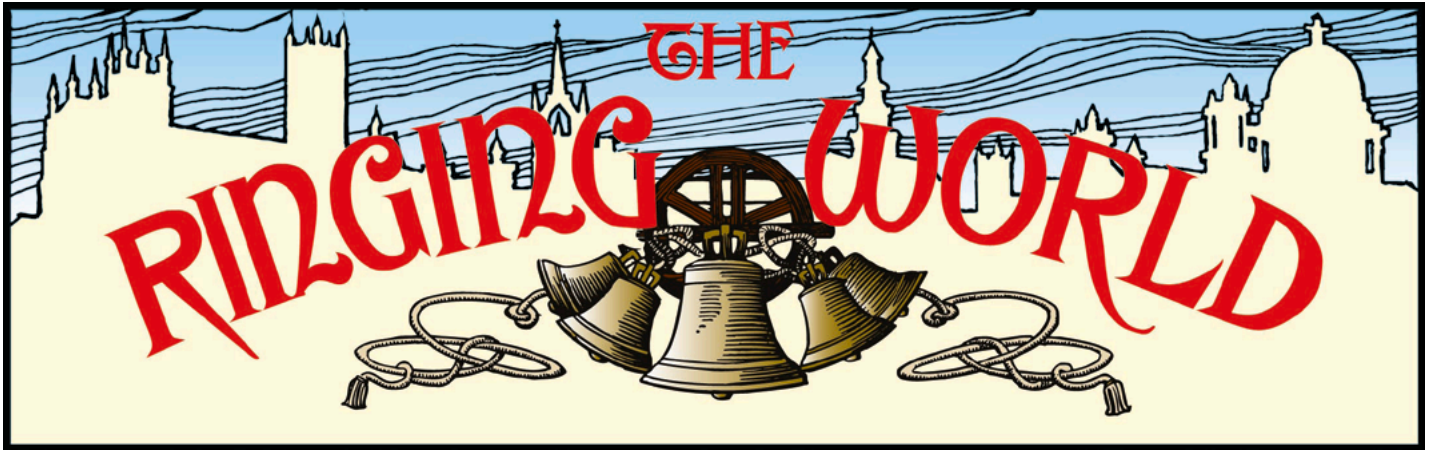


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Front page photos: (above) Young ringers and supporters gather in St Mary-le-Bow, London for the results; (below, l-r) The competition venues: St George in the East, Stepney; St Olave, Hart Street; St James, Garlickhythe; Christ Church, Cubitt Town

The Eighth Ringing World National Youth Contest, London 2018



The trophies and medals (Photo Chris Caryer)

The Ringing World National Youth Contest started out as a one-off event in 2011 to coincide with the centenary celebrations of this paper's first publication. At that contest 12 teams from across the UK entered, and it was considered to be such a success that the competition has run every year since. The number of teams entering has increased year on year with this year, the eighth annual contest, seeing 22 teams enter, including two teams entering for the first time.

For the third year running, the competition was masterminded by Linda Garton and this year was held in London, ably assisted by Hannah Taylor of Southwark Cathedral. For those that have not been involved in the contest, the day now consists of three qualifiers held simultaneously on rings of eight, a final for the top two teams from each qualifier, this year held at St James, Garlickhythe, and a ringing outing all over the capital. To organise people to open up, run the ringing and steward over 200 youngsters climbing up and down tower steps, a results ceremony with medals and trophies to be awarded, and this year, hosting an extra event to be filmed by the BBC, covering the contest for a future edition of *Blue Peter*, is incredible! I truly do not know how it all comes together so beautifully on the day.

Before any of that, though, the team leaders, those people in local Guilds and Branches who get voted in as "Young Ringers' Representative", have the challenge of getting their team of under-18's up to a standard to enter the competition. On contest day, the judges' comments lauded the quality of the ringing from all teams, which is testament to the efforts put in by team leaders. For this reason, Young Ringers' practices have been popping up all over the country over the past few years to help to get teams up to contest standard. What better legacy for *The Ringing World* centenary than

to have encouraged an explosion in young ringing nationwide.

Matteo O'Donoghue, the conductor for the Surrey Young Ringers team, described his experiences of preparing for the contest: "Few events in my life have produced such a feeling of intense nerves like the RWNYC: exams, presentations, the gymnastics competition that I was determined to win when I was eight years old! I think back to when I first started ringing 20 months ago and realise how far I have come from my own small tower pulling my first handstroke, to calling at some of the largest towers in London for a national competition."

"Having to qualify for a final and potentially ring twice is much more like a traditional tournament, and has pushed for a higher standard among teams"

One of the greatest challenges for team leaders, though, is that the contestants have an annoying habit of getting older every year and therefore it is vital to ensure that there is always recruitment of new ringers to replace those who have become too old to compete. However, if you can recruit a ringer young enough, teams can 'get their money's worth' out of them. This is especially true in the case of the teams representing Bedfordshire and Derbyshire, who have each had team members, Cameron White-Spinner and Rosie Hall, respectively, who have rung in every competition since the inaugural one in 2011. Rosie remembers the first contest as being "a hectic day with the Ringing

World celebrations and the Youth Contest as an extra to the entire event. The main thing I remember was being utterly exhausted!” Cameron has also reflected on the changes in the preparation for the contest since the first contest; “It feels like there has been much more emphasis on the competition throughout our young ringers’ practices, as I would imagine has been the case elsewhere, since Bedfordshire have developed monthly practices, as opposed to the yearly practice we had before, in order for everyone to get to know each other and to develop another team throughout the year. The biggest change was the introduction of heats in 2016, which certainly upped the pressure! Having to qualify for a final and potentially ring twice is much more like a traditional tournament, and I think has pushed for a higher standard among teams.”

As both Cameron and Rosie will be too old to enter the 2019 competition, they were awarded a certificate to congratulate them on this unique achievement and I for one look forward to seeing them follow in the footsteps of other “graduates” of the Youth Contest and judging it in the future. In addition, the university societies in Oxford and York should keep their eyes out for a couple of promising new freshers coming up this Autumn.

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In contrast, for some teams this year was the first experience of ringing in a national competition, so some of the rules came as a bit of a surprise. In the youth contest, the ringing must be entirely conducted and mistakes sorted by the Young Ringers themselves; no adults are permitted to help or say anything during the test piece. Cordelia Thompson, the treble ringer for Bucks and Berks, explained; “This meant that the month before the competition date, we were all hit with a reality check by our team leader about how much preparation was needed to turn a group of nine teenagers, some of whom had only just started learning call changes, into reasonable competitors. We were all forced to step outside our comfort zone, whether that was learning to conduct, lead consistently or be able to spot our own and other’s mistakes and correct them. Gradually, we became less dependent on adults to correct or remind us and began to learn to trust each other, despite our varying abilities.”

See last week’s issue for full results and photographs of the two winning teams being presented with their trophies

So imagine the scene: you have been attending your local Young Ringers’ practices for months, made it onto the team for your Young Ringers’ group, learnt the touch, received your especially embroidered polo shirt and are now finally ready to head to London for competition day. Teams arrived by train, car – and from Leicester, an official team coach (and I mean a proper one, not a minibus) – to register at St Olave’s, Hart Street. It was then off to the qualifier tower for the test piece. Matteo explained about his nerves before ringing: “When we all took our ropes and the other ringers looked at me expectantly, the lack of adult support was immediately apparent. There would be no guiding advice from an experienced ringer to put us right or correct our striking, it was just me and the seven other young ringers in the band.”

“...the team waiting at the bottom of the tower would applaud and congratulate those who had just rung, in a fantastic show of good sportsmanship between teams”

The Fen Tigers had used some of their practices to make use of a real time strikeometer analysis to really understand the problems with their striking. Catherine Morley was ringing with them for the first time, having been the reserve the previous year, and said, “I think I can speak for the whole team in saying that we found the qualifier more difficult than we expected due to the weight of the bells at St George in the East, which were very light (6-0-9)”. Anna Sherwood, conductor of the Oxford team, also expressed some uncertainty about her team’s performance at their qualifier. “We felt that the qualifier at Cubitt Town had some inconsistencies within the test piece (particularly with the leading) and on the whole, the band had rung better in the past”. Cordelia, however, perhaps echoed the relief of some teams at the National 12-Bell Contest last month of getting an early draw (although perhaps not for all the same reasons). “We performed first, which was lucky as it meant we escaped having to ring



The presentation panel (Photo Chris Caryer)

Editorial

“The RWNYC is great. It isn’t just a competition – it’s a big outing with people all around your age and you get more opportunities to try new bells and methods that you think you can’t do.” So says Katharine, who was the reserve for the winning Sussex Young Ringers (p.690). We couldn’t put it better ourselves. Next year’s contest will be in the amazing city of Liverpool, home to the heaviest change ringing peal in the world and many other exciting attractions. Saturday, 6th July 2019 is the big day and if you are entering a team then you cannot begin planning soon enough.

The letter from young Isaac O’ Shea last week has certainly provoked a reaction: possibly more voluminous than he had bargained for (pp.692-3). While Isaac’s behaviour and that of his visiting band has been heavily criticised, we should perhaps thank him for drawing the issue of poorly maintained towers to our attention. Although it was clearly ridiculous to lay global blame at the feet of the Central Council, some useful information and ideas have been elicited. In particular it is heartening to read of the Surrey Association’s proactive approach to assisting band-less (and fund-less) churches in its territory with basic bell maintenance.

Hampshire ringer Ian McCallion made an interesting suggestion on the Change Ringers discussion list last week. He was seeking a speaker to give an after-dinner talk on ringing to a group of non-ringers and was surprised to come up with a shortlist of only six people across the country: “I’m sure more would come out of the woodwork though if the Central Council wanted to act as agent for after dinner speakers,” he said. We think it would be a good idea for the Council to maintain a list of people who are able and willing to deliver talks and possibly to assist with their training. A good range of slides/visual aids is already available via its website: <https://cccbr.org.uk/services/pr/advice/talks/>

2,000th Peal Congratulations

Patricia M Newton (Aston Rowant)

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later on when it became extremely hot, and then we were able to enjoy the rest of the day without thinking about our qualifier coming up”. At the conclusion of each team’s test piece, the team waiting at the bottom of the tower would applaud and congratulate those who had just rung, in a fantastic show of good sportsmanship between teams.

It was then time to go and make the most of the ringing opportunities on offer all over London. Morning ringing took place at some of the “big twelves” in the capital including Southwark Cathedral, St Michael’s, Cornhill and St Magnus-the-Martyr, for many of the ringers their first experience of ringing on a large 12; as Cordelia noted, “This forced all of us to stretch (quite literally!) outside our usual comfort zone and hang onto the tail end of Southwark’s bells desperately hoping not to miss the sally”! However, there was no need to worry. Reports coming back from those running the ringing at the open towers included nothing but praise for the way the young ringers coped with the challenging bells on offer during the day.

At lunchtime, the results were announced for the qualifiers, which saw the teams representing Bedfordshire (winners 2013–2016), Yorkshire Tykes (winners 2017), Young@Herts (winners in 2011 and runners up in 2016), Oxford (runners up in 2011), Sussex (runners up in 2012) and the Fen Tigers go through to the final at St James, Garlickhythe. Anna was much happier with Oxford’s final performance: “Qualifying for the final proved to be an excellent opportunity to show what the band was capable of and led to some of the best ringing we had done together. We were all very pleased to get into the final and approached the test piece as though we had nothing to lose; it sounded a lot more confident”.

A new addition to the contest this year saw Simon Edwards complete a live webcast of the Final ringing and post-touch interviews with the teams which is now available on *YouTube*



Linda Garton at the podium with her 'right hand' Peter Jasper perched on the throne. Judges (l-r) Alistair Cherry, Emily Hall, Pip Dillistone, Julia Cater, Patrick Deakin and Richard Pullin look on (Photo Chris Caryer)

(rwrld.uk/a614). Surely a broadcasting career is beckoning, and it was the right year to make the pitch as Children’s BBC was covering the contest. The last time bellringing was covered on Blue Peter was in 2004 when (a very young!) Linda Garton taught presenter Simon Thomas to ring. Fast forward nearly a decade and a half and this year it was the turn of a new presenter, Lindsey Russell, to learn the ropes (sorry!) and enter a mini-competition at St James, Garlickhythe. The results are a closely guarded secret and will be revealed soon on an episode of Blue Peter (and probably here). Meanwhile the ringing outing continued with ringing at Aldgate, Limehouse, Rotherhithe and Bermondsey, as well as the opportunity to attend a handbell masterclass with Tom Hinks at St Mary-le-Bow or ring the “big bells” upstairs, with several young ringers taking a turn ringing the “Great Bell of Bow”.

It was then time for the results, in a very hot St Mary-le-Bow church. Every seat inside was

taken up by the teams and the adult supporters made use of any spare space they could find. Silver medals were awarded to every team that entered, with gold medals awarded to the finalists. In a change to the contest this year, the new Ringing World Editor’s Trophy for Excellence was awarded to the team that were deemed to be runners up in the contest and this year Robert Lewis presented it to the best method-ringing team, the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The Whitechapel Trophy for overall winners was awarded to a jubilant Sussex Young Ringers band by Alan Hughes. According to Cameron, who has more experience than most at knowing the standard of ringing at the contest since it all started in 2011, “we got to hear part of Sussex’s final piece, and I don’t think anyone has ever rung as well in the contest.” High praise indeed!

Finally the RWNYC was brought to a close by Linda Garton, who is stepping down as organiser of the contest after three spectacular years, and the reins of power were handed over to David Hull, who will be taking the contest on to its ninth incarnation, to be hosted on **6th July 2019**. Therefore, to paraphrase the Olympics, I call upon the Youth of the Ringing World to assemble in just over 350 days time for the Ringing World National Youth Contest 2019 in the city of ... Liverpool!

PETER JASPER

(with thanks for the contributions from Anna Sherwood, Cameron White-Spinner, Rosie Hall, Cordelia Thompson, Catherine Morley and Mattheo O’Donoghue)



Contest veterans graduate: Cameron White-Spinner and Rosie Hall with certificates to mark their participation in every RWNYC (Photo Russell Brown)

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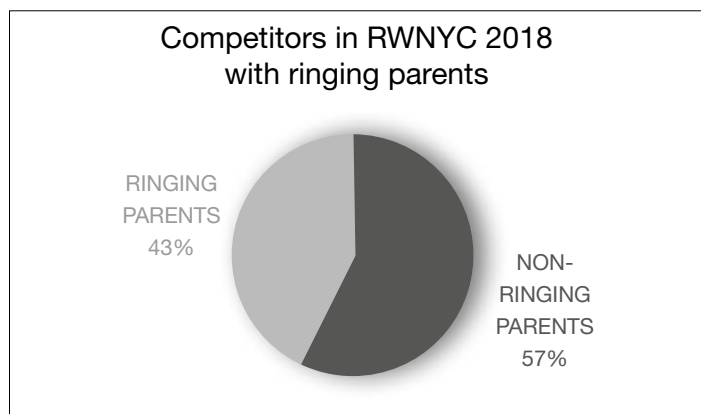
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Young Ringers with Ringing Parents

by Linda Garton

In her article about the Youth Leadership Forum during the Central Council meeting in Lancaster (p.682), Lucy Hopkins Till commented that it was noteworthy that two of the panel of four young ringers were ‘Mudbloods’. As one who must confess to never having read Harry Potter, I was grateful for the explanation: they weren’t from ringing families!

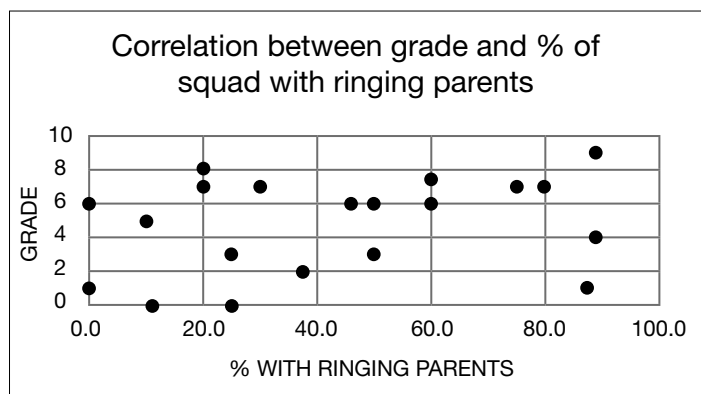
By coincidence, in a recent strand on the ‘Bellringers’ Facebook page, the question of how many of today’s generation of young ringers have ringing parents was discussed. The RWNYC provided an opportunity to find out! 20 of the 22 Team Leaders responded to a question asking how many of their squad have ringing parents (i.e. parents who were ringing before their children learnt to ring).



The answer is perhaps contrary to popular belief. Of the 189 competitors and reserves included in the survey, only 43% have ringing parents. So 57% come from non-ringing families, or (anecdotally) learnt to ring at the same time as their parent(s). Interesting!

One team leader, whose team this year was made up entirely of young ringers from non-ringing families and who didn’t qualify for the final this year, commented that the year they won the contest almost all the team had ringing parents. This raised another interesting question. Is there any correlation between success in the contest and having ringing parents? In the table below, the grade given in 2018 (or average grade if a team rang in the final) has been given a numerical value (A+ = 10, A = 9, etc.) and plotted against the percentage of the squad with ringing parents.

I’m not a statistician, but this doesn’t look conclusive. Lots of other interesting questions spring to mind. It would be interesting to look at the age of teams too. Perhaps something for a rainy day ... whenever that might be!



Blue Peter comes to the RWNYC

Caroline Stockmann and Tom Hinks report

A year ago I, Nick Elks and Kate Flavell from the CCCBR Public Relations Committee were in conversation with the BBC about Children in Need and our fundraiser ‘A Peal for Pudsey’. Sadly, the BBC decided not to televise our contribution on the big night, but I did have a conversation at one point with Blue Peter. I mentioned there might be other opportunities in the future and emphasised that ringing is still ‘alive’ amongst young people, with the RWNYC in fact at risk of being oversubscribed. I agreed to keep in touch over the next months, exchanging ideas as to how Blue Peter might get involved with the Contest. I asked Tom Hinks if he would be willing to teach a presenter if it came to it (after having seen how great a teacher he was on the Bradfield course last year). I also asked Dickon Love if he would help with practice towers and the various logistical Church matters. Then in the spring there was sufficient interest from Blue Peter to take the idea to Linda Garton. Funnily enough, Linda had trained a Blue Peter presenter some years back, and she agreed we could go ahead.

As with most media matters, it all came together very late in the day, and plans changed by the minute, but it was agreed that there would be a one-day learning session for the London-based presenter, and we would invite some young ringers to help out. Kent and Sussex bands were chosen for proximity, and Magnus as a good tower in which to learn and film. The Derbyshire team were also asked if they could get consent forms in so they could be interviewed on the big day itself – we didn’t want viewers to think ringing only happens in the south of the country! Sunday 1st finally arrived, when young ringers and helpers met Lindsey, their pupil for the day ... At the same time Dickon was working flat out to get Church filming permissions in place for July 7th – a feat in itself, given changing plans and uncertainties as to where the young ringers might be at any one time!

CAROLINE STOCKMANN

Due to BBC restrictions, we are not allowed to say too much about the filming before the programme is broadcast later this year. The training day was, however, definitely a lot of fun. The Kent and Sussex young ringers did an incredible job, waiting patiently between sections of filming, staying calm on camera and ringing really well – they certainly earned their Blue Peter badges! Lindsey, the presenter, learns several new hobbies a week for Blue Peter and so was a receptive student. It was, however, definitely a challenge trying to get her to the stage of ringing rounds with just a few hours of teaching. You’ll have to watch the programme to find out how she got on!

The day of the Youth Contest itself came at the end of a very busy week of last-minute arrangements and planning. The filming all ran very smoothly though, with everyone in the right place at the right time, and the Blue Peter team were really happy with all the footage they got at various towers around the City. Thank you to the Derbyshire, Kent and Sussex young ringers and their adult leaders Sue, Jen and Sandra for dashing around London to ring or be interviewed by Blue Peter. The programme should show ringing, and the Youth Contest in particular, in a hugely positive light and be a useful tool for recruitment after it is broadcast.

TOM HINKS

Our path to victory

The Sussex Young Ringers' impressions of the day



Striking a pose at the Cubitt Town qualifier (Photo Sandra Alford)

Mahala – on our preparation for the competition

We went into RWNYC with rather few practices under our belt. We had around two practices in total since the South East Youth Contest in April, but fortunately our team had continued with the same team from the this competition, giving us the upper hand as we had been working in sync for months previously, which allowed each of us to confidently know each other's style and technique. As well as us knowing each other, it allowed our leader Anne to confidently pinpoint continuous mistakes or hand out tips that would easily slip into our style. We are extremely picky about our striking! We all work really hard to be in the right place at the right time and pick up on any tiny mistakes such as being a fraction too close or late. I feel that this is one particular reason for our success not only as a team but as



Pep talk – nerves, anyone? (Photo Kevin Quigley)

individual ringers, because we are constantly listening. In practices we have used a few interesting ways to enhance each member's listening skills and these must have had a good impact too!

Harry – on arriving and preparing to ring at Cubitt Town

We arrived at our qualifier tower (Cubitt Town) and at this point I was still very calm and excited to hear what the bells sounded like. There were two other teams who were ringing their pieces before us and they were spaced out outside the church from each other so we did the same. Our team leader Anne called us all in for a team talk, she told us some really good tips that we all took on board and also to keep calm when ringing our test piece! The biggest tip she gave us was to listen to the other teams' pieces to see what the bells were like and how they were ringing them. We all did this as it helped us to see if the bells were odd struck.

Molly – on ringing at Cubitt Town

When we reached the qualifier tower, my nerves were rising, as was the pressure. The team talks from captains Sandra and Anne did help, wishing us all the best and making us laugh. It was extremely hot up in the tower, which didn't help us trying to relax. But we pushed through and our practice was brilliant making us much more confident. We rang rounds to ensure our rope length was comfortable, and then rang a few call changes to practice the key changes.

We felt that we rang really well in our test piece, and were happy with our performance.

It was great to see our friends from other teams there to support us too; it made it an enjoyable morning. As this was my first RWNYC I felt that the atmosphere was fun and exciting.

Katharine (our reserve) – on ringing at different London Towers during the day

While we were in London we didn't just ring at the competition towers. Our qualifying ringing was at Christ Church in Cubitt Town and the fabulous ringing could be heard from the river bank which had a very nice view of Greenwich.

Next we went over to Southwark Cathedral which was one of the open towers. I have to admit it was one of the strangest adventures I have done to get into the ringing chamber. Personally I think it's great that 12 bell towers are open for us young people because it's challenging and not many home towers are 12 bells. The bells were fairly easy to control after the first couple of rows as the long wait at backstroke is a bit of a shock at first!

After a quick stop at Southwark it was the final at Garlickhythe and for me the mini Blue Peter event, as I was reserve for the team. The tower was a bit cramped with all the camera equipment but it wasn't too bad, it's always good to try something new. As I sat on a bench and rested my eyes the rest of the Sussex performed their final piece.

Next it was St Mary-le-Bow where there were again 12 bells. I had rung at Bow before in 2016 so the 12 bell panic wasn't there this time. I rang a lot of rounds which sounds a bit boring but I promise it wasn't (well not for me anyway). While waiting for the results we were staying at Bow and I plucked up enough courage to try a heavier bell (as I normally stay around the lighter end of the tower). The RWNYC is great. It isn't just a competition – it's a big outing with people all around your age and you get more opportunities to try new bells and methods that you think you can't do.

Rachel – on ringing in the Final at Garlickhythe

As Team Sussex was walking to Garlickhythe, Captain Anne received an exciting email; Sussex achieved great success in their heats and were through to the final. Cheers of happiness and excitement came from all the team members and supporters, however as conductor of the team, I felt the pressure rising and I remember thinking... this could be Sussex's year, we have the potential, and we have just got to deliver it. The glorious sound of the Jubilee bells blared out with confidence as Sussex arrived to listen to their competitors.

With lunch in one hand and a cold bottle of drink in the other, we all sat in a circle underneath the scorching sun, cautiously waiting and listening to the other teams



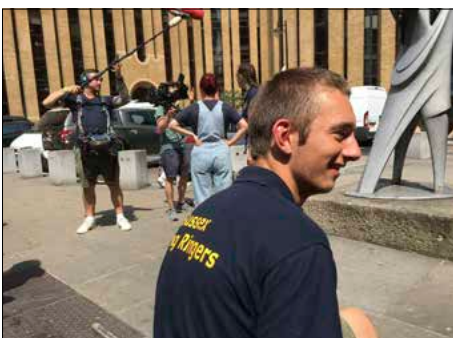
Victorious! Clockwise from front right: Harry Bickers, Rachel Mahoney, Andrew Meyer, Mahala Shaw, William Stafford, Lysbeth Middleton, Katharine Quigley, Joshua Hutchinson and Molly Smith (Photo Sandra Alford)

all ringing their very best. We knew this was going to be a close competition almost instantly, therefore the nerves were slowly rising... however this did not stop team Sussex from smiling and containing their excitement.

Time passed and the chimes of St James struck half past three, meaning this was the time for Sussex to shine. After applauding Team Bedfordshire for their exceptional ringing, we gave our final hugs to our team leaders and our Sussex supporters and made our way one by one up the spiral staircase.

We then approached eight bright red ropes waiting for us to grab hold. The pressure was at its peak as we all took our places to practice, some members were even shaking and almost letting their nerves get to them, but they managed to pull it together and represent the county with praise.

We rang some very stable rounds and perfected queens which boosted the team's confidence levels, giving us more and more hope. Then the time came, useful advice was exchanged and good licks were called, this



Harry relaxes off-stage during Blue Peter filming (Photo Sandra Alford)

was now or never as Team Sussex pulled off for their test piece.

One by one, each change was called and made slickly and smoothly, which made Queens and Whittingtons a delight to listen to. As conductor, I strictly told the team to maintain the rhythm and oddly decided to tell them to communicate with their bells... who knows what was going through my head?! Eventually Rounds came and we stood to end a stable piece of ringing.

However, at the time, we did not think this was the case. We all felt a little disappointed with ourselves and felt like we could have improved. I led the team down the stairs first, my smile had turned into a slight frown thinking we could have done better and we did have the potential... I entered into the sunlight, surrounded by cheers and applause which confused me... maybe the ringing wasn't as bad as we thought? In fact, Captain Anne and Captain Sandra were beaming with joy so we must have done them proud. Our thoughts were turned as one by one, different ringers came up to us and congratulated us on our exceptional ringing, and this was when I knew we had done Sussex proud. We even got an interview with Simon Edwards on the RWNVC live feed!

Lysbeth – on our time with Blue Peter

It was great fun! I met three people on the production team, one of whom was Lyndsay the presenter. It was nerve-wracking to stand in front of the camera and be interviewed and Blue Peter asked me for my ringing tips, to which I said pull straight and listen to your helper. We all then sat in the sun while they took some shots of us and me. I'm looking forward to seeing my interview, and the whole team, when it is broadcast.

Josh – on the results at Bow

Shhh, don't tell anyone... I rang the treble for Sussex in my third national youth contest. When we finished our test piece in the final at Garlickhythe, the team thought we didn't do well and we had lost it. I disagreed (silently). Listening to the whole change from the front is a different perspective, and after all your harshest critic is yourself (especially when you make the odd mistake!), I had a feeling we had it in the bag. The ringing was the best I had done with the team in about four years of ringing with the Sussex Young Ringers. Something felt like this might be our year...

The results, moved to Bow at last minute, were packed! The teams were called in and we sat in rows. The judges gave their verdicts on the qualifier ringing and medals were given out to each team. Then they moved onto the final. The judge's feedback here was critical but full of praise. They identified some common errors within all the teams, which were very interesting to hear. Finally they announced the results. Fourth, third ... second: Oxford! So first is Sussex! We had done it, after years of coming second and third we had finally reached the trophy. We received our medals and lifted the Whitechapel Trophy into the air. It was a good feeling to say the least.

Anne – on leading Sussex Young Ringers

Taking the group of Sussex Young Ringers to the RWNVC 2018 was the most amazing day out! Weeks of worry, planning, getting to grips with social media, team selection, team changes, encouraging disappointed youngsters, tactfully providing coaching on striking, providing lifts to practices, making cake, cake and even more cake, all came to fruition and we had a great day. How did I feel when we won? So proud of all the team. I had a sneaky suspicion that this might be our year but didn't let them know that! Sussex YRs are just a fabulous bunch to be with and I can't wait to take them all to Liverpool ... if they'll let me!



Sandra and Anne get their hands on the 'crown jewels' (Photo Joshua Hutchinson)



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Where responsibility lies

SIR, – The letter from Isaac O'Shea last week (p.666) took our breath away! Ringers generally recognise some towers are not in a perfect state, but that is, unfortunately, due to what are often quite challenging circumstances. Moreover, such circumstances are getting even more challenging.

First, it must be recognised that the bells and towers are (usually) church property and it is PCCs who are responsible for them. No one can intervene, unless invited to do so by the PCC. In many cases, PCCs have nobody undertaking maintenance because there is nobody available, or they rely on volunteers to do so, perhaps to save money, but often simply because they are not even aware of the specialist nature of the work involved. Regrettably, well-meaning people have differing standards as to what is correct and what is incorrect practice. Poor maintenance can be just as bad as no maintenance, in many cases worse.

Before commenting further, Isaac, was it wise for you to continue ringing when you discovered the conditions that you describe, and were found subsequently to be in an even more serious state? Did you not consider as an engineer that it was your duty to make a recommendation to the band to stop ringing and inform the church of your concerns, regardless of how frustrating or upsetting that may have been? Ringing with bells in such a state could easily cause serious damage to the installation, and even risk to injury to people.

Regarding towers & belfries committees, we are unsure whether you refer to Association/Guild committees or that of the CCCBR. Either way, most Guilds/Associations have an equivalent of a towers and belfries committee, so it would have been helpful to advise the church concerned of their existence if they were unaware. You may also be interested to buy a new publication written by the CCCBR

Towers and Belfries Committee entitled *Manual of Belfry Maintenance* (<https://cccbr.org.uk/product/manual-of-belfry-maintenance/>). There are, of course, several other books and publications available about tower and belfry maintenance from the same and other sources.

Regarding PCCs "throwing away their contracts with bell hangers", our experience is the opposite. PCCs are taking on more contracts, because they recognise their responsibility to ensure their bells are safe to ring and that the risks of damage are minimised. Clearly the tower captain or someone from whom they took advice did have relevant knowledge, as they subsequently found the loose nuts. It is a well-known fact that timber bellframes shrink in hot, dry weather, such as we are experiencing this summer, and fixing bolts need re-tightening, sometimes quite regularly.

Returning to the committees, it's very likely you will have seen the news about the changes in the Central Council, in particular the formation of 'Workgroups' to replace the former Council Committees. The work of the Towers & Belfries Committee is now incorporated within the new Stewardship & Management Workgroup. One of the main aims of this new Workgroup is to encourage and support best practice in maintenance and improvement of bell installations, along with advice on funding, expertise and facilities to support bell installations. The Workgroup intends to hold more seminars and 'hands-on' sessions on such topics – there was one in Lancaster as part of the Central Council meeting at the end of May.

Finally, as an engineer and ringer, it sounds as if you are the sort of person who is building their experience and so could – perhaps does – help towers through your local Guild/Association towers and belfries committee (or equivalent). No professional engineer, of course, does that without gaining the appropriate level of competence, along with public liability insurance and personal accident insurance.

Regrettably, the work to return rings to good, ringable condition is often more than just bolt tightening. Many problems are due to worn components, which, when faced with the costs of renewing/refurbishing, many PCCs cannot afford. However, PCCs are often equally reluctant to lose the audible presence of the church and they recognise that a good ring will often attract and retain ringers. So, with the right level of enthusiasm from ringers and people both local and further afield, money often is raised. Again, this is another facet of the work of the new Stewardship & Management Workgroup – formerly the Bell Restoration Committee (ironically, the letter adjacent to yours on page 666 of *The Ringing World* referred to that very topic!).

CHRIS POVEY
GEORGE DAWSON

Members of CCCBR Stewardship and Management Workgroup (and members of the former CCCBR Towers and Belfries Committee)

Maintenance matters

SIR, – In response to Isaac O'Shea (p.666), it is our responsibility as ringers to ensure that our bell installations are maintained properly and it is the responsibility of our ringing associations to help us do this. Of course it is also the responsibility of the parishes, but they rightly rely on their ringers to advise them of what needs doing. We all have limited financial resources, but associations are in an excellent position to help in a wide variety of ways, often including the provision of fit and able people to help with the jobs that are being neglected by so many towers, as suggested by Isaac O'Shea.

The Surrey Association recently decided to use part of a legacy to help with tower maintenance. We worried that the old habit of one of the ringers at each tower being willing and able to look after the bell installation and carry out basic maintenance was dying out. We invited all our towers to apply for a maintenance grant, whereby we paid two-thirds of the cost of a maintenance visit from one of the bell hanging firms, with the parish or ringers paying the other third. We have so far paid out around £5,400, with 20 out of our 72 towers applying for a grant and visit.

The bell hangers carried out a full service on the bell installations. They have submitted full reports to the towers and the visits have uncovered some issues including:

- Loose or missing nuts and bolts tightened/replaced including frame and bell bolts
- Loose clappers tightened/lubricated and new split pins fitted (some clapper bushes are worn and should be replaced)
- One tower had a broken gudgeon bolt which was replaced
- One wheel is distorted and should be replaced
- Pulleys oiled and checked and in some cases replacement is recommended
- Sliders and runner boards cleaned and waxed
- Cracked stays – pointed out which should be replaced soon
- Worn ropes – pointed out what should be repaired/replaced
- Woodworm – pointed out that should be treated in the near future
- Bearings inspected and in some cases recommendation that these should be cleaned and re-lubricated.

It was also agreed we would invite towers to apply for a copy of the new and comprehensive Central Council *Manual of Belfry Maintenance* book (reviewed in *The Ringing World* 18th August 2017). 42 copies of the book have so far been distributed. This is an excellent piece of work from the excellent Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council, whose remit does not include maintaining all the ringing installations within the UK and beyond, although they will conduct inspections of installations on request.

New Malden, Surrey

KATE FLAVELL

Go prepared

SIR, – Isaac O’Shea’s letter (The Turn of the Screw, p.666) concerning the fragile frame in Somerset, beggars belief.

He obviously has sufficient experience to be able to understand that the unusual behaviour of his bell was down to tower or frame movement.

I suspect your columns will be filled over the next few weeks with ringers complaining about this appalling lack of attention to good practice. What Isaac O’Shea should have done is immediately abandon the peal attempt and contact the tower captain, suggesting that he should tell the branch and guild stewards and perhaps the incumbent and advise them of his discoveries. It appears that he was, after all briefly responsible for the bells, the frame and the tower. *In loco parentis*, so to speak?

At the end of his letter the Towers and Belfries Committee is berated for doing nothing. No, Isaac: this is nothing to do with the Central Council; this is a matter for tower captains, their stewards, branch stewards and guild stewards, in that order, and let us not forget that ultimately incumbents also take responsibility.

A new movement to foster tower maintenance is a good idea and maybe one of your readers will use Mr O’Shea’s letter as an inspiration, but please don’t have him as a consultant!

Mr O’Shea, extraordinarily, comes up with the answer in the last sentence of his missive and I quote: “it doesn’t take a genius to tighten a bolt.” My advice to all is: if you are going to ring an unknown ring of bells, take a couple of large adjustable spanners with you and at least two spare ropes.

TONY FINKE

Yardley Hastings, Northampton

An act of vandalism

SIR, – I was shocked to read the letter from Mr O’Shea last week. Of course there are bells and fittings in need of attention, but the remedies he proposes are, I venture to suggest, not the best. He suggests that the Towers and Belfries Committee is too fixated on shiny new bells. Perhaps he should obtain a copy of the CCCBR *Manual of Belfry Maintenance* prepared by this Committee and published only a year ago. This is well illustrated, and the only pictures of new and shiny bells and fittings are there to illustrate the points being made. I feel confident that Barbara Wheeler (CCCBR-Shop) would be only too pleased to receive an order from him, so he can verify the action of the Committee.

Mr O’Shea goes on to ask why towers throw away their contracts with bell hangers. The answer is provided on page 1 of this publication which points out that most bells are owned by Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) and that permission to work on them should only be carried out with due process. Unfortunately, many PCCs have matters of higher priority to cope with even if they are aware of belfry

issues. I think the best way forward would be for ringers at all levels to engage with PCCs, pointing out problems that need attention and offering support in terms of knowledge, muscle and finance.

Returning to why I was shocked, this had nothing to do with the state of the bells, although the amount of frame movement reported does seem extremely excessive. My shock was at the attitude of the band. We are told that a long discussion preceded the peal attempt, but no details of the issues are provided. I expect ringers had travelled some distance to ring and were therefore keen to proceed, but did their deliberations consider what further damage they might inflict? Given their knowledge of the state of the fittings I would consider the peal attempt and published quarter an act of vandalism. Mr O’Shea claims to be an engineer which suggests he should have known better than to ring these bells. His actions are likely to bring ringers and engineering into disrepute.

I note that about three or four quarter peals are rung at this tower each year and this suggests that the church authorities are ignorant of the problem. My question is to ask if Mr O’Shea is going to notify the relevant PCC before I do?

Oswestry, Shropshire RICHARD MAJOR

Reckless behaviour

SIR, – I read the letter from Isaac O’Shea with amazement. The local captain thought they had been extremely lucky but I would say they had been extremely stupid. To continue ringing when he had seen there was an obvious major problem is beyond belief. Engineer? I wouldn’t pay him in washers.

Then to blame a central organisation and others compounds their selfish attitude. Instead of expecting all towers to be available as and when they want to ring it would be better if they got off their backsides, did some maintenance themselves and not risk causing permanent damage and possibly major repair costs.

Wrexham IAN MAYCOCK

Little devil?

SIR, – Regarding the letter from Isaac O’Shea: having found there was excessive movement in the frame, why did he even think about ringing a peal?

I thought engineers should know how to use a spanner, or is he too much of a genius?

Perhaps he should go on a bell maintenance course before he causes a serious accident.

Sandridge, St Albans R.J. CROCKER

P.S. I noticed it was printed on p.666 – does that mean he is a devil?

Has he got a screw loose?

SIR, – Am I alone in being incredulous that Isaac O’Shea’s peal band (letter p.666) actually decided to go for a peal, or indeed any ringing, having seen the significant movement of the frame ends caused by ringing the trebles at the Somerset tower they visited? Or have I misinterpreted the situation?

Surely even the quarter peal that they rang was foolish, as the deficiencies of the steeple-keeping would hardly be improved by any ringing. I think it was not just the tower that had a screw loose.

Fleet, Hampshire JAMES WHITE

Apologise!

SIR, – I am staggered at the comments made by Isaac O’Shea (p.666) that publicly condemn the Towers & Belfries Committee due to an un-named tower in Somerset failing to maintain its bells. I completely fail to see the connection. Perhaps he can explain why he thinks that they are at fault in respect of something about which they undoubtedly had no knowledge.

I consider that an apology is in order from Mr O’Shea.

Coventry, West Mids MIKE CHESTER

Data for discussion

SIR, – I have some data which might help the current discussion on potential energy, etc.

Obviously the position of the centre of mass of a bell will depend upon its profile. The data I have is for a range of medium sized bells of modern profile with a height to diameter ratio between 80% and 81%.

For these bells the centre of mass is between 33% and 34% of the diameter, above the lip of the bell.

Should it be of interest to anyone, I also have data on moment of inertia, etc. for these bells.

Long Eaton, Derbys DAVID J MARSHALL
(the Derbyshire one)

Still curious

SIR, – The discussion on bell mechanics is very interesting. I thank Brian Dean for raising the question. I can see that Andrew Howard has a point, in that the two tenor bells at Milverton and Wiveliscombe behave so differently. I’d like to know why. Perhaps a visual examination of the two bells could be made to start with. That might give a clue.

Banstead, Surrey PETER PARROTT



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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CRIPPLEGATE, City of London, St Giles, Cripplegate
Mon Jun 18 2018 3h10 (34)
5074 Stedman Cinques
Comp. M J Cansdale
1 Martin J Cansdale (C)
2 Henry D Coghill
3 Susan L Apter
4 Jennifer M Herriott
5 Graham G Firman
6 Christopher P G Rimmer
7 Ryan S Noble
8 James C Marchbank
9 Colin G Newman
10 Stephen A Coaker
11 Simon S Meyer
12 Leigh D G Simpson

DUBLIN, National Cathedral Church of St Patrick
Sat Jul 7 2018 3h50 (45)
5040 Cambridge S Maximus
Comp. J Clatworthy
1 Stephen A Waters
2 Dickon R Love
3 Ian P Hill
4 Clive G Smith
5 R Mark Esbester
6 Stuart C W Hutchieson
7 Jon Waters
8 Philip R Goodyer
9 Richard H Burton (C)
10 Graham Bloom
11 Timothy P Bradley
12 Brian P Diserens

TANEY, Dublin, Christ Church
Sun Jul 8 2018 3h16 (19)
5088 Bristol S Major
Comp. D G Hull
1 Dickon R Love
2 Philip R Goodyer
3 Clive G Smith
4 Ian P Hill
5 Jon Waters
6 Stephen A Waters
7 Graham Bloom
8 Richard H Burton (C)

BATH & WELLS D.A.

HUNTSHAM, Devon, All Saints
Thu Jun 14 2018 2h51 (8)
5088 Morrocosalatydylochachacha S Major
Comp. Robert D S Brown
1 Christopher Renyard
2 Jeffrey Knipe
3 Jane C Spencer
4 Lesley A Knipe
5 Michael Hatchett
6 Richard H Johnston
7 Robert D S Brown (C)
8 Michael R Spencer
Completes the S Major alphabet: 8.
1st peal in the method.
Morrocosalatydylochachacha S Major:
-38-14-58-16-14-58-1236-1278-36-58-14-16-58-14-38-12
lh b 15738264 FCH BLace

KINGSTEIGNTON, Devon, Kings-Ting-Tong
Sun Jun 3 2018 1h45 (10lb)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: Carlisle, York, Norwich, Bourne, Ipswich, Beverley, Cambridge)
1 Lesley A Knipe
2 Michael Hatchett
3 Jane C Spencer
4 Jeffrey Knipe
5 Michael R Spencer
6 Robert D S Brown (C)
Congratulation to 3 & 5 on the safe arrival of a granddaughter, Imogen Taylor Spencer, 7lb 12oz.

HUNTSHAM, Devon, All Saints
Thu Jun 7 2018 2h49 (8)
5088 Knickknackatory S Major
Comp. Robert D S Brown
1 Mervyn C Way
2 Jeffrey Knipe
3 Jane C Spencer
4 Lesley A Knipe
5 Michael Hatchett
6 Richard H Johnston
7 Michael R Spencer
8 Robert D S Brown (C)
200th on the bells: 6.
100th on the bells as conductor.
1st peal in the method.
Knickknackatory S Major:
-38-14-58-16-34-38-12-12.58, 12 lh d 18674523 FCH Bac

MARSTON BIGOT, Som, Pig-le-Tower
Tue Jul 3 2018 2h (21lb)
5088 Xenia D Major
Comp. D W Beard
1 Susan A Haines
2 James Kirkcaldy
3 Jeffrey Knipe
4 Lesley A Knipe
5 Raymond Haines
6 Peter L Bill
7 D John Hunt
8 Brian V Mountjoy (C)
To congratulate Laurie Kirkcaldy on gaining a 1st Class Masters Degree in Electrical & Electronic Engineering from Southampton University.

HUNTSHAM, Devon, All Saints
Thu Jul 5 2018 2h47 (8)
5088 Shepton Beauchamp D Major
Comp. Robert D S Brown
1 Mervyn C Way
2 Christopher Renyard
3 Jane C Spencer
4 Lesley A Knipe
5 Michael Hatchett
6 Jeffrey Knipe
7 Richard H Johnston
8 Robert D S Brown (C)
Get well compliment to Mike Spencer currently on the sick bench.
1st peal in the method.
Shepton Beauchamp D Major:
-38-14-58-16-78-18.34.12-58, 12 Lh b 15738264 FCH BDac

COVENTRY D.G.

WARWICK, Works, St Nicholas
Sat Jun 30 2018 2h59 (15)
5120 Glasgow S Major
Comp. Robert D S Brown
1 Jane M Rogers
2 Julie A Tarling
3 Susan E Marshall
4 Raymon A Sheasby
5 Geoffrey W Randall
6 Paul M Mason
7 Michael Chester
8 Simon P Rogers (C)
1st in method: 2. £4

KINETON, Works, St Peter
Sun Jul 1 2018 2h43 (10)
5040 S Minor
(7m: London, Carlisle, York, Bourne, Beverley, Cambridge, Norwich)
1 Nicola J Turner
2 Paul M Mason (C)
3 Stephanie J Warboys
4 Colin M Turner
5 Susan E Marshall
6 Christopher J Pickford
For the Patronal Festival, & to celebrate the priesting of Revd Alex Williams.
1st peal of S Minor in the tower.

CHURCH LAWFORD, Works, The Plantagenet Ring
Wed Jul 4 2018 2h15 (2)
5040 Doubles
(1p/11m: (1,2) Stedman; (3-5) St Nicholas; (6-8) Winchendon P; (9-11) St Remigius; (12-14) Huntley P; (15-17) Rev Canterbury; (18-22, 38-42) Grandsire; (23-25) St Simon; (26-28) St Martin; (29-31) St Osmund; (32-34) Eynesbury; (35-37) Plain B)
1 Peter M Fleckney
2 Philip R Wild
3 Andrew F Alldrick
4 Michael J Dew
5 Simon P Rogers (C)
1st peal on the back 5.

KINGSBURY, Works, SS Peter and Paul
Sat Jul 7 2018 2h58 (17)
5040 Minor
(7m: Norwich S, Beverley S, Surfleet S, Cambridge S, Oxford TB, Kent TB, Plain B)
1 Julie A Tarling
2 Raymon A Sheasby
3 Robert Tregillus
4 Ian N Robinson
5 Roderic K Bickerton
6 Michael Chester (C) £3

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity
Wed Jul 4 2018 3h (10)
5280 Spiced S Major
(7m: 960 London; 928 Watford; 896 Bristol; 672 Cambridge; 640 Superlative; 608 Dorchester; 576 Pudsey, 125 com, atw)
Comp. Albert J Pitman
1 Andrew J Davey
2 Alan Regin
3 John P Loveless
4 Susan B Binns
5 Frank W Rivett
6 Russell A Brown
7 Ian G Campbell
8 Peter J Waterfield (C)
1st of Pitman's 7: 4, & as conductor.
650th peal as conductor.

G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

THORVERTON, Devon, St Thomas of Canterbury
Thu May 10 2018 2h54 (15)
5040 Lincolnshire S Royal
Comp. D F Morrison (No.2455)
1 Alison C Waterson
2 Ian V J Smith
3 Jill M Hansford
4 James Kirkcaldy
5 Richard H Johnston
6 Ian W Avery
7 Michael C Hansford
8 John R Martin (C)
9 Peter J Sawyer
10 Michael E C Mears

EXETER, Devon, St Mark
Sun May 20 2018 3h5 (12)
5120 Spiced S Royal
(4m: 1600 Yorkshire; 1520 London No.3; 1280 Cambridge; 720 Bristol. 39 com, atw)
Comp. D F Morrison (No.3564C)
1 Peter L Bill
2 Susan D Sparling
3 Hilary A Beresford
4 Charlotte A Boyce
5 Graham P Tucker
6 Richard H Johnston
7 John R Martin (C)
8 James Kirkcaldy
9 David Hind
10 Michael E C Mears
Arranged as a 70th birthday compliment to Richard Johnston for today.

BOVEY TRACEY, Devon, Wobbly Bob's Campanile
Sun Jun 24 2018 1h54 (10lb)
5024 Jellystone Park S Major
Comp. Robert D S Brown
1 Martin G Mansley
2 Nigel G Birt
3 Jeffrey Knipe
4 Michael Hatchett
5 Lesley A Knipe
6 James Kirkcaldy
7 Donald B Carter
8 Robert D S Brown (C)
75th peal on the bells.
1st peal in the method.
Jellystone Park S Major:
-38-14-58-16-14-1258-36-1278-36-58-14-16-58-14-38-12
Lh b 15738264 FCH Bace

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

BARROW GURNEY, Som, SS Mary V & Edward K&M
Fri Jun 22 2018 2h42 (11)
5056 Failand S Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Rebecca J Cox
2 Andrew H Ball
3 Barrie Hendry
4 Matthew C Gardiner
5 Jonathan C Adkins
6 David L Richards
7 Anthony J Cox (C)
8 Ian P Hill
1st peal in the method.
Failand S Major:
d -38-14-12-1236-12-58-14-78

HERTFORD C.A.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts, St Helen
Sat Jun 30 2018 3h9 (14)
5088 Superlative S Major
Comp. N J Pitstow
1 Barry D Mack
2 Claire C Nicholson
3 Edward R Mack
4 Eleanor C Talbot
5 Richard Sales
6 Thomas B Mack
7 Stephen W Penney (C)
8 Ian K Bushell

KENT C.A.

CHEVENING, Kent, St Botolph
Sun Jun 3 2018 2h45 (10)
5026 Uxbridge S Major
Comp. Alan G Reading
1 Robert J Lane
2 Elizabeth A Barnes
3 Jacqueline M Barlow
4 Janice Byrne
5 Pam Thomas
6 Stephen Coaker (C)
7 Phillip R J Barnes
8 Neil W Jones
For Chevening Gardens "N.G.S." open day.

BODIAM, E Sussex, St Giles
Thu Jun 21 2018 2h39 (7)
5040 S Minor
(7m: London, Durham, Bourne, Ipswich, Beverley, Norwich, Cambridge)
1 Elizabeth A Barnes
2 Anne L Rueff
3 Shirley E McGill
4 Stephen R T Pocock
5 Phillip R J Barnes
6 John B Keeler (C)

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

ABERAVON, Neath PT, St Mary
Mon Jun 25 2018 2h59 (16)
5040 Single Oxford B Triples
Comp. J J Parker (6-part)
1 David F Moore
2 Alwyn R Lewis
3 Jonathan W Lewis
4 Andrew C John
5 Andrew J Phillips (C)
6 Ian P Hastlow
7 Christopher W Kipling
8 Kevin J Musty
1st in method: 4, 7.
25th as conductor for the Association & 100th peal of Triples: 5. £4

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CADOXTON JUXTA NEATH, Neath PT, St Catwg
Sat Jul 7 2018 2h33 (7)
5040 Stedman Doubles
(42 exts)
1 John A Vesey (C)
2 Harriet G Moncrieff
3 Alwyn R Lewis
4 David F Moore
5 Andrew C John
6 Clive B Moncrieff
1st Stedman Doubles: 2, & as conductor. £3

NON-ASSOCIATION

SHOREDITCH, London, St Leonard
Sat Jun 30 2018 3h24 (25)
5088 Orion S Maximus
Comp. I R Fielding
1 Shirley E McGill
2 Jack E Page
3 Ryan S Noble
4 Jonathan A Agg
5 Richard M Hobbs
6 Stephen J Beckingham
7 George M Salter (C)
8 Richard B Pullin
9 Timothy R Forster
10 Andrew J Rawlinson
11 Luke T W Smith
12 Richard H Burton
1st Orion: 6, 7, 9.

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

ALEXANDRIA, VA, Virginia Theological Seminary, Immanuel Chapel
Sat Jun 23 2018 2h56 (10)
5088 Seminary S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No.7337)
1 Quilla Roth
2 Susan M O'Neill
3 Meredith A Morris
4 Frederick DuPuy
5 Lian von Wantoch
6 Cecily W Rock
7 Alexander T Taft III
8 Robert G Gibson (C)
1st peal in the method.
Seminary S Major:
x36x456x5x36x4x3x2x3,
le18 g £5

OXFORD D.G.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks, All Saints
Mon May 28 2018 2h53 (11)
5056 Wycombe D Major
Comp. Roger Baldwin
1 Josie Martin
2 Michael J Trimm (C)
3 Catherine M A Lane
4 J Alan Ainsworth
5 Alan M Eyles
6 Patricia M Newton
7 Charles M S Botting
8 Robert H Newton £4

EASTHAMPSTEAD, Berks, SS Michael & Mary Magdalene
Fri Jun 1 2018 2h47 (6)
5021 Glasgow S Major
Comp. Roderick W Pipe
1 E John Wells
2 Katharine J Firman
3 Anthony C F Perry
4 June D Wells
5 Bernard F L Groves
6 Graham N Scott
7 Michael J Trimm (C)
8 Graham G Firman
A 91st birthday compliment to Stanley Scott, a 50th birthday compliment to Rachel Moss & an unspecified birthday compliment to June Wells. £4

EAST ILSLEY, Berks, St Mary
Thu Jun 28 2018 2h42 (8)
5152 Downham Market S

Major
Comp. Robert W Lee
1 Brian Bladon
2 Peter Bridle
3 Nicola J Turner
4 Cynthia E Howell
5 John C Sheppard
6 Colin M Turner
7 Richard L Thumwood
8 Timothy G Pett (C)

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

BURTON LATIMER,
Northants, St Mary the Virgin
Tue Jul 3 2018 2h48 (10)
5152 Natrium S Major
Comp. R I Allton (No.2439)
1 Michael H D O'Callaghan
2 Paul M Mason
3 Simon J Dixon
4 Philippa M Whittington
5 A John Stanworth
6 Christopher M Pearson
7 Richard I Allton (C)
8 Frank W Rivett
Congratulations to Revd Tom Houston of St Mary's Burton Latimer, ordained priest at Peterborough Cathedral on Sunday 24th June.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD

BIRMINGHAM, W Mids,
St Paul
Thu Jul 5 2018 2h48 (12)
5040 Scientific Triples
Comp. A J Pitman
1 Richard B Grimmett (C)
2 Richard L Jones
3 Frances Dodds
4 Jack E Page
5 Paul E Bibilo
6 Mark R Eccleston
7 Michael P A Wilby
8 Jonathan M P Thorne
To mark the 60th anniversary of the 1st peal of Scientific Triples (<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=1238116>).
The composition was called the original way with red, blue & green bobs announced at the beginning of the section. The band wish to associate Alan Burbidge with this peal, who arranged it, but was unfortunately unable to take part.

S. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SOCIETY

HUGHENDEN, Bucks,
St Michael
Sat Jul 7 2018 3h9 (14)
5088 Cooktown Orchid D Major
Gen. BYROC
1 Shirley E McGill
2 Julie A Haseldine
3 Ruth Stokes
4 Matthew R Johnson
5 Stephen H Stanford
6 Richard A Horne
7 Andrew Haseldine
8 Christopher C Stokes (C) £4

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SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G.

WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts,
St Giles
Tue Jul 3 2018 2h40 (9)
5056 Houndkirk Moor D Major
Comp. Alan G Reading
1 Ruth Curtis
2 Martyn J Marriott
3 Denise Harden
4 Emma R Jones
5 Peter J England
6 Matthew J Jones (tno)
7 Paul F Curtis
8 Ian Butters (C)

SUFFOLK GUILD

PARHAM, Suffolk,
St Mary the Virgin
Tue Jul 3 2018 2h38 (5)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
(7 diff exts)
1 Carol A Girling
2 Mary E Dunbavin
3 Neville F Whittell
4 Nathan B Colman
5 David G Salter
6 Winston S Girling (C)
A 77th birthday peal for 6.
Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Samantha Fletcher, daughter of 1 & aunt of 4.
200th Suffolk tower to a peal: 5.

OLD STOKE, Suffolk,
The Wolery
Wed Jul 4 2018 1h45 (9lb)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
(7 diff 2-part exts)
1 Mary E Dunbavin
2 David G Salter (C)
3 Thomas G Scase
4 Abby L Antrobus
5 Katharine J Salter
6 Neal T Dodge
Completes circle: 6.
400th peal on the bells.

TANNINGTON, Suffolk,
St Ethelbert
Sat Jul 7 2018 2h39 (10)
5040 Surprise Minor
(4m: (1) Carlisle; (2-3) 1440 Bourne; (4,5) 2x720 Norwich; (6-7) 1440 Cambridge)
1 Stephen D Pettman (C)
2 Michael J Cowling
3 Robert C Beavis
4 P Mark Ogden
5 Thomas G Scase
6 Louis P H Suggett
Arranged to celebrate the 60th birthday of Linda Beavis (Pettaugh) on this day, mother of 3.
Also a thanksgiving for the life & works of Alan J Page (1932-2018), also of Pettaugh, husband of Muriel Page. He was a good friend to ringers in Suffolk but more importantly was a gifted organist, serving many parishes in the area over many years, including Tannington.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

REDHILL, Surrey,
St John the Evangelist
Sat Jul 7 2018 2h50 (13)
5056 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No.410)
1 Anselm Hartley
2 Stephanie J Rueff
3 Shirley E McGill
4 Anne L Rueff
5 Richard J Barclay
6 David N Wallis
7 John B Keeler (C)
8 David W Grimwood
To mark the ordination today of Revd Dr Stephen Srikantha, curate of this Parish, & the formal opening today of the new Church Centre building.
1st Surprise: 1.

SUSSEX C.A.

WALDRON, E Sussex, All Saints
Thu Jul 5 2018 2h54 (12)
5056 Yelling Delight Major
Comp. Richard Malthouse
1 Margaret L Sherwood
2 Jacqueline M Barlow
3 Maureen A Poole
4 Alan R Baldock
5 Marisa A Hayes
6 David R Finch
7 P Jonathan Franklin (C)
8 Stephen R T Pocock
Birthday compliment to 6. £4

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants,
St Agatha
Wed Jun 13 2018 2h29 (3)
5152 Rebecca D Major
Comp. A G Reading
1 Kathryne R Arkless
2 Toby Arkless
3 Graham A Nobbs
4 Edward P D Colliss (C)
5 James W G Twiney
6 Anthony P Smith
7 James A Hodkin
8 R Mark Esbester
Arranged to congratulate David & Jenny Mattingley on the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Lois, on 30th May.
1st peal in the method.
Rebecca D Major:
d -3-4-2-1-34-45-2.34.5

AWBRIDGE, Hants,
Clock House Bells
Sun Jul 8 2018 2h37 (3)
5152 Lincolnshire S Major
1 Andrew J Nicol
2 Josh L Harris
3 Kathryne R Arkless
4 Andrew J B Ingram
5 Claire M Merivale
6 John A Dodd
7 Toby Arkless (C)
8 Roy LeMarechal
25th peal: 5.
1st in method: 2,5.

YORKSHIRE ASSN

STRENSALL, N Yorks,
St Mary the Virgin
Thu Jul 5 2018 2h19 (3)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: Ipswich, Westminster, Carlisle, Norwich, Wells, Bourne, Cambridge)
1 Anthony D Walker
2 Derek J Tysoe
3 R Nicholas Lawrence
4 Philip R Wild
5 C Barrie Dove (C)
6 Jeffrey P Ladd £3

PONTEFRAC, W Yorks,
All Saints
Thu Jun 14 2018 2h52 (12)
5024 Lincolnshire S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No.3560a)
1 Gary J Audley
2 Susan M Webb
3 Michael Sheeran
4 Roger S Riley
5 Barry F Peachey
6 Colin Aked
7 Paul T Young
8 Robert H Jordan (C)

ROTHERHAM, S Yorks,
Minster Church of All Saints
Mon Jul 2 2018 3h22 (34)
5067 Stedman Caters
Comp. L J Woodward
1 Stephen J Hall (C)
2 Dinah M Donovan
3 Cindy Maude
4 Simon J Reading
5 Neil Donovan
6 Colin Aked
7 Christopher P Wilton
8 Trevor C Ledger
9 Malcolm S Turner
10 Robert H Jordan
For the centenary of the RAF. Also a get well compliment to Ben Newsam. £5

SHEFFIELD, S Yorks,
Christ Church, Dore
Wed Jul 4 2018 2h55 (11)
5120 Yarrow Delight Major
Comp. R F Knights
1 Chris Bostock
2 Paul T Young
3 Colin Aked
4 Richard F Knights (C)
5 Gail L Randall
6 James S Croft
7 Simon J Reading
8 Peter C Randall
1st peal in the method.
Yarrow Delight Major:
-3-4-2.56.1.34.7-5-6-1 LE2

MONK BRETTON, S Yorks,
St Paul
Thu Jul 5 2018 2h41 (9)
5040 S Minor
(7m: Wells, Wooler, Northumberland, Norwich, Westminster, Primrose, York)
1 Michael Sheeran
2 Ruth Curtis
3 Roger S Riley
4 Paul T Young
5 Simon J Reading
6 Paul F Curtis (C)
To Welcome Fr Blair to Monk Bretton (his 1st service was on 01/07/18), with congratulations on his ordination to the Diaconate on 30/06/18.

SAFFRON WALDEN, Essex,
St Mary the Virgin
Sat Jul 7 2018 3h13 (22)
5040 Yorkshire S Maximus
Comp. J W Holdsworth (No.6)
1 Chris Bostock
2 Paul M Mason
3 Beryl R Norris
4 Graham J N Colborne
5 C Barrie Dove (C)
6 Paul Brook
7 David G Salter
8 Paul T Young
9 Robert H Jordan
10 Fergus M S Stracey
11 Brian G Meads
12 Alan Regin £6

RADWINTER, Essex,
St Mary the Virgin
Fri Jul 6 2018 2h51 (12)
5088 Wareham S Major
Gen. BYROC
1 Paul Brook
2 Paul M Mason
3 Paul T Young
4 Beryl R Norris
5 C Barrie Dove (C)
6 Robert H Jordan
7 Alan Regin
8 Brian G Meads £4

HADSTOCK, Essex, St Botolph
Sat Jul 7 2018 2h12 (2)
5040 S Minor
(7m: Carlisle, Wells, Ipswich, Westminster, Bourne, Cambridge, Norwich)
1 C Barrie Dove
2 Paul M Mason (C)
3 Paul Brook
4 Paul T Young
5 Alan Regin
6 Fergus M S Stracey £3

WISBECH, Cambs,
SS Peter & Paul
Sun Jul 8 2018 3h8 (20)
5040 Zonzamas S Royal
Comp. A J Cox
1 Chris Bostock
2 Beryl R Norris
3 Paul M Mason
4 Paul Brook
5 Paul T Young
6 C Barrie Dove (C)
7 Robert H Jordan
8 Alan Regin
9 Fergus M S Stracey
10 Brian G Meads £5

Handbell Peals

CHESTER D.G.

WILMSLOW, Ches,
9 Hawthorn Lane
Tue Jul 3 2018 2h18 (11)
5090 Cambridge S Major
Comp. A N Tyler
1-2 Neil D Lomas
3-4 James S Croft
5-6 Peter C Randall (C)
7-8 David W Friend £2

WILLASTON, Ches,
14 Park Road
Sun Jul 8 2018 1h40 (11)
5040 Minor
(3m: (1,2) Kent TB; (3,4) Oxford TB; (5,6,7) Plain B)
1-2 Christine M Johnson
3-4 C Paul Cheshire
5-6 Frank R Morton (C)

DERBY D.A.

LITTLE EATON, Derbys,
5 Brooks Hollow
Mon Jul 2 2018 2h28 (15)
5088 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. Simon Humphrey
1-2 Paul Jopp
3-4 Simon Melen
5-6 Simon Humphrey (C)
7-8 David J Marshall

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HERTFORD C.A.

HITCHIN, Herts,
2 Orchard Road
Thu Jun 28 2018 2h27 (15)
5184 Spiced S Major
(8m: 768 each Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative; 576 each Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Yorkshire; 126 com)
Comp. D F Morrison (No.3)
1-2 Paul S Seaman
3-4 Emma J Southerington
5-6 David Kemp
7-8 Michael G Purday
Strictly silent & non conducted. A birthday compliment to Emma Legg & Louie Matthews, 7-8's sisters, for their 40th birthday on Saturday.

LINCOLN D.G.

LONDONTHORPE, Lincs,
Woodcote House
Tue Jul 3 2018 1h59 (11)
5040 Minor
(9m: (1) Primrose S; (2) Cambridge S; (3) Plain B; (4) Kent TB; (5) Reverse, Double, St Clements, College B; (6) Buxton B; (7) Plain B)
1-2 Susan A Faulk
3-4 A Robin Heppenstall
5-6 Christopher J Sharp (C)
In thanksgiving for the life of Kathy Sergeant of Bottesford, Lincs.

OXFORD D.G.

MAIDENHEAD, Berks, 7
Laburnham Road
Wed May 23 2018 2h58 (15)
5040 Bristol S Maximus
Comp. John S Warboys
1-2 Philip A B Saddleton
3-4 Elizabeth C Frye
5-6 Graham A C John
7-8 Peter C Randall
9-10 Michael J Trimm (C)
11-12 Katharine J Firman £3

ASTON ROWANT, Oxon, The
White House
Wed May 30 2018 2h39 (14)
5040 Lincolnshire S Royal
Comp. Roger Bailey
1-2 Robert H Newton
3-4 June D Wells
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
7-8 Patricia M Newton
9-10 E John Wells
2,000th peal: 7-8. £2.50

ASTON ROWANT, Oxon, The
White House
Wed Jun 20 2018 2h38 (14)
5040 Anglia S Royal
Comp. D F Morrison (No.4045)
1-2 Graham G Firman
3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
5-6 Peter C Randall
7-8 Christopher D O'Mahony
9-10 Robert H Newton £2.50

READING, Berks, 15 Lytham
End Tilehurst
Mon Jul 2 2018 2h20 (15)
5088 Rutland S Major
Comp. Charles W Roberts
1-2 June D Wells
3-4 Kenneth R Davenport
5-6 Bernard F L Groves (C)
7-8 E John Wells

Peals continued on p.698



Bucks and Berks Young Ringers – Cordelia Thompson, Gillian Hargreaves, Bertie Trobridge, Ini Eniola, Mikki Bailey, Zalia Asmat, Holley Wakeling and Matthew Steele (C) (Photo Chris Caryer)



Ringing World National Youth Contest

The 2018 Teams

All ringers are listed in band order, clockwise from front right.

Teams in the first and second columns rang in the qualifier at St George in the East, Stepney.

Teams in the third and fourth columns rang in the qualifier at St Olave, Hart Street.

Teams in the fifth and sixth columns rang in the qualifier at Christ Church, Cubitt Town.

Teams marked with an asterisk progressed to compete in the final at St James, Garlickhythe.



Young@Herts – Daniel Gregory, Nicholas Dyne, Oliver Bond, Ella May, Daniel Smith, Jonathan Below, Ashley Monck (C) and William Tudway (Photo Chris Caryer)*



Leicester Rising Ringers – Vicky Semak, Lydia Redman, Morgan Williams, Harrison Evans, Ben Davies, Sidney Wareing, Luke Groom (C) and Lewis Benfield (Photo Chris Caryer)



Essex Young Eagles – Courtney Mandell, William Beech, Emily Brookes, Freja Steinke, Josh Ashley, Lucas Bent, Samuel Beech (C) and Oliver Lee (Photo Russell Brown)



Fen Tigers – Henry Pipe (C), John Hinton, Jimmy Yeoman, Catherine Morley, Daniel Stevens, Alfie Pipe, Jason Burnet and Matthew Stevens (Photo Chris Caryer)*



W&P Youths – Connor Hodkin, Luke Brooke (C), Isla Ingram, Megan Bucknall, Helen Penny, Thomas Blissett, Lauren Taylor and Alex Blissett (Photo Chris Caryer)



Surrey – Daniel Hughes, Fraser Storie, Thomas Wickham, Claire Smith, Rohan Agarwal, Annabelle Smith, Matteo O'Donoghue (C) and Charlie Wickham (Photo Russell Brown)



The G&B – Ivan Barritt, Mary Pang, Madeleine Johnson, Ben White-Horne, Alistair White-Horne, James Joynson (C), Thomas Moller and Matthew Woods (Photo Chris Caryer)



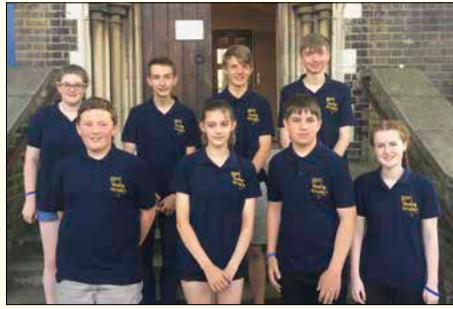
Bath and Wells – Bradley Flinders, Edward Hodgson, Olivia Hunt, Ben McGurrell, Danny Tambling-Goggin, Marcus Ham (C), Tom Mills and Scott Flinders (Photo Chris Caryer)



Bedfordshire – Kristian White-Spunner, Charlotte Francis, Rebecca Gordon, Clarrie Scott (C), Chloe Gray, Jonathan Nash, Cameron White-Spunner and Izzy Byers (Photo Russell Brown)*



Yorkshire Tykes – Charlie Thorpe, Charlotte Mitchell, Zoe Bennett, Rebecca Kirby, Alex Riley (C), James Town, Ewan Hull and Luke Riley (Photo Russell Brown)*



Guildford DG – Natasha Claus, Isaac Johnson, Jemima Bleackley, James Matson, Rachel Allen, Sam Norman, Jack Edwards and Matthew Pearson (Photo Will Bosworth)



Coventry Spires – Albert Williams, Imogen Murphy, Molly Woodier, Ruby Selby, Estella Haynes, Alec Chaplin, Simon Allan (C) and Edward Haynes (Photo Will Bosworth)



Derbyshire Young Ringers – Rosemary Hall, Tilly Heaton, Evie Newton (C), Erin Heaton, Jamie Semken, Josh Cotton, Jonathan Hallowes and Ben Mackervoy (Photo Russell Brown)



Kent Young Ringers – Stephanie Runting, Rebecca Hall, Isabel Hopper, Ellen Jones, Jamie Austin, Barnaby Larter, Daniel Jarvis (C) and Adam Moore (Photo Will Bosworth)



Lincolnshire Gamekeepers – Clare Barker, Bryony Curley, George Pickwell, Rosie Thorpe, James Barker, Tom Thorpe, Will Gray and Stephanie Henshaw (C) (Photo Jemma Mills)



Brumdingers – Rio Peynado, Caoimhe Brophy, Charlie Linford, Sonny Butcher, Sara Paulson, Orson Gee, Sophie Keeble (C), Kunal Pal and mascot Simba (Photo Russell Brown)



Sussex Young Ringers – Joshua Hutchinson, Rachel Mahoney (C), Molly Smith, Mahala Shaw, Lysbeth Middleton, Andrew Meyer, William Stafford and Harry Bickers (Photo Will Bosworth)*



Oxford DG – Izzy Anderson-Besant, Daniel Page, Thomas Sherwood, Douglas Vale, Josh Ball, Sophie Martin, Anna Sherwood (C) and Jake Reid (Photo Chris Caryer)*



Worcester Cathedral – Jennifer Deakin (C), Christopher Hartley, Alice Pugh, Rachel Bagley, Kelise Hamilton, Benjamin Hartley, Ioan Normington and James Thatcher (Photo Diane Awkati)



Go Bellistic! (Salisbury DG) – Alfie Pike, William Bishop, Annabel Cooke, Ian Daykin, Ellana Dulson, Ed Keegan, Max Pike and Lewis Hurry (C) (Photo Will Bosworth)



Lincolnshire Poachers – Laura Watt, Tierney Rayment (C), Harry Leak, Lauren Brooke Miller, Elizabeth Cooley, William Carter, Alex Addy and Alex Bell (Photo Jemma Mills)

READING, Berks,
18 Sandhills Way Calcot
Wed Jul 4 2018 2h42 (15)
5040 Spiced S Royal
(3m: 1680 each Cambridge,
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire. 16 com, atw)
Comp. Peter C Randall
1-2 Janet E John
3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
5-6 Bernard F L Groves
7-8 Graham A C John
9-10 Colin M Lee **£2.50**

TILEHURST, Berks,
15 Lytham End
Thu Jul 5 2018 2h44 (15)
5120 Oxford Treble Bob Royal
Comp. J Clatworthy
1-2 Marcia L Dieppe
3-4 June D Wells
5-6 Kenneth R Davenport
7-8 Timothy G Pett
9-10 E John Wells (C) **£2.50**

GUILD OF ST CUILEÁIN

ORWELL, Cambs,
59 Town Green Road
Sat Jun 2 2018 2h59 (14)
5016 Spiced Maximus
(10m: 1056 Gloum LA; 576 each Top
L Hybr; Strange Diff; Plain B; 480
each Up Diff LH, Down Diff LH; 432
Lepton LB, 336 Charm Diff LH, 264
Baryon; 240 Meson Diff LH; 215
com, atw)
Comp. D J Pipe (cyclic 12-part)
1-2 Jack E Page
3-4 David J Pipe (C)
5-6 William T Bosworth
7-8 Simon C Melen
9-10 Elizabeth A Orme
11-12 Jonathan A Agg
1st spliced Maximus in hand:
5-6.
1st particles in hand: 7-8.

PIMLICO, London, St Saviour
Mon Jun 25 2018 3h5 (15)
5104 Spiced Maximus
(7m: 1056 each Ariel S, Zanussi S,
Kent TB; 880 Maypole A; 528 Bristol
S; 352 Churchill LB; Bastow LB. 131
com, atw)
Comp. D J Pipe (arr. T J Hinks)
1-2 Jennifer A Town
3-4 Katharine J Firman
5-6 Thomas J Hinks (C)
7-8 Graham G Firman
9-10 Paul N Mounsey
11-12 Richard A Pearce

CITY OF LONDON, St Mary
le Bow
Sun Jul 1 2018 2h55 (15)
5016 Spiced Maximus
(6m: 1056 each Ariel, Phobos,
Zanussi S; 880 Maypole A; 792
Deimos A; 176 Slinky Diff LTP. 109
com, atw)
Comp. D J Pipe
1-2 Jennifer A Town
3-4 Katharine J Firman
5-6 Thomas J Hinks (C)
7-8 Graham G Firman
9-10 Paul N Mounsey
11-12 Richard A Pearce

PIMLICO, London, St Saviour
Mon Jul 2 2018 3h (15)
5016 Spiced Maximus
(6m: 1056 each Ariel, Phobos,
Zanussi S; 880 Maypole A; 792
Deimos A; 176 Slinky Diff LTP. 109
com, atw)
Comp. D J Pipe
1-2 Jennifer A Town
3-4 Katharine J Firman
5-6 Thomas J Hinks (C)
7-8 Graham G Firman
9-10 Paul N Mounsey
11-12 Richard A Pearce

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

AWBRIDGE, Hants,
The Clock House
Mon Jul 2 2018 1h55 (8)
5040 Minor
(2m: (1,2) Kent TB; (3,4,5,6,7)
Plain B)
1-2 John A Dodd
3-4 Ian M Redway
5-6 Frank R Morton (C) **£1.50**

YORKSHIRE ASSN

ROMANBY, Northallerton,
N Yorks, 19 The Green
Fri Jun 29 2018 2h31 (11)
5090 Cambridge S Major
Comp. A N Tyler
1-2 Christopher H Enzor
3-4 Jennifer A Town
5-6 Peter C Randall (C)
7-8 Peter J Sanderson

Commemorating the Centenary of World War I

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

GILDEN MORDEN, Cambs,
St Mary
Wed Jul 4 2018 3h9 (11)
5088 London Surprise Major
Comp. S J Ivin (No.12)
1 Susan E Marsden
2 Andrew J Davey
3 Russell A Brown
4 Ian G Campbell
5 Alistair M Donaldson
6 Peter J Waterfield
7 Alan Regan
8 John P Loveless (C)
In memory of 2nd Lieutenant
John Stewart Macdonald,
London Regiment (Prince
of Wales' Own Civil Service
Rifles) 15th Bn, attached
Lancashire Fusiliers, 2/5th Bn.
who died on 5th July 1918. He
is commemorated at Houchin
British Cemetery, France &
was a bellringer at Oxhey,
Hertfordshire. Their name
liveth for evermore.

See also quarter peal reports on p.703

PHOTO CAPTIONS

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

What's Hot on BellBoard?

A weekly round-up from BellBoard, including the five performances that received the most likes in the last week

Will Bosworth

I can't remember the last time we had a joint first. We're PPE-compliant in Oxford for the first peal of Simon Linford's Starter Seven, conceived as a replacement to the Standard Eight (see p.372 (20 Apr) for the summary), and at Selby Abbey it's impressive firsts for three out of four of the band who were fresh from competing in the RWNVC the week before. Selby is also the first of a hat trick for both Alex and Roger Riley, who were in a charity-support quarter peal in York the day before, welcoming Paul Carless and Tom Stockwell during their international journey for Bloodwise, and then off to Abbots Bromley for their first of 23-spliced the next day. Busy weekend. Final place in the five is a Monday night peal in Birmingham with a first

Oxford Society
Oxford, Oxfordshire
Lincoln College
Sunday, 15 July 2018 in 2h
44 (7-2-4 in A^b)
5088 Spiced Surprise Major (7m)
864 Cambridge, Cornwall,
Lessness; 768 Bristol; 672
Yorkshire; 576 Superlative; 480
London; 129 com.
Composed by M B Davies
1 Cameron A Waters
2 Jonathan Cresshull
3 Dorothy G Hall
4 David A Jackson
5 Simon L Edwards
6 Joanna E Knight
7 Simon A Bond (C)
8 Alan M Eyles
The first peal of the Project
Pickled Egg Starter Seven.
Vive la révolution.
👉45



Non Association
Abbots Bromley, Staffordshire
St Nicholas
Saturday, 14 July 2018 in 2h 51 (11-1-5 in G)
5152 Spiced Surprise Major (23m)
224 changes each Yorkshire, Uxbridge, Cornwall, Double
Dublin, Bristol, Whalley, Watford, London, Tavistock,
Glasgow, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lindum, Superlative,
Wembley, Rutland, Jersey, Preston, Ipswich, Cray, Ashtead,
Lincolnshire, Pudsey. 160 com, all the work
Composed by N Smith
1 Timothy M Davis
2 Michael Wilshaw
3 Neil Bennett
4 Nicholas J Green
5 Alex S Riley
6 Roger S Riley
7 Stuart C W Hutchieson (C)
8 Andrew C Ogden
First of 23 spliced: 5,6. Rung in memory of Phillip
Ball, who helped install the bells, and Helen
Davies, whose memorial event is today.
👉21

for Jonathan Townsend. Slight shame it's a completely donation-free five this week.

Edd Colliss and Lizzie Hough's wedding was celebrated with peals in Swindon and Bishopstoke. Congratulations in Darlington: John Welch rang his first peal as conductor on his 45th birthday, and first peal for Alastair Lunn. Standard 8 spliced with Stedman Triples at Winford was a first of triples and major for the Bath & Wells. Paul Mason completed his (366-day) calendar to peals. The College Youths went to South Wales for their Country Meeting, scoring 11 peals. All Saints, Loughton, Bucks celebrated its 800th anniversary and the first peal on the newly restored bells. A quarter at Kempton, Beds was rung with admiration for the team responsible for rescuing 13 Thai youths from subterranean caves. A quarter of Sandal TB Minor was rung with a band... wearing sandals. A quarter at Ginton, Cambs was submitted with an oddly jarring, slightly blurred picture of five of the band standing around a man lying on his back.

York, North Yorkshire
Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter
Friday, 13 July 2018 in 58m
(59-1-23 in B^b)
1260 Plain Bob Caters
Arranged by D G Hull (no.4)
1 Gail Cater
2 Susan E Marshall
3 John M Goldthorpe
4 Graham Nabb
5 Roger S Riley
6 Alison L Edmonds
7 David G Hull (C)
8 Alex S Riley
9 Andrew I Blacklock
10 Ewan G A Hull
200th quarter peal: 10.
Rung to welcome Paul Carless and Tom Stockwell to York. Paul and Tom are riding bicycles from Amsterdam to Yorkshire to raise funds for Bloodwise, the UK's leading blood cancer research and support charity. York is at the end of their 4th day of 5, with Grassington the final destination. More details at:
<https://amsterdamtoyorkshire.com/>
and you can donate at:
<https://www.justgiving.com/companyteams/amsterdamtoyorkshire>
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St Martin's Guild
Birmingham, West Midlands
Cathedral Church of St Philip
Monday, 9 July 2018 in 3h 24 (31-0-21 in D)
5016 Stedman Cinques
Composed by M R Eccleston
1 Dickon R Love
2 Mark R Eccleston
3 Stephanie J Warboys
4 Susan E Marshall
5 Alistair J Cherry (C)
6 Andrew V Brown
7 David M W Threlfall
8 James P Ramsbottom
9 Jonathan B Townsend
10 Gordon R Birks
11 Paul J Tiebout
12 Robert C Kippin
First peal of Stedman Cinques: 9.
👉21



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First quarter congratulations

Avebury, Wilts. 7 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: James Tye 1, Christopher Bush 2, Ken A Webb 3, Jane M Ridgwell 4, Andrew Woolley (C) 5, John Mead 6. 1st at first attempt: 1. **£3**

Batley, W Yorks. 3 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Roger S Davison 1, Sharon Kelly 2, Peter Lucas 3, Alan Newbould 4, Miles Lawson (C) 5, Stephen A Lister 6. 1st Q: 1,6. **£3**

Lincoln. (S Giles) 1 Jul, 1274 PB Triples: Sylvia M Taylor 1, Laura S Watt 2, Claire Howard 3, Betty F Stracey 4, Colin Ward 5, Bill Holbrook 6, Michael E Stracey (C) 7, Alan D H Bird 8. 1st Q: 2. Before the first Eucharist of the Revd Rachel Beck following her Ordination this morning at Boston. Philip Dawson is associated with this Q as he taught Laura to ring. **£4**

Northallerton, N Yorks. (All Saints) 7 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Dorothy J Salmon 1, Hayley Bradley 2, Sebastian M Bradley 3, Heidi A Bradley 4, Jennifer A Town (C) 5, Harry Helyer 6. 1st Q (aged 10): 6. David Town would like to be associated with this Q - he was conducting elsewhere. #Routemaster bus. **£3**

Scotter, Lincs. 17 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Joy Till 1, Barbara Rand 2, Tracey Black 3, Jenny Kirkby 4, Ian Till (C) 5, Chris Wallis 6. 1st Q: 6. **£3**

Stockton Heath, Ches. 1 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: John Donnelly 1, Joanne M Ridley 2, Graeme A Littler 3, David J Pigg 4, Nicholas Thomson (C) 5, Gregory M Ridley 6. 1st at first attempt: 1. Rung on bells 3-8 by members of the Sunday service band prior to a special celebration service to mark the 150th anniversary of the consecration of the church. **£3**

Tring, Herts. 21 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Cathy Anderson 1, Howard Collings (C) 2, Ian P Sawford 3, Edward H Beckett 4, Daniel C Smith 5, Richard Bateman 6. 1st Q: 6. To celebrate the wedding of H.R.H. Prince Harry & Ms Meghan Markle. **£3**

Wickwar, Glos. 9 Jun, 1260 Doubles (1p/3m): Zoe Bonnett (13) 1, Catherine White-Horne 2, Andrew A Ward 3, John Cornock 4, James M Joynson (C) 5, Richard Usherwood 6. 1st at first attempt (aged 13): 6. Rung for the Tower Open Day. **£3**

In Memoriam

Ash, Som. (Holy Trinity) 8 Feb 2015, 1260 Doubles (3m): Patricia Tucker 1, Peter Vaughan 2, Jan Sapiezynski 3, Terry Thomas 4, Patrick Tucker (C) 5. Rung before Sunday Service to celebrate the life of Richard George Pullen of Stapleton, Martock, a good friend of the Ash ringers, who passed away on Thursday January 15th.

Bishops Cannings, Wilts. 5 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Clive Hancock 1, Sarah J Quinton 2, Jenny Hancock 3, Jane Mann 4, Ruth R Beavin 5, Lewis F Cobb 6, Russell C Chamberlain 7, John A Sealy (C) 8. Rung with fond memories of Myra Annable of Horton in this parish who died in March. Yorkshire was chosen as the method as Myra was a 'Yorkshire Lass'.

Bosbury, Herefs. 6 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Lawrence 1, Frank Seabright 2, Jane Mason (C) 3, Neil Toussaint 4, Colin Ward 5, Kevin Gent 6. Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Brian Clutterbuck, husband of Liz, who rang with us at Bosbury for many years. **£3**

Chawton, Hants. 27 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Patricia Davidson 1, Rosemary Rogers 2, Polly Osborne 3, Judith Williamson 4, Teresa Brown 5, Christine Hill (C) 6. Remembering Mary Knight, who lies buried in the churchyard here. She was the mother of John Williamson who passed away earlier this year, husband of Judith, 4. Rung by members of the Ladies Guild, Southern District. **£3**

Chester. (Cathedral) 1 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Carl McCarthy 1, Helen C Cupertino 2, Joanne L Dowson 3, David J King-Hele 4, Gavin E Price 5, Janet M Jones 6, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 7, Peter Exley 8. In Memoriam, The Revd Canon Kenneth Harris, Canon Emeritus Of This Cathedral. **£4**

Darton, S Yorks. 30 Jun, 1272 Oxford TB Minor: John A Courtney 1, Jean M Doman 2, Michael Sheeran 3, Alan M Shelbourn 4, Mark S Everett 5, Trevor C Ledger (C) 6. Rung in affectionate memory of Jean Porter, a former ringer at this church & who sadly passed away on 17th June 2018, aged 82 years. The band would also like to associate John Barden with this Q. **£3**

Harborne, W Mids. 20 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jayne E Davis 1, Susan C Haslam 2, Clare N Reading 3, Gary M Haslam 4, Roger W Haynes 5, Philip M Haslam 6, Timothy G Haslam (C) 7, Anthony J Davis 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Tony Evans, father to Roz, Louise, Laurence & Julie & rung by former members of Selly Oak & Northfield where Roz & Louise learnt to ring. **£3**

Huntsham, Devon. 27 Jun, 1280 Rutland S Major: Richard Barker 1, Michael Hatchett 2, Delie Perry 3, Richard Johnston 4, Richard Shere 5, Matthew Weighell 6, Anne Bailey 7, Tim Bayton (C) 8. Remembering Sharon McCabe, ringer at Cullompton, who died this morning. **£3**

Knapton, Norfolk. 4 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Tricia Francis 1, Anna Johns 2, Andrew Lubbock (C) 3, Michael Hollis 4, Richard Johns 5, Pat Johns 6. Rung in memory of Eddie Lubbock, Father of the C, on the 10th anniversary of his death. Eddie worshipped at this Church for 80 years & was a member of the bell ringing team for over 70 years. 600th Q: 3. **£3**

Lanchester, Durham. 6 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Olga Walker 1, Janet Jackson 2, Sandy Jackson 3, Gillian Appleby 4, Craig Davies 5, Malcolm Evans (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the life of Isabel Appleton, a much loved & dedicated ringer at this tower for 55 years. **£3**

Lighthorne, Warks. 3 Jul, 1260 Doubles (4m): Ralph Holtom 1, Sue Marshall 2, Lucy Gwynne 3, Becki Johnson 4, Graham Nabb (C) 5, John Gwynne 6. In memory of Mary Gunthorpe, former ringer at Offchurch. **£3**

Morville, Shrops. 3 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Chris Webb 1, Peter J Roberts 2, H John Webb 3, Martin Bluck 4, Alan Roberts 5, Andrew R Gray (C) 6. Rung in memory of Michael J Robinson, inspiration for this group, who died 27/06/2018. Tim Hughes wishes to be associated with this Q. **£3**

North Moreton, Oxon. 6 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Rob Nickless 1, Gillian Loyd 2, Mary Friskney 3, Philip Roberts 4, Richard Loyd 5, Nick Clarke (C) 6. Remembering the life of William Kelvin Kennedy White CMG (10th July 1930 - 10th November 2017), who lived in North Moreton. Amongst his many diplomatic achievements was the highlighting to the UK government of the global risk of AIDS & he also played a significant role in the Northern Ireland peace process. 1st on treble: 1. **£3**

Selby, N Yorks. 1 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Charlie Thorpe 1, Susan M Webb 2, John M Wright 3, Catherine Riley 4, Philip R Brook 5, Alex S Riley 6, Roger S Riley (C) 7, Andrew D Twineham 8. Rung to celebrate the life of R Pauline Holland. **£4**

Springfield, Essex. 17 Jun, 1260 Doubles (6m): Richard Carson 1, Richard Wilson 2, David Quinnear 3, Daniel Howell 4, Philip Saunders (C) 5, Michael Turner 6. Rung in celebration of the life of Andrew Britter, ringer, past Tower Captain & Churchwarden at this church who died 19/05/18. 250th as C on the bells **£3**

Thrapston, Northants. 7 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret S Bull 1, Alison Byrnes 2, Caroline M Mitchell 3, Elaine J Woolward 4, Diane Buckby 5, Iain Hayden (C) 6, Alan Bull 7, Dennis Thrift 8. In memory of Norman Byrnes (R.M.). Faithful member of St James' Church. **£4**

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Vale, Guernsey. 3 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Robbie Sherwood 1, Nicky David 2, Pauline Marquis 3, John David 4, Michael Bubb (C) 5. Rung half-muffled immediately after the funeral of Stan Martin, a stalwart member of this congregation. May he rest in Peace & rise in Glory. **£2.50**

Wetherby, W Yorks. 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C Barrie Dove (C) 1, John M Goldthorpe 2, H David Holland 3, John S Leech 4, Peter S Oldfield 5, R Nicholas Lawrence 6, Jeffrey P Ladd 7, Martin T Hardgrave 8. Rung in Memory of R Pauline Holland whose Funeral took place earlier this week. Rung by family & friends. **£5**

Methods named

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

Birchington, Kent. (All Saints) 3 Jul, 1260 RAF 100 Doubles: Allan Chandler 1, Tim Attride (C) 2, David Sheeky 3, Emma Tapsell 4, Michael Little 5, Stuart Willmott 6. The band would like to name this variation 'RAF 100' in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the of the Royal Air Force (Suffolk Place with a London single).

Hertingfordbury, Herts. 3 Jul, 1296 Cromer Lighthouse S Minor: Ann Evans 1, Alan M Shepherd 2, Richard Sales 3, Bjorn E Bradstock (C) 4, Claire C Nicholson 5, Richard A Horne 6. 1st in m. Cromer Lighthouse S Minor. 36x36.14x12x1236x12x36-14.

Wellington, New Zealand. (Cathedral) 1 Jul, 1260 Matariki Bob Doubles: Terry Barrett 1, Ruth Lightbourne 2, Janet Grocott 3, Robin Heyworth 4, Gerald McIlhorne (C) 5, Amanda Cunningham 6. To welcome Amanda home. Method named Matariki Bob Doubles 5.1.5.1.5.3.5.1.5.123 rung with omits. **£2**

General quarters

Abingdon, Oxon. (20 St Amand Drive ,Abingdon ,OX14 5RQ) 28 Jun, 1312 Kent TB Major: Joe Norton 1-2, David Thomas 3-4, Tim Pett (C) 5-6, John Pusey 7-8.

Abingdon, Oxon. (S Helen) 1 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Joe Gillett 1, David Thomas (C) 2, Priscilla Morris 3, Tim Pett 4, Josh Ball 5, Daniel Gillett 6. 1st away from cover: 1. Rung for evening service. **£3**

Addingham, W Yorks. 1 Jul, 1320 Wells S Minor: Jeffery Cooper 1, Sue Green 2, Roger Waddington 3, Deborah Thorley 4, Stuart Holtam 5, Andy Sutherland (C) 6. 1st in m: 3,4,5. **£3**

Aldgate, City of London. 30 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: Steven Pugh 1, Caleb Saunders 2, Joe Tilley 3, Debbie Malin 4, Lucy Chandhial 5, Martin Clode 6, Stephen Jakeman (C) 7, Tim Mills 8. Rung after the wedding of Caroline Ajayi & Adedamola Owolabi. 1st in m: 2. **£8**

Aldridge, W Mids. 2 Jul, 1264 PB Major: John P Burton 1, David C H Simpson 2, Matthew J Gallon 3, Margaret Simpson 4, Matthew D Hardy 5, Christopher A Duckett 6, John W Pollard 7, Raymond H Daw (C) 8. Rung to celebrate 70yrs ringing for Keith Williams, local ringer. **£4**

Aldingly, W Sussex. 2 Jul, 1320 London S Minor: Sheila Cheesman 1, Ian Wiltshire 2, Jenny Dobson 3, Elaine Farrow 4, Neil Dobson 5, Jeremy Cheesman (C) 6. 1st London Minor: 4. **£3**

Awbridge, Hants. 6 Jul, 1400 London No.3 S Royal: Colin J Butler 1, Daniel Graham 2, Kristian D Scudamore 3, Clare M Merivale 4, Caroline Daniels 5, Oliver B Chaloner 6, Andrew J B Ingram 7, Alan D Elsmore 8, John A Dodd 9, Martin J E Daniels (C) 10. **£5**

Basingstoke, Hants. (All Saints) 10 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Benjamin D Constant 1, Joe Goddard 2, Margaret J Smith 3, Alison D Smith 4, Adam S Greenley (C) 5, Angela M Athawes 6. 1st inside: 2. Prior to "Stillness on Sunday".

Bexhill on Sea, E Sussex. 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Rosemary Cox 1, Pam Holland 2, Margaret Pink 3, Stephen Harvey 4, Roy Cox (C) 5, Bryan Forster 6. For Evensong. **£3**

Birchington, Kent. (All Saints) 1 Jul, 1260 Mr and Mrs Brown Doubles: Allan Chandler 1, Tim Attride (C) 2, Emma Tapsell 3, Douglas Neve 4, Michael Little 5, Stuart Willmott 6.

Birmingham, W Mids. (S Paul) 7 Jun, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Amelie Hunnebeck-Wells 1, Chris Mills 2, Alex Frye 3, Richard Grimmett (C) 4, Daniel Calvert 5, Tony Daw 6. 1st TB: 1.

Bishop's Caundle, Dorset. (Bishop's Caundle Church) 2 Jul, 1440 Spl Minor (2m): Rosalind Bucknall 1-2, Pam Marshall 3-4, David Marshall (C) 5-6. 1st Spl in hand: 1-2. Rung after Tower Bell Practice. **£1.50**

Bishop's Nympton, Devon. 4 Jul, 1260 Prickwillow Pl Minor: Giles R Morley 1, Raymond P Jones 2, John West 3, W John Parsons 4, John S Boorman 5, Martin J Blazey (C) 6.

Bishopstoke, Hants. (S Mary) 1 Jul, 1296 PB Caters: Alison E Parker 1, Rebecca Webb 2, Jennie M Overton 3, Julia M Clarke 4, Roy LeMarechal (C) 5, Ann P LeMarechal 6, Kay LeMarechal 7, John A Dodd 8, Graham J Wright 9, Peter J Clarke 10. For morning service.

Bisley, Glos. 2 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Lizzie L Lindsell 1, Rupert Howes 2, Ian P Unsworth 3, Ian D Bucknell 4, Peter G Holden 5, Francis M Byrne 6, Philip F Pope 7, Andrew M Bull (C) 8. 1st TB Major: 1.

Blackburn, Lancs. (S Jude) 4 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Peter D Williams 1, Adam Marriott 2, Kara Rhodes-Gilrane 3, Melissa Villiers 4, Graham Barnes 5, Raymond A Hutchings (C) 6. Rung on the back six to mark 25 years, today, of the dedication of the new Saint Jude's Church. 1st Minor: 1. 1st on the bells: 2,3,4. **£3**

Bottesford, N Lincolnshire. (S Peter ad Vincula) 5 Jun, 1320 Minor (3m): Barbara Rand 1, Joy Till 2, Tracey Black 3, Jenny Kirkby 4, David Whetton 5, Ian Till (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of Benjamin Farai Magadza, grandson of Joy & Ian & to mark the Christening of George Richard Reid, grandson of David at St Cuthberts Benfieldside County Durham.

Brierley Hill, W Mids. 6 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet A Horton 1, Christine Barnell 2, Stephen W Horton (C) 3, Tim Sunter 4, Michael Rigby 5, Rebekah G W Horton 6.

Bromyard, Herefs. 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: David Parker (C) 1, Nick Cronin 2, Madeleine Johnson 3, Anthony Ellis 4, Karen Parker 5, Rachel Coates 6. **£3**

Burwell, Cambs. 1 Jul, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Geoff Grayton 1, Dee F Smith 2, J Ann Seaman 3, Gerard Chadwick 4, Jimmy Yeoman 5, Martin R Kitson 6, Paul S Seaman (C) 7, Philip D Bailey 8. 1st S Major: 5. Rung to celebrate the Ordination of Revd Paula Spalding & Revd Christine Campbell today at Ely Cathedral.

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. 30 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brian E Whiting (C) 1, Janet R Sheldrake 2, Ian M Holland 3, Maurice J Rose 4, Gordon E Slack 5, Jed Flatters 6, Rowan P Wilson 7, Abby L Antrobus 8. For the ordination services of Deacons (25) & Priests (9). **£4**

Bushey, Herts. 5 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S Kathleen M Baldwin 1, Brenda P Redfearn 2, Janet Macey 3, Frances E Collins 4, Stuart Brant 5, Roger Baldwin (C) 6, Richard A Hunt 7, Matthew V Wheeler 8. Birthday compliment to Kath Baldwin. **£4**

Bushey, Herts. 2 Jul, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Stuart Brant 1, Roger Baldwin 2, Frances Collins 3, Andy Reeve 4, Richard Hunt 5, Andrew Coe 6, Rod Bickerton 7, Richard Chandler (C) 8. **£3**

Butlers Marston, Warks. 5 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Matthew Arnold 1, Lucy Gwynne 2, John Gwynne 3, Sue Marshall 4, Graham Nabb (C) 5, Becki Johnson 6. Rung to welcome Felix Mitchell-Hilton, born 17th May 2018.

Cambridge. (102 Mawson Road) 4 Jul, 1920 Yorkshire S Major: Alan T Winter 1-2, Paul S Seaman 3-4, Marjorie B Winter 5-6, Adrial R Walton (C) 7-8. **£2**

Canterbury, Kent. (S Stephen, Hackington) 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jane Duckworth 1, Enid D Dixon 2, Claire Stay 3, Tony J Martin 4, Adam C Redgwel (C) 5, Jane E Huxley 6. Rung for Evensong. To celebrate Maria Redgwel (daughter of 5) gaining a 2:1 degree in Veterinary Biosciences at Aberystwyth University.

Charlestown, Corn. 30 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: David Ralls 1, John Davis 2, Carolyn Howell 3, Neil Hitchens 4, Jane Hitchens 5, Jonathan Young (C) 6. 1/4. **£3**

Chelmsford, Essex. 1 Jul, 1280 PB Major: Brian Meads 1, John Elliott 2, Hazel Steed 3, Vicki Chapman 4, John Steed 5, Andrew Taylor 6, David Hengeli 7, Colin Chapman (C) 8. Following Choral Evensong & prior to Songs & Scones. **£4**

Cheltenham, Glos. (The Bicycle Ring) 2 Jul, 1344 St Agatha Bob Triples: Isabel Hitchings 1, Barbara Pettit 2, Tony Natt 3, Alan Hodges 4, Ben Gooch 5, John Gibson 6, Reg Hitchings (C) 7, Mike Collett 8. For Kris. 225th together: 2,8. 75th together: 2,7,8. 25th together: 2,4,5,7. 1st in m for all.

Chetwynd, Shrops. 25 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: E Ann Williams 1, Madeline J Harris 2, Jad Bienek 3, Brian S B Kear 4, Maurice G Ingram 5, Peter L Furniss (C) 6. **£3**

Chilton Cantelo, Som. 6 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Judith Williamson 1, Patricia Davidson 2, Ruth Beavin 3, Ross Robertson 4, Robert Wellen (C) 5. Congratulations to Ivan & Wendy Andrews, the proud great-grandparents of Elliott Peter Andrews born on the 23rd June. **£2.50**

Chiselborough, Som. 6 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): Robert Wellen 1, Judith Williamson 2, Patricia Davidson (C) 3, Kathy Matthews 4, Ruth Beavin 5. **£2.50**

City of London. (S Michael, Cornhill) 5 Jul, 1260 Spl Maximus (6m): Martin J Cansdale 1, Paul N Mounsey 2, Thomas F Lawrance 3, Alban D Forster 4, Jillian E Parker 5, Stephen A Coaker (C) 6, Graham M Bradshaw 7, Colin F Salter 8, R Mark Esbester 9, Neil Buswell 10, Simon S Meyer 11, Richard H Burton 12.

City of London. (S Vedast, Foster Lane) 30 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Tim Mills 1, Caleb Saunders 2, Debbie Malin 3, Lucy Chandhial 4, Martin Clode 5, Stephen Jakeman (C) 6. 1st in m: 2. Rung to coincide with the conclusion of the annual Ordination of Deacons service at nearby St Paul's Cathedral. **£6**

Clapham Common, Surrey. (Holy Trinity) 2 Jul, 1320 Westminster S Minor: Michael J T Stuttard 1, Caroline A Stockmann 2, Anthony J Knox 3, Thomas F Lawrance (C) 4, Gregory Rose 5, Martin B Sutcliffe 6.

Danehill, E Sussex. 2 Jul, 1296 Beverley S Minor: Elaine Farrow 1, Jenny Dobson 2, Sheila Cheesman 3, Jeremy Cheesman 4, Ian Wiltshire 5, Neil Dobson (C) 6. **£3**

Deerhurst, Glos. 4 Jul, 1308 Grandsire Minor: Zoe Gibson 1, Melanie Gibson 2, Jack Long 3, John Simms 4, Keith Durrant 5, John Gibson (C) 6. **£3**

Dorking, Surrey. 1 Jul, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Rosemary Henderson 1, Carole A Avis 2, Paul H Beeken 3, Ron Diserens 4, Mike Todd 5, William A Hibbert (C) 6. **£5**

Dover, Kent. 4 Jul, 1250 Quedgeley S Major: Brenda M Davies 1, Jacqueline M Barlow 2, Maureen A Poole 3, Pamela A Manger 4, Philip Bedford 5, David C Manger (C) 6, Terrence V Barnard 7, Stephen J Davis 8. 1st in m: 7. 1200th Q: 2. **£4**

Drayton, Norfolk. (S Margaret) 29 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Margaret A Carter 1, Mark Willetts 2, Claire Willetts 3, Raymond Harwood 4, Mark E Larner (C) 5, Robert G Walker 6. 1st inside: 4.

Dursley, Glos. 1 Jul, 1274 PB Triples: Lizzie Lindsell 1, Catherine White-Horn 2, Elizabeth Byrne 3, John Taylor 4, Alistair White-Horne 5, Philip Pope 6, Frank Byrne (C) 7, Andrew Binstead 8. To congratulate Jane Wood on her ordination as Deacon today at Gloucester Cathedral.

Eal Stonham, Suffolk. 1 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Joe Findlay 1, Felicity Brasier 2, Jenny Scase 3, Tom Scase (C) 4, Robert Scase 5, Elizabeth Christian 6. 1st away from cover: 1. A golden wedding compliment to Freddie & Valerie Fuller, married at Stonham Aspal. **£3**

East Grinstead, W Sussex. 1 Jul, 1259 Erin Cinques: Jeremy Alford 1, Sandra Alford 2, Gavin Bennett 3, Thomas Neal 4, Ian Wiltshire 5, Joshua Hutchinson 6, David Smith 7, Jonathan Franklin (C) 8, Simon Meyer 9, Stephen Beckingham 10, Stephen Pocock 11, Jonathan M Spencer 12. 1st in principle: 4,6. Rung for the St Swithun's Festival of Arts. **£6**

East Molesey, Surrey. 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Gordon 1, Jane Marsters 2, Jennifer C Meade 3, Andrew Charnleybeal 4, John G Young (C) 5, Tiana Humphries 6. Rung to celebrate the New Ministry of Nathan Kurz as assistant Vicar at St Mary & St Paul Churches in East Molesey. **£3**

Eastbourne, E Sussex. (Christ Church) 24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (5m): Marion C Hollands 1, Lisa Clarke 2, Hazel E Horobin 3, Frances P Bradford 4, Peter M J Bradford (C) 5, Tony Mottram 6. **£3**

Eaton Socon, Cambs. 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Tankersley 1, Alban Forster (C) 2, Catherina E Griffiths 3, Michael J Matthews 4, David J Griffiths 5, Susan J Matthews 6. 1st on the treble: 1. Farewell compliment to Christine Tankersley returning to the USA on Tuesday. Also to welcome Katie Franks, ordained as curate at St Albans Abbey earlier today. **£3**

Edgmond, Shrops. 4 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gail K Lawrence 1, Kathryn R Greaves 2, Mark Adams 3, Maurice G Ingram 4, Biff Patterson 5, Paul J Lewis 6, Edric W Broom (C) 7, Matthew Lawrence 8. Rung to welcome the new Rector, Revd Prebendary Helen Morby to the six parishes of Edgmond, Preston Wealdmoors, Kynnersley, Tibberton, Bolas Magna & Waters Upton. **£4**

Elstow, Beds. 1 Jul, 1260 Minor (2m): Sarah-Louise Ward 1, Adrienne P Sharp 2, Ann M Fletcher 3, Andrew J Spencer 4, David I Stanford 5, Stephen H Stanford (C) 6. To celebrate the ordination of Revd Kate Scott (curate of this parish) to the Priesthood at St Albans Abbey yesterday & rung following her first communion as celebrant. Also to congratulate Mavis & Eric Crossen, members of the Church family, on their Golden Wedding Anniversary (17 June). **£4**

Exeter, Devon. (64 Mount Pleasant Road) . 13 Jun, 1264 Spliced Major (8m): Jill Wigney 1-2, Lynne Hughes 3-4, Tim Bayton (C) 5-6, Sue Sawyer 7-8.

Exeter, Devon. (S Petrock) 1 Jul, 1272 Wooler S Minor: Clare Griffiths 1, Peter Bill 2, Sue Sawyer 3, David Maynard 4, Oliver Coldrick 5, James Kirkcaldy (C) 6. Rung prior to Choral Eucharist at the Cathedral; the Cathedral bells currently being out of action due to refurbishment. **£3**

Flamstead, Herts. 1 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Jennifer V Johnson 1, Mary Hughes 2, Judith E Titmus 3, William R M Tudway 4, Vivian Nutton (C) 5, Daniel R B Gregory 6. Rung for the celebration of the priesting of Revd Stephen Tudway, father of the 4. 1st in m: 4. 1st turning in the tenor: 6. **£1**

Fowey, Corn. 30 Jun, 1250 Superlative S Major: Jane Hitchens 1, Carolyn Howell 2, Claire Sowden 3, John Davis 4, Chris Venn 5, Ian Young 6, Neil Hitchens 7, Jonathan Young (C) 8. 3/4. **£4**

Frenchay, Glos. 29 Jun, 1260 Doubles (1m/1v): Edna Cause 1, Gillian H Greef 2, Christopher P Greef 3, John Payton (C) 4, Dan Gearing 5, Richard Fox 6. After the service to celebrate 175 years of Frenchay school. **£4**

Godshill, IoW. 30 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Kathrynne R Arkless 1, Graham A Nobbs 2, Paul T Young 3, Stephen P Noyes 4, Toby Arkless (C) 5, Matthew J Young 6. To celebrate the wedding of Hollie Beth Young & Aaron Brian Burford at this church. **£3**

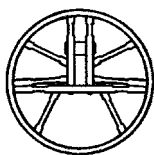
Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. 1 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Janet House 1, Simon A Rudd (C) 2, Rosalind J Burrough 3, Guy W Morton 4, Stephen Rabong 5, Mark E Larner 6, Michael G Clements 7, Neil M Thomas 8, Richard P J Carter 9, Simon J T Smith 10. Compliments to Alan Spreadbury for his 80th Birthday & Jon & Maria Spreadbury on their Wedding Anniversary. **£3**

Greens Norton, Northants. 2 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Sue McCouaig 1, Heather Bletchly 2, Elaine Woolward 3, Margaret Ingman 4, Elizabeth A Smith (C) 5, Rosemary K Hemmings 6. 1st for the Ladies Guild: 3. Rung on the 90th anniversary of the passing of the Equal Franchise Act, giving women equal voting rights to men. By members of the South Midlands District of the Ladies Guild. **£3**

Guildford, Surrey. (Cathedral) 6 Jul, 1344 Cooktown Orchid D Major: Anthea S Edwards 1, Caroline A Prescott 2, Anne M Anthony 3, Mike Plidd (C) 4, Jack L Edwards 5, Neil Buswell 6, Philip AB Saddleton 7, Phillip P Ridley 8. Rung on the back 8. With the band's thanks to Simon Linford for his excellent PPE articles, which inspired us to do something different. **£3**


Hackney, London. 4 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Mark Wagner 1, Colin Cherrett 2, Helen Porter 3, Tim Mills 4, Debbie Malin 5, Stephen Jakeman (C) 6. 1st Minor: 1. Wishing Margaret Peirce a speedy recovery from her recent illness. **£6**

Hamilton, New Zealand. (222 Houchens Road) 1 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Mary Sluter 1-2, Wendy Tyrrell 3-4, Frank Sluter (C) 5-6. Rung to congratulate two of our ringers, Jackson Liu & MacKenzie Steele, on their Baptisms today at the Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter. **£1.50**



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Hannington, Wilts. (S John Bapt) 30 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Nicholls 1, Emily Vallow 2, Ainsley M Gilbert 3, James P Mort 4, D Rose W Horton (C) 5, Roger W Haynes 6. 1st in m inside: 2.

Hardington Mandeville, Som. 27 Sep, 1280 Spl S Major (5m): Gordon W Rendell 1, Jeffrey Knipe 2, Jane C Spencer 3, Mike Blissett 4, Lesley A Knipe 5, David Ledger 6, Michael R Spencer 7, Patrick Tucker (C) 8. Most Spl S Major: 6. **£4**

Harringworth, Northants. 6 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Sally A Brown 1, Susan E Marsden 2, Steve Millington (C) 3, Daniel Iliffe 4, Alan Ellis 5, Nicholas A Elks 6. Birthday Q for 3. **£3**

Hawkrigde, Som. 4 Jul, 1260 Conington Bob Minor: Giles R Morley 1, Raymond P Jones 2, John West 3, W John Parsons 4, Martin J Blazey 5, John S Boorman (C) 6. 500th Q together: 2.6.

Headington, Oxon. 23 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Malcolm Fairbairn 1, Stephen M Everett 2, Peter H Bayliss 3, Clare Fairbairn (C) 4, Catherine M A Lane 5, James Scott-Brown 6. **£3**

Henley, Suffolk. 29 Jun, 1344 PB Major: Elizabeth Christian 1, Jenny Scase 2, Tracey Scase 3, Mervyn Scase 4, Roger Whittell 5, Robert Scase 6, Stephen Christian 7, Tom Scase (C) 8. **£4**

Hinton Waldrist, Oxon. 21 Jun, 1260 Minor (2m): Elaine Baber 1, Pete Tombs 2, Katharine Timberlake 3, Tony Crabtree 4, Valia Battat 5, Joe Norton (C) 6. For Jessica (daughter of 5) & Steven. A Midsummer's Day greeting from Hinton Waldrist on their return to New Zealand. **£3**

Hollingbourne, Kent. 1 Jul, 1280 PB Major: Mark P Gilham 1, Pat Phipps 2, John H Wale 3, Emma Cundiff 4, Tim Munt 5, Andrew C P Gunstone 6, Julian R Lees (C) 7, Nigel E Baker 8. For morning service.

Holybourne, Hants. 27 Jun, 1264 PB Major: Elizabeth Davey 1, Patricia Davidson 2, Maureen Hanney 3, Polly Osborne 4, Rosemary Rogers 5, Judith Williamson 6, Teresa Brown 7, Christine Hill (C) 8. Rung by members of the Ladies Guild, Southern District in the centenary year of 'Votes for Women'. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 29 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra M Titherly 1, Richard R Kennard 2, Alan D Pink (C) 3, Rosemary Cox 4, Pauline M Kennard 5, Marisa A Hayes 6, Roy M Cox 7, Alan J Collings 8. Circled the tower 52 times as C. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 29 Jun, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Marisa A Hayes 1, Alan D Pink (C) 2, Rosemary Hodge 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Edward F P Bryant 5, Roy M Cox 6, Richard R Kennard 7, Pauline M Kennard 8. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 29 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Alan D Pink (C) 1, Edward F P Bryant 2, Richard R Kennard 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Marisa A Hayes 5, Pauline M Kennard 6, Roy M Cox 7, Rosemary Cox 8. Circled the tower 84 times: 1. **£4**

Hopton by Thetford, Suffolk. 4 Jul, 1344 Spl S Major (4m): Janet R Sheldrake 1, Ruth V Young 2, Jed Flatters 3, Joan Garrett 4, Stephen A Cheek 5, Gordon E Slack 6, Maurice J Rose 7, Brian E Whiting (C) 8. **£4**

Hornchurch, Essex. 1 Jul, 1282 Superlative S Major: Lionel S Woods 1, John W Stephenson 2, Helen J Carter 3, James Laken 4, Nicholas M Allen 5, Clive J Stephenson 6, Anthony J Bloomfield 7, Matthew E Rayner (C) 8. For Choral Evensong. **£4**

Huish Episcopi, Som. 2 Jul, 1280 Johannesburg S Major: Susan E Cave 1, Margaret J Bignell 2, Jane C Spencer 3, Lawrence C Bignell 4, David Ledger 5, Patrick Tucker (C) 6, David P Hammonds 7, Beverley Perry 8. Best wishes to Michael Spencer for a speedy recovery. 'We're all missing you Mike'. 1st in m: 2,4,5,6 & as C. **£4**

Huntsham, Devon. 4 Jul, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: Jenny Jones 1, Richard Barker 2, Michael Hatchett 3, Nellie Croft 4, Richard Shere 5, Mark Heritage 6, Matthew Weighell (C) 7, Mandy Burnett 8. 1st in m: 2,4. **£4**

Ilchester, Som. 6 Jul, 1299 Doubles (11m): Judith Williamson 1, Patricia Davidson 2, Ruth Beavin 3, Ross Robertson (C) 4, Robert Wellen 5. Best wishes to Valerie Stone. 1st in 11 Doubles methods: 3. **£2.50**

Kemerton, Worcs. 30 Jun, 1260 Biggles Bob Minor: Lesley Tucker 1, Sue Sawyer 2, Matthew Weighell 3, Neil Williams 4, Giles R Morley 5, Graham Tucker (C) 6. **£3**

Kemsing, Kent. 5 Jul, 1320 Rossendale S Minor: Jennifer Thomas 1, Fraser Clift 2, Eric Roughley 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Janice Byrne 5, Anthony Leeves (C) 6. **£3**

Kensington, London. (S Mary Abbots) 1 Jul, 1280 Spl S Royal (4m): Ruth Corney 1, Peter Blight 2, Rebecca Gingell 3, Cathy Ockwell 4, Penelope Sharpe 5, Chapman Knott 6, David Holdridge 7, Sam Cave 8, Ian Mills (C) 9, Phil Goodyer 10. For Evensong.

King's Bromley, Staffs. 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m/v): Viv Leyland 1, Tayeed MacPherson 2, R Jean Nixon (C) 3, Jim Nixon 4, Jordan Lawley 5, Lance G Hill 6. Rung as a retirement tribute to Revd Ty Leyland, Rector of the United Benefice of The Ridwares & Kings Bromley 1999-2018. 1,500th Q: 3. **£3**

Kingston upon Thames, London. 1 Jul, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Kate Flavell 1, Jackie Roberts 2, Mike Bangham 3, Lawrence Davies 4, Paul Flavell (C) 5, Richard Anthony 6, Chris Ridley 7, Geoff Paul 8. For Evensong. **£4**

Kirby Bellars, Leics. 7 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Adrian M Rowland 1, Abby L Antrobus 2, Izabelle A Bimson 3, Kathryn M Nye 4, Richard Bimson (C) 5, Robert V Criddle 6. Rung with best wishes to Adrian Rowland & Bebe Clegg as they prepare to go to China. **£3**

Kirkheaton, W Yorks. 1 Jul, 1320 TB Minor (2m): John Spencer (C) 1, Gillian Davison 2, Wynford Carter 3, Peter Lucas 4, William Weston 5, Philip Brown 6. Rung for Sunday Service. **£3**

Ladock, Corn. 30 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (4m): Jane Hitchens 1, John Davis 2, Claire Sowden 3, Hayley Young 4, Carolyn Howell 5, Neil Hitchens 6, Chris Venn 7, Jonathan Young (C) 8. 4/4. **£4**

Leonard Stanley, Glos. (Erica Magnis Campanis) 6 Jul, 1260 Double Boothby Graffoe Bob Minor: Isabel Hittings 1, John Gibson 2, Barbara Pettit 3, Alan Hodges 4, Ben Gooch 5, Reg Hittings (C) 6. 21st Birthday compliments to Lucy Gooch. 800th together: 1,6. 25th together: 1,2,5,6.

Lichfield Dio Mobile Belfry, Ches. 20 Jun, 1260 Minor (3m): Russell N Scudamore (C) 1, David T G Jones 2, David L Thomas 3, Peter Wilkinson 4, Robert Hodgetts 5, Andrew J Rawlinson (C) 6.

Macclesfield, Ches. (S Michael & All Angels) 5 Jul, 1320 Little Bob Maximus: Sarah Jacot 1, Jeffrey Brannan (C) 2, Helen Foster 3, David W Friend 4, Ben J Curwen 5, Nina E Brannan 6, Kevin J Rogers 7, Katherine A Hinchliffe 8, C Michael Orme 9, Melanie R Curwen 10, Andrew C D Mayes 11, Stephen R Aldridge 12. **£6**

Maidstone, Kent. (S Michael & All Angels) 1 Jul, 1250 Spl S Major (3m): Terence V Barnard 1, Shona Clark 2, Jacqueline M Barlow 3, Darren W Elphick 4, Philip H Larter (C) 5, Pam Thomas 6, Clare J Larter 7, Michael A Birkbeck 8. For the feast of SS Peter & Paul. **£4**

Market Drayton, Shrops. 6 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m/3v): David Beckwith 1, Bränn Himlin (C) 2, Cynthia Costelloe 3, Madeline J Harris 4, Roy Bloor 5, Keith Swinnerton 6. **£3**

Market Weighton, ER Yorks. 7 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Jenny Hastings 1, Jeffrey Simpson 2, Evelyn Kirby 3, Neil Turner 4, Karen Lane 5, Michael Hastings 6, John A Speak (C) 7, Frank Langstraat 8. To celebrate the marriage today of Deacon Jane Gibson to Donald Harper at Dolphinholme, Lancs. **£4**

Martinstown, Dorset. 6 Jul, 1320 Northumberland S Minor: Timothy Collins 1, Patricia Garrett 2, Nigel Woodruff 3, Tom Garrett 4, Laurence Turner 5, Graham Duke (C) 6. 1st in m: 2. **£3**

Melbourne, Derbys. (S Michael) 7 Jul, 1296 PB Caters: Cathy E Potter 1, Gill Pearson 2, Jane Boden 3, Alec Humphrey 4, Lynn Betts 5, Ruth Jopp 6, Fred Pearson 7, Richard Chamberlain 8, Richard Wolfgang (C) 9, Alison Molyneux 10. Rung before the monthly DDA Southern District Basic Higher Numbers Practice. 1st on 10: 5. **£5**

Merstham, Surrey. 2 Jul, 1300 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Beirne 1, Simon Beirne 2, Diane Reynolds 3, Matt Cousins 4, Nick Dallison (C) 5, David St Marcus 6. The first Bellboard entered performance by an all Merstham band (at Merstham). **£3**

Middlezey, Som. 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Brian Wylde 1, Kay Smith 2, Mervyn A Arscott 3, John Hallett 4, Michael T Howes (C) 5, Paul D Forbes-Harper 6. Rung half-muffled to commemorate the Battle of The Somme, as part of the Ringing Remembers tributes. **£3**

Monewden, Suffolk. 8 Jun, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Elizabeth Christian 1, Jenny Scase 2, Tig Sweet 3, Robert Scase 4, Mike Cowling 5, Tom Scase (C) 6. With the band's best wishes to Liz Christian for her forthcoming 60th Birthday, on 10/06/2018. **£3**

Mortehoe, Devon. 23 Jun, 1260 Doubles (5m): Margaret R Laver 1, Carolyn J Crawley 2, Stephen J Crawley 3, Mervyn A Arscott 4, Keith E Beale (C) 5. **£2.50**

Mortimer, Berks. (S John Ev) 2 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Janet Beer 1, Jackie McGee 2, David Wilcox (C) 3, Linda Finney 4, Nick Munson 5, Rex Haigh 6. 1st inside: 2. **£3**

Nettleham, Lincs. 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: John Dent 1, Bill Holbrook 2, Claire Howard (C) 3, James Stevenson 4, Keith Gladman 5, Trevor Hardcastle 6. Rung by the local band to celebrate the first Eucharist of Revd Judy Shaw who was ordained at Grimsby Minster this morning. Congratulations & best wishes from the Nettleham bell ringers. **£3**

Nettleham, Lincs. 5 Jul, 1272 Oxford TB Minor: Sylvia M Taylor 1, Claire Howard 2, James Northway 3, Bill Holbrook 4, Alan D H Bird 5, Jonathan P Clark (C) 6. 1st in m: 3. Congratulations to 4 on the Birth of his first Grandson on 2nd July. **£3**

Niton, IoW. 30 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Robyn Downer 1, Rodney Downer 2, Margaret Downer 3, Barry Downer (C) 4, Michael Marlow 5, Kenneth May 6. To celebrate Niton Village Day. **£3**

Offton, Suffolk. 3 Jul, 1344 Turramurra S Major: Karen Glover 1, Maurice J Rose 2, Janet R Sheldrake 3, David I Stanford 4, Gordon E Slack 5, Stephen A Cheek 6, Doug R Perry 7, Brian E Whiting (C) 8. **£4**

Old Marston, Oxon. 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): Charlotte Furneaux 1, Susan King 2, Maarit Kivilo (C) 3, Steve Davies 4, Hugh Deam (C) 5, Judith Kirby 6. 75th Birthday compliment to Alan Coates. **£3**

Oswestry, Shrops. 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): Anthony J Freemont 1, Chris Cawood 2, Peter J Woollam 3, Cordelia Warr 4, Peter Neil (C) 5, Nicola J Galton 6. Rung on the pentatonic six, for Choral Eucharist (BCP). **£3**

Oxford, Oxon. (40 Western Road) 3 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: John G Pusey 1-2, Elizabeth R Mullett 3-4, Joe Norton (C) 5-6. 1st handbell Q in 43 years: 3-4. **£0.50**

Peterborough, Cambs. (S Mary) 24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Terry Wright 1, Angela Whiteway 2, Diana Street 3, Stuart Weston 4, Andrew Christie (C) 5, Gavin Simpson 6. 1st in methods inside: 2. **£3**

Peterborough, Cambs. (S Mary) 24 Jun, 1260 Spl Minor (2m): Hilary Hardie 1, Elaine Wilkinson 2, Diana Street 3, Andrew Christie 4, David Banks (C) 5, Stuart Weston 6. Rung after morning Eucharist & a welcome return for Banksy, after a 3 week derth of ringing Qs. 25th Q: 1. **£3**

Peterborough, Cambs. (S Mary) 24 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Whiteway 1, Elaine Wilkinson 2, Andrew Christie (C) 3, Diana Street (C) 4, David Banks 5, Paul Reed 6, Stuart Weston 7, Gavin Simpson 8. Rung for Evensong. **£4**

Pettistree, Suffolk. 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Chris I McArthur 1, Suzanne Stevens 2, Mary Garner (C) 3, Ray Lewis 4, Ruth Munnings 5, Chris Garner 6. 76th Birthday compliments to Chris Garner & 35th Wedding Anniversary congratulations to Mary & Chris Garner. For Evensong. **£3**

Pimlico, London. (S Saviour) 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Stephanie Pattenden 1, Linda Foddering 2, Jan McHugh 3, James Ansell 4, Andrew Hodgson 5, Rachel Billing 6, James Belshaw (C) 7, Helen Windsor 8. Prior to Evensong. **£3**

Plymouth, Devon. (S Budeaux) . 30 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Mark Heritage 1, Charlotte Boyce 2, Nellie Croft 3, Tim Bayton (C) 4, Alena Wardle 5, John Martin 6. 1st S inside: 3. Rung on Armed Forces Day.

Rainford, Mers. 28 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jed T Roughley 1, Robin Merryweather 2, Gillian Heath 3, Allison Ridd 4, T David Roughley (C) 5, William F Green 6, Eric Roughley 7, John Henry 8. Rung to celebrate the 80th Birthdays of David & Myra Roughley. Also congratulations to Ralph & Pam Rigby on their Golden Wedding Anniversary tomorrow. 1st Triples as C. 1st Triples: 1. **£4**

Royal Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 1 Jul, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: Ruth Plumridge 1, Andrew K Woolley 2, Ruth Beavin 3, Jenny Hancock 4, Claire Redstone 5, Daniel Knight 6, Julian J Hemper 7, Julian Ferrar (C) 8. Rung for Evensong & to celebrate the ordination of Oliver Blease of Royal Wootton Bassett & Thomas Pelham of Candford Cliffs & Sandbanks.

Sandridge, Herts. 7 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Christine Nutton 1, Judith Titmus 2, Nicky J Smith 3, Brian C Watson 4, Vivian Nutton (C) 5, Ron Titmus 6. Rung on the 45th Wedding Anniversary of Christine & Vivian Nutton.

Seavington St Mary, Som. 19 Apr 2017, 1296 S Minor (2m): Margaret Bignell 1, Jane C Spencer 2, David P Hammonds 3, David Ledger 4, Michael R Spencer 5, Patrick Tucker (C) 6. 1st in methods: 2.4. **£3**

Shirwell, Devon. 23 Jun, 1260 Doubles (6m): Carolyn J Crawley 1, Margaret R Laver 2, Mervyn A Arscott 3, Stephen J Crawley 4, Keith E Beale (C) 5. **£2.50**

Shrawley, Worcs. 4 Jul, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Sue Rees 1, Sarah Lupton 2, David Rayner 3, Clare Coleman 4, Martin Scott 5, Edward Lupton (C) 6. 1st Cambridge: 3. Rung to Celebrate the Ordination of David Poyner as Deacon at Hereford Cathedral on 1st July. **£3**

Shrewsbury, Shrops. (S Chad) 1 Jul, 1296 PB Caters: Gail K Lawrence 1, Dawn V A Offen 2, Gillian R Glover 3, Jad Bienek 4, Alan M Glover 5, Roger C Button 6, Matthew Lawrence (C) 7, Brian S B Kear 8, Maurice G Ingram 9, Jacqueline C Barden 10. Rung prior to Evensong on the light ten. **£5**

Slaidburn, Lancs. 24 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Pauline Campling 1, Philip S Woods 2, Geoffrey F Garnett 3, Lee Pinnington 4, George H Campling (C) 5, Matthew D Warburton 6. For morning service & to celebrate 10 years as a priest for Revd Jonathan Oldfield, Rector of Slaidburn.

Sleaford, Lincs. 1 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Alan D H Bird (C) 1, Sylvia M Taylor 2, Helen Brotherton 3, Richard Sutton 4, Bill Brotherton 5, Anthony D Walker 6, David J Sutton 7, Bryan Ward 8. Rung for Evensong. **£4**

Sonning, Berks. 1 Jul, 1280 PB Major: Rob Needham 1, Geoffrey M Harvey 2, Adrian Nash 3, Peter Kerm 4, Pam Elliston 5, Robert Partridge (C) 6, Lavinia M Sullivan 7, Graham E Slade 8. For Evensong. **£4**

St Austell, Corn. 30 Jun, 1312 Turramurra S Major: Hayley Young 1, Jane Hitchens 2, Carolyn Howell 3, David Ralls 4, Ian Young 5, John Davis 6, Neil Hitchens 7, Jonathan Young (C) 8. 2/4. **£4**

Stamford Baron, Lincs. 3 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Tom Thorpe 1, Anne Russell 2, Diane Faux 3, Helena Thorpe 4, James Thorpe (C) 5, Nick Faux 6. **£1.50**

Stokesley, N Yorks. 1 Jul, 1440 S Minor (2m): Sue Sotheman 1, Jean Hallett 2, John G Hallett 3, Paul Hutchinson 4, John Hutchinson 5, Ashley Law (C) 6.

Stoughton, W Sussex. (S Mary) 22 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Fiona Wilson 1, Joanna Woodcock 2, Pauline Jeffs 3, Bob Kearley 4, Tim Wright (C) 5, Heather Kearley 6. **£3**

Tewkesbury Abbey, Glos. (S Mary V) 1 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Rachel Bagley 1, Sheila Taylor 2, Claire Redstone 3, Ruth Bagley 4, Malcolm Taylor 5, David Bagley (C) 6. 1st away from cover & on church bells: 1. 300th in the tower: 6. **£3**

Thorrington, Essex. 1 Jul, 1260 Minor (2m): Pam Avis 1, Rhona McEune 2, Neil Avis 3, David Wendon 4, Roger Carey-Smith 5, Steven Clarke (C) 6. Rung for the flower festival weekend & prior to song of praise evening service. A well struck Q.

Thorrington, Essex. 7 Jul, 1272 PB Minor: Mandy Miles 1, Pam Avis 2, Lesley Barrell 3, Roger Carey-Smith 4, Neil Avis 5, Steven Clarke (C) 6. To mark 100 years of the RAF. Also to mark, on the 8th July, the first peal on the bells after the rehug 85 years ago.

Ticknall, Derbys. 2 Jul, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Gill Pearson 1, Fred Pearson 2, Liz Arnold 3, Maggie Whiteley 4, Tony Lees 5, Ruth Jopp 6, Simon Melen (C) 7, Mike Redfern 8, Martin Whiteley 9, John Heaton 10. **£5**

Tredington, Glos. (S John Bapt) 30 Jun, 1260 Gorefield Bob Minor: Lesley Tucker 1, Sue Sawyer 2, Neil Williams 3, Graham Tucker 4, Giles R Morley 5, Martin Blazey (C) 6. **£3**

Tring, Herts. 28 May, 1260 PB Minor: Cathy Anderson 1, Howard Collings 2, Edward H Beckett 3, Daniel C Smith 4, Christopher W Hoare 5, Stephen J Wooler (C) 6. Rung to celebrate two births: Abel, a son for Eszter Pickarczyk, a former ringer at this tower & Ray Monty, first grandson for Ian Sawford, Tower Captain. **£3**

Trowell, Notts. 2 Jul, 1272 Oswald D Minor: Alison Molyneux 1, Lynne Newton 2, Jane E Boden 3, Richard Wolfgang 4, John E Hawes 5, Neil A Westman (C) 6. Rung for the 90th Anniversary of the Representation of the People (Equal Franchise) Act 1928, giving equal voting rights to all men & women over the age of 21. **£3**

Tulloch, Highland. (Tulloch Ringing Centre) 4 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Christine B J de Cordova 1, Aileen Wilson 2, Sue Turner 3, Helen M McGregor 4, Stephen A Elwell-Sutton (C) 5, Peter J R Bevis 6. 1st Minor inside: 3. **£2**

Tulloch, Highland. (Tulloch Ringing Centre) 4 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Charlotte Hatto 1, Aileen Wilson 2, Christine B J de Cordova 3, Helen M McGregor 4, Stephen A Elwell-Sutton 5, Peter J R Bevis (C) 6. 1st TB: 1. **£2**

Tulloch, Highland. (Tulloch Ringing Centre) 5 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Christine B J de Cordova 1, Aileen Wilson 2, Helen M McGregor 3, Ian B Turner 4, Stephen A Elwell-Sutton (C) 5, Peter J R Bevis 6. 1st S: 4. **£2**

Tulloch, Highland. (Tulloch Ringing Centre) 6 Jul, 1260 Stedman Doubles: David J Ford 1, Stephen A Elwell-Sutton (C) 2, Christine B J de Cordova 3, Helen M McGregor 4, Peter J R Bevis 5, Ian B Turner 6. **£4**

Tunstall, Kent. (S John Bapt) 10 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Christine Tatler - McCluggage 1, Val Reckless 2, Richard Bushell 3, Tim Ford 4, Nigel Baker 5, Emma Cundiff (C) 6. For Evensong. Birthday compliment to Emma Cundiff. **£3**

Twynning, Glos. 30 Jun, 1260 Stanstead Bob Minor: Sue Sawyer 1, Lesley Tucker 2, Graham Tucker 3, Martin Blazey 4, Neil Williams 5, Matthew Weighell (C) 6. **£3**

Wallasey, Wirral. (S Nicholas) 4 Jul, 1280 PB Major: Peter Exley 1, Valerie M Beecroft 2, Gillian S Caulfield-Pleavin 3, Robert M F Preston 4, David C Denson 5, Janet M Jones 6, Carl McCarthy 7, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 8. Rung to celebrate the marriage today of Peter Exley to his life long friend Christine Snowdon. **£4**

Warnham, Sussex. (The Bell Meadow Peal) 3 Jul, 1250 Johannesburg S Major: George Francis 1, Andrew Alford 2, David Finch 3, Ian Wiltshire 4, Paul Wells 5, Paul Beeken 6, Richard Hutchings 7, Steve Pocock (C) 8. **£4**

Warnham, Sussex. (The Bell Meadow Peal) 3 Jul, 1287 Stedman Caters: 1, David Smith (C) 1, Ian Wiltshire 2, Andrew Alford 3, David Finch 4, Paul Wells 5, Paul Beeken 6, Richard Hutchings 7, David Kirkcaldy 8, Steve Pocock 9, George Francis 10. **£5**

Washington, DC. (Cathedral) 24 Jun, 1278 Grandsire Caters: Ann G Martin 1, Quilla Roth 2, Meredith A Morris 3, Gregory J Watson 4, Lian von Wantoch 5, Beth Sinclair 6, Frederick DuPuy (C) 7, Alexander T Taft III 8, Cecily W Rock 9, Thomas H Schutt 10. For Sunday Service in the week of the feast of Saints Peter & Paul. **£5**

Washington, DC. (Old Post Office Tower) 14 Jun, 1296 Beverley S Minor: F Neville Withington 1, Robert Bannister 2, Barbara Grofic 3, Brian E Wilhour 4, Lian von Wantoch (C) 5, Quilla Roth 6. In celebration of the Washington Capitals winning the Stanley Cup. 1st in m: 2,4,5. 1st S: 3. **£3**

Wem, Shrops. 6 Jul, 1344 Lessness S Major: Nicola J Galton 1, Madeline J Harris 2, Jad Bienek 3, Susan Perry 4, Cordelia Warr (C) 5, Brian S B Kear 6, Maurice G Ingram 7, Anthony J Freemont 8. To celebrate the Birthday of Ursula Neil. **£4**

West Quantoxhead, Som. 2 Jul, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure PI Doubles: Jane Grellier 1, Martin J Blazey 2, Jan Swan 3, Mark Philipson (C) 4, Gary Sears 5, Kay Smith 6. 1st in m: 5. **£3**

Whitwick, Leics. 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Hilary Blakemore 1, David Waldram 2, Janet Stevenson 3, Colin Lord (C) 4, Chris Gooch (C) 5, Jim Lackenby 6. Rung in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Ordination of Revd Liz Angell, Rector of Whitwick, Thringston & Swannington. **£3**

Winterborne Kingston, Dorset. 2 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Jillian Wilson 1, Rosemary Duke 2, Kate Brice 3, Phil Stephens 4, Graham Duke (C) 5, John Close 6. Rung to celebrate the 100th Birthday this day of Peggy Robbins, who listened to the ringing from her party in the village. **£3**

Woburn, Beds. 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sarah-Louise Ward 1, Ann M Fletcher 2, Rebecca K Gordon 3, Robert Tregillus 4, Andrew J Spencer 5, Alan M Shepherd 6, Stephen H Stanford (C) 7, David I Stanford 8. Rung for the Community Flower Festival & following a service marking the 150th anniversary of the Church.

Worcester. (Cathedral) 24 Jun, 1346 Cambridge S Maximus: Alex F Byrne 1, Laura Leyland 2, James Clatworthy 3, Paul R Smith 4, Roy D Mills 5, Andrew V Brown 6, Mark Regan (C) 7, Billy Clarke 8, Adam R Crocker 9, Ashley C Fortey 10, Christopher J Pickford 11, William M Regan 12. For the Civic service.

Worle, Som. 7 Jan, 1260 Doubles (8m): Jenny Spence 1, Judy Aplin 2, Jim Lambard 3, John Boorman 4, Clifford Nicholls (C) 5, Frank Jordan 6. For morning service. **£3**

Wykeham, N Yorks. 1 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Kathy Carter 1, Janet Bate 2, Lynn J Hall 3, Steven Waterworth 4, Martin G Tubbs (C) 5. For Evensong. **£2.50**

Yateley, Hants. 5 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m/1v): Kerry Davidson 1, Patricia Johnson 2, Debbie McLaren 3, John McLaren 4, Ellis Thomas (C) 5, Martin Johnson 6. To celebrate the 90th Birthday of Barbara Johnson (26 June 2018), mother of the tenor ringer. 1st in 3m/v: 3,4. On the front six.

York, N Yorks. (Cathedral) 17 Jun, 1408 Grandsire Cinques: Claire A Mitchell 1, Gail Cater 2, Carrie L Hyde 3, Andrew J Rawlinson 4, David T G Jones 5, Jeffrey D Simcox 6, Stephen R Aldridge 7, Russell N Scudamore (C) 8, Lenard J Mitchell 9, David R Mitchell 10, Matthew D Warburton 11, Luke D Marshall 12. On Fathers' Day for all fathers past & present.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild Wellingborough Branch Quarter Peal Fortnight

Irchester, Northants. 27 May, 1260 PB Triples: Pam M Bailey 1, Harry E Curtis 2, Kevan J Chapman 3, John R Beresford 4, Thomas Coulter-Brophy 5, Simon H Sweeney 6, Alan J Marks (C) 7, Stephen R Love 8. Rung on Trinity Sunday & in memory of Jude Coulter, mother of 5 & dear friend & ringer of all the band. **£4**

Irthlingborough, Northants. 19 May, 1272 Spl Minor (3m): B (Joe) Rollings 1, Tanya D Clayton 2, Jenny A Ball 3, Josh A Horne 4, Simon H Sweeney 5, Alan Bull (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry & Meghan Markle & as part of the Wellingborough Branch QP fortnight.

Wilby, Northants. (S Mary V) 18 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Tanya Clayton 1, Elaine Hooper 2, Debbie Sampson 3, Alan Marks 4, Thomas Coulter-Brophy (C) 5, Jenny Ball 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry & Meghan Markle & as part of the Wellingborough Branch QP fortnight.

Wollaston, Northants. (S Mary) 24 May, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure PI Doubles: Kevan J Chapman 1, Harry Curtis 2, Thomas Coulter-Brophy 3, Martin P Tanner 4, Alan J Marks (C) 5, Andy Smith 6. For Wellingborough Branch QP week. **£4**

Yardley Hastings, Northants. 19 May, 1260 PB Doubles: William Henderson 1, Harry Curtis 2, Audrey Jones 3, Harvey Welch (C) 4, Tony Finke 5, Alan Willis 6. To celebrate the wedding of H.R.H. Prince Harry of Wales & Ms Meghan Markle. 1st at first attempt: 1. Rung for the Peterborough Guild branch QP week.

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Belper, Derbys. (S Peter) 5 Jul, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: Ruth Jopp 1, Jane Boden 2, Gill Pearson 3, John Hawes 4, Fred Pearson 5, Robert Marchbank 6, Luke Heaton (C) 7, Evie Newton 8. To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS. **£4**

Brampton, Cumbria. (S Martin) 5 Jul, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Pl Doubles: Ruth M Gilbert 1, Alison J Robinson 2, Susan J Sewell 3, Gerald H Sewell 4, Michael Hall (C) 5, John Hopkins 6. For the foundation of the NHS 70 years ago this day & 70th Birthday compliment this day to Susan. **£4**

Brighton, E Sussex. (S Mark, Kemp Town) 5 Jul, 1312 Minimus (5m): Marion E Bevan 1, Hugh F Pettifer 2, Margaret C Ellis (C) 3, Samuel F J Tyler 4. Rung to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the NHS by Aneurin Bevan. The band would like to dedicate this Q to Maud Agnew, who was already a trained nurse when the NHS began. After a lifetime of caring for others she is currently being cared for in the NHS Royal Sussex County Hospital, next to the church. **£2**

Chirk, Wrexham. 5 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Clare Morris 1, Beverley J Furniss 2, Peter J Woolam 3, Nicola J Galton 4, Thomas D Miles 5, Peter L Furniss (C) 6. Rung to celebrate 70 years of the National Health Service. By a band of employees, former employees & grateful recipients of the services of the NHS. 1st Minor: 1. **£3**

Edenbridge, Kent. 5 Jul, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Pl Doubles: Steve Newlands 1, Caroline Levy-Cooper 2, Clive Lumsden 3, Andy Wickenden 4, Louise Nightingale (C) 5, Frank Shepherd 6. Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the National Health Service. **£3**

Gunby, Lincs. 6 Jul, 1260 Doubles (1p/7m): Michael J Smith 1, Greg Harrison 2, Ian D G B Ansell 3, Ian Dawson 4, Anthony D Walker (C) 5. Rung to mark the 70th Anniversary of the NHS. **£2.50**

Hurst, Berks. 6 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Jacqueline Hazell 1, Barbara E Wells 2, Freddie Gingell 3, Pam Elliston 4, David Sullivan 5, Lavinia Sullivan 6, Matthew W Thewsey (C) 7, Sue Portsmouth 8. 1st Triples as C. Celebrating the 70th anniversary of the National Health Service. A Loddon Hub Q. **£4**

Milverton, Som. 5 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret R Laver 1, Rosemary K Tuhey 2, Margaret A Taylor 3, Carolyn J Crawley 4, Christopher J B Marshall 5, Mark G C Kent 6, Keith E Beale (C) 7, Giles R Morley 8. Rung on the 70th anniversary of the formation of the National Health Service & an 80th Birthday compliment to Jim Bond of Lydeard St Lawrence.

Tintinhull, Som. 6 Jul, 1260 Doubles (1p/3m): Judith Williamson 1, Patricia Davidson 2, Kathy Matthews 3, Ruth Beavin 4, Robert Wellen (C) 5. In thanksgiving for 70 years of the NHS - we often moan about it, but we all use it, or will need it & cannot imagine our country without it. **£2.50**

Wisbech, Cambs. 5 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: June Mackay 1, Moira Hough 2, Heather Dobson 3, Sue E Marsden 4, Geoff Grayton 5, Alan T Winter (C) 6, John B Bennett 7, Gary Bainbridge 8, Nick Elks 9, Martin Slough 10. For the Patronal Festival, Ss Peter & Paul. After Evensong for the Wisbech Rose Fair. For the 70th anniversary of the National Health Service. **£5**

Woodton, Norfolk. 5 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Katie Wright 1, Ann-M Webb 2, Clare Grant 3, Betty Baines 4, Rona Sporre (C) 5, Helen Lewis 6. 1st in m: 3. Rung by an Eastern District Ladies' Guild band for 70th anniversary of the NHS. Margaret Skinner would like to be associated with this Q. **£3**

Woodton, Norfolk. 5 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Sarah Tasker 1, Ann-M Webb 2, Rona Sporre 3, Helen Lewis 4, Betty Baines 5, Katie Wright (C) 6. 1st Minor: 1. Rung by an Eastern District Ladies Guild band for the 70th anniversary of the NHS. **£3**

Felsted, Essex. 12 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Di Carpenter 1, Vicki Elliott 2, Vicky LeFèvre (C) 3, Clive Moore 4, Peter G Smith 5, David Learmonth 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Arthur Haslen of this Parish, Corporal in the 12th Battalion the Suffolk Regiment who died of his wounds, aged 25, this day in 1918. He had enlisted with the Essex Regiment early in the war & been sent to France in May 1915. He was wounded in action in the summer of 1916 but recovered from his wounds & transferred to the Suffolk Regiment. He is remembered on the Ploegsteert Memorial. **£3**

Felsted, Essex. 27 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lukas Wallis 1, Di Carpenter 2, Vicky LeFèvre (C) 3, Peter G Smith 4, David Learmonth 5, Jon Wallis 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Alfred Peagram of this Parish who died on this day in 1918, aged 38, serving with the 2nd Battalion the Middlesex Regiment. He is remembered at the Assevillers, New British Cemetery. **£3**

Hessle, ER Yorks. 15 Mar, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Richard D Gibson 1, Rosina M Baxter 2, James E Blackburn 3, Barry K Baxter 4, Simon Plows 5, Robert H Jordan (C) 6. Q No. 94/108 - Being the 94th Q in the series remembering the 108 Hessle residents who died during the 1st World War.

Hessle, ER Yorks. 22 Mar, 1260 PB Doubles: Rosina M Baxter 1, Nicholas J Hodgson 2, N Stuart Pictor 3, Barry K Baxter 4, Robert H Jordan (C) 5, Ben Hodgson 6. Q No 95/108 - being the 95th Q in the series remembering the 108 Hessle residents who died during World War 1.

Hessle, ER Yorks. 29 Mar, 1272 St Clement's CB Minor: James E Baxter 1, N Stuart Pictor 2, Rosina M Baxter 3, Simon Plows 4, Barry K Baxter 5, Robert H Jordan (C) 6. 1st in m: 2. Q No. 96/108 - being the 96th Q in the series remembering the 108 Hessle residents who died during the 1st World War.

Hessle, ER Yorks. 26 Apr, 1260 Doubles (6m): Gary A Hornsby 1, Rosina M Baxter 2, Simon Plows 3, Barry K Baxter 4, Robert H Jordan (C) 5, David E Hibbert 6. Q No. 98/108 - Being the 98th Q in the series remembering the 108 Hessle residents who died during the 1st World War.

Knowle, W Mids. 1 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Jill Erskine 1, Rowena Shipley 2, Richard Andrew 3, Adam P Shepherd 4, Luke Daniel 5, Stephen Shipley (C) 6. For evening service. Also, remembering Pte Henry Francis Cooper, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, died of wounds on 17 June 1918 aged 40 & Pte George Henry Taylor, Hampshire Regiment, died from disease on 28 June 1918. **£3**

Market Drayton, Shrops. 20 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m/2v): Keith Swinnerton 1, David Beckwith (C) 2, Bränn Himlin 3, Cynthia Costelloe 4, Madeline J Harris 5, Roy Bloor 6. Dedicated to the men of Market Drayton who died in the Great War during May & June 1918. Robert E Stones, Pte, 321st Protection Coy, Royal Defence Corps. Thomas C Gibbs MC, Lieut, 7th Bn Cheshire Regiment. George F H Thompson, Pte, 14th Bn Gloucestershire Regiment. **£3**

Nuneaton, Warks. (All Saints, Chilvers Coton) 2 Jul, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Martin Mellor 1, Ruth Border 2, Luke Groom 3, Geoffrey Pratt 4, Joy Pluckrose 5, Julie Tarling 6, John Gwynne 7, Douglas Kempton 8, Andrew Alldrick 9, Michael Chester (C) 10. Rung in memory of Reginald William Hancock, a ringer at this tower, Royal Engineers, Sapper 42146, who died on 25th June 1918; buried at Etaples Military Cemetery. **£5**

See also peal reports on p.698

100 Years Ago

The Ringing World, 19 July, 1918
Selected by the Editor

The 'Lead Ends' Controversy.

The article in this column last week, showing how differently expert minds view some of the fundamental questions relating to change ringing, was written before we received Mr. J. A. Trollope's reply to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies' pamphlet, which will be found elsewhere in this issue. This reply was bound to come, if the Legitimate Methods Committee were not going to sit down under Mr. Davies' onslaught and admit themselves something worse than knaves or fools. Mr. Trollope is indignant—and many, we believe, will think it not without justification—at the treatment the Committee receive in the pamphlet, which the Hon. Secretary of the Council has issued (in his private capacity, of course) to the Exercise. Whether or not ringers agree with the findings of the Legitimate Methods Committee—accepted by the Council many years ago now—no one, we should have thought, would have doubted the honesty of purpose in their endeavour to get to the bottom of a highly complicated and abstruse problem.

The whole question turns on the point whether or not a method, to be 'legitimate,' must have what are known as the Bob Major lead ends. Without arguing the pros and cons of the technical side of this difficult matter—and those who say it is not an abstruse subject have never got to the bottom of it—we think Mr. Davies has been unkind, to say the least, in his manner of dealing with the Committee, and unless the Council intend to throw overboard the Committee and their accepted Report, it is obvious the matter cannot rest where it is. With such a scathing criticism of the Report, which is now and for years has been, not only the Committee's but the Council's 'Decision,' something will have to be done to inform the Exercise who is right and who is wrong. If the Council say Mr. Davies is right, and the Committee have been proven wrong, they must withdraw their report and issue an amended one, for the responsibility is with the Council, who have set their seal upon the Committee's findings. If the Council hold the Committee are right, then they should say frankly that Mr. Davies is mistaken. One or the other they must do, or else acknowledge themselves incapable of discharging the functions which they claim as their particular sphere. Mr. Davies in his enthusiasm to upset the Committee's findings, places himself, it seems to us, rather upon the horns of a dilemma. Either his views must be thrown over by the Council, or he undermines the whole position of the Council to settle questions with which, above all, it claims to be the fittest body to deal. The Report and Mr. Davies' pamphlet cannot be allowed to stand side by side. One or the other must go, and, if its the former, will the Exercise be prepared to accept rulings on a subject like this from the Council in the future?

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Quarter peals commemorating the centenary of World War I

Farnsfield, Notts. 1 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Hilary Turner 1, Mary Welton 2, Nicola L Eves 3, Michael PRH Woolley 4, Ken Smith 5, Robin EH Woolley (C) 6. In Memoriam Private Charles William Powell, 15th Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment who died of wounds on 4th July 1918, aged 19. Also to mark the 40th Anniversary of the priesting of Revd Canon Peter Jones. 900th Q as C. **£3**

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Charles Edward Truman



Charlie Truman, who died on 14th May 2018 at the age of 87, was for many years one of the leading ringers in the south of Northamptonshire.

He was born in Whittlebury near Towcester on 27th December 1930 and learnt to ring at St Mary's church, Whittlebury in 1943 when the wartime ringing ban ended, being taught, with three other local youths (two sets of brothers in fact), by Albert Booth, Head Gardener at Whittlebury Lodge which has since been demolished. After national service in REME between 1949 and 1950, finishing his service as a Lance Corporal Craftsman, Group A, Class 1, he returned to the village. He married his wife of over 60 years, the late Joan, at Athorpe church in 1957. Their son, Paul, was born in 1961. Charlie played club cricket until the 1960s and then took up golf, becoming a member of Stowe Golf Club for many years. He and Joan lived in Whittlebury until 2000 when they decided a move to somewhere with more accessible facilities might be advisable, so they settled in Towcester, where they lived for the rest of their lives.

Having learnt to ring, progress was slow for a number of years until he came under the influence of William A Yates, who was very active in local ringing in the early 1950s. He joined the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild under Whittlebury tower in 1958, rang his first peal, Grandsire Doubles conducted by Bill Yates, at Whittlebury in 1959 and his first as conductor in 1962, Stedman Doubles at Grafton Regis.

By regular attendance at the practices at Helmdon and Wicken, which were local

centres of excellence, he was able to extend his ringing to surprise minor and major, and during this period he developed an interest in spliced surprise minor. First Monday practices at Cold Higham or Pattishall initiated by Charlie and his great friend Jim Linnell, who was one of the brothers with whom Charles learnt to ring, gave him the opportunity to develop the spliced surprise minor repertoire and to call touches and peals, and this culminated in a peal in 34 methods (perhaps the maximum at the time) at Pattishall in 1965 which he conducted. The augmentation of Daventry bells in 1965 to a fine ring of ten gave him the opportunity for 10-bell ringing and he also had some experience on 12 during the 1990s. His final peal total was 777 of which he conducted 76.

For many years he was tower captain at Whittlebury, and from the 1990s he ran the ringing at Easton Neston, until he was forced to retire when his health started to deteriorate in 2010. It was fitting therefore that quarter peals in his memory were rung at both towers. Peals were also rung at Easton Neston and Bradden.

His funeral took place at Whittlebury on 27th June and he was buried in the churchyard alongside Joan, who had predeceased him by just three months, and his parents.

GRAHAM PAUL

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

BRADDEN, Northants, St Michael
Mon Jun 25 2018 2h38 (8)
5040 Stedman Doubles
1 Celia J K Stanworth
2 Michael J Dew
3 A John Stanworth
4 Robert M Wood
5 Richard I Allton (C)
In memory of Charles (Charlie) Truman, elected to the Society in 1959, and whose funeral will take place at Whittlebury on June 27th. First Stedman Doubles: 3 & 4. 2,000th tower bell peal: 5. **£2.50**
Reprinted from p.670.

S. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SOCIETY

EASTON NESTON, Northants, St Mary
Thu Jun 28 2018 2h47 (9)
5022 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. Donald F Morrison
1 Raymond A Vickers
2 Julie A Haseldine
3 Ruth Stokes
4 Richard Haseldine
5 Barry R Care
6 David Burbidge
7 Christopher C Stokes
8 Andrew Haseldine (C)
Rung in affectionate memory of Charles E Truman, whose funeral took place yesterday at St Mary's Church, Whittlebury.
Reprinted from p.672.

Easton Neston, Northants. 27 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: James Linnell 1, Bridget Paul 2, Margaret Burbidge 3, Robin Rogers 4, David Burbidge 5, Alan Paul 6, Barry Saunders 7, Graham Paul (C) 8. Rung in affectionate memory of our dear friend, Charles E Truman, whose funeral took place today at St Mary's church, Whittlebury. **£4**

Reprinted from p.673.

Whittlebury, Northants. 30 Jun, 1260 Doubles (5m): Barry Saunders 1, Graham Paul (C) 2, Ian Chapple 3, Colin Brown 4, Alan Paul 5. Rung in memory of Charles E Truman on the bells on which he learnt to ring. **£2.50**
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Kathleen and Michael Chilcott's Diamond Wedding Anniversary



Kathleen and Michael on their Wedding Day, 17th May 1958

A Golden Wedding celebration is quite special – fifty years of marriage is a milestone many cannot imagine, let alone achieve themselves. So when one gathers again ten years later to celebrate the Diamond anniversary, well, what can one say?

But this is precisely what family and friends did on Sunday, 27th May at The Grange, Wallington, to congratulate Kathleen and Michael Chilcott for sixty years of marriage. The venue was chosen as being the same one as where in 1958 their wedding reception took place, the only slight variation being the date – 17th May. As it happened, Sunday, 27th May 2018 was still significant for the Chilcott family, being Michael's 84th birthday.

Family photo albums were on display, alongside those containing accounts of Roving Ringers escapades (both Mike and Kath were keen supporters for many years and were joint secretaries when they married). However, the congratulatory greeting from Her Majesty the Queen took pride of place.

The lead-up to the party wasn't quite as smooth as it should have been, with Michael being hospitalised four weeks earlier. Nevertheless, with the excellent management and organisational skills of son Mark and daughter Helen, he was able to join the celebration, making quite an entrance to a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" by all present. A splendid buffet lunch followed, with the added bonus of a birthday cake (and more enthusiastic singing!).

Quarter peals were rung at Beddington – the church where Kathleen and Michael were

married – and St Dunstan-in-the-West (City of London) on the anniversary itself, with additional dedications the week before at Wells Cathedral and Carshalton.

LUCINDA WOODWARD

Wells, Som. (Cathedral) 10 May, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Rosemary Duke 1, Gillian Leale 2, Sheila Cheesman 3, Roger Baldwin 4, Robin Leale 5, Graham Duke 6, Paul Flavell (C) 7, Jeremy Cheesman 8, David Woodward 9, Lucinda Woodward 10. For Ascension Day service & a diamond wedding compliment to Kathleen & Michael Chilcott (17 May). **£5**

Carshalton, London. 13 May, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Rosemary Lilley 1, Shona Joyce 2, Shirley McGill 3, Sheila Cheesman 4, Kate Wills 5, Patrick Wills 6, David Wallis 7, Jeremy Cheesman (C) 8. Congratulations to Kath & Michael Chilcott on their forthcoming Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Rung during Surrey Association QP week.

City of London, Fleet Street. (S Dunstan-in-the-West) 17 May, 1260 Stedman Caters: Stephanie J Pattenden 1, Jeremy R Pratt 2, Sheila M Cheesman 3, Lucinda J Woodward (C) 4, Chris Forster 5, Christopher H Rogers 6, John H Napper 7, Colin G Wright 8, Martin C Faulkes 9, David Woodward 10. With best wishes to Kathleen & Michael Chilcott today, upon the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Beddington, London. 17 May, 144 Stedman Triples: Kath Chilcott 1, Catherine Stonehewer-Newbold 2, Susan Bailey 3, Jeremy Cheesman 4, Alan E Brown (C) 5, Jack Pease 6, Mark Chilcott 7, Chris Stonehewer-Newbold 8. On Kath & Michael Chilcott's 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Beddington, London. 17 May, 1260 Stedman Triples: Catherine Stonehewer-Newbold 1, Susan Bailey 2, Sheila Cheesman 3, Alan E Brown 4, Noel Gibbin 5, Chris McLean 6, Jeremy Cheesman (C) 7, Richard Fitch 8. Rung to congratulate Kath & Michael Chilcott on their 60th Wedding Anniversary at the church where they were married.

Beddington, London. 20 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Linda T Wood 1, Loretto Puckey 2, Susan Bailey (C) 3, Chris McLean 4, Sheila Cheesman 5, Russell M King 6. Rung to congratulate Kath & Michael Chilcott on their 60th Wedding Anniversary. Also to congratulate the Duke & Duchess of Sussex on their marriage yesterday. 1st Q: 6.



The family on 27th May 2018

Intrepid 19 – Halifax



Intrepid 2018 Rochdale canal – the summit lock

It nearly didn't happen at all! In the week before our planned start date, *Intrepid* was found to have blown a gasket. And boatyards are not generally known for their quick response. By the end of Friday, parts had arrived but nobody works weekends. However on Monday evening the engine was declared fit and off we went from Northampton, more than two days behind schedule. It lasted until 6am on Tuesday when we discovered a coolant leak, so another half day to wait to fix it. All of this forced the cancellation of all ringing in Week 1, and some serious boating hours to catch up and meet the Week 2 crew in Cheshire. Week 2 followed the usual pattern of boating, ringing, good food and drinking beer and JJ's wine. The Rochdale canal leaves NE Manchester and, after leaving the old industrial suburbs, climbs spectacularly over the pass to Todmorden and on to Halifax, with a good supply of 8-bell towers up the hillsides. All in unseasonal glorious sunshine. This just left Crew 3 to have a ringing-free 10 days back to base. As always, many thanks are due to JJ for the use of the boat and to everyone who welcomed us to ring.

MICHAEL WIGNEY
£35

Grappenhall, Ches. 20 May, 1260 Hammersmith Bob Triples: Helen Udal 1, Mike Wigney 2, Louise Palmer 3, Thomas Wood 4, Adrian Udal 5, Colin Friend 6, Louise Booth (C) 7, John Ford 8. 1st in m for all.

Halifax, W Yorks. (Minster Church of St John the Baptist) 26 May, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Mike Wigney (C) 1, John Ford 2, Andrew Case 3, Helen Udal 4, Phill Butler 5, Colin Friend 6, Louise Booth 7, Thomas Wood 8, Simon Ward 9, Adrian Udal 10.

Heptonstall, W Yorks. 25 May, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Mike Wigney 1, John Ford 2, Louise Palmer 3, Helen Udal 4, Thomas Wood 5, Colin Friend 6, Adrian Udal 7, Louise Booth (C) 8.

Mytholmroyd, W Yorks. 25 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mike Wigney (C) 1, Colin Friend 2, Louise Booth 3, John Ford 4, Louise Palmer 5, Adrian Udal 6, Thomas Wood 7, Helen Udal 8. 1st with Yorkshire tail ends for all except JJ.

NB Intrepid, Ches. (Bridgewater Canal) 21 May, 1260 PB Minor: Louise Booth 1-2, Louise Palmer 3-4, Mike Wigney (C) 5-6.

NB Intrepid, Yorks. (Rochdale Canal) 24 May, 1260 PB Minor: Louise Booth 1-2, Louise Palmer 3-4, Mike Wigney (C) 5-6.

Northwich, Ches. 19 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Adrian Udal 1, Malcolm McAlister 2, Louise Palmer 3, John Ford 4, Helen Udal 5, Colin Friend 6, Louise Booth (C) 7, Thomas Wood 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of HRH Prince Harry & Meghan Markle.

Salford, Manchester. (Sacred Trinity) 21 May, 1344 PB Major: Louise Palmer 1, John Ford 2, Mike Wigney 3, Helen Udal 4, Thomas Wood 5, Colin Friend (C) 6, Louise Booth 7, Adrian Udal 8.

Stretford, Manchester. 21 May, 1280 Spl S Major (8m): Helen Udal 1, Thomas Wood 2, Louise Palmer 3, Mike Wigney 4, Louise Booth 5, Dennis Latham 6, Adrian Udal 7, John Ford (C) 8.

Todmorden, W Yorks. (S Mary) 24 May, 1344 PB Major: Mike Wigney 1, Louise Palmer (C) 2, Adrian Udal 3, Helen Udal 4, Thomas Wood 5, John Ford 6, Louise Booth 7, Colin Friend 8.

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Death

It is with sadness we report the death of **SAM KERSHAW**, ringer at Goostrey for over 30 years. He was taught by Bill Gibbons, and was very interested in bell maintenance. He was also a very reliable Sunday Service ringer until ill health forced him to stop ringing in 2013. Funeral will be on 30th July, St Luke's, Goostrey at 10.30am and the family have requested ringing. 6052

Open Day

SDGR. Open Day in aid of the LEBRF will take place on 18th August. This year the route follows the course of the River Stour. Please look on the website for details. <http://sdgr.org.uk/> 3021

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Meetings on Saturday July 21

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Meetings on Saturday July 28

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Luton District. Quarterly Meeting at Flitwick (6). Business meeting at 6.30pm. Followed by evening ringing from 7 until 8.30pm. 3017

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LACR. Fylde Branch. Ansdell (8) NB: 4-6pm. 3019

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The Middlesex 8-Bell

As is now traditional, the Middlesex 8-bell took place on a warm balmy afternoon, on 26th May at St Mary, Staines. The bells, reasonably easy to handle but quite odd-struck, proved suitably challenging. Holding the competition on the boundary of the Association might be considered risky for attendance, but six teams was a decent turn-out.

Foster Lane fielded two bands; the Middlesex Ladies rang a touch that listeners thought would be hard to beat; and it was splendid that local ringers teamed up to make a Staines/Stepney band and come a creditable third. But, as last year, St Margaret's Westminster retained the trophy with St Giles-in-the-Fields runners-up.

Richard Pullin's positive comments as Judge were very much in keeping with the friendly nature of the contest. The post-festival analysis continued afterwards, appropriately, in the Ring of Bells.

TOM LAWRENCE

50 Years Ago

The Ringing World, 19 July, 1968
Selected by the Editor

Tinted covers and the shilling "Ringing World"

Dear Sir, – In all the years I have taken "The Ringing World" I have never had cause to criticise the committee appointed by the Central Council, but I feel that over the last two or three years the attitude has changed considerably.

In my opinion, I am very much afraid that the decision taken by "The Ringing World" Committee is going to spell "Dunkirk" for this journal. Agreed, it does make the paper attractive to have a tinted cover, but to my knowledge all ringers buy "The Ringing World" for the news it contains of bells and bellringing in general. I feel that the continued use of "Tinted Covers" plus the increase in price to one shilling will reduce the sales of "The Ringing World" and this should not be allowed to happen under any consideration.

May I refer to the time of the late Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who in 1911 started printing "The Ringing World," which paper (in those days and until his death) **satisfied** the requirements of the ringers up and down the country who purchased it at (whisper it very quietly) 2d. per copy.

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A Guild for North America

Dear Sir,—In recent months there has been much discussion of the desirability of having a Guild of Change Ringers in North America. There is evidence of new enthusiasm among American ringers which should now be unified.

The guild would serve at least two important purposes. First, it would give each ringer a sense of belonging to a fraternity of ringers throughout the Continent, and, second, it would help to ensure that each visiting ringer has the maximum opportunity to join with local ringers in fostering the art of change ringing in the New World.

Membership of the Central Council would further strengthen existing ties between English and American ringers.

I therefore propose that each N. American tower should elect a person who should send me details of the state of ringing in his own tower and any other information which might be useful in the consideration of the preliminary details involved in setting up the Guild. Other ringers who have any information or suggestions are also urged to contact me so that the North American guild of Change Ringers may be established as soon as possible.—Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY DAVIES.

Brandeis University,
Waltham, Mass., U.S.A.

Tail Ends – Free

The concept of getting something free is a subject that fascinates students of human behaviour. We are bombarded by offers: packaged goods with “10% free” and “buy one get one free”. There are free upgrades of services: “Book now and receive a free upgrade” but to what? An airline offered fast check-in and a free guest lounge. Which suggests the level of service we normally can expect. And I always like the small print: (*Conditions apply*).

Where I live, the current fashion in the motor trade is to offer “\$500-worth of free accessories” with a new car. I suggested to the salesman that he forget the accessories and just knock \$500 off the price. No, he couldn’t do that, and anyway, it was “up to \$500”. Could I see the list prices of these accessories individually? No, they were part of the package.

In the old days, when you bought a new car in Sydney, the first service was free. This was a necessity, especially with BMC/British Leyland cars, to try to rectify poor factory assembly – tightening nuts and bolts, for example. No longer: one can buy a Service Plan which suggests that while car distributors and dealers might lose money selling a car, they more than make up for it by servicing charges.

However, a beneficial change several years ago to the law in NSW was that a warranty or guarantee must be honoured if the car is serviced at the prescribed intervals by a licenced independent motor mechanic. Dealers have responded by cap-priced servicing but, again, I have seen (*Conditions apply*) and I am of little faith.

An alternative to free is ‘bonus’. The main difference seems to be that it is conditional: I can receive a bonus payment if my bank balance increases by x amount each month with no withdrawals. As my pension is paid into my bank account fortnightly, what do I live on while gaining the bonus?

When we can get something free, we often take as much as we can. I’ve been like this with firewood. In the past, neighbours have known that Walter has a chain saw, a log-splitter and a wheelbarrow. Whenever they offered me free a felled tree with logs cut to fireplace length, I’d take the lot. If they’d offered it at \$1 a barrow-load I’d have taken as much as I needed. (The result is that I still have four years’ worth of firewood stacked in the rear garden. It is well-seasoned.)

I was reminded of this recently when travelling around New Zealand on a cruise. Our dinner-table companions were two recently retired English couples. It took two nights for them to establish that we hadn’t flown out from England for the cruise: to them, we didn’t sound like Australians. Which probably reflected how much wine they were drinking.

They asked if we had ever considered moving back to England. Yes. So what stopped us? I’ve had this conversation with many people in the UK so I had a fair idea where we might be heading. I said that at our

times of life the provision of affordable quality medical services was a high priority.

“What you do mean, affordable?” one asked. “In Britain with the NHS it’s all free.”

“So what’s the quality like?” I replied. “How long are you likely to wait for elective surgery? Do you have choice of doctors?”

“But it’s free.”
I have concluded that, in this regard, I am fortunate to be living in Australia. Recently, I needed surgery for removal of two melanomas. I had options: a public hospital where it would be free, the cost covered by Medicare (like the NHS), or a private hospital with choice of surgeon. If I had private health insurance, the hospital cost would be covered.

Waiting time for admission to a public hospital for elective surgery was estimated at 2-3 months; for a private hospital, 7-10 days. With melanoma, delay can be critical, but it’s still regarded as elective surgery.

There are two main differences between private health insurance in Britain and Australia. Australia has a community-rated system, which means insurers cannot turn old, sick and unhealthy people away or charge them more. So it’s not risk-rated – I am not penalised for foolishly spending time in the sun when I was young – and premiums do not increase with age. Yes, it’s relatively expensive. My annual premium is about the cost of a brief holiday in England and I need to assess which represents the higher priority.

Which leads to the question: How much do we value that which is free?

Change-ringing is one of very few recreational activities that is free for participants – surfing is another. Tuition is free. Service-ringing and practices are free; the equipment is provided free by the church.

Looking at attrition rates at local towers over the years, maybe if learners had to pay to learn they might be less likely to abandon ringing after a relatively brief time.

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22nd July 1923. Loughborough’s unique war memorial was unveiled and dedicated. The tower and carillon had been erected with funds raised by public subscription equivalent to eighty pence for every man, woman and child in the borough. This had taken four years to raise. Special trains came from many parts of the country for the dedication as well as coaches from distant parts of the county. The forty-seven bells were all donated individually, the tenor, which weighs 82 cwt, being given in memory of the three sons of J W Taylor.

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Thought for the week

In this part of the world we are still thinking about the recent 12-Bell Contest in Cambridge. It was the first time I had ever attended one of these events. What struck me most was the amazingly skilled organisation backing up the competition, both from the central committee and from the local ringers. 120 ringers from this area volunteered to help on the day. Having been called to the bar (quite an experience for a retired solicitor) I wasn’t able to hear much of the ringing “live”, but it was brilliant listening to the recordings. The event was attended by many supporters and friends, no doubt some of them wishing to get a glimpse of what we round here regard as the top University.

Those of us humbler mortals who would never get anywhere near competing in a 12-bell competition can, I am sure, appreciate the skill and determination which the members of the various teams must have put into their efforts. I appreciate some of them may not have been conscious of any particularly religious overtones to what they were doing and I respect that, but of course the competition took place in a church (the University Church of St Mary the Great) with the full and enthusiastic support of the church clergy and members. Many of us therefore regarded the competition as part of ringers’ service to the Church. The pursuit of excellence in ringing is part of our Christian service, just as much as pursuit of excellence in architecture and design, in music and in our worship and liturgy. We are never going to reach the perfection of God but we make every effort to get as near to it as we can.

One very satisfactory by-product of the competition was the presence of so many ringers in the area. On the two Sundays before and after the competition we were able to welcome expert ringers to St Ives who kindly took part in our service ringing. It must be quite a while since we were able to ring Cambridge Major for Sunday service!

RICHARD HOUGH
Reader and Ringer, St Ives, Cambs

PUZZLE CORNER

Solution to Crossword Puzzle No.51 (p.645)

Across

1. Garter hole, 6. Knot, 9. Input, 10. Grandsire, 12. Gladden, 13. Loyal, 15. Ability, 17. Dogfish, 19. Dreamer, 21. Pattern, 22. Tenor, 24. America, 27. Open leads, 28. Let go, 29. Even, 30. Headstocks.

Down

1. Go in, 2. Rope guide, 3. Extra, 4. High day, 5. Learned, 7. Noisy, 8. Treble Hunt, 11. Delight, 14. Handstroke, 16. Immoral, 18. Inelastic, 20. Real ale, 21. Pleased, 23. Niece, 25. Inlet, 26. Bobs.

Bellringing Motorcyclists Surrey Hills Tour, May 19th 2018

By Olivia Hunt (aged 14)



Left to right: Janet Jones, Dave Huxford, Phill Payne, Mike Lilley, Karen McCleave, Adrian Buswell, Jude Platts, Martin Hough, David Salter, Matt Cousins, Dianne Stewart, Michelle & Peter Harris, Stephen Duguid, Steve Hough, Andrew Evans, Olivia & Alex Hunt and Mark Robins

Bells and biking through the Surrey Hills was a truly spectacular experience. The weekend was full of quality ringing and I've never experienced anything quite like it. The weekend kicked off on Friday evening prior to the tour, with a quarter peal at St John's, Caterham organised by Adrian Buswell who came out of quarter peal ringing retirement of 25 years for the occasion. This was my first outing with the Bellringing Motorcyclists, so naturally I was a little nervous. However as soon as I stepped into the tower I felt rather at home – there was a true sense of belonging and inclusion.

The following morning, after I had scoffed far more than my fair share of unlimited breakfast, the tour had started. Our first tower

was Redhill and there we joined the rest of the group, a truly diverse and lovely bunch. We then moved onto our next tower; Betchworth.

After a short ride we arrived at Ryka's Café for our lunch which was most welcome on my part before ringing at four towers in the afternoon. We encountered a rather large swarm of bees at Leatherhead but that didn't stop us ringing some Yorkshire Royal. We continued on our way to Ranmore and en route, carefully planned by Matt Cousins, there were simply unmatched views, which I have never seen anything like. At Ranmore we climbed a phenomenal number of steps and enjoyed the sunshine. We moved on to West Clandon and Dorking and shortly afterwards we chugged our dinner with pure gusto.

I'd like to thank everybody for: organising, being welcoming, making my day thoroughly enjoyable and everybody who opened their towers and let us in.

If anyone who reads this rides a motorbike, rings bells and isn't a member of the Facebook group, please e-mail martinhough2@aol.com and we hope to see you on our Liverpool tour: 29th September 2018!

Caterham Valley, Surrey. 18 May, 1264 PB Major: Adrian T Buswell 1, Mike Lilley 2, Dianne Stewart 3, Judith A Platts 4, Matt Cousins 5, Olivia T Hunt 6, Martin B Hough 7, Alex Hunt (C) 8. Birthday compliments to Mrs Zoe Langley-Wathen. 1st Major: 6. Rung by members of Bellringing Motorcyclists at the start of the Spring 2018 tour.

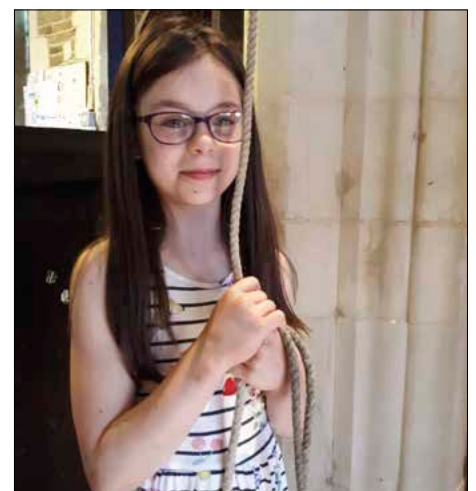
Kaitlin helps with ringing PR in Campton

John Loveless writes: Campton is a small village close to Shefford, Bedfordshire, where we recruit and grow our own ringers from the community. Communicating with our village so people know more about what we do is very important to us. We tell the village through our monthly Parish Newsletter about extra ringing, peals, Bedfordshire Young Ringers practices, outings etc. Recently I wrote a piece about the new sound management system, why it has been fitted and what to expect – no surprises! Our ringers enjoy their ringing so we encourage them to talk about it, and what better medium than the newsletter? Most people love bells and we need to do everything we can to nurture what is a big positive.

Among the youngest (and probably smallest) competitors at the RWNYC on 7th July was Kaitlin, who lives in Flitwick but

comes to Campton with her mum Darrelle to ring every Sunday for service and Tuesday to practise. As well as being a ringer she is a keen gymnast. Here's what she says about ringing:

Hi, I'm Kaitlin and I have been ringing for almost 3 years. When I was 6 I had to stand on every box we had, but now I only need a small one. I ring every Sunday and also enjoy helping assembling the hymn books at the door. I like to treble to a touch of Plain Bob Doubles, except when John (who?) starts waffling on about nothing and distracts me, making me go wrong. I hope that someday I will be selected to represent Bedfordshire at the RWNYC. This year I was proud to be part of the reserve group of ringers and enjoyed going to London to support our team.



Kaitlin, with not a box to be seen...