes 3, David Cornwall 4, William Willans 5, James Ingham (C) 6.

Sweptstone, Leics. 17 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: Mary Rixon 1, Paul Norman 2, Deirdre Watson 3, Bob Churchill 4, Brian Watson 5, Howard Collings (C) 6.

Packington, Leics. 17 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m): Brian Watson 1, Deirdre Watson 2, James Ingham 3, Paul Norman 4, William Willans (C) 5, Stella Shell 6.

Eastwood, Notts. 18 Apr, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Pat Halls 1, Mary Rixon 2, Deirdre Watson 3, James Ingham 4, Howard Collings 5, Paul Norman 6, William Willans (C) 7, Brian Watson 8. 400th of Grandsire: 4.

Greasley, Notts. 18 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Stella Shell 1, Mary Rixon 2, Roger Baldwin 3, David Cornwall 4, Brian Watson 5, Bob Churchill 6, James Ingham (C) 7, Liz Middleton 8.

South Normanton, Notts. 18 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Barry Cowper 1, William Willans 2, Pat Halls 3, Deirdre Watson 4, Howard Collings 5, Paul Norman (C) 6.

Blackwell, Notts. 18 Apr, 1296 Norwich & Cambridge S Minor: Roger Baldwin (C) 1, Mary Rixon 2, Pat Halls 3, Paul Norman 4, Liz Middleton 5, David Cornwall 6.

Morton, Notts. 18 Apr, 1260 Double Oxford & PB Minor: Stella Shell 1, Bob Churchill 2, William Willans 3, Howard Collings 4, Brian Watson 5, James Ingham (C) 6.

Clay Cross, Notts. 18 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Barry Cowper 1, Mary Rixon 2, Kath Baldwin 3, Roger Baldwin 4, Bob Churchill 5, Liz Middleton (C) 6.

North Wingfield. 18 Apr, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: David Cornwall 1, Pat Halls (C) 2, James Ingham 3, Deirdre Watson 4, Howard Collings 5, Paul Norman 6, William Willans 7, Brian Watson 8.

Granby, Notts. 19 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: Liz Middleton 1, Howard Collings 2, Anne Sladen 3, James Ingham 4, Brian Watson 5, David Cornwall (C) 6.

Whetton, Notts. 19 Apr, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Mary Rixon 1, Stella Shell 2, Deirdre Watson 3, Roger Baldwin 4, Paul Norman 5, Kath Baldwin 6, William Willans (C) 7, Bob Churchill 8.

Bingham, Notts. 19 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Stella Shell 1, William Willans 2, Liz Middleton 3, Bob Churchill 4, Deirdre Watson 5, Paul Norman 6, Brian Watson (C) 7, Howard Collings 8.

Shelford, Notts. 19 Apr, 1260 Grandsire & PB Doubles: Stella Shell 1, Paul Norman 2, James Ingham 3, David Cornwall 4, William Willans (C) 5, Kath Baldwin 6.

Radcliffe on Trent, Notts. 19 Apr, 1280 PB Major: Barry Cowper 1, Mary Rixon 2, Deirdre Watson 3, Liz Middleton 4, Bob Churchill 5, Roger Baldwin 6, Howard Collings 7, Brian Watson (C) 8.

Nottingham, Notts. (Aspley) 20 Apr, 1280 PB Major: Barry Cowper 1, William Willans 2, Stella Shell 3, Paul Norman 4, Roger Baldwin (C) 5, James Ingham 6, Bob Churchill 7, Liz Middleton 8.

Swanwick, Notts. 20 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): Stella Shell 1, Liz Middleton 2, Bob Churchill 3, William Willans 4, Brian Watson (C) 5, Paul Norman 6.

Pentrich, Notts. 20 Apr, 1260 St Clements Minor: Barry Cowper 1, Mary Rixon 2, Pat Halls 3, Gill Hughes 4, Deirdre Watson 5, James Ingham (C) 6.

Breadsall, Notts. 20 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: Brian Watson 1, Mary Rixon 2, Pat Halls 3, Deirdre Watson 4, Howard Collings 5, James Ingham 6, William Willans (C) 7, Paul Norman 8.

Stapleford, Notts. 21 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: Barry Cowper 1, Roger Baldwin 2, Deirdre Watson 3, Kath Baldwin 4, James Ingham 5, Brian Watson (C) 6.

Coleorton, Leics. 21 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Rixon 1, Stella Shell 2, Deirdre Watson 3, Kath Baldwin 4, Roger Baldwin (C) 5, Bob Churchill 6, Howard Collings 7, David Cornwall 8.

Death of Robin Gibb of the Bee Gees

The three Gibb brothers who formed the Bee Gees spent their early years living in Chorlton, South Manchester. Their parents came from Manchester, and there are still family connections in the Chorlton area including two cousins who ring at Stretford.

The funeral of Robin Gibb will take place I believe on Friday June 8th, in London.

GEORGE LEE

Manchester, Lancs. (Cathedral) 23 May, 1260 Grandsire Caters: John J LeGrove 1, Malcolm Murphy 2, Jane Owen 3, Andrew Tyler 4, Andrew D Ingham 5, Peter Wilkinson 6, Martin J E Daniels 7, Brian J Owen 8, K George Lee (C) 9, Andrew J Rawlinson 10. Rung to celebrate the life of Robin Gibb CBE of the Bee Gees (1949-2012), a resident of Manchester from 1953-1958. £5

Stretford, Lancs. 25 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Bernard J Ongley 1, Beth Ingham 2, K George Lee (C) 3, Andrew D Ingham 4, Tim J Calvert 5, Hazel Gibb (1st Q) 6. Rung in memory of Robin Gibb of the Bee Gees, cousin of 6. Rung at the church in which Barbara and Hugh Gibb, parents of Barry, Robin and Maurice, were married on 27th May 1944. £3

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ASSOCIATION & GUILD NEWS

New Horde in Staffordshire

The photograph shows members of the East Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild outside Cheddleton church, the final tower on their annual outing which took place on Saturday, 19th May. The day started with the enjoyable new six at Caverswall, followed by the eight at Cheadle R.C. where an extended lunch break allowed interested parties to explore the magnificent Pugin church interior. Twenty-one sat down to a convivial meal in the Bull's Head in Alton before sampling the splendid 22cwt eight here, where the first touch after lunch was a remarkably well-struck touch of Stedman – or maybe the beer just made it seem so. At Kingsley the horde was greeted by a local ringer with a pint of milk and the kind offer of the use of the kitchen facilities for a brew so ringing on this recently refurbished six was punctuated by cups of tea and chocolate brownies and all the better for it. Finally, most made it to Cheddleton, despite the best efforts of the organiser to mislead the unwary by putting the postcode for Leek on the toursheet.

Ringing ranged from call changes to Bristol with a good standard maintained throughout the day.

Despite some unseasonably cold weather a pleasant day was had by all. We were pleased to welcome Kate Atherton from Poynton on her first tower grab and hope it will be the first of many. Thanks must go to Kevin Rogers for organising an excellent day out and to all those who gave up precious time on a Saturday to meet us at the various towers.

H.F.



Left to right: Pamela McFall, Pam Andrew, Dennis Latham, Alan Wootton, David Friend, Andrew Mayes, Kevin Rogers, Clive Calton, Mike Brown, Polly Brown, Helen Foster, Andy Venables, Anne Mayes, Christine Broadley, Wendy Malloch, Esther Venables, Peter Malloch, Tim Calvert and Alan McFall

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First blows to first quarter inside within 24 hours – Teaching the University of London style!

Having been ringing for a few years, but not progressing as quickly as I would have liked, one night in the pub after a University of London (UL) practice, I made the fateful decision of telling several people, including Peter Jasper, that I wanted to improve my ringing. As apparently experience is the best way to improve, I suddenly found myself signed up to ring a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles at St Saviour's, Pimlico two weeks later. The only catch was I was to ring inside and although I'd rung a few quarters covering or trebling, I'd never actually rung inside to a plain course of the method, let alone rung a touch or a quarter peal!

Despite trying to tell various members that this was a silly idea as I had never rung Plain Bob before, there was no turning back. To help my nerves, further panic ensued when I realised I couldn't even make the University Society practice the following week and so needed to find another practice night to attend to get some practise in before the quarter. Luckily, I was saved by the kind ringers at Battersea who allowed us to go along to their weekly practice.

On Monday evening, Chris Rimmer, who was also ringing in the quarter, and I travelled across London to join the very friendly and welcoming Battersea ringers (along with a few other UL ringers who also gate-crashed the session!). After ringing my first ever plain course of Plain Bob Doubles which was surprisingly successful, I next concentrated on the bobs so I could ring a couple of touches, first as the observation bell and secondly affected by the bobs! So one plain course and 2 touches had been rung and within 24 hours I would be attempting my first quarter peal in the method!

I spent the following day revising the method and becoming more and more worried; could anybody really ring a decent quarter peal inside when their only preparation had been two touches the night before? It was time to find out and with a band of friends around me and the promise from Peter that he would help me if I needed it, we pulled off. Finally, "that's all" was called and although it felt like the longest 45 minutes of my life it was actually quite enjoyable. I didn't have to be put right very often and the ringing sounded nice. On the downside, however, once we finished and I found that not only had I rung my first quarter on an inside bell within 24 hours of ringing my first blows inside in a method, I also had my first ringing blister!

We celebrated the success in the pub where I ended up agreeing to ringing more quarters and even to organise a quarter peal weekend over the Summer Holidays! Maybe I should just be careful what I agree to whilst sitting in a pub in future.

JENNY WILLIS

Pimlico, London. (S Saviour) 12 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Jacqui Bale 1, Jenny Willis 2, Peter Jasper 3, Mariko Whyte (C) 4, Chris Rimmer 5, Tom Nagel 6. 1st inside: 2.

Olympic ringing – week 6

Week 6 saw a surge in Olympic ringing, with 10 quarters as the Torch passed, 1 quarter to welcome it to the County, a quarter in honour of a former Olympic medallist, and 2 quarters and a peal with the Olympics as a shared dedication. 6 of the quarters were in the City of Lincoln, which mounted the most ambitious programme of ringing to date. The Torch was welcomed by 12 minutes of simultaneous ringing of every bell in the city – 63 bells in 20 locations – with longer performances along its route, and more the following day for its departure. Places ringing quarter peals were: Balderton, Caistor, Chirk, Darton, Halifax (peal), Lincoln (6 quarters + 4 other), Manchester, Meltham, Saxilby, Scunthorpe, Whittington (Salop).

Accidentally omitted from the last report was general ringing as the Torch passed North Shields.

JOHN HARRISON

(on behalf of the CC PR Committee)

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Day 5 of the Olympic Torch

by Caroline Emerson

We wanted to mark the occasion of the Olympic Flame passing through our town, so eight people arranged to be free for the morning of 23rd May so the bells of St Andrew in Chippenham (Wiltshire) could be rung.

As thousands were expected to be lining the streets, we all decided, where possible, to try and walk or cycle into town as parking would be extremely difficult. And so it was, as almost 16,000 people lined the streets of Chippenham from the Bristol Road (West of the town centre) right through to the London Road (East of the town centre). All the secondary schools had arranged for school to start late that morning and it looked like most of the primary schools had as well! Every possible vantage point was filled with children waving flags or holding homemade Olympic torches, balloons and horns. The atmosphere was happy and noisy and the weather was absolutely gorgeous; it felt more like August than May!

We arrived outside the church at 9.00 as the torch was due to arrive in the Bristol Road at 9.46 and discovered that it was running 20 minutes late due to taking a wrong turn in Failand as they returned to Bristol via the suspension bridge! It is hard to imagine anything going wrong when the meticulous plan states that the torch is due to arrive at 9.46 and leave at 10.16! Anyway, we all went upstairs to ring the bells up and rang a short touch of Grandsire Triples to get things going.

Having discovered the exact timing the torch was originally expected to pass the church, arrangements had to be made for members of the ringers' family to contact us as they would be outside in various parts of the town and could warn us of the torch's

progress. My husband, Geoff, was working from home and was able to watch it live on the computer so he was also able to contribute! In fact we had four mobile phones all going off at different times, all with different ring/text tones, to inform us where the torch was. Our Tower Captain, Bob Mustow, had rigged up a CCTV camera on the parapet of the tower to catch the runner going past and we would be able to see this happening on a small television set up in the ringing room. In the end we managed to ring more Grandsire Triples as the torch was approaching the Town Hall and then past the church.

After that we stopped ringing and made ready to go to the Reception at the Town Hall. As we had participated in the event by ringing the bells we had been invited, which was really nice. The original plan for the torch bearers was that they would all be transported back to the Town Hall when the convoy left the town at 10.16 to go on to Calne, but because of the lateness of the arrival in Chippenham, the poor torch bearers had to stay on the bus and be taken to Calne, then brought back after the relay in Calne. This meant that the Reception had to be delayed as the main guests would not be arriving for another hour! Nevertheless, all the other invited guests descended upon the hall for a much needed coffee and snack, and to pass the time the Lingmara Community Choir (a talented local group of singers) gave a performance in the hall, having already performed in the market place earlier that morning.

At 12.00 the torch bearers were to be seen walking proudly back down the High Street holding their unlit torches and received such a

warm reception by everyone who had been waiting patiently outside the Town Hall. Many pictures and video clips had been taken of the torchbearers as they made their way through to the Town Hall. Lots of hugs, kisses and tears of joy were to be seen as the torch bearers joined their friends and family; it was a lovely scene which will no doubt be fondly remembered by them all.

Finally, before they were allowed to go up and have a well earned rest and refreshment, the Mayor said a few words and then presented a certificate to each of them in turn.

I must admit that I was slightly excited about the Olympic flame coming through Chippenham and was sorry I could not actually see it for myself at the time, but as my son pointed out, we will see it at the Olympic Stadium in August when we go to watch the athletics; good point Simon!

Guiding the Torch through North Yorkshire



Gerry Bacon – ringer at Pickering, North Yorkshire – a member of the YACR and also the Guild of Railway Ringers, with the Olympic torch when it visited North Yorkshire. This picture was taken when the Olympic torch was being transported by rail from the National Railway Museum at York to Thirsk on Wednesday, 20th June 2012, the train being hauled by Royal Scot 46115 *Scots Guardsman*. He was also with the Olympic torch on Monday, 18th June 2012, when it was transported by rail from Whitby to Pickering, the train being hauled from Whitby to Grosmont by BR Standard 4 75029 *The Green Knight* and by A4 60007 *Sir Nigel Gresley* from Grosmont to Pickering.

GERRY BACON

PHOTO CAPTIONS

If you are sending in a group photograph please be sure to include the names (left to right) of the people pictured. We are unlikely to publish group pictures without this information.



Left to right: Bob Mustow, Joanna Wheatland, Tony Mustow, Nick Watts, Jean Carey, Lin Drummond-Harris, Caroline Emerson, Rodney Brown and Morley Bray

Record length of Glasgow Surprise Major

Background

Glasgow is a classic method, characterised by an interesting blue line that has plenty of movement and a satisfying blend of points, places and dodges. It sits towards the tricky end of the Surprise Major lexicon and many peal ringers are drawn to it because it combines a constant technical challenge with reasonable musical rewards. The first peal in the method was rung at Frindsbury in 1946 and after a slow start it exploded in popularity during the 1960s. In 1967 a long length of 11872 changes was rung, only to be eclipsed just six weeks later by a 12096 based on the same composition. This record stood for 44 years, during which time a further 1200 or so peals were rung in the method, firmly establishing it in the modern repertoire.

When Brian Price turned his attention to composing long lengths of Major in the late 1990s it was only a matter of time before he tackled Glasgow. Over the years he devised a succession of 9-part peals that headed towards 14000 changes, but the downside was that they were all characterised by a large number of varied calls and lengthy sections of spilt-tenors. When he finally produced his 14688 and pronounced that this was the longest length that he could envisage – only time will tell if he was right – I decided that it was appropriate to try and ring it, not least to recognise the considerable effort that he had put into the cause. My only regret is that he didn't live long enough to hear the successful outcome.

Classic methods deserve to be rung on classic bells and in the mid-weight category they don't come much better than Heptonstall. With a practice peal safely under our belts the

first record attempt came to grief after six hours when the neatest of shifts simply emphasised the need for a constant state of alertness from the band. A year later, another practice peal, another attempt, another failure; this time miscalled after five hours. Hmmm!

With Heptonstall preparing for some maintenance work on the bells we were fortunate enough to be offered a fine substitute, the glorious eight at Spitalfields. But just as we were preparing for our third attempt the church confessed to a double-booking and yet another year slipped by. Perhaps this delay simply reinforced our determination because there was certainly a real sense of commitment when we met in May for yet another practice peal and returned just six days later for what proved to be the successful attempt. With most of the band having now rung the composition for 20 hours the variety of calls no longer seemed so daunting and even the long stretches of strange musical combinations took on an air of familiarity. That said, there's no denying the wave of relief that we experienced when 'that's all' was finally called, bringing to an end a long campaign in every sense.

The band would like to associate this peal with George Campling, Robin Hall, Andrew Mills and Peter Sanderson, all of whom rang in previous attempts. George Campling and Alan Regin were responsible for untiring liaison work with the church authorities and local parishioners at Heptonstall and Spitalfields respectively. Our thanks also go to the umpires and stewards who kept an eye on our proceedings, often on more than one occasion and at different ends of the country.

MARTIN WHITELEY

Umpire's Report

Ringing commenced at 10.27am with some very measured and accurate ringing, the band benefiting from having rung a practice peal on the same bells just a few days beforehand. It was nearly an hour before the first small trip occurred, shortly before the first part end (of nine) was reached in 65m 39s. The second and third parts were rung at a slightly quicker pace with only an occasional miss-blow that didn't require any intervention from the conductor. The first third of the peal was rung in 3h 12m, providing the ideal platform to ring at a slightly quicker and more fluent pace for the remainder of the peal.

Parts 4-6 were characterised by the same level of excellence, punctuated only by the odd trip, phases of intense yawning from JPL and variously successful attempts at taking on food. Three members of the band were slightly under the weather, suffering from coughs and colds. At the outset DCB had warned that if his croaky voice failed him he would simply whisper his commands to the treble ringer who would then announce them widely. Happily that situation didn't arise and when the sixth part end was reached after 6h 14m it seemed less and less likely that physical ailments were going to undo this peal.

Now ringing at a slightly faster pace and with a mesmerising rhythm there was little to do other than listen to the (often very unfamiliar) changes unfold and share the band's enjoyment when the tenors were periodically reunited. However, with 40 calls to negotiate every 51 leads, and with the knowledge that even the slightest trip could cause a shift in the complicated coursing order, the band really drew on their experience and cantered through to the end in fine style. This was a fine achievement that, having checked it throughout, we're pleased to endorse.

LINDA GARTON, STEVE MITCHELL,
PHILIPPA WHITTINGTON,
JIM BELSHAW, CLAIRE ROULSTONE
AND LUCY WOODWARD

ST JAMES' GUILD

SPITALFIELDS, Gtr Lon,
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Sat May 12 2012 9h11 (17)
14688 Glasgow S Major
Comp. Brian D Price
1 Simon A Rudd
2 David C Brown (C)
3 Martin J Whiteley
4 John P Loveless
5 Alan G Reading
6 Ian Roulstone
7 Frank W Rivett
8 Alan Regin
The longest peal of Glasgow
yet rung.
Umpires: Linda M Garton,
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and Lucinda J Woodward.

Composition Review

Brian Price was probably the greatest exponent of using computers to generate compositions, certainly outside the US, and



The peal band (l-r): Simon Rudd, Alan Reading, David Brown, Ian Roulstone, Martin Whiteley, Frank Rivett, John Loveless and Alan Regin

made no apology for this. When he turned his attentions to longer lengths, he needed to do something to shorten the possible searches. A 9-part format is not used very often in Surprise Major, one exception being Chris Forster's 8-Spliced from 1972, but for Brian this gave him a shorter composition to find. Even so, using two types of lead-end calls and a half-lead call in this peal give 651 (approximately 4 followed by 40 zeroes!) possibilities. A 7-part of similar length would take a million times as long.

With this type of composition, where there is no wish to keep the tenors together, one suspects that Brian's choice of calls is not related to the internal falseness of Glasgow, but more to the need to find the combination that allowed the longest length. In this he clearly succeeded because it is nearly 2600 changes longer than the previous record length which, in comparison, is traditional in its approach. By its very nature, this composition is nothing like you would ring in a standard peal of Glasgow, and it is much more intricate to call. It is possible to add a small coda after three parts to bring it round at 5184 if your band wishes to try it, although it will not be musical in the normal way – but it can include Queens!

RICHARD ALLTON

14688 Glasgow Surprise Major

Composed by Brian D Price

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| 2357486 H | 6247853 H | 4567238 6 |
| 2378564 H | 2765438 | 5743682 |
| 2364857 H 4 | 7523846 6 | 7358426 |
| 3425678 | 5374682 6 | 3875264 |
| 4578362 4 | 3482567 4 | 3826745 H |
| 5846237 6 | 4267358 4 | 8645372 4 |
| 8637524 4 | 2758436 4 | 6587234 6 |
| 6782345 * | 7836245 4 | 5734628 4 |
| 7245638 4 | 8674523 6 | 5728463 H 4 |
| 2573486 | 6482357 6 | 5763842 H 4 |
| 5328764 | 4265873 | 7354286 6 |
| 3856472 6 | 2547638 | 3478625 6 |
| 3872645 H 4 | 5723486 | 4832756 |
| 3845267 H 4 | 7358264 | 8245367 |
| 3856724 H 6 | 3876542 | 8256473 H |
| 8632547 | 8634257 6 | 8273645 H 4 |
| 6284375 | 6485372 | 2345867 4 |

Nine part. Insert 6ths place bob at * in parts 3, 6 and 9.

H = call 18 at preceding half lead

4 = 4ths place bob

6 = 6ths place bob

To reduce to a 5184 call three parts, adding a 6ths place bob at * in the third part to produce 2453678. Then call:

2453678

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| 2478365 H |
| 2465837 H 4 |
| 4537286 4 |
| 5748362 |
| 7856423 |
| 8672534 |
| 6283745 |
| 2345678 4 |

Lucy Woodward's reflections on the peal

It is perhaps a pity that the human side of bell ringing is rarely observed, particularly in the case of peal ringers who lock themselves away for hours at a time and somehow absorb themselves in what, outwardly, appears to be a pretty monotonous activity. In the following account Lucy Woodward describes her impressions of the last couple of hours of a record length peal that was rung recently at Spitalfields ...

As I was scheduled to do the last stint of umpiring for the record attempt of Glasgow Major it was with some trepidation that I drove up Commercial Road, turned into Fournier Street and parked behind Hawksmoor's magnificent church. Would they still be ringing after seven hours? I wound the window down and listened carefully...at first I couldn't hear a thing and my heart sank, but then suddenly I could just make out a couple of rows as the wind shifted direction. The sound control at Spitalfields is really very efficient!

When six o'clock came I made my way quietly up the stairs to the ringing room to take over the umpiring duties from Claire Roulstone. The ringing was metronomic and Claire was totally absorbed in her task, carefully studying the computer printout in front of her as the band was in the middle of tackling a sequence of seven consecutive calls, bobs coming like a fusillade every half lead. I took the opportunity to study each of the ringers to get some impression of their physical and mental state at this point; in truth it might as well have been the beginning of the peal!

Simon Rudd caught my eye briefly as his head turned instinctively to watch the umpire's transition and he had the look of someone totally aware of his surroundings and alert to the job in hand. Ringing the treble to a peal of this length is a huge responsibility and I could sense that he was willing the rest of the band on to success. Then my attention turned to David Brown – standing slightly away from the circle, eyes down in typical pose, with that elegant style which never faltered. How he manages to call a composition of such complexity and remain so calm is one of life's great mysteries! His neighbour, Martin Whiteley on the third, another highly experienced long-length ringer and organiser of this attempt, was obviously enjoying every moment, smiling gently each time a particularly musical combination came and went.

On to the fourth, rung by the stylish giant that is John Loveless. His broad shoulders twisted with every stroke and you could detect total focus in his eyes. Alan Reading on the fifth, the 'baby' of the band and a relative newcomer to long-length ringing, demonstrated his well-established skills of excellent method ringing and determined concentration. It is obvious in watching him on the end of a rope that he is giving his all and yet still enjoying the experience. If you could bottle that energy and sell it, you'd

make a fortune! A markedly contrasting but equally effective style came from the ringer of the sixth, namely Ian Roulstone. Cool, calm and collected, but with a steely look on his face, he stands absolutely straight with very little extraneous body movement, his rope travelling up and down with an identical trajectory. The aura around him seems so tangible that if you got close enough some of it might just pass on to you.

Frank Rivett, on the seventh, was the only face I couldn't see as he stood with his back to the umpires but, nevertheless, the sight of his arms moving up and down and his consistent rhythmical upper body movements reminded me of the moving parts of a steam engine; mechanical precision, but with grace and humanity. The bell, as you would expect, was always in the right place and worked in total harmony with the tenor rung by Alan Regin. Alan is one of those people who enjoy a lifelong love affair with ringing and it is communicated in his endearing style on the end of a rope. Watching him steer any bell through a piece of ringing it is obvious that this is where he is most at home. Perhaps ringing tenors is his greatest delight and with his familiarity of the beautiful 17cwt bell at Spitalfields he was certainly in his element.

During my spell of umpiring the last part of this long peal I can honestly say that there was only one tiny trip and that was self-corrected within a single row. The only sounds to be heard over the bells, other than David's clear and precise calls, were the odd cough or sneeze. The standard of striking was exemplary and many peal ringers could learn a lot from witnessing such quality. I felt an immense privilege to play a small part in this historic achievement, and that was made even more special by being there at its successful conclusion. As the bells ran into rounds I recalled my old friend Brian Price, composer of this peal, and imagined his face at this moment; all sparkling eyes and an impish grin!

John remarked to me afterwards '...aren't these just the best musical instruments for the job?' and I had to agree. I couldn't think of a better venue. There was no occasion to make any written remarks on the composition manuscript, other than to tick off leads and calls as they passed. At the end I was so lost for words I wrote just one – INCREDIBLE!

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Roger Duclaud-Williams 1943 - 2012



By the time I got to meet and know Roger some 5 or 6 years ago, he was already a very competent ringer, although how someone, who was totally blind from the age of 2, managed to learn how to handle a rope and control a bell so well, I cannot begin to imagine. But that was Roger, and it was not only bell ringing that he mastered, for he was an enthusiastic cyclist, with his brother Pete on a tandem, as a member of The Fat Wasters cycling group; he was also to be seen frequently rowing on the Avon in Warwick. As a ringer, he was, of course, a connoisseur of real ales and pubs, and he did not neglect fine wines either! He also sang in the local Leamington choir – The Village Voices.

Roger was indeed a quite remarkable person. He was always polite, considerate and totally reliable, and, most importantly, he was a good mediator – that's always helpful in a bell tower! For me, it was a privilege to have known him, and for the past few years to have driven him to and from Kineton for the regular Monday evening practices.

Roger enjoyed very much to ring at Kineton, where he got the opportunity to ring Cambridge Minor, as well as a number of other methods. One of his first visits coincided with the early days of the simulator there, and Roger was invited, at the end of the practice, to have a go on the simulator ringing Grandsire Triples. To my ears, his performance was faultless, and he drew a round of applause from all of us who stayed behind to listen. I guess that ringing with the simulator was easier for Roger than ringing with the rest of us on open bells!

There will, I'm sure, be many amusing stories concerning Roger in the ringing chamber, but I will recount just one. We were ringing at Kineton, when Graham Nabb had cause to (dare I say it) shout at one of the ringers who was out of place. This went on for

quite a while, till Roger requested Graham quite firmly to be quiet as he couldn't hear the bells properly; fortunately Graham took this reprimand very well! This was typical of Roger, and there were any number of occasions, when he sought to correct an errant ringer, but this could never be with malice, as he did not of whom he was talking. They were valuable lessons if you were on the receiving end.

Roger's favourite method was probably Grandsire Triples, but I always felt that his finest achievement was to ring a course of Cambridge Major – some going, when you cannot see. It was his hope to ring a "quarter" with a team made up of blind ringers, but he was not able to achieve this ambition.

Not once in the many times we were together did I hear Roger complain about his blindness, and he was happy enough to talk quite openly about it, as he was with his cancer, when this came back to him. He retired from his lecturing post at Warwick University last year, and he had all kinds of activities planned – not least holidays in Gambia and the USA. I was looking forward to hearing about them, but unfortunately these holidays were not to be.

Like many others, I was deeply saddened by his premature passing. I spoke on the phone to him the day before he died, and he said he was expecting "to go home tomorrow" – prophetic indeed, but not in the manner I anticipated. Roger died on Wednesday, 13th June at Myton Hospice, and our sympathies are very much with Linda and the family.

We will all miss you Roger – not just your Whitnash band, where you rang for many years, but all of us in the Guild and the bell ringing fraternity, who were fortunate enough to have known you.

PADDY TAYLOR

More thoughts on John Hopwood

John's funeral at Kingsway Christian Centre was attended by a large number of family and friends, a testament to the respect and affection in which he was held by so many. The ceremony reflected his faith and beliefs: a faith which had sustained him through some low points in his life; his unemployment when he first came home from Africa, his divorce in 1986 and the death of his son from cancer in 2004. The Kingsway Christian Centre was also the venue for one of the most joyful days of his life; his wedding to Janet on 5th December 1998, which was to herald a very happy chapter in his life. His choice of a cardboard coffin, decorated with flowers and foliage from his and Janet's garden, reflected his concern for the environment. A large number of ringers were present including contingents representing his time in Birmingham and Southern Africa. Handbells were rung and St Luke's, Great Crosby bells were well used for general ringing after the ceremony.

I first rang with John in a peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham Cathedral in December 1973. By that time he had firmly established himself on the ringing scene in Birmingham and his peal books reveal that he rang in many peals with Birmingham bands in 1973 and 1974. However he learnt to ring near his family

home at Eling in Hampshire. His seventh peal was one of Bob Minor at Eling, the first peal by the local band. The band contained three first peelers and after the conductor, John Hartless, John appears to have been the next most experienced ringer! By the end of 1968 he had rung in peals which, at the time, were the most Doubles methods/variations and the most Minor methods on tower bells for The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, both conducted by Derek Jackson. I rang a few more peals with John before he emigrated to South Africa. These were on the first "Lads" peal tour where he amply lived up to his nickname of "The Smethwick Syphon"

John always enjoyed handbell ringing and it is fitting that the handbells used at his funeral were his own set. His first handbell peals were rung in Birmingham under the influence of Chris Rowson. With the opportunities to ring tower bells limited in Southern Africa much of the ringing he did there of necessity was on handbells both methods and tunes. I know that John particularly enjoyed and valued the handbell ringing he did with the band led by Sam Austin over the last few years in Liverpool.

On his return to the UK in 1984 John quickly established himself in Liverpool ringing circles where his knowledge and expertise were very welcome. Out of his total of 517 peals 241 were rung for The Lancashire Association. His last peal was one of Stedman Triples at Garston on June 9th last year, shortly before he was diagnosed with the prostate cancer that eventually claimed his life. John, though, was much more than just a peal ringer. He supported and encouraged local ringing in the Liverpool Branch where his ready wit and mischievous sense of humour will be sadly missed. Without ever formally being elected Tower Captain, for many years he led the ringing at Christ Church Bootle and most recently St Luke's, Crosby. A fitting memorial to John would be that ringing at those two towers continues and thrives because, as was said at his funeral, John saw bell ringing as part of the ministry of the Church.

He will be missed, not least by his wife Janet, son and daughter-in-law Chris and Caroline and his Mum.

Rest in peace dear friend.

PETER FURNISS

Obituaries – RW policy

We only "hold-back" peal and quarter reports for publication in the same edition as an obituary when a specific request is made by a friend or relative of the deceased promptly after the death. The difficulty with 'second-guessing' about cases where we have not received such a request is that the obituary sometimes takes a very long time to appear (if at all) and then we receive complaints from conductors who submitted the reports that these have been unreasonably delayed ... So if you would like ringing reports collated for publication alongside an obituary please **LET US KNOW** at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Black Bull at Frosterley – Now a ring of twelve

by Duncan Davis



Richard Bowditch casts the Frosterley Tenor at his foundry near Wells in Somerset

The Black Bull at Frosterley in Co. Durham had been the home of a 10lb mini-ring of eight since 2005 and many ringers from around the country have sampled a course or two in the pub after a course or two on the bells.

So it came about in 2011 that landlord Duncan Davis decided to install a new ring of twelve.

He was persuaded by the fact that his 12-bell skills were sadly lacking, a fact highlighted by his recent narrow boat voyage to the great cathedrals and bells of England.

In fact so embarrassed was the landlord by his woeful efforts at twelve bell ringing that when asked his name by the cathedral bands he gave the name of a rather more competent mate of his.

Needless to say word got back to this innocent and badly maligned chap who insisted that the landlord either improve the standard of his 12 bell ringing or desist with the impersonation.

Who would put up with such a duffer clattering about and causing a cacophony to cascade down from a cathedral tower?

No-one in their right mind!

That was where the idea of having his own ring of twelve came from.

After discussions with bellhanger Mathew Higby a completely new building was planned and constructed adjoining the Black Bull.

The steel joists to support the new frame were built into the structure and joiners set to making the belfry ready to accept the new bells.

The old ring of eight was dismantled and sold to the the Durham & Newcastle Association.

In July 2011 Richard Bowditch began the casting of the new ring with a tenor weight of 0-2-21 at his foundry near Wells and Matthew Higby set to work on the frame and fittings.

The date for installation was set for November and right on schedule the new bells were transported from Somerset to their new home in Co. Durham.

The Higby team of bell hangers couldn't believe their luck – three days working and staying in a pub.

Try as they might they just couldn't string the job out any longer.

Matthew Higby's meticulous measurements meant that the bells slotted into their allotted positions with no difficulty.

Once the ropes were fitted, the sallies trimmed and minor clapper adjustments made a test band arrived to put them through their paces and then celebrate the new arrivals' with local real ale at the bar.

A quarter peal of Little Bob Maximus was scored on December 7th with the landlord's daughter, Jenny, striking her first blows on twelve bells.

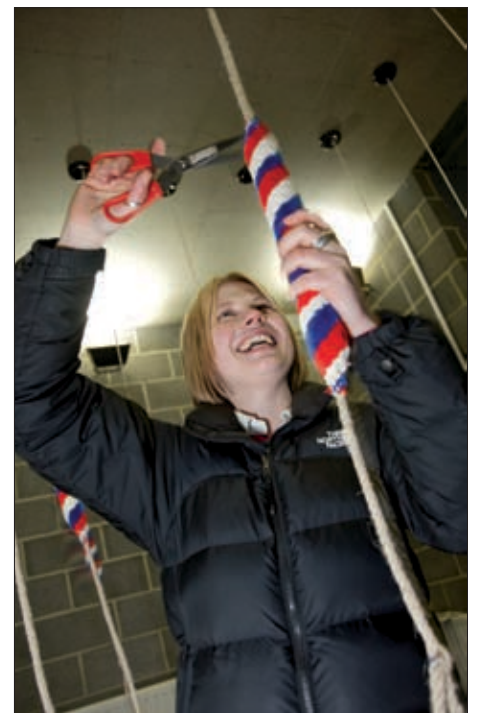
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Matthew Higby installing the new tenor at Frosterley



The Landlord at the Black Bull Frosterley



Trimming the sallies



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DERBY D.A. Chesterfield District. Joining the local practice night at North Wingfield on Tuesday 17th July from 7.30-9pm. All visitors most welcome. 2224

W&P.D.G. Wednesday July 18th, 11:00-12:00 Shedfield; 14:00-15:00 Soberton; 15:15-16:00 Swanmore. All are welcome. Contact David Forder 023 8087 2399. Details at <http://tinyurl.com/3x6x32>. 2225

Meetings on Saturday July 7

DERBY D.A. The Summer Meeting of the Association will take place on Saturday 7th July 2012 at Ashover. During the afternoon ringing will take place at Brackenfield ringing 2.30-3.30pm; Ashover ringing 4-5pm. Service, tea, meeting will follow at Ashover. Evening ringing to continue at Ashover until 8.30pm. Numbers for tea to tea@derbyda.org.uk or to Barry Watts on 01246 591850 by Wednesday 4th July 2012. 2209

KCACR. Tonbridge District. Quarterly Meeting: St Mary, Goudhurst. Ringing from 3pm, service at 4.30pm followed by tea and Quarterly Meeting. Further ringing after the meeting until 8.30pm. All welcome. 2215

LADIES GUILD. Kent Branch. Evening meeting Sandhurst (6) 3.30-4.30pm, Benenden (12) 5-6pm followed by pub meal. Everyone welcome. 2226

Meetings on Saturday July 14

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOC. No morning ringing at Holy Trinity, Hull. Afternoon ringing at St Mary, Beverley, 2.30-4.30pm, followed by Notice Meeting. 2227

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. Northern District. Practice at Pentlow. Ringing from 7.30-9pm. All welcome. 2228

HERTFORD C.A. Western District. Meeting at Berkhamsted (8), service 4.30pm followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to Helen Ruberry, 01442 890949. 2229

LACR. Furness Branch. Our monthly meeting will be held on July 14th at St George's Millom (6). Ringing from 2.30-4.30pm. Will be followed by the usual refreshments. Everyone is most welcome to join us. 2230

LACR. Preston Branch. Meeting at Adlington 3-5pm. All welcome. Donna Jones 01772 330941. 2231

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Rochdale Branch. Saturday 14th July. Evening ringing at Walsden 7-9pm. Everyone welcome. 2232

PDG. Daventry Branch. Meeting and 5 bell inter-tower striking competition 14th July at Litchborough 3pm. Service 4.30pm, followed by tea, meeting, and competition results. Evening ringing Whilton 6.45-8.15pm. Names for tea to Christine Rodhouse 01327 830350 by Thursday prior. 2233

ST DAVID'S GUILD. Monthly Practice at St Teilo's, Llandeilo, Saturday 14th July 2012. Ringing from 2.30pm. Methods: Cambridge, London Surprise Minor and Stedman Doubles. 2234

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Meeting on Sunday July 15

PDGCBR. Rutland Branch. Sunday 15 July we shall ring for Evensong at Peterborough Cathedral. Members and visiting ringers welcome. Details from Monica Spence, email monica.spence@virgin.net. 2236

Meeting on Saturday July 21

B&W DACR. All are welcome to join our Chew Branch walking / ringing outing. 1.30-2.15pm Camerton, 3.15-4pm Dunkerton, 5-6pm Wellow. 2237

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21 July 2012

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| 11.15-12.15 | Business Meeting at The Bayhorse, Marygate |
| 12.15-13.30 | Lunch at The Bayhorse |
| 13.30-14.30 | St Olave's Marygate (6) |
| 14.15-15.45 | St Martin-le-Grand (8) |
| 16.00-17.15 | York Minster (12) |

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Frosterley Concluded from p.705

The first peal on the new twelve had to wait for her to return from a winter working season in France and so it was that twelve ringers assembled on Sunday, 13th May to ring 5016 of Little Bob Maximus in 2 hours 55 minutes followed by a similar amount of time quenching their thirst in the adjoining bar.

It is rumoured that the landlord is now applying for city status for Frosterley to do justice to its grand new ring of twelve.

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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

FROSTERLEY, Co Durham,
The Black Bull Inn
Sun May 13 2012 2h55 (77lb)
5016 Little Bob Maximus
Comp. Duncan G Walker

- 1 Jenny A Davis
 - 2 C Duncan Davis
 - 3 Joanna C Franklin
 - 4 James Crowther
 - 5 Kristopher King
 - 6 Andreas P Schrocksnadel
 - 7 Duncan G Walker (C)
 - 8 Sally C Walker
 - 9 Jessie H Hetherington
 - 10 Matthew D Hetherington
 - 11 Kathryn S Craggs
 - 12 David V Craggs
- In thanksgiving for the life of Stephen Nicholson.
1st peal on the bells.
1st on 12: 1,2,3.

See peal band photo on back page.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

Crambo (p.665)

The section referring to the transcription of the peal tablet at Langtoft has lost an underlining – of a couple of letters, but without it my comment about underlining is meaningless. I am sure Barry Peachey will pick up on this! As submitted, the relevant bit was:

“& also St. Stedmans Principle or Crambo were rung by the Same Men in 1816 [?] which was Never known to be rung before on Five Bells in England.” (My underlining is to emphasize an important difference.)

JOHN EISEL

National 12 Bell Contest results

We apologise for making an error in reporting the results on p.684. The positions of York and Bristol were accidentally transposed.

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The apprentice bellringer: Learning the ropes

This is the second of Claire Morton's four contributions about the experience of a novice ringer that were originally published in the West Malling Parish Magazine.

What is happening? It's all gone horribly wrong. The rope is twirling around wildly like a lasso and I'm halfway out of the door! Thankfully Alan is as cool as a cucumber and skilfully bringing the bell back under control. Phew! That was interesting ... and scary ... and I've made myself look a right lemon. Alan is laughing as I edge my way back into the room. Am I sure I want to be doing this? Bell ringing is not as easy as it is made to look.

There are three main bits to ringing the bell, namely the handstroke (pulling the rope down), the backstroke (both arms are taken in the air by the bell, before you pull it back down) and catching the sally (the stripey bit). Learning each component individually was the focus of my next few lessons. Firstly, Alan imparted two golden rules – don't look up and never let go of the rope unless told to do so. It's very tempting to look up as watching the ropes disappear up through the ceiling and come back down again is quite fascinating for a short while (especially for Emily who particularly likes the shadows they make on the wall). However, you soon get a crick in your neck and someone pointed out that in some towers, you may also get pigeon poo or dust in your eye. Yuck! With that thought in mind, I didn't look up again! On with the lessons.

How difficult can it be to pull on a piece of rope and make a bell go ding? Not that difficult to be honest. How difficult is it to pull on a piece of rope with just the right amount of force and repeat it consistently, while maintaining control of the bell? Nigh impossible when you start out! Thankfully, for the neighbours, the clapper on the bell is tied, so no noise is audible outside of the bell chamber. Many an hour was spent trying to perfect handstroke or backstroke with a long straight pull; and then just as I thought I was making progress came the fun and games of trying to catch the sally.

Alan was very good at explaining the mechanics of what was happening with the bell and the effect that my over enthusiastic pull or contrasting weedy effort was having on the bell. Occasionally this was only too obvious when the rope appeared to gain a momentum of all its own and the bell made it clear who was in control (and that definitely was not me!). The effort of concentrating on what I was doing was mentally exhausting as I tried and tried to get it right. Alan reassured me that the only way was practice, practice and more practice, so that eventually the subconscious brain would instinctively know what had to be done.

For me, the concentration required to catch the sally was immense and to begin with Alan wanted me to catch it just once. Hands by my sides, I waited nervously, not quite



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knowing when or how I was going to catch this stripy thing that was whizzing past unnervingly close to my nose. Deep breath and off it went ... and catch. I got it! I was so pleased with myself. Next came the trickier bit of catching it in the right place – not too early and not too late. Timing was everything and this was not something that could be easily taught but had to be learned by trial and error.

Patiently, Alan guided me through these initial stages before I attempted to put it all together. Not knowing which bit to worry about first, I pulled too hard on the handstroke, was lifted up onto the tips of my toes at the height of backstroke and caught the sally far too early as I panicked about whether I would miss it. Not a great start, but at least I wasn't dangling from the rope eight feet off the ground.

Monday night practice nights were a welcome distraction from the fairly intense one to one lessons. They are an opportunity to observe how it should be done, try out different bells and to see the arts of method-ringing and call changes in practice. There are hundreds of different methods varying in complexity and the number of bells involved. 'Plain Hunting', 'Bob Doubles', 'Stedman', touches of this and that; it's all a foreign language to me. Nick mentioned they ought to try a 'Reverse Canterbury'. It was all beginning to sound like a game of Mornington Crescent to me! There were knowing laughs from the Radio 4 listeners among the ringers and reassurance that one day it would all make sense.

At home, Emily's interest in the bells continues with great enthusiasm. She has watched and watched a DVD lent to me by Nick, titled *The Craft of Bellringing*. Emily has delighted in showing this DVD to anyone who will sit still long enough, including her friends (aged 3-4 years), one of whom was heard to protest "I think this is a bit grown-up for me!" I've made bell towers out of toilet rolls and drawn countless pictures of bells and towers. Instead of "The wheels on the bus go round and round ..." we now have to sing "The wheel on the bell goes round and round ...". Emily's bell anatomy is second to none. She knows exactly what a 'gudgeon' is (one of her favourite words) and all about stays and sliders.

By the time you are reading this, the New Year will be upon us and minds will be turned to New Year resolutions. Why not think about Bell ringing? *The Learning to Ring* book, I was given when I started, sums it up perfectly:

Thought for the week

I thought I knew I knew it all,
But now I must confess.
The more I know I know I know,
I know I know the less.

A silly little childish poem, known, I expect, by many of us. I was reminded of it by two pieces in No.5279, pp.677/8 & 683.

How very refreshing to read the thoughts of people so new to our Craft, rather than some of the letters of our older practitioners, which seem so often, intentionally or not, to be somewhat more negative, more critical. It makes me wonder if, in the development of our skills, we lose some of the magic along the way?

I was taken with Kristen's two words, 'Crisp darkness'. Aren't we just so lucky to have access to churches in places and at times when they are so very still – so full of the peace with which our Lord endows us: if only we would grasp it? Doesn't it contrast so well with the other side of that coin when we start to ring – but which in itself calls others to that same peace?

They reminded me of the time in a former Parish, when I went into church one dark night, and as usual didn't bother to turn on the light by the door, as I knew my way perfectly in the dark. I hadn't reckoned on a Parishioner who had her own key, had gone to the church to spend an hour in prayer, and was curled up on the floor. Once I had apologised for tripping over her, she simply said, "S. Mary's is always more peaceful without the clergy!"

And I was taken with Claire's thoughts on the intrinsic beauty of the bells, and the simple enchantment of being able to view a well known place from a different perspective. Reflections on the tower, yes – but they could have been reflections on the very Gospel the bells preach.

Please, please God, don't let us lose the sense of awe and numen as we become accustomed to your generosity, and as we grow in knowledge, years, or skills.

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CLAIRE MORTON

St Mary, West Malling, Kent

A Note from Nick Crutchfield

Everyone is welcome to come and visit West Malling tower any Monday evening when we practice between 7.45 and 9pm. We are always looking for new recruits (and Claire's diary explains how we teach people) but there is no obligation – you can just come and watch the bell ringing, as many visitors do. Alternatively if you would like more information you can contact me on 01732 845187.

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Ringing World National Youth Contest – results



The Whitechapel Trophy outside St Paul's Church (Photo by Peter Harrison)

The Ringing World is delighted to announce that some excellent ringing took place at St Paul's Church, Birmingham last Saturday and the winners of gold medals for the Method category, and also the second winners of the Whitechapel Trophy for the best overall performance, were **Team 4: The G. & B.** The winners of gold medals for the Call Changes category were **Team 6: Sussex Young Ringers.**

ADRIAN UDAL
for the RWNYC Organising team

Call Changes category:

| Place | Team | Grade (%) |
|-------|--------------------------------|-----------|
| 1st | Team 6: Sussex Young Ringers | A (70%) |
| 2nd | Team 7: Derby Tups | A (67%) |
| 3rd = | Team 14: Yorkshire Puds | B |
| | Team 13: Georges & Dragons | B |
| | Team 11: Lincolnshire Poachers | B |
| | Team 9: Hertfordshire | B |
| | Team 3: Essex Young Eagles | B |
| | Team 2: Bedfordshire | B |
| 4th = | Team 5: St Martin's Youths | C |
| | Team 1: Jammy Dodgers | C |
| 5th = | Team 10: King Edward VI School | C- |
| | Team 12: Vectis Youths | C- |

Method category:

| Place | Team | Grade (%) |
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| 1st | Team 4: The G. & B. | A* (76%) |
| 2nd | Team 15: Oxford D.G. | B |
| 3rd | Team 8: Suffolk Guild | C+ |

Judges: Simon Linford (Chief), Jonathan Agg, Heather Forster and Louis Suggett

First to peal new Frosterley twelve



The band which rang the first peal on the bells (l-r) – back row: 10 Matthew D. Hetherington, 11 Kathryn S. Craggs, 12 David V. Craggs, 1 Jenny A. Davis, 2 C. Duncan Davis, 3 Joanna C. Franklin, 4 James Crowther, 5 Kristopher King, 6 Andreas Schrocksnadel; front row: 9 Jessie H. Hetherington, 8 Sally C. Walker and 7 Duncan G. Walker (C) Story on p.705

Bells and earthquakes don't mix

I am pleased to hear that Mr Pettman gave a report to the Council on the recent earthquake in Italy and its effect on the bells and ringing there.

For those not at Chester I offer these short extracts from e-mail replies we in the Malvern area have received from our friends in Italy.

From Eles Belfontali (President of ASCSV) on 10th June:

... Here in Italy, in the Emilia region, the earth continues to shake every day ... The Emilia region has lost a cultural and historical heritage of immense value. As an association we sponsored a fundraiser to help ...

From Martino Rielli (Verona) on May 21st. We are all fine thanks ... we just felt the earthquake strike during the night of the 20th May, but our area has had no damages ... The situation is much worse in the Po Valley ... where Churches and Castles suffered great damages ... But anyway all our towers, and us, are still standing!

I will print in full the translation, by John Gallimore, of the e-mail he received from Gabriele Sarti in Bologna:

Dear friends, We are well, but we cannot say the same about our towers!!! In the Bologna Diocese about ten towers have been damaged and some, unfortunately, will be

knocked down. At Poggio Renatico this has already happened. On a positive note, we will try at all costs to salvage the bells, but our main concern is for all the people who no longer have a house. Things will get better and we will gradually start to rebuild.

Best regards, Gabriele Sarti.

What a wonderful spirit!

I have also had positive phone calls from Giancarlo and Annamaria Tommasi also from Bruno and Anna Manara. Giancarlo and Anna have both been members of the Central Council.

GEORGE MORRIS

Malvern Link, Worcestershire

Ed. – We send our best wishes to all Italian ringers who have been affected by the recent earthquake.

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