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Jennifer Johnson (right) with members and supporters of her Young @ Herts Hot Buns team – gold medallists in the Call Changes Category – at St. Olave, Hart Street
(Photo by Editor)



The results and prize giving at St Mary le Bow, Cheapside
(Photo by Adrian Udal)



RWNYC Organiser, Linda Garton, directing operations from the Registration Desk
(Photo by Editor)



Ringing World National Youth Contest

2016 Results

QUALIFIERS

Grade	Team Name	Ringing	Qualifier Tower
A*	Bedfordshire Young Ringers	Plain Bob Triples	St James Garlickhythe
A	Fen Tigers	Call Changes	St James Garlickhythe
A	Guildford DG Young Ringers	Call Changes	St James Garlickhythe
A	Oxford DG	Plain Bob Triples	St Dunstan-in-the-West
A	Three Spires (Lichfield & Walsall)	Call Changes	St Dunstan-in-the-West
A	Lincolnshire Poachers	Call Changes	St Dunstan-in-the-West
A	The G&B	Plain Bob Triples	St Dunstan-in-the-West
A	Sussex Young Ringers	Grandsire Triples	St Saviour Pimlico
A	Young @ Herts Hot Buns	Call Changes	St Saviour Pimlico
B	Tartan Spartans (Scotland)	Call Changes	St James Garlickhythe
B	Worcester Cathedral	Call Changes	St James Garlickhythe
B	Yorkshire Tykes	Plain Bob Triples	St James Garlickhythe
B	Essex Young Eagles	Call Changes	St Dunstan-in-the-West
B	Kent Young Ringers	Call Changes	St Dunstan-in-the-West
B	Lincolnshire Gamekeepers	Call Changes	St Dunstan-in-the-West
B	Derbyshire Young Ringers	Call Changes	St Saviour Pimlico
B	Suffolk Young Ringers	Call Changes	St Saviour Pimlico
B	Young Sussex Ringers	Call Changes	St Saviour Pimlico
C	St Martin's Youth	Call Changes	St James Garlickhythe
C	Youths of the South Coast	Call Changes	St James Garlickhythe
C	Surrey	Call Changes	St Dunstan-in-the-West
C	Young @ Herts Ringing Chamber of Secrets	Call Changes	St Saviour Pimlico
C	Bath & Wells	Call Changes	St Saviour Pimlico
C	Coventry Spires	Call Changes	St Saviour Pimlico

Final

St Olave Hart St

Call Changes Category

A	Young @ Herts Hot Buns	Winners of Gold Medal for the Call Change Ringing Category
A	Fen Tigers	
A	Three Spires (Lichfield & Walsall)	

Method Ringing Category

A*	Bedfordshire Young Ringers	Winners of Gold Medal for the Method Ringing Category, and winners of the Whitechapel Trophy
A	Oxford DG	
A	Sussex Young Ringers	

Editorial

Congratulations to all 24 young teams that took part in the sixth RWNYC on Saturday and particularly to the gold medallists - Young@Herts Hot Buns and Bedfordshire Young Ringers, who also took home the Whitechapel Trophy for a remarkable fourth year running. It was a fabulous day and there are many people to thank for making it all happen. Linda Garton has done an amazing job as the RWNYC's organiser-in-chief. Her energy, enthusiasm, patience and attention to detail delivered the biggest contest to date and it all ran like clock-work.

This was David Pipe's last year as our Chief Judge; we are most grateful for his expertise and the way that he has encouraged and developed the team of young judges that has contributed so much to the competition. Julia Cater will be taking on the mantle of Chief Judge next year, but we hope to see David, along with the rest of the Pipe family, at future competitions. Members of the University of London Society of Change Ringers, the Cumberlands and College Youths did a wonderful job of providing stewards and catering.

The St Paul's Cathedral Guild laid on tours of their ringing room and bells, while the Worshipful Company of Founders kindly sponsored the gold and silver medals presented to contestants. Tom Hinks and his team conducted handbell workshops on the gleaming set of bells loaned by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, and Whitechapel's Head of Tower Bell Production, Nigel Taylor, came along to present the Whitechapel Trophy. Revd George Bush, Rector of St Mary le Bow, gave us a very warm welcome at our headquarters for the day.

First Peal Congratulations

Edward M. Wheeler (Barcombe)

1,000th Peal Congratulations

Stephen J.F. Mitchell

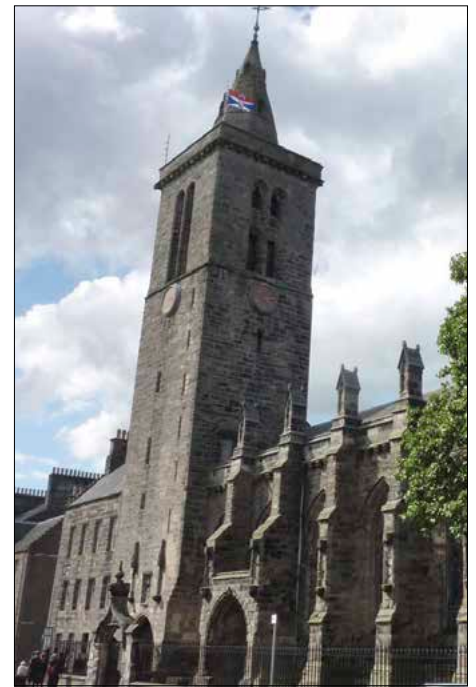
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St Andrews University Graduation ringing

by Simon Chadwick



The academic procession along North Street, while the bells were ringing. The piper is followed by the bedels carrying the University's three original 15th century silver-gilt ceremonial maces



St Salvator's tower and the University chapel, with the University banner flying in the stiff breeze

From Tuesday 21st to Friday 24th June, the ringers of the St Salvator's Society of Change Ringers, at the University of St Andrews, were ringing for the graduation ceremonies at the University.

The tower of St Salvator's Chapel, on the main quadrangle of the university, has a ring of six bells (7-3-20) which was installed in 2010, incorporating the University's two "ancient" bells as the three and five. The resident band is composed of students, staff, and townspeople, and we ring regularly for chapel services and Tuesday evening practices during University term-time.

Graduation week is a special time for the ringers, as the University is always keen to have as much ringing as possible; before the

morning chapel service, and before and after both graduation ceremonies each day. We end up ringing for five half-hour sessions, spread out over the day from 9am to about 4pm.

The entire town is filled with graduating students and their parents, all dressed smartly, and with the many students and academics resplendent in their colourful gowns. After each graduation ceremony there is a procession out of the hall, along the street between parked cars, and then in through the archway under the base of the tower. The procession is led by a piper, and then by the University bedels who carry the University's original 15th century silver-gilt maces as symbols of the University's authority.

Following them are the chancellor with other

high officials in their robes, and then the academics and the newly graduated students. All the while we ring as best we can.

It is always a logistical struggle to get enough ringers for the entire week. We have



Hard-earned refreshments in between ringing sessions – Michael Durbar and Peter Kirton



Simon Chadwick, Philip Baiocchi, Sue Brightman, Roy Dyckhoff, Duncan Malloch, Barbara Bell and Ian Bell



Friday's quarter peal band: Rachel Williamson, Duncan Malloch, Simon Chadwick, Philip Baiocchi, Helen Smith and Peter Williamson

been lucky to have had ringers from Edinburgh come up to help out, and every day we had at least five ringers, and for many sessions we had six or even seven. We tried for quarter peals after some of the morning ceremonies, and succeeded in scoring two. And, in between the ringing ceremonies, we are lucky to be able to refresh ourselves at some of St Andrews's many cafes at the University's expense.

It is a lovely opportunity to socialise, and ring, and be part of a really special public and ceremonial occasion. The bells are owned by the University and were installed in its medieval tower as part of the 600th anniversary celebrations. It is lovely to be able to ring as part of the University's spectacular and yet very alive and functional public events like this. It is a real sign of the relevance and central position of change-ringing in public life. And even though not every session's ringing was as good as we would have liked, everyone involved with the ceremonies really enjoys having the sound of the bells as part of the week: they sounded "really magnificent", we were told.

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23 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Duncan Malloch 1, Philip Baiocchi 2, Helen Smith 3, Simon Chadwick 4, Peter Kirton (C) 5, Michael Durbar 6. For those graduating from the University of St Andrews this week. 1st Grandsire inside: 2. 1st in Scotland: 3.

24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Rachel C Williamson 1, Philip Baiocchi 2, Helen Smith 3, Simon Chadwick 4, Peter Williamson (C) 5, Duncan Malloch 6. For "Strike against Blood Cancer" and for the Graduations today at the University of St Andrews.

50 Years Ago

The Ringing World, 8 July, 1966
Selected by the Editor

Belfry Gossip

Thirteen-year-old Timothy Hollis, son of the Vicar of Rotherham, rang the treble of the back eight there to his first peal on June 25th. He is the 40th pupil of Mr. Norman Chaddock to reach this standard, almost invariably in separate peals.

At Ruishton, Taunton, a birthday quarter peal was rung on June 22nd to Mr. R. F. Arcsott. His ten-year-old daughter, Sylvia, and 12-year-old son, Adrian, both took part while father kept a measured beat on the tenor.

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By JOHN CAMP

Roses and ringing: a secular sermon

A few weeks ago, I mentioned St Rosaline (*RW* 5476 p.346), more precisely known as St Rosaline of Villeneuve. She was born in 1293 in a chateau in Les Arcs-sur-Argens, Var, a few miles from the Mediterranean coast in eastern Provence. She became a Carthusian nun and died in 1329. Her feast day, in the Carthusian calendar, was on 6th July, a couple of days ago. The basement of the chateau is now used for the tasting of Provençal wines, particularly those of the Château Ste Rosaline. Her mummified body (apart from her eyes, which were rather ghoulishly removed and are kept in a reliquary) is preserved in a nearby chapel. It is to be hoped that she finds this proximity refreshing.

She was said to have power over demons, but the best-known story about her is known as the miracle of the roses. Her father, Giraud, the Lord of Arcs, took exception to her making raids on the family's store of provisions to give food to poor villagers. One day, he confronted her as she was on her way to distribute bread and demanded to know what was concealed in her apron. She showed him. It was a bunch of roses. We should note that there are essentially two versions of these events, with different ethical implications. In one, Rosaline lies to her father by telling him that she is carrying roses. In the other, she says nothing. Either way, the punchline is that God looks after his own.

Very similar scenarios are associated with other saints, among them St Elizabeth of Hungary. C. S. Forester used her name as the title of a chapter in *Hornblower in the West Indies*. Hornblower, in order to divert an enemy ship, tells a French nobleman that Napoleon has died on St Helena. As far as Hornblower knows, this is a lie, albeit a necessary one. He gives his word of honour that he is telling the truth. He does this, aware that his career is likely to end in shame and disgrace as a result. Lo and behold, it transpires that it was the truth after all: Napoleon, unknown to Hornblower, had indeed died. Providence had intervened. Or was it serendipity?

It may seem a long way from the West Indies to Chesterfield. Older readers may still have vivid memories of Wilfrid Williams. For those who don't, I should explain that he was a prominent member of the ASCY, a Welshman originally from Brecon who rang for many years in London. He died in 1986. He was opinionated and could be abrasive. As far as he was concerned, in ringing terms you were either in or out. I was quite definitely out. A song was written about him, *At the name of Wilfrid*, which used to be rendered

OUT OF THE TOWER

with gusto after CY dinners to the tune *Evelyns*. It recounted memorable incidents in Wilfrid's ringing career. One of these was a peal at Chesterfield, which Wilfrid miscalled (or perhaps called too inaudibly for anyone to hear). ('Wilf went off to Chesterfield, ringing London Royal / Which by muttering all the bobs he did his best to spoil'.) Fortunately, Rod Pipe was in the band and reorganized the composition on the spot. This produced a satisfactory conclusion.

Nobody, however delusional, has ever suggested that Wilfrid Williams was a saint and I'm sure that Rod never saw himself as god-like, but his intervention on this occasion undoubtedly saved Wilfrid's bacon. (This event is not what is meant by the Transfiguration.) Just as with the miracle of the roses, similar accounts are given of other on-the-spot rearrangements by top composers to protect the reputations of hapless conductors (or simply to score a peal).

But it's no good depending on miracles. Even if you believe that they can happen, you wouldn't walk across a busy motorway in the expectation that you will get to the other side unharmed. That may be at one end of the spectrum of reliance on divine providence, but many people seem to have a Micawber-like belief that something will turn up to improve their situation.

A few weeks ago, I might have written that this was the attitude of many ringers towards the future of the Exercise. The 'reform' resolutions passed at the Central Council meeting are an indication that perhaps we are at least beginning to get to grips with the need to plan and to be proactive. Whether this is really a new dawn remains to be seen. It would be good to think that any reforms have a clear objective. Reform is a vector quantity, if I may paraphrase a memorable remark made by a Master of the OUS well over 50 years ago (he was talking about help, rather than reform). Even if we know our desired destination (and we aren't by any means agreed about this), we first have to examine carefully where we are. Then we have to assess the best route. My musings on these tasks will feature in a future column.

I have called this a secular sermon, as I am no longer in the business of preaching religious ones. Its message is 'don't rely on the supernatural to sort you out'. That might be approximately rendered in theistic terms as 'God helps those who help themselves'. Anyway, atheist or not, I am planning to visit the shrine at Les Arcs in a month or two. Over a glass of Château Ste Rosaline, I shall fervently beseech the saint to intercede for the future of ringing.

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Angry at unhelpful edit

SIR, – Whilst I would uphold Editorial Rights, I would not extend them to include additional information which is inaccurate or offensive. 'My' article of June 17th, on the subject of a blue plaque erected to the memory of the Revd F. E. Robinson, was altered sufficiently to cause offence to some ringing historians which was not intended. The whole of the first paragraph was re-invented and the heading changed to refer to some small aside later in the article, all of which appeared next to my byline which angered me considerably.

I would point out the following, cringe-making phrase, 'doyen of bell ringers', was lifted straight from the photo of the plaque and was alluded to at the time of the celebration in gently mocking terms and definitely not for further replication; I do know how to refer to Reverend gentlemen by their correct titles and not as printed; Drayton is and has been in Oxfordshire and not Berkshire for the last 42 years.

I have been in touch with the ringing historians concerned and offered my apologies and spoken to Robert who was away on holiday at the time and who has never altered so much as a comma of my copy without consultation. All is well.

BOBBIE MAY

Shinfield, Berkshire

Ed – We are sorry for the distress and confusion caused by this well intended, but erroneous intervention.

Great Holiday

SIR, – We have just spent a delightful week supporting the bells of Stoke St Milborough, Shropshire by staying in the annexe to Sue & Peter Cornah's farmhouse. The annexe takes

two, is self-contained and self-catering and all the money raised goes to the bell fund. There is a good variety of ringing in the area as well as wonderful walks, the famous town of Ludlow and many National Trust properties and English Heritage sites. The email is suecornah@hotmail.co.uk. Book your slot now!

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100 Years Ago

The Ringing World, 7 July, 1916

Selected by the Editor

The war's interruption

Nothing could bear more striking testimony to the war's effects upon ringing than the Peals Analysis Committee's report which was published the other day*. At no period since the early years of the development of county and diocesan associations has there been so few peals rung as in the year 1915, for we have to go back to 1882 to find a smaller number rung in twelve months than in the first complete year of war. But even between these far distant years there is no comparison, for the smallness of the totals is due to very different reasons. The early eighties witnessed the first stage of the boom in change ringing and the first really marked spread of the art to places outside certain old established centres. From about 150 peals in 1881, the yearly total grew, with very few checks, until 1913, when the record number of 2,359 was rung. Then came the war, and with it, in August, 1914, the practical abandonment of peal ringing, except for special occasions. In the early part of the crisis the voluntary dropping of peals was due to the ringers' desire to accommodate ringing to the general feeling of the public. War time peals for any but special reasons were considered out of place, and still are. But as the year progressed another reason entered into the cause of the falling off; so many ringers joined H.M. Forces to help in upholding the great cause for which this nation is fighting, that belfries were so depleted that peals, even when opportunities occurred, were out of the question.

In comparing the number of peals rung it is interesting to note that in the last five months of 1915 there were only 117, as against 165 in the same period of 1914, and no fewer than 1,158 in the concluding five months of 1913. Even in regard to handbell peals there was a notable falling off. There are some associations who did not ring a peal of any kind during the period covered by the Analysis. Those who appeared in the list for 1914, but who are absent in the table of 1915 are the London County Association, the Hertford County Association, the Cambridge University Guild, the Devon Guild, the Peterborough and Districts Association, the Towcester and District Association and the Liverpool Diocesan Association, while several of those who usually occupy a conspicuous position in the analysis did not get into double figures with their total. On tower bells only

five associations rang over nine and two others did so on handbells. All this goes to show one of the striking effects which the war has had upon the activities of ringers, and we look forward with longing to the time when the interrupted progress of our art may be resumed.

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A famous ship's bell

A recent product from the famous Whitechapel Foundry is the ship's bell, weighing 200lbs, for H.M.S. "Malaya," one of the mighty Super-dreadnoughts which put the Germans to flight in the great naval engagement off Jutland on the last day of May. The bell is particularly interesting, not only on account of its magnificent workmanship, but also for its associations. The ship, as most people are aware, is the gift to England's navy from the Federated Malay States, and the bell has been presented to the ship by Sir Ernest Birch. K.C.M.G., and a few colleagues. It has been cast from an amalgam, the tin in which came from an Australian mine. On one side the bell bears the arms of the Federated Malay States over the inscription: "The sound of this ship's bell fires the hearts, of brave men." On the other side is the naval crown surmounting, the words: "H.M.S. Malaya, 1916. To the Malaya from Malayan friends." The bell, which has the characteristic mellow tone of Whitechapel Foundry bells, is an extremely fine casting, and is highly polished all over.

Managing External Pressures

The Tower Stewardship Committee of the Central Council has compiled a number of leaflets that offer advice on how to manage external pressures that may affect bell towers and bell ringers. They cover the following areas:-

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The Great Ringing Match at St Sidwell's, Exeter

by John Eisel



The red sandstone tower of St. Martin's church, Exminster, base of the successful band in the great ringing match. Photograph C. David Hawgood.

Competing in ringing matches was one of the pastimes in the West Country in earlier times, often associated with parish games, and a number of examples are given in the various *Order and Disorder* publications (up to 1839). Parish games were regularly reported in the local newspapers in the West Country in middle of the nineteenth century, but generally the reports skipped over the behaviour at such events. Not so the report that appeared in the *Western Times* on 15th June 1844:

‘DIPTFORD.—The annual fair here has been altogether reformed, by the liberality and good sense of the Revd. Mr. Johnson, the pastor of the village. Instead of drinking, cock-fighting, and other disgraceful scenes, there are now sobriety and harmless amusement. At the fair last week, one of the bands from Totnes attended and merry music was one of the amusements of the villagers, as was also bell ringing for prizes. The Harberton ringers took off the first prize. Other prizes were won by the ringers of Stokeinham[,] Loddiswell, and Ugborough.’

Here the ringing match was seen as part of the reformed parish games, and was classed as ‘harmless amusement.’

Perhaps the most publicized of all these parish games took place in St Sidwell's, Exeter, in 1845, part of which was a great ringing match. The first intimation of this occurred in the *Western Times* on 1st February, where it was stated that ‘Easter Monday will be kept as a saint's day in St. Sidwells.’ This indicated that this was to be a holiday (‘holyday’). There would be football, and donkey-racing in St Sidwell's Street, a band of music would perambulate the streets, and there would be other amusements, but the highlight was to be a ringing match. ‘A good subscription has already been made in the parish, and there is no doubt, from the well known spirit of the Grecians, that it will soon reach a handsome sum.’ This nickname for the residents of St Sidwell's parish was evidently in common usage, as it was used in the newspapers of the period without explanation, and it is said to have been first used in the first half of the eighteenth century. Initially it seems to have had derogatory undertones, and it is also likely to have been applied later to

members of the St Sidwell's United football team, which merged with Exeter United in 1904 to form Exeter City Football Club: this would explain why this latter club is also nicknamed ‘The Grecians.’

The collection to defray expenses for the festivities was made under the auspices of Mr. Peter Lisson, presumably not only to cover the costs of the ringing match but other expenses as well. Peter Lisson was well-known in Exeter, and was landlord of the Acland Arms Inn. He had a long military career, joining the East Devon Regiment of Militia at an early age, then joined the Sixth Regiment of Foot (the Royal Warwickshire Regiment), where he rose to Quarter Master Serjeant. With that regiment he served in the Peninsular War, and when medals for that campaign were finally awarded in the late 1840s, he received a medal with six clasps, for the engagements in which he took part. He had retired from the army in 1826, and in 1835 took over the public house known as the Mail Coach, which he refurbished and reopened as the Acland Arms Inn. This became a centre of politics in the Conservative interest, and we should not take too much notice of an account in the *Western Times* of 3rd December 1836 which described a grand dinner of Tories at ‘Mr. Peter Lisson's second-rate inn’. Evidently the *Western Times* was of a different political persuasion! Thus Peter Lisson was much involved in local politics and at the time of the ringing match in 1845 was described as the mayor of St Sidwell's. Certainly up until this period the manor of St Sidwell's had its own mayor, bailiffs and Guildhall, but I cannot at the moment trace when it was subsumed into Exeter, and the office of mayor was done away with.

Be that as it may, Peter Lisson was successful in raising the money, and the games went ahead: an advert for the ringing match appeared in *Trewman's Exeter Flying Post*, on 20th February 1845, an advert that was subsequently repeated in the *Western Times* and *Woolmer's Exeter and Plymouth Gazette*. The match was open to all except any bands which rang in, or within two miles of, Exeter. There were four prizes, five sovereigns, three sovereigns and a half, two pounds five shillings, and twenty-five shillings. The scale of the prizes was evidently an attraction, and a week later *Trewman's Exeter Flying Post* reported that:

‘A Match of this kind, of greater magnitude as regards the prizes, than has usually taken place in this county, will come off on Easter Monday, on the fine peal of eight bells in the parish of St. Sidwell, in this city; and much practice is already going on in consequence.’

Among those practising for the competition was the band from Tiverton, whose progress was remarked on in the *Trewman's Exeter Flying Post* on 13th March:

‘We are sorry to say, we cannot compliment them upon their skill, and fear there is little chance of their coming off victorious, unless indeed they improve themselves by practising a great deal harder.’

A week later the same paper reported that

‘Many sets have made trial of the beautifully musical peal of eight bells at St. Sidwell’s, in order to be prepared for Monday, and a very large attendance as well of ringers as lovers of melody may be calculated upon;...’

It seems likely that the residents of St Sidwell’s parish would have got a bit fed up with all this ringing.

On Easter Monday (24th March) there were also festivities in St Thomas’s parish, and there was a friendly rivalry between the two parishes. In St Sidwell’s the festivities were under the control of a committee whose headquarters were at the Acland Arms. All the other licensed establishments were busy, *Trewman’s Exeter Flying Post* on 27th March noting ‘... we are happy to learn that all the other inns also were full of company, and that this very gay affair was truly to the worthy hosts a benefit.’ Thirteen bands had entered for the competition, and the practice sessions in the morning and afternoon went on so long that the competition did not begin until about 5 o’clock. For this there was a panel of three judges, one from St Thomas’s and two from St Edmund’s, two timekeepers from St Edmund’s, and an ‘attendant’ from St Sidwell’s. In view of the comments about the standard of ringing of the Tiverton band, it is not surprising that, although they had entered for the competition, they declined to ring. The ‘peals’ were a quarter of an hour each, and with the inevitable delays in changing over bands, the ringing went on until about ten o’clock (one report says ‘nearly ten o’clock’ and another says ‘after ten o’clock’). When the ringing was concluded the judges made their decision known. The prizes were won by Exminster, Christow, Tedburn St Mary, and Dunsford, in that order, and the other bands that competed were from Crediton, Honiton Clyst, Moretonhampstead, Oakford, Taunton, Topsham, Thorverton, and Witheridge. Of these, Oakford and Witheridge did not complete their ‘peals’, ‘Peal cast’ being noted against each band in the report in *Trewman’s Exeter Flying Post*. Everyone seemed to have had a great times, and the report concluded:

‘Besides the Ringing also, there was Donkey Racing, in which the riders were not allowed the use of either whip, stick, or spur; and various other sports. In St Thomas, likewise, raree shows, and those

sports and amusements that so greatly help to keep mankind in temper, and make “the million” happy.

One definition of a ‘raree show’ was ‘a form of entertainment, especially one carried in a box, such as a peep show.’

All the reports show that the highlight of this day was the ringing, and there were no subsequent reports of any ill behavior, even though the public houses and inns did very good business during the course of the day. Nor were the results disputed, as was so often the case. This is perhaps surprising, since the bands from Moretonhampstead and Christow had had a dispute in January 1845, and had agreed to a match for a five pound stake. This agreement was reported in the *Trewman’s Exeter Flying Post* on 23rd January 1845, but there were no subsequent relevant reports, so it is not known whether the contest ever took place.

For the present match, the only follow-up was a short article that appeared in the *Western Times* on 5th April 1845:

‘RINGING THE CHANGES.—An impertinent correspondent wishes to know whether Pedlarshield was one of the competitors in the St. Sidwells ringing match. The excellent divine had rung the changes with the belles often, that he thinks if he did not win, it was not for want of practice.’

This is a sarcastic reference to the Revd George Henry Orchard Pedlar, who was instituted to the living of Holy Trinity, Exeter, in 1843, and two years later married Ann, the only child and sole heiress of Admiral William Shield. He then changed his name by Royal Licence from Pedlar to Shield!

None of this really helps in determining what was rung at the great ringing match.

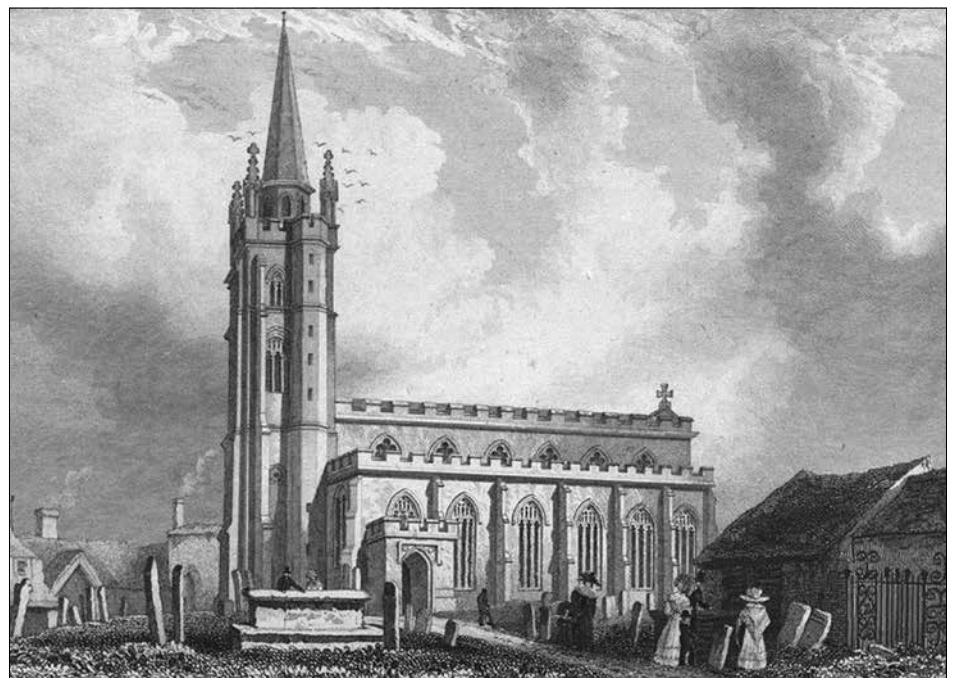
Generally, in reports of ringing matches at this period this is not given, and it was assumed that the readers would be aware that the test piece consisted of raising the bells in peal, the bells being rung in rounds for a set time and at a set speed, followed by a fall in peal. In the 1850s reports begin to appear in which the competition was divided into two parts, one the standard competition and the other for what was called change ringing, the latter being described in terms that it implies that it was a new departure; this was call-change ringing, and not half-pull change ringing.

In the present case, the report that appeared in the *Trewman’s Exeter Flying Post* on 20th March 1845, after describing the practice that had been taking place at St Sidwell’s which I have quoted above, went on to say:

‘... nor, it is thought, will the latter more especially, experience disappointment, since for them, of mechanical order, there will be a rich treat, and, not improbably, a gratification in regular permutation also.’

This hints at the possibility of some (call) change ringing, but nothing was reported. Nor, despite the reference to ‘Ringing the Changes’ in the sarcastic report on the Revd Mr Pedlar/Shield any help, as this is an allusion to the con trick by that name, in which something of little worth is substituted for something of merit. So it is most likely that the grand ringing match at St Sidwell’s was just a round-ringing match, but with larger prizes than usual. But what is remarkable is the publicity it was given in the local press.

As has been hinted above, much work has been done on the history of ringing matches in the West Country, so that a general overview has been established, but more detail needs to be added. Watch this space!



A steel engraving of St. Sidwell’s church, Exeter, published c.1829. The main body of the church was rebuilt in Gothic style in 1812-13, when the copper-covered spire was added. This spire was removed c.1893, when the top of the tower was rebuilt. The church and tower were damaged in the bombing of Exeter on 4 May 1942, and the tower was demolished afterwards for safety reasons.

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AMERSHAM GUILD

AMERSHAM, Bucks,
St Mary the Virgin
Sat Jun 18 2016 3h4 (19)
5088 Keele University D Major
Comp. Donald F Morrison
(No.3272)
1 David A Cornwall
2 Catherine M A Lane
3 Roger Baldwin (C)
4 J Alan Ainsworth
5 Kenneth R Davenport
6 James W S Crawley
7 Nicholas J Balderson
8 Stephen J Crawley

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

MANCHESTER,
Holy Innocents, Fallowfield
Sat Apr 30 2016 2h50 (14)
5120 Spiced 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 Timothy C Hine
2 Jack P Gunning
3 David E Rothera
4 Peter C Randall (C)
5 David Kirkcaldy
6 Ian H Jorysz
7 Brian P Diserens
8 Trevor W Marchbank

WIGAN, Lancs, All Saints
Sat Apr 30 2016 3h28 (29)
5040 Cambridge S Royal
Comp. Donald F Morrison
(No.6289)
1 Colin M Parker
2 David Baverstock (C)
3 Christine Broadley
4 Jemma L Mills
5 Benjamin J Meyer
6 Peter H Gardner
7 Simon J T Smith
8 Louis P H Suggett
9 Peter L Furniss
10 Robert W Lee

MACCLESFIELD, Ches,
St Michael & All Angels
Sun May 1 2016 3h19 (26)
5049 Stedman Cinques
Comp. M R Eccleston
1 Gwen Rogers
2 Mark R Eccleston (C)
3 Simon J T Smith
4 Henry D Coghill
5 David E Rothera
6 Ryan S Noble
7 Jack P Gunning
8 James J Watkins
9 Dickon R Love
10 Paul Jopp
11 Philip Rogers
12 Brian P Diserens

STRET福德, Manchester,
St Matthew
Mon May 2 2016 2h38 (11)
5056 Bristol S Major
Comp. Mark B Davies (No.4)
1 Simon J T Smith
2 Jillian E Galloway
3 Simon J Reading
4 Colin M Parker
5 Henry D Coghill
6 Ryan S Noble
7 Robert W Lee
8 James J Watkins (C)

SHEFFIELD, S Yorks, Cathedral
Church of St Peter & St Paul
Sat Apr 30 2016 3h27 (34)
5042 Spiced S Maximus
(3m: 1728 Phobos; 1682 Bristol; 1632
Zanussi; 82 com, atw)
Comp. A G Reading
1 Simon J Reading
2 Jill E Galloway
3 Tessa K Beadman
4 Gwen Rogers
5 Henry D Coghill
6 James J Watkins
7 Dickon R Love
8 Ryan S Noble
9 Leigh D G Simpson
10 James C Marchbank
11 Philip Rogers (C)
12 Luke T W Smith

MANCHESTER, Lancs,
Cathedral & Parish Church of
St Mary, St Denys & St George
Mon May 2 2016 3h18 (28)
5040 Bristol S Royal
Comp. Robert C Kippin
1 David T G Jones
2 David J Baverstock
3 Peter C Randall
4 David E Rothera
5 David Kirkcaldy
6 Jack P Gunning
7 Mark R Eccleston
8 Ian P Hill
9 Brian P Diserens
10 Louis P H Suggett (C)

YOULGREAVE, Derbys,
All Saints
Mon May 2 2016 3h26 (24)
5042 Bristol S Maximus
Comp. J Clatworthy
1 Jemma L Mills
2 Tessa K Beadman
3 Gwen Rogers
4 James C Marchbank
5 Dickon R Love
6 Paul Jopp
7 Benjamin J Meyer
8 Andrew M Keech
9 Leigh D G Simpson
10 Derek J Thomas
11 Philip Rogers (C)
12 Peter L Furniss

BATH & WELLS D.A.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP,
Som, St Michael
Sat Jun 25 2016 3h4 (11)
5042 Lincolnshire S Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Hilary A Beresford
2 Andrew H Ball
3 Robert Perry
4 Barrie Hendry
5 Robert E Beck
6 Christopher R Field
7 Adrian P Beck (C)
8 Claire O'Mahony
9 Jeffrey Knipe
10 Fergus M S Stracey
11 Nigel R Woodruff
12 Andy Mead
Birthday compliments to
Margaret Chapman.

BIRMINGHAM UNIV. SOCIETY

EDGBASTON, W Mids,
St Bartholomew
Fri Jun 24 2016 2h46 (10)
5088 Bristol S Major
Comp. Michael P R H Woolley
1 Hannah M Bristow
2 Jack P Gunning
3 Jack E Page (C)
4 Michael P R H Woolley
5 Stephen W Horton
6 Mark R Eccleston
7 Alistair J Cherry
8 Laura M Davies
First Bristol: 4.
First Bristol Major: 7.

COVENTRY D.G.

COVENTRY, W Mids,
St Michael, Stoke
Mon Jun 20 2016 2h47 (13)
5088 Firebolt S Major
Comp. Paul M Mason (No.52)
1 Geoffrey W Randall
2 Peter J F Quinn
3 Simon P Rogers (C)
4 Michael Chester
5 Raymon A Sheasby
6 Mark W Sayers
7 Michael Angrave
8 Andrew F Aldrick
650th peal: 6. £4

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

BETHNAL GREEN, London,
St Matthew
Sat Jun 11 2016 3h14 (14)
5024 Ypres S Major
Comp. Stephen J Ivin
1 James W Belshaw (C)
2 Stephanie J Pattenden
3 Richard L Thumwood
4 Claire F Roulstone
5 Mary E Holden
6 Alan Regin
7 Ian Roulstone
8 Ian G Mills
In thanksgiving for the life of
Philip Vracas, who
spearheaded the restoration of
these bells in 2011 and was a
trustee of the
Bell4StGeorgeYpres project.

G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

BOVEY TRACEY, Devon,
Wobbly Bobs Campanile
Tue Jun 21 2016 1h56 (10lb)
5056 GDR S Major
Comp. R D S Brown
1 Robert D S Brown
2 James Kirkcaldy
3 Michael E C Mears
4 John R Martin
5 Peter J Sawyer
6 Charlotte A Boyce
7 Lester J Yeo
8 Paul J Pascoe (C)
First peal in the method.
GDR S Major:
x38x14x1256x16x12x58x1234
x58-12

THORVERTON, Devon,
St Thomas of Canterbury
Thu Jun 23 2016 2h53 (15)
5088 Malham D Major
Comp. A G Reading
1 Ian W Avery
2 Alison C Waterson
3 Jill M Hansford
4 Richard H Johnston
5 Timothy M Bayton
6 Ian V J Smith
7 Pauline McKenzie
8 Michael E C Mears (C)

KINGSTEIGNTON, Devon,
Kings-Ting-Tong
Wed Jun 22 2016 1h43 (10lb)
5040 S Minor
(7m: York, Ipswich, Durham, Bourne,
Surfleet, Cambridge, Beverley)
1 Robert D S Brown
2 Ian W Avery
3 Michael E C Mears
4 Graham P Tucker
5 David Hird
6 Nigel G Birt (C)
Remembering Jeff Birt, father
of the conductor, who passed
away 10 years ago today.

THORVERTON, Devon,
St Thomas of Canterbury
Thu Jun 23 2016 2h32 (5)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(41m: Norwich, Newcastle,
Cunecastre, Durham,
Northumberland, Berwick,
Rossendale, Norfolk, Stamford,
Kelso, Ipswich, Lincoln, Chester,
Wearmouth, Carlisle, Alnwick,
Wooler, Whitby, Hull, Bamberough,
Surlfleet, Warkworth, Canterbury,
Coldstream, Cambridge, Wells,
Netherseale, Beverley, Munden,
Lightfoot, Sandiacre, Annable's
London, Hexham, Allendale, Bourne,
London, Westminster, Morpeth,
Primrose, Bacup, York)
Comp. J S Warboys (SU0718)
1 Graham P Tucker
2 Susan D Sparling
3 Pauline McKenzie
4 Jill M Hansford
5 Ian V J Smith
6 Michael E C Mears (C)

EXETER, Devon, St Mark
Fri Jun 24 2016 2h54 (12)
5040 Yorkshire S Royal
Comp. D F Morrison
1 Susan D Sparling
2 Jo Brown
3 Susan Buckingham
4 Michael H Thompssett
5 John Hill
6 Richard H Johnston
7 Peter G Brown
8 Ian V J Smith
9 Michael E C Mears
10 David Hird (C)

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

BADSEY, Worcs, St James
Sat May 7 2016 3h (15)
5152 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. C P Starbuck
1 Malcolm J Rothera
2 Linda C Rothera
3 Hazel M Rothera
4 Janet E Carless (née Rothera)
5 Brian J Rothera
6 John H Fielden
7 David E Rothera (C)
8 Paul L Carless
Arranged and rung in
affectionate memory of Sue
and Phil Rothera, both of
whom died last year from
cancer. Sue rang in all the
previous 9 Rothera family
peals, and Phil in all but two.
Rung on the same bells and in
the same method as the first
8-bell family peal in 2001.
The band also send their best
wishes to Sue Page (Brian's
mother) who was unable to ring
in this peal, and thanks to John
Fielden, an old family friend, for
taking her place. £10

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INWORTH, Essex, All Saints
Sat Jun 18 2016 2h21 (5)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(26m: (1) Canterbury, Morpeth (2)
Bacup, Bamberough (3) Lightfoot,
Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford (4)
Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn (5)
Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham,
York, Durham (6) Westminster, Allendale,
Fryerning (7) Cambridge, Ipswich,
Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull)
1 Vicki L Chapman
2 Yvonne A Towler
3 James L Towler
4 Neil V Avis
5 Colin F Chapman
6 Alan P Mayle (C)
100th peal together: 4 & 6.

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

MANGOTSFIELD, Glos,
St James
Thu Jun 16 2016 2h33 (7)
5024 MangotSF D Major
Comp. Anthony J Cox
1 Joseph St J Beaumont
2 Christine Andrew
3 Raymond Haines
4 Richard O Humphries
5 Rebecca J Cox
6 Anthony J Cox
7 Alan G Reading
8 George H Campling (C)

DITCHEAT, Som,
St Mary Magdalene
Sat Jun 18 2016 3h21 (24)
5152 Spiced TD Major
(15m: 448 each Abbots Leigh D,
Binegar, Bristol S, Coombe Dingle D,
East Pennard, Emersons Green,
Leigh Woods, Wakefield S; 224 each
Barrow D, Clifton Down, Erythrite S,
Gurney D, Hotwells, Mendip, Sanvey
Gate S; 153 com, atw)
Comp. A G Reading
1 Rebecca J Cox
2 Lucy A Warren
3 Alan G Reading (C)
4 Matthew D Dawson
5 Joseph St J Beaumont
6 Anthony J Cox
7 Edward P D Colliss
8 Ian R Fielding

YATTON, Som,
Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun Jun 19 2016 3h16 (24)
5152 Spiced TD Major
(15m: 448 each Abbots Leigh D,
Binegar, Bristol S, Coombe Dingle D,
East Pennard, Emersons Green,
Leigh Woods, Wakefield S; 224 each
Barrow D, Clifton Down, Erythrite S,
Gurney D, Hotwells, Mendip, Sanvey
Gate S; 153 com, atw)
Comp. A G Reading
1 Rebecca J Cox
2 Ian R Fielding
3 Lucy A Warren
4 Matthew D Dawson
5 Joseph St J Beaumont
6 Anthony J Cox
7 Alan G Reading (C)
8 Edward P D Colliss

EAST ILSLEY, Berks, St Mary
Thu Jun 23 2016 2h44 (8)
5184 Olive Green D Major
Comp. Donald F Morrison
(No.2013b)
1 Brian Bladon
2 Ashley C Fortey
3 Beryl R Norris
4 Cynthia E Howell
5 Claire F Roulstone
6 Mark Edwards
7 Darran Ricks (C)
8 Peter Bridle
80th birthday compliment to
Brian Edwards.

WORCESTER,
St Stephen, Barbourne
Sun Jun 26 2016 2h39 (10)
5184 Lincolnshire S Major
Comp. Darran Ricks
1 Stephen J Bedford
2 Jane D Bull
3 Hilda C Ridley
4 John G Pusey
5 Craig P Homewood
6 Penny J Salisbury
7 Darran Ricks (C)
8 Andrew M Bull

KENT C.A.

STONE BY DARTFORD, Kent,
St Mary
Thu Jun 16 2016 2h40 (8)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(24m: (1) Bacup, Bamberough (2)
Lightfoot, Rossendale, Stamford,
Wearmouth (3) Annables London,
Lightfoot, Netherseale, Rossendale,
Stamford, Wearmouth (4-7) Norwich,
Netherseale, Westminster, Allendale,
Warkworth, Wearmouth, Lightfoot,
Bamberough, Annables London,
Rossendale, Stamford, Bacup,
Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, York,
Durham, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk,
Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet)
Comp. (4-7) J S Warboys
(SU0403)
1 John B Keeler (C)
2 Anne L Rueff
3 Shirley E McGill
4 Phillip R J Barnes
5 Stephen J Davis
6 David Kirkcaldy

MAIDSTONE, Kent,
St Michael & All Angels
Tue Jun 21 2016 2h37 (6)
5088 Quif S Major
Comp. D F Morrison
(No.6253 (Millcroft))
1 Diana R Wright
2 Michael A Kirkbeck
3 Anne L Rueff
4 Jacqueline M Barlow
5 Thomas M Barlow
6 Phillip R J Barnes
7 John B Keeler (C)
8 David W Grimwood

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints
Wed Jun 22 2016 3h18 (32)
5040 Bristol S Royal
Comp. A J Cox
1 Phillip R J Barnes
2 Anne L Rueff
3 Shirley E McGill
4 Susan L Apter
5 Elizabeth A Barnes
6 David Kirkcaldy
7 John B Keeler (C)
8 David W Grimwood
9 Alan Regin
10 Ian G Campbell
Supporting Bell Ringers "Strike
Back" for blood cancer
fundraising event which takes
place on Saturday 25th June
2016.

LANCASHIRE ASSN

PENDLETON, Manchester,
St Thomas
Tue Jun 21 2016 3h9 (18)
5152 Glasow S Major
Comp. Anthony J Cox
1 Jane Owen
2 Anne C Orme
3 Peter C Randall (C)
4 Alan F Scholfield
5 Derek J Thomas
6 Brian J Owen
7 C Michael Orme
8 James E Andrews

LIVERPOOL, Merseys, St Michael, Garston
Thu May 26 2016 2h53 (10)
5088 Everton D Major
Comp. Donald F Morrison
1 J David Adams
2 Andrew J Rawlinson
3 David T G Jones
4 Jack R Brendry
5 Martin J Gentle
6 Russell N Scudamore
7 Paul B Hunter (C)
8 Lenard J Mitchell
Birthday compliment to C Sally Williams.

100th peal on the bells: 7.
First peal in the method.
5088 Everton D Major:
3456x3456.1x2x3x4x5.4x4.5 le
2 [d] fch Bc

SHREWSBURY, Shrops, St Mary the Virgin
Sat Jun 18 2016 3h4 (20)
5042 Cambridge S Royal
Comp. Robert W Lee
1 Andrew J Rawlinson
2 Paul B Hunter (C)
3 Helen E Taylor
4 B Haley Barnett
5 David J Baverstock
6 Martyn G Reed
7 Lenard J Mitchell
8 Neil Bennett
9 Peter L Furniss
10 Paul J Tiebout
On the 200th anniversary of the completion of Lord Hills column, 18th June 1816. Later in 1816 a band from Liverpool ascended Lord Hills column and rung handbells.

FARNWORTH AND KEARSLEY, Manchester, St John
Fri Jun 24 2016 2h50 (12)
5088 Neon S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No.1180)
1 Raymond A Hutchings
2 Jane Owen
3 Gail L Randall
4 Derek J Thomas
5 Peter C Randall (C)
6 James E Andrews
7 Brian J Owen
8 Peter G Bellamy-Knights £4

LICHFIELD & WALSALL ARCHDEACONRIES SOC.

SUTTON IN ASHFIELD, Notts, St Mary Magdalene
Mon Jun 20 2016 2h57 (15)
5024 Medway S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No.3210)
1 Christopher C P Woodcock
2 S Geoffrey Pick
3 Michael J Dew
4 John F Mulvey
5 Malcolm Quimby
6 Andrew E Else
7 R Philip Graves (C)
8 J Michael Roberts

LUNDY ISLAND SOCIETY

LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, St Helen
Wed Jun 15 2016 2h48 (13)
5040 Lundy Island S Royal
Comp. D F Morrison (No.3314)
1 Eleanor H Maude
2 Colin M Turner
3 Claire F Roulstone
4 Nicola J Turner
5 Simon A Rudd
6 Peter J Waterfield
7 David J Dearnley
8 Alan Regin
9 Paul N Mounsey (C)
10 Ian G Campbell

LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, St Helen
Wed Jun 15 2016 2h52 (13)
5000 Swindon S Royal
Comp. P M Mason (No.96)
1 Adam R Crocker
2 Eleanor H Maude
3 Andrew I Blacklock
4 Ruth Curtis
5 Michael H Tompsett
6 Colin M Turner
7 Alan Regin
8 Paul F Curtis
9 Peter J Waterfield
10 Paul M Mason (C)
First peal in the method: 2.

LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, St Helen
Thu Jun 16 2016 2h54 (13)
5040 Dereham S Royal
Comp. P J Waterfield
1 Andrew I Blacklock
2 Paul N Mounsey
3 Paul M Mason
4 Adam R Crocker
5 Robert J Crocker
6 Nicola J Turner
7 Claire F Roulstone
8 Simon A Rudd
9 Michael H Tompsett
10 Peter J Waterfield (C)
Circled the tower to peals: 4.

LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, St Helen
Thu Jun 16 2016 2h52 (13)
5040 Berlin S Royal
Comp. D F Morrison (No.7257)
1 Ruth Curtis
2 Ian G Campbell
3 Eleanor H Maude
4 Paul F Curtis
5 Andrew I Blacklock
6 David J Dearnley
7 Alan Regin
8 Colin M Turner
9 Adam R Crocker (C)
10 Paul N Mounsey
100th peal: 3.

LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, St Helen
Fri Jun 17 2016 2h51 (13)
5040 Spiced S Royal
(5m: 1440 each Cambridge, Yorkshire; 720 each Bristol, London No.3, York; 125 com, atw)
Comp. C Forster
1 Eleanor H Maude
2 Paul N Mounsey (C)
3 Ruth Curtis
4 Michael H Tompsett
5 Paul M Mason
6 Simon A Rudd
7 Andrew I Blacklock
8 David J Dearnley
9 Alan Regin
10 Paul F Curtis

LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, St Helen
Fri Jun 17 2016 2h55 (13)
5000 Bristol S Royal
Comp. G H Campling (No.13)
1 Robert J Crocker
2 Paul M Mason
3 Adam R Crocker
4 Ian G Campbell
5 Nicola J Turner
6 Peter J Waterfield
7 Simon A Rudd (C)
8 Alan Regin
9 Colin M Turner
10 Claire F Roulstone
5,000th tower bell peal & 3rd circle: 4.

LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, St Helen
Sat Jun 18 2016 2h53 (13)
5000 Quakers Friars S Royal
Comp. G A C John
1 David J Dearnley
2 Michael H Tompsett
3 Nicola J Turner
4 Paul N Mounsey
5 Peter J Waterfield
6 Claire F Roulstone
7 Robert J Crocker
8 Ian G Campbell
9 Andrew I Blacklock
10 Adam R Crocker (C)

MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex, Holy Cross
Thu Jun 16 2016 3h25 (37)
5007 Stedman Caters
Arr. J W Belshaw
1 Stephanie J Pattenden
2 Paul A Cammiade
3 June Mackay
4 Graham R D Lay
5 David E Rothera
6 James W Belshaw (C)
7 Colin G Wright
8 Christopher N McCarthy
9 Brian G Meads
10 John A Hall
To mark the 950th anniversary of the reign of King Harold II. Harold rebuilt the church of the Holy Cross, Waltham Abbey, in which his remains are believed to have been reburied.

NON-ASSOCIATION

ABERGAVENNY, Mon, St Mary
Sat Jun 18 2016 3h25 (25)
5039 Grandisire Caters
Comp. Louis P H Suggett
1 Halisi Drysdale
2 Celia J K Wood
3 Philippa C M Stokoe
4 Michael P R H Woolley
5 Stephen W Horton
6 Robert C Beavis
7 Louis P H Suggett (C)
8 James E Hibbert
9 Laura M Davies
10 Stephen R Aldridge
First in method: 4.

NORWICH D.A.

CAMPTON, Beds, All Saints
Thu Jun 23 2016 (7)
5088 Bristol S Major
Comp. Mark B Davies (5088 No.1)
1 Jeremy W Warren
2 Daniel Denton
3 John P Loveless (C)
4 Gudrun E Warren
5 Simon A Rudd
6 Alan Regin
7 James W Belshaw
8 Stephanie J Pattenden
First in method: 4.

OXFORD D.G.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks, St Michael
Tue Jun 21 2016 3h2 (15)
5026 Bristol S Major
Comp. M B Davies (5026 No.3)
1 E John Wells
2 Beryl R Norris
3 June D Wells
4 Robert A Partridge
5 Ian G Campbell
6 Peter Bridle
7 Robert H Newton (C)
8 Martin J Turner

ST BLAISE SOCIETY

CHILDREY, Oxon, St Mary the Virgin
Sun Jun 5 2016 2h41 (12)
5056 Stratford S Major
Comp. R Baldwin
1 Peter Bridle
2 Nicola J Turner
3 Cynthia E Howell
4 Charlotte A Boyce
5 Colin M Turner
6 Darran Ricks
7 John R Martin (C)
8 Peter G C Ellis

ST MARTIN'S GUILD

COUNTESTHORPE, Leics, St Andrew
Sat Jun 18 2016 2h38 (10)
5025 Superlative S Major
Comp. Donald F Morrison (No.7470)
1 Anthea S Edwards
2 Mark R Eccleston
3 Maurice F Edwards
4 Jack Page
5 S Clarke Walters
6 Philip A B Saddleton
7 Richard I Allton (C)
8 Christopher J Pickford
A Silver Wedding Anniversary compliment to John and Stephanie Warboys.

BIRMINGHAM, W Mids, Cathedral Church of St Philip
Mon Jun 20 2016 3h23 (31)
5021 Stedman Cinques
Comp. M R Eccleston
1 Paul E Bibilo
2 Mark R Eccleston
3 Jack E Page (C)
4 Jack P Gunning
5 S Clarke Walters
6 Jonathan M P Thorne
7 Paul McNutt
8 James P Ramsbottom
9 Paul Needham
10 John P Loveless
11 Paul Jopp
12 Gordon R Birks
First of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

ST MARY ABBOTS GUILD

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, Middx, St Mary
Sun Apr 5 2015 3h12 (19)
5040 Quakers Friars S Royal
Comp. D F Morrison (No.3313)
1 Ian W Blake
2 Stephanie J Pattenden
3 Elizabeth A Hibbert
4 John J Ford
5 Timothy R Forster
6 James W Belshaw
7 Christopher D O'Mahony
8 David R Cox
9 Janet E Archibald (C)
10 Philip R Goodyer
For Easter.

ST THOMAS' SOCIETY

LYNTON, Devon, St Mary the Virgin
Mon May 2 2016 2h51 (10)
5040 Cambridge S Minor
(7 diff exts)
1 Alison D Orchard
2 Anne S Pratt
3 Jenny M Heyworth
4 Jeremy R Pratt
5 Nigel R D Orchard
6 Richard A Pearce (C)
A first birthday compliment to Princess Charlotte of Cambridge.
Also in memory of Sue Elborn (née Unsworth). £3

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

GLASGOW, Cathedral Church of St Mary the Virgin
Sat Jun 25 2016 3h28 (32)
5040 Yorkshire S Royal
Comp. A J Cox
1 Ruth M Marshall
2 Sally L Thomas
3 Angela H Deakin
4 Robin R Churchill (C)
5 Sue Wilkinson
6 Jennifer Tomkinson
7 Chris W Thomas
8 Colin P North
9 Jonathan S Frye
10 Clyde W Wallbanks
To congratulate Jennifer Tomkinson (née Sceeny) and Mike Tomkinson on their Golden Wedding. £5

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G.

WIRKSWORTH, Derbys, St Mary
Wed Jun 22 2016 3h2 (14)
5012 Ecclesbourne A Major
Comp. Ian Butters (No.655)
1 Paul M Mason
2 Ruth Curtis
3 Paul F Curtis
4 Margaret Whiteley
5 Graham M Bradshaw
6 George H Campling
7 Andrew I Blacklock
8 Ian Butters (C)
First peal in the method.
Ecclesbourne A Major:
-38-14-12.58.16.34.58-16-58, Group D

ALFRETON, Derbys, St Martin
Wed Jun 22 2016 2h44 (11)
5184 Bristol S Major
Comp. Ian Butters (No.451)
1 Ian Butters (C)
2 Paul M Mason
3 Ruth Curtis
4 Peter J England
5 Graham M Bradshaw
6 Andrew I Blacklock
7 Paul F Curtis
8 George H Campling

SUSSEX C.A.

BARCOMBE, E Sussex, St Mary the Virgin
Sat Jun 25 2016 2h41 (9)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
1 Edward M Wheeler
2 Katherine A Matthews
3 Patricia J Aylward
4 Jennifer A Dearie
5 Marisa A Hayes (C)
6 P Jonathan Franklin
To celebrate the ordination as deacon today at Chichester Cathedral of Revd Lucy Hollingsworth, wife of the Rector of Barcombe, to serve her curacy in the parish of Ringmer.
First peal: 1. £3

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

SELLY OAK, W Mids, St Mary
Sat Jun 25 2016 2h45 (12)
5088 Cassiobury S Major
Comp. Thomas Hooley
1 Christopher Lees
2 Catherine R Taylor
3 Richard J Hurst (C)
4 Lee Southall
5 Richard J Hartnell
6 Alison R Williams
7 Michael Chester
8 Stephen J Bedford
100th peal together: 2 & 8. £4

YORKSHIRE ASSN

SHEFFIELD, S Yorks, Cathedral Church of SS Peter & Paul
Sat Jun 18 2016 3h1 (14)
5120 Cornwall S Major
Comp. A G Reading
1 Michael Sheeran
2 Philip A Hoole
3 Adrian M Moreton
4 James S Croft
5 Stephen J Hall
6 Colin Aked
7 Simon J Reading
8 Christopher M Bennett (C)
For the Civic Service.
First in method: 2.

ROTHERHAM, S Yorks, Minster Church of All Saints
Mon Jun 20 2016 3h26 (35)
5040 Scarborough S Royal
Comp. J Clatworthy
1 Trevor C Ledger
2 Ruth Curtis
3 Adrian M Moreton
4 Colin Aked
5 Neil Donovan (C)
6 Christopher P Wilton
7 Simon J Reading
8 Paul F Curtis
9 Andrew I Blacklock
10 Malcolm S Turner
First peal in the method, previously rung in spliced.
Scarborough S Royal:
-3-4-5-236-7-8-6-7-38-9 lh2 £5

KIRBY HILL, N Yorks, All Saints
Mon Jun 20 2016 2h37 (8)
5040 S Minor
(7m: Carlisle, Sandiacre, Coldstream, London, Wells, Norwich, Cambridge)
1 Michael Sheeran
2 Luke S P Riley
3 Derek J Tysoe
4 R Andrew Sutherland
5 C Barrie Dove (C)
6 Roger S Riley
£3.00

Handbell Peals

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SOCIETY

FOXBOROUGH, MA, USA, 22 Creighton Ave
Sat Jun 25 2016 2h50 (0)
5056 Spiced TB Major
(2m: 4160 Kent; 896 Oxford: 56 com, Ilkeston var)
Comp. Marcus C W Sherwood
1-2 Cally D Perry
3-4 Edward J Fletcher
5-6 Elaine M Hansen (C)
7-8 Leland Paul Kusmer
First treble bob: 7-8.

COVENTRY D.G.

COVENTRY, W Mids, 63 St Martin's Road
Thu Jun 23 2016 1h47 (11)
5040 Minor
(7m: Oxford TB, Kent TB, Norwich, Cambridge S, Double Oxford, St Clement's College, Plain B)
1-2 Ian D Thompson
3-4 Geoffrey Pratt
5-6 Michael Chester (C) £1.50

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

GUERNSEY, CI, San Baronto
Wed Jun 22 2016 1h53 (8)
5040 Minor
(2m: 2880 Plain B; 2160 Cambridge S)
1-2 Peter J R Bevis
3-4 Helen M McGregor
5-6 Duncan R Loweth (C)
16/30

DERBY D.A.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, Leics, 106 Beaumont Road
Mon Jun 20 2016 2h17 (11)
5056 Rutland S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No.1)
1-2 Rupert A Clarke
3-4 Simon Melen
5-6 Simon Humphrey (C)
7-8 John M Jelley

ELY D.A.

CAMBRIDGE, Cambs, 102 Mawson Road
Tue Jun 21 2016 2h25 (11)
5056 Bristol S Major
Comp. M B Davies
1-2 Paul S Seaman
3-4 Gareth Davies
5-6 Alan T Winter
7-8 Michael G Purday (C)
1st Bristol on an inside pair: 5-6.

GUILDFORD D.G.

ALDERSHOT, Hants, 12 Highfield Avenue
Thu Jun 23 2016 2h28 (12)
5056 Spliced TB Major
(2m: 4160 Kent; 896 Oxford: 56 com at the half lead, Ilkstone var)
Comp. D F Morrison (No.1611)
1-2 Ian M Redway
3-4 Janet E Menhinick
5-6 W John Couperthwaite (C)
7-8 Tom Page
First peal of Spliced on handbells: 3-4. £2

HEREFORD D.G.

BRIDSTOW, Herefs, 4 Bannutree Cottages
Tue Jun 14 2016 2h28 (15)
5184 Spliced S Major
(15m: 576 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Yorkshire; 384 each Bristol, Cassiobury, London, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge; 192 each Ashtead, Cornwall; 64 each Alderney, Islay, Sheppey: 155 com)
Comp. D F Morrison (No.108, arr. D Jones)
1-2 Alexandra J Hajok
3-4 Richard J Clements
5-6 Frederick Shalcross
7-8 Daniel Jones (C)
Alex's birthday treat.

HERTFORD C.A.

WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive
Mon Jun 20 2016 1h55 (10)
5040 Surprise Minor
(8m: (1) Bedford (2) Norwich (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull (4) Cambridge, Ipswich (5) Norfolk (6,7) Cambridge)
1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3-4 Christine C Darby
5-6 Roger Baldwin (C)
Golden Wedding compliment to Christine and David Darby.

LEICESTER D.G.

LONG CLAWSON, Leics, Harwill House
Wed Jun 22 2016 1h44 (11)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: Beverley, Durham, Cambridge, Ipswich, Hull, Norwich, Netherseale)
1-2 Garry W Mason
3-4 John Adcock
5-6 Emma J Southerington (C)

MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.

TWICKENHAM, Middx, 19 Court Way
Thu Jun 23 2016 2h20 (15)
5056 Lincolnshire S Major
Comp. Nicholas D Brown
1-2 Margaret L Sherwood
3-4 Stephen J F Mitchell
5-6 David C Brown (C)
7-8 Hamish M McNaughton
1,000th peal: 3-4.

OXFORD D.G.

ASTON ROWANT, Oxon, The White House
Wed Jun 22 2016 2h40 (14)
5040 Cambridge S Royal
Comp. S Yates
1-2 John S Croft
3-4 Colin M Lee
5-6 Bernard F L Groves (C)
7-8 Patricia M Newton
9-10 Robert H Newton £2.50

TILEHURST, Berks, 15 Lytham End
Thu Jun 23 2016 2h14 (13)
5088 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. G A C John
1-2 Colin G Newman
3-4 June D Wells
5-6 Graham A C John (C)
7-8 E John Wells £2

MAIDENHEAD, Berks, 7 Laburnham Road
Wed Jun 22 2016 2h58 (15)
5184 Spiced S Maximus
(2m: 2688 Bristol; 2496 Rigel; 63 com, atw)
Comp. Richard A Pearce
1-2 Elizabeth C Frye
3-4 Graham A C John
5-6 David C Brown
7-8 Graham G Firman
9-10 Katharine J Firman
11-12 Richard A Pearce (C) £3

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

WHITEPARISH, Wilts, Anchorsholme
Thu Jun 16 2016 2h5 (11)
5040 Treble Bob Minor
(6m: (1) Ockley (2) Duke of Norfolk (3) Norbury (4) College Exercise (5-6) 1440 Oxford (7) Kent)
1-2 Patricia D Spink
3-4 Brian J Woodruffe (C)
5-6 Martin J E Daniels £1.50

GUERNSEY, CI, San Baronto
Sun Jun 19 2016 2h36 (8)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
1-2 Janice Firth
3-4 Duncan Loweth (C)
5-6 Jane Le Conte
A farewell compliment to Colin and Debbie, returning to the mainland - A la perchoine!
Rung in W&P's peal festival.
15/30

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants, Jubilee, New Farm Road
Thu Jun 23 2016 2h8 (8)
5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. C K Lewis
1-2 John A Dodd
3-4 Ian M Redway
5-6 Frank R Morton (C)
7-8 E C Gareth Higgs £2

YORKSHIRE ASSN

NORTHALLERTON, N Yorks, 19 The Green, Romanby
Fri Jun 17 2016 2h49 (11)
5184 Spiced S Major
(8m: 768 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Superlative; 576 each Bristol, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Yorkshire; 143 com)
Comp. Donald F Morrison (No.72)
1-2 Jonathan J F Stokoe (C)
3-4 Jennifer A Town
5-6 Christopher H Enzor
7-8 Peter J Sanderson

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Peals rung for the 90th birthday of HM The Queen

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

HEYWOOD, Lancs, St Luke
Mon May 2 2016 3h13 (22)
5184 Ealing S Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Jack P Gunning
2 Simon J T Smith
3 David T G Jones (C)
4 Simon J Reading
5 David E Rothera
6 Ryan S Noble
7 Louis P H Suggett
8 Laura M Davies
With 90th birthday compliments to Joe Thornley (20th April) of Farnworth, a College Youth since 1953, and to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II (21st April).

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ENFIELD, London, St Mary Magdalene
Fri Jun 10 2016 2h43 (9)
5024 Bristol S Major
Comp. Roger Baldwin
1 Stephanie J Pattenden
2 Paul A Cammiade
3 Roger Baldwin (C)
4 Jack E Page
5 Simon A Rudd
6 Alan Regis
7 John P Lovelless
8 Claire F Roulstone
For the official 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

BARNARD CASTLE, Durham, St Mary the Virgin
Sat Jun 11 2016 3h4 (17)
5056 Spliced SMajor
(3m: 1856 Lincolnshire; 1664 Yorkshire; 1536 Cambridge; 45 com, atw)
Comp. Robert W Lee
1 Karen P Maughan
2 Catherine H Millar
3 Alexander T G Pym
4 Alan M Barber
5 Jennifer A Town
6 Christopher M Mansfield
7 Christopher H Enzor (C)
8 Kristopher King
To mark the official 90th birthday of Her Majesty The Queen.
1st surprise major: 2.

GUILDFORD D.G.

OLD WOKING, Surrey, St Peter
Sat Apr 23 2016 3h6 (17)
5088 Spiced S Major
(8m: 736 London; 704 each Bristol, Rutland; 640 Cambridge; 576 each Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire; 136 com, atw)
Comp. John S Warboys
1 Jacob O Webb
2 Jenny M Heyworth
3 Rachel E Johnson
4 Simon J Kitchener
5 Peter J Blight
6 David L Richards
7 Richard A Pearce (C)
8 Matthew C Webb
On St George's Day to celebrate the 90th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II.
1st peal of 8-Spliced: 2,4.
1st peal of Major: 1. £4

CHIDDINGFOLD, Surrey, St Mary

Fri Jun 24 2016 2h48 (12)
5056 Dereham S Major
Comp. Richard Allton
1 Karen M White
2 Ronald F Diserens
3 Beryl R Norris
4 Martin J Turner
5 David Kirkcaldy
6 David R Finch
7 Ian G Mills
8 Bernard F L Groves (C)
To celebrate The Queen's 90th birthday.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL GUILD

CITY OF LONDON, Cathedral Church of St Paul
Sat Jun 11 2016 3h59 (62)
5090 Stedman Cinques
Comp. M J Cansdale
1 Timothy E S Holmes
2 Martin J Cansdale (C)
3 David I Bassford
4 Alan J Frost
5 Leigh D G Simpson
6 Simon Read
7 Christopher Forster
8 Paul N Mounsey
9 Martin C Faulkes
10 Paul J Tiebout
11 John I White
12 Gwen Rogers
Philip Rogers
In celebration of the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on her official birthday.

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SUFFOLK GUILD

OFFTON, Suffolk, St Mary
Thu Jun 16 2016 2h45 (8)
5090 Queen Elizabeth II D Major
Comp. B E Whiting
1 Adrian Knights
2 Mary S Garner
3 Christine A Knight
4 Jed Flatters
5 Stephen A Cheek
6 Joan Garrett
7 Thomas G Scase
8 Brian E Whiting (C)
To celebrate the recent 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

RANMORE, Surrey, St Barnabas
Mon Jun 6 2016 3h21 (20)
5152 Cambridge S Major
Comp. Charles Middleton
1 E C Gareth Higgs
2 Janet E Menhinick
3 David R Finch
4 Paul H Beeken
5 David Kirkcaldy
6 Paul J Flavell
7 Richard M Trueman
8 P Quentin Armitage (C)
In celebration of Queen Elizabeth II's forthcoming official 90th birthday. £4

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

CURDRIDGE, Hants, St Peter
Sun Jun 12 2016 3h17 (26)
5090 Bristol S Major
Comp. A G Reading
1 David M Goss
2 Charlotte K Colliss
3 Janet L Morris
4 Stephen S Russ
5 John P Colliss
6 James A Hodkin
7 Edward P D Colliss (C)
8 Stuart J Heath
To celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Circled the tower: 5.

Peals commemorating the Centenary of World War I

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

TERLING, Essex, All Saints
Sun May 15 2016 2h47 (11)
5088 Zzyzx Springs S Major
Gen. BYROC
1 Andrew P Brewster
2 Yvonne A Towler
3 David L Sparling
4 Christina D A Brewster
5 James L Towler
6 Neil V Avis
7 David M Hengeli
8 Alan P Mayle (C)
In memory of Thomas William Eve of this parish (died 31 May 1916) who gave his life for his King and Country - His name liveth for evermore.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

LINCOLN D.G.

BICKER, Lincs, St Swithin
Wed Jun 8 2016 2h47 (8)
5088 Double Norwich CB Major
Comp. Ian Butters (No.662)
1 Andrew I Blacklock
2 James E Benner
3 Ruth Curtis
4 Ian G Campbell
5 Alan Regis
6 Paul F Curtis
7 R Kingsley Mason
8 Ian Butters (C)
Remembering Rifleman Richard Bloodworth Machin, ringer at Bicker, who died 7th June, 1916 aged 18, & is buried at Rifle House Cemetery, Belgium.

ST JAMES' GUILD

CITY OF LONDON, St Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet Street
Mon Jun 6 2016 2h56 (11)
5060 London No.3 A Royal
Comp. S Jenner
1 David J Dearnley
2 Paul A Cammiade
3 Shirley E McGill
4 Colin M Turner
5 Frank W Rivett
6 David C Brown
7 Alan Regis
8 Peter G C Ellis
9 Michael R Crockett
10 Stanley Jenner (C)
In memory of: Lieutenant Alfred Reginald Bewes Chapman, Bolton, Cambridge University Guild, St John's College; and Lieutenant Robert James Brownlow Frank, West Grinstead, Sussex County Association, who both died in the Great War, 100 years ago today. Their name liveth for evermore.
Circled the tower: 9.
First peal in the method.
London No.3 A Royal:
f 3-3.4-2.3.4-4.5.6-6.7.4.5.8.4-2.9

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First quarter congratulations

Fillongley, Warks. 17 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Paul Wilson 1, Rodney Swallow 2, Joshua Wilson 3, Michael Chester 4, Jonathon Chester (C) 5, Anthony Coleman 6. 1st Q: 1. 300th together: 2,4. £3

Hertford, Herts. (All Saints) 19 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m): David Kemp (Snr) 1, John S Rank 2, Andrew F Case 3, Roy Hornby 4, Alastair Stracey (C) 5, Nick Hoyle 6. Rung on the front 6 as a compliment to our Curate Ginni Dear on her last Sunday in the parish before moving to St Ippolytes. 1st at 1st attempt: 6. £3

Sandridge, Herts. 19 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Ron Titmus 1, Judith Titmus 2, A Trevor Hawkins 3, Julia Pentelow 4, Vivian Nutton (C) 5, Ben Quinn 6. 1st Q: 6. For the joint centenary Birthday celebrations of Revd Em Coley, vicar & Revd Peter Crumpler, curate of Sandridge.

Tarvin, Ches. 22 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Patrick Deakin (C) 1, Jenny Christian 2, Simon Christian 3, David Adams 4, Ben Kellett 5, Isaac Deakin 6. 1st Q (aged 12): 6. Rung for Evensong. Wishing courage to Lewis Gomez for his treatment for Leukemia.

Thatcham, Berks. 22 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jake Reid 1, Angela Brown 2, John Kape 3, Adrian J Moon 4, Anthony D Smith (C) 5, Janet E John 6. 1st Q: 1. £3

In Memoriam

Barkby, Leics. 24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Amy M Cook 1, Angela Dilkes 2, Maurice R A Kirk 3, Roland H Cook (C) 4, Paul M Atkins 5, Karl Smith 6. Rung in Memory of Bill Illston, Ringer here for many years, who died recently, aged 94. £3

Birchington, Kent. (All Saints) 19 Jun, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): Allan Chandler 1, Liz Shearman 2, Tim Attride (C) 3, Emma Tapsell 4, Douglas Neve 5, Stuart Willmott 6. Dedicated to the memory of Stuart James Attride, brother of 3. Also to the memory of Melvie Smith, mother of Alison Sheekey, who died this morning.

Bow, London. (S Mary) 22 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Jinny Kuflik 1, Tim Mills 2, Alix Campbell 3, Colin Cherrett 4, Stephen Jakeman (C) 5, Clive Summers 6. 1st in 2 methods: 3. In memory of Kay Foley, much loved member of the congregation & one-time ringer, in the evening before her funeral. She went too soon. Followed by 240 PB Doubles rung by Angela Cooper, Janet Drake & members of the band, also in her memory. £6

Canterbury, Kent. (S Stephen, Hackington) 19 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Enid Dixon 1, Brenda Davies 2, Elizabeth Shearman 3, Jane Huxley (C) 4, Flavia Faedo 5, Ruth Niblett 6. For Evensong. Also in memory of Helen Cairns, mother-in-law of Robin Hodgson.

Cheapside, City of London EC2 St Mary le Bow Sunday. 19th June 2016 1257 Stedman Cinques 1 Stephen J F Mitchell 2 Timothy R Forster 3 Geraldine R Forster 4 Mark N Harris 5 Michael J Palmer 6 E John W Manley 7 Stephen G Jakeman 8 Benjamin D Kipling 9 Christopher D O'Mahony 10 Benjamin J Meyer 11 Lucinda J Woodward (C) 12 Andrew V Brown Dedicated to the memory of Philip Vracas, President of this Association.

Durleigh, Som. 22 Jun, 1260 Rev Canterbury PI Doubles: Derek Hurley 1, Keith Lane 2, Valerie Stone (C) 3, Bill Wilkinson 4, Mervyn A Arscott 5, Terry Warman 6. Rung half-muffled prior to the funeral of Mrs Dulcie Bown, of Durleigh Farm, who died 27th May aged 91. Re-united with her husband Wiif who died December 2004. R.I.P. 200th Q: 6.

Kirkheaton, W Yorks. 19 Jun, 1320 Minor (2m): Jean Doman 1, Sharon Kelly 2, John Barden 3, Wynford Carter 4, Mark Everrett 5, John Spencer (C) 6. Rung for Baptism Service & to give thanks for the life of Jo Cox MP. £3

Mathern, Mon. 23 Jun, 1260 Doubles (1m/1p): Monnica Williams 1, Dudley Surman 2, Sally Utting 3, Michael D Penney 4, Andrew J Mead (C) 5, Tony Utting 6. In thanksgiving for the life of John Chilcott, past C of St Paul's Cathedral & sometime local ringer. Rung while his memorial service was taking place at St Paul's Cathedral. £6

Ottery St Mary, Devon. 17 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (4m): Lesley Tucker 1, Sheila Scofield 2, Nigel Birt 3, Graham Tucker 4, Sue Sawyer 5, Tim Bayton (C) 6, Charlotte Boyce 7, John Martin 8. Most methods in Spl S Major: 2. Rung in fond memory of Alison Williams, with our thoughts & prayers for Neil.

Oxford. (S Giles) 20 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Caillan Crowe-McAuliffe 1, Simon L Edwards 2, Anthony Williamson 3, Rosanna Cretney 4, Andrew R Freer (C) 5, Edward Nicholson 6, John G Pusey 7, Hugh Deam 8. Rung half-muffled, in sorrow, following the death of Jo Cox MP. 1st on a moving bell: 1. £4

Rockwell Green, Som. 22 Jun, 1260 Wigganhall St Mary The Virgin Bob Minor: Keith E Beale 1, Raymond P Jones 2, John West 3, Charles H P Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 4, Giles R Morley 5, Martin J Blazey 6. Rung in memory of Judith Banton of Milverton, Alison Williams of Upton & Jo Cox MP may they rest in peace. 1st in m for all. £3

Washington, DC. (Cathedral) 22 May, 1260 Stedman Triples: Ann G Martin 1, Mary Clark 2, Carolyn V Ormes 3, Beth Sinclair 4, Bill Kollar 5, Susan M O'Neill 6, Alexander T Taft III (C) 7, Philip Merrill 8. For Sunday Service & in celebration of the life of Victor Kryston, Jr.

Methods named

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

Stoke upon Trent, Staffs. (Minster Church of St Peter ad Vincula) 25 Jun, 1282 **Stokebridge S Royal:** Robert W Barcroft 1, Raymond H Daw 2, Rosemary E Wright 3, Margaret Jones 4, R Jean Nixon 5, Jim Nixon 6, Chris Adams (C) 7, Timothy C Hine 8, Selwyn G Jones 9, Michael J Platt 10. 1st in a new method Rung in support of the Anthony Nolan Bloodwise Appeal.

Tewin, Herts. 21 Jun, 1296 **Bressay Lighthouse S Minor:** Alan M Shepherd 1, Richard Sales 2, Ann Evans 3, Bjorn E Bradstock (C) 4, Claire C Nicholson 5, Richard A Horne 6. 1st in m. Bass Rock Lighthouse S Minor. x34x1456x56x36.12x14.56-16.

General quarters

Abson, Glos. 3 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): David Lee 1, Gloria Wilshire 2, Mary York 3, David Clark 4, William Liebow (C) 5. For Evensong. Also to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge. £2.50

Abson, Glos. 1 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sheila Lewis 1, Myra Gibbs 2, Gloria Wilshire 3, Robin Screen 4, William Liebow (C) 5, Linda Gittings 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mandy Lewis, daughter of 1 & Phil Parker. Also in memory of the stepmother of 2 who passed away last week aged 99. 99th Q: 2. £3

Alderney, Channel Is. 24 May, 1264 PB Major: Jane Vowles 1, Aileen Wilson 2, Philippa Arditti 3, Helen M McGregor 4, Sue J Belgrove 5, Victoria McAllister 6, Peter J R Bevis 7, Stephen A Rossiter (C) 8. £4

Alderney, Channel Is. (Wells House) 22 May, 1264 PB Major: Peter J R Bevis 1-2, Helen M McGregor 3-4, Aileen Wilson 5-6, Stephen A Rossiter (C) 7-8. 4th Birthday compliment to James Wilson, Grandson to all except 7-8. £2

Affrison, E Sussex. 9 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m/4v): Jenny Wells 1, Jennifer A Dearie 2, Sandra M Titherly 3, Ann F Wright 4, Pauline M Kennard (C) 5, Nicholas J Cant 6. Rung following the wedding of Robert Lelliott & Jessica Brown. 50th Q on the bells: 1. £3

Ashbury, Oxon. 21 Feb, 1260 Doubles (11m): Lisa Ryan 1, Nicola Roberts 2, Tony Crabtree 3, Jonathan Norton 4, Joe Norton (C) 5, Tom Edgeworth 6. Part of the ODG Vale of the White Horse Branch QP Week.

Attenborough, Notts. 28 May, 1346 Bristol S Major: Tim Poole 1, Colin M Lee (C) 2, Emma Jones 3, John R Cook 4, Matthew Jones 5, Leah Wignell 6, Christopher J Field 7, Alistair J E Smith 8. To celebrate the 40th Birthday of 6. £4

Aughton, Lancs. (S Michael) 9 Jun, 1320 London S Minor: Barbara Shallcross 1, Andrew White 2, Celia Hughes-D'Aeth 3, John Shallcross 4, John Preston 5, Daniel Vernon (C) 6. 1st in m: 4. Rung by the Wigan Branch Midweek Group. £3

Barnes, London. 13 May, 1280 Kent TB Major: Charles Turnbull 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Trisha Hawkins 3, Andrew Harvey 4, Mike Wigney 5, Eddie Heath 6, Linda Doddering (C) 7, Francis Ring-Davies 8. 1st in m: 6,8. £4

Barnes, London. 20 May, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Francis Ring-Davies 1, Jackie Harrison 2, Colin Friend 3, Oliver Thompson 4, Louise Booth 5, Roderic K Bickerton 6, Charles Turnbull (C) 7, Michael de Freitas 8. For Surrey Association QP Week. £4

Barnes, London. 27 May, 1296 Stedman Triples: Roderic K Bickerton 1, Jill Wigney 2, Charles Turnbull 3, Eddie Heath 4, Francis Ring-Davies 5, Gill Tomlinson 6, Tony Nunn (C) 7, Michael de Freitas 8. To celebrate the wedding today of Shona Falconer & Nicholas Harper. £4

Barrow-upon-Humber, Lincs. (Holy Trinity) 18 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Carolyn A Hibbert 1, Helen J Audley 2, Sally A Hewitt 3, Alexander J Hibbert 4, Philip H Dawson 5, Gary J Audley 6, Barry F Peachey (C) 7, Patricia A Donnelly 8. Rung immediately following the wedding of Charlotte Bell & David Dawson (no relation to the 5th ringer). Charlotte is the daughter of former British Touring Car Champion Martyn Bell, now proprietor of the village motor engineers.

Bath, Som. (S Michael) 27 May, 1260 Doubles (5m): Ian G Smith 1, Jody A Wood 2, Nicholas C Field (C) 3, Dave Kelly 4, Andrew K Woolley 5, Richard F Curry 6. Rung prior to the wedding of Maria Shah & Steven Hillman.

Bathwick, Bath, Som. 12 Jun, 1290 Grandsire Doubles: Georgina Barratt 1, Helen J Udal 2, Matthew A Skues 3, Michael W Day 4, Adrian R Udal (C) 5, Michael J Stubbs 6. For morning service.

Beeston, Notts. (17, Coniston Road) 2 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Esther Pilgrim 1-2, Tim Poole (C) 3-4, Roger Lawson 5-6. 1st Minor in hand: 5-6. 1st on the bells. £1.50

Beeston, Notts. (17, Coniston Road) 2 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Hayley J Wells 1-2, Christine M Langton 3-4, Christopher J Field (C) 5-6. 1st in hand as C. £1.50

Birchington, Kent. (All Saints) 12 Jun, 1260 Croft Doubles: Allan Chandler 1, Tim Attride 2, David Sheekey 3, Michael Little (C) 4, Douglas Neve 5, Stuart Willmott 6.

Bishop's Cannings, Wilts. (S Mary V) 18 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Plumridge 1, David W Hacker 2, Ursula Osmond 3, Laura Amor 4, Mark Robbins 5, Peter Baker 6, Robert Wellen (C) 7, Lewis F Cobb 8. Specially arranged to congratulate the Revd Liz & Norman Bailey on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. £4

Bluntisham, Cambs. 13 May, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Marion Robinson 1, Dee Smith 2, Sally Mew 3, Jon Reed 4, Naomi Laredo 5, Edith Robinson 6, Hannah Campbell 7, Philip Bailey (C) 8.

Bodenham, Herefs. 18 Jun, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Alison Alcock 1, Ellie Williams 2, Pat Key 3, Izabelle Bimson 4, Richard Bimson (C) 5, Rachel Coates 6. 1st in m: 2,3. 1/3. £3

Brassington, Derbys. 13 June, 1260 PB Doubles: Jean Walker 1, David Palmer 2, Frances E Haynes 3, Gilly Pearson 4, Roy A Meads (C) 5, Fred Pearson 6. To commemorate the birth of Jonah Boyd Palmer on 31 January 2016. £3

Broadchalke, Wilts. 21 Feb, 1260 PB Triples: Neil O Skelton 1, Ross G W Robertson 2, Patricia M Davidson 3, Claire Dillstone 4, Ruth Plumridge 5, Ivan L Andrews 6, Julian J Hemper (C) 7, Robert Wellen 8. 90th Birthday Compliment to David Dark, Stepfather of C, today. Also remembering Joan Jones of Broadchalke, HLM of SDGR, who died recently. Rung by members of the Guild Executive prior to their meeting.

Butleigh, Som. 16 Jun, 1250 Superlative S Major: Dee J Urch 1, Becky Dunnett 2, Matthew C Gardiner 3, Teresa J Dunstone 4, Thomas R Garrett 5, Melvyn J Freeman 6, David C J Marshall 7, John R Schmidt (C) 8. £4

Cambridge, Christ's College. (Seminar Room) 15 Jun, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: Paul S Seaman 1-2, Gareth Davies 3-4, Jonathan A Agg (C) 5-6, Alan Winter 7-8. To celebrate Honorary Degrees for Keith Peters & Nicholas Serota. £2

Chelsfield, Kent. 17 Apr, 1260 PB Triples: Nancy Fisher 1, Clare Pruden 2, Philippa Rooke 3, Lesley Barclay 4, Bob Pruden 5, John Barnes 6, Nicholas Wilkins(C) 7, Richard George 8. To mark the departure of Philip & Jayne Lane from the Parish after more than 60 years service in various roles in the church.

Chiddingfold, E Sussex. 16 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: Christine M Baldock 1, Hilary F Smith 2, Louise G Pink 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Rachel J Edwards 5, Caroline C House 6, Sandra Y Alford (C) 7, Pauline M Kennard 8. Rung to wish Anne Franklin a very happy 60th Birthday today by members of "The Ladies who..." Ringers. £4

Chipping Norton, Oxon. 16 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rex Issac 1, Alan Hodges 2, Chris Meads 3, Jack Long 4, John Simms 5, Stan Burrage 6, John Gibson (C) 7, Neil Tappin 8. £4

Chiswick, London. 13 Jun, 1296 Stedman Triples: Martin Crick 1, Susan Mills 2, Peter Richards 3, Mike Wigney 4, Adrian Udal 5, Richard Jones 6, Gill Tomlinson (C) 7, Francis Ring-Davies 8. 1st Stedman: 3. 1st Stedman as C. To welcome Revd Eileen McGregor as Associate Vicar of this parish. £4

Church Gresley, Derbys. 18 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Jamie Davison 1, Helen Disley 2, Moira Johnson 3, John Cater (C) 4, Richard Austin 5, Adam Baker 6. 1st inside on tower bells: 2. **£3**

Church Gresley, Derbys. 12 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Moira Johnson (C) 1, Bronwen Wenham 2, Jamie Davison 3, John Cater 4, Richard Austin 5, Helen Disley 6. For morning service & the Birthdays of 5 (yesterday) & Bobby Davison (4 today). **£3**

City of London. (S Michael, Cornhill) 15 Jun, 1440 Zanussi S Maximus: Michael C Bryant 1, Henry D Coggill 2, Elizabeth A Burton 3, Anne M Anthony 4, Leigh D G Simpson 5, David R Beadman 6, Christopher H Rogers 7, Phillip P Ridley 8, Richard H Burton (C) 9, Nicholas M W Haggett 10, Mark E R Gill 11, Neil Buswell 12. Engagement compliment to Phillip Ridley & Hannah Smith. Congratulations! **£3**

Coleshill, Oxon. (All Saints) 20 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Jonathan Wright 1, Tracey Wright 2, Lucy Laird 3, Nicola Roberts 4, Jonathan Norton 5, Joe Norton (C) 6. Part of the ODG Vale of the White Horse Branch QP Week. **£3**

Colyton, Devon. 13 Jun, 1250 Pudsey S Major: Jo Brown 1, Lisa Clarke 2, Wendy Campbell 3, Lesley Tucker 4, Graham Tucker 5, Peter Brown 6, Ian Campbell 7, David Hird (C) 8. **£4**

Corfe Mullen, Dorset. 17 Jun, 1272 Munden S Minor: Timothy F Collins 1, Patricia M Garrett 2, Robert J Wellen 3, Laurence H Turner 4, Graham A Duke 5, Thomas R Garrett (C) 6. 1st blows in m: 2,3. **£3**

Cossington, Leics. (All Saints) 11 Jun, 1260 St Simons Doubles: Hannah M Bristow 1, Jenny G Robertson 2, Daniel T Calvert 3, Michael P R H Woolley 4, Alistair J Cherry (C) 5. **£3**

Cranleigh, Surrey. 30 May, 1250 Spl S Major (2m): Graham D Heath 1, Shona Clark 2, J Susan Bassett 3, Roger H Pocock 4, Christopher J Bassett 5, Darren W Elphick 6, Stephen J Davis 7, Michael A Birkbeck (C) 8. **£4**

Crayford, Kent. 20 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Barton 1, Debra Say 2, Rachel Backhouse 3, Fraser Cliff 4, Helen Webb 5, David Holdridge 6, Rupert Cheeseman (C) 7, Andrew Sinclair 8. Rung before the Palm Sunday confirmation service. **£4**

Croome D'Abitot, Worcs. 29 May, 1380 Lakesend Bob Minor: Kate Collingwood 1, Mark A Wilson 2, Cynthia Palmer 3, Nigel Davis 4, Paul R Smith 5, Robin J Walker (C) 6. Once again, entertaining the visitors to Croome Park. Marking exactly 5 years since the first ringing on the bells (May 30th 2011) following their DIY restoration. During that time the bells have been rung on 336 occasions including: 251 Qs, 4 peals & 54 visiting bands with 638 ringers. **£3**

Dorking, Surrey. 30 May, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Roger H Pocock 1, Shona Clark 2, Jacqueline M Barlow 3, Graham D Heath 4, J Susan Bassett 5, Christopher J Bassett 6, David R Finch 7, Stephen J Davis 8, Michael A Birkbeck (C) 9, Daren W Elphick 10. **£5**

Dover, Kent. 15 Jun, 1260 Royal Holloway College Bob Triples: Stephen J Davis 1, Jacqueline M Barlow 2, Cathryn M Hills 3, Christopher J Bassett 4, Terence V Barnard 5, Thomas M Barlow 6, Andrew J Corby (C) 7, Phillip Bedford 8. **£4**

Earls Barton, Northants. 12 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Mrs Eleanor M Williams 1, Mrs Janet Wilkins 2, Mr S Elvin 3, Mrs Gaynor T Smith 4, Mr A T F Smith (C) 5, Mr M J C Brown 6. 1st as Treble: 1. 1st in 13 years: 3. 50th Q: 5. 1st as member of local band: 6. **£3**

Edgbaston, W Mids. (S Batholomew) 15 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Daniel T Calvert 1-2, Alistair J Cherry 3-4, Jack E Page (C) 5-6. 1st in hand: 1-2. **£4**

Elstow, Beds. 15 Jun, 1290 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer S Thompson 1, Ann Desics 2, Derek A Hammond 3, Christopher Hartley 4, Stephen H Stanford (C) 5, Richard J Hillson 6. Specially arranged to congratulate Miriam Clark on her 90th Birthday today, with the best wishes of the band. (Miriam has been a member of the band here for 60 years, 50 of them as Tower Captain). **£4**

Elveden, Suffolk. 1 Jun, 1282 Pudsey S Major: Craig M D Gradidge 1, Brian E Whiting (C) 2, Jed Flatters 3, Deborah Blumfield 4, Abby L Antrobus 5, Owen P Claxton 6, Clive J Dunbavin 7, Rowan P Wilson 8. With the band's best wishes to Clare Flatters on the occasion of her Birthday. **£4**

Epsom, Surrey. (Christ Church, Epsom Common) 14 Jun, 1250 London S Major: Linda A Armitage 1, Jenny Heyworth 2, Genebeth Webb 3, Sheila Cheesman 4, Jackie Roberts 5, Ron Diserens 6, K Roger Tompsett 7, Jeremy Cheesman (C) 8. 1st London S Major: 2,7. Wishing 7 a happy Birthday for Monday next. **£4**

Epsom, Surrey. (S Martin of Tours) 12 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: John Aronson 1, Claire Stay 2, Jacqueline L Brown 3, Margaret Bale 4, R Mark Shearn 5, K Roger Tompsett 6, Christopher J Brown 7, Mike Bale (C) 8. Rung as a 60th Birthday compliment to Jenny Heyworth. 1st in m: 2,7. **£4**

Ewhurst, Surrey. 30 May, 1280 Superlative S Major: Shona Clark 1, J Susan Bassett 2, Roger H Pocock 3, Graham D Heath 4, Christopher J Bassett 5, Stephen J Davis 6, Michael A Birkbeck 7, Darren W Elphick (C) 8. **£4**

Farnborough, Kent. (S Giles) 12 Apr, 1260 St Martin's Doubles: Nicholas Wilkins (C) 1, Juliet Austin 2, Bobbie Fairclough 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Lesley Barclay 5, Melanie Titmus 6. Birthday compliment to 5 (on 11th April). **£4**

Farnborough, Kent. (S Giles) 5 Apr, 1260 PB Doubles: Lesley Barclay 1, Dennis Ellisdon 2, James Austin 3, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 4, Catherine Lewis 5, Juliet Austin 6. 1st inside at first attempt: 3. **£4**

Frodsham, Ches. 17 Jun, 1250 Pudsey S Major: Peter Wilkinson 1, Carrie L Hyde 2, Diana M Anderson 3, Ben Kellett 4, Simon Taylor 5, Geoffrey Parting 6, Duncan L C Hyde (C) 7, Andrew J Rawlinson 8. 1st in m: 4. **£4**

Fulham, Middx. 12 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Philip Mills 1, Thomas Lawrance (C) 2, Eva, Redei 3, Jean Azzopardi 4, Lee Garlick 5, Alastair George 6. For Evenson. On the back 6. **£4**

Gamlingay, Cambs. 7 Jun, 1280 Jersey S Major: Simon Durrant 1, Liz Griffith-Jones 2, Vicky LeFevre 3, Ann Evans 4, Michael Matthews 5, John Rank 6, Alastair Stracey 7, Alistair Donaldson (C) 8. 1st in m: 5. 89th Birthday Compliment to Beryl Matthews, Mother of 5. Rung on Golden Oldies QP Day. **£4**

Gloucester, Glos. (Cathedral) 12 Jun, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: John Smith 1, Mary Chapman 2, Jonathan Adkins 3, Cathy Baker 4, Jo Gifford 5, Margaret Smith 6, David Butler 7, Derek Harbottle 8, Andrew Evans 9, Malcolm Evans (C) 10. **£4**

Gloucester, Glos. (Cathedral) 14 Jun, 1320 Grandsire Cinques: Malcolm Evans (C) 1, Peter Clarkson 2, Mary Chapman 3, Madeline Reeder 4, Reg Hitchings 5, Andrew Evans 6, Margaret Smith 7, David Franklin 8, Anna Bayley 9, Derek Harbottle 10, Will Ruck 11, David Chapman 12. **£4**

Harlow Common, Essex. 13 Jun, 1344 Spl S Major (6m): Ann Evans 1, Vicky LeFevre 2, Claire C Nicholson 3, Liz Griffith-Jones 4, Alistair Donaldson 5, Stephen Wood 6, Richard Sales 7, Fred Bone (C) 8. **£4**

Headington, Oxon. 5 Jun, 1273 Grandsire Triples: Simon L Edwards 1, Clare Fairbairn 2, John G Pusey 3, Rosanna Cretney 4, Rachel Croft 5, Edward Nicholson (C) 6, Paul C Lucas 7, Caillan Crowe-McAuliffe 8. 1st on eight: 4,5,8. As a Sad Farewell to the C, who leaves Headington at the end of June to return to Nottingham. Our loss is their gain. **£4**

Heanor, Derbys. 16 Jun, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Sue Rainsbury 1, Richard Newton 2, Lynne Newton 3, Jane Boden 4, Robert Marchbank 5, John Hawes (C) 6, Fred Pearson 7, Paul Jopp 8. 18th Birthday compliment to Rachel Jopp. **£4**

Heath, Cardiff. (33 St Malo Road) 9 Jun, 1344 PB Major: Helen Phillips 1-2, Peter S Bennett 3-4, Matthew Turner (C) 5-6, Phillip Huxley 7-8. Congratulations to Rosie Huxley on achieving a distinction in her medical degree from Bristol University. **£4**

Heckington, Lincs. 14 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia M Taylor 1, Helen Brotherton 2, Betty Stracey 3, Bill Brotherton 4, Michael Stracey 5, Greg Harrison 6, Alan D H Bird (C) 7, Bryan Ward 8. Birthday compliment to Vince Stocking, a ringer in this tower. **£4**

High Erroll, Shrops. 9 Jun, 1536 Spl S Major (17m): Maurice G Ingram 1, Gillian R Glover 2, Gail K Lawrence 3, Chloë A Darby 4, Alan M Glover 5, Matthew Lawrence 6, Nicholas J Green (C) 7, Michael Wilshaw 8. Most methods of S Major: 3,4. **£4**

Horsley, Glos. (S Martin) 12 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Madeline Lindley 1, Alan Hodges 2, Will Ruck 3, Chris Meads 4, John Simms 5, Stan Burrage 6, John Gibson (C) 7, Sam Waite 8. For Prince Philip's 95th Birthday. **£4**

Ingoldmells, Lincs. 12 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: James A Barker 1, Isabel Barker 2, Caitlin A Meyer 3, Helen M Brotherton 4, Tony W Barker 5, Gemma L Evans 6, Bill Brotherton (C) 7, Clare E Barker 8. **£4**

Kemsley, Kent. 29 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Margaret Phillipott 1, Richard Bushell 2, Stephen Trafford 3, Cathy Cheeseman 4, Chris M Trafford (C) 5, Chris J Trafford 6. 1st on the bells since rehanging into a permanent campanile in Kemsley. **£1.50**

Kendal, Cumbria. 27 Feb, 1376 Cambridge S Major: Jill Sherry 1, Matt Hetherington 2, Peter Gardner 3, Rob Chapman 4, Helen Midwood 5, Peter Dawson (C) 6, Charles Ely 7, Kevin Mayfield 8. **£4**

Kimbolton, Herefs. (S James Gt) 18 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m/6v/1p): Richard Bimson 1, Pat Key 2, Alison Alcock (C) 3, Ellie Williams 4, Rachel Coates 5, Izabelle Bimson 6. Most m/v inside: 4. 2/3. **£3**

Kimpton, Herts. 12 Jun, 1372 PB Triples: Adam R Crocker 1, Judith E Titmus 2, Julia Pentelow 3, Dianne Crowder 4, Kevin Horan 5, Jason M Fisher 6, Robert J Crocker (C) 7, Ron E Titmus 8. Specially arranged & rung as 60th Birthday compliment to 2. **£4**

Kingham, Oxon. 16 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Alan Hodges 1, John Simms 2, Jack Long 3, Chris Meads 4, Stan Burrage 5, Neil Tappin 6, John Gibson (C) 7, Rex Issac 8. **£4**

Langford Budville, Som. 15 Jun, 1260 Ten Mile Bank Bob Minor: Bryan Williams 1, Ray Jones 2, Valerie Stone 3, John West 4, Mike Blissett 5, Martin Blazey (C) 6. 1st in m for all. **£3**

Leckhampton, Glos. 12 Jun, 1280 Superlative S Major: John Liptrot 1, Barbara Pettit 2, Clara Jackson 3, Margaret Smith 4, Chris Hickey 5, Anna Bayley 6, Pat Hickey 7, Stuart Tomlinson (C) 8. **£4**

Little Eaton, Derbys. 16 Jun, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Ruth Jopp 1, Gill Pearson 2, Paul Jopp (C) 3, John Hawes 4, Pam Timms 5, Jane Boden 6, Fred Pearson 7, Anthony Cotton 8. 18th Birthday Compliment to Rachel Jopp. **£4**

Longcot, Oxon. 12 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Elaine Baber 1, Jonathan Norton 2, Valia Battat 3, Steve Lowman 4, Tom Edgeworth 5, Joe Norton (C) 6. **£4**

Longcot, Oxon. 19 Feb, 1280 Doubles (6m/5v): Peter Tombs 1, Tony Crabtree 2, Nicola Roberts 3, Jonathan Norton 4, Joe Norton (C) 5, Steve Lowman 6. 80th Birthday compliment to David Endacott. Part of the ODG Vale of the White Horse Branch QP Week. **£4**

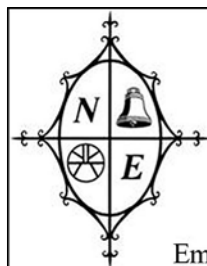
Longcot, Oxon. 5 Feb, 1260 Doubles (5m/5v): Jane McCutchan 1, Tony Crabtree 2, Lucy Laird 3, Kevin Musty 4, Joe Norton (C) 5, Steve Lowman 6. 150th Q: 6. **£4**

Lubham, Leics. 14 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Diana Cook 1, Jo Williamson 2, Claire Johnson 3, Tom Youdan 4, Richard Holyland (C) 5, Patrick Biggs 6. Rung as an 85th Birthday compliment to 6. **£3**

Lydney, Glos. 16 Jun, 1296 Erin Caters: Will Ruck 1, Dave Hodges 2, Pat Wood 3, Sue Coleman 4, Tom Edgeworth 5, Steve Coleman (C) 6, David Gill 7, Jo Gifford 8, Leighton Cooke 9, Paul Avent 10. A Birthday compliment to the mother of 5. **£4**

Marston Bigot, Som. (S Leonard) 15 Jun, 1314 Rutland S Major: Alison Wickson 1, Dee Urch 2, Helen Brown 3, Claire O'Mahony 4, Adrian P Beck 5, Terry Nicholls 6, Ken Brown 7, Andy Mead (C) 8. 1st in m: 2. **£4**

Matching, Essex. 17 Jun, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Gerald Pearson 1, Mary Bone 2, Patricia Cresshull 3, Patrick Draper 4, Clive Moore (C) 5, Ian Cresshull 6. 1st in m: 4. **£4**



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Messingham, N Lincs. (Holy Trinity) 3 Apr, 1320 Doubles (3m): Ian Till (C) 1, Tracey Black 2, Patience Thody 3, Jenny Kirkby 4, David Whetton 5, Joy Till 6. 1st in methods: 2,4. 1st St Osmund: 3,5. Rung as a Golden Wedding Anniversary compliment to Richard & Marilyn Hall of Scotter & as an engagement compliment to Ruth Whetton & Richard Reid of Blackhill, County Durham.

Milton Regis, Kent. 5 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jay Ford 1, Tim Ford 2, Chris M Trafford (C) 3, Richard Bushell 4, Stephen Trafford (C) 5, Chris J Trafford 6. Jointly conducted by 3,5. Rung for Ascension Day. **£1.50**

Milton Regis, Kent. 8 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): Valerie Reckless 1, Stephen Trafford 2, Sven Wraight 3, Chris M Trafford (C) 4, Cathy Cheeseman 5, Chris J Trafford 6. Rung for Evensong. **£1.50**

Milverton, Som. 16 Jun, 1250 Bristol S Major: Margaret A Taylor 1, Keith E Beale 2, Christopher J B Marshall 3, V John Lock 4, Giles R Morley 5, Mark G C Kent 6, Andrew F Howard 7, Timothy M Payne (C) 8. With the band's good wishes to 4 on the eve of his 87th Birthday, this being his first Q in m. The band also wish this Q to be associated to the memory of M.P. Jo Cox, murdered today in her constituency. **£4.59**

Nantwich, Ches. 15 Jun, 1344 Linclonshire S Major: Peter J Woollam 1, F Charles Hobson 2, J David Adams 3, Mervyn J Harrison 4, David W Friend (C) 5, Duncan M Matheson 6, Peter Neil 7, Richard Danby 8. A Mid-week Crisis Q. **£4**

Newburn on Tyne, Tyne and Wear. 1 Nov, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gordon Rothwell 1, Joanne Ayre 2, Barbara Davies 3, Peter Dawson (C) 4, Sarah McTiernan 5, Clive Moon 6, Andrew Enzor 7, Barbara Sutton 8. Rung as a 60th wedding year celebration of William & Barbara Musgrove, married in this Church & grandparents of 5.

Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear. (S John Bapt) 26 May, 1250 Norwich S Minor: Barbara Wheeler 1, Barbara Davies 2, Joanne Ayre 3, Richard Grainger 4, Howard Smith 5, Peter Dawson (C) 6.

Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear. (S John Bapt) 4 Apr, 1296 PB Major: Barbara Wheeler 1, Barbara Davies 2, Barbara Sutton 3, Howard Smith 4, Richard Grainger 5, Mike Proctor 6, Peter Dawson (C) 7, Steve Bell 8.

Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear. (S John Bapt) 5 May, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Barbara Wheeler 1, Barbara Sutton 2, Barbara Davies 3, Richard Grainger 4, Howard Smith 5, Peter Dawson (C) 6. For Ascension Day.

Northallerton, N Yorks. (All Saints) 18 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: James P Town 1, Alexander D Town 2, Elizabeth C Barrett 3, Peter F Town 4, Jennifer A Town (C) 5, Frederick Thistlethwaite 6. 1st inside: 2. **£3**

Northwich, Ches. 16 Jun, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Raymond D Helliwell 1, Michael Thomson 2, Nicholas Thomson 3, Ian W Taylor 4, Ben Kellett 5, Peter Wilkinson (C) 6, Duncan L C Hyde 7, Simon Taylor 8.

Oaks in Charnwood, Leics. (S James Gter) 13 Jun, 1272 S Minor (2m): Charles A Bishop 1, Valerie A Baxter 2, Izabelle A Bimson 3, Richard C L Brown 4, Richard Bimson (C) 5, Andrew A Ward 6. Rung as compliment to Margaret Godfrey on her Birthday & to Val & David Baxter for their Sapphire Wedding Anniversary. **£3**

Offton, Suffolk. 14 Jun, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Peter G Stock 1, Jonathan J E Williamson 2, Gordon E Slack 3, Ruth Suggett 4, Janet R Sheldrake 5, Owen P Claxton 6, Maurice J Rose 7, Brian E Whiting (C) 8. 1st treble bob Major: 1. **£4**

Otterton, Devon. 13 Jun, 1260 Fen Lane Bob Minor: Bryan Williams 1, Ray Jones 2, Valerie Stone 3, Martin Blazey 4, John Parsons 5, John Boorman (C) 6. 250th together: 4,5. 1st in m for all. **£3**

Pershore, Worcs. (S Andrew's Centre) 13 Jun, 1320 Yorkshire S Major: Mark A Wilson 1, Diane Awkati 2, Madeline Reeder 3, Mike Seagrave 4, Stephen J Bedford 5, A J Barnfield 6, Alison R Williams 7, Andrew D Evans (C) 8. Remembering those who lost their lives in Orlando, Florida on 12 June 2016.

Peterborough, Cambs. (S Mary) 13 Jun, 1320 Simpson Bob Doubles: Michael Smedley 1, David Banks 2, Elaine Wilkinson (C) 3, Stuart Weston 4, Andrew Christie 5, Gavin Simpson 6. 1st Q: 6. 1st blows in variation for all. **£3**

Pettistree, Suffolk. 15 Jun, 1296 Ipswich S Minor: Mike Whitby (C) 1, Pippa Moss 2, Mary Garner 3, Jane Harper 4, Mark Ogden 5, Peter Harper 6. **£3**

Potton, Beds. 7 Jun, 2016 S Minor (3m): Michael Matthews 1, Liz Griffith-Jones 2, Ann Evans 3, Simon Durrant 4, Vicky LeFèvre (C) 5, Alistair Donaldson 6. 1st Date Touch for all except 3. Rung on Golden Oldies QP Day. **£3**

Pyile, Som. 17 Jun, 1296 Norfolk S Minor: Dee Urch 1, Ken Brown 2, Terry Nicholls 3, Helen Brown 4, Julian Back 5, Tim Phillips (C) 6. 1st in m: 2,5.

Ranmore, Surrey. 8 Jun, 1344 Rutland S Major: Michael J Todd 1, Ann L Steed 2, William A Hibbert 3, Abigail C Fairhurst 4, Michael J Bale 5, Richard M Trueman 6, David N Wallis 7, P Quentin Armitage (C) 8. Rung for the feast of St Barnabas. **£4**

Sawley, Derbys. 18 Jun, 1344 Cambridge S Major: Raymond H Daw 1, Margaret Simpson 2, Matthew D Hardy 3, Nicholas R White 4, Clare Coleman (C) 5, John P Burton 6, John W Pollard 7, David C H Simpson 8. The Staffs Monday Night Q Band on their Saturday Outing. 1/2

Seaton, Devon. (S Gregory) 13 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (4m): Jo Brown 1, Lisa Clarke 2, Lesley Tucker 3, Ian Campbell 4, Wendy Campbell 5, Peter Brown 6, Graham Tucker 7, David Hird (C) 8. 1st 4 Spl: 2. **£4**

Sheldwich, Kent. 16 Apr, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Mike Godfrey 1, Elizabeth Shearman 2, Helen Webb 3, Lesley Barclay 4, Maureen Poole 5, Rupert Cheeseman (C) 6, Keith Osborne 7, Brian Butcher 8. With Birthday compliments to 4,5,8. 1st S Major: 3. **£4**

Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex. 13 Jun, 1280 Dilton Marsh S Major: Stephen C Wood 1, Liz Griffith-Jones 2, Ann Evans 3, Fred Bone 4, Vicky LeFèvre 5, Claire C Nicholson (C) 6, Alistair Donaldson 7, Richard Sales 8.

Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex. 13 Jun, 1280 Stansted Mountfitchet S Major: Vicky LeFèvre 1, Mary Bone 2, Liz Griffith-Jones 3, Ann Evans 4, Richard Sales 5, Stephen Wood 6, Claire C Nicholson 7, Alistair Donaldson (C) 8. **£4**

Stawley, Som. 15 Jun, 1260 The Undertakers Bob Minor: Bryan Williams 1, Ray Jones 2, Valerie Stone 3, John West 4, Mike Blissett 5, Martin Blazey (C) 6. 1st in m for all. **£3**

Swanage, Dorset. 12 Jun, 1272 York S Minor: Marisa Bartlett 1, Rachael Rutter 2, Linda Hough 3, Sally Jenkins 4, Eddie Dicken 5, Phil Miles (C) 6. Rung for Choral Evensong & to celebrate the first formal visit to Swanage of the Bishop of Sherborne, Karen Gorham. 1st treble bob: 1. 1st blows in m: 2.

Thornhaugh, Cambs. 18 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Mandy Loverid 1, Joan Parker 2, Ian Larter 3, Andrew Christie 4, Stuart Weston (C) 5. Rung after the wedding of Carol Sainthouse & Antony Henderson.

Thrybergh, S Yorks. 15 Jun, 1320 Annable's London S Minor: Helen C Turner 1, Michael Sheeran 2, Jennifer M Armeson 3, Ruth Graham 4, Stuart Armeson (C) 5, Malcolm S Turner 6. **£3**

Toft, Cambs. 10 Jun, 1272 Ipswich S Minor: Andrew Downs 1, Felicity Webster 2, Lyn Clackson 3, Vanessa E Webster 4, Greg Pearce 5, Tom Ridgman (C) 6. To celebrate the 95th Birthday, today, of Richard Howard, tower correspondent of St Andrew's, Toft. Jackie Latham would also like to be associated with this performance. **£3**

Tulloch, Highland. (Tulloch Ringing Centre) 11 Jun, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Edward R Venn 1, Christopher J Frye 2, Simon J Gay 3, Colin P North 4, Peter G Kirton 5, Mike J Clay (C) 6, Simon H Aves 7, Edmund G N Smith 8, Chris W Thomas 9, Nicholas C Sturgess 10, Jonathan S Frye 11, Ruth M Marshall 12. 1st Stedman Cinques: 9. **£6**

Tulloch, Highland. (Tulloch Ringing Centre) 11 Jun, 1346 Yorkshire S Maximus: Mike J Clay 1, Peter G Kirton 2, Ruth M Marshall 3, Susan E Bryce 4, Robin R Churchill 5, Christopher J Frye 6, Colin P North 7, Stephen A Elwell-Sutton 8, Edmund G N Smith 9, Chris W Thomas 10, Simon J Gay (C) 11, Jonathan S Frye 12. **£12**

Uffington, Oxon. (S Mary) 23 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Elaine Baber 1, Chris Wensley 2, Hugh Baxter (C) 3, Kevin Musty 4, Joe Norton 5, Steve Lowman 6. Part of the ODG Vale of the White Horse Branch QP Week.

Wanlip, Leics. 11 Jun, 1320 Primrose S Minor: Jenny G Robertson 1, Jack E Page (C) 2, Daniel T Calvert 3, Hannah M Bristow 4, Michael P R H Woolley 5, Alistair J Cherry 6.

Warborough, Oxon. 14 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (5m): Richard Loyd 1, Susan Read 2, Gill Loyd 3, Richard H Youdale 4, Mary Friskney 5, Brian Read 6, John G Pusey 7, Nick Clarke (C) 8. **£4**

Warnham, Sussex. (The Bell Meadow Peal) 14 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (3m): Rachel Edwards 1, Sandra Alford 2, Margaret Oram 3, Ron Diserens 4, David Kirkcaldy 5, Tom White 6, Jeremy Alford (C) 7, George

Francis 8. 1st 3 Spl: 6. **£4**

Warnham, W Sussex. 30 May, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Shona Clark 1, Graham D Heath 2, Jacqueline M Barlow 3, J Susan Bassett 4, David R Finch 5, Roger H Pocock 6, Darren W Elphick (C) 7, Stephen J Davis 8, Michael A Birbeck 9, Christopher J Bassett 10. **£5**

Wellington, NZ. (34 Elmslie Road, Pinehaven) 16 Jun, 1320 Oxford TB Minor: Ruth Lightbourne 1-2, Christopher Jarman 3-4, Gerald Mcllhone (C) 5-6. **£1.50**

Wellington, NZ. (34 Elmslie Road, Pinehaven) 16 Jun, 1320 Spl Minor (2m): Ruth Lightbourne 1-2, Christopher Jarman 3-4, Gerald Mcllhone (C) 5-6. **£1.50**

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Wellington, NZ. (Cathedral) 12 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Terry Barrett 1, David Sik 2, Janet Grocott 3, Ruth Lightbourne 4, Daniel Richards 5, Christopher Jarman (C) 6. A Birthday compliment to 6. **£3**

Westminster Abbey, London. (Collegiate Church of St Peter-in-Westminster) 27 Mar, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Christopher H Rogers 1, Jeremy R Pratt (C) 2, Michael J Uphill 3, Christopher Forster 4, David P Macey 5, S Clarke Walters 6, David J Dearnley 7, David C Brown 8, David P Hilling 9, John N Hughes-D'Aeth 10. For Easter. **£5**

Whitwick, Leics. 15 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Terry Lord 1, Colin Lord 2, Terry Gooch 3, David Waldram 4, Chris Gooch (C) 5, Jim Lackenby 6. Rung prior to licensing of Revd Liz Angell as Rector of Whitwick, Thringstone & Swannington at Whitwick Parish Church. **£3**

Whitwick, Leicestershire. 18 Jun, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: John P Burton 1, Clare Coleman 2, Matthew D Hardy 3, Margaret Simpson 4, Raymond H Daw 5, Nicholas R White 6, John W Pollard 7, David C H Simpson (C) 8. The Staffs Monday Night Q Band on their Saturday Outing. 2/2

Wicken, Northants. (S John Ev) 14 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Raymond A Vickers 1, Ruth Stokes 2, Lesley Belcher 3, Andrew Spencer 4, Nicholas Gray 5, Christopher C Stokes 6, Richard Haseldine (C) 7, John Stanworth 8.

Widcombe, Som. 10 Mar, 1260 Doubles (4m): Nicki J Lang 1, William Willans 2, Nicholas C Field (C) 3, Martin S Pearson 4, Sarah J Quintin 5, Richard F Curry 6. To celebrate the birth of the churchwarden's first child. 1st blows is Winchendon Place & St Martins: 5.

Wigmore, Herefs. 18 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Pat Key 1, Rachel Coates 2, Alison Alcock 3, Izabelle Bimson 4, Richard Bimson (C) 5, Ellie Williams 6. 1st bingles: 2,3 & in a Q: 4,5. 3/3. **£3**

Winford, Som. 15 Jun, 1280 Runnymede S Major: Susan P E Bateman 1, Andrew H Ball 2, Leslie E Perry 3, Brian V Mountjoy (C) 4, Beverley Perry 5, Penelope I Hooper 6, Gareth L M Lawson 7, Stephen J Bateman 8. **£4**

Wistaston, Ches. 15 Jun, 1320 Beverley S Minor: Ben Kellett 1, Beverley J Furniss 2, Frank R Morton 3, Helen Foster 4, Kevin J Rogers 5, Peter L Furniss (C) 6. A Mid-week Crisis Q. 1st Beverley: 2. **£3**

Woodhouse Eaves, Leics. 11 Jun, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Alistair J Cherry 1, Jenny G Robertson 2, Hannah M Bristow 3, Daniel T Calvert 4, Jack E Page 5, Michael P R H Woolley (C) 6.

Woolhope, Herefs. 15 Jun, 1296 Spl S Minor (3m): Kathleen M Johnson 1, Serena Jopson (1st Spl) 2, Barbara Fewster 3, Lynn Scales 4, Paul C Johnson (C) 5, Tim D Hollinghurst 6. **£3**

Worle, Som. 29 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Frank Jordan 1, John Boorman 2, Jim Lambard 3, John Parsons 4, Denis Hawkings (C) 5, Ray Jones 6. For morning service. Also to congratulate Darren Wakeley & Sophia Squires on the occasion of their Wedding on Saturday 28th May 2016. **£3**

Worle, Som. 22 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): Nick Sparks 1, Denis Hawkings 2, Judy Aplin 3, Clifford Nicholls 4, John Parsons (C) 5, John Boorman 6. For morning service. With the Band's very best wishes to our fellow Bellringer Chris Swatton. Get well soon Chris. **£3**

Worle, Som. 8 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Jill Burtenshaw 1, Frank Jordan 2, Jim Lambard 3, Ray Jones (C) 4, Clifford Nicholls 5, John Parsons 6. For morning service.



Ringing Publicity

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May

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The legendary Sunday bell ringing at St Paul's did not disappoint. I did not know what to expect, ended up staying for the entire ringing. The church is very open and very beautiful, worth a visit. (Tripadvisor review of **St Paul's Cathedral**)

An ancient bell with ties to early Christianity is on show in an exhibition in West Dunbartonshire. The Skellat Bell, which dates from around AD900, is part of the "Invasion" exhibition in Clydebank Museum and Art Gallery. Also known as the Loch Lomond Bell, the artefact also features on the Vale of Leven History Project website www.valeofleven.org.uk. (*Daily Record*)

Philip Mills grimaced as he tensed his arms to pull down a rope and ring a bell at **St Vedast Foster Lane**, a 12th-century church reconstructed by Christopher Wren after the Great Fire of 1666. He puffed out his cheeks and his brow glistened with sweat. "Now I am warming up," said Mr. Mills, 52 years old, who has rung at 280 church bell towers in Britain. Fellow ringer Kristen Frederickson, 51, also caught her breath during the church's two-hour bell-ringing practice session. "It's very athletic," she said. The church's ringing master, Thomas Lawrance, 64, kept a watchful eye. "Whip it through, keep that rope moving," he told his team. At St Vedast, Robert Lewis, editor of the *Ringing World* journal, fondly recalls his first ringing group. "There were two Royal Navy officers, a rear admiral, a crane driver and a very left-wing teacher – the whole gamut of society," he says. (Start of very long article in the *Wall Street Journal*)

The Holy Trinity **Orange Pealers** are continuing to ring the Anglican church bells at services and funerals after reaching their goal of winning the Cockatoo Shield recently. The bell ringers were thrilled to learn they had won the shield, which is awarded to the best bellringing band in an eight-bell striking competition. The shield has been coveted by the Orange group who have been runners up for the last few years. Orange Pealers tower captain Sheena Snowdon said the band had to submit a set eight minute recording

comprising of several changes to the order in which the bells are rung. "This requires intense concentration on behalf of the ringers to ensure the spacing between each bell sound is even," Mrs Snowden said. "We always came a narrow second, but this year we finally managed to win." The **Armidale** band had won the competition for several years and the Orange group felt as though the shield was firmly bolted to their wall. However, the Cockatoo Shield is now fixed to the wall in the Holy Trinity bell tower. (*Central Western Daily*)

A campanologist is coordinating a major bell ringing event to help raise awareness and funds to help in the fight against blood cancer. Julie McDonnell, who rings at **Brede** church, is aiming to raise £100,000 and add 1,000 potential stem cell donors to the Anthony Nolan and associated registers through the event on June 25. Julie, who is 48 and from Hastings, has leukaemia and had a stem cell transplant in December. She wants to give other people the chance of life through this event. Sponsored bell ringers and general walkers from Kent and Sussex will walk and ring along the historic Pilgrims Way from **Wye Church** in Kent to **Canterbury Cathedral**, ringing at all the churches at **Chilham, Chartham, St Dunstan's** and **St Stephen's**. At Canterbury Cathedral a specially composed method Quarter Peal, 45 minutes long, by Alan Pink, 'Strike Back Bob Cinques', will be rung by Julie and the Canterbury Cathedral ringers. As Julie is only a novice ringer of 20 months, it is a huge challenge physically and mentally for her to learn to ring on 12 bells and reach the high standard of the ringing at the world famous Canterbury Cathedral bells. (*Bexhill-on-Sea Observer*)

The bells at St Elli Parish Church [**Llanelli**] have fallen silent after the sad passing of two of its most dedicated and beloved members. Alwyn and Brenda Hurren have both tragically passed away after being married for 67 years. The couple had been devoted members of St Elli Parish Church all their lives, with Alwyn famously ringing the church bells for 80 years. The 92-year-old climbed the steep bell tower three times a week to ring the bells on Thursday and twice on Sunday. (*Llanelli Star*)

Skelmersdale ME sufferer is urging other people not to ignore the condition. Sarah Lake, 37, has the disabling, neurological condition that can affect anyone at any time. Outside work, Sarah was a regular bell-ringer at **Ormskirk** Parish Church. She said: "M.E. has impacted on every area of my life, I still work in the same job, but only four days a week, and I can no longer push myself that extra bit. I no longer do Brownies or Guides and I can no longer attend bell-ringing. Even if I had the energy to climb the stairs to the tower, I wouldn't have enough strength to pull the bell rope. (*Southport Visiter* also *Champion*)

The funeral of Fay Nicholls took place at St Mary's Church on Thursday, April 14th. Miss Nicholls was a popular **Ross-on-Wye** resident who was well-known as a guider with the

local Brownie unit and as a bell-ringer at St Mary's church. (*The Ross Gazette*)

St Mary's Church (**Easington**) is very excited to have the honour of hosting a huge bell-ringing competition for Durham and Newcastle on Saturday in the afternoon – do listen out. From 1992 to mark the 800th Anniversary, the church increased the bells from three to eight thanks to various grants and donations. The peal of eight bells were rung for the very first time on May 26, 1994. (*Sunderland Echo*)

After more than 60 years ringing tower bells, what better way for Derek Wilkinson to celebrate his 80th birthday than with a peal attempt at his local church. The Kent County of Change Ringers will attempt a quarter peal, which can go on for almost an hour, to celebrate Derek's birthday at St Botolph's Church in **Northfleet** on Tuesday, May 17. Derek, who collects church magazines and contributes to his local Badger News newsletter, said: "It makes me feel very honoured. I knew something was going on, that people were up to something, but it is still a nice surprise!" (*Kent Online*)

A cathedral bellringer banned because of his alleged inappropriate behaviour with children has failed in a "hopeless" High Court bid for reinstatement. The "talented and enthusiastic bellringer", who cannot be identified, was accused of spending time alone with young ringers and taking them out drinking. He was also said to have made "sexually embarrassing" posts on Facebook and to have "no concept of social and sexual boundaries". He denied doing anything inappropriate and top judge, Mr Justice Coulson, said there was "no question of any criminal conduct" on his part. (*Worcester News* also *Premier*)

Hart Male Voice Choir and Hook Eagle Morris Men will be joining forces to raise funds for All Saints Church in **Odiham**. All Saints Church bellringers, along with The Bell Inn, will celebrate their relationship with a Master of the Beer pageant on Saturday, May 21. It is here where the two musical groups will offer their support. The bell ringers will ring from 6.30pm through until 7pm when a concert including the Alan Titchmarsh chaired choir group will take place. Bell ringing has been a tradition since the 15th century, and often transferred quickly from the church tower to the village inn.

Dromore High School pupil Andrew Walker is helping to keep the ancient art of bell ringing alive. Andrew (14) from Culcavy, along with his father Stephen both fell in love with the fascinating activity back in 2013. 'Once you start bell ringing you get really hooked' They are part of a team of bell ringers based at St Malachy's Church **Hillsborough**, headed by Tower Captain Simon Walker, a Dromore High School teacher. They practise each Wednesday evening and before church service on a Sunday at 11am and 6pm. Andrew is the fifth generation of bell ringers in his family. Stephen had been a bell ringer for five years but gave it up in his late teens. When Andrew took an interest in bell ringing, Stephen soon fell in love with the art once again. (Banbridge Leader)

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Local resident Mike Wigney, a long standing member of the Chiswick Choir, is making a heroic trip to Paris by handycycle raising money for two charities which help people with the transition to everyday life following spinal injuries. Mike is himself confined to a wheelchair following an accident fourteen years ago, when his spine was crushed by a rockfall while climbing the Alps. Despite being confined to a wheelchair, he resumed as many of his former activities as he was able. He continued singing with the Chiswick Choir, playing the organ and bell ringing. He runs bell ringing practices at St Nicholas Church, **Chiswick** Mall and is the Training Officer for Middlesex County Bellringers. In the 14 years since his accident he has rung 24 full peals (each takes about 3 hours) and over 900 quarter peals in about 350 churches all round Britain, all has been done from a wheelchair but sometimes he has needed a piggy back to get up spiral staircases. (*ChiswickW4.com*)

A new date has been set for a 170th anniversary celebration of **Kirkham's** St Michael's Church bells. Plans to mark the big date with a commemorative quarter peal in March had to be postponed as the fifth bell of eight wasn't able to be rung because a wheel within it was broken. The ancient bells are due to be replaced shortly and the delayed anniversary celebration will act as a fond farewell for the bells which have been ringing round the town since 1846. Members of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association of Change ringers will ring the quarter peal on Friday, May 27 at 3.30pm and St Michael's tower captain Terry Williams said: "It could well be the last peal because a faculty has now been submitted for the project which will replace the difficult to ring, discordant peal of eight bells by a harmonically tuned peal of 10, for which we will be looking to raise funds. It a very exciting time for us at St Michael's". (*Lytham St Anne's Express*)

Date: Saturday, June 04, 2016 Location: TR20 8SW (**Madron**) Details: Bells in many Churches are not being rung because of a shortage of Bellringers. Some have none at all and others have to rely on ringers from neighbouring towers to be able to ring for Sunday Services. Our open day is an endeavour to tempt people of all ages to come along and try out the experience where, as well as demonstrations and light refreshments, there will be an opportunity for those attending to try their hand at bellringing and to see the bells in place in the tower. (*The Cornishman*)

Bell ringers from **Richmond** in North Yorkshire who cycled 350 miles to our own **Richmond-upon-Thames** were welcomed to St Mary Magdalene Church for a bell-ringing session on Sunday. The new mayor of Richmond, David Linnette, and Richard Cheetham, Bishop of Kingston, welcomed the group, who made the journey to raise money for a new set of bells for the St Mary the Virgin church. Eight ringers will take part in the ride from Richmond, Surrey, for a seven-day journey back to Yorkshire that will include ringing at churches and cathedrals on the way. They hope to raise money towards the £165,000 total cost of the new bells. It is

particularly significant to Bishop Richard as his first job, in 1978, was as a science teacher in the Yorkshire town. He was a regular member of the congregation at the St Mary the Virgin church. Cllr Linnette, who joined local ringers along with the riders for the ringing session at the church in Paradise Road, described the experience as "wonderful and charming." Peter Trewby, part of the Yorkshire ringers group, gave Cllr Linnette a gift of beer brewed in Richmond, Yorkshire, and said "we thought it was high time there was a collaboration between the two Richmonds." Sarah Percival, tower captain of St Mary Magdalene, said: "We were delighted to welcome our fellow ringers and we hope to go to Richmond, Yorkshire when their new bells are installed – but not by bike." (*Richmond & Twickenham Times* also *Your local Guardian*)

Bell ringers from across the country will come to **Portsmouth** for their annual conference this weekend (May 27-30). The Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers will welcome around 200 counterparts from other dioceses here from May 27-30. Over the weekend, they will travel to churches across south-east Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to see and hear the bells. They'll be staying on the Southsea seafront, and will be given the chance to ring bells in churches as far afield as **Netley, West Meon** and **Shanklin** during their stay. They'll join bell ringing practices in **Swanmore, Alverstoke, East Meon** and **Hursley** on the Friday night, and then on the Saturday, they can go on ringing tours that will take them across the whole of Portsmouth's Anglican diocese. Among those looking forward to the conference are bell ringers from St Nicholas Church, **Wickham**. They are thriving after hitting on a novel way of recruiting new members. They offered a training course that wannabe ringers would pay for. They advertised the chance for locals to take a nine-week course in ringing for £25 in 2014. And of the eight people who took up the offer, one, James Morgan, has now become tower captain. "It was the former tower captain Simon King who ran the course," said James. "The Winchester and Portsmouth Guild thought it was a real novelty to get people to pay to learn how to ring! There are now about four regular ringers who were on that course. It's great physical exercise and also mental exercise". (*Aboutmyarea.com*)

Bells from over 80 church towers will also ring out simultaneously at 7pm on BBC Music Day (3 June) throughout towns, cities and villages across the UK. Cathedrals and smaller parish churches are all involved, with over 650 bell ringers taking part, aged from 11 to 90 years old. St John's Church in **Cleator Moor** will be joining in the bell ringing for BBC Music Day in Cumbria. (*Cumbria Crack*)

As a newbie here at Old North, (**Boston**) I saw the church bells before I understood them. They are beautiful and impressive – and between two fairly precarious flights of "stairs" that we can't let visitors climb (that should give you a sense of what I mean by precarious. And "stairs.") It wasn't a good time to wonder how they work, what they

sound like, or what their backstory is. That I learned later on a Behind the Scenes Tour – which includes two narrow, steep flights of stairs that visitors *are* allowed to climb, when on a tour and accompanied by an Old North educator. (Start of a long article about ringing in *The Old North Foundation*)

Queen's birthday

Further coverage included:

- The bells will be ringing in **Halesowen** for Ma'am next month. The renowned bellringers of St John's Church are preparing to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday in time honoured tradition. Bellringer Andrew Crumpton said: "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity so your name will be recorded in a book to be kept in the Church's library to say you rang the Queen's 90th birthday. (*Halesowen News*)
- A dedicated group of bell ringers have embarked on an ambitious challenge to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday. The Coventry Guild of Church Bell Ringers – which covers all of Warwickshire from Atherstone in the North to Long Compton in the South – is to ring 90 Quarter Peals in 90 different Churches during Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 12. In the areas surrounding Nuneaton, arrangements have been made to ring for The Queen at the following times: June 4: **Withybrook** at 11am. June 4: **Chilvers Coton** at 1.30pm. (*Nuneaton News*)
- Church bells will be ringing out across West Cornwall today to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Although official celebrations are not being held until June, bellringers said they could not let this day go by without marking the occasion. Towers mentioned included **Phillack, Hayle, Towednack, Madron, St Buryan, Ludgvan** and **Carbis Bay** (*The Cornishman*)
- The bell ringing team at St Patrick's Church in **Ballymena** helped ring out a special peal for the Queen's 90th birthday. The peal was sounded at 12 noon today following a special request from Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Co Antrim, Joan Christie OBE. (*Ballymena Times*)
- The bells of **Worcester Cathedral** will ring for an hour today to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. It will be marked between 11am and 12pm. It's part of a 350 year tradition of ringing for church and state. (*ITV News*)
- A 360 degree video shows the strength, agility and timing of a team of 10 bell ringers as **Imperial** marks the Queen's birthday. The 287 feet tall **Queen's Tower** is at the heart of Imperial's South Kensington campus. Bell ringer James White said: "We hope that everyone in and around College enjoys the ringing!" (*Imperial College News*)
- **Haddenham** Bellringers rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles to mark The Queen's 90th birthday on Thursday April 21. (*The Bucks Herald*)

- Residents and visitors to the town were recently treated to the debut performance of Morpeth Surprise Major on the bells of **Morpeth** Clock Tower. The full peal feat (5,120 changes to be precise) was accomplished in two hours and 41 minutes in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday. (*Morpeth Herald*)

St George's Day

Further coverage included:

- The Campaign 'Ringing for England' will encourage all the volunteer bell ringers to ring thousands of bells in our churches in every corner of the land today (Saturday, April 23, St George's Day). Organisers are hoping church bells across the **Taunton** Deane area will ring out today – starting with **Churchstanton** from 9am onwards. (*This is the West Country also Somerset County Gazette*)
- The bells at the Art Gallery and Information Centre, formerly Christ Church, will ring at midday for 30 minutes tomorrow to celebrate St George's Day. They will be rung by **Hartlepool** bell ringers as part of a national celebration "Ring for England". (*Hartlepool Mail*)
- A Hadley church will take part in the Ringing for England campaign to get bells ringing across the country to celebrate St George's Day. This year is also special because of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death and there will be readings of the Bard's work in **Hagley**. The demonstration of the 'change ringing' on the eight bells will take place at St John's at 3pm. (*Bromsgrove Standard*)
- A church opened its ringing chamber to the public to celebrate St George's Day. The St Andrew's Church in **Halstead** invited residents to try their hand at bell ringing and find out more about the unique activity. The tower has a set of eight bells that can be heard across the town and secretary at the tower, Angela Kerrison, said they are addictive. (*Halstead Gazette*)
- Bell ringers have staged a marathon performance in honour of the patron saint their church was named after six volunteers from the **Colegate** Society kept the bells of **St George's (Norwich)** Church ringing for more than two-and-a-half hours on Saturday. Tower captain Faith Pearce, 35, said: "What we did on Saturday was to ring a peal, which is the equivalent of running a marathon for bell ringers." (*Eastern Daily Press*)
- You've never been a church bellringer before? We'll show you the ropes. The bells of **St Giles Church (Oxford)** rang out in honour of England's patron saint over the weekend, but it was not the usual bellringers at the end of the ropes. On Saturday, the church marked St George's Day by inviting people to a have-a-go bellringing event which attracted visitors from as far as Australia. Andrew Freer, the deputy tower captain and bellringer, said he thought more people should give his hobby a go. (*Oxford Mail*)

- **Altarnun** bell ringers are great supporters of tradition; ringing to mark special occasions. The team is pictured after a ring at 9.30am on Saturday, to mark St George's Day. It is a thriving group, but more members are always welcome. (*Cornish & Devon Post*)

Restorations

"St Nicholas' Church in **Combe Raleigh** was transported back to the 18th century, during a concert given by The Beaminster Gallery Quire in aid of the Combe Raleigh Bell Augmentation Project," said Val Moran, who attended the performance. The event added another £350 to the existing fund, which had topped £55,000 last December. The fund is now well on the way to the required final total of £75,000. "We wish to thank everyone who came along and supported us," said Trevor Hitchcock, a member of the Combe Raleigh Bell Project and a bell ringer at the church. (*Midweek Herald*)

For the very first time the 8 bells of the newly-refurbished St Nicholas Chapel (**Kings Lynne**) will be rung at the start of the Bespak Grand East Anglia Run providing a festive beat to urge runners on. One of the bellringers, Jon Benstead, explained: "For many centuries bells have been a means of communication, telling all within their hearing messages of merriment, sadness and caution. This very British pastime and it's a great opportunity for us to be part of this superb event." (*KL.FM News*)

England's most famous bells are to fall silent, for a few months at least, whilst they undergo a multi-million dollar refurbishment. Parliamentary authorities say Britain's most famous clock will be halted for 'several months' to allow repair work to take place, but its chimes may be stopped for longer. The Elizabeth Tower, the building that contains Big Ben, is 'suffering problems' associated with its age, according to the House of Commons authorities. Work will begin on the tower in early 2017 and experts say in order to maintain the clock's accuracy, the pendulum will be removed at some point within the three-year period so repairs can take place. (*Sky News and others*)

The children at Hatherleigh Primary School had an unusual visit last week. The bells from **Meeth** Church were taken down as part of a restoration project on the tower, bells and vestry funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The bells made a detour before heading off to Whitechapel Foundry in London for essential repairs and were driven on the back of a truck into Hatherleigh School's playground for everyone to see. The Rev Ruth Hansford told the children a bit of the bells' history and interesting facts, including that they weigh half a ton on average. The hatch to the tower had to be widened to get the bells out as it was believed that they were originally cast in the tower and this was the first time they had been removed to be repaired. (*Okehampton Times*)

The bells are a step closer to ringing again at St Hilda's Anglican Church in **Katoomba**.

In April the church took delivery of three of six new bells to be installed in the bell tower which is being renovated. The massive bells were made in England and shifting them is no

easy feat. "It took four men to move each of them," said Reverend Ray Robinson. "And they are the smaller ones. The biggest fills a trailer." It's been a slow process renovating the tower and gaining the funds for the bells, but thanks to community donations and partnering with the Australia and New Zealand Association of Bell-ringers, the church is another step closer to hearing them ring once again. The church is also looking to train bellringers at a church in **Lithgow**. (*Blue Mountain Gazette*)

The bells of St Giles are ringing once more as work to restore them to their former glory has been completed. Work on maintaining the bells at St Giles' Parish Church in **Wrexham** town centre began last month for the first time in 60 years. In November, Ian Maycock, the ringing master at the church, made an appeal for funds. He said "Everyone who has seen the end result and the ringers who have also rung the bells are all very impressed with the work done. The ringers at St Giles are extremely grateful for this support that has resulted in about 90 per cent of the total cost being collected. Hopefully the rest can be achieved soon. They would also like to thank ringers from other local towers who came along to help." The bells range in weight from a quarter of a tonne for the lightest to 1.2 tonnes for the heaviest. (*News North Wales also BBC News*)

Woburn Bells will ring out to welcome everyone to the re-dedication service at 11am on Saturday, May 14, at St Mary's Church. The bells have been out of action since December 2015. They have been refurbished and Professor Angela Newing has donated the funds to enable the bells to be rehung on new bearings. Raymond Watkin, who arranges and conducts the ringing of the bells, said: "Our magnificent ring of bells have recently been refurbished. We have had the bell frame refurbished and bird netting fitted to the louvers in order to keep out the jackdaws which have been resident in the bell chamber. The stairway and ringing room are soon to be redecorated as well." The Bishop of St Albans, Rt Revd Alan Smith, will attend the special service and will be among the first to ring the newly refurbished bells. (*Leighton Buzzard Observer*)

Bells have been returned to a church following a £30,000 restoration project. Grade I listed All Saints' Church, in **Maldon** High Street, which dates back to the 13th century, features one of the only two towers in the country that contain a complete ring of historic **Bowell** Bells. The eight bells, listed by the Church Buildings Council, were first installed in the 1700s and were modified by **Bowell** of Ipswich in 1922. The bells were removed from the tower in February in order to replace the old bearings and clappers. On Monday they were returned to the church. A dedication service will take place on June 19 at 4 pm by the Bishop of Chelmsford. (*Maldon Standard*)

Ugborough is gearing up for its first Flower Festival for many years, part of a **£70,000** fundraising campaign to pay for vital repairs to the church bells. After an 11-inch crack appeared in number six bell early last year, an

inspection of the historic church's eight bells and associated equipment found a major restoration was needed. The bells in the unusually large village church – often referred to as the cathedral of the South Hams – were last rehung in 1911, when the supporting wooden frame was replaced with a cast iron one. Since then, no major work has been carried out, even though the bells themselves date from between 1762 and 1931. The cost of the work is expected to be around £70,000, which villagers are determined to raise in order to continue the historic practice of bellringing, which has been part of Ugborough life since at least the middle of the sixteenth century. (*Ivybridge Gazette*)

The 15 bells at St Mary Magdalene Church, **Taunton**, are being taken down this week for their final trip before being recast a John Taylor and Co's foundry in Loughborough. A team of four local bellringers has been working under the guidance of the company's professional bell hanger Andrew Ogden to unbolt and manoeuvre the bells from their framework at the top of the tower. The work involves taking out hundreds of bolts that have been in place for more than 90 years and using heavy lifting gear as the bells weigh up to 29cwt. The last lorryload of bells will be transported to Loughborough on Friday, May 13. A group of 120 people from St Mary's will visit the foundry to watch the new bells being cast ahead of their installation in the autumn, ready to ring out for Christmas. (*Somerset county Gazette*)

The ringing of church bells on a Sunday morning is a tradition which goes back centuries. But for one church in Berkshire (**Mortimer**), the bells have gone silent, because the tower which houses them – was unstable. But now – thanks to engineers at the Atomic Weapons Establishment in Aldermaston – the bells could soon ring again. (*ITV News also Basingstoke Observer*)

After decades of waiting, **Liddington** is close to once again having its own church bells ringing out across the village. For almost 70 years, the bells at All Saints Church have been silent but a campaign to get new ones has been gathering momentum and is nearing completion. On Wednesday, a huge step forward was taken when several dozen villagers travelled to Loughborough to watch the new bells being cast at the famous John Taylor's Bell Foundry, the largest in the world. "It was absolutely fascinating to watch," said Tony Pullan, the project manager. "When we first arrived we had a tour of the museum and were given a talk which was extremely interesting. We then went into the foundry, which was very smoky like you'd expect and we watched them make the bells at the same time. This is something we have been working on for a long time so watching them being made, I felt like an expectant father." In total there will be six new bells. The whole project has been funded from donations, with a total of £200,000 being raised. (*Swindon Advertiser*)

KATE FLAVELL
Public Relations Officer
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers

A tremendous Tower Captain

A tower captain is such an important part of any tower, not only to ensure good ringing, but also to create a welcoming band and a strong group of dedicated ringers. The commitment to do this is something that we can all aspire to and so we would like to give our great thanks to Peter Childs, who has achieved this as Tower Captain at St Andrew's, Boreham for the last 46 years.

Peter learnt to ring at Boreham in Essex, ringing his first peal in 1947 – trebling to Bob Major. Ringing has played a very important part in his life, from meeting his wife, Kath through ringing, ringing at a large number of towers across the UK including the Channel Islands, to encouraging two new generations of ringers within their family.

Peter took over as Tower Captain at Boreham in 1969, where he has successfully

continued in the role until November 2015, some 46 years later. We do not know how many new people he has taught in those years, helped existing ringers with their progress, welcomed visiting ringers and likely to have rung for well over 2,000 Sunday services and run an equal number of practice nights!

A more dedicated, able, welcoming and thoughtful Tower Captain than Peter would be difficult to find – our thanks to you, Peter from us all and we look forward to ringing with you in our band for many years to come.

TERESA MEADOWS
Boreham Tower Captain

Boreham, Essex. 17 May, 1260 PB Triples: Duncan Anderson 1, Jane Eastall 2, Teresa Meadows 3, Charles Cope 4, John Everett 5, Peter Napier 6, Colin Chapman (C) 7, Brian Patmore 8. Rung in thanks and appreciation to Peter Childs, Tower Captain of St. Andrew's, Boreham from 1969 to 2015. First on 8 and in method: 6.



Norman Perry, Teresa Meadows, Les Smith, Dave Thompson, Peter Childs, Jane Eastall, John Everett, Kath Childs, Sue Aaron, Duncan Anderson, Peter Napier

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Tales from Heston, Bath, Wells and Norwood Green

by Michael Uphill

With a little help from John B. Sansom (well, quite a lot of help, actually!)

Part 1 of 2

John B. Sansom was a name that I discovered within a year of starting ringing in 1960. It appears on a board in the ringing room at Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, Wandsworth recording a peal rung there to mark the Coronation of HM The Queen.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

On Saturday June 6th 1953

A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

in 2 hours and 54 minutes.

Horace Belcher	Treble	Herbert E Ellis	5
J Frank Smallwood	2	Selwyn H Dearden	6
Herbert Langdon	3	John Phillips	7
George W Cecil	4	John B Sansom	Tenor

Rung in honour of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

I took little notice of the board on my first visit to the tower, in January 1961, and only later really noted the names of the participants. I had met Horace Belcher a couple of months before, at Fulham (as described in *Tales from the London County Crypt*, Chapter 1) and subsequently rang with Frank Smallwood, George Cecil (who rang in my first CY of Stedman Cinques at Saffron Walden in 1968), Herbert Ellis and Jack Phillips (who called my 2nd peal of Stedman Triples, at Streatham, in 1967). I did not ring with Herbert Langdon and am not aware of having rung with either Selwyn Dearden or John Sansom,

though it is possible that John was present at the practice at Heston described in Chapter 4 of *Tales*.

So when *Tales* went on sale as a book (some copies still available by the way!) it was a very great pleasure to receive a letter from John, requesting a copy of the book and observing, "I never joined the London County but, as a pupil of Horace Belcher (along with the Chilcotts) I knew the characters well. I rang regularly at Isleworth with the Gallant Captain and rang many quarters at Fulham."

Although John very modestly describes himself as, "a ringer of no importance," I thought at least some readers may be interested in his recollections.

As I sent out each copy of *Tales* I always tried to include a little note, including something personal when I could. I told John of having known his name for nearly 50 years just through that peal board and this motivated the following response:

"... To my mind the presentation of the book and the illustrations have come up fine. I am very pleased to own a copy. If you happen to have any information on "Miss Williams from Bath" (see the cartoon on p.108) I would be interested to hear. I met her once. Fred and Grace Goodfellow (who were always good to me) took me on a ringing weekend at Wells and *en route* we diverted to pick up Miss Williams at Bath. But there is a shadow of mystery about her that I have never solved.

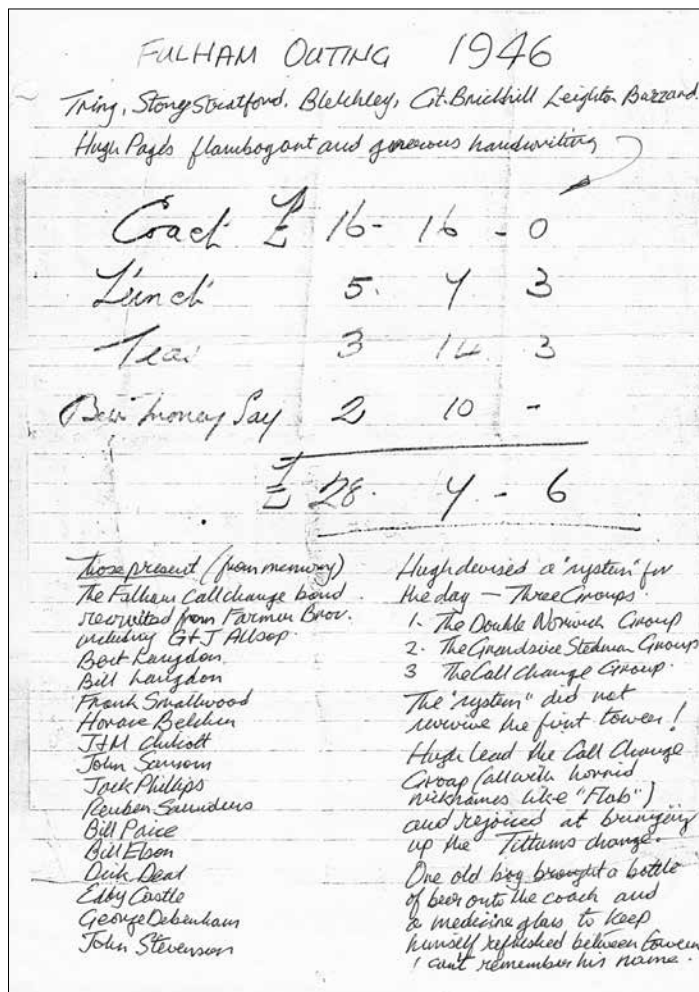
It was interesting to read your comments on Holy Trinity, West Hill, Wandsworth. Horace Belcher arranged a number of quarters there. The bells were an attraction but the real reason for the visits was that ASCY veteran Bob Newton lived near the church. I was introduced to him, a cheerful, tiny, wizened man under a street light on a dark Sunday evening. Probably the first of the quarters was on 24th November 1946, 1260 Stedman Triples, 1 H. R. Newton, 2 M. V. Chilcott, 3 H. Langdon (conductor), 4 J. B. Sansom, 5 J. E. Chilcott, 6 W. S. Langdon, 7 J. H. Rumley, 8 H. Belcher.

Having now been bitten by the nostalgia bug, I enclose some information about the 1946 Fulham outing. Whilst on the outing I was given a touch by Dick Deal. I wanted to write it down and was searching for a piece of paper. Page obligingly put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a sheet. I later noticed that the budget for the outing was written on the reverse side ..."

While the "budget," in Hugh Page's instantly recognisable hand, is quite diverting, the list of attendees as recalled by John is a veritable 'Who's Who' of ringers in Post War London, while the details of the three ringing groups also provide entertainment. John had included his phone number and so, interested in his recollections, I gave him a call and enjoyed chatting about mutual friends from long ago. He called me again following the recent publication of John Chilcott's obituary and I got to know quite a bit more about him.

John was a choirboy at Norwood Green when the news came through, following the victory at El Alemein in 1943 that the ringing of bells would be permitted. He recalls there being not enough to ring so the bells were sounded on the Ellacombe chiming apparatus by Walter Emmitt. Shortly afterwards, John having witnessed this and expressed an interest in learning to ring, he was given one hour's tuition on a Saturday morning and expected to ring for service the next day. It did not take him long to realise that he was not going to get far at Norwood Green so he took himself off to Heston where having to climb a spiral staircase to ring was an entirely new experience. He opened the door to behold a ringing room packed with enthusiastic adults one of whom was Horace Belcher who tried to improve his handling. He remembers him as having no teeth and smelling of beer and pickled onions. (MJU note. This tallies with Brooke Lunn's description of Horace always taking his teeth out before ringing, putting them in a handkerchief and then into his pocket, reversing the procedure after ringing!)

When Horace started to invite John to ringing in London, he used to leave his bike at HB's house near Osterley Station to get the train up to



The Fulham Outing, 1946

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Janice Henney 1945 - 2016



Part 1 (Suffolk)

Memories collected by Bruce Wakefield

Janice learnt to ring during the mid-1980s at Bredfield, a small village near Woodbridge in Suffolk. It is thought that she became interested in ringing through talking to a fellow parent at the school gates. Shortly afterwards, in 1987, while living in Woodbridge, she joined the Woodbridge band. In 1988 she was elected to be the treasurer of the Woodbridge Society of Ringers, a post she held until she and Peter moved to Northumberland. It was during her time with the Woodbridge ringers that Janice devised what was to be dubbed, "Henney Changes" (more on this later).

Woodbridge has always been a popular venue for weddings, most of which have required the bells to be rung. On one such occasion during the depths of winter, the assistant priest who had been due to conduct the service had forgotten and was working in his garden. As he lived in a nearby village it took him a while to change and make his way to Woodbridge. Janice kindly came to the aid of the bride and her bridesmaids by taking them to her house to warm up until the priest had arrived.

Janice had a well-known elderly cat named Sugar. Whenever the ringers had an outing, Sugar always went along as well – sleeping peacefully in the back of Janice and Peter's infamous camper van!

An alumna of the University of Liverpool, she graduated with a Languages degree in 1968. Although she was not a ringer while at Liverpool, she was bestowed the accolade of non-resident life membership of the Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers in 1994.

In the 1990s Janice and Peter travelled to Italy with a coach load of ringers from Suffolk on one of Stephen Pettman's early ringing tours

of Northern Italy. As Janice was fluent in Italian she acted as the tour's interpreter – a vital role that she relished.

Although Janice was an infrequent quarter peal ringer, she did ring some during her time in Suffolk, particularly with friends who were also non-resident LUSCR life members. She rang a quarter peal of Doubles at Bredfield during a Society's reunion weekend in Suffolk. On this occasion she rang the tenor. On 2nd June 2002 she rang her first quarter peal inside. This took place at Woodbridge where she rang the 5th to 1250 Plain Bob Doubles to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Part 2 (Northumberland)

by Colin Wheeler

Having discovered Northumberland during their camper van excursions, Janice and Peter Henney came to live in Harbottle in the Coquet Valley in 2002. They were welcomed with open arms by the bell ringers of All Saints' Church in Rothbury and quickly integrated into the band. Only in the severest weather conditions (e.g. when snow tyres on their Saab were unlikely to be enough) did Janice fail to attend Friday night practice sessions and the après ring.

Janice's involvement in local life grew and grew! She became involved as a volunteer ranger for the National Park, a volunteer guide for the National Trust at Wallington, Treasurer of the Coquetdale Archaeology Trust, and a member of the Coquetdale Wildlife Trust. She was a member of the Archery Group and attended Country Dancing Club sessions. Her abilities were recognised when she won prizes at local valley shows for needlework and the growing of orchids. During her professional life she had latterly been a languages teacher. Her thirst for knowledge and talent for learning new languages continued into retirement – French, Italian, Spanish and Russian being amongst her repertoire! Indeed, her reputation as a mine of useless information at The Star Inn quiz was legendary.

Over the years she became recognised as the Harbottle Village Dog Walker. Failed sheep dogs were adopted and if a Harbottle dog's owner was unable to walk their dog she was always happy to take another walking. She was an outdoor person who enjoyed the hills of the valley almost every day. The singing of "Hills of the North Rejoice" at her funeral seemed especially right.

For a decade she was treasurer of the All Saints' Ringers. In recent years she had instigated the use of the Diocesan Mini-Ring at Village Shows in both Harbottle and Thropton, but in ringing terms her calling of call changes stands out. She regularly developed this skill testing out the band by so doing. She was the instigator of what we now call "Henney Changes". For the uninitiated; in order of ringing each ringer calls a single change but must not reverse the previous call. After a while everyone wants to return to rounds, but can you get there? Good for new ringers of rounds and confidence building for all.

Taken from us so suddenly and unexpectedly, it is a great understatement to say she will be missed!

Morpeth, Northumb. 13 Apr, 1260 PB Triples: Val Cowan 1, Barbara Wheeler 2, Gillian Wheeler 3, Colin Wheeler 4, Christopher Teasdale 5, Simon White 6, Matthew Cracknell (C) 7, Lucy Manning 8. Rung half-muffled in tribute to our great friend, Janice Henney. RIP. The quarter peal was followed by some of Janice's favourite ringing pieces, including: 'Henney Changes', Stedman Doubles and Call Changes (using one of Janice's callings, featuring Whittingtons, Queens and Tittums). Other friends that rang were: Roger Ashmore, Ian Shaw, Katherine Shaw and Tom Roxby. £4

Rothbury, Northumb. 19 Apr, 1260 PB Triples: Barbara Wheeler 1, Gillian Wheeler 2, Madeline Littlewood 3, Ken Quick 4, Linda Perkins 5, Christopher Teasdale (C) 6, Matthew Cracknell 7, Richard Wallhead 8. Rung by friends from Rothbury and Morpeth bands following the funeral of All Saints' Rothbury ringer Janice Henney, who died suddenly and unexpectedly on Friday 8th April 2016. Open ringing before the funeral was undertaken by both locals and ringers from other northeast towers including Hexham Abbey and Newcastle Cathedral. The service was taken by lapsed Morpeth Clock Tower ringer Rev Dr Rosie Stacy who is a priest in the Upper Coquetdale Parish. £4

Manchester. (Cathedral) 23 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: John J LeGrove 1, Philippa C M Stokoe 2, Malcolm Murphy 3, James E Hibbert 4, Mungo B Stacy 5, Andrew Tyler 6, K George Lee (C) 7, Andrew D Ingham 8. Rung for St George's Day and in memory of Janice Henney of Rothbury. 200th quarter on the bells: 3. £4

Tales from Heston

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town but sometimes left it in a secret cubby hole that he discovered at the station. One day the Station Master apprehended him and wanted to know where he'd hidden the bike but he didn't tell him. Continuing the Fulham theme, John confessed that he sometimes got into trouble with the Heston ringers when dates clashed, because he preferred going on the Fulham outing with Horace.

Horace had a very talkative wife who he tried to shut up by saying "They've heard all that before". He'd get out of the house and ride the underground to get out of her way.

John rang a CY peal of Stedman Doubles at Cranford, his last peal, as an "In memoriam" to Horace, conducted by John Hill, shortly after the first anniversary of his death.

To be concluded, when the mystery of Miss Williams will be revealed.

NB. Michael still has available a few copies of *Tales from the London County Crypt*, obtainable from him at 81 The Manor Drive, Worcester Park, Surrey, KT4 7LL by sending a cheque for £9.95 payable to "The Surrey Association." All proceeds go to the Surrey Association Bell Restoration Fund and have already helped projects at Battersea and Wandsworth and £1,000 has been ear-marked for the Southwark Cathedral project.



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An afternoon with a difference

by Chris Kippin



Bampton church

In 1705 J. S. Bach was granted leave of absence from his employers at Arnstadt to visit Buxtehude in Lübeck, a journey of some 260 miles, which Bach is said to have made on foot. Bach said that his reason for wanting to visit Buxtehude was ‘so that I might learn something of my art’, and it was in this spirit that I travelled to Bampton, Devon on 11th June to the Devon Association’s Major Six-Bell Final. My anticipated learning experience was to witness the competition judges at work, and, having been involved in judging a number of twelve-bell competitions myself, to see how their processes might be similar to ours and where they might differ. Unlike Bach I did not walk to Bampton, though I had walked some 70 miles through Devon and Cornwall in the preceding three days.

The competition was preceded by a service, and by tradition the service touch is rung by the judges. I had been invited to take part in this, joining judges Ian Avery, John Dietz, and Paul Wright, Scrutineer Gerald Arscott and Association President Michael Adams, the fourth judge Mervyn Way kindly standing down to allow me to ring. Aware of the high standard expected on these occasions I was somewhat nervous, but luckily all went off without mishap on my part. The service included the lusty singing of two ringers’ hymns I hadn’t heard before, and a stimulating address by the Vicar, Revd Kevin Chandra. Then the judges were escorted to their quarters on the first floor of a house at the east end of the church while the draw took place. We had the usual decisions about where to sit, and the degree of window opening required, and then settled down to wait for the first team. There were twelve teams in the competition, so this was going to be a long afternoon.

For those who have not heard a Devon call-change competition before, a short explanation of the process might be helpful. Each team has to ring the bells up in peal, ring the prescribed competition peal (a peal in this context is what change ringers would call a touch) and ring the bells down again. The rise starts with the bells being ‘pitched’, ie all being struck together on the third swing, rather than starting gradually with 1, 1-2, 1-2-3 as is common elsewhere. Handstrokes are rung closed throughout, and at the end of the fall the bells cease without a final ‘catch’. Each team has to ring for a minimum of 15 minutes, any less results in disqualification. Ringing for longer is not penalised per se, but the longer a team rings the more faults they are liable to accrue. The scrutineer is equipped with a stopwatch and times each piece, not just to check for possible disqualification but also to record the times as part of the judging process. More of this later.

So the first team rang, the judges listening intently and marking faults as they assessed each row. At the end of the ringing each judge wrote his score on his mark sheet, and handed it, folded over, to the scrutineer, who recorded the marks on the master results sheet. There was no comparison of scores – deliberately, so that judges’ scores could not influence each other – and no discussion of the piece of ringing at all. In most change-ringing competitions an element of

critical analysis is expected of each team’s performance, but not in the Devon call-change tradition: the final result pure and simple is what matters. Perhaps this is a good thing, as the teams followed each other very rapidly, and there would have been precious little time for any discussion.

And so the afternoon passed, with teams following each other in quick succession. Closed-handstroke call-change ringing can become mesmerising after a time, and I found myself bewitched by the incredibly high standard of striking and the inevitability of the progression of the changes. Even without a crib sheet I started to become aware of certain rows which suggested that the end of the peal was near.

After six teams we had a break, and were led downstairs where a splendid tea was waiting for us. Suitably fortified, we resumed our positions and waited for teams 7 to 12. I remember that after team 8 I looked at my watch and saw that it was already 6.30pm, so it was clearly going to be mid-evening before the results were declared. And I had 150 miles to drive home after that. Finally the bells rang down for the last time. The judges handed their sheets to the scrutineer who recorded the last set of marks and then calculated the final scores. This is done by adding all four judges’ marks for each team and dividing by four – a simple arithmetic average. In this competition the judges had actually recorded two sets of marks, one for the ‘top ringing’ and one for the whole peal, so there were two sets of results to be calculated. I had heard the judges mention ‘top ringing’ during the afternoon but had not had the opportunity to ask what it meant. Quite logically it’s the ringing ‘at the top’, ie excluding the rise and fall, and there was a separate cup for this. There was no examination of the final overall marks and no discussion at all, in fact I’m not sure that the four judges knew the overall results until they were announced.

Then we returned to the church where competitors and supporters were eagerly awaiting the results. The scrutineer has the job of announcing the results, and these were read out strictly in descending order, winner first. There was much cheering for the winning team, Egg Buckland, as the shield was presented, and warm applause for each team right down to twelve. Certificates were presented to the top six teams which will undoubtedly be framed and hung on ringing room walls in due course. The ‘top ringing’ results were then read out and the cup presented, this time to Shaugh Prior, again to much excitement.

There are ringing dynasties in Devon too. The shield was received on behalf of Egg Buckland by Steven Trout, the cup for second place by Natasha Trout of Shaugh Prior, and the cup for the winning ‘top ringing’ by Ryan Trout, also of Shaugh Prior.

There was time for reflection on the long drive home. Perhaps the most surprising thing was the completely formulaic way in which the results were arrived at, a straight arithmetic average with no normalisation of marks to allow for different standards of marking. This assumes that all judges mark to a similar standard: maybe this arises through the very fixed format of such competitions. The system

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Steven Trout of winning team Egg Buckland, with the shield, flanked by Michael Adams, Association President (left) and Chris Kippin (right)



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Meetings on July 23

LADIES GUILD. Southeastern District. Oxford City Outing. Saturday, 23 July 2016. Tentative programme: 10.30-11.15 St Giles, 11.30-12.15 Lincoln College, 12.30-13.00 visit to Merton College Chapel. LUNCH. 14.30-15.15 St Mary Magdalen, 15.30-16.15 St Aldate, 16.45-17.30 St Thomas. All are welcome. For final programme or queries, please contact caroline.stockmann@gmail.com. 3018

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also allows for the individual judges' marks to be made public, and by the time I got home that night they were already on the web.

The judges had no mark sheets with the rows of the peal printed on them. At some stage in the afternoon I asked what would happen if a team lost their way due to a miscall or other mishap. How would the judges or scrutineer know? The answer I received was that the judges know the peal so well (the same one is always used) that they would be aware immediately by ear if anything went awry.

Another interesting point is that speed of ringing didn't seem to be a factor in the quality of ringing, and wasn't commented upon. In the 12-bell competition the speed at which each team rings is generally regarded as being as an important decision affecting their ringing style and potentially affecting the quality of their ringing. I wasn't able to time any of the ringing speeds during the competition as I was too busy testing my judging skills in this rather different environment, but I got the impression that most of the ringing was done at a similar speed. A simple calculation shows that 60 call-changes, changing every three whole pulls, and ringing at 30 changes per minute, takes 12 minutes, leaving a minimum of three for the rise and fall, so the teams don't have time to hang about. I'm told that 6-bell teams try to aim for 32-33 changes per minute. Pitching the bells at the start of the rise is also a factor, as it helps get the bells up more quickly. Interestingly, I felt that the teams which put in the best performance generally had the bells up and therefore under control at both strokes very quickly.

The final reflection is not about the ringing but about the day itself. I think this was the largest gathering of ringers I had ever attended where I knew so few of the participants. But, as is the way with ringers, I was made most welcome by everyone, especially by the officers of the Devon Association, and by the judges and scrutineer. Judging competitions is an intensely private occupation, but I was welcomed warmly into their company and my inevitable questions answered with good humour – my thanks to them. The event was very well organised by Mike Hatchett and his team, and everything ran like clockwork. By one of those Freudian slips I typed 'rang like clockwork', and that what most of the teams did.

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Tail Ends – Global warming

A reliable informant passed on to me a revealing comment made by a lady at the an upper-class social gathering.

“Personally,” she is reported to have said, “I don’t think I will be affected by global warming. We have ducted reverse-cycle air-conditioning.”

Australians, probably like most other people, are ambivalent about climate change. If one accepts that there is global warming as accumulating evidence suggests, how much is it influencing climate change? In the Greater Sydney Area, which is now about the same size as the Home Counties in England, it is reported that recently there has been a significant increase in the number and frequency of what are called ‘severe weather events’. Mostly these are destructive major storms. Many of these storms strike Sydney’s western suburbs – bearing in mind that some of these are almost as far from Sydney as Reading is from London – most of which are of recent origin, having replaced farmland in the past fifty years.

The media often claim that these storms have become more destructive, evidence of climate change. I am old enough to remember the region before it became covered in bungalows and large houses. Then, there were savage storms, but they did relatively little property damage because there were fewer buildings to be damaged. So one has to question statements that these are ‘record storms’; reliable records are available for only the past 150 years, a brief moment in history.

So another factor is perception. Average temperatures are rising, although it is not quite correct to say that recent very high individual summer temperatures are exceptional. In my lifetime, Sydney has experienced frequent heatwaves with many days exceeding the old Fahrenheit century. What has changed is that maximum temperatures now feature prominently on evening television news bulletins. So perhaps they appear to be more frequent. It’s like wars or earthquakes: are there now more than there used to be, or is it that we are made aware of them more graphically and immediately?

So Australians are responding by installing more air-conditioners, increasing the demand for electricity in summer, which requires the burning of more coal in power stations, perhaps accelerating the rate of global warming and climate change.

Coal is a very sensitive issue. On the one hand, Australia’s leaders pledge to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, yet vast new coal mines continue to be approved. The argument in favour goes like this: the coal being dug out is shipped to China. So it’s not Australia that is contributing to atmospheric pollution, global warming and climate change, it’s China, by burning the stuff. This is logic worthy of Jim Hacker and undoubtedly Sir Humphrey would applaud. Besides, the huge infrastructure – railways, ports – built in recent years to facilitate the export of coal would go to waste, and that would be wicked.

To help conserve energy, and therefore reduce the nation’s carbon footprint,

Australians have turned away from buying what for sixty years were termed ‘family cars’ with six- and eight-cylinder engines, more especially those cars made in Australia. Instead, they are buying large imported cars. Also, just as in England, Sports Utility Vehicles, few of which venture off sealed roads. However, unlike England, in Australia fuel is relatively cheap so, I read, the average SUV is now increasing in size.

We are told that climate change will result in more frequent severe weather events of increased force. There will be more destructive bushfires of greater size and intensity, droughts will be more prolonged, floods will be more extensive, and beach erosion will increase as sea levels rise. I once longed for an ocean view, but now I’m thankful that where I live in Turrumurra is 550 feet above sea level and well inland.

Which brings me to consider how bellringing will adjust to climate change. I was asked some time ago whether the sound of a bell changes in very hot weather of, say, 35° or over; the enquirer suggested that the metal of a bell expanded with heat, so might the sound be different. I couldn’t answer the question.

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The After-Pub – 13

“Have you noticed that often something is put in place for a good reason and then the good reason disappears but that which has been put in place remains?”

“Could you give me an example?”

“Of course. I know of a T-junction where the there is a Stop sign rather than a Give Way. There used to be a cottage on the corner that restricted the view. The cottage was demolished long since but the Stop sign remains.”

“How about an example from ringing.

Could you give me a few?”

“Of course. I could talk for eternity and still have some examples left over.”

“Give me just a couple for now.”

“OK. Striking competitions. They are so Eighteenth Century. They are excellent social events but quality in striking and advancement in method ringing complexity have been driven by peal and quarter peal bands, not by striking competitions.”

“Any more?”

“Perhaps the rules controlling AGMs. They might have been needed when a couple of hundred folk were turning up but are an unnecessary constraint when there are twenty-five. Reducing formality might encourage more informal and fruitful discussion.”

“Controversial. Have you filled in your re-incarnation option form, yet?”

“No. I am not sure which planet to pick. I quite like the look of that one over there. Some very decent ringing to be had. Why did we not pick that one last time?”

“No beer.”

Thought for the week

Big organisations can take on a life of their own and forget the people that they are meant to represent. I see it in Governments and in Churches too. There is the tendency to forget the small but significant parts of the organisation. For instance in an idle moment walking round a church I have picked up an annual report and looked to see if there is any mention of ringing activity reported upon in the past year. I have been known to flick through Reports of Friends of Cathedrals. I regret to say there is rarely anything about the bells and those who ring them.

This points out to me that there is a danger of a dislocation between ringers and the Church. I recognise that there are ringers concerned about the closure of parish churches with bells in some areas but having read that report, I have come to the conclusion that not much will change very quickly. If ringers are concerned about these closures then now is the time for a dialogue between ringers and church authorities.

Recent conversations too would suggest to me that we need to revisit the place of ringing in the Church. I have some experience of clergy who see no need for bells and ringing. Some I suspect would like to be rid of ringing and ringers because of their theological position these clergy adopt. I do not subscribe to such thinking and would suggest that we need to rethink a theology of ringing – in short, why do we ring?

As the President of the Guild of Clerical Ringers I am hesitant to suggest that we as a Guild are well placed to contribute to a dialogue and some new thinking about ringing especially in relation to ringing and why we do it!

ANTHONY ELLIS

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News from Little Rock

Ten of our ringers have just returned from, Houston, Texas, where they attended the “Three Towers Festival” held on April 5th 1991. The “Three Towers Festival” gives us a great opportunity each year to sharpen our skills and work with more advanced ringers on new methods. We were joined by ringers from Texarkana and Houston (the other two of the three towers) as well as ringers from Washington, Philadelphia, Great Britain and several other locales.

Philip Buck, Polly Heuer, Lyndsey Laman, Andrew Parker and Sarah Tisdale rang their first quarter peals; Whitney Bauman rang his first quarter peal “inside” (on a more complicated bell), and Debby Cross rang her first quarter peal in a Major (8-bell) method.

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AROUND & ABOUT

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Lord (Patrick) Mayhew of Twysden



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The Tonbridge District of the KCACR were saddened to learn of the death of Lord Mayhew at the age of 86.

He rang at Kilndown when he was Northern Ireland Secretary, accompanied by his bodyguards. Anyone who has been to Kilndown will remember that access to the ringing chamber is via a vertical ladder from which you step sideways on to the ringing floor. Only a tiny floor area is available to ring their six. Patrick Mayhew was of a large build and, together with his “heavies”, there was little room for other ringers.

It was deemed that his car taking him to Westminster could be subject to attack from a sniper positioned in Goudhurst tower. This necessitated a regular presence among the bells by soldiers placed there for his protection.

When he was encouraged to join the KCACR I sent him the application form for completion. Probably owing to his legal training, he refused to sign it until he had read the constitution and any further terms and conditions.

We have lost a colourful and delightful character.

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Snapped by the Editor at the RWNYC



“Here be dragons”... Rupert Littlewood, President of the University of London Society of Change Ringers stewarding at Hart Street



Members of the Three Spires (Lichfield & Walsall) Team emerging from St Olave's tower after their test piece in the finals



Tom Hinks (in red polo shirt) conducting one of his handbell workshops at St Mary le Bow



Laura Davies and Louis Suggett at their stand selling Laura's artwork in the form of prints, cards and mugs – with 20% of profits being donated to The Ringing World