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Bedfordshire take RWNYC prize – winners of the 2013 Ringing World National Youth Contest for the Whitechapel Trophy



The Bedfordshire team with the Whitechapel Trophy in St Michael-le-Belfrey, York, on Saturday, 6th July (l-r): Alice Scott (treble), Clarrie Scott (2nd), Natalie Brett (7th), Samantha Brett (3rd), Anne Hoxey (tenor), Cameron White-Spunner (5th), Rebecca Smith (4th) and Lizzie Pawley (6th) (Photo by Adrian Udal)

See full results on back page

70 years of ringing together

by Graham Paul



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Shortly after the war-time ban on ringing was lifted in 1943, four young men, two sets of brothers in fact, were given their first lessons at handling a bell at the parish church of St Mary in Whittlebury, Northamptonshire, which is a few miles south of Towcester. This didn't happen immediately after the lifting of the ban as the local captain, one Herbert Booth, was Head Gardener at Whittlebury Hall, and as the building was at the time the wartime home for a girls school some of the ladies had a go first. Who knows, the presence of young ladies in the tower might have been a contributory factor in attracting the young men to the tower in the first place. Anyway the four young men all learnt to handle a bell to the satisfaction of the captain, and, quite remarkably, two of them are still regularly ringing together seventy years later. The young men were Charlie and David Truman and Graham and Jim Linnell, and it is Charlie and Jim who recently celebrated this wonderful achievement.

Little progress was made by them until well into the 1950's when they came under the influence of William A Yates of Dadford near Buckingham. He introduced them to centres of ringing in the area, at Helmdon and Wicken, and attendance at these practices allowed them to become proficient at method ringing on five, six, seven and eight bells. The ringing wouldn't perhaps be called adventurous nowadays but being able to practise surprise methods on both six and eight wasn't common in Northamptonshire at the time. Another lesson well learnt was the need for good striking at all times, and this they in turn have passed on to other ringers who later made progress because of their interest.

Both have now moved away from Whittlebury, Charlie to Towcester and Jim to Duncote, a small hamlet near to Greens Norton, but both continue to provide leadership in the area. Charlie is ringing master at Easton Neston and Jim at Greens Norton, and practice and service ringing at both towers flourishes.

Jim's wife, Betty, was responsible for the celebrations which began with a visit by a



Jim Linnell on the left and Charlie Truman photographed in Easton Neston belfry where they have spent many hours ringing together (Photograph courtesy of James Rudd)

photographer for a web site, AboutMyArea, to Easton Neston practice on 18th June. The photographs taken together with a short article later appeared on the site. The main celebration took place on Sunday 23rd June when about sixty friends and relations gathered in Greens Norton Village Hall for a surprise party. And in spite of it being many months in the planning neither Jim or Charlie had any idea what was to happen when they were taken to the Hall: both thought they were being taken to a local pub for a meal. They did get a meal but it wasn't quite what they expected!

It was a splendid occasion and Betty and her helpers are to be congratulated. After the buffet meal John Pardoe invited Charlie and Jim to test the seat that had been purchased to mark their achievement. This will be placed outside the tower at Easton Neston. Short speeches from Ray Vickers, Alan Paul and Margaret Burbidge followed recalling earlier years and the parts Jim and Charlie had played in their ringing careers. There was then an opportunity for old acquaintances to be renewed and some new ones made before everyone made their various ways home.



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The closing date for entries is **Thursday 18th July**, so get writing!

ANZAB Festival 2013

by Carol Quinn

The Australian and New Zealand Association's Annual General Meeting and Ringing Festival for 2013 was held on 25th – 28th April. The 25th, Anzac Day, is a public holiday, so the 60 or so ringers attending were able to take a four-day weekend instead of the usual three. Southern New South Wales and Canberra was the location for the event; the three towers here are St Saviour's Cathedral Goulburn (12 + 1, 21-3-8), St Clement's Yass (6, 6-1-13), a delightful country ring which owe much to the hard work of Ted Reid, and St Paul's Manuka (Canberra) (8, 4-1-12). These towers are roughly at the points of a triangle, about an hour's drive apart.

The Festival officially opened with ringing and registration at Manuka on the afternoon of 25th April, but for many ringers coming from the north it began at Goulburn. Here Deryn Griffith conducted a session which provided for a range of abilities, from plain hunt and plain methods on 5 bells to the same on larger numbers. Meanwhile those who had made it to Canberra were ringing half-muffled at Manuka and in the intervals between ringing fortifying themselves with a very solid afternoon tea. The day concluded at Manuka with the first quarter peal of the festival, rung half-muffled for ANZAC Day.

The following day brought us something different from the usual full circle ringing that we're used to. With the mist still rising from the water we gathered on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin (Canberra's artificial lake). From the shore we walked across a short foot bridge to Aspen Island. Here stands a tower housing the carillon which the British taxpayers kindly presented to Canberra on its 50th anniversary in 1963. (As the numerate will have noted, this year is Canberra's 100th anniversary – but no present this time). It was not until 1970 that the carillon was installed in the specially constructed tower; in fact the instrument was opened on 26th April 1970, so we were inspecting it on its 43rd anniversary. The 55 bells, which range from 7 kg to 6¼ tonnes and span 4½ octaves, were cast by Taylor's. They are played from a clavier located in the clavier room about half way up the 50 metre tower and immediately below the carillon chamber. The clavier room also contains a practice clavier so learner carillonists can acquire the necessary skills without provoking the neighbours – the equivalent of a bell-tower simulator.

Leaving the carillon we dodged Canberra road works to make our way to St John's at Reid, one of Canberra's earliest churches. Here we had fun having a go at operating the 8-bell Ellacombe chime (tenor 13cwt). These bells were donated in 1963 by the then retiring Governor-General, Lord de Lisle, in memory of his wife. They, too, were cast by John Taylor and Co.

After a short stop for morning tea the party proceeded to the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. This organisation is

in possession of a single Taylor's bell which was formerly to be found at the residence of the Anglican Bishop of Goulburn. There was not much information about it but the cognoscenti assessed its weight at about 37 cwt. In its present location it is hung for swinging at ground level in the Italian style. Several pairs from our group tried out their Italian bell-ringing skills; the beefier types were out to signal their presence to all in the surrounding offices, while others impressed with the delicacy of their touch.

After lunch, again provided at Manuka, the afternoon was spent ringing tower bells and handbells at St Paul's. The highlight for the tower bell ringers was having a chance to ring Manuka Surprise Major.

Saturday morning brought the Striking Competition at St Clement's Yass. Six teams, mostly formed on the spot, submitted themselves to the judgement of James Hustler and Paul Cammiade; thank you James and Paul for taking on this job. After all the competitors had run through their pieces the Parish of St Clement's Ladies Guild presented us with a lunch of the standard you would expect of such an organisation, and on real crockery too, none of your paper plates. An additional source of entertainment for the junk aficionados was the garage sale being held a few doors from the church. Well organised, Ted!

While a couple of bands remained in Yass after lunch to ring quarter peals, most people moved on to Goulburn to pursue 10 and 12-bell ringing. This was extremely popular – at one time there were 28 people squashed into the tower. Ringing during this session included call changes and plain hunt on 10 and 12, Cambridge Royal, Little Bob Maximus and Grandsire Caters and Cinques.

The Annual Dinner, held at the Goulburn Soldiers' Club, provided the opportunity for the announcement of the results of the striking competition, viz.:

| Place | Team | Faults | Rang |
|-------|------------------------------------|--------|------|
| 1 | Sydney | 15 | 5 |
| 2 | ACT | 25 | 2 |
| 3 | Northern Towers | 35 | 1 |
| 4 | Vicanzab | 40 | 6 |
| 5 | WA | 50 | 4 |
| 6 | Christchurch (NZ & St Laurance) | 86 | 3 |

We then settled back to be entertained by the very talented Manuka Tabernacle Choir.

Sunday morning was taken up by service ringing at all towers followed by driving to Goulburn for the AGM if you weren't already there. Some of the more talented members frocked up and joined the choir for the Choral Eucharist at the Cathedral.

Another excellent lunch preceded the AGM at which a minimum of blood was spilt.

One of the innovations of this year's ANZAB was the provision of mentoring for those at any level who felt they might benefit from it. Anecdotal evidence is that the

Editorial

Summer finally arrived in York on Saturday when the sun shone and the City basked in the enthusiasm of the 128 young ringers who were competing for the Whitechapel Trophy (*see front & back pages*). Including reserves and supporters, it was probably the largest gathering of young ringers ever assembled.

There was tension and excitement in a packed St Michael-le-Belfrey as judge, Ryan Mills, announced the results. Our congratulations go to the Bedfordshire team, average age 15, whose performance earlier in the day at St Lawrence's Church made most enjoyable listening.

There have been several excellent ringing events over the last couple of years; but in our biased opinion this one was by far the best!

A.R.U.

First Peal Congratulations

Rosalind F. Roberts, Mark A. Bell, Hannah Guggiari, Edward K. J. Rolph, Christopher E. Wills, Mike Prentice

3,000th Peal Congratulations

David G Salter

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mentorees were happy with their experience; doubtless feedback will enable the scheme to be improved.

During the four days nine quarter peals were attempted, including 2 on handbells, of which seven were successful.

Congratulations and many thanks to Festival organiser Julie Doyle and all the people from Canberra, Yass and Goulburn whose hard work made the weekend such an enjoyable experience. Ringing, the company of friends, good food and perfect autumn weather – who could want more?

Eastwood, Rotherham bells ring again by Trevor Ledger



Eastwood, Rotherham, Yorkshire. St Anthony – eight bells, tenor 12-1-21 in G

The parish church formerly known as St Stephen's – located in the Eastwood area, just outside the centre of the South Yorkshire town of Rotherham, – was originally built in 1874 and is a Grade II listed building. The tower, spire and bells were the gift of Colonel Sir Charles J Stoddart, who was Lord Mayor of Rotherham between 1904 and 1906. The steeple, which reaches a total height of 121 feet, was completed in 1910. The ring of eight bells, (tenor 12-1-21 in G), was cast by John Warner & Sons of London in 1909.

Sadly, the church became redundant in 1991, the parish of Eastwood was dissolved and the few remaining ringers disbanded. By this time, eighty peals had been rung on the bells; the last one being on 1st June 1991.



The team which undertook the restoration work (l-r) – back: Chris Bennett, Malcolm Turner; front: Trevor Ledger, Andrew Beevers and Stuart Hawley

With the closure, the future of not only the bells, but of the whole building itself was uncertain, with the threat of a complete demolition being a serious possibility.

Thankfully, the above outcome did not occur and in 1997, the church was acquired by Bishop Antony, Bishop of the Coptic Orthodox Diocese in Ireland, Scotland and NE England, (part of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt) and was rededicated to St Anthony. Over the years which have followed, their members have undertaken an extensive programme of internal refurbishment in keeping with their religious traditions, while at the same time retaining much of the style of the church fabric as it was originally built.

For a period of several years after the change of ownership, the bells remained completely silent. The ringing of bells does not form any part of Coptic worship and unfortunately all attempts made by the committee of the Sheffield Branch of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers (YACR) and the Sheffield Diocesan bell advisor to establish contact with the church authorities met with no response at all. The Branch had no idea whatsoever at this stage what the fate of the bells was to be. One



Eastwood 4th pre-restoration

suggestion put forward was for the Branch to consider the possibility of acquiring the bells for transfer elsewhere if the Coptic church members had no use for them. Conversely, if the owners were not willing to either allow removal of the bells from the tower, or to let them be rung at all, there was the possibility that the bells would simply sit in the tower and become a 'white elephant'.

However, good fortune was to intervene. Following a completely chance conversation between working colleagues at a Barnsley District General Hospital departmental meal early in 2001, contact was made with the Secretary of the new owners. Following on from this an initial meeting was set up involving Malcolm Turner, (tower captain at Rotherham Minster), Trevor Ledger and the late Gillian Green, (both ringers at Darton) and representatives of St Anthony's to discuss



Eastwood from new floor above bells

the possibility of the bells being rung again. It was greatly encouraging, not to say a relief, to learn that the church authorities did not have any objection to the idea, although strict stipulations were made with regard to the presence of entrusted personnel whenever ringing took place. The first quarter peal under the new dedication of the church was rung on 14th April 2001. A limited amount of further ringing took place over the following couple of years, until damage to the wheel of the 6th bell enforced a further period of silence. Records suggest that the last of the few quarter peals rung was on 28th March 2003. Closer inspection of the bell chamber revealed that pigeons had been gaining easy access and their activity had dislodged one of the heavy wooden boards installed behind the louvres for sound control purposes and it had fallen onto the wheel and damaged it beyond repair. Additionally, twigs and other debris deposited by the birds had by now built up to a significant level, particularly so in the pit of



Eastwood completed

the 4th, (see photograph) and this was sufficient to restrict the proper rotation of the bell. To make matters worse, water was leaking on to the bells from the wooden floor at the base of the spire, approximately 25 feet above the bells, and indeed eventually the water, mixed with pigeon droppings to form ammonium nitrate, dripped down into the ringing chamber below and fused the lights.

So, by 2003 the bells had officially become 'unringable'. Although occasional dialogue was maintained with the church authorities, nothing much was done over the following period of several years, particularly as it had become clear that any restoration of the bells to a ringable condition would not be financed by the church. Due to the likely high costs involved, this pronouncement therefore totally ruled out the possibility of a professional restoration taking place and the only solution if ringing was ever to be resumed was therefore to undertake a DIY restoration project.

The driving force behind pressing ahead with such a major task was Malcolm Turner, who began by suggesting that a new intermediate floor should be installed above the bells in order to prevent the water ingress from the spire causing any further damage. Malcolm was also clear in his vision of what needed to be done in order to make the bells ringable once more and in his belief that the necessary work could be undertaken by volunteers. The proposals for undertaking the project were discussed with the church officers and their permission was given to go ahead with the scheme. In the meantime, the church members kindly agreed to fund and undertake the replacement of wire netting in front of the louvres.

Work got underway early in the spring of 2012 with Malcolm and Andrew Beevers of Ecclesfield beginning by dismantling the wheels of the 3rd, 5th and 6th bells and making inroads into clearing the debris that had accumulated both on and underneath the bells. Freeing the belfry floor from all of this gave it a chance to dry out over a period of time. The new floor above the bells was to be suspended on joist hangers. The materials were purchased from a local timber supplier and the work was commenced by Malcolm with help from Chris Bennett of Sheffield Cathedral. While the more specialist work was being carried out, further clearing of debris from the floor and the removal of sliders and pulley boxes was done by Stuart Hawley of Ecclesfield and Trevor Ledger. As the cast iron bell frame fits flush to the walls on all four sides of the tower, a lot of the work was not easy and involved much contorting underneath the frame and working in cramped, not to mention extremely dusty conditions.

Over the coming months, apart from the two largest, the remaining bell wheels were removed from their headstocks and taken away from the tower to be rubbed down before being treated with preservative. The soles of several of the wheels were found to be cracked in places and therefore Malcolm secured metal plates over them to provide some stability. In addition, he also had to refasten the shrouding to the sole on every

wheel. An order was placed for a new wheel for the 6th bell and this was purchased with the help of a grant from the YACR Bell Repair Fund. The removed pulley boxes, sliders and runners, wheel irons and clappers were repainted and the bell frame and headstocks were treated with red oxide primer before being undercoated and then finally receiving a coat of gloss paint.

Work continued as and when people were available and on average, there was someone working at the tower on one or two days for most weeks over a period of almost twelve months. By March 2013 the items which had been taken down to the ringing chamber for safekeeping were gradually being returned upstairs and reinstated on their respective bells. The new wheel for the 6th bell was collected from the maker's at Masham on 7th March and fitted the same day. By this time, the new floor above the bells was in situ and, as an additional precaution, roofing felt was applied to the upper side to help to keep water out of the bell chamber. The dislodged sound control boarding was replaced at the same time. All of the work associated with the new floor above the bells, together with its access hatch was finally completed by Malcolm and Chris on 13th March. On the same day, Stuart and Trevor commenced work on removing cobwebs and the flaking paint from the walls and ceiling of the ringing chamber before then applying a PVA treatment coating to the worst affected areas of the walls.

A used set of eight ropes was generously donated by the Ecclesfield ringers and the bottom ends were all spliced into the existing polyester top ends. A set of floor mats was also similarly donated by the Sheffield Cathedral ringers.

On 19th March, the clappers were replaced in bells 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Three days later, all eight bells were rung up for the first time in almost ten years. A try-out was arranged on Palm Sunday, (24th March), with an invited band consisting of ringers from Rotherham, Ecclesfield, Darton and Sheffield Cathedral. The result was very pleasing, with the new floor and replacement boarding behind the louvres effectively helping to make the sound level of the bells outside very acceptable indeed. After the successful trial ring, the ringers were warmly welcomed and served with refreshments by members of the Coptic congregation.

The first peal on the bells for 22 years was arranged and rung on 8th April 2013, (see *Ringling World* dated 26/4/2013, p.407). This was claimed to be the first ever peal rung at a Coptic Orthodox church.

The bells were made available as part of the ringing programme at the YACR AGM held on 11th May and over 70 ringers turned up to ring at what by now had become quite a rare tower. Donations by visitors on the day raised over £150 towards offsetting the cost of materials used to date and to help fund ongoing restoration work that will be required. The most pressing item will be a new wheel for the 3rd bell.

The next peal was specially arranged and rung to commemorate the centenary of a muffled peal which was rung in the tower to

mark the death of Colonel Stoddart, the donor, (see details below).

After a period of silence at the tower lasting for ten years, this project has been brought to a successful conclusion through the vision and leadership of Malcolm Turner and the help, support and the many hours of time commitment given to the process over its duration by Chris Bennett, Stuart Hawley, Trevor Ledger and Andrew Beevers. It is also important to recognise with gratitude the support given to the restoration team by the owners of St Anthony's and for their kind permission in allowing the bells to be restored to ringing order once again.

Visiting bands are most welcome to ring at St Anthony's and all enquiries should be directed to the tower correspondent, Malcolm Turner: malcolmst@blueyonder.co.uk

TREVOR C. LEDGER

YORKSHIRE ASSN

ROTHERHAM, Yorks,
St Stephen, Eastwood
Wed May 28 1913 3h19 (12)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. J J Parker (Twelve part)
1 Ralph A Brown
2 Clement Glenn (C)
3 Arthur Whitworth
4 Albert C Fearnley
5 Arthur Andrews
6 Arthur Hague
7 John W J Cottam
8 William Hurst
Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Col. Sir Charles J Stoddart, (an honorary member of the Association), who was interred on the above date. He was the donor of the tower, spire and bells to this Church and was a great benefactor to the town.

YORKSHIRE ASSN

ROTHERHAM, S Yorks,
St Anthony (Coptic Orthodox), Eastwood
Tue 28 May 2013 2h51 (12)
5088 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. M B Davies
1 Dinah M Donovan
2 Richard E Price
3 John E Hawes
4 Trevor C Ledger
5 Neil Donovan
6 Tim R Palmer
7 Malcolm S Turner (C)
8 Christopher M Bennett
Specially arranged and rung to mark the centenary of the muffled peal of Grandsire Triples rung here on Wednesday, 28th May 1913. That peal was a last tribute in memory of Colonel Sir Charles J Stoddart, former Lord Mayor of Rotherham and donor of the tower, spire and peal of bells to this church.
500th peal: 4.

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PUZZLE CORNER

Solution to Crossword Puzzle No.36
(p.675, July 5th)

Across

1. Tarmac, 5. Harmonic, 9. Clansman, 10. Agatha, 11. Catacomb, 12. Wet bob, 13. Eyeglass, 15. Tens, 17. Skis, 19. Estrange, 20. Bleary, 21. Nose-ring, 22. Isabel, 23. Isotherm, 24. Greasing, 25. Essays.

Down

2. Alliance, 3. Mandates, 4. Composers, 5. Handbell ringing, 6. Magnets, 7. Notebook, 8. Chambers, 14. Sandstone, 15. Trebling, 16. Numerate, 17. Searches, 18. Iron-gray (or iron-grey), 19. Earners.



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RWNYC 2013

SIR, – May I be the first to congratulate *The Ringing World* on another highly successful National Youth Contest? I have seen this competition go from being an interesting part of a much bigger event in its first year, through branching out on its own in Birmingham last year, to becoming one of the major events of the ringing calendar. *The Ringing World* has done a good thing here, the ultimate effects of which may be significant.

SIMON LINFORD

Birmingham, West Midlands

Congratulations!

SIR, – I write to congratulate you and the team on successfully organising a wonderful day of bell ringing in the City of York on Saturday.

I am Priest-in-Charge of St Olave's and St Helen with St Martin (and other churches in York). It was a joy to see so many young people in our churches who were taking part in the Ringing World National Youth Contest. Conversations with some of the young people I met were a delight. They described, with great enthusiasm, how much they were enjoying being part of it all. The atmosphere created in the churches by leaders and helpers was magnificent.

Many congratulations on the excellent organisation of the event. I hope that you are all very pleased that your plans came to fruition so well.

Well done to you all.

Revd JANE NATTRASS
Priest-in-Charge
York City Centre Churches

Lent – Food for thought?

SIR, – This might not be the correct season to write but I write as food for thought. It's about the duration of Lent. Most of us may think it is made up of 40 continuous days. It is a common mistake to think that Lent is non-stop from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. Lent has at least 40 days and, if you count, there are 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. It is because the Sundays are not Lent days ... so if you give up beer drinking, ringing peals and quarter peals during Lent, you can still enjoy these each Sunday with a clear conscience.

Denmead, Hampshire

ALAN BUSWELL

RWNYC and the future

SIR, – Congratulations to David Hull and his team, *The Ringing World*, the judges and, most importantly the competitors, for a fantastic day in York on Saturday. A day which demonstrated that the future of ringing is bright. Thank you for one of the best days I've enjoyed as a bellringer.

The Cathedral Guild is looking forward to hosting RWNYC and welcoming competitors and supporters to Worcester on 5th July 2014.

MARK REGAN

(Ringing Master, Worcester Cathedral)
plus Catherine, William
and Nicola Regan

Ringing choir boys

SIR, – Brian Bull asks on p.675 if there are other choir boys who became ringers. There must be many of us but, unlike Brian, I did not ring for the Coronation. I joined my local church choir (Elstree, Herts) in 1951 and in November 1955, aged 12, was "volunteered" as one of several new ringing recruits from the choir following the recasting of what I'm told were a rather unsatisfactory and hard-work Warner 6. I believe I am the only one left from the choir but I discovered a few years ago that there was still one active ringer living in the Wirral who learned at Elstree, she having been recruited from the youth group which was formed in the late 1950s.

BOB HARDY

Llandaff, South Wales

Octogenarians

SIR, – Though I am unlikely to be ringing in the Fordham area of Cambridgeshire in the foreseeable future, I find the last paragraph of Peter Binns article on the back page of *RW* 5332 (5th July) deeply offensive.

Happily, my friends find no difficulty in ringing with me even though I am over 80, so from a practical standpoint I am not really personally disadvantaged by Fordham's exclusion of octogenarians from welcome to their tower.

Nevertheless, this exclusion is totally at odds with the ready welcome to all ringers in towers all over the country I have experienced for many years, and I am dismayed, shocked even, by this current episode.

Nottingham

PHILIP J. H. HUDSON

Rob resumes ringing on his 95th birthday!



Rob Harvey ringing on his 95th birthday

Despite having to temporarily give up ringing for a few months when suffering from shingles earlier this year, Rob Harvey was determined to resume ringing on his 95th birthday. Much to everyone's amazement, he succeeded in ringing a touch of Grandsire Triples immediately after eight of his bell-ringing buddies had rung a quarter peal at Whichford in celebration of his birthday. He rang the bell he donated 15 years ago (to commemorate his 80th birthday) when he was the main organiser in fund-raising and increasing the number of bells at St Michael's Church, Whichford, from six to eight.

Rob said: "I've been ringing now for 84 years, having started at the age of 11 and, over the years, I've had great pleasure from ringing all over the country and teaching others how to ring. When I got shingles earlier this year and was too poorly to go out anywhere, I missed ringing more than anything else, so I was determined to make a come-back and my 95th birthday seemed like a good time to do so."

Rob has been a farmer and lived in Whichford all of his life and, every year since he was 80, he's rung a quarter peal with seven friends to celebrate his birthday. He concluded, "Although I no longer have enough stamina to ring a quarter peal, I'm determined not to give up ringing yet!"

Ringling Prints – Part 4: Bells and Bell Foundries by Chris Ridley

Earlier articles looked at antique ringing prints covering hand bells (*RW* p.1340) and bell ringing (*RW* p.84). This article concludes with a brief look at prints associated with bells and bell foundries.

Casting bells

There are numerous prints associated with casting bells, but an attractive set which are often reproduced originate from *The Illustrated Magazine of Art (Volume II, Part II)* published in 1853 (pages 262 to 266; and 292 to 296). This magazine was a rival for the Illustrated London News and published by John Cassell who founded what was to become the well-known publisher Cassell and Co. It is interesting he was born in 'The Ring O' Bells' at 8 The Old Churchyard, Hunt's Bank in Manchester in 1817, although I am not aware of any other connection with ringing. Cassell published other periodicals at the time, the Illustrated Magazine of Art having a very short life (1853-54) until it was later revived as the Magazine of Art to greater success after Cassell's death. The *Magazine* article sourced its text from *The Bell, its Origin, History and Uses* by Revd Alfred Gatty published in 1848. The illustrations used, a total of ten, feature the various stages of bell production at the Whitechapel Bellfoundry.

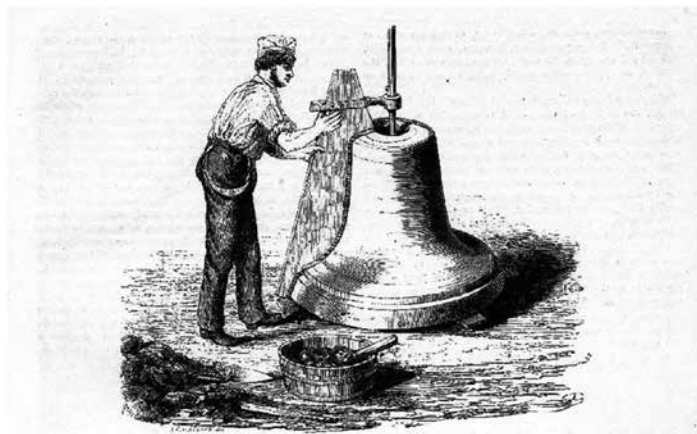


Figure 3: Finishing the Core – The Crook on p.265

Sheffield Literary and Philosophical Society and published his writings on a wide range of subjects from an early age. Between 1846 and 1858 he published four volumes of sermons. He never responded to charges that he wrote anonymous political articles for a Sheffield paper of Conservative persuasion. His most substantial works, however, were in the field of local history.

Another source of bell founding prints is *Font des Cloches* published in Paris from around 1750. Although written in French and featuring bells hung for chiming the illustrations capture the processes adopted at the times. The publication is known to have gone through a number of editions, but the rarity of examples has not to my knowledge allowed these to be fully documented to date.

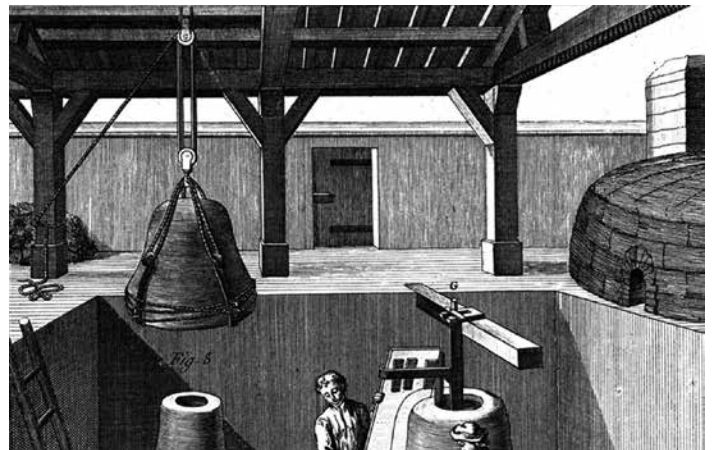


Plate II from Fonte des Cloches (205x165mm)

Bell founders

The illustration shown below dates to around 1807 and is for Thomas Mears, a predecessor of the business better known today as the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. This bell manufacturing business has been trading since 1570 making it one of the oldest manufacturing enterprises in the UK. Its history has been traced back to Robert Chamberlain who founded bells at Aldgate in London, with the Mears family operating the business between 1781 and 1865.

There are several versions of the Mears broadsheet with rings of bells being added as further major works were completed.

Broadsheets are also known for the Rudhall bell foundry. This business was based in Gloucester and is thought to have cast over 5,000 bells between 1684 and 1835. The business was founded by Abraham Rudhall (1657 to 1736) and his obituary, published widely in various periodicals of the day, described him as a 'most considerable bell founder having cast more peals from five to twelve than any other two bell founders ever did'. Reference is also made to the original ring of twelve bells at St Martin-in-the-Fields, London which are described as 'so remarkably fine, that they will sound his praise to future ages'. Examples of Rudhall broadsheets are known to date from 1709, 1715, 1751, 1788, 1804, and 1830. The latter was reprinted as an appendix in *Church Bells of Gloucestershire* (Ellacombe 1881) and a copy of the 1804 catalogue is reproduced in *Church Bells of Herefordshire* (Sharpe, 1975 pages 704-705).

Further broadsheets known to exist include one for the Dobson bell foundry (a transcript can be found in the Appendix to *Church Bells of Norfolk* by L'Estrange 1874 from a transcript by Raven). Dobson also took out newspapers advertisements in the 1810s and 1820s. Others are for John Briant (Hertford), John Taylor (Loughborough) and John Wooding (a bell hanger at Whitechapel, London) who succeeded Edward Simmons in the business.

I am grateful to John Eisel who has supplied the above information on bell founder broadsheets that are known to exist. Other details are taken from the manuscript Collection for a History of Bellringing by John Edward Osborn.

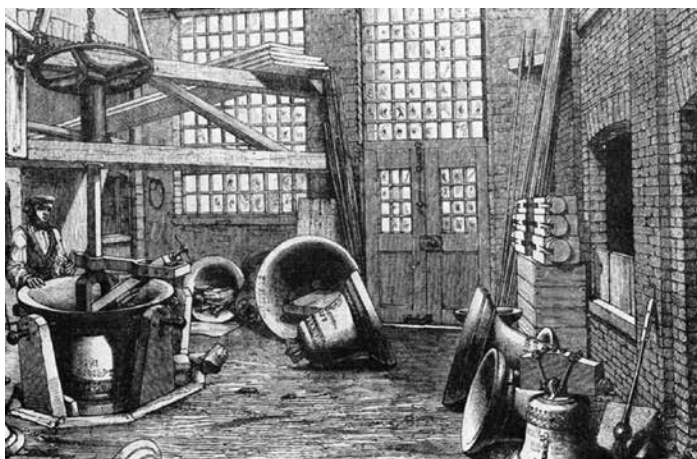


Figure 9: The Tuning Room and Turning Machine illustrated on p.296

Alfred Gatty himself was born on 18th April 1813 and educated at Charterhouse and Eton. He initially was intending to join the legal profession but after Exeter College, Oxford entered the church becoming a Doctor of Divinity in 1860. After serving his curacy he became Vicar at Ecclesfield in 1839 where he remained for 63 years until his death on 20th January 1903. He was also sub-Dean of York during this period.

During his tenure major restoration work on the church was undertaken alongside his writing. He was a regular lecturer at the

THO. MEARS (AND) SON,
(Late Lester, Park & Chapman.)
Bell Founders,
Whitechapel, LONDON.

Have Cast the following Bells since Aug. 1753. The number of Bells in each Peal & weight of the Tenor

| C. | C. | C. | C. |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Croydon Surrey 0 22 | Abington Berks 0 19 | Alton near Birmingham 0 21 | Rythe Kent 0 19 |
| St Leonard Southwick Midd 12 20 | Chavies Towerham Caroline 0 16 | Droghda Lond 0 21 | Wrexham Essex 0 18 |
| Baile Suffex 0 23 | Sheela Durban 0 10 | Holy Trinity Coventry 0 20 | Borden Kent 0 18 |
| Boston Herefordshire 0 12 | Portea Hants 0 12 | Whiton Northamptonsh 0 10 | Llanerchmona Monmouth 0 6 |
| Pennance Surrey 0 25 | St Oswald Hants 0 19 | Hillingdon Middlesex 0 21 | Newdipsey Surrey 0 8 |
| Godalming Surrey 0 25 | Gainsborough Lincolnsh 0 30 | Hase Suffex 0 11 | Kirkby Moorfield Yorkshire 0 8 |
| Godalming Suffex 0 25 | Langshillham Berks 0 9 | Ramsley Hants 0 23 | Barley Lancashire 0 16 |
| Abbotsdon Devonshire 0 10 | YORK MINSTER 10 43 | Wilkeon Midd 0 27 | St Stephen Herts 0 10 |
| Chelms Suffex 0 13 | Rickmansworth Herts 0 25 | Sutton Colfield Warwick 0 22 | Pettenden Kent 0 16 |
| Bedonk Northamptonsh 0 10 | Chickens Kent 0 12 | Cockermouth Cumberland 0 12 | Baltimore America 0 18 |
| Stonham Ayles Suffolk 0 24 | Sidham Norfolk 0 12 | Leeds Kent 0 20 | Cardham Surrey 0 18 |
| Haverhill Kent 0 12 | Millthorpe Suffex 0 12 | Leighton Derbyshire 0 12 | Dagham Essex 0 15 |
| Stifford Essex 0 10 | St Nicholas Lynn Norfolk 0 16 | South Yorkshire 0 12 | Burton Westmoreland 0 9 |
| Langford Suffolk 0 10 | St Andrew York 0 12 | Polkington Kent 0 12 | Boston Suffex 0 9 |
| Redwath Cornwall 0 10 | St Margaret Lynn Norfolk 0 20 | Wakefield Yorkshire 0 24 | Boltonbury Somerset 0 24 |
| Peterfield Hampshire 0 10 | Dielsdorf Suffex 0 9 | Robyth Dy 0 9 | Worthington Suffolk 0 15 |
| Bednall Gloucestershire 0 14 | Twoyford Hants 0 12 | Londonbourn Kent 0 15 | Abon Chant, Berks 0 13 |
| Reyness Cornwall 0 15 | Walsall Kent 0 10 | Naxing Essex 0 10 | St Dunstan, Stropsey 10 21 |
| Osley Yorkshires 0 17 | Walsall Suffex 0 12 | Woodham Norfolk 0 9 | Flatham Wrexham 0 15 |
| Rochester Surrey 0 10 | Holton Cornwall 0 17 | Chesham Essex 0 22 | South Devonshire 0 24 |
| Silgus Cornwall 0 17 | Blaworth Middlesex 0 7 | Godwin Surrey 0 17 | |
| Pennington Suffex 0 17 | New Shoreham Suffex 0 15 | Hambleton Essex 0 17 | |
| Newport Bedford Berks 0 22 | Langham Berks 0 19 | Sandwich Kent 0 17 | |
| Wardell Herefordshire 0 10 | St Nicholas York 0 15 | Hambleton Essex 0 17 | |
| St Pauls Birmingham 0 29 | St John Manchester 0 20 | Uxfield Suffex 0 12 | |
| Huddersfield Suffex 0 12 | Fleeting Suffex 0 10 | Canterbury Suffex 0 12 | |
| St George's Middlesex 0 10 | St Andrew Northamptonsh 0 12 | Therewick Kent 0 12 | |
| Buckingham Buckingham 0 27 | Stam Kent 0 10 | Isfield Berks 0 7 | |
| Horham Suffex 0 24 | Orsett Essex 0 11 | Sovereign Yorkshires 0 13 | |
| Parsons Royal Berks 0 12 | Deakings Devonshire 0 10 | Osley Yorkshires 0 13 | |
| Widport Hampshire 0 6 | Horsey Yorkshires 0 10 | Elham Kent 0 9 | |
| Levensham Cumberland 0 7 | Scholes of Colchester 0 25 | Harting Suffex 0 12 | |
| Lids Hampshire 0 6 | Trinity Northamptonsh 0 12 | Great Baldock Essex 0 15 | |
| Wardling Suffex 0 6 | Barton Yorkshires 0 10 | Plymouth Devonshire 0 22 | |
| Hath Devonshire Norfolk 0 14 | Frith Suffex 0 6 | All Saints Northampton 0 23 | |
| Godshill Suffex 0 10 | Theotons Road Devon Lane 0 6 | Caddisburgh Bedfordshire 0 9 | |
| Northampton Devonshire 0 12 | Harroby Yorkshires 0 14 | Moulton Suffex 0 6 | |
| Beaconsfield Bucks 0 12 | Headborough London 0 20 | Harfield Suffex 0 12 | |
| Chesham Bucks 0 15 | Second Oaks Kent 0 22 | Haverthorpe Middlesex 0 7 | |
| Canopus South Wales 0 16 | Old Alford Hants 0 11 | Merton Corbet Salop 0 6 | |
| St Peter's Dartmouth Devon 0 9 | Frithley Middlesex 0 12 | Buckingham Town 0 24 | |
| St Catherine's West London 0 12 | Hemley Yorkshires 0 12 | Kings Norton Warwicksh 0 17 | |
| Wotton Kent 0 20 | Burgwall Suffex 0 14 | Fury Portugal 0 12 | |
| St Mary West Chapp Middlesex 0 10 | Widmore Suffex 0 6 | Aspendrup Suffex 0 12 | |
| Sundbury Middlesex 0 12 | Cardinal's Hill of Wight 0 20 | St Johns Southwark London 0 20 | |
| Clareville Warwickshire 0 15 | Shifford Suffex 0 6 | Chart Sutton Kent 0 12 | |
| Northfleet Kent 0 14 | Spetchley Yorkshires 0 6 | Canterbury Kent 0 23 | |
| St Martin's Birmingham 12 30 | Saltford Suffex 0 29 | Maidstone in Kent 0 20 | |
| Osney Suffex 0 14 | Spetchley Suffex 0 29 | Northampton Surrey 0 14 | |
| Andover Hampshire 0 10 | Avington Hants 0 11 | Wrexham Devonshire 0 17 | |
| Dean Yorkshires 0 6 | Horstead Herts 0 22 | Hershill Kent 0 10 | |
| Stainley Durham 0 10 | St Andrew Suffex 0 19 | Marston Kent 0 10 | |
| Hales Yorkshires 0 25 | SIGLES Cripplegate London 0 20 | Wingley Yorkshires 0 10 | |
| Leckington Berks 0 22 | Newton Abbot Devon 0 6 | Helmstich Dor 0 10 | |
| Boston Suffex 0 15 | Fenny Stratford Suffex 0 12 | Blackwell Lancashire 0 12 | |
| Leighton Suffex 0 17 | Cardington Bedfordshire 0 20 | Langton Bass and Bell 0 20 | |
| Chipping Lincolnshire 0 10 | Uppingham Rutlandshire 0 10 | Clepton Suffex 0 18 | |
| Leominster Suffex 0 10 | Fenny Stratford Suffex 0 24 | Gatehead Durham 0 15 | |
| Abingdon Yorkshires 0 10 | lytham Berks 0 22 | St Andrews Edinburgh 0 15 | |
| Stovering Wiltshire 0 19 | Ringley Yorkshires 0 9 | Great Brick Hill Berks 0 14 | |
| Skipton Yorkshires 0 10 | Widlington Yorkshires 0 9 | Widham Suffex 0 6 | |
| Stonington Suffex 0 7 | Howe Yorkshires 0 19 | Abingdon Devonshire 0 22 | |
| Eye Suffex 0 10 | Thorp Kent 0 12 | St Giles Reading Berks 0 15 | |
| Eye Middlesex 0 12 | Bilberrill Yorkshires 0 12 | West Gifford Suffex 0 6 | |
| Pertham Kent 0 7 | St Mildred Coventry Warwicksh 10 21 | Berwick Suffex 0 15 | |
| Wotton Suffex 0 15 | Wye Kent 0 23 | Baker-well Derbyshire 0 25 | |
| Keythley Yorkshires 0 14 | Bington Middlesex 0 20 | New York America 0 22 | |
| Defensham Suffex 0 6 | Caerwys Suffex 0 20 | Albania New York 0 19 | |
| Ballyvaile Ireland 0 6 | Hordwell Suffex 0 9 | Leeds Yorkshires 0 27 | |
| Great Chert Kent 0 14 | Kendal Westmoreland 0 25 | Ab. Surrey 0 6 | |
| King's College Devon 0 13 | Hemel Yorkshires 0 13 | St Peter's Indian Berks 0 11 | |
| Bison Yorkshires 0 21 | SEPTHEMSON Suffex 12 41 | Tipton Staffordshire 0 6 | |
| St Mary LEWIS LONDON 0 23 | Key Suffex 0 20 | St Mary's Southampton 12 44 | |
| Wharfedale Yorkshires 0 16 | Key Suffex 0 20 | Haven Middlesex 0 14 | |
| Lovington Suffex 0 5 | Bevesham Cumberland 0 12 | Sheffield Yorkshires 0 24 | |
| Harfield Kent 0 9 | Workington Dy 0 12 | Hartington Midd 0 6 | |

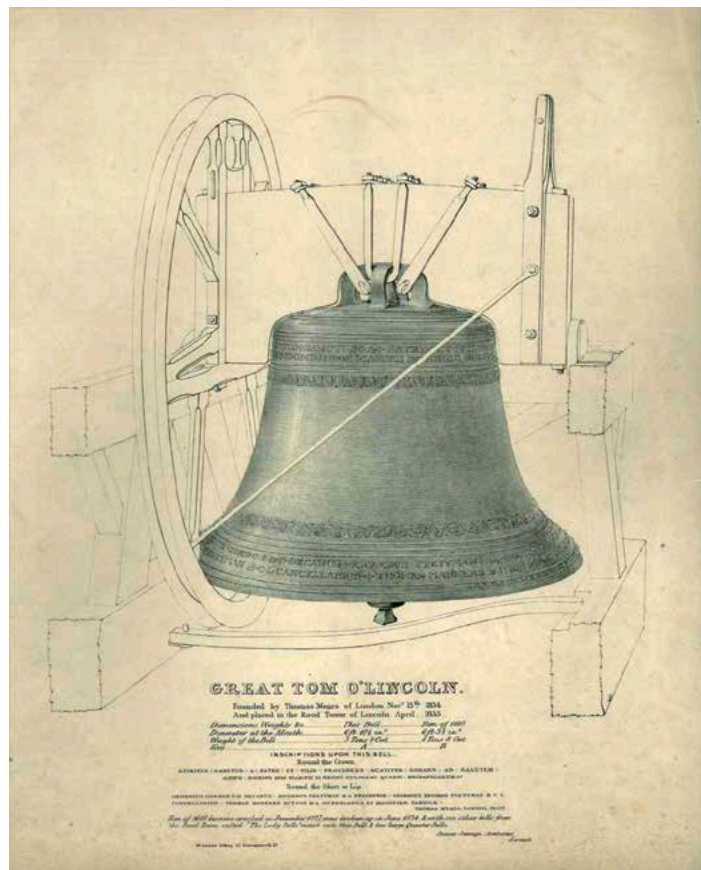
The Mears broadsheet

Great Tom

There are at least three large bells known as Great Tom. The least well known is Great Tom of Westminster which was the subject of an earlier article a few years ago (*Ringling World 2004, p.895*). This latest set of articles which has included the installation of Great Paul and the ring of twelve bells at St Paul's Cathedral, London should also mention two other prints associated with Great Tom as a chiming bell there. These can be found in *The Illustrated London News* of 1852 on p.412, and the *Illustrated Times* of 1856 on p.205.

A similar small print of Great Tom of Oxford can be found *The Graphic* of 1882, p.561. The bell originated from Osney Abbey where it was originally called Mary, but was subsequently renamed Tom when moved in 1545 at the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries. It was recast in 1680 by Christopher Hodgson of London and rehung in Tom Tower Oxford, which forms the entrance to Christ Church, where it remains today.

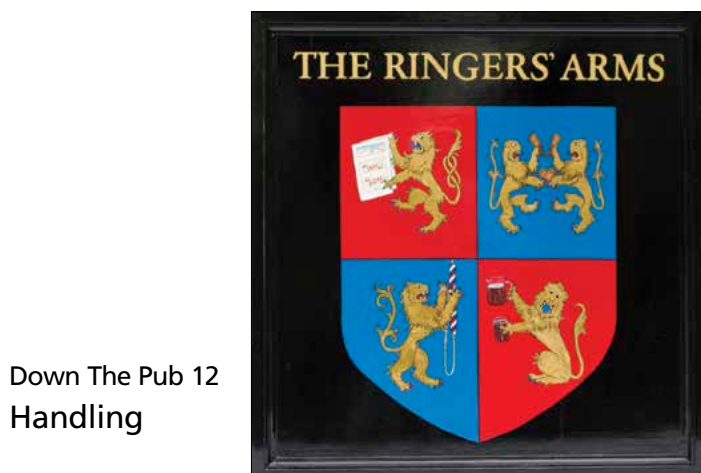
Great Tom at Lincoln Cathedral has been the subject of extensive research by John Ketteringham and is the subject of engravings going back to 1610. Further details can be found at <http://johnketteringham.me.uk/handlist/index.html> and in his book *Lincolnshire Bells & Bellfounders* (editions from 2000, 2004 and 2009). The print shown is from 1834 following recasting by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, then trading as Thomas Mears. It is a large lithograph print adopting the method first introduced in 1796 by the German author and actor Alois Senefelder as a cheaper method for publishing theatrical works. Originally the method involved etching the image into a coating of wax or other substance as the method for transferring the ink on to the paper. As such it differed from intaglio or gravure printing where the plate is either engraved, etched or stippled to produce cavities to hold the printing ink; also woodblock or letterpress printing where the ink was applied to raised surfaces including letters and images.



1834 print of Great Tom O'Lincoln (335 x 440mm)

Conclusion

This brief look at ringing prints has not permitted the use of other interesting examples, nor the more amusing adverts such as those adopted by drinks producers including Schweppes and Guinness. Examples of many prints have already been researched, but further examples continue to come to light offering new scope for gaining an insight into ringing history.



Down The Pub 12 Handling

- A: Back to ringing then?
- B: Yep. We have yet another RM.
- A: Different to the last?
- B: Indeed so. This one is a bit more free and easy; not bothered about ringing style as long as the bell is in the right place.
- A: How is that going?
- B: We have lost two coat hooks and a light fitting in the last week. We don't count the stays anymore.



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GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

LONGCOT, Oxon, St Mary
Sun Jun 16 2013 2h39 (8)
5088 Charlton Regis S Major
Comp. J R Ridley
1 John R Ridley (C)
2 Hilda C Ridley
3 Jane D Bull
4 Darran Ricks
5 Richard L Thumwood
6 Kenneth R Davenport
7 Stuart P B Talbott
8 Mark Edwards
First peal in the method.
Charlton Regis S Major:
x38x14x56x16x34.12.58.34
-14.58 le12

Peal reprinted from last week to include place notation.

HERTFORD C.A.

PIRTON, Herts, St Mary
Mon Jun 17 2013 2h45 (12)
5040 Doubles
(21m: (1,2) Grand sire (3,4) Twineham B (5,6) Bampton Pl (7,8) Westminster II B (9,10) Blackburn Pl (11,12,13) St Hilary B (14) Dragon Pl (15,16) New B (17,18) Huntspill B (19,20) St Vedast B (21,22) Blaisdon B (23,24) St Nicholas B (25,26) Winchendon Pl (27,28) St Remigius B (29,30) Huntley Pl (31,32) St Simon's B (33,34) St Martin's B (35,36) St Osmund B (37,38)
Eynesbury B (39,40) Rev Canterbury Pleasure Pl (41,42) Plain B)
1 David A Cornwall
2 L Roy Woodruff
3 Robert J Crocker (C)
4 David G Salter
5 George M Salter

GUILDFORD D.G.

FRENESHAM, Surrey,
St Mary the Virgin
Sat Jun 15 2013 2h44 (10)
5056 Spliced S Major
(8m: 832 Rutland; 768 Pudsey; 640 Superlative; 576 each Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London; 512 Yorkshire; 122 com)
Comp. D F Morrison (No.3)
1 W John Couperthwaite (C)
2 Beryl R Norris
3 Tom Page
4 Vernon B Bedford
5 Jonathan C Hetherington
6 Janet E Menhinick
7 Mike Pidd
8 Martin J Turner
Rung for the Frensham Fayre.
Circled the tower 3 times: 8.
550th peal for the Guild as conductor.

KENT C.A.

EASTRY, Kent, St Mary the Virgin
Sat Jun 15 2013 3h3 (16)
5024 Spliced S Major
(8m: 736 London; 640 each Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative; 608 each Bristol, Rutland; 576 each Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 132 com, atw)
Comp. N R Aspland
1 Elizabeth A Barnes
2 Alan D Flood
3 Phillip R J Barnes
4 Susan L Apter
5 Alexander J Britton
6 Dickon R Love
7 John B Keeler (C)
8 Michael A Birkbeck
Rung to welcome the Revd David Ridley as Vicar of Eastry.

LANCASHIRE ASSN

LIVERPOOL, Merseys,
St Michael, Garston
Thu Jun 13 2013 2h48 (10)
5022 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. Roger Bailey
1 Claire A Mills
2 B Haley Barnett
3 Beverley J Wharton
4 David T G Jones
5 Lenard J Mitchell
6 Paul B Hunter
7 Mark A Collings (C)
8 Luke D Marshall
Rung to celebrate the 22nd birthdays of the conductor and Darren Charnock.
100th together 5 & 7.

MIDDLETON, Gtr Man,
St Leonard
Fri Jun 14 2013 2h45 (11)
5088 Dysprosium S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No.3219)
1 Ian Smith
2 Anne C Orme
3 Peter C Randall (C)
4 Derek J Thomas
5 Paul B Hunter
6 James E Andrews
7 Raymond A Hutchings
8 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
Congratulations to David Bates, a ringer at this Church, and Rachael who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 18th June.
400th peal together: 1 & 3.

NON-ASSOCIATION

CITY OF LONDON, EC3,
St Michael
Sat Jun 15 2013 3h25 (32)
5040 Bristol S Maximus
Comp. D G Hull
1 Geoffrey W Randall
2 Ruth Curtis
3 Nicola J Turner
4 Colin M Turner
5 Graham G Firman
6 Bernard F L Groves (C)
7 Paul F Curtis
8 Douglas J Beaumont
9 Colin M Lee
10 Roger S Riley
11 Ian G Campbell
12 Peter L Furniss

WATTON, Norfolk, St Mary V
Sun Jun 16 2013 2h34 (7)
5040 Cambridge S Minor
Comp. Roger Bailey
1 Judy A Howard
2 David A Lord
3 David F Riley
4 Adrian C Malton (C)
5 Robert Denton
6 Daniel Denton
By members of the local band as a farewell compliment to Revd Geoff and Anne Garrett, leaving Watton for Condoever, Shropshire.

LONDON, Gtr London,
Lower Thames Street,
St Magnus the Martyr
Sun Jun 16 2013 3h17 (27)
5040 Spliced Treble Dodging Maximus
(4m: 1344 Bristol S; 1248 each Avon D, Strathclyde S; 1200 Orion S; 80 com, atw)
Comp. Alan G Reading
1 Lee Pinnington
2 Katherine L Town
3 Catherine N Merlane
4 Ian R Fielding
5 Shirley E McGill
6 Mary E Holden
7 Claire F Roulstone
8 Graham M Bradshaw
9 Stephen A Coaker
10 Benjamin J Carey
11 Benjamin D Constant
12 Oliver D Cross (C)

OXFORD D.G.

SLOUGH, Berks, St Mary,
Upton cum Chalvey
Tue Jun 18 2013 3h (17)
5040 Ramsdell S Royal
1 Brian Bladon
2 Alan D Flood
3 Beryl R Norris
4 Timothy G Pett
5 Roger Baldwin
6 Diana M Bridle
7 John C Sheppard
8 W John Couperthwaite (C)
9 Peter Bridle
10 Ian G Campbell
With compliments to Bill Butler who arranged the peal but was unable to ring.

Please send details as soon as possible after ringing and **PRINT** names to avoid mistakes. Peal forms are available free from **The Ringing World** office – please send SAE. Peals received more than four weeks after date of ringing may be treated as late.

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

BURTON LATIMER,
Northants, St Mary-the-Virgin
Tue Jun 11 2013 2h50 (10)
5040 Anniversary A Major
Comp. D W Beard
1 Andrew J Parker
2 E Jane Sibson
3 Anne P Cook
4 Nicholas A Churchman
5 Tony Sansom
6 Derek E Sibson (C)
7 Murray A Coleman
8 Peter M Fleckney
Rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Murray Coleman learning to ring.

GOTHAM, Notts, St Lawrence
Sat Jun 15 2013 2h53 (7)
5040 Doubles
(21m: 240 each Batman B, Robin Pl, Catwoman B, Riddler Pl; 2 exts each St Simon's, St Martin's, St Osmund, Eynesbury, St Nicholas B, Winchendon Pl, St Remigius B, Huntley Pl, Westminster II B, Blackburn Pl, St Hilary B, Dragon Pl, New, Huntspill, St Vedast, Blaisdon, Plain B)
Arr. P M Mason (240s)
1 Michael D Fiander
2 Paul M Mason (C)
3 Victoria Samson
4 Michael J Dew
5 Nicholas A Churchman
Batman B Doubles:
5.1.5.3.345.3.5.145.5.123 (cc 1132)
Robin Pl Doubles:
5.1.5.123.345.123.5.145.5.123 (cc 1075)
Catwoman B Doubles:
5.1.125.3.345.3.125.145.5.123 (cc 953)
Riddler Pl Doubles:
5.1.125.123.345.123.125.145.5.123 (cc 898)

ST BLAISE SOCIETY

WALWORTH, Gtr London
SE17, St Peter
Sat Jun 15 2013 2h21 (4)
5088 Lessness S Major
Comp. Stanley Jenner
1 Ian G Campbell
2 Nicola J Turner (C)
3 Geraldine R Forster
4 Peter L Furniss
5 Timothy R Forster
6 Graham G Firman
7 Bernard F L Groves
8 Colin M Turner

ST JAMES' GUILD

CITY OF LONDON, EC3,
St Magnus the Martyr
Sun May 12 2013 3h24 (27)
5138 Orion S Maximus
Comp. P N Mounsey
1 Stephen A Coaker
2 David J Dearnley
3 Shirley E McGill
4 Katharine J Firman
5 Graham G Firman
6 Claire F Roulstone
7 Paul N Mounsey (C)
8 Paul J Tiebout
9 Simon A Bond
10 Ian R Fielding
11 Richard H Burton
12 Oliver D Cross
50th peal here: 7.

You can read your own handwriting – but can our typesetters? If in doubt, print it out!

BUSHEY, Herts,
St James the Apostle
Mon Jun 10 2013 2h35 (12)
5024 Wembley D Major
Comp. R Baldwin
1 Siân E Austin
2 Claire F Roulstone
3 Roger Baldwin (C)
4 David J Dearnley
5 J Alan Ainsworth
6 Colin M Turner
7 Samuel M Austin
8 Alan Regin
First peal in the method.
Wembley D Major:
a 38-38.16-56-18-12-58.16-1256.78

CITY OF LONDON, Fleet St
EC4, St Dunstan in the West
Mon Jun 17 2013 3h3 (11)
5040 London No.3 S Royal
Comp. D G Hull
1 Nicola J Turner
2 Brian Bladon
3 Dickon R Love
4 Colin M Turner
5 Bernard F L Groves (C)
6 John H Fielden
7 J Alan Ainsworth
8 David Dearnley
9 Ian G Campbell
10 Claire F Roulstone

ST MARTIN'S GUILD

EDGBASTON, W Mids,
St Bartholomew
Sun Feb 17 2013 2h52 (10)
5120 Spliced S Major
(4m: 2400 Bristol; 960 each Belfast, London; 800 Glasgow; 105 com)
Comp. Donald F Morrison (No.4247)
1 Simon J L Linford (C)
2 Paul Needham
3 Janet A Horton
4 Adam A Brady
5 Stephen W Horton
6 Anthony M Daw
7 Stephen J Bedford
8 Robert C Kippin £5

BIRMINGHAM, W Mids,
St Paul, Jewellery Quarter
Sun Jun 16 2013 2h49 (12)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. T Thurstans (The Sleeping Beauty)
1 Christine Mills
2 Arthur J Reeves
3 Richard L Jones
4 Matthew D Hardy
5 Mark R Eccleston (C)
6 Adam A Brady
7 Anthony M Daw
8 Jonathan Thorne
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Chris Mills.

BIRMINGHAM, W Mids,
Cathedral of St Philip
Mon Jun 17 2013 3h32 (31)
5088 Orion S Maximus
Comp. A G Reading (5088 No.2)
1 Paul E Bibilo
2 Adam A Brady
3 Elizabeth M Harvey
4 Susan E Marshall
5 Paul Needham
6 Simon J L Linford
7 Anthony P Cotton
8 Nicholas D Brown
9 Colin M Lee
10 Frederick Shallcross
11 Michael P A Wilby (C)
12 John P Loveless
Celebrating Chris Mills' 70th birthday - Chris took part in the first peal of Orion, rung here on February 25th 1982 - and a welcome to Harriet Eve Griffiths, born to Rosie and Tom on May 29th.

S. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SOCIETY

GUERNSEY, CI,
St Marguerite de la Foret, Forest
Thu Jun 13 2013 2h38 (5)
5040 Spliced S Minor
(15m: (1) Carlisle, Chester, Munden (2) London, Wells (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Beverley, Surfleet (5) York, Durham (6) Cambridge, Ipswich (7) Lightfoot, Weymouth)
1 Kay Bartholomew
2 Julie A Haseldine
3 Ruth Stokes
4 Simon L Edwards
5 Christopher C Stokes
6 Andrew Haseldine (C)

GUERNSEY, CI,
St Michael du Valle, Vale
Fri Jun 14 2013 2h46 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: (1) Northumberland (2) Alnwick (3) Sandiacre (4) Warkworth (5) Bamboorough (6) Netherseale (7) Bourne)
1 Kay Bartholomew
2 Julie A Haseldine
3 Ruth Stokes
4 Simon L Edwards
5 Andrew Haseldine
6 Christopher C Stokes (C)

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G.

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, Notts,
St Mary & All Saints
Tue Jun 11 2013 2h30 (6)
5040 Minor
(7m: (1) Real Rev Single Oxford B (2) Dewsbury B (3) Real Double Oxford B (4) Old Oxford D (5) Single Oxford B (6) Oxford TB (7) Double Oxford B)
1 Christopher C P Woodcock
2 Peter J England
3 David J Wilson
4 George A Dawson
5 Michael J Dew
6 Andrew B Mills (C)
In Memoriam Doreen Wheatcroft and Lillian Taylor of this village and Jason Beck of Chilcompton, with condolence to family and friends.

CODDINGTON, Notts, All Saints
Mon Jun 17 2013 2h30 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 720 each: Beverley, Lincoln, Durham, London, Norwich, Surfleet, York)
Comp. Peter G C Ellis ("65 Special")
1 Andrew B Mills
2 Ruth Curtis
3 George A Dawson
4 Martin F Mitchell
5 H Geoffrey Wells
6 Paul F Curtis (C)
70th birthday compliment to Mick Young of Balderton.
100th peal on the bells: 6.

SUFFOLK GUILD

OLD STOKE, Ipswich, Suffolk,
The Wolery
Tue Jun 18 2013 1h47 (9b)
5040 Canterbury S Minor
(1 x 720, 3 x 1440)
1 Michael J Edwards
2 George M Salter
3 Katharine J Salter
4 George E Thoday
5 Colin F Salter
6 David G Salter (C)
First in the method by all and for the Guild.

The Ringing World's BellBoard
You can rely on it

GRUNDISBURGH, Suffolk,
St Mary the Virgin
Sat Jun 15 2013 2h41 (10)

5040 Bramford A Major
Arr. S D Pettman

- 1 Richard A Knight
- 2 Rosemary E Hill
- 3 Katharine A Hill
- 4 Christine A Knight
- 5 Thomas G Scase
- 6 Christine R Hill
- 7 Stephen D Pettman (C)
- 8 Peter W Hill

To celebrate the Pearl Wedding anniversary of Stephen and Liz Pettman (17/6/83 at Bramford). First peal in the method.

Bramford A Major:
5:56-56. 18.56-56. 18-18-18
le12

PUTNEY, Surrey, St Mary
Sat Jun 15 2013 2h44 (13)

5040 Stedman Doubles
(1 x 2640, 1 x 1200, 5 x 240)

- 1 Christopher R McLean
 - 2 Katharine J Salter
 - 3 Oliver H J Thompson
 - 4 Robert C Beavis
 - 5 David G Salter (C)
- Get well compliment to Michael Edwards and David Graham, both of whom were to have rung in this peal.

To mark the 60th anniversary of the death (16/06) of Margaret Bondfield (1873-1953), she was the first female Cabinet Minister in a UK Government.

First Stedman: 3.
First Stedman Doubles: 1.4.
Completes the family from Doubles to Cinques: 4.
First Doubles on the bells.

OLD STOKE, Ipswich, Suffolk,
The Wolery
Sun Jun 16 2013 1h29 (9lb)

5040 Reverse Court Pl Minimus
(210 exts)

- 1 Colin F Salter
 - 2 David G Salter (C)
 - 3 George M Salter
 - 4 Katharine J Salter
- First in the method by all and for the Guild.

SUSSEX C.A.

MARESFIELD, E Sussex,
St Bartholomew
Thu Jun 13 2013 3h3 (14)

5120 Bristol S Major
Comp. R W Pipe

- 1 James W Belshaw (C)
- 2 Margaret L Sherwood
- 3 Anne E Franklin
- 4 Stephanie J Pattenden
- 5 Margaret E Oram
- 6 Ian H Oram
- 7 Alan R Baldock
- 8 David Kirkcaldy

BURGESS HILL, W Sussex,
St John the Evangelist
Sat Jun 15 2013 2h53 (15)

5056 Deva S Major
Comp. A G Reading

- 1 Valerie J Atkins
- 2 Anne E Franklin
- 3 Sandra Y Alford
- 4 Caroline C House
- 5 Marisa A Hayes
- 6 Jeremy D Alford
- 7 P Jonathan Franklin (C)
- 8 David D Smith

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

HANBURY, Worcs,
St Mary the Virgin
Sat Jun 15 2013 2h48 (12)

5120 Spliced S Major
(4m: 1440 Lincolnshire; 1280 each Cambridge, Yorkshire; 1120 Rutland; 74 com, atw)

- Comp. J S Warboys
1 W David Roskelly
2 Andrew F Alldrick
3 Nicola J Beaumont
4 Janet A Horton
5 Richard J Hurst
6 Stephen W Horton
7 Stephen J Bedford
8 Michael Chester (C)
- Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Christine Mills.
First peal of Spliced Surprise: 3.

YORKSHIRE ASSN

CAWTHORNE, S Yorks,
All Saints

Mon Dec 31 2012 2h46 (8)
5040 Treble Dodging Minor
(7m: 1 ext each Sandal TB, Woodbine D, Capel, Kent, Kingston, Oxford, London Scholars Pleasure TB)

- 1 Tracey J Jones
 - 2 Michael Sheeran
 - 3 J Rodney Pagdin
 - 4 Adrian M Moreton
 - 5 Alan M Shelbourn
 - 6 Brian A Sanders (C)
- Rung half muffled by members of the Yorkshire Association Central Branch, for Branch members who passed away in 2012: Malcolm Cook, George Hancock, Brian Heppenstall and, Joan Pagdin (wife of (3)).

Handbell Peals

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

KINLOCHEWE, Wester Ross,
Room 8, Kinlochewe Hotel
Fri Jun 14 2013 1h54 (12)

5040 Minor
(4m: (1-2) Cambridge S (3-4) Oxford TB (5-6) Kent TB (7) Plain B)
1-2 Stephen J F Mitchell
3-4 David C Brown
5-6 Bernard H Taylor (C)
First handbell peal by a band who have 'completed' the Munros.

CHESTER D.G.

POYNTON, Ches,
2 Adlington Close
Tue Jun 11 2013 2h34 (15)

5040 Pudsey S Royal
Comp. P C Randall

- 1-2 J David Atkinson
- 3-4 Peter C Randall (C)
- 5-6 Mungo B Stacy
- 7-8 David W Friend
- 9-10 Martin J E Daniels

WILMSLOW, Ches,
9 Hawthorn Lane
Tue Jun 18 2013 2h39 (15)

5040 Cambridge S Royal
Comp. P Border

- 1-2 Neil D Lomas
- 3-4 J David Atkinson
- 5-6 Peter C Randall (C)
- 7-8 David W Friend
- 9-10 Martin J E Daniels

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

WATFORD, Herts,
15 Harford Drive
Sun Jun 9 2013 2h26 (14)

5024 London S Major
Comp. H Law James
1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3-4 Kevin I Lucas
5-6 Roger Baldwin (C)
7-8 Paul A Cammiade

G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

DAWLISH, Devon,
17 East Cliff Road
Fri Jun 14 2013 2h19 (15)

5056 Spliced S Major
(6m: 992 Yorkshire; 928 Pudsey; 864 each Superlative, Lincolnshire, Cambridge; 544 Rutland; 108 com, atw)
Comp. R D S Brown
1-2 Lynne P Hughes
3-4 Susan D Sparling
5-6 Timothy M Bayton (C)
7-8 Susan M Sawyer
1st spliced in hand: 1-2, 7-8 and as C.
50th peal: 7-8.
Composition rung for the 1st time.

LEICESTER D.G.

LONG CLAWSON, Leics,
Harwill House
Wed May 29 2013 2h25 (11)

5184 Spliced S Major
(10m: 576 each Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire; 384 each London, Rutland, Uxbridge; 132 com)
Comp. N Smith
1-2 Garry W Mason
3-4 Emma J Southerington (C)
5-6 Christopher J Sharp
7-8 John Adcock
Most surprise major in hand:
1-2, 7-8; and on an inside pair:
5-6.

LONG CLAWSON, Leics,
Harwill House
Wed Jun 12 2013 1h45 (11)

5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: (1) Nethersale (2) Norwich (3) Cambridge (4) Beverley (5) Surfleet (6) Ipswich (7) Bourne)
1-2 Garry W Mason
3-4 John Adcock
5-6 Emma J Southerington (C)

OXFORD D.G.

ASTON ROWANT, Oxon,
The White House
Wed Jun 12 2013 2h59 (17)

5088 Spliced S Maximus
(5m: 1056 each Bristol, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 960 each Cambridge, Newgate; 19 com, atw)
Comp. R I Allton (No.2046)
1-2 Patricia M Newton
3-4 Katharine J Firman
5-6 Thomas J Hinks
7-8 Graham G Firman
9-10 Peter C Randall (C)
11-12 Robert H Newton

TILEHURST, Berks,
15 Lytham End
Mon Jun 17 2013 2h16 (13)

5058 Lincolnshire S Major
Comp. G A C John
1-2 June D Wells
3-4 Graham A C John (C)
5-6 Christopher P Cole
7-8 E John Wells

GUILD OF ST CUILEÁIN

LONGTHORPE, Peterborough,
Cambs, The Vicarage
Sun Jun 16 2013 2h53 (12)

5042 Cambridge S Maximus
Comp. G A C John
1-2 John S Croft
3-4 William S Croft (C)
5-6 John M Jelley
7-8 Emma J Southerington
9-10 David Kemp
11-12 Michael G Purday

SOCIETY OF STOWMARKET YOUTHS

BACTON, Suffolk,
2 Pretymen Avenue
Sat Jun 15 2013 1h35 (12)

5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 ext each Wooler, Newcastle, Warkworth, Bamborough, Norfolk, Surfleet, Lincoln)
1-2 Cherril C Spiller
3-4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
5-6 Peter J Waterfield

BARDWELL, Suffolk,
Willow House
Sun Jun 16 2013 1h39 (16)

5040 Spliced S Minor
(14m: 360 each Warkworth, Sandiacre, Coldstream, Hexham, Morpeth, Annable's London, Lincoln, Norfolk, Westminster, York, Bamborough, Wooler, Cambridge, Chester)
Comp. JWS
1-2 Cherril C Spiller
3-4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
5-6 Louis P H Suggett

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LONDON, St Dunstan
in the West, Fleet Street
Sat Jun 22 2013 2h57 (10)

5040 Cambridge S Royal
Comp. J Clatworthy
1 Phillip R J Barnes
2 Dickon R Love
3 Elizabeth A Barnes
4 David I Bassford
5 Michael P Moreton
6 Jonathan R Slack
7 Alexander T Taft III
8 Darran Ricks
9 John B Keeler (C)
10 Paul J Tiebout

A N Z A B

MANDURAH, WA,
Christ's Church
Sat Jun 22 2013 2h46 (7)

5120 All Clear D Major
Comp. Richard Offen
1 Patricia Lubbock
2 Roger B Lubbock
3 Richard C Offen (C)
4 Deborah M J Hay
5 Amanda J Harris
6 Mary L Townsend
7 Adam J Beer
8 Ian D Harris
Rung to celebrate Roger getting the 'all clear' from neck and throat cancer and to give hope to all those who are suffering from this insidious disease.
Circled the tower: 2.
First peal in the method.
All Clear D Major:
-58-16-58-16-12-18-56-78 le12

BARROW & DISTRICT SOCIETY

CANDLESBY, Lincs, St Benedict
Sun Jun 23 2013 2h37 (6)

5040 Doubles
(11m: (1-4) St Simon's B (5-8) St Martin's B (9-12) St Osmond B (13-16) Eynesbury B (17-20) St Nicholas B (21-24) Winchendon PI (25-30) St Remigius B (31-32) Huntley PI (33-36) Rev Canterbury Pleasure PI (37-40) Grandshire (41-42) Plain B)
1 Patricia A Donnelly
2 Christopher C P Woodcock
3 Barry F Peachey (C)
4 Peter A Limage
5 David E Hibbert
First peal on the bells for 25 years, and since the tower was restored.

BATH & WELLS D.A.

EAST HUNTSPELL, Som,
Little Orchard Tower
Tue Jun 18 2013 1h59 (21lb)

5184 Wembley S Major
Comp. BYROC
1 Lesley A Knipe
2 Maryl R Chambers
3 Susan M Stott
4 Hilary A Beresford
5 Jeffrey Knipe
6 Nigel R Woodruff
7 Donald B Carter
8 Richard A M Newman (C)
1800th peal of Surprise: 7.

LUCCOMBE, Som,
Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue Jun 18 2013 2h56 (11)

5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 720 each London, York, Beverley, Norwich, Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge)
1 Michael Hatchett
2 Lesley A Knipe
3 Graham W Elmes
4 Robert D S Brown
5 Jeffrey Knipe
6 Timothy F Collins (C)

CHILCOMPTON, Som,
St John the Baptist
Sun Jun 23 2013 3h10 (19)

5040 Yorkshire S Royal
Comp. C K Lewis
1 Jenny M A Astridge
2 Claire O'Mahony
3 Jane C Webster
4 Jane Hooker
5 Christopher R Field
6 Michael R Spencer
7 Adrian P Beck (C)
8 Robert E Beck
9 David C J Marshall
10 Luke D Marshall
Rung in affectionate memory of Jason Beck (17/03/1980 - 10/06/2013), a member of the local band.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

ROOS, Yorks, All Saints
Sun Jun 16 2013 2h48 (12)

5040 Minor
(4m: (1) Surfleet S (2-3) 1440 Cambridge S (4-5) Kent TB (6-7) Plain B)
1 Sarah E T Dawson
2 Barry F Peachey (C)
3 Peter J Cook
4 Gary J Audley
5 Helen J Audley
6 Christopher M Baxter
Rung as a birthday compliment to James Blackburn of Beverley (St Mary), Society Ringing Master.
Circled the tower in six peals since augmentation: 4.

CHESTER D.G.

WEST KIRBY, Ches, St Bridget
Sat Jun 22 2013 2h44 (12)

5024 Spliced S Major
(4m: 1408 Rutland; 1312 Yorkshire; 1184 each Lincolnshire, 1120 Cambridge; 66 com atw)
Comp. Emma J Southerington
1 Claire A Mills
2 Janet M Jones
3 Lenard J Mitchell
4 Andrew J Jobson
5 Randle T J Tinkler
6 Geoffrey Parting
7 Duncan L C Hyde (C)
8 Peter L Furniss
Rung as a 100th birthday compliment to Doris Grimsditch, Grandmother of the ringer of the 2nd.

TUSHINGHAM, Ches, St Chad
Sat Jun 22 2013 2h35 (11)

5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 7 exts: (1) Tushingham (2) Cambridge (3) London (4) Wells (5) Durham (6) Beverley (7) Norwich)
1 C Paul Cheshire
2 Geoffrey A Edwards
3 Brian Harris (Cheshire)
4 Duncan L C Hyde
5 J David Adams
6 Ian W Taylor (C)
Rung in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the building of the new church.

COVENTRY D.G.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Warks,
The Plantagenet Ring
Thu Jun 20 2013 2h31 (2)

5088 Darton Exercise D Major
Comp. Anthony J Cox
1 Ruth Stokes
2 Michael J Dew
3 Simon L Edwards
4 Peter M Fleckney
5 Christopher C Stokes
6 Raymon A Sheasby
7 Michael D Fiander
8 Christopher C P Woodcock (C)
Rung to celebrate the forthcoming wedding of Miss Ellen Dew to Dr Christopher Crabtree on 29th June at Bracepeth Durham, with the bands best wishes.
First peal in the method for all and for the Guild.

WARWICK, St Nicholas
Sat Jun 22 2013 3h (16)

5090 Cambridge S Major
Comp. Brian D Price
1 Lucy J T Gwynne
2 Annie Hall
3 Philip J Sealey
4 Simon P Rogers
5 Karen M French
6 David E Leafe
7 Geoffrey W Randall (C)
8 John W G Gwynne
With best wishes to Caroline Houghton, younger daughter of the conductor, for her 40th birthday on June 26th.
Rung by members of the Warwick Sunday Service band.

G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

HIGHWEEK, Devon, All Saints
Sat Jun 22 2013 2h35 (11)

5024 Idle S Major
Comp. B D Constant
1 Peter L Bill
2 Susan D Sparling
3 Alison C Waterson
4 Richard H Johnston
5 Ian V J Smith
6 James Kirkcaldy
7 Robert D S Brown
8 Michael E C Mears (C)
300th peal: 4.

STOKE DAMEREL, Devon, St Andrew
 Sun Jun 9 2013 2h22 (4)
5024 Spiced S Major
 (4m: 1408 Rutland, 1312 Yorkshire, 1184 Lincolnshire, 1120 Cambridge; 66 com, atw)
 Comp. E J Southerington
 1 Fergus M S Stracey
 2 Donald B Carter
 3 Hilary A Beresford
 4 Charlotte A Boyce
 5 Lynne P Hughes
 6 Richard H Johnston
 7 John R Martin (C)
 8 Pauline Champion
 500th peal: 3.

THORVERTON, Devon, St Thomas of Canterbury
 Thu Jun 20 2013 2h55 (15)
5088 Valerian S Major
 Comp. D F Morrison (No.6468)
 1 Ian W Avery
 2 Jill M Hansford
 3 Alison C Waterson
 4 Richard H Johnston
 5 Ian V J Smith
 6 Michael C Hansford
 7 John A Foster
 8 Michael E C Mears (C)

IDEFORD, Devon, St Mary the Virgin
 Sat Jun 22 2013 2h33 (7)
5040 Spiced S Minor
 (22m: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4,5) Warkworth, Norwich (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
 1 Ian W Avery
 2 Alison C Waterson
 3 Ian V J Smith
 4 Richard H Johnston
 5 Lester J Yeo
 6 Michael E C Mears (C)
 Most methods: 2, 4.

EXETER, Devon, St Mark
 Tue Jun 25 2013 2h56 (12)
5040 Prittwell S Royal
 Comp. D Brady
 1 Jill M Hansford
 2 Lynne P Hughes
 3 Graham P Tucker
 4 James Kirkcaldy
 5 Richard H Johnston
 6 Peter G Brown
 7 David Hird (C)
 8 Ian L C Campbell
 9 Ian V J Smith
 10 Michael E C Mears
 With the bands best wishes to Wendy Campbell for a speedy recovery.

DORSET C.A.

HUNTSHAM, Devon, All Saints
 Thu Jun 13 2013 2h43 (8)
5024 Double Norwich CB Major
 Comp. A P Heywood,
 arr. T F Collins
 1 Lesley A Knipe
 2 Richard W Ellis
 3 Graham W Elmes
 4 Frederick J Sage
 5 Michael Hatchett
 6 Jeffrey Knipe
 7 Richard H Johnston
 8 Timothy F Collins (C)
 Remembering Pat Cannon and various arrangements of this composition.

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ELY D.A.

GODMANCHESTER, Hunts, St Mary the Virgin
 Sat Jun 22 2013 3h4 (19)
5040 Grandsire Triples
 Comp. Joseph J Parker (12-part)
 1 Colin A Johnson
 2 Geoffrey T Grayton
 3 Timothy G A Kellest
 4 Thomas W Ridgman
 5 Robert P Wood
 6 Mark G Lloyd
 7 Andrew H Ball (C)
 8 James R B Saunders
 Compliment to Peter and Margaret King on their Golden Wedding anniversary.
 1st in method: 2.

BURWELL, Cambs, St Mary the Blessed Virgin
 Sat Jun 22 2013 2h56 (13)
5088 Cassiobury S Major
 Comp. Thomas Hooley
 1 Marion A Robinson
 2 Peter J Waterfield
 3 Deirdre F Smith
 4 Susan E Marsden
 5 Roderick M Johnstone
 6 Lesley H M Boyle
 7 Paul S Seaman (C)
 8 Philip D Bailey
 Rung for the Burwell Carnival.
 First in the method: 3, 8.
 50th for Association: 3.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

FRYERNING, Essex, St Mary the Virgin
 Sat Jun 22 2013 2h32 (8)
5040 Fryerning S Minor
 Comp. David G Salter
 1 George M Salter
 2 Ian J Culham
 3 Paul A J Bray
 4 Jon Waters
 5 Colin F Salter
 6 David G Salter (C)
 With the band's best wishes to Jim Towler for his forthcoming surgery.
 First in the method in the tower and by all except 6.
 2,999th peal: 6.

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

NORTH BRADLEY, Wilts, St Nicholas
 Thu Jun 13 2013 2h51 (14)
5088 North Bradley S Major
 Gen. BYROC, arr. A J Cox
 1 Michael J Hobbs
 2 Diana M Bridle
 3 Christine Andrew
 4 Louisa A Roughley
 5 Peter Bridle
 6 Raymond Haines
 7 Anthony J Cox (C)
 8 Rebecca J Cox
 4600th peal: 5.
 First peal in the method.
North Bradley S Major:
 d-58-1456-12-16-14-58-16-78

COLESBOURNE, Glos, St James
 Mon Jun 24 2013 2h22 (5)
5040 Doubles
 (11m: (1-2) Grandsire (3-6) Rev Canterbury (7-10) St Nicholas (11-14) Winchendon (15-18) St Remigius (19-22) Huntley (23-26) Plain B (27-30) St Simon's (31-34) St Martin's (35-38) St Osmund (39-42) Eynesbury)
 1 Simon L Edwards
 2 Darran Ricks (C)
 3 Jane D Bull
 4 Joe D R Norton
 5 John G Pusey

WEDMORE, Som, St Mary
 Sat Jun 22 2013 3h29 (30)
5152 Spiced S Major
 (23m: 224 Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Linton, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Yorkshire; 160 com, atw)
 Comp. Norman Smith
 1 Hilary A Beresford
 2 Susan M Stott
 3 Jane D Bull
 4 Richard A M Newman
 5 Barrie Hendry
 6 Andrew M Bull
 7 John R Ridley
 8 Donald B Carter (C)
 A compliment to Bishop Peter, Bishop of Bath & Wells, on his retirement.
 Also, a 70th birthday compliment to Pat Hendry and to mark the Golden Wedding anniversary of Barrie & Pat Hendry.
 850th of Surprise as cond, 200th of Spiced S Major as cond & 250th on a Somerset tenor.

HEREFORD D.G.

MILTON, Oxon, St Blaise
 Sun Jun 23 2013 2h36 (6)
5056 Spiced S Major
 (8m: 832 Rutland; 768 Pudsey; 640 Superlative; 576 each Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London; 512 Yorkshire; 122 com)
 Comp. D F Morrison
 (No.3 - 'The Baby Spiced')
 1 Katherine E Young
 2 Beryl R Norris
 3 Timothy G Pett
 4 Hilda C Ridley
 5 John R Ridley
 6 Andrew D Hodgson
 7 Daniel Jones (C)
 8 Nicholas D Brown
 1st peal of Spiced: 6.
 1st peal of Spiced as conductor.

KENT C.A.

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints
 Wed Jun 19 2013 3h27 (32)
5040 Spiced S Royal
 (4m: 1360 each Cambridge, Yorkshire, 1160 each Bristol, London No.3; 101 com, atw)
 Comp. J S Warboys
 1 J Alan Ainsworth
 2 Anne L Rueff
 3 David J Dearnley
 4 Peter H Mackie
 5 Claire F Roulstone
 6 Gwen Rogers
 7 David Kirkcaldy
 8 John B Keeler
 9 Philip Rogers (C)
 10 Ian G Campbell

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints
 Tue Jun 25 2013 3h20 (32)
5079 Stedman Caters
 Comp. M J Palmer
 1 David E Rothera
 2 Anne L Rueff
 3 Diana R Wraight
 4 Ronald F Diserens
 5 Michael J Uphill (C)
 6 Richard H Edwards
 7 Ian G Campbell
 8 Michael A Birkbeck
 9 John B Keeler
 10 Lloyd S Cartwright
 A birthday compliment to Richard Edwards.

LANCASHIRE ASSN

BURNLEY, Lancs, St Peter
 Sun Jun 23 2013 3h1 (18)
5088 Lundy A Royal
 Comp. George H Campling
 1 R Owen Battye
 2 Pauline Campling
 3 Carol A Marchbank
 4 Andrew D Sibson
 5 Michael H Tompsett
 6 Richard J Parker
 7 James E Andrews
 8 Geoffrey R Gardner
 9 Trevor W Marchbank
 10 George H Campling (C)
 The 200th ten-bell peal in the tower.
 300th peal together: 1 & 10.

LINCOLN D.G.

BURTON STATHER, Lincs, St Andrew
 Tue Jun 18 2013 2h59 (12)
5184 Ullesthorpe S Major
 Comp. Robert D S Brown
 1 Ruth Curtis
 2 Janet M Clarke
 3 Paul F Curtis
 4 Graham J N Colborne
 5 Stephen L Clarke
 6 Martin F Mitchell
 7 P Ian Till
 8 Christopher P Turner (C)

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs, St Denys
 Tue Jun 25 2013 2h43 (9)
5040 Spiced S Minor
 (41m: (1-2) Altwick, Berwick, Beverley, Bourne, Cambridge, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Durham, Hexham, Hull, Ipswich, Morpeth, Munden, Newcastle, Norfolk, Northumberland, Primrose, Sandiaca, Surfleet, Whitley, Wooler, York (3-5) Allendale, Bacup, Bamboorough, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Kelso, Lightfoot, Lincoln, London, Netherseale, Norwich, Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth, Wells, Westminster (6-7) 1440 Annables London, Warkworth)
 Comp. (1-2) J S Warboys, (3-5) P A B Saddleton
 1 Joan Payne
 2 James E Benner (C)
 3 P Barry Jones
 4 Michael Maughan
 5 Alan G Payne
 6 John P Loveless
 Remembering Roger Bailey on his birthday. Roger had several attempts to ring 41 Spiced with this band without success. A good friend greatly missed.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LLANFEUGAN, Powys, St Meugan
 Tue Jun 4 2013 3h1 (12)
5088 Yorkshire S Major
 Comp. J Clatworthy
 1 Pip R Penney
 2 David J Llewellyn
 3 Alwyn R Lewis
 4 Michael D Penney
 5 David F Moore
 6 Malcolm T Johns
 7 Peter S Bennett (C)
 8 Robert E Hardy
 Rung in memory of Tudor Edwards, who loved these bells and who rang peals here with all of the band. Here he rang his final peal on 5th February 2013.

MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.

WINDSOR, Berks, St John Baptist
 Sun Jun 23 2013 3h7 (17)
5056 Plain Bob Major
 Comp. Roger Baldwin
 1 Frank T Blagrove
 2 David A Cornwall
 3 Richard D Blagrove
 4 Robert J Crocker (C)
 5 Malcolm S Loveday
 6 Martin B Sutcliffe
 7 Mark C Instone
 8 Roderic K Bickerton

NON-ASSOCIATION

LONDON, St Magnus the Martyr, Lower Thames Street
 Sun Jun 23 2013 3h24 (27)
5090 Bristol S Maximus
 Comp. J H Potter
 1 Michael P Moreton
 2 Catherine N Merlane
 3 Katherine J Firman
 4 Paul J Tiebout (C)
 5 Graham G Firman
 6 Phillip R J Barnes
 7 Ryan S Noble
 8 Michael R Crockett
 9 Simon Read
 10 Benjamin J Carey
 11 Alban D Forster
 12 Paul N Mounsey
 First as conductor for ten years.
 700th peal: 10.

LONDON, St Giles, Cripplegate
 Sun Jun 23 2013 3h21 (34)
5042 Yorkshire S Maximus
 Comp. Roderick W Pipe
 1 Janet E Archibald
 2 Edith M Robinson
 3 Penelope J V Sharpe
 4 Susan E Marsden
 5 Peter V Rogers
 6 Stephen J Beekingham
 7 Michael J Dew
 8 Richard C Smith
 9 Alan T Winter
 10 Peter J Waterfield (C)
 11 Michael G Purday
 12 Ian G Campbell
 First on 12: 5.
 First on 12 inside: 2.

NORWICH D.A.

WYMONDHAM, Norfolk, St Mary & St Thomas
 Sun Jun 23 2013 3h19 (27)
5184 Brunel Caters
 Comp. Anthony J Cox
 1 David C Brown (C)
 2 Janet House
 3 Faith J Pearce
 4 Simon J T Smith
 5 Ben Trent
 6 Hayden J Charles
 7 Michael G Clements
 8 Neil M Thomas
 9 Richard P J Carter
 10 Peter J Sawyer
 Rung to mark Wymondham Music Festival.
 First peal of Caters in the principle.
Brunel Caters:
 1.3.9.1.3.1.1.e.9

Peal forms are available (free) from the RW Office, Andover. Send a stamped/ addressed (9"x 4") envelope now.

SCOLE, Norfolk, St Andrew
 Thu Jun 20 2013 2h16 (4)
5040 Spiced S Minor
 (15m: 7 exis: (1) Carlisle, Chester, Munden (2) Hull, Annable's London (3) York, Durham (4) Beverley, Surfleet (5) Bourne, Netherseale (6) London, Wells (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)
 1 Patricia Hitchins
 2 Janet House
 3 Cherril C Spiller
 4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
 5 Peter J Sawyer
 6 Simon J T Smith
 Rung as a thanksgiving for the life of Kathleen Spooner who died on 15 June 2013.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

NOTTINGHAM, All Saints
 Sun Feb 17 2013 2h58 (16)
5080 Ironbridge S Royal
 Comp. A P Sweeting
 1 Andrew J Cairns
 2 Colin M Lee (C)
 3 Emma R Jones
 4 Leah M Wignell
 5 John R Cook
 6 Edward S Nicholson
 7 Adrian P Sweeting
 8 Daniel T Meyer
 9 Benjamin D Kipling
 10 Matthew J Jones (tno)
 To mark NUSCR annual dinner weekend at the Society's home tower.
 First on 10: 8.
 Circled the tower: 1, 2, 7 and as conductor.

OXFORD D.G.

BLEWBURY, Oxon, St Michael & All Angels
 Sat Jun 8 2013 2h58 (19)
5056 Cambridge S Major
 Comp. C Middleton
 1 Philip Roberts
 2 Joanna E Knight
 3 Richard Loyd
 4 Mary C Friskney
 5 Josie S Irving
 6 Mark Vincent
 7 Stuart F Gibson (C)
 8 Nicholas J Clarke
 Rung to celebrate the opening of the Blewbury Festival.
 First Surprise Major: 3.

CHOLSEY, Oxon, St Mary
 Tue Jun 11 2013 2h47 (10)
5088 Glasgow S Major
 Gen. BYROC
 1 Timothy G Pett (C)
 2 Beryl R Norris
 3 June D Wells
 4 Diana M Bridle
 5 E John Wells
 6 John C Sheppard
 7 Kenneth R Davenport
 8 Peter Bridle
 Rung to celebrate Di Bridle's 70th birthday.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks, All Saints
 Sat Jun 15 2013 3h24 (27)
5007 Stedman Caters
 Comp. Bernard H Taylor
 1 J Alan Ainsworth (C)
 2 Michele Winter
 3 Robert H Newton
 4 Timothy G Pett
 5 Patricia M Newton
 6 David Sullivan
 7 Peter H Mackie
 8 David R Cox
 9 Ian Roulstone
 10 Stephen S Russ
 11 Claire F Roulstone
 12 George Whiteside
 First peal of Cinques on the new ring.

OXFORD UNIV. SOCIETY

OXFORD, St Mary Magdalen
Sat Jun 15 2013 2h36 (7)
5120 Spliced S Major
(8m: 896 Rutland; 704 each
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 640
Cambridge; 576 each London, Pudsey,
Superlative; 448 Bristol; 87 com, atw)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Rosalind F Roberts
2 Mark A Bell
3 Hannah Guggiari
4 Courtney J Spoerer
5 Michael A Williams
6 Christopher I Griggs
7 Simon A Bond (C)
8 Michael O'Hagan
First peal: 1, 3.
First on tower bells: 4.
Most methods: 6.

ST BLAISE SOCIETY

EAST ILSLEY, Berks, St Mary
Thu Jun 20 2013 2h36 (8)
5056 Elstree D Major
Comp. Roger Baldwin
1 Timothy G Pett
2 Peter Bridle
3 Helen J Piper
4 Nicola J Turner
5 Lee Pinnington
6 Colin M Turner
7 Bernard F L Groves (C)
8 Robert J Crocker

ST JAMES' GUILD

LONDON, St James,
Garlickhythe
Mon Jun 24 2013 2h47 (9)
5024 Narrow Boat S Major
Comp. J W Holdsworth
1 Claire F Roulstone
2 Brian Bladon
3 Colin M Turner
4 Nigel C Smith
5 J Alan Ainsworth
6 David J Dearnley
7 Stephen A Wheeler (C)
8 Alan Regin

ST MARTIN'S GUILD

BIRMINGHAM, Marks,
Cathedral of St Philip
Mon Jun 24 2013 3h25 (31)
5021 Stedman Cinques
Comp. M R Eccleston
1 Mark R Eccleston (C)
2 Simon J L Linford
3 Paul E Bibilo
4 Adam A Brady
5 Michael P A Wilby
6 Christian M Peckham
7 Stephen M Jones
8 Lloyd S Cartwright
9 Jonathan P Healy
10 Gordon R Birks
11 Andrew W R Wilby
12 Alan G Reading

SALISBURY D.G.

BRADFORD PEVERELL,
Dorset, Assumption of
Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri Jun 14 2013 2h45 (6)
5024 Rutland S Major
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Susan E Smith
2 Patricia M Garrett
3 Felicity S Warwick
4 Lesley A Knipe
5 Thomas R Garrett
6 Adrian M Rowland
7 Jeffrey Knipe
8 Timothy F Collins (C)
First peal in the method: 2, 6.

CHARMINSTER, Dorset,
St Mary the Virgin
Thu Jun 6 2013 3h22 (14)
5040 Yorkshire S Royal
Comp. T F Collins
1 Frederick J Sage
2 Sheila C Matthews
3 Raymond Haines
4 Lesley A Knipe
5 Graham W Elmes
6 Richard W Ellis
7 Graham A Duke
8 Richard H Johnston
9 Jeffrey Knipe
10 Timothy F Collins (C)
Rung to celebrate the life of
Ambrose Tucker (1912-2013),
a former P.C. treasurer at this
church, who was particularly
supportive of the ringers at the
time when funds were being
raised to augment these bells
from 8 to 10. Ringing
commenced immediately after
the funeral service.

BRADFORD PEVERELL,
Dorset, Assumption of Blessed
Virgin Mary
Mon Jun 17 2013 2h52 (6)
5120 Spliced S Major
(3m: 1760 each Cambridge, Yorkshire;
1600 Lincolnshire; 84 com, atw)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Judith J Williamson
2 Thomas R Garrett
3 Nigel R D Orchar
4 Susan E Smith
5 Robert J Purnell
6 David W Hacker
7 Robert J Wellen
8 Timothy F Collins (C)
A 50th birthday peal for Robert
Wellen.
First peal of Spliced S Major: 7.

SHALBOURNE, Wilts,
St Michael and All Angels
Mon Jun 24 2013 2h48 (12)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 720 each Norfolk, London,
Norwich, Ipswich, Bourne, Beverley,
Cambridge)
1 Richard H Johnston
2 Sheila C Matthews
3 Graham W Elmes
4 Richard W Ellis
5 Thomas R Garrett
6 Timothy F Collins (C)

SUFFOLK GUILD

LONDON, St James
Garlickhythe
Sun Jun 23 2013 2h45 (9)
5024 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. David W Beard
1 Nicola J Turner
2 Mary E Dunbavin
3 Thomas G Scase
4 George M Salter
5 Colin F Salter
6 Colin M Turner
7 Katharine J Salter
8 David G Salter (C)
15th birthday compliment to
Colin Salter.
75th peal: 5.
400th tower to a peal: 7.
800th for the Guild: 2.
3,000th peal: 8.
With the conductor's very
grateful thanks to all the
ringers, over the years, who
have helped him get this far,
especially Katharine.

*The Ringing World's
BellBoard
You can rely on it*

STONHAM ASPAL, Suffolk,
SS Mary the Virgin & Lambert
Sat Jun 22 2013 3h8 (23)
5100 Plain Bob Royal
Comp. S D Pettman
1 Stephen D Pettman (C)
2 Christine A Knight
3 Richard A Knight
4 Jed Flatters
5 Mary E Dunbavin
6 David E Rothera
7 Alex W Tatlow
8 Thomas G Scase
9 Louis P H Suggett
10 Brian G Meads
100th peal in this tower.
The first being rung on
8/1/1750 also of PB Royal.

RENDHAM, Suffolk, St Michael
Sun Jun 23 2013 2h43 (10)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. J J Parker
1 Margaret H Ross
2 Nicole H Rolph
3 Alexandra E Rolph
4 Veronica A M Downing
5 Michelle L Williams
6 Jonathan J Stevens
7 Philip J Gorrod (C)
8 Edward K J Rolph
By a NE District band to
congratulate Jason (District
Chairman) and Sarah Busby on
the birth of Sophie Grace.
First peal: 8.
First on 8: 2.
First Grandsire: 2, 3, 5 and as
conductor.

**VALE OF EVESHAM
SOCIETY**

PERSHORE, Worcs,
Parish Centre
Tue Jun 18 2013 2h41 (9)
5088 Ytterbium S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No.2787)
1 Geoffrey W Randall (C)
2 Stephen J Bedford
3 Geoffrey M Brewin
4 Richard J Hurst
5 Michael J Seagrave
6 Stuart P B Talbot
7 Andrew F Aldrick
8 Philip G Morgan

WORCESTER.

St John-in-Bedwardine
Tue Jun 25 2013 2h51 (15)
5088 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. Graham A C John
1 Christopher J Stuart
2 Ian P Unsworth
3 Michael J Seagrave
4 Paul M Evans
5 David W Struckett
6 Andrew F Aldrick
7 Philip G Morgan
8 Stephen J Bedford (C)
Best wishes to Hilda Ridley and
many thanks to Mike Seagrave
for standing in at the 11th hour.

**WINCHESTER &
PORTSMOUTH D.G.**

ALVERSTOKE, Hants, St Mary
Sun Jun 9 2013 2h50 (13)
5152 Superlative S Major
Comp. A G Reading (No.3)
1 Theodore A Getty
2 David J Atkins
3 Sarah A Carey
4 Malcolm M Powell
5 Edward P D Colliss (C)
6 James A Hodkin
7 Stephen S Russ
8 David J Mattingley
Rung to welcome Reverend
Andrew Norris, to be licensed
in the parish on Thursday.

CARISBROOKE, IoW, Priory
Church of St Mary the Virgin
Sun May 26 2013 2h55 (20)
5021 Grandsire Caters
Comp. M Davies
1 Vivien C Nobbs
2 Kieran Downer
3 Barry M Downer
4 David J Mattingley
5 Graham A Nobbs
6 Malcolm M Powell
7 Stephen P Noyes (C)
8 Paul T Young
9 Benjamin J Carey
10 Ian J Carey
In memory of Jim Arkless,
chorister, churchwarden and a
congregation member for many
years at this church.

AWBRIDGE, Hants,
Clock House Bells
Sat Jun 15 2013 2h1 (3)
5040 Doubles
(10m: 480 each Grandsire,
Winchendon Place, St Osmund,
Eynesbury, St Simon's, St Martin's, St
Nicholas, Stedman, 600 each Plain B,
Rev Canterbury)
1 Harriet J Dodd
2 James A Hodkin (C)
3 Janet L Morris
4 Colin J Butler
5 Daniel Graham
6 John A Dodd
First Doubles as conductor.

WHITWELL, IoW,
St Mary & St Radigund
Sat Jun 22 2013 2h35 (6)
5040 Doubles
(5m/1v: 7 exts each Stedman, St
Simon's, St Martin's, April Day, Plain
B, Grandsire)
1 June M Mitchell
2 Kieran Downer (C)
3 Graham A Nobbs
4 Vivien C Nobbs
5 Barry M Downer
6 Christopher E Willis
Birthday compliment to the
ringer of 1.
Rung also for the Wedding of
Stephen and Wendy
Bransgrove.
First peal: 6.
First peal as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants,
Cathedral Church of St
Thomas of Canterbury
Sat Jun 22 2013 3h20 (25)
5088 Spliced S Maximus
(4m: 1296 each Bristol, Cambridge;
1248 each Newgate, Yorkshire; 84
com, atw)
Comp. J S Warboys
1 Richard Harrison
2 John P Colliss
3 James A Hodkin
4 Ian J Carey
5 Thomas J Hinks
6 Benjamin J Carey
7 Anthony P Smith
8 Lizzie J Hough
9 Edward P D Colliss (C)
10 David J Mattingley
11 R Mark Esbester
12 Roy LeMarechal
Rung in memory of Jason Beck
on the day of his funeral at
Chilcompton. Jason was
involved in the augmentation of
these bells in March 2010.
250th peal: 8.
First peal of Spliced Maximus:
10.
300th peal for the Guild: 9.
300th peal together: 2 & 9.

AWBRIDGE, Hants,
Clock House Bells
Sat Jun 15 2013 2h6 (3)
5040 Cambridge S Minor
Comp. Roger Bailey
1 Colin J Butler
2 Maureen J Hanney
3 Harriet J Dodd
4 John A Dodd
5 Janet L Morris
6 James A Hodkin (C)

YORKSHIRE ASSN

DARLINGTON, Durham,
St Cuthbert
Sat Feb 23 2013 3h15 (18)
5024 Spliced S Major
(4m: 1280 each Bristol, Superlative;
1248 Cambridge; 1216 London; 109
com, atw)
Comp. A J Pitman
1 James W Holdsworth (C)
2 Christopher H Enzor
3 Susan E Welch
4 Paul Brook
5 John R Welch
6 Jennifer A Town
7 Adam R Crocker
8 Andrew R Aspland
First Spliced: 3, 5.
With thanks to Tim Holmes for
arranging the peal.

INVERARAY, Argyll & Bute,
All Saints
Sat Jun 15 2013 3h37 (41)
5000 Bristol S Royal
Comp. A G Reading (No.8)
1 Judith M Reading
2 Chris Bostock
3 G Jessica Durham
4 Matthew J L Durham
5 Jonathan S Frye
6 Simon J Reading
7 Matthew D Dawson
8 Edward P D Colliss (C)
9 Gabrielle L Cowcill
10 Alan G Reading
Birthday compliments to Jess
Durham.

SHEFFIELD, Yorks,
Christ Church, Dore
Wed Jun 19 2013 2h39 (11)
5040 Minor
(4m: 2 exts each Cambridge S, Kent
TB, Plain Bob; 1 ext Oxford TB)
1 Michael Sheeran
2 James S Croft
3 Richard Farnsworth
4 Peter C Randall (C)
5 Simon J Reading
6 Richard F Knights

DRIFHLINGTON, Yorks, St Paul
Thu Jun 20 2013 2h58 (14)
5118 Glasgow S Major
Comp. Anthony J Cox
1 Ruth Curtis
2 Ian Butters
3 Peter C Randall
4 James E Andrews
5 Simon D Woof
6 Michael H Tompsett
7 George H Campling (C)
8 Paul F Curtis

HEPTONSTALL, Yorks,
St Thomas
Thu Jun 20 2013 3h9 (18)
5120 Spalding D Major
Comp. Ian Butters (No.567)
1 Peter C Randall
2 Ruth Curtis
3 Paul F Curtis
4 Michael H Tompsett
5 Simon D Woof
6 George H Campling
7 James E Andrews
8 Ian Butters (C)

KNOTTINGLEY, Yorks,
St Botolph
Mon Jun 17 2013 2h51 (13)
5040 Norwich S Royal
Comp. Donald F Morrison
(No.1928)
1 Chris Bostock
2 Richard E Price
3 Dinah M Donovan
4 Adrian M Moreton
5 Trevor C Ledger
6 Roger S Riley
7 Gary J Audley
8 Robert H Jordan
9 Neil Donovan
10 Malcolm S Turner (C)
Specially arranged and rung
for the patronal festival.

ROTHERHAM, Yorks,
St Anthony (Coptic)
Mon Jun 24 2013 2h50 (12)
5120 Spliced S Major
(8m: 896 Rutland; 704 each
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 640
Cambridge; 576 each London, Pudsey,
Superlative; 448 Bristol; 87 com, atw)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Dinah M Donovan
2 Richard E Price
3 Trevor C Ledger
4 Adrian M Moreton
5 Malcolm S Turner
6 Robert H Jordan
7 Neil Donovan (C)
8 Simon J Reading

Handbell Peals**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF
COLLEGE YOUTHS**

HITCHIN, Herts,
2 Orchard Road
Thu Jun 6 2013 2h28 (15)
5040 Cambridge S Royal
Comp. CUG Collective
1-2 Alban D Forster
3-4 David Kemp
5-6 Jonathan A Agg
7-8 Christopher D O'Mahony
9-10 Michael G Purday (C)

HITCHIN, Herts,
2 Orchard Road
Thu Jun 20 2013 2h19 (11)
5056 Bristol S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No.1697)
1-2 Alban D Forster
3-4 David Kemp
5-6 Jonathan A Agg
7-8 Michael G Purday (C)

CHESTER D.G.

MIDDLEWICH, Ches,
78 Long Lane
Thu Jun 20 2013 2h10 (13)
5088 Oxford TB Major
Comp. J Reeves
1-2 Ian W Taylor (C)
3-4 Paul B Hunter
5-6 Michael C E Hodge
7-8 C Paul Cheshire

POYNTON, Ches,
2 Adlington Close
Tue Jun 25 2013 2h57 (15)
5040 Yorkshire S Maximus
Comp. P C Randall
1-2 J David Atkinson
3-4 Paul B Hunter
5-6 Mungo B Stacy
7-8 Peter C Randall (C)
9-10 David W Friend
11-12 Martin J E Daniels
Rung to celebrate the safe
arrival of Juliet Clara
Wotherspoon on 22 June,
piece of 5-6.

HERTFORD C.A.

WATFORD, Herts.
15 Harford Drive
Wed Jun 12 2013 2h11 (14)
5056 Bristol S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No.1697)
1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3-4 David Kemp
5-6 Roger Baldwin
7-8 Michael G Purday (C)

LINCOLN D.G.

LONGTHORPE, Cambs.
The Vicarage
Sun Jun 23 2013 2h19 (12)
5184 Spiced S Major
(8m: 768 each Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative; 576 each Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Yorkshire; 126 com)
Comp. D F Morrison (No.3)
1-2 William S Croft
3-4 Emma J Southerington (C)
5-6 John M Jelley
7-8 Christopher D O'Mahony

**LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**

LLANDAFF, Cardiff,
Cathedral Court
Wed Jun 19 2013 2h37 (15)
5040 Plain Bob Royal
Arr. R E Hardy
1-2 Helen Phillips (C)
3-4 David F Moore
5-6 Philip D Hopkins
7-8 Matthew J Tosh
9-10 Andrew J Dodd

OXFORD D.G.

TILEHURST, Berks.
15 Lytham End,
Wed Jun 19 2013 2h59 (15)
5042 Lindsey S Maximus
Comp. Graham A C John
1-2 John S Croft
3-4 June D Wells
5-6 Bernard F L Groves (C)
7-8 Graham G Firman
9-10 Graham A C John
11-12 E John Wells
First in the method on handbells.

ASTON ROWANT, Oxon.
The White House
Thu Jun 20 2013 2h15 (14)
5088 London S Major
Comp. H Dains
1-2 Graham G Firman
3-4 Katherine J Firman
5-6 Roger Baldwin (C)
7-8 Robert H Newton
Get well soon, Kath!

**SOCIETY OF
STOWMARKET YOUTHS**

BACTON, Suffolk,
2 Petyman Avenue
Tue Jun 25 2013 1h42 (13)
5040 Surprise Minor
(4m: 2 exts each Glazgow, Bristol, Belfast, 1 ext London)
1-2 Cherril C Spiller
3-4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
5-6 Peter J Waterfield

BACTON, Suffolk,
2 Petyman Avenue
Tue Jun 25 2013 1h38 (13)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 ext each Northumberland, Morpeth, Bacup, Allendale, Primrose, York, Cunecastre)
1-2 Cherril C Spiller
3-4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
5-6 Peter J Waterfield
200th together: 3-4 & 5-6.

BACTON, Suffolk,
2 Petyman Avenue
Thu Jun 20 2013 1h38 (8)
5040 Doubles
(6m/36v: 42 exts: 1 ext each Somerville, Magdalen, St Deborah, St Werburgh, Norwich, Wadhams, Palmer, St Richard, Pakenham, Thurston, Ingham, Great Livermere, Hunston, Great Ashfield, Hepworth, Watisfield, St Ignatius, Churchill, St John the Devine, Amersham, Heyford, Chiltern, Dummer, Sarratt, St Jude, St Laurence, St Stephen, St Austell, St Mary, St Crispin, Laverstoke, St Cecilia, St Alban, St Paul, St John the Evangelist, St Ambrose, St Nicholas Bob, Winchendon Place, Huntley Place, St Remigius, St Simon's, St Martin's)
1-2 Cherril C Spiller
3-4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
5-6 Winston S Girling
50th for the Society.
1,500th peal and 300th at this address: 3-4.



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First quarter congratulations

Harborne, Birmingham. 23 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Catherine Pinnock (1st att) 1, Richard Pinnock (C) 2, Janet A Horton 3, Clare McArdle 4, Michael Rigby 5, Robert Pinnock 6. 1st as cover: 6. First as C.

Hellidon, Northants. 25 Jun, 1272 PB Minimus: Margaret Brown (1st Q) 1, Geoff Pullin (C) 2, Sally Thompson 3, Carole Pullin 4, Susie Goudime (1st Q) 5. Rung before morning practice to celebrate regular attender Ernie Davidson's 90th Birthday. £2.50.

Horwich, Lancs. 7 Apr, 1269 PB Doubles: Dean N T Cornes (1st Q) 1, Malcolm J Murphy 2, Beth Ingham 3, Martyn Owen 4, Andrew D Ingham (C) 5, Michael W Kay 6. 1st on the bells: 2 & 4. Rung for Dean's Birthday.

Kingswood, Surrey. 21 Jun, 1320 PB Doubles: Peter Taylor (1st Q) 1, Steve Smith 2, Claire Roberts 3, Vicky Williams 4, Oliver Thompson (C) 5, Michael Sutcliffe 6. 1st in m inside: 2. Rung to mark the retirement of Revd Garth Barber.

Potton, Beds. (S Mary) 20 Jun, 1320 PB Minor: Charlotte Smith 1, Rosemary Kimber 2, Susan Melvin (C) 3, Viv Smith (1st Q) 4, Anthony Smith 5, Phillip Jewell 6. £3

Reading, Berks. (S Giles) 24 Jun, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Chris Barrett 1, Kelvin Britton 2, Jenny Page 3, Ruth Hine 4, Jack Page 5, Steve Bennett 6, Peter Ellis (C) 7, Peter Gallagher (1st Q) 8. £1.60

Rolleston-on-Dove, Staffs. 21 Jun, 1288 PB Triples: Colin Whieldon 1, Barry Gooding 2, Sarah Pointon 3, Lee Cooke 4, Chris Wilton 5, Alan Faiers 6, Scott Wheaver (C) 7, David Mitchell 8. Rung in celebration of the life of Peter Galloway. £2.40

St Andrews, Fife. 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m): Peter Kirton (C) 1, Andrew L Haynes 2, Rachel C Williamson 3, Roy Dyckhoff 4, Simon Chadwick 5, Michael Durbar (1st Q) 6. Celebrating the achievements of all those graduating from the University of St Andrews, including Mark Hamid & 6. Also in celebration of the 21st Birthday of 6. Circled as C.

South Leigh, Oxon. 23 Jun, 1260 St Nicholas B Doubles: Michael Probert 1, Roger Barnes 2, Brian Curtis 3, Lorna Curtis (C) 4, Neil R Ephgrave 5, Robert W Walton (1st Q) 6, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 7, Les Curwood 8. In celebration of the ordination as Priest of the Revd Doctor Nick Pike, curate in the benefices of Cogges & South Leigh & North Leigh. 1st in m: 5.

Upton Magna, Shrops. 23 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Nicky Adams (1st Q) 1, Emily A Gordon 2, David Coleman 3, Andrew W Gordon (C) 4-5, Sharon Collins (1st Q) 6. After meeting short for Minor. For a special service. By the Wellington ringers & friends. Get-well compliment to Alan S Fisher, tower captain at All Saints, Wellington, who helped teach 1 & 6.

Wateringbury, Kent. 25 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Justin Southwell 1, David James 2, Frances James 3, Roger Boorman 4, Sue West (C) 5, Richard Thompson (1st Q) 6. For Patronal Festival. First as C.

Wivelsfield, E Sussex. 23 Jun, 1260 Doubles (7m/4v): Suzie Jones (1st Q) 1, Ian W Hodge 2, Sonia Harriyott 3, David Cragg 4, Simon Everest (C) 5, Philip Diamond 6. Run for Patronal Festival. £3

In Memoriam

Alfriston, E Sussex. 22 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Pauline M Kennard 1, Hilary F Smith 2, Louise G Pink 3, Christine M Baldock 4, Jennifer A Dearie 5, Alan R Baldock (C) 6. Rung after the Memorial Service for Serena Hughes.

Attenborough, Notts. 20 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Sarah Crabtree 1, Katherine Crabtree 2, Janet Crabtree 3, Jenny Crabtree 4, Erica Crabtree 5, Jim Crabtree 6, Christopher Crabtree 7, Tony Crabtree (C) 8. Rung by members of his family in celebration of the life of John James Crabtree on the day of his funeral.

Bermundsey, Surrey. (Flat 47 Amisha Court) 24 Jun, 1280 Oxford TB Major: Prudence Faye 1-2, Peter Blight 3-4, David Maynard 5-6, James Smith (C) 7-8. Remembering Roger Bailey on the eve of his birth date.

Beverley, E Yorks. (6 Manor Park) 27 Jun, 1360 PB Major: A John Atkinson 1-2, Graham K Smith 3-4, Roderick R Horton 5-6, Christopher L D Munday (C) 7-8. In thanksgiving for the life of Patricia Reardon, mother in law of 5-6.

Bluntisham, Cambs. 23 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mike Bateman 1, Phil Marshall 2, Cecily Marshall 3, Naomi Laredo 4, Jon Reed (C) 5, Robert Bramley 6. In celebration of the life of Evelyn Bateman (5 March 1927 to 21 May 2013), mother of 1. £BD

Branston, Lincs. (All Saints) 16 Jun, 1320 PB Doubles: Robert Harvey 1, Colin P Ward 2, John Fry 3, Paul Toulson 4, Christopher C P Woodcock (C) 5, Raymond A Cucksey 6. Rung by the local band prior to Evensong in memory of our dear friend & former local ringer Sue Scouller, who sadly passed away 9 years ago tomorrow. Sue rang her first & last Qs on these bells, ringing the 4th to Plain Bob Doubles on both occasions. Sue was taught method ringing by 5, who called all her Qs. The band wish to associate local ringers Yvonne Woodcock & Ron Applewhite with this Q.

Clevedon, Som. (S John) 26 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m): Vera Ostrehan 1, Margaret James 2, Michael Callow 3, Nicholas Dixon 4, David James (C) 5, David Jones 6. Rung to commemorate the life of Mary Rawlings who worshipped at this church for many years. & whose funeral took place earlier today. £1.80

Clitheroe, Lancs. 23 Jun, 1250 Bristol S Major: Charlotte A Ferguson 1, Jane Owen 2, Jean Barnes 3, Philip S Woods 4, Walter E Wilkinson 5, Brian J Owen 6, Robert M Moody 7, Matthew D Warburton (C) 8. Rung in memory of Janet Watson, cousin of 3, who died last week.

Frampton Cotterell. (S Peter) 21 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Mary S York 1, Sue Alexander 2, Sue Jay (C) 3, Peggy Collett 4, Linda Gittings 5, Sandra Godwin 6. In memory of Graham Ballard, brother of 6. £3

Gloucester. (Cathedral) 25 Jun, 1296 Stedman Caters: Malcolm Evans (C) 1, Mary Chapman 2, Jo Gifford 3, Reg Hitchings 4, Di Sheppard 5, David Franklin 6, Clive Sheppard 7, Margaret Smith 8, John Smith 9, David Chapman 10. Rung in memory of Don Evans, grandfather of the C, who died 20 June 2013 aged 92. £3

Kegworth, Leics. 21 May, 1280 London S Major: Edward Faragher 1, Mary Barrass 2, Nicholas Parr 3, Brenda Parr 4, Andrew Ward 5, Roy Simpson 6, Peter Rayns 7, Andrew Higson (C) 8. In memory of Muriel, Richard Barrass's mother. 1st in m: 6 & 7.

New Alesford, Hants. 16 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Davey 1, Maureen Hanney 2, Margaret Forder 3, David Hughes 4, Andrew Johnson (C) 5, David Forder 6, Elizabeth Johnson 7, Rodney Skinner 8. In thanksgiving for the life of Prisca Tremeer.

New York, NY. 16 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Tina Hitchings 1, Jennifer S Mackley 2, Lynn E Kodrich 3, John Hitchings 4, Arthur E Crumlish Jnr (C) 5, Duncan J Large 6. First as C. For Father's Day. In memory of Arthur E Crumlish Snr.

Peterborough, Cambs. (S John Bapt) 20 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Wendy Daw 1, Sue Jones 2, Diana Street 3, Derek Jones 4, Ray Daw 5, Nick Elks 6, Andrew Parker (C) 7, John Riley 8. Rung in memory of Gladys (Liz) Munsey, former ringer at this tower in the 1960s & 1970s who died at Easter in Leicestershire.

Potterhanworth, Lincs. 19 Jun, 1320 PB Doubles: Robert Harvey 1, Christopher C P Woodcock (C) 2, Christopher C P Woodcock (C) 3, Yvonne A Woodcock 4, Christine J Jackson 5. Rung on the back 5 by the local band in memory of our dear friend & former local ringer Sue Scouller, who sadly passed away 9 years ago on Monday 17 June. The 4th bell in this tower was dedicated in memory of Sue in September 2004 after the re-hanging & augmentation of the bells, something which Sue was looking forward too but sadly never saw.

Priston, Som. 26 Jun, 1260 Wight B Minor: Bryan G Williams 1, Valerie Stone 2, John West 3, W John Parsons 4, Giles R Morley 5, Martin J Blazey (C) 6. In memory of Prof Mick Aston, Somerset archaeologist, who died yesterday. £BD

Shenfield, Essex. 23 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Robin Page-Jones 1, Beth Johnson 2, Chris Bailey 3, Paul Wiggins 4, Ray G Jones (C) 5, John M Church 6. In memory of Frank Heath, Sue Matthew's father, died 22 May 2013. 1st inside: 4.

Stoke on Trent, Staffs. (S Peter ad Vincula) 25 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Daw 1, Raymond H Daw 2, Margaret Jones 3, Warren J Griffiths 4, Chris Adams 5, David C H Simpson 6, Selwyn G Jones (C) 7, Raymond J Ballard 8. Rung half-muffled at the request of the family, prior to the funeral service for Mrs Irene Forrester, a parishioner. £BD



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Strensham, Worcs. 22 Jun, 1380 Kennington Doubles: Michael Snelling 1, Janet Stallard 2, Lyn Wheeler 3, Les Smith 4, Linda Taylor 5, David Cropp (C) 6. Rung for the Churches Conservation Trust's Midsummer Tea Party at the Church. Also to celebrate the ringing, friendship & life of Ivor Bramich. Five towers represented in the Q: Suckley, Clifton-upon-Teme, Hallow, Kidderminster & Martley.

Upwey, Dorset. 21 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S: Sally Jenkins 1, Sue Ffountain 2, Andrea Jacob 3, Jan Keohane 4, Tony Burt 5, Phil Miles (C) 6. Rung in celebration of the vibrant, colourful, passionate life of our friend Jenny Morris. Rung on the day of her funeral on bells which she loved.

Waltham Abbey, Essex. 23 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4 Methods): Margaret French 1, Joan Miller 2, Jane M Walters (C) 3, Caroline Andrews 4, Barry C T Fisher 5, Steve Miller 6, Perry French 7. For evening service. Also to the memory of Adam Laws (son of our former tower captain) who sadly passed away 12 years ago today. **£3.50**

Woburn, Beds. 30 May, 1344 PB Major: Richard Waddy 1, Raymond Watkin 2, Ruth Betts 3, Bob Jones 4, John Emmett 5, Bob Tregillus 6, Brian Foley 7, Roy Woodruff (C) 8. Rung in memory of Dennis Cooke, friend & fellow sailor of 2 at Haversham Sailing Club. **£4**

Methods named

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

Beenham, Berks. 21 Jun, 1260 **Summer Solstice Doubles:** Angela Brown 1, Carol Waller 2, Jonathan Waller 3, Ben Waller (C) 4, Ken Waller 5, Joanne A Waller 6. Believed to be the 1st extents in the variation. **Summer Solstice Doubles:** St Augustine with a Burghclere Bob (91 uv*). Rung to mark the Summer Solstice.

Great Bedwyn, Wilts. 22 Jun, 1320 **Cockatrice PI Doubles:** Ken Waller 1, Carol Waller 2, Joanne A Waller 3, Mark Robins 4, Ben Waller (C) 5, Michael Holt 6. Believed to be the first extents in m. **Cockatrice Place:** 5.1.125.123.125 le 1 (5234).

General quarters

Reading, Berks. (S Mary V) 19 May, 1280 Bristol S Major: June A Saint 1, June D Wells 2, Jack Page 3, Helen M McGregor 4, Kelvin R Britton 5, Peter J R Bevis 6, E John Wells 7, Stephen A Rossiter (C) 8. To celebrate the engagement of Duncan Loweth to Gemma Wickersham on 18th May 2013. With best wishes from all the band. **£4**

Rendham, Suffolk. 17 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Suzanne Stevens 1, Pippa Moss 2, Michelle Williams 3, Gill Waterson 4, Ian Wright 5, Don Price 6, Mike Whitby (C) 7, Jonathan Stevens 8, 1,600th Q: 7.

Ringmer, E Sussex. 19 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): Michael Townsend 1, Ruth Peters 2, Pat Aylward 3, Jenny Beckingham 4, Marisa Hayes (C) 5, Jonathan Franklin 6. For Pentecost. Congratulations to the Seaford Seven (& friends en route) on walking from Winchester Cathedral to All Saints' Eastbourne via the South Downs Way.

Rochester, Kent. (Cathedral) 19 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Val Cooper 1, Helen Webb 2, Neil Jones (C) 3, Kevin Mitchell 4, Steve Fitton 5, Martin Rushton 6. For Solemn Evensong on Whit Sunday. **£BD**

Saham Toney, Norfolk. 18 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Claire Willetts 1, Adrian Malton (C) 2, Judy Howard 3, Alison Daniels 4, Johnathon White 5, Daniel Denton 6. 1st TB: 1. To celebrate 1's completion of two years of ringing.

Sandon, Herts. 16 May, 1260 PB Doubles: K Patricia Salisbury 1, Robert J Sheldrick 2, Elizabeth Latta 3, Robert B Weeden 4, Donald M Salisbury (C) 5, Robert L Langley 6. To celebrate the Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Geoffrey & Margaret Horritt on May 12th & for the Birthday of 2 on May 13th. **£2**

Sawbridgeworth, Herts. 19 May, 1260 Single Oxford B Minor: Roger Amos 1, Dorothy Morgan 2, Mary Bone 3, Gary Howard 4, Mike Slowe 5, Fred Bone (C) 6. For Baptism Thanksgiving Service. **£3**

Sheen, Staffs. 17 May, 1320 York S Minor: Ben Gooch 1, Pat Halls 2, Gill Hughes 3, Morley Bray 4, Roderic K Bickerton 5, Dave Kelly (C) 6. **£BD**

Shelley, W Yorks. 17 May, 1320 Woodbine D & Oxford TB Minor: Janet Rayner 1, Jean M Doman 2, Graham Smith 3, Derrick Moorhouse 4, Gordon Rigby (C) 5, Roger Tarbatt 6. Rung 'cartwheel' by members of The Barnsley & District Society of Change Ringers. **£3**

Shenfield, Essex. 12 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Jonathan Lee 1, Beth Johnson 2, Bryan Shedel 3, Chris Bailey 4, Ray G Jones (C) 5, John M Church 6. Dedicated to the ordination of Revd Lisa Kerry as a minister of the Baptist Church, previously Minister in Training at Hutton & Shenfield Union Church.

Sherfield on Loddon, Hants. 26 Jan, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Rosalind S Turrell 1, Alison D Smith 2, Angela M Athawes 3, Philip A Turrell 4, Benjamin D Constant 5, Adam S Greenley (C) 6. 1st S: 2.

Shirrell Heath, Hants. (Willow Lake) 7 May, 1260 PB Minor: John A Dodd 1-2, Ian M Redway 3-4, Janet L Morris (C) 5-6.

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Slough, Berks. 20 May, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Frances E Collins 1, Nicky J Smith 2, Simon J O Head 3, Richard A Hunt 4, Charlotte Gamble 5, Marc A McDonald 6, Roderic K Bickerton 7, Andrew D Coe (C) 8.

Speldhurst, Kent. 18 May, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Eric Roughley 1, Frances James 2, Fraser Clift 3, Frank Lewis 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Anthony Leves (C) 7, David James 8. 1st in m: 3. **£4**

St Albans, Herts. (Cathedral) 21 Apr, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Janet L Penney 1, James W S Crawley 2, Andrew M Reeve 3, Siân E Austin 4, Claire C Nicholson 5, Charles F Pocock 6, Stephen W Penney (C) 7, Bjorn E Bradstock 8. To mark 25 years of service to The Abbey by Paul Underhill, Head Virger.

St Albans, Herts. (S Peter) 23 May, 1280 Preston S Major: Sarah Green 1, Alan M Shepherd 2, Andrew M Reeve 3, Ann Evans 4, Philip J Ellis 5, Richard A Horne 6, Stephen W Penney (C) 7, Richard Sales 8. **£4**

Stanford on Soar, Notts. 21 May, 1344 Spl S Major (4m): Derek Bradshaw 1, Katharine Rayns 2, Denise Harden 3, Tony Lees 4, Bob Metcalfe (C) 5, Phil Wild 6, Peter Hawcock 7, Peter England 8. 60th Birthday compliment to Eileen Wild. 19th Birthday compliment to Jonathan Harden.

Stirling. 19 May, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Stuart I Bamforth 1, Fiona Wheatier 2, Susan MCGowan 3, Rob Ferguson 4, Robert D McGowan 5, Magnus Peterson (C) 6. For morning service.

St Neots, Cambs. 3 May, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Alan Winter (C) 1, Susan E Marsden 2, Hannah M Campbell 3, George E Bonham 4, Adam Safford 5, Lesley H M Boyle 6, Peter V Rogers 7, Barry R M Johnson 8, Richard C Smith 9, Phillip S George 10.

Stoke Prior, Herefords. 19 May, 1260 PB Minor: Steven Marsden 1, Cerys Bracher 2, Jenny Laurence 3, Vic Chamberlain 4, Colin Ward 5, Richard Bracher (C) 6. 1st Minor: 1 & 2. For Pentecost (Whitsun).

Stone, Staffs. 24 May, 1260 Grandsire Caters: Jennifer M Beech 1, David C H Simpson 2, Timothy C Hine 3, Philip W Gay (C) 4, Margaret Simpson 5, Raymond H Daw 6, Wendy Daw 7, Susan Kingman 8, Chris Adams 9, Leonard E Venables 10. To celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Glenda & John Rowley who were married here on 24th May 1953. **£2.50**

Swanage, Dorset. 9 May, 1260 Stedman Triples: Ross A Bradley 1, Sally Jenkins 2, Christopher P K Smithies 3, Eddie Dicken 4, Phil Miles 5, Mike Jasper 6, Angie Jasper (C) 7, Mike Pitman 8. 1st in m: 3 For Hampreston QP Day. 35th Wedding Anniversary compliment to Sally & Mike Jenkins. Also 90th Birthday congratulations to 7's mum, Mavis Clack of Eastbourne.

Swanage, Dorset. 19 May, 1274 York S Minor: Richard Loyd 1, Sally Jenkins 2, Linda Hough 3, Eddie Dicken 4, Matthew Pike 5, Phil Miles (C) 6. For Choral Evensong on the Feast of Pentecost. 1st in m: 2 & 4.

Sydney, NSW. (S Mary's Cathedral) 24 May, 1280 Bristol S Royal: Elaine Lee 1, Kate Simms 2, Kathi Downs 3, Tom Goodyer 4, Murray-Luke Peard 5, John Fryer 6, Esther Perrins 7, Bill Perrins (C) 8, James Perrins 9, Thomas Perrins 10

Thanington, Kent. 19 May, 1260 St Simon's B Doubles: Brian Reynolds 1, Helen Goldstraw 2, Flavia Faedo 3, Ann Gilbert 4, Tony Martin (C) 5, Andrew Heatlie 6. For Pentecost & to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Monica Page of this church.

Thatcham, Berks. 12 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rosemary Evans 1, William Butler 2, Richard J Marshall 3, Angela Brown 4, Joanne A Waller (C) 5, Ben Waller 6, Michael Hurst 7, Adrian J Moon 8. Prior to the Christening of Abigail Joubert.

Thornford, Dorset. 22 May, 1296 Beverley S Minor: Raymond P Jones 1, John West 2, Bryan G Williams 3, Michael S Blissett 4, Martin J Blazey 5, Giles R Morley (C) 6. First Q. on the bells since re-hanging. **£BD**

Trumpington, Cambs. 12 May, 1344 Spl S Major (13m): Jenny Goodwin 1, Christine Seaman 2, Sharon Stimpson 3, Samantha Gorman 4, Stephen Theobald 5, Ian W Davies 6, Mark H Norris (C) 7, Robert Oakeshott 8. To celebrate the 10th Wedding Anniversary of Kit & Rhyan Probert. Most S methods: 5. Most methods as C. **£BD**

Wellingborough, Northants. 20 Apr, 1280 Wellingborough S Major: Siân E Austin 1, Sarah D Franklin 2, Philip M Pratt 3, David A C Matthews 4, Claire C Nicholson 5, Tim R Palmer 6, Samuel M Austin 7, Simon D G Webb (C) 8. To congratulate the Revd Andrew Stead, former curate of this parish, on his appointment as Residentiary Canon of Lichfield Cathedral & chaplain to the Cathedral School.

Wellington, New Zealand. (Cathedral) 18 May, 1296 Spl S Minor (12m): Terry Barrett 1, Ruth Lightbourne 2, Alan Caldwell 3, Derek Williams 4, Gerald McIlhone (C) 5, Christopher Jarman 6. A 90th Birthday compliment to Ruth Greaves, formerly a ringer at Wellington Cathedral.

Westgate-on-Sea, Kent. 19 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Clare Bellis 1, Dorothe Steidinger (C) 2, Bill Evans 3, Douglas Neve 4, Mike Little 5, Stuart Willmott 6. For Whitsuntide. First as C.

Westminster, London SW1. (Abbey) 19 May, 1320 Bristol S Royal: David Hilling (C) 1, Chris Rogers 2, Chris Forster 3, Nigel Thomson 4, Simon Alford 5, John White 6, David Dearnley 7, Alan Frost 8, Jeremy Pratt 9, John Hughes-D'Aeth 10. For Pentecost.

Westminster, London WC2. (S Clement Danes) 12 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: David Capewell 1, Jan McHugh 2, Raymond Eddy 3, Michael Sprackling (C) 4, Simon Head 5, Alan Taylor 6. Before Choral Matins. **£2**

Westminster, London WC2. (S Clement Danes) 20 May, 1282 Spl S Major (8m): Michael Sprackling 1, Ruth Simon 2, Nicholas Simon (C) 3, Thomas Nagel 4, Jo Dorling 5, Shirley McGill 6, James Smith 7, Matthew Rayner 8. Most Spl S Major: 4.

Wimborne Minster, Dorset. 19 May, 1264 PB Major: Susan E Smith 1, David A Warwick 2, Hilary J Child 3, Felicity S Warwick 4, Robert T Child 5, David Coates 6, Graham A Duke (C) 7, Adrian M Rowland 8. For Evensong. 1st in m: 6. **£2**

Winchester, Hants. (Cathedral) 19 May, 1280 Cambridge S Major: George Medd 1, Caroline Fairley 2, Maureen Hanney 3, John P Colliss 4, Caroline Blatchford 5, Nick Bucknall 6, Michael K Hopkins Till 7, Lucy P A Hopkins Till (C) 8. For Evensong.

Woking, Surrey. (8 Holbreck Place) 14 May, 1280 Bristol S Royal: Karen White 1-2, Julian Morgan 3-4, Ruth Blackwell 5-6, Sally Schupke 7-8, Richard Pearce (C) 9-10. **£1.50**

Yate, Glos. 22 May, 1320 Norfolk S Minor: David Matthews (C) 1, Quentin Jackson 2, Elizabeth Evans 3, Malcolm Evans 4, Ian Fielding 5, Philip Pratt 6. Circled tower: 1.

Abbots Leigh, Som. 25 May, 1320 Oxford TB Minor: Susan Threlfall 1, Christine Andrew 2, J Ann Taylor 3, Ian C Maycock 4, Bernard G North 5, Glenn A Taylor (C) 6. Immediately after the marriage of Miss Rebecca Jane Anderson to Hugh John Wilkinson.

Abingdon, Oxon. (S Helen) 24 May, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Priscilla Morris 1, Susan Read 2, Joe Norton 3, David Thomas 4, Hugh Bishop 5, Brian Read (C) 6, Mary Friskney 7, Tim Pett 8, John Pusey 9, Isaac O'Shea 10. 1st on 10: 4 & 10. At the service attended by the Princess Royal for the Homecoming of 12 Logistic Support Regiment from Afghanistan.

Alderney, Channel Is. 27 May, 1320 Little B Minor: June A Saint 1, Philippa A Arditti 2, Helen M McGregor 3, Duncan Loweth 4, Peter J R Bevis 5, Stephen A Rossiter (C) 6. Variable Hunt. First in m for all. **£3**

Alderney, Channel Is. 27 May, 1320 Morning Exercise D Minor: June A Saint 1, Helen M McGregor 2, Philip Maddocks 3, Duncan Loweth 4, Peter J R Bevis 5, Stephen A Rossiter (C) 6. First in m for all. First Birthday compliment to James Wilson. **£3**

Alderney, Channel Is. (Wells House) 30 May, 1260 PB Minor: Aileen Wilson 1-2, Helen M McGregor 3-4, Stephen A Rossiter (C) 5-6. 1st in hand: 1-2. **£2**

Alfriston, E Sussex. 27 May, 1272 Spl Kent & Oxford TB Minor: Ann Wright 1, Louise G Pink 2, Jennifer A Dearie 3, Pauline M Kennard 4, Colin F E Nicholson 5, Alan D Pink (C) 6.

Alfriston, E Sussex. 30 May, 1260 Cambridge S & PB Minor: Louise G Pink 1, Jennifer A Dearie 2, Frances P Bradford 3, Ann Wright 4, Pauline M Kennard 5, Peter M J Bradford (C) 6. Wishing Sylvia Daw a speedy recovery.

Ashdon, Essex. 30 May, 1250 Pudsey S Major: John Rank 1, Joan Garrett 2, Liz Griffith-Jones 3, June Mackay 4, Penny Browne 5, Ann Evans 6, Alastair Stracey 7, Stephen Wood (C) 8. For Corpus Christi. **£4**

Ashill, Norfolk. 25 May, 1272 Carlisle S Minor: Claire Willetts 1, Judy Howard 2, Alison Daniels 3, Johnathon White 4, Adrian Malton 5, Daniel Denton (C) 6. First in m by all except 5. **£BD**

Ashwell, Herts. (S Mary) 21 Apr, 1260 PB Doubles: Ian V Chandler 1, Robert J Sheldrick 2, Bob Weedon 3, Oliver F Kirkby 4, Steve N White (C) 5, Graham Philips 6. For Evensong & St George's Day.

Aston Clinton, Bucks. 26 May, 1344 Grandsire Triples: David Cornwall 1, Roger Powell 2, Susan Haines 3, Roger Hazell 4, Stephen Wooler 5, Christopher Hoare 6, Roy Woodruff (C) 7, Colin Walter 8. For Evensong.

Audlem, Cheshire. 24 May, 1272 Bourne & Ipswich S Minor: Geoff Edwards 1, Paul Cheshire 2, Christine Johnson 3, Jackie Thompson 4, Chris Hughes 5, Frank Morton (C) 6. Part of the 2013 Audlem Arts & Music Festival. **£3**

Awbridge, Hants. (Clock House Bells) 17 May, 1312 Pudsey S Major: John A Dodd 1, Brian J Woodruffe 2, James E Daniels 3, Colin J Butler 4, Daniel Graham 5, Dennis A Chapman 6, Harriet J Dodd 7, James A Hodkin (C) 8.

Awbridge, Hants. (Clock House Bells) 24 May, 1296 Grandsire Caters: Daniel Graham (C) 1, Simon W Edwards 2, James E Daniels 3, Martin J E Daniels 4, Caroline Daniels 5, Colin J Butler 6, John C Hallett 7, John A Dodd 8, Brian J Woodruffe 9, Philip D Moyle 10.

Badby, Northants. 25 May, 1260 PB Minor: Andrew Timms 1, Richard Piner 2, Sally Thompson 3, Carole Pullin 4, James White (C) 5, Geoff Pullin 6. Arranged to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Mrs Margaret Warr. **£3**

Bardwell, Suffolk. 26 May, 1274 PB Triples: Ruth Suggett 1, Simon L Veal 2, Mary E Dunbavin 3, Katharine J Salter 4, Clare L Veal 5, Colin F Salter 6, George M Salter (C) 7, David W Rogers 8. 1st in m: 2.

Barnes, London SW13. 26 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Kristen Frederickson 1, Mike Wigney (C) 2, Charles Turnbull 3, Trisha Hawkins 4, Monica Trow 5, Michael de Freitas 6. **£1.80**

Basingstoke, Hants. (All Saints) 9 May, 1312 Cambridge S Major: Alison D Smith 1, Benjamin D Constant (C) 2, Harriet G Moncrieff 3, Alan N Hoar 4, Angela M Athawes 5, Jonathan A Soar 6, Ian J Rees 7, Adam S Greenley 8. Prior to Sung Eucharist on Ascension Day.

Bathwick, Som. 26 May, 1282 Spl S Royal (8m): Thomas GA Wareing 1, David A Huxford 2, Christian J Brown 3, David R Ware 4, David P Hytch 5, Robert D Bell 6, Matthew A Skues 7, Emma L Pym 8, Thomas N Longridge 9, Michael J Stubbs (C) 10. 1st 8 Spl Royal: 5, 6 & as C.

Battle, E Sussex. 28 May, 1344 Spl S Major (3m): David Threlfall 1, Louise Pink 2, Carolyn Collins 3, Sandra Titherly 4, Alan Turner 5, Stephen Chambers 6, Alan Baldock 7, Alan Pink (C) 8.

Bedford. (S Andrew) 26 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Richard Gallivan 1, Melissa Nash 2, Lisa Adams 3, Barbara Woplin 4, Alex Nash (C) 5, Philip Kino 6. To welcome our new vicar, Revd James S Revdeley. **£1.50**

Beeston, Notts. (17 Coniston Road) 30 May, 1440 Yorkshire S Royal: Christine Langton 1-2, Tim Poole 3-4, Ian Vincent 5-6, Tom Langton 7-8, David Marshall (C) 9-10. For the Feast of Corpus Christi. First of Yorkshire S Royal on handbells by all. **£1.50**

Berkhamsted, Herts. 20 May, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Edmund J Clarke 1, Richard M Casserley 2, Helen Rubery 3, Tony Ruberry 4, Peter Valuks 5, David Burbidge (C) 6, Alan M Shepherd 7, Michael C Below 8. 1st on 8: 1. For the Confirmation of Claire Below on 19 May. **£4**

Bexhill on Sea, E Sussex. 24 May, 1260 Stedman Triples: Pauline Kennard 1, Louise Pink 2, Sue Beck 3, Alan Turner 4, Roy Cox 5, Colin Nicholson 6, Alan Pink (C) 7, Judith Stiles 8. To mark the opening of the Bexhill Art Societies Annual Exhibition at The De La Warr Studio this weekend.

Bexhill on Sea, E Sussex. 30 May, 1260 Doubles (5m): John Walder 1, Louise Pink 2, Colin Nicholson 3, Alan Pink 4, Roy Cox (C) 5, John Carey 6. For Corpus Christi evening Communion.

Birchington, Kent. (All Saints) 26 May, 1260 Doubles (7m): Allan Chandler 1, Emma Tapsell 2, David Sheekey 3, Douglas Neve 4, Michael Little (C) 5, Stuart Willmott 6. For the Revd Norman Baldock who celebrates 60 years as a priest today.

Birmingham. (S Pauls, Jewellery Quarter) 30 May, 1265 Stedman Triples: Jonathan Thorne 1, Vicky Wilby 2, Chris Mills 3, Richard Pinnock 4, Fran Cinderey 5, Richard Grimmett (C) 6, Arthur Reeves 7, Tony Daw 8. 1st in m: 1 & 4. 1st on 8: 4.

Blandford Forum, Dorset. (Skoda Octavia, Morrisons Car Park) 30 May, 1272 PB Minimus: Simon W Edwards (C) 1-2, Aaron L Moulder 3-4. To avenge Mr Sheep's Arse's attempts to ring this method at Berkley just days ago.

Bow, London E3. 22 May, 1260 PB Minor: Gregory Rose 1, Kate Davis 2, Donald C Heath 3, Jinny Kufliuk 4, Colin Friend 5, Louise Booth (C) 6.

Bradford Peverell, Dorset. 29 May, 1280 Spl S Major (3m): Ross G W Robertson 1, Patricia M Garrett 2, Timothy F Collins 3, Richard W Ellis 4, Christopher M White 5, Phil Miles 6, Beryl M Shuttleworth 7, Thomas R Garrett (C) 8. Most Spl: 2. Most Spl as C. **£4**

Brockenhurst, Hants. 18 May, 1260 Middlesex B Triples: Carol Waller 1, Jonathan Waller 2, Michael Hurst 3, Ben Waller 4, Ken Waller 5, Mark Robins 6, Joanne A Waller (C) 7, Margaret Feneley 8.

Buckley, Flints. 29 May, 1280 Biddenden S Major: John R Williams 1, C Mark Edwards 2, Randle T J Tinkler 3, James W Kinnersley 4, A Simon Griffiths 5, Kenneth W Price 6, David J P Stanworth 7, Geoffrey Parting (C) 8.

Buriton, Hants. 25 May, 1260 Doubles (2m/1p): Helene Tipper 1, David Hughes 2, Francis Ensor 3, Ron Vears 4, Ron Tipper (C) 5, David Hart 6. A Golden Wedding compliment to John & Marjorie Mantering, members of the local band. **£3.30**

Cambridge. (S Edward King & Martyr) 22 May, 1320 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Pl Doubles: Geoffrey Reed 1, Sue Binns 2, James Bench-Capon 3, June Mackay 4, Janet Garnett (C) 5. **£2.50**

Cambridge. (S Mary the Great) 19 May, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Freddie R W M Manners 1, Christine H Northeast 2, June Mackay 3, Barbara Le Gallez 4, Jennifer E Earis 5, Claire Y Barlow 6, Oliver P Bardsley 7, Robert K Flockton (C) 8, James R A Dann 9, Phillip J Earis 10. First on ten as C. After the University Sermon.

Cambridge. (S Andrew the Great) 18 May, 1280 Belfast S Major: Alan Winter (C) 1, Chris Forster 2, Elizabeth Frye 3, June Mackay 4, Barry R M Johnson 5, Alban D Forster 6, Peter V Rogers 7, Richard A Smith 8. 1st in m: 3 & 7. 300th Q: 4.

Cambridge. (S Bene't) 17 Mar, 1296 Spl S Minor (3m): Megan Corless 1, Christine Northeast 2, Jonathan Agg (C) 3, Oliver Bardsley 4, Freddie Manners 5, Robert Flockton 6. On Guild Dinner weekend.

Cannock, Staffs. 26 May, 1272 Kent TB Minor: Geoff Pick (C) 1, Tim Ward 2, John Pollard 3, Maggie Warford 4, Jim Nixon 5, Jean Nixon 6. 1st TB inside: 2. **£BD**

Cheltenham, Warden Hill, Glos. 27 Apr, 1440 PB Doubles: Mike Collett 1, Fiona Sands 2, Joan Barraclough 3, Owen Barraclough 4, Jacqui Hyde (C) 5, Maureen McBane 6. Emerald Wedding Anniversary compliments for April 26 to Owen & Joan Barraclough & to Frank & Pam Morris (Wellington). **£BD**

Cheltenham, Warden Hill, Glos. 5 May, 1260 Doubles (1p/2m/4v): Reg Hitchings 1, Isabel Hitchings (C) 2, Owen Barraclough 3, Joan Barraclough 4, Mike Collett 5, Maureen McBane 6. For evening Communion service. 18th Birthday compliments to Catherine Hyde. **£BD**

Chewtun Mendip, Som. 11 May, 1296 Stedman Triples: Charles Pipe-Wolferstan 1, Jane Hooker 2, Mervyn A Arscott 3, Daniel Knight 4, Philip D Moyle 5, Kristian D Scudamore 6, Simon W Edwards (C) 7, Daniel Graham 8. 400th Q: 2, 1/3.

Chigwell Row, Essex. 22 May, 1280 Spl S Major (12m): J Laken 1, Mary Bone (C) 2, Penny Browne 3, J Armstrong 4, D Ellisdon 5, J Rank 6, C Wright 7, F Bone 8. To welcome Eleanor Charlotte Thomas, born 9 May, first grandchild for 3. **£4**

Chilcompton, Som. 28 May, 1280 Cornwall S Major: Rob Perry (C) 1, Adrian P Beck 2, Claire O'Mahony 3, Jane Hooker 4, Chris Field 5, Robert E Beck 6, Andy Mead 7, David C J Marshall 8. 1st in m: 3, 4 & 7.

Cirencester, Watermoor, Glos. 26 May, 1282 Cambridge S Major: Carole Wood 1, Judy Carter 2, Malcolm Brown 3, Hazel Bridges 4, Sarah Ewbank 5, Eric Roberts 6, Andrew Wood 7, Peter Holden (C) 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong. **£BD**

City of London, Middx. (S Dunstan-in-the-West) 30 May, 1296 Grandsire Caters: Gill Hughes 1, Lynda M Lazzarini 2, Susan E Smith II 3, D W F Lazzarini 4, John Cater 5, Anthony D Smith 6, R Ian Stonehouse 7, Tim Jackson 8, Simon A Percy (C) 9, Anne Deebank 10. First Caters as C. For the feast of Corpus Christi.

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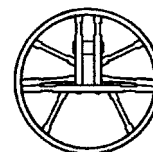
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City of London. (S Vedast) 26 May, 1260 St Clement's College B Minor: Thomas Lawrance (C) 1, Lee Garlick 2, Rachel Billinge 3, Michael Evans 4, Elizabeth LeMoine 5, Liam Sims 6. After morning Mass. **£2.50**

Cleator Moor, Cumbria. 26 May, 1260 Single Cumbria Place: Gerald Sewell 1, Susan J Sewell 2, Jane Holland 3, Christine B J de Cordova 4, Richard C Last (C) 5, Andrew J Holland 6. 1st in m: 1, 2, 4 & 5. **£3**

Clyst St George, Devon. 26 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Janet Coles 1, Wendy Gill 2, Amy Gill 3, Charlotte Boyce 4, Nigel Birt 5, Tim Bayton (C) 6. **£1.80**

Coaley, Gloucester. 22 May, 1260 PB & Grandsire Doubles: Sarah Mather 1, Mandy Troxler 2, Doug Bond 3, Ken Clutterbuck 4, Terry Chivers (C) 5, Terry Clark 6. To celebrate a significant Birthday of the wife of the C. Conducted with 70 calls.

Colchester, Essex. (S Peter) 28 May, 1260 PB Minor: Zena Wooller 1, Anne V Turner 2, Peter Barnes 3, Mary Coe 4, Val Banwell 5, Brian Lord (C) 6. Wishing 5 a very happy Birthday on Saturday. **£3**

Croscombe, Som. 26 May, 1260 PB Minor: Sean Rodgers 1, Michael J Woodward 2, James P Ramsbottom 3, Aaron L Moulder 4, Andy Mead 5, Simon W Edwards (C) 6. 1st Minor: 1. To celebrate the wedding of Simon Barnes, ringer at St Mark Swindon, to Georgina Petrou this afternoon at Gaynes Park, Epping.

Derby. (Cathedral) 26 May, 1272 Spl TD Minor (3m): Jana Pavova 1, Janet Foulds 2, Cathy E Potter 3, John Heaton 4, Roger Lawson 5, John Hawes (C) 6. 1st TB: 1. For Solemn Evensong on Trinity Sunday. **£BD**

Diseworth, Leics. 27 May, 1260 Single Oxford B Minor: Katharine Rayns 1, Vivienne Matraviers (1stQ) 2, Mary Gidlow 3, Robert Corah 4, Alan Wright 5, Peter Rayns (C) 6. As a Golden Wedding compliment to Alan & Hilary Wright. **£BD**

Douling Beacon, Som. (Knapps Farm) 26 May, 1260 Doubles (5m/1p): Andy Mead 1, Aaron L Moulder 2, Simon W Edwards 3, Michael J Woodward 4, James P Ramsbottom (C) 5. On the front 5. 1st on a miniring: 4 & 5.

Dunkerton, Som. 25 May, 1260 Doubles (5m): Peter J Devrell 1, Nicki Williams 2, Thomas K Cook 3, Alan J Coombs 4, Jonathan Storey (C) 5, Sharon Bradley 6.

Durleigh, Som. (S Hugh) 26 May, 1260 Rev Canterbury & PB Doubles: Valerie Stone 1, Carol Arscott 2, Derek Hurley 3, Bill Wilkinson 4, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 5, Terry Warman 6. 1st in more than one m: 3. Birthday compliment to Derek Hurley, 65 on 17 May, & Charles P-W, 66 on 21 May.

Dursley, Gloucester. 26 May, 1312 Bristol S Major: Simon D G Webb 1, Malcolm N Evans 2, Elizabeth A Coke 3, Elizabeth A Evans 4, Alison R Williams 5, Roy K Williams 6, Gabrielle L Cowcill 7, Ian R Fielding (C) 8. For Evensong. **£4**

Durweston, Dorset. 25 May, 1260 Spl Doubles & Minor (4m/1p): Philip A L Rioch 1, Rebecca C Taylor 2, Mark R Eccleston (C) 3, Arthur J Reeves 4, William T Bosworth 5, Matthew D Franklin 6. **£3**

Eastbourne, E Sussex. (Christ Church) 19 May, 1260 Doubles (4m): Frances P Bradford 1, Jane Hill 2, Marion C Hollands 3, David J Hollands 4, Peter M J Braford (C) 5, Hazel M Mottram 6.

Eastbourne, E Sussex. (Christ Church) 26 May, 1260 PB Minor: Marion Hollands 1, Hazel Mottram 2, Stella Shell 3, Nigel Fox 4, Nick Cant (C) 5, David Hollands 6. Prior to evening service on Trinity Sunday. **£BD**

East Harling, Norfolk. 25 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Dorothy Jubb 1, Alison Daniels 2, Gudrun Warren 3, Ray Finch 4, Jeremy Warren (C) 5, Anne Slater 6. Immediately following the Marriage of Tina Worby & Daniel Holden. 1st for at least 35 years: 1.

Easton on the Hill, Northants. 25 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Diane Faux 1, Hilary Moore 2, Elaine Wilkinson 3, Nick Faux 4, Nick Elks 5, James Thorpe (C) 6. 1's return to QP ringing: welcome back! In celebration of Easton's village gala.

East Raynham, Norfolk. 30 May, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Peter Adcock 1, Sarah Seaman 2, Patricia Hitchins 3, Janet House 4, Teresa Pudwell 5, Stephen High 6, Robert Harris 7, David Brown (C) 8.

Eckington, Worcs. 28 May, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Ros Long 1, Madeline Reeder 2, Caroline Evans 3, Andrea Goodall 4, Kath Cocks 5, Nathan Evans 6, Tony Cocks 7, Stuart Piper (C) 8. **£BD**

Edinburgh, Lothian. (S Cuthbert) 26 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Craig Robertson 1, Jennifer Shields 2, Cara Wiseman 3, Susan Bryce 4, Michael Barker 5, James Sanderson (C) 6. On the front 6 for Evensong. 1st TB: 1.

Edwardstone, Suffolk. 24 May, 1260 Kemerton B Minor: Lesley Steed 1, Mary Allum 2, Kevin Ward 3, Josephine Beever 4, David Steed 5, David Howe (C) 6. First in m: 2, 3 & 4. **£1.80**

Evercreech, Som. 11 May, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Andy Mead 1, Margaret E L Chapman 2, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 3, Jane Hooker 4, Claire O'Mahony 5, Daniel Knight 6, Kristian D Scudamore 7, Daniel Graham 8, Philip D Moyse 9, Simon W Edwards 10. 3/3.

Exeter, Devon. (64 Mount Pleasant Road) 29 May, 1312 Spl S Major (6m): Jill Wigney 1-2, Sue Sparling 3-4, Tim Bayton (C) 5-6, Sue Sawyer 7-8. **£1.20**

Exeter, Devon. (Cathedral) 26 May, 1443 Stedman Cinques: Alison Waterson 1, Susan Sparling 2, Wendy Campbell 3, Phill Ridley 4, Graeme Booth 5, Nick Waterson 6, Ian Campbell 7, James Kirkcaldy 8, Paul Pascoe (C) 9, Geoffrey Sparling 10, David Hird 11, Tom Waterson 12. Prior to Choral Evensong. **£6**

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Felsted, Essex. 23 Apr, 1260 St Clement's College B Minor: Allen Cansdale 1, Kate Champness 2, Angela Pannell 3, Peter G Smith 4, Vicky LeFèvre (C) 5, Ian Hamilton 6. For St George's Day. **£3**

Fordham, Cambs. (The Willows) 22 May, 1260 Oxford TB & PB Minor: Rosemary J Palmer 1-2, Phillip J Wilding 3-4, Roger J Palmer (C) 5-6.

Glanvilles Wootton, Dorset. 26 May, 1260 Grandsire & PB Doubles: Mike Pitman 1, Simon Tremewan 2, David Fifield 3, Jan Keohane 4, Nick Baker (C) 5, Chris Burnett 6. For the Christening of Daisy Mill Hillier.

Gloucester. (Cathedral) 26 May, 1408 Little B Maximus: John Smith 1, Frances Mulvey 2, Mary Chapman 3, Jo Gifford 4, Margaret Smith 5, Tim Lewis 6, Geoff Young 7, David Franklin 8, Cathy Baker 9, David Chapman 10, Rachel Coates 11, Malcolm Evans (C) 12. **£3.60**

Goring by Sea, W Sussex. 28 May, 1260 St Simon's Doubles: Margaret Grundy 1, Elizabeth Potter 2, Moya Hills 3, Tansley Grace 4, Graham Hills (C) 5, Irene Batchelor 6. For the ordination service of our curate, Simon Horton. Also for Helena Buque, curate at Felfham, Patching & Clapham & David Jarrott, curate at Felfham. **£3**

Guernsey, Channel Is. (Portelet Harbour) 25 May, 1260 PB Major: Peter J R Bevis 1-2, Helen M McGregor 3-4, Stephen A Rossiter (C) 5-6, Duncan Loweth 7-8. 1st Major on handbells: 7-8. To celebrate the engagement of Duncan Loweth to Gemma Wickersham. **£2**

Guernsey, Channel Is. (S Marguerite de la Foret) 24 May, 1320 Norwich & Cambridge S Minor: June A Saint 1, Paul Lawrence 2, Helen M McGregor 3, Peter J R Bevis 4, Duncan Loweth 5, Stephen A Rossiter (C) 6. To celebrate the engagement of Duncan Loweth to Gemma Wickersham. **£3**

Guernsey, Channel Is. (S Pierre du Bois) 23 May, 1344 PB Triples: Linda Sager 1, Margaret Sherwood 2, Roger Tompsett 3, Gordon Baldam 4, Richard Partridge 5, Keith Tompsett 6, Michael Tompsett (C) 7, Timothy Mann 8. **£4**

Guernsey, Channel Is. (S Pierre du Bois) 25 May, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Peter Gallienne 1, June A Saint 2, Paul Lawrence 3, Peter J R Bevis 4, Helen M McGregor 5, Phil Le Conte 6, Duncan Loweth 7, Stephen A Rossiter (C) 8. 1st S Major: 3. **£4**

Guernsey, Channel Is. (S Pierre du Bois) 25 May, 1260 PB Triples: Esme White 1, June A Saint 2, Helen M McGregor 3, Rob Gorton 4, Mike Bubb 5, Duncan Loweth 6, Stephen A Rossiter (C) 7, Phil Le Conte 8. 1st Triples inside: 4. **£4**

Gulval, Cornwall. 13 May, 1280 Spl S Major (8m): Debbie Spittle 1, Carolyn Howell 2, Jane Hitchens 3, Claire Sowden 4, Robert Perry 5, Martin Spittle 6, Chris Venn 7, Norman Mattingley (C) 8. 1st 8-spliced: 4.

Harborne, Birmingham. 26 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: D Rose W Horton 1, Janet A Horton 2, Tamsin Lane 3, Stephen W Horton 4, Michael Rigby 5, Clare McArdle (C) 6. 1st TB: 1.

Hedon, E Yorks. 26 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Albert Lowery 1, Andrew J Bicknell (C) 2, Gwynneth C Moffatt 3, Paul Franzen 4, Richard Whittaker 5, Keith Everingham 6. To congratulate 1 on being made an honorary life member of The Beverley & District Ringing Society. Helen Audley was closely associated with this Q. **£1.20**

Higham Ferrers, Northants. 25 May, 1273 Grandsire Triples: Alan Marks 1, Pam Bailey 2, Robert Dennis (C) 3, Brenda Dixon 4, Richard Cowley 5, Kevan Chapman 6, Simon Sweeney 7, George Whiting 8. For the town's monthly farmers' market.

High Halden, Kent. 29 May, 1320 Ipswich S Minor: Helen M Artlett 1, Mary F Marshall 2, Stephen J Davis 3, Ian D Evans 4, Karen A Edwards 5, Michael C Marshall (C) 6. 1st in m: 4. Celebrating the 60th anniversary (today) of the conquest of Mount Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary & Sherpa Tenzing Norgay. **£BD**

High Wycombe, Bucks. 30 May, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Michael A Williams 1, Simon A Bond 2, Mary C Friskney 3, Patricia M Newton 4, Keith D Anderson 5, Simon L Edwards 6, Christopher I Griggs 7, Mark A Bell (C) 8, Henry V Bettinson 9, Jonathan Cresshull 10, Robin O Hall 11, Bernard J Stone 12.

Hoar Cross, Staffs. 26 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: R Jean Nixon 1, Peter W Olding 2, James Nixon 3, Jonathan B Townsend 4, Andrew J Townsend 5, Andrew C Ogden (C) 6. After morning service.

Holborn, London WC2. (S Giles-in-the-Fields) 5 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): Christine Stratford 1, Lorraine Andrews 2, R Casserley 3, A Faulkner 4, D Ellisdon (C) 5, A Groves 6. For Sung Evensong. **£3**

Holmes Chapel, Cheshire. 25 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Derek R Copley 1, S James Fisher 2, William Hall 3, John F Murfin 4, David J Phillips 5, Mervyn J Harrison (C) 6. 1st away from cover: 1.

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 24 May, 1260 Doubles (8m): Pauline Kennard 1, Louise Pink 2, Jenny Frith 3, Rachel Edwards 4, Anne Franklin (C) 5, Christine Baldock 6. Most methods: 3.

Hornchurch, Essex. 26 May, 1260 Double Court & PB Minor: Chris Pain 1, Leonie Hughes 2, Gavin Lee 3, Paul Bloomfield 4, Simon Greenwood 5, Clive Stephenson (C) 6. First Double Court: 3. **£BD**

Horsington, Som. 15 May, 1250 Cambridge S Minor: Lily Carswell 1, Ann Pearce 2, Jenny Alderson 3, Tobias Dando 4, Anna Piechna 5, Pat Tucker (C) 6. On 1's 16th Birthday. 1st S: 1.

Ipswich, Old Stoke, Suffolk. (The Wolery) 11 May, 1260 Stedman Doubles: George M Salter 1, Colin F Salter 2, David R Howe 3, Louis P H Suggett 4, David G Salter (C) 5. 1st in m: 1 & 2. 1/8.

Ipswich, Suffolk. (S Matthew) 11 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: George M Salter (C) 1, Martin C Jones 2, David G Salter 3, Colin F Salter 4, David R Howe 5, Louis P H Suggett 6. 1st in Suffolk: 2. 2/8.

Ipswich, Suffolk. (S Mary at the Quay) 11 May, 1260 PB Minor: David G Salter 1, Josephine M Beever 2, Colin F Salter 3, David R Howe 4, George M Salter 5, Louis P H Suggett (C) 6. 450th Q: 6. 3/8.

Ipswich, Suffolk. (S Clement) 11 May, 1320 Norwich S Minor: Josephine M Beever 1, David G Salter 2, David R Howe 3, Colin F Salter 4, Louis P H Suggett 5, George M Salter (C) 6. 4/8.

Ipswich, Suffolk. (S Lawrence) 11 May, 1260 Doubles (7m/4v): David G Salter 1, Colin F Salter 2, George M Salter (C) 3, Louis P H Suggett 4, David R Howe 5. 5/8.

Ipswich, Suffolk. (S Nicholas) 11 May, 1320 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Pl Doubles: David R Howe 1, Colin F Salter 2, David G Salter 3, George M Salter 4, Louis P H Suggett (C) 5. 6/8.

Ipswich, Suffolk. (S Margaret) 11 May, 1344 Superlative S Major: David R Howe 1, Brian E Whiting 2, Louis P H Suggett 3, Colin F Salter 4, Peter W Harper 5, David I Stanford 6, Roderic K Bickerton 7, George M Salter (C) 8. 1st in m: 4 & 8. 7/8.

Ipswich, Suffolk. (S Mary le Tower) 11 May, 1312 Yorkshire S Major: Brian E Whiting (C) 1, George M Salter 2, David R Howe 3, Louis P H Suggett 4, Colin F Salter 5, Roderic K Bickerton 6, Peter W Harper 7, David I Stanford 8. 8/8. At the end of the day after 2, 3, 4 & 5 rung a Q at every ringable Ipswich tower with 5 or more bells.

Isleworth, Middx. 24 May, 1260 PB Minor: Niki Tompkinson 1, Carol Wilkinson 2, Edward Mould 3, Louise Booth 4, Oli Thompson 5, Phaedra Sawbridge (C) 6.

Ivinghoe, Bucks. 29 May, 1260 PB Minor: John E Hearn 1, Roger W Powell 2, Colin L Walter 3, Charles E Thorogood 4, Frederick W Ellis 5, L Roy Woodruff (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of first climb to the summit of Mount Everest on 29 May 1953 & to honour Emlyn Jones, who lives in Ivinghoe near the church & was on the reserve team for that expedition.

Kemsing, Kent. 28 May, 1260 Childwall B Minor: Janice Byrne 1, Bobbie Fairclough 2, Eric Roughley 3, Fraser Clift 4, Stella Wooldrige 5, Anthony Leves (C) 6. **£2**

Knowle, W Mids. 26 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Taylor 1, Annette Jarratt-Knock 2, Karen Shipley 3, Colin Baugh 4, Ann Smart 5, Rowena Shipley 6, Stephen Shipley (C) 7, A J Barnfield 8. For evening service. **£BD**

Langdon Hills, Essex. 26 May, 1260 Pl Doubles (11m): Alan Gisby 1, Cathryn Corns (C) 2, David Belcham 3, Gordon Lucas 4, Darren Osborne 5.

Lavenham, Suffolk. 26 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Mervyn Cochrane 1, Mary Baker 2, David Howe 3, Alan Baker 4, Richard Brewster (C) 5, Martin Weaver 6. Before Trinity Sunday service. Also a compliment to Liz & David England recently relocated to Wales.

Leverington, Cambs. 24 May, 1296 Caithness S Minor: Marion Robinson 1, June Mackay 2, Janet Garnett 3, Alison Daniels 4, Adrian Malton (C) 5, Daniel Denton 6. First in m by all except 5. For 5's Birthday. **£BD**

Lincoln. (Cathedral) 26 May, 1282 Cambridge S Major: Rose Hancock 1, Michael Lawton 2, Heather Blacklock 3, Dot Mason 4, Phil Mason 5, John Nicholson 6, Les Townsend 7, Michael Stracey (C) 8. For Trinity Sunday Evensong. 1st S inside: 2. **£BD**

Lismore, NSW. 26 May, 1260 Original Singles: Jonathan Laurence 1, Margaret Weatherby 2, Robert Weatherby Snr (C) 3. For Trinity Sunday & the Commemoration of the Battle of the North Atlantic.

Llandaff, Cardiff. (Cathedral) 26 May, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Rebecca M Shipley 1, Patricia A Moore 2, Joy E Kipling 3, David J Llewellyn 4, David F Moore 5, Bryn C Kipling 6, Halisi Drysdale 7, John A Vesey (C) 8, Christopher W Kipling 9, Robert C Woodward 10. For Compline, to welcome Elin Grace Rogers, born 17 May 2013. Congratulations to Paul & Rachael from the Cathedral Guild of Ringers.

Llandegai, N Wales. 23 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Emily Jane Wilde 1, Garry Peel 2, Michael Brooks 3, David Raggett (C) 4, Christopher E Wheatley 5, Leah Stead 6. To celebrate the end of the academic year for the members of the Bangor Student Society of Change Ringers. **£4**

Loddon, Norfolk. 26 May, 1280 Bristol S Major: David Steed 1, Michelle Clutten 2, Katie Wright 3, Lesley Steed 4, Ann Webb 5, David Webb 6, Adrian Malton (C) 7, Daniel Denton 8. **£2.40**

Loddon, Norfolk. 26 May, 1280 Spl S Major (3m): Adrian Malton (C) 1, Michelle Clutten 2, Katie Wright 3, David Steed 4, Lesley Steed 5, Ann Webb 6, Daniel Denton 7, David Webb 8. Most Spl S Major: 3. **£2.40**

Loddon, Norfolk. 28 May, 1320 Stamford S Minor: Jeannine Roe 1, Katie Wright 2, Ann-M Webb (C) 3, Michael Stokes 4, Michelle Clutten 5, David Webb 6. First blows in m 4,5.

Long Buckley, Northants. 20 May, 1260 PB & Grandsire Doubles: R Waddy 1, P Clifton 2, D Meakin 3, M Ellison 4, D Baskerville (C) 5. **£2**

Long Buckley, Northants. 27 May, 1260 PB Minor: R Waddy 1, P Clifton 2, M Ellison 3, M Harvey 4, B Foley 5, D Baskerville (C) 6. **£2**

Lylington, Hants. 18 May, 1260 St Clement's College B Triples: Margaret Feneley 1, Ken Waller 2, Joanne A Waller 3, Ben Waller 4, Michael Hurst (C) 5, Mark Robins 6, Jonathan Waller 7, Carol Waller 8.

Marston Bigot, Som. (S Leonard) 27 May, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Anna M P Piechna 1, Claire O'Mahony 2, Tobias B Dando 3, Nicki Williams 4, Christopher R Field 5, Jon Storey 6, Patricia D Spink 7, Brian J Woodruffe (C) 8. 1st in m: 6. After a lost peal attempt.

Meldreth, Cambs. 27 May, 1280 Glasgow S Major: Marion Robinson 1, Liz Griffith-Jones 2, Jonathan Agg (C) 3, June Mackay 4, Richard Smith 5, Andrew Brown 6, Alban Forster 7, Luke Smith 8. **£2.40**

Mentmore, Bucks. 25 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Ruth Monks 1, Rose Nightingale (C) 2, Charles E Thorogood 3, Peter K Phillips 4, Richard Booth 5. For the opening of the Mentmore Arts Festival.

Mentmore, Bucks. 26 May, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Pl Doubles: Richard Booth 1, Rose Nightingale 2, Jan Robinson 3, Bob Tregillus 4, Simon J O Head (C) 5. For the Mentmore Arts Festival & Trinity Sunday. 1st in m: 3. Circled tower: 1.

Mentmore, Bucks. 27 May, 1260 Evening Star Pl Doubles: Rose Nightingale 1, Lyndsey B Brett 2, Richard Booth 3, Kevin Pughe 4, Simon J O Head (C) 5. 3rd of 3 for the Mentmore Arts Festival. 1st in m: 2.

Middleton Cheney, Northants. 27 May, 1260 PB Minor: Beth Sanderson 1, Andrew H Ball 2, William J Sanderson 3, Gerald V Skelly 4, A Roy Shallish 5, Charels H P Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 6.

Milford on Sea, Hants. 18 May, 1280 PB Major: Ken Waller 1, Carol Waller 2, Margaret Feneley 3, Joanne A Waller 4, Jonathan Waller 5, Michael Hurst 6, Mark Robins 7, Ben Waller (C) 8. Immediately after the marriage of Ben Odbert & Sarah Hayet.

Nempnett Thrubwell, Som. 26 May, 1260 PB & Grandsire Doubles: Teresa J Humphrey 1, Beth Sanderson 2, Anthea Ames 3, William J Sanderson 4, Andrew H Ball (C) 5, A Roy Shallish 6. **£BD**

Newbury, Berks. 27 May, 1288 Middlesex B Triples: Cath Fittell 1, Angela Brown 2, Rebecca Browning 3, Maureen Tarbox 4, Andrew Clark Maxwell 5, J Martin Rice 6, Mark Robins (C) 7, Roy Pratley 8.

Newnham on Severn, Glos. 29 May, 1408 Bristol S Major: David A C Matthews 1, Elizabeth A Evans 2, Kathryn H Lucas 3, Quentin S A Jackson 4, Malcolm N Evans 5, Ian R Fielding (C) 6, Anthony M Bulteel 7, Philip M Pratt 8.

North Wootton, Som. (Great Orchard Campanile) 11 May, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Simon W Edwards 1, Philip D Moyle 2, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 3, Daniel Knight 4, Mervyn A Arscott 5, Jane Hooker 6, Daniel Graham 7, Kristian D Scudamore 8. 350th Q: 7, 2/3.

Nottingham. (S Mary) 24 May, 1282 Xantha S Royal: Corinna England 1, Denise Harden 2, Martyn Marriott 3, Emma Jones 4, Phil Wild 5, Derek Butterworth 6, Matthew Jones 7, Peter Hawcock 8, Bob Metcalfe 9, Peter England (C) 10. Completes the Surprise Royal alphabet. **£2.50**

Offton, Suffolk. 28 May, 1312 Lincolnshire S Major: Adrian Knights 1, Winston S Girling 2, Janet R Sheldrake 3, Gordon E Slack 4, Doug R Perry 5, Maurice J Rose 6, Joanna M Gray 7, Brian E Whiting (C) 8.

Old Stoke, Ipswich, Suffolk. (76 Rectory Road) 24 May, 1296 Pleiades Treble Pl Minimus: Colin F Salter 1-2, George M Salter (C) 3-4. First Treble Pl for both.

Old Stoke, Ipswich, Suffolk. (76 Rectory Road) 27 May, 1296 Orion Treble Pl Minimus: Colin F Salter 1-2, George M Salter (C) 3-4. 100th Q: 3-4. First in m for both.

Oveston, Glos. 30 May, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Lorna E Swan 1, George E Wyatt 2, Mervyn A Arscott 3, Robert Caton 4, Andrew H Ball 5, Gerald V Skelly 6, A Roy Shallish 7, David A C Matthews (C) 8. 1st in m: 2.

Oxford. (Cathedral) 28 Apr, 1346 Cambridge S Maximus: Bernard J Stone 1, Simon A Bond (C) 2, Michele Winter 3, Jonathan Cresshull 4, Stuart F Gibson 5, Mary C Friskney 6, Robin O Hall 7, John G Pusey 8, Leon G Thompson 9, Christopher I Griggs 10, Colin M Lee 11, Michael O'Hagan 12.

Oxford. (Cathedral) 19 May, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Bernard J Stone 1, Michael A Williams 2, Michael O'Hagan 3, Leon G Thompson 4, Stuart F Gibson 5, Katherine A Stonham 6, Benjamin D Constant 7, Simon A Bond (C) 8, Mark D Tarrant 9, Colin M Lee 10, Adam S Greenley 11, Robin O Hall 12. 1st in m: 6. A compliment to Esme & Alistair Bell immediately before their Christening in the Cathedral.

Oxford. (S Mary Magd) 18 May, 1295 Grandsire Caters: Simon A Bond (C) 1, Michael O'Hagan 2, Michael A Williams 3, Katherine A Stonham 4, Hannah Guggiari 5, Rosalind F Roberts 6, Courtney J Spoerer 7, Nicholas J Hartley 8, Mark D Tarrant 9, Helen V Matthews 10. 1st on 10: 10. 100th Q: 7. 100th on the bells & circled the tower as C: 1.

Oxford. (S Thomas M) 19 May, 1296 Spl S Minor (12m): Simon A Bond (C) 1, Dorothy G Hall 2, Hazel M Rothera 3, Samuel Press 4, Michael O'Hagan 5, Mark D Tarrant 6. A compliment to Alistair & Esme Bell on the day of their Christening.

Pawlett, Som. 29 May, 1260 Lee-on-the-Solent B Minor: Bryan G Williams 1, Valerie Stone 2, John West 3, W John Parsons 4, Giles R Morley 5, Martin J Blazey (C) 6. 500th together: 5 & 6. **£BD**

Perth, W Australia. (Cathedral) 26 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Garside 1, Laura Ivey 2, Clive Cooke 3, Henry Attfield 4, Adam Beer (C) 5. For Evensong. **£BD**

Perth, W Australia. (The Bell Tower) 25 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Laura Ivey 1, Gabby Ling 2, Jayne Hodgkin (C) 3, David Knewstubb 4, Ken Hodgkin 5, Christine Garside 6. To celebrate Perth International Jazz Festival, held this weekend. **£BD**

Peterborough, Cambs. (S Mary) 26 May, 1260 PB Triples: Gillian Christie 1, Nick Elks 2, Elaine Wilkinson 3, Joan Parker 4, Andrew Christie 5, Geoff Davis 6, Stuart Weston (C) 7, Tom Stevenson 8. In celebration of Margaret Taylor's 80th Birthday. **£4**

Pettistree, Suffolk. 25 May, 1320 Helen & Bedford D Minor: Suzanne Stevens 1, Mary Garner 2, Brian Whiting 3, Richard Munnings 4, Jonathan Stevens 5, Mike Whitby (C) 6. To celebrate the wedding of Helen Victoria Bedford & Ronak Patel.

Pettistree, Suffolk. 29 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Gill Waterson 1, Joanna Crowe 2, Pippa Moss 3, Mike Whitaker 4, Richard Munnings 5, Mike Whitby (C) 6. Birthday compliments to: Alfred Waterson, Derek Martin, Mike Whitaker, Geoffrey Clement & Alan McBurnie.

Portbury, North Som. 9 May, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Lorna Swan 1, Janet K Wyatt 2, Gerald V Skelly 3, David A C Matthews 4, Andrew H Ball (C) 5, Richard O Humphries 6. For Ascension Day.

Portsmouth, Hants. (Cathedral) 12 May, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Peter W Hill 1, Christine R Hill 2, Stephen S Russ 3, Edd Colliss (C) 4, Sarah E Hutchinson 5, Anthony P Smith 6, Thomas R Neale 7, Daniel Graham 8, Benjamin J Carey 9, Malcolm M Powell 10, David J Mattingley 11, Ian J Carey 12. 1st in m: 7.

Puriton, Som. 29 May, 1260 PB Minor: Valerie Stone 1, Bryan G Williams 2, John West 3, W John Parsons 4, Martin J Blazey 5, Giles R Morley (C) 6. **£BD**

Reading, Berks. (S Laurence) 20 May, 1280 Spl S Royal (8m): Jo Knight 1, June Wells 2, Tim Pett (C) 3, Jack Page 4, Robin Middleton 5, Graham John 6, Doug Beaumont 7, Richard Youdale 8, Robert Partridge 9, John Wells 10. 1st Spl S Royal: 4.

Rolleston-on-Dove, Staffs. 26 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Colin Whieldon 1, Lee Cooke 2, Sarah Poynton 3, John A Cater 4, Barry Gooding 5, Christopher P Wilton (C) 6. For Evensong. **£3**

Rushden, Northants. 26 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jenny A Ball 1, Pam M Bailey 2, Cathy J Dixon 3, Harry E Curtis 4, Simon J Dixon 5, Brenda M Dixon (C) 6, Alan J Marks 7, Tom P J Coles 8. For Evensong & to congratulate 8 on his Confirmation (19th) & 17th Birthday (24th).

Ryde, IoW. 26 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Janet L Morris 1, Andrew A Ward 2, Hilda C Ridley 3, Jonathan C Adkins 4, Christopher K Cooper 5, Philip F Pope 6, Francis M Byrne (C) 7, Philip R Grover 8. On the 30th Dursley & Friends Bank Holiday Ringing Weekend.

Saffron Walden, Essex. 30 May, 1254 Grandsire Cinques: Mary Bone 1, Joan Garrett 2, Ann Clinton 3, Liz Griffith-Jones 4, Penny Browne 5, Barbara Le Gallez 6, June Mackay (1st Grandsire Cinques) 7, Ann Evans 8, Stephen Wood (C) 9, John Rank 10, John Hall 11, Alastair Stracey (1st on 12) 12. For Corpus Christi. **£6**

Shipston on Stour, Warks. 27 May, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Beth Sanderson 1, William J Sanderson 2, A Roy Shallish 3, Charles H P Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 4, Andrew H Ball 5, Gerald V Skelly 6.

Silverdale, Lancs. 25 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Wendy Daw 1, Ray Daw 2, Rebecca Rogan 3, John Rogan 4, Tony Daw 5, Robin Daw (C) 6. Prior to the wedding of 6 & Louise Husband in this church. **££BD**

Sketty, Swansea. 5 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Rose 1, Lisa Allen 2, Nigel Doyle (C) 3, Andrew J Dodd 4, Judith Doyle 5, Rachel Anderson 6. To celebrate the birth of Isla Naylor's grandson Leo.

Somerleyton, Suffolk. 28 May, 1260 St Clement's & PB Minor: Sue Rabong 1, Vanessa Crawford 2, Rachel Cossey 3, Norman Cossey 4, Stephen Rabong 5, Tony Crawford (C) 6. As a Silver Wedding Anniversary compliment for 3 & 4 who were married at St Margaret & St Mary, Norton Subcourse on 28 May 1988.

Southgate, Middx. 26 May, 1350 Grandsire Caters: Christopher Trawin 1, Kate Giddens 2, Catherine Moore 3, Paul Norman 4, Richard Lewis (C) 5, David Ely 6, Ron Giddens 7, Nancy Surman 8, Helen Porter 9, Martin Sutcliffe 10. For Evensong on the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic. First treble to Caters. First in m as C. **£5**

South Walsham, Norfolk. 24 May, 1272 Durham S Minor: Sam Keable 1, Nikki Thomas 2, Paul Cubitt 3, Robert Harris 4, Neil Thomas 5, Richard Carter (C) 6. To mark the birth of a son, Jacob, to Luke & Laura & a grandson to Malcolm & Sybil Davey.

Southwark, Surrey. (Cathedral) 14 Apr, 1344 Cambridge S Maximus: Ryan S Noble 1, Hannah L Wilby 2, Benjamin J Meyer 3, Brian P Spurling 4, James P Ramsbottom 5, E John W Manley 6, John R Ware 7, Jeremy D Cheesman 8, Edward N Hughes D'Aeth 9, Cathy L A Cheesman 10, Peter Valuks (C) 11, Luke O Camden 12. Prior to Choral Evensong incorporating the collation & installation of the Archdeacons of Croydon, Lewisham & Greenwich & Southwark. 1st Maximus: 7.

South Weald, Essex. 24 May, 1260 Erin Triples: Hilary Donoghue 1, Cathryn Corns 2, Gordon Lucas 3, Lydia Roberts 4, David Sloman 5, Steve Halliwell 6, John Harpole (C) 7, Alan Gisby 8. By the Southern District retirees band, with one interloper in full-time employment. **£5**

Staveley, Derbys. 26 May, 1250 Rutland S Major: Tony Fisher 1, Susan G Hall 2, Anne Westman 3, Emily E Hall 4, Joe Leary 5, Andrew E Hall 6, Matthew Yeomans 7, Neil Westman (C) 8. 1st in m: 4 & 6. **£4**

St Buryan, Cornwall. 29 May, 1440 Sandiacre S Minor: Jane Hitchens 1, Carolyn Howell 2, Graham Baskerville 3, Sam Nankervis 4, Neil Hitchens 5, Chris Venn (C) 6. 1st in m: 2 & 3. To celebrate the marriage of Trystan Hitchens to Victoria Barker which took place at St Bartholomew's Church, Tong, Shropshire on Saturday 25th May.

Peals and touches

by John C. Eisel

Introduction

Those of us who look at old newspapers know how difficult it is to find every relevant extract, whatever the subject being researched, so it is inevitable that despite the very comprehensive nature of the extracts published in *Order and Disorder in the Eighteenth Century*, further extracts will be found. The number that I know of, or have been sent to me, is relatively small compared to the number in the book but eventually there will be enough to publish as a supplement. However, recently I found a few that are worth mentioning their own right.

Ringing Matches

It is well known that there has been a competitive element to ringing from very early on, exemplified by the rule of the Lincoln Company in its 1612 Ordinances that lays down a fine of 20s. ‘if any of the said Company ... shall directly or indirectly attempt to go about or procure any of the said Company to join, take part, or ring any match, in or with any person or persons against the said Company.’ Other sets of rules are not quite so specific, but can be interpreted in a similar way. As far as I am aware, no record seems to have survived of what form these matches took, which would be very instructive of this very early part of the history of the Exercise. There seems little doubt that they would include raising and falling in peal, and a period of rounds in between, but whether any change ringing was also included is very much open to speculation.

In 1992 the state of knowledge of ringing matches was embodied in Cyril Wratten’s chapter on ‘Trials of Skill’ in *Change Ringing: the History of an English Art* Vol. 2. There the record of the earliest match quoted comes from a newspaper advert in the *Norwich Gazette* of 5th May 1711, published in these pages in an extended article by David Cubitt (12th March 1971, p.216):

‘Five new Bells being hung at Catfield in Norfolk, all very fine Notes, there are Five Pair of Gloves to be given by Mr. Thomas Key of Catfield, to such Ringers as will ring there on Monday in Whitsun-week.’

Although it is no specific mention as such, the implication is that the five pairs of gloves were to be competed for.

I am not aware of any record of an earlier match been published since Cyril’s chapter was written, but recently, purely by chance, I turned up a reference to an earlier match, in an advert that appeared in the *Post Boy* for Tues. 12 Dec. – Thurs. 14 Dec. 1699. This is not early enough to shed light on the early history of the Exercise, but at least gets us back into the seventeenth century;

‘On the 26 of this Instant December, at Casholton [sic] in Surrey, are five Gold Rings to be Ringed for, best of two Tryals of Sixscore Changes, called a Grandsir: As

likewise five pair of Silver Buckles to be Ringed for, round Ringing for half an Hours Peal underneath. All Companies of Ringers therefore, that are willing to Ring, are desired to meet at the Greyhound by Nine a Clock in the Morning, and there to put in their Money according to the Articles. Note, If any Company be desirous to try the Bells before the Day prefix’d, they have the liberty.’

The substantial prize of five gold rings means either that the rings were small, or the money to be put down was substantial, or a large number of companies would be expected.

The possibility that this is a hoax must first be considered, with the prize of Five Gold Rings being offered at Christmas time, reminiscent of the carol *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. However, this carol not appear in print in England until about 1780, and was derived from a French original, and it does seem unlikely that it was known in this form in England about 80 years before. Even if it was a hoax, that does not really completely rule this out as evidence, as a good hoax must be rooted in fact to be believable (as various editors of the *RW* have found out to their cost!). Moreover, there was a cost involved in putting in the advert, which militates against it being a hoax. As advertised, there were two competitions, the first ringing two extents of Grandsire Doubles without a cover (only five rings!) and another for round ringing (although I can’t explain the reference to ‘underneath’ in the advert, unless it means ‘afterwards’.) Thus round ringing was evidently part of the competitive element, then as no doubt earlier in the century.

If anyone has any earlier references to ringing matches, of which details are given, it would be very instructive to hear of them.

Peals

I have told the story of ringing in Ludlow in the eighteenth century in these pages (2007, pp.681-3 & 685-6), but again by chance I have turned up a several newspaper reports which shed some more light on happenings there, one of which has a wider significance. The earliest of the reports appeared in the issue of the *Evening Post* for Sat. 6 June – Tues. 9 June 1719 and also in the *Weekly Packet* for Sat. 6 June – Sat. 13 June 1719:

‘They write from Ludlow, that some of the Dragoons, quartered there, made a Disturbance in the Town, on account of the Inhabitants solemnizing the 29th of May; that they went into the Belfry, beat the Ringers, and made them desist, cut two of the Townsmen with their Swords: Whereupon the High Constable waited on the Commanding Office to demand the Offenders, two of which were delivered up, and committed to Prison.’

This paints a terrifying picture of the disaffected dragoons racing up the spiral

bursting into the ringing chamber—then a loft in the lantern part of the tower—and belabouring the ringers to make them stop, before returning below and attacking at least a couple of townsmen, and it was only right that they should be committed to prison. The significance of the day was that it was Oak-Apple Day, celebrating the restoration of Charles II; often a paid ringing day.

The story is very circumstantial and believable, but it appears that it was a falsehood and put about for political reasons. The Jacobite Rebellion of 1715 had not long been put down, the unrest continued, and order was only kept by the use of troops loyal to the establishment, with any opportunity being taken to discredit them. This particular calumny on the military was exposed in an unsigned letter from Ludlow, dated 26th June, which was published in the *Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer* of Saturday, 27th June 1719, which began:

‘THE Enemies of the Government are always ready to lay hold of every Occasion to asperse it; but more especially the Soldiery, because they are known to be hearty for the King: And it appears; that we have Papers as ready to do their dirty Work, as they are to contrive it ...’

The writer then recounted essentially what was in the earlier news report, and went on to say:

‘This plausible story inserted in so plausible a Paper, made a noise for some time, and the poor Soldiers were miserably curs’d by High-Church, as Enemies to the Restoration, when the poor Men are nothing less, but rejoice as hearty on that Day as any other; at length the truth comes out, and the Person that inserted it, is in Justice obliged to say, that the whole Story is false and groundless: he ought likewise, I think, to be oblig’d to ask Pardon of the Soldiers for aspersing them in that tender part of their Honour, who are Men that behavd [*sic*] well and civilly in their Quarters.’

Nothing further seems to have been published about this affair.

The ringers who feature in this false report seem to have been very active, and it may have been because of this that the six bells were recast into a heavy ring of eight bells in 1732 (now a not-so-heavy ring of ten). Soon after, on May Day 1733, the band accomplished a peal of Grandsire Triples which was reported in the *Gloucester Journal* of 15th May 1733, where it was said to have been rung by ‘a Society of old Men (except one aged 21) amounting to upwards of 402 years.’

Within a few years two more peals were accomplished at Ludlow, the first of which was published in *Read’s Weekly Journal or British Gazetteer* of Sat. 28 Jan. 1738:

Ludlow, Jan. 21. Yesterday the whole Peal of Grandsire Trebles was rung here in three Hours and twelve Minutes, in Honour of the Prince of Wales’s Birth-Day, (this City being his Royal Highness’s Seat for the Principality). The Performance was the more extraordinary by Reason of the

Largeness of the Bells, the Tenor being near 2600 Wt. and exceedingly long draught, and a Boy rung the Treble, about 12 or 14 Years of Age.

A further report appeared in the *Daily Gazetteer* of Tues. 31 Jan. 1738, which gives the time taken as 3 hours 11 minutes, and goes on to describe the festivities that took place later in the day, which was 'usher'd in with Ringing of Bells.'

Another peal was rung at Ludlow later in the year, reported in *The London Evening Post* of Sat. 2 Dec. 1738 – Tues. 5 Dec. 1738;

'On Monday the 27th past was rung at Ludlow in the County of Salop, by eight Persons only, the whole Peal of Grandsire Tripples, being 5040 Changes, in three Hours and nine Minutes; also a Peal of Bob Major, concluding with another peal of Plain Bob Tripples; which Performance, according to the Opinion of very good Judges of the Art, was exceedingly just. The Tenor is upwards of a Ton and quarter. And Yesterday the same Persons were to ring 5040 Bob Major.'

In the above report it is emphasised that only eight persons took part, implying perhaps that the earlier peals were rung by more than eight ringers, which would bring the average age for the first peal down a bit! This is thus the third known peal on the bells, and there was another attempt on 4th December 1738 for a peal of Bob Major, but this was not reported, so it may well be that this was lost. (The unusual date of the newspaper indicates that it covered news from that period and that it was published on 5th December 1738.)

The phraseology of the report is slightly unusual, and what seems to have happened is that a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, followed by shorter lengths of Bob Triples and Bob Major, perhaps plain courses, but clearly not what we as ringers would now call a peal, hence the attempt for '5040 Bob Major'. The usage of the word 'peal' has altered over the years, and this is well illustrated by this extract. In the early ringing rules it was used to mean any length of ringing, then in change ringing to denote a length of changes. Duckworth, in *Tintinnalugia* (1668), uses it not only to denote 120 changes of Doubles, but also lengths of changes less than the maximum. Thus, in discussing changes on six bells, he prefaces his remarks by saying;

'On six Bells there are Seven-hundred and twenty Changes to be made; but there are Peals of Six-score and Twelve-score Changes to be Rang on them. ...'

Stedman, in his *Campanalogia* (1677), also uses the word for a length of changes, including lengths of changes less than the maximum. In his section on ringing the plain changes on five bells he says;

'There are sixscore changes to be rung on five bells; but the Learner may first practise some shorter peals, as the Ten changes, ...'

In *Campanalogia Improved* (1702) the word had a similar usage, as in the introductory part of the book the following advice is given;

'But before we proceed any further 'twill be requisite to give this general Instruction; that in all *Peals* for the Young practitioners more easie learning we shall set down some few *Changes* as the Courses of such *Peals* will permit, thereby to acquaint him with a more easy Method of learning the same, advising him not to adventure on too long *Peals*, till he is throughly [*sic*] practis'd in such short ones.'

In other words, ring short touches before long ones, although the word touch was not used! This paragraph appears in its entirety in the fifth and last edition of 1766.

In relation to Grandsire Triples, the section on Grandsire Triples in *Campanalogia Improved* also gives shorter touches, again designated 'peals', leading up to a touch of 2520 which in its heading is called the 'Half Peal', hence using the word in its now usual sense. In the text, in referring to this series of touches, it is stated that 'The next part into which this *Peal* is divided is 2520, being one half of the whole ...' Later in the text, relating to obtaining the full 5040, there is a very telling paragraph, which needs quoting in full to get its full significance;

'Now having gone through the several parts of divisions of this *Peal*, what then remains thereof, is to shew the method, for the whole which is 5040 *changes*; but in regard that there is no certain method known whereby this *Peal* (as to truth) can be Rung, and that the number of *Changes* contain'd therein, being so many that they require so long a time as four hours to perform them in, which being not only very tedious but likewise tiresome for any person to Ring a *Bell* so long, we shall therefore for these reasons suspend what may be expected in reference to this matter save only add for, the satisfaction of those that are desirous to adventure upon so great an undertaking; that the only way that hath been practised is, by making a Double Change at the end of the half, ...'

The text then describes what we now call a single (here called a double because two pairs of bells changed over, rather than three) which, with the calling being repeated, produces 5040 changes. Unfortunately this is false, and clearly the authors of the text knew that, but it also clear that this had been rung, not that we know details of any such performance. This paragraph about doubling up the 2520 was omitted from the 1753 and 1766 editions

On this basis, very early peals of Grandsire Triples, particularly if they are called 'whole peals', have been thought to have been rung using this composition, and hence false. That this false composition was widely used is without doubt, but there is no certainty about this, and in the case of this report from Ludlow, the word 'whole' is used in the sense of 'complete' to differentiate it from the other lengths of change ringing, which were shorter, but still designated peals, and this is my preferred interpretation, rather than relating to the false composition from *Campanalogia Improved*. As for the composition, the first

peal of Grandsire Triples of which details are known is that rung at St Peter Mancroft in 1718, when a three-lead course composition was rung, using two special calls, a composition that was widely known. Unless any other information is available, it is not possible to make a judgement as to whether early peals are false or not. Indeed, at a slightly later date the Benjamin Annable composed a peal on the three-lead course plan, and from internal evidence in his notebook, this was composed in the period 1737-39, although it the first record of its being rung is not until 1750. While there is no clue about what composition was rung at Ludlow, there were true compositions known at the time so the peal must be accepted until more evidence proves otherwise. In the rankings of methods on the Felstead database, these peals at Ludlow, come in at no. 42 and 45 in the list of known peals in the method (ignore the peal of unknown date at the top of the list, which is apparently of the early nineteenth century).

The usage of the word peal to mean the possible number of changes on six bells was in common use up until the nineteenth century and later, and even on higher numbers there are occasional references to it as the extent of changes. Thus, when the St. Peter's company at Leeds rang 10,080 changes on 27th December 1790, it was described as 'An Abstract of a Peal of Union Treble Bob'. 'Union' was, of course, the original name for Oxford Treble Bob. There are later examples, as, for instance, when the Wakefield St. John's company rang a peal on 3rd April 1801, it was published in the *Leeds Mercury* as 'an abstract of 5040 changes, of Bob Major'. Even the report of the competition between the Senior and Junior Cumberland Youths that took place at Christ Church, Spitalfields, towards the end of 1806, to be the first to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells, used this idea, and the peals that were rung, the first by the Junior Society on 15th December 1806, conducted by John Noonan, were both referred to as 'an abstract of a peal of Steadman Grandsire Cinques.' A report of this competition appeared in the *Times* of 26th December 1806, and was copied elsewhere.

So when did the term 'peal' become common usage among ringers for a length of changes on eight bells or more, more than 5,000 but less than the full extent on the particular number of bells? There is no clear evidence, but the indications seem to be that it was probably when such lengths began to be more common in the 1720s. When the College Youths rang a peal of 10,800 Bob Major on the bells of St Mary Magdalen's church in Barnaby Street, in May 1728, the report in the *Post Man* of 21st May 1728 called it a 'compleat Peal'. Although it was what we would call a long length, it is well short of the extent of Major, and so not used in that way. Similarly, a peal of 5,040 Bob Major, rung by the College Youths at St Peter's, St Alban's, on 27th December 1729 was also described, in the *St. James's Evening Post* of 6th January 1730, as a 'compleat' Peal. When the College Youths rang a peal of 5,040 Caters at St Sepulchre's without Newgate on 15th May 1731, the report in the *Daily Advertiser* of

Monday 17th May 1731 described it as ‘an extraordinary fine Peal of Catours’, while its competitor, the *Daily Journal* of the same date described it as a ‘complete Peal’, a description that was copied in various other newspapers across the country.

From the time onwards an increasing number of peals on eight or more bells were being described as ‘complete’, which rather suggests that 5,000 changes had become the norm for what most of the Exercise would call a peal. However, rather surprisingly, the word ‘touch’ for a shorter length of changes was quite late in coming into usage. The first reference I can locate occurs in a report that appeared in the *Morning Chronicle* for Wednesday, 11th April 1787, under the by-line ‘Windsor, April 9.’

‘A set of young ringers from London, came down yesterday to amuse themselves with ringing a peal; and this morning, (after having first amused themselves with a touch at bells belonging to the parish church) they proceeded to the Castle Tower, to ring what was termed 5040 bob majors, but on account of the bad manner in which the whole of the bells are hung, and more particularly the seventh bell, they were obliged to give in, after having rung 4030 changes; it is but justice to the young men to say, what had been executed was done in a quick, neat, and masterly style.’

Here the word ‘touch’ seems to be used in the way that we do today.

To complete the story, which, although not entirely relevant, tells a good tale, the issue of the same paper for Friday, 13th April 1787, under the by-line ‘Windsor, April 12’ reported:

‘The College Youths rung their peal of grandsire trebles (and not bob majors as was mentioned by mistake) over again on Tuesday morning last, in a very correct and neat manner; the same peal on the Castle bells was rung in the year 1748, and no peal worthy of mention since. The abovementioned youths went through the 5040 changes in three hours, thirteen minutes and one half. The people of the town shewed every civility to them during their stay. On Thursday afternoon they set off for London.’

The modern use of the word ‘touch’ for a shorter length of ringing occurs in *Clavis Campanalogia* which superseded *Campanalogia Improved* in 1788. Again, the word peal is used to denote the extent on five and six bells. When the text comes to discuss Grandsire Triples, the first touch given is three bobs at home, and the text then goes on to advise the young practitioner that ‘He may then venture on other short peals or touches (as they are called).’ This is the first time that term was introduced in the printed technical literature, and it seems that it became part of the language at this period. The following report appeared in the *Chelmsford Chronicle* of Friday 15th July 1791:

‘Bishops Stortford, Herts. July 14. On Monday a peal of eight bells was opened by the Chelmsford Society with a touch of
Concluded on p.715



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George Marcus Kemp Donkin 1930-2013



George Donkin was born in Southsea on 11th August, 1930, the son of a barrister. Whilst he was a boy he was watching a game of cricket when the ball hit him on the head and, as a result, he became profoundly deaf. This changed the course of his life, making it impossible for him to go to his intended school and perhaps fulfil his destined profession. He married Ishbel Cameron in the late 1950s and they had two children, Imogen and Richard.

In the 1960s George was a poultry farmer in Brimpton, Berks and in 1973 he attended a WEA course in bellringing at Newbury College. This sparked his interest in bells and the ringing of them, a subject which occupied much of his interest for the rest of his life – along with cars, trains, and steam engines!

He learnt to ring at St Mary’s, Thatcham, taught to handle a bell by Bill Butler. Although he was profoundly deaf and couldn’t hear the bell strike, George claimed he could feel the impact of the clapper hitting the bell being transmitted down the rope. However, the art of striking was not readily acquired and much practise was needed. George became well-known travelling around the Oxford Diocesan Guild to meetings and to practices, usually arriving towards the end of the session and trying to get into the last touch! He also enjoyed nominating officers for their posts at annual meetings, and would scan the minutes to check he hadn’t been forgotten!

Shortly after George learnt to ring the annual Easthampstead training course was inaugurated and he went on the 1975 course. He enjoyed

this very much and applied to go to the 1976 course. He enjoyed this also and tried to get on the next one. At that time demand for places was very high and a rule had been established that applicants could not apply to go on the same elementary course for more than two successive years. This dampened George’s enthusiasm, although he went on the four courses between 1981-84 and the 1991 one.

In 1978 he determined to get a band of ringers at the four-bell tower of Brimpton. The Guild report shows that the following year five ringers were members of the tower and these were still present at the Guild Centenary in 1981. However, the bells did not go well and the band drained away and George eventually transferred his allegiance to Speen, where he remained until his marriage to Rosemary on 9th November, 1993.

After his retirement as a gear cutter from Opperman Gears he found ringing more difficult and harder work, and increasing age brought other restrictions so he had to give up completely. He kept in touch from time to time, entertaining some ringing friends at home up to the end of last year. He died on the morning of Thursday, 16th May, 2013.

A memorial service devised by George was held on Tuesday, 11th June, 2013 at St Mary’s, Thatcham, conducted by Revd Roger Williams assisted by the Rector, Revd Mark Bennet and curate, Revd Marion Fontaine. About fifty attended including family, friends and ringers. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters conducted by Bill Butler concluded the service. R.I.P.

WILLIAM BUTLER

Thatcham, Berks. 11 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Rosemary Evans 1, Rosamund Durham 2, Ian Judd 3, William Butler (C) 4, Anthony D Smith 5, Susan E Smith II 6, Mark D Robins 7, John J Durham 8, Robert H Newton 9, Roy Pratley (50th QP at Thatcham) 10. Rung after the Thanksgiving Service for the Life of George M K Donkin, one-time ringer at this church.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

SOUTH SHIELDS,
Tyne & Wear, St Hilda
Sun Mar 31 2013 2h38 (9)

5088 Bristol S Major

Arranged: MJLD

(from DGH 5024 no.13)

- 1 Christine Richardson
- 2 Adrian M Rowland
- 3 Alexander T G Pym
- 4 Matthew J L Durham (c)
- 5 Andreas P Schrocksnadel
- 6 Brian N Spurling
- 7 Kristopher King
- 8 David V Craggs

On Easter Day as a wedding compliment to Jennifer Stewart & Kristopher King to be married here tomorrow.

CHESTER-LE-STREET,

Co Durham, SS Mary & Cuthbert
Mon Apr 1 2013 2h57 (19)

5056 Double Norwich CB Major

Comp. John H Fielden (arr. AMB)

- 1 Mike Prentice
- 2 Alan M Barber (C)
- 3 Karen P Maughan
- 4 William Davidson
- 5 Kevin S Maughan
- 6 David A Horne
- 7 Howard E J Smith
- 8 Jeremy Housden

A compliment to Kristopher King and Jennifer Stewart who were married at St Hilda’s Church, South Shields earlier in the day. The reception at nearby Lumley Castle took place whilst the peal was in progress.
First peal: 1.

South Shields, Tyne & Wear. (S Hilda) 1 Apr, 1280 Cambridge S Major 1, Christopher Leese 2, Ellen Dew 3, Helen Mayfield 4, Michael Leese 5, David Hull 6, Christopher Crabtree 7, David Leese (c) 8, Peter Dawson. Rung following the marriage of Jennifer Stewart & Kristopher King.

Chester-le-Street, Durham. (Lumley Castle, Courtyard) 1 Apr, 1376 PB Major: Anne Parkin 1-2, Jessica Durham 3-4, Matthew Durham (C) 5-6, Neville Parkin 7-8. Rung in the castle courtyard as guests arrived for the wedding reception of Jennifer & Kristopher King.

D & N Wedding of the year

by *Christine Richardson*



Jennifer and Kris Stewart

“Easter Monday 2013; keep it free,” was the instruction from Kris to ringers near and far. Diaries were consulted and April Fool’s Day was duly blocked out in anticipation of Kris and Jennifer’s wedding celebrations.

Kris and Jennifer both work at St Thomas More School, Blaydon, and a friendship blossomed into more following a school trip to Germany during which they had spent many hours on a coach chaperoning students. In the fullness of time, Jennifer was introduced to Kris’s ringing friends and coerced into having some handling lessons at St. Hilda, South Shields, where Kris is both ringing master and organist.

Kris decided that two “best men” were needed, and a great job they both did! Brian (Best Man #1) organised the stag weekend in the Lake District, even managing to climb some of the peaks in advance and “hide” bottles of beer and other stag-party-type-things at the summits. Signs asking walkers to respect the hidden loot were also added, and nothing was disturbed thus allowing the stag party to find all the goodies as they systematically walked and climbed! Jennifer opted to have several hen parties involving many of her family and friends over several weeks.

The wedding day itself was organised by Jennifer with military precision, fully taking into account Kris’s directive, “If you’re late,

I won’t marry you.” Jennifer wasn’t late. With all 8 bells ringing out, and a “watcher” giving the ringers a running commentary of her progress the 10 feet from car to church door: (“The car door is open and photographs are being taken.” “She has her foot out of the car now and photographs are being taken.” “Both feet are out now and photographs are being

taken.” “She’s out of the car now and more photos are being taken.” “OK, I can’t see her now – oh wait, the photographer is taking more photos ...”) – the bells were stood.

Inside St Hilda’s there was literally standing room only as a radiant Jennifer met Kris at the altar. The service was beautiful; vows and rings were exchanged in the simplest of marriage ceremonies and finally they were husband and wife. During the signing of the register a course of Grandsire Triples was expertly rung on the Association mini-ring (which had been erected in the south aisle of the church) followed by a ringers’ choir singing Parry’s “I was glad”.

Following the service, champagne, beer and canapés were available at the back of church for the many guests who wanted to be part of Kris and Jennifer’s day. The 8 bells once again rang out for the 10 minutes that had been decreed, so the ringers could also partake of the refreshments. Some ringers left soon afterwards, heading for Chester-le-Street and a peal attempt within hearing distance of the reception venue. As the time approached for the main wedding party to leave for Lumley Castle and the wedding breakfast, a quarter peal band ascended the tower and Kris and Jennifer left St Hilda’s to the sound of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The afternoon was almost unseasonably warm. Being greeted with the marvelously gentle sound of a handbell quarter peal being rung in the sunshine of the Castle’s courtyard, and more champagne, the outdoor photographs were very easy to get through.

The wedding breakfast was followed by short speeches, and Andreas (Best Man #2) came into his own with a highly amusing slide show showing many facets of Kris’s life, right up to the stag weekend a few weeks earlier. The evening reception saw more friends join the party which continued until the small hours.

Many thanks to Kris and Jennifer for allowing so many friends to share their special day. We all wish them a long and very happy life together.



Left to right: Neville Parkin, Anne Parkin, Jessica Durham and Matthew Durham



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Death

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Association Announcements

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UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS. New officers: President - Rupert Littlewood. Vice Presidents - Katie Lane and Jaqui Bale. Master - Ryan Noble. Secretary - Sophie Middleton. Treasurer - Chris Rimmer. Steeple Keeper - Chris Brown. Assistant Steeple Keeper - David Phillips. Librarian - Ben Barnes. Membership Secretary - Mike Trimm. Trustees - Jenny Lane and Helen Herriott. Auditor - Thomas Wood. PCC Rep - Richard Saddleton. CC Rep - Rupert Littlewood. 3030

Weekday Meetings and Practices

L&M D.A. Practice at GROS MONT on Friday 26 July from 10.30am. All welcome. 3022

W&P D.G. Wednesday July 17, 11:00-12:00 Easton. 14:00-15:00 New Alresford. 15:15-16:00 Old Alresford. All welcome. Contact David Forder david@ringmarch.com. 3021

Meetings on Saturday July 13

ODG. Reading Branch. The Branch Practice will take place at Theale from 10-11.30am. 3031

GUILD OF RAILWAY RINGERS. AGM, Sat 13th July. Train Kidderminster - Arley return dep. 10.35. Ringing: Arley 11.30-12.10; Bewdley 2.15-3.00; Kidderminster 4.30-5.15. All Welcome - Chris Mew Secretary (enquiries 01926 402273). 3083

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G. Bingham District. 3.15pm afternoon ringing at Thurgarton followed by service, tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Lowdham from 6.30pm approx. Names for tea to Linda Morgan on 01636 830559. 3018

Meetings on Saturday July 20

CHESTER D.G. South Branch: Ringing at Wrenbury 4-5.30pm. Evening ringing Audlem 7pm. Details from Mary Stanwell 01270 628900 or south.sec@chesterdg.org.uk. 3027

DERBY D.A. Southern District. Meeting at Chellaston. Tea & cakes 7pm. Ringing 7.30pm until 9pm. All welcome. 3026

ELY D.A. Huntingdon District. Saturday 20th July 2013. Ringing at All Saints Ellington (4) 5.45-6.15pm followed by ringing at St. Andrew's Kimbolton (6) 6.30-8.30pm. All welcome. Special Methods Double Bob Minimus and Minor. 3025

LEICESTER D.G. 'Strikefest' at Wistow. 2.15pm Draw for teams (bands and teams drawn at random). 2.30-4.30pm competition ringing. 4.30pm (bring your own) tea. 5pm results. 3.15-4.15pm ringing at Saddington. Treasure Hunt, and other activities during the afternoon. Names to ring to Andrew Young (youngfam@talktalk.net or 0116 271 1148) preferably Friday or on the day, stating ringing ability. 3023

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN GUILD. Newark District. Meeting Saturday July 20th at Winthorpe. Bells 3-4.30pm. Service 4.30pm. Tea followed by meeting in the village hall 5pm. Further ringing in evening 6.30-7.45pm. Names for tea to Christine Hasman Tel: 01636 679105 or e-mail c.hasman@ntlworld.com by Wednesday July 17th. 3024

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN GUILD. South Notts District. Saturday 20th July District Meeting at Bunny at 2.30pm. 3028

Meetings on Saturday August 3

SCACR. Northern Division "Coffee, Cake & Ringing" morning to be held from 10am on Saturday 3rd August 2013 at Lower Beeding. General Ringing - so there is something for everyone, whatever your ability. Would regular Saturday attendees please try to bring along other ringers from their home tower for a nice sociable morning. Numbers for refreshments to Anne Ekins at sec-north@scacr.org by Wednesday 31st July, please. 3029

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What's happening in the world of PR?

Snippets from the Central Council PRC meeting of 7th July

- The roadshow is coming on apace! Whitechapel have stepped up early with sponsoring a room. Who else wants to name a room for the day? 6th September 2014 at Newbury – come and try your hand at a variety of things ... maybe even abseiling? And keep the logos coming in.
- The CC has a *Facebook* and *Twitter* presence. More on these later, for an official launch, but they're not hard to find and you could have a quick 'gander'.
- Loads of ideas of *Things To Ring For* are being added to the CC website. Always worth a look, not just to stick a footnote on a quarter, but more importantly to get some local PR if you tell your community beforehand. <http://www.cccbr.org.uk/things-to-ring-for/>
- In 2014 we have the centenary of the start of WWI to mark, and there is a strong feeling that half muffled ringing will be most appropriate.
- 2015 sees the 800th anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta (hands up anyone like me, who went to the wrong school and had to look up what this was!). There are loads of local connections to places where the 25 'Barons' came from. Plenty more on this later.
- The Tour de France is going through, well, Yorkshire actually, and there will be plenty of ringing publicity as the local bells ring and cyclists speed through.
- And finally: to help communication between the council and its constituent guilds, associations and societies, there is a new 'societies' mailing list, for the CC secretary and committee chairmen to post messages out to all general secretaries.

LYNNE HUGHES

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To find out how you can contribute or how to include bell restoration in your will, contact

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Young ringers in Suffolk



Left to right: Katharine Salter; Clare Veal, David Salter, Colin Salter, George Salter, Mary Dunbavin and in front are Henry Salter and Mason Crane. The back six is the team that won the Mitson shield and Henry and Mason were just holding the trophy for us all

In The Suffolk Guild striking competitions this year at Thornham Magna and Gislingham, there was possibly the highest turn out of young ringers in many years. In all of the teams that took part, there was a total of 7 young ringers of which 5 came in the top 3 teams for the method category and the other 2 came first for the call-change category.

In the winning 6 bell team (The Wolery) there were 3 young ringers all aged under 18! This was a massive achievement for all 3 of us as this was the first ever 6 bell method contest we had rung in and we were all thrilled that we had done well. It was a most enjoyable and very pleasant bit of Norwich Surprise Minor. The other 2 youngsters in the method category came 3rd but still did very well (compared to other much more experienced ringers who took part) and rang a fine piece of Grandsire Doubles.

In the 8 bell, the youngsters did not win but took the opportunity of ringing in a competition to their advantage by entering a team to help gain experience before the national competition in York. Whilst we did not win, we have still gained some experience by ringing in a competition environment and this should hopefully help us progress even more.

I think it is great to see so many young ringers taking part and doing so well in these competitions and is a great inspiration for all those who are aspiring to develop their ringing standards and also to keep other youngsters inspired and driven to do well. I am very pleased with all the progress of the young ringers in Suffolk over the past couple of years and very glad to be a part of it.

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Tail Ends

In the 1950s, when I first dreamt of travelling to England, much of the current information I gained about the British Isles was contained in a monthly magazine ‘COMING EVENTS in Britain’, published by The British Travel and Holidays Association. Whereas by the time it arrived in Australia by ship it was somewhat out of date regarding current events, the articles were varied and always interesting, ranging from geography and architecture to wildlife, theatre, fashion and art.

I have one copy in my archive: May 1953, with excitement leading up to the coronation. The reason I kept that issue was that it contained an article on bells, *The Ringing Isle* by Leslie E. Wells. There is a rudimentary description of change-ringing. The main illustration is of six ringers at Newdigate, Surrey. It is notable for three things: first, it is an uncommon style of ringing chamber, more like the dark interior of a large barn with great oak beams. Secondly, the band is all-male and, consulting my *Dove’s Guide*, I was surprised to find that the tenor is but 8½cwt, for two of the ringers are standing at handstroke as if the tenor is 20cwt at least. Thirdly, the men all appear to be middle-aged or older, and they are wearing garb seldom seen today: collar and tie, shirt-sleeves rolled up, and braces (suspenders to our American friends) holding up what appear to be heavy worsted trousers. One man wears a pullover, another a waistcoat. One item of terminology now seems quaint: “All ringers, whatever their age, are known as ‘youths’.”

I have not rung at Newdigate and probably never will. So I’m unlikely to meet any of the ringers shown in the photograph. I wonder if anyone remembers who they were. Does anyone remember Leslie E. Wells?

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Peals and touches

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treble bob consisting of 864 changes; a mixed company then rang some bob major, after which the Cambridge company rang grandsire tripples. In the afternoon the Chelmsford Society began a peal of Oxford treble bob, and after passing upwards of 3000 changes, fine ringing to the satisfaction of a great many hearers, they declined the peal.’

It appears that the peal of Oxford Treble Bob was intended to be somewhat longer, no doubt at least 5,000 changes, but something happened so that the peal was lost.

Thought for the week

Snowdon, Scafell Pike, – just Ben Nevis at 1,344m to go, to complete the Three Peaks. A twelve and a half year old grandson of mine needed ‘The Ben’ to achieve this, and so last half term we drove to Fort William, camped in Glen Nevis and the following day set off up the Tourist Route, involving something like 1,340m of ascent, to the summit. The weather could have been better, the summit being in cloud, as it is for 300 days of the year. Plenty of snow which was fun. Lunch on the descent and in the Bar, at the end of the day, a pint of Wild Cat, brewed by the Cairngorm brewery, made it a rewarding and successful day.

The ascent of the Ben, even via the Tourist Route, does require effort – it is a long old slog! But then, all the really worthwhile things in life require effort. If something is easy, then there can be no real sense of achievement – *Ardua Molimur: Sed Nulla nisi ardua virtus* – (We attempt the difficult, but there is no virtue in what is easy).

This, I suggest, is true of ringing. It is not easy; an effort has to be made. The handling of a bell is a skill to be learnt – you have to make the effort – and it is then, and then only, that you get the rewards, you reach the summit. When Jesus said that if you wish to follow him you must ‘Take up the Cross’, he is making the same point – an effort has to be made. Are you prepared to make it?

CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL
A member of the Clerical Guild

A similar type of report appeared in the *Kentish Gazette* of Tuesday, 9th January 1798:

On New Year’s Day, the joint societies of Ashford and Aldington ringers, rung, at the former place, a touch of 1120 changes of Oxford Treble-Bob, and a complete peal of 5040 Bob-Major; the latter being completed in three hours and ten minutes, a shorter time than any former peal was ever rung at that place.

The report then gives the names of the ringers.

Summary

The evidence suggests that, within the Exercise, from the 1720s the word ‘peal’ became increasingly used for 5,000 or more changes on eight bells or more. The word ‘touch’ was relatively recent in usage, the earliest usage so far identified being in the 1780s. Should anyone have any definite evidence that helps to refine these conclusions, I would be very pleased to hear.

Acknowledgments

Thanks to Philip Gray who started this train of thought. A number of newspaper extracts quoted above have been taken from *Order and Disorder* ... Others which do not appear there have been taken from my own recent researches.



snippets@ringingworld.co.uk

To honour a famous Suffragette

Ringling World National Youth Contest – results

Last Saturday sixteen teams descended on York to take part in the Ringing World National Youth Contest. St Lawrence’s Church provided a perfect venue for the Contest with bands producing some excellent ringing on the bells. The winners of the gold medals for the Call Changes category, and also the winners of the Whitechapel Trophy for the best overall performance, were **Team 16: Bedfordshire**. The winners, for the second consecutive year, of the gold medals for the Method category were **Team 9: The G. & B.**

COLIN PARKER
RWNVC Organiser



St Lawrence, York (8, 7-3-24 in A)

Call Changes category:

| Place | Team | Grade (%) |
|-------|--|-----------|
| 1st | Team 16: Bedfordshire | A (80%) |
| 2nd | Team 7: Derbyshire Dingers | A (78%) |
| 3rd | Team 2: Sussex Young Ringers | B+ |
| 4th= | Team 4: Essex Young Ringers | B |
| | Team 10: Worcester Young Ringers | B |
| | Team 12: Lincolnshire Poachers | B |
| 5th= | Team 6: The Blue Lines | B- |
| | Team 14: Bath & Wells | B- |
| 6th | Team 1: Lichfield & Walsall | C |
| 7th= | Team 3: St Martin’s Youths | C- |
| | Team 5: Les Beaux Belles of South Lincolnshire | C- |
| 8th | Team 8: Vectis Youths | D |

Method category:

| Place | Team | Grade |
|-------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1st | Team 9: The G. & B. | A- |
| 2nd | Team 11: Oxford D.G. | B |
| 3rd= | Team 13: Suffolk Young Ringers | C |
| | Team 15: Yorkshire Puds | C |

Judges: Simon Linford (Chief), Helen Beaumont, David Leese and Ryan Mills



Left to right: Jessie Hetherington, Deborah Bearder, Barbara Davies, Karen Dickinson, Julie Bell and Christine Richardson

On Saturday, 8th June 2013, six ladies rang a quarter peal on the delightful ring of six at St Mary, Ponteland to honour the suffragette Emily Davison who, one-hundred years ago to the day, died after falling under the King’s horse at the Epsom Derby four days earlier. She is buried locally in St Mary’s churchyard, Morpeth, her family home. It is

thought that she wanted to put her scarf around the horse in front of the royal party to bring attention to her cause.

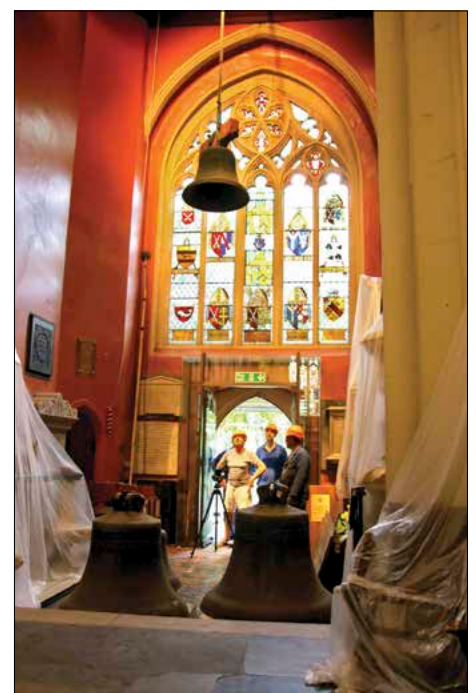
Ponteland, Northumb. 1260 PB Minor: Julie Bell 1, Barbara Davies 2, Jessie Hetherington 3, Deborah Bearder 4, Karen Dickinson 5, Christine Richardson (C) 6.

CHRISTINE RICHARDSON

Fulham bells come down!

There was much excitement at All Saints’ Fulham in June as the bells were lowered from the belfry for the first time in 63 years. The tower was built in 1440 by warrant of Henry VI and, by 1652, it held six bells. In 1729 eight bells were cast at the Gloucester Foundry of Abraham Rudhall, hung in a new oak frame and then by 1760 two trebles added to make a fine, sweet sounding Rudhall ring of 10. Many record and notable peals were rung and recorded on peal boards over the following centuries – Fulham featuring regularly in bell-ringing history.

Now, 105 years after the last major tower refurbishment, once again the fabric is in need of repair. After nearly ten years of start-stop planning a major building project is underway. As the scaffolding was going up, so the bells were coming down! The bells will be provided with new fittings throughout and hung in a new steel frame some 11ft lower in the tower – the 1729 oak frame remaining in situ. The whole project is costing in excess of £500,000 and is expected to be completed in November.



Lowering the 4th – 9th and tenor in the foreground

EDMUND HARTLEY