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RWNYC

Ringing World National Youth Contest

2023 Results

The Whitechapel Trophy for Method Ringing was won by the Winchester & Portsmouth Youths, and the Robert Lewis Trophy for Excellence goes to Durham & Newcastle. Congratulations to both teams, trophy winners for the first time.

On the Cover: The two trophies on display during the award ceremony; *Below left:* The triumphant W&P team raise their trophy; *Opposite page, top:* Neil Thomas captured this bird's eye (fish-eye!) view of the ringing chamber at York Minster, a highlight of the day for many; *Bottom right:* Orange Oscar with veteran Kent ringer Ellen Jones, photographed by the editor at the *Ringing World* stand in York Minster; *Bottom left:* The Call Change champions Durham & Newcastle; *Centre:* Will Bosworth, displays the gold and silver medals as he takes them to the venue for the announcement of the results. (all other photos Roger Lawson)

The Robert Lewis Trophy for Excellence Call changes at St Lawrence, Hull Road, York (8, 7-3-24)

Position	Team name	Score
1st	Durham & Newcastle	9.5/10
2nd	Sussex Young Ringers	9/10
3rd	Kent Young Ringers	8.5/10
4th=	Go Bellistic! (Salisbury DG)	8/10
4th=	Young@Herts	8/10
6th=	Bucks & Berks Young Ringers	7.5/10
6th=	Brumdingers	7.5/10
6th=	Worcester Cathedral	7.5/10
9th=	Yorkshire Tykes	7/10
9th=	Nottingham Young Ringers	7/10
9th=	Norfolk Young Ringers	7/10
12th=	W&P Youths	6.5/10
12th=	Derbyshire Young Ringers	6.5/10
12th=	Lincolnshire Poachers	6.5/10
15th	Coventry Spires	6/10
16th=	Bath & Wells	5.5/10
16th=	Ely Fen Tigers	5.5/10



The Whitechapel Trophy Method ringing at All Saints, Huntington (8, 5-0-7)

Position	Team name	Score
1st	W&P Youths	9.5/10
2nd	Lancashire Lads & Lasses	9/10
3rd	Essex Young Eagles	8.5/10
4th	Surrey Strikers	8/10
5th	Yorkshire Tykes	7.5/10
6th	Leicester Bellfoundry Foxes	7/10
7th=	Oxford DG	6.5/10
7th=	Gloucester & Bristol	6/10



Project Resound – The Final Hurrah!



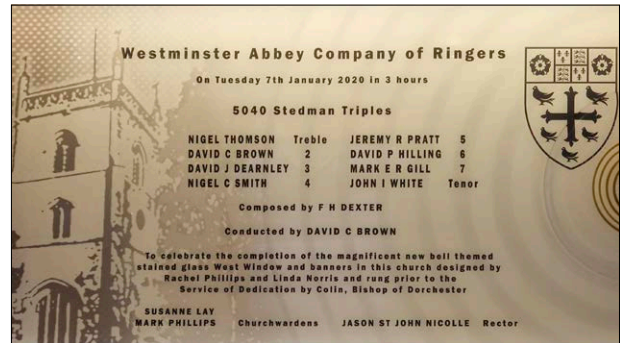
The west window featuring modern stained glass on the theme of bells

Readers may recall seeing a feature article covering the completion of Project ‘Resound’ (Cover story of *RW* 5679, February 2020). This was a visionary project to install a contemporary stained glass west window at the foot of the tower in St Michael and All Angels, Blewbury, Oxfordshire. In addition,

six illuminated reflective panels were mounted on the vestry walls. The entire installation is dedicated to the theme of bells and bellringing in our downland village through the centuries, and is the outstanding achievement of artists Rachel Phillips and Linda Norris (<https://www.rachelphillipsglass.com/projects/resound-window>).

The dedication took place on the 7th January 2020, which was almost the final mass gathering inside the church before the restrictions of the Covid-19 pandemic took a grip on us all. The dedication was celebrated by a superb peal of Stedman Triples rung by the Westminster Abbey Company, who had been so supportive throughout.

Here we are three and a half years later and are able to report what is probably best described as ‘the cherry on the cake’ for the project. A small surplus from the fundraising was available, and it was decided that an illuminated glass peal board mounted beneath the window would be a lovely way to record the significance of the project for posterity. Rachel Phillips once again delivered a truly beautiful, unique and artistic record of the Stedman peal. Rachel made a special journey from her studio in Pembrokeshire to mount and connect the new peal ‘board’ in time for the final celebrations to mark the end of this remarkable project on 1st July this year. This was timed to coincide with the day of the ordination of our new curate, the Revd Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith, in Oxford that morning.



The illuminated glass peal “board” by artist Rachel Phillips commemorates the 2020 peal

We were thrilled to invite the Westminster Abbey Company to return to ring another wonderfully struck peal, this time Bristol Surprise Major, with many villagers coming out to listen in the warm sunshine. Immediately following the peal our Rector, Father Jason St-John Nicolle, blessed the new peal board, expressed sincere thanks on behalf of us all to Rachel Phillips and the Westminster Abbey Company. He then invited Mark to perform his first official duty as curate by switching on the light! No event such as this would be complete without a proper ringers’ tea, and the Blewbury ringers provided a splendid tea for over 50 people. This really was a memorable ‘final hurrah’ for the project. However it is also the beginning of what will be a historic and artistic record, and tribute to our craft.

Photographs cannot properly demonstrate the beauty of the window, panels and peal board, and we welcome visitors to come and see for themselves – and of course to ring with us!

RICHARD LOYD



The 2023 Westminster Abbey peal band in order left to right (Photo John N Hughes-D’Aeth)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY COMPANY OF RINGERS

BLEWBURY, Oxon,
St Michael & All Angels
Sat 1 Jul 2023 3h7 (19)
5056 Bristol S Major
Comp. A G Reading (No 15)
1 Alan J Frost
2 Jeremy R Pratt
3 John N Hughes-D’Aeth (C)
4 David P Hilling
5 David P Macey
6 David C Brown
7 Anthony P Matthews
8 Mark E R Gill
Rung immediately prior to the blessing of the illuminated board created to record the peal rung by the Company in January 2020 for the dedication of the new bell-themed West Window in this church.
Also to celebrate the ordination today of Rev Dr Mark Rhodes-Smith, curate of this parish.



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Perhaps we can teach each other

Recent collaboration between the Guild of Clerical Ringers and the Central Council has produced two initiatives, the new publication *The Voice of the Church* and a Bell Sunday. Anything that promotes improved relations between the clergy and ringers, and which raises the profile of the great work which ringers do for the church is to be applauded. They are not, however, either new or radical initiatives which will revolutionise the place of bells and ringers within the church. Where I learnt to ring we had a Choir and Bellringers Sunday every year!

I think they are missing a major point which is the changes that are taking place within the organised churches in the patterns of worship. We are all familiar with the rationalisation taking place: the closure or partial closure of many churches, with services being concentrated in fewer places which are seen as more viable, at least for the time being. At the end of the day it comes down to money. Smaller congregations, less money, fewer churches. For ringers it means fewer bells, fewer towers and fewer opportunities to recruit and train ringers.

A clergyperson friend of mine recently told me that there are two growth areas in church attendance: where there is a strong choral tradition and among evangelical congregations, if you like, the two polar ends of the spectrum. I suspect that churches with a strong choral tradition are likely to have rings of bells and are likely to appreciate and support their ringers.

I am far less certain about those on the evangelical wing of the church or indeed outside the established churches altogether. I am fond of saying to my acquaintances in Holy Orders that it is all very well them preaching to the faithful 20 or 30 people in the pews but when we ring the bells we are broadcasting to hundreds and maybe thousands of people at a time. The message from the bells might not be quite as nuanced as a well written sermon but it is saying something to the listener about the presence of God.

In short, bells are one of the most powerful evangelical tools the church possesses. Why is it therefore that evangelical Christians do not embrace and promote the ringing of bells? They certainly don't, in many cases. I know of a number of instances where evangelical congregations have taken over existing churches with rings of bells. In one they have not allowed the bells to be rung for what must be more than twenty years. In another where there was an existing band of ringers they were so discouraging to the ringers that the band gave up. In another they tolerate the bells and ringers but no more than that. Why is that the case? Perhaps someone from the Clerical Guild can shed some light on the issue? Maybe there are ringers who are also members of evangelical congregations. Perhaps they can help us understand this conundrum?

Perhaps, like me, you are a fan of the BBC's *Songs of Praise* programme. If so you cannot fail to have noticed that when the programme is being broadcast from an evangelical church the age and ethnic mix of the congregation is in marked contrast to that of the congregation from a more traditional church. The evangelicals seem able to attract a much younger and more diverse congregation. Why is that? Surely that is what we as ringers want to do? Quite rightly, much attention is paid to the recruitment and retention of young ringers. They are the future.

There has also been some discussion about the place of females in ringing and their opportunities, or lack of, to progress as conductors, heavy bell ringers or leaders within the exercise. Discussion is at least a starting point even if there is a long way to go to address some of the barriers they face. Women are 50 percent of the population and probably more than 50 percent of ringers! But I have never seen any discussion about the under representation of people from minority ethnic backgrounds in ringing. Do we even know how many people from a non-white British or non-white non-British background are ringers? Why not? Are we afraid to ask or are we too comfortable in our mostly white cocoon? In the 2021 census nearly 20 percent of the UK population identified themselves as non-white. As potential recruits can we afford to ignore them? In this regard the evangelicals seem to be more successful. Perhaps we can teach them something when it comes to bells and they can teach us something when it comes to reaching out to more diverse communities.

But how do ringers engage with the evangelicals? Undoubtedly many dioceses are encouraging the growth of evangelical congregations either in existing church buildings or in new non-traditional church buildings which never have any provision for bells. My understanding is that many evangelical churches operate outside the established religions. These seem to pose a particular challenge for us to engage with. Surely, as we are all in the same game of promoting Christianity there must be some common ground.

Does anyone have any ideas?

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James Jerram of Fleet, Lincolnshire

SIR, – In his article on the bells of St Mary Magdalene in Fleet (page 661) John Bennett mentions the name of James Jerram.

James Richard Jerram was the son of the Revd Richard Jerram, a former rector of Fleet. He trained as a marine engineer, however, he later went into partnership with Thomas Blackburn, the well-known bell founder and bell hanger. It was in 1881 that Jerram visited Salisbury in connection with the rehanging of the bells of St Martin's church in the city. During this visit he was much impressed with Salisbury and decided to make his home there, living in Rampart Road and later the Cathedral Close.

He was a founding member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers and for a number of years an inspector of belfries and an instructor in change ringing.

His other work included honorary librarian to the clerical library at Church House, Salisbury and vestry clerk at St Paul's Church, Salisbury.

Thomas Blackburn rehung the six bells of St Martin's, Salisbury in 1881 and in 1886 hung the two new bells to make eight. He set up The Friary Works and later added bell founding to the business.

Jerram maintained an interesting diary of ringing and other associated activities. One entry records that on the Monday before Easter 1881 he 'Rang at St Martin's, Salisbury to test the bells'. His diary, which commenced in 1865, records his ringing and chiming, mainly in the Salisbury area, with an account of payments received for ringing for weddings and funerals. The final entry was on Christmas Day 1927. 'Rang at St Thomas's, Salisbury for 11am service'. To this he added: 'This is as far as I can see the last time I shall be able to ring at all – I was hurt by a fall on the night of

December 31st and fear that I shall not be able to ring or walk any distance again'.

His death on 11th July 1932 at the age of 81 years and his burial at Fleet, where he was born, concluded the final chapter of a long and distinguished contribution to the Salisbury Diocese and further afield.

NEIL SKELTON

Wilton, Salisbury

Restricted funds

SIR, – I was interested to read the 'Lastly' section in Steve Coleman's article on VAT (30 June, p.661), concerning the use of a Tower Fund. At our church, the 'Ringers' fund is a restricted one within the PCC Accounts. The income is mainly from donations, visitors and wedding fees and it is used to pay for minor maintenance, including ropes and rope repairs.

Steve hints at a further article and I trust he will cover the difference between the two types of fund.

ROBIN SHIPP

Thornbury, Bristol

Safeguarding: DBS checks

SIR, – Without doubt the whole issue of safeguarding has resulted in a massive improvement in the social skills of ringers. I am pleased to see that the training has certainly had a much needed impact on the social skills of tower leaders.

However Philip Bedford's letter (p.658) contains one basic assumption that I disagree with. He states that "we are basically a law-abiding people". It is well known that abusers are not law-abiding people; hence they will circumvent obstacles to become a volunteer leader.

It is very easy to attain CoE training certificates using a fictitious name, and complete the online Basic and Foundation modules. Even bolder, one can attend church and join the electoral roll of a parish using a non-existing address near a valid postcode. Then, it's possible to attend the in-person Leadership Pathway course.

No DBS check takes place; there are always excuses.

Therefore, in The Canterbury Diocese all ringers will need to present a DBS Certificate to all ringing sessions. All other qualifications are invalid without a DBS Certificate. I hope the diocese is prepared and funded to handle all the implications of their pronouncement.

Therefore I see the only way forward is to create an "Implementation Group".

Issues that concern me, that I would like to be discussed include;

Who is going to see my DBS Certificate?
What about ringers who are not church goers?

Vulnerable adults exist and how will they be protected?

DEREK C JOHNSTONE

Dewsbury

VAT and a Change of Address

SIR, – At the very moment that my VAT article went to press (p.660), *The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme* changed its web address and became a part of the Government website. Its new address is: **listed-places-of-worship-grant.dcms.gov.uk** – with no www in front – although for the time being, the old web address will get you there.

Absolutely nothing in the Scheme itself has changed, but the website has been massively revamped, and to my taste it's a good deal starker and less friendly. All the same, it gives the facts well enough and it now invites applications to be completed online and then emailed in with scanned invoices. A definite plus.

STEVE COLEMAN

The new website makes it easier to navigate and find the information – from scheme eligibility to application guidance. The website sits on the gov.uk domain, providing reassurance this is an official and trusted website.

The new application portal will enable applicants to apply online. This will follow the same familiar format as the PDF form but will be easier to process than downloading and completing a physical document. The option to use the old PDF will remain, but the application portal is planned to be more efficient – with all the information and attachments uploaded and submitted in one place.

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First Peal Congratulations

Alethea Merelos (Frederick, Maryland)
Becki Shuttleworth (Wokingham, Berkshire)

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

LEEDS, W Yorks,
Minster Church of St Peter
Sat 28 Jun 2023 3h52 (40)
5029 Spiced Cinques and Maximus
(2m/1p: 2101 Stedman Cinques,
1488 Bristol S Maximus, 1440
Zanussi S Maximus, 10 com/p)
Comp. R W Lee
1 Robert H Childs
2 Stephen A Coaker
3 Stephen J Hall
4 Richard B Pullin
5 David F Perkins
6 Robert W Lee (C)
7 Katherine L Town
8 Ryan S Noble
9 Peter J Sanderson
10 Andrew M Hills
11 James C Marchbank
12 Andrew P F Bradford
Rung to welcome William
Rohan Wilby Taylor, a son for
Hannah and Kevin, born 24
January 2023.

HANDSWORTH, S Yorks,
St Mary
Sun 25 Jun 2023 2h40 (12)
5024 Bristol S Major
Comp. A G Reading (No. 21)
1 Chris Bostock
2 Stephen J Hall
3 Helen C Mansley
4 Lucy A Warren
5 Alan G Reading (C)
6 Colin G Newman
7 Matthew D Dawson
8 Luke T W Smith

BATH & WELLS D.A.

HOLCOMBE, Som,
The Potters Yard Ring
Thu 22 Jun 2023 2h25 (1)
5056 Cambridge S Major
Comp. Johnson's Variation of
C Middleton
1 Adrian P Beck
2 Patrick C Bridges
3 Sam Shead
4 Nicholas C Field
5 Raymond Haines
6 Barrie Hendry
7 Robert Perry (C)
8 Josh D P Jones
Rung for Barrie & Pat Hendry
Diamond wedding anniversary.
First of surprise major inside 2.
Circled tower 8. £8

G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

UFFCULME, Devon,
Piglet Ring
Sat 20 May 2023 2h1 (20lb)
5088 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. P B Hunter, arr D L
Thomas
1 Ian W Avery
2 Charlotte A Boyce
3 Timothy M Bayton
4 Matthew R T Higby
5 James Kirkcaldy
6 Robert D S Brown
7 John R Martin (C)
8 Michael E C Mears
First peal on the bells in their
current location and first on
the bells since 2018.
Remembering Tom and
Margaret Chapman, pioneers
of mini-bell ringing.

EXETER, Devon,
St Mark
Fri 30 Jun 2023 3h3 (12)
5040 Collydean S Royal
Comp. RDS Brown
1 Michael H Tompsett
2 Peter G Brown
3 Lesley A Knipe
4 Peter L Bill
5 Jill M Hansford
6 Michael C Hansford
7 James Kirkcaldy
8 John A Foster
9 Ian V J Smith
10 David Hird (C)
Rung as a birthday and
retirement compliment to
Wendy Gill. 1st peal in the
method -30-14-50-16-70-18-
16-123470-3458-90 le 2nds.

GUILDFORD D.G.

FRENESHAM, Surrey,
St Mary the Virgin
Sat 17 Jun 2023 2h46 (9)
5040 Minor
(7m: 720 each Wells S, London S,
Oxford TB, Norwich S, Cambridge S,
Kent TB, St Clements CB)
1 Christopher H Rogers
2 Jackie Roberts
3 Anne M Anthony
4 Nigel A L Mellor
5 John R Fisher (C)
6 Mark E R Gill
For Frensham Fayre.
400th for the Guild: 1.

HEREFORD D.G.

KINGTON, Herefs,
St Mary
Fri 16 Jun 2023 2h55 (11)
5040 Surprise Minor
(4m: 1 extent each of Ipswich,
Netherseale and Beverley, 4 extents
of Cambridge)
1 Mark Pugh
2 Sue Robinson
3 Robert C Kippin
4 Bernard H Taylor
5 Christopher J Pickford
6 David Jenkins (C)

HERTFORD C.A.

MELDRETH, Cambs,
Holy Trinity
Tue 27 Jun 2023 2h48 (10)
5088 Malpas S Major
Comp. Donald F Morrison
op.2797
1 Jadd Virji
2 Michael J Cowling
3 Graham R D Lay
4 June Mackay
5 Richard Sales
6 Alan Regin
7 Brian G Meads
8 Simon A Rudd (C)
With best wishes to
Liz Griffith-Jones for a
speedy recovery.

KENT C.A.

FARNBOROUGH, Kent,
St Giles the Abbot
Tue 6 Jun 2023 2h44 (3)
5184 Superative S Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Janice A Byrne
2 Nicholas Wilkins
3 Ian H Oram
4 Shirley E McGill
5 Anne M Anthony
6 Thomas F Lawrence
7 Peter J Blight
8 Stanley Jenner (C)
Rung to celebrate the life of local
resident Ernest Stanley Burrell
(1921-2023) immediately prior to
his funeral today at Farnborough,
being the 79th anniversary of
D Day.
Ernest was awarded Legion
d'Honneur for bravery on D Day. £8

COLLIERS WOOD, London,
Christ Church
Mon 19 Jun 2023 2h37 (6)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(30m: 1 Chester,Munden 2 Lincoln,
Coldstream 3 London Wells 4,5,6,7
Norwich, Netherseale, Annable's
London, Westminster, Allendale,
Warkworth, Bamboorough, Bacup,
Wearmouth, Stamford, Lightfoot,
Rossendale, Cambridge, Primrose,
Bourne, Hull, Ipswich, Norfolk, York,
Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet,
Hexham JSW 2880 SU0403)
1 Beryl R Norris
2 Gwen Rogers
3 Phillip Rogers
4 Alan Regin
5 John B Keeler (C)
6 Claire F Roulstone

SPITALFIELDS, London,
Christ Church
Mon 26 Jun 2023 3h6 (17)
5024 Cooktown Orchid D Major
Comp. J N Potter
1 Ian G Campbell
2 Beryl R Norris
3 Anne L Rueff
4 Gwen Rogers
5 Phillip R J Barnes
6 Alan Regin
7 John B Keeler (C)
8 Phillip Rogers
Remembering Bryony Carr.

APPLEDORE, Kent,
St Peter & St Paul
Wed 28 Jun 2023 2h49 (12)
5088 Bristol S Major
Gen. Monument Arr. Jadd Virji
1 Phillip R J Barnes (C)
2 Nicola J Turner
3 Anne L Rueff
4 Colin M Turner
5 David Kirkcaldy
6 Alan Regin
7 John B Keeler
8 Claire F Roulstone £8

LANCASHIRE ASSN

BURNLEY, Lancs,
St Peter
Sun 18 Jun 2023 2h59 (18)
5000 Bristol S Royal
Comp. Michael P A Wilby
1 Simon D Woof
2 James E Andrews
3 Cameron A Waters
4 Ellis Hollows
5 George H Camping
6 Peter L Furniss
7 Derek J Thomas
8 Simon A Percy
9 John M Thurman (C)
10 Paul J Tiebout
With congratulations and best
wishes to Carrie and Andrew
Rawlinson, married the
previous day at St Laurence,
Frodsham, Cheshire.

LEICESTER D.G.

COPT OAK, Leics,
St Peter
Wed 28 Jun 2023 2h38 (9)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(25m: (1) Kelso (2) Bacup,
Bamboorough (3/4) Norwich,
Wearmouth, Allendale, Lightfoot,
Rossendale, Stamford, Westminster,
Annable's London, Netherseale
(JSW SU0219) (5/6) Durham,
Cambridge, Beverley, Ipswich,
Norfolk, Berwick, Bourne, Hexham,
Hull, Primrose, Surfleet, York (JSW
SU0220) (7) Warkworth)
1 Alison J Molyneux
2 John D Cooper
3 Anthony J Rowan
4 Robert P Watson
5 John P Ottaway
6 R Philip Graves (C)

MINI RING OWNERS CLUB

STRENSHAM, Worcs,
St John the Baptist
Sat 1 Jul 2023 2h39 (11)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. John Carter (12 part)
1 Ruth Bagley
2 Gregory J M Jones
3 Matthew R T Higby (C)
4 Michael G Clements
5 Malcolm P Taylor
6 David P Bagley
7 Christopher D Phillips
8 Rachel E Bagley
First peal of triples on
the bells.
100th peal: 6.
10th peal and first tenor to a
peal: 8.
First Grandsire Triples: 6,7. £8

NONSUCH ASSOCIATION

FARNBOROUGH, Kent,
St Giles the Abbot
Tue 27 Jun 2023 2h44 (3)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. E Taylor
1 Peter J Blight
2 Janice A Byrne
3 Catherine M Lewis
4 Caleb R D Saunders
5 Peter J Joyce
6 Nicholas Wilkins (C)
7 Martin B Sutcliffe
8 Joseph Dillon
First Grandsire - 4.
Rung in joyous celebration of
the happy union of M. Victor
Aimez of La Chapelle-Sur-
Erdre, France, and Sig.
na Erika La Lacona of
Riesa, Italy. £8

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

FREDERICK, MD,
Calvary United
Methodist Church
Sat 24 Jun 2023 2h54 (9)
5056 Cambridge S Major
Comp. C. Middleton Arr. H.
Johnson
1 Alethea Merelos
2 Quilla Roth
3 Cecily W Rock
4 Georgina Barratt
5 Nicholas J S Hartley
6 Beth Sinclair
7 B Haley Barnett
8 Alexander T Taft III (C)
First peal at first attempt: 1. £8

NORTH WALES ASSN

SELATTYN, Shrops,
St Mary the Virgin
Sat 17 Jun 2023 2h35 (5)
5040 Doubles
(11m: 2 extents of Grandsire; 4
extents each of Huntley Place, St
Remigius Bob, Winchendon Place, St
Nicholas Bob, Reverse Canterbury
Pleasure Place, Eynesbury Bob, St
Osmund Bob, St Martin's Bob, St
Simon's Bob, Plain Bob)
1 Trevor L Lock
2 Jason W Hughes
3 Nicola J Galton
4 Nicholas J Green (C)
5 Christopher J Pickford
Rung on the day of the
Association's 120th
Anniversary Dinner. £3.50

OXFORD D.G.

WOKINGHAM, Berks,
All Saints
Sat 24 Jun 2023 2h58 (15)
5152 Yorkshire S Major
Arr John J Bissell
1 Becki Shuttleworth
2 James M Champion
3 James H Moynihan
4 Christopher P Cole
5 Tom Blomey
6 Mike Pidd
7 Nigel A L Mellor (C)
8 John A Harrison
Farewell compliment to
David & Lorraine Hodgson
after David's 26 year service
as Rector of this church.
First peal: 1. First peal of
Surprise: 3. £8

PETERBOROUGH D G

CAMPTON, Beds,
All Saints
Wed 28 Jun 2023 2h46 (6)
5024 Cambridge S Major
Arr. Paul M Mason (No.81a)
1 Susan E Marsden
2 Jadd Virji
3 Nicholas R Wilson
4 Richard Sales
5 Paul M Mason (C)
6 John P Loveless
7 Russell A Brown
8 Adrian P Sweeting
Rung to mark the upcoming
retirement of the RAF
transport aircraft, Hercules,
which is being withdrawn from
service on 30th June after
46 years.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD

BIRMINGHAM, W Mids,
Cathedral Church of St Philip
Mon 26 Jun 2023 3h25 (31)
5090 Spiced S Maximus
(3m: 1776 Bristol; 1680 Phobos;
1634 Zanussi; 30 com; atw)
Comp. M R Eccleston
1 Simon C Melem
2 Oliver C Bates
3 Catherine E Morley
4 Paul Jopp
5 Jack E Page (C)
6 Rebecca Kirby
7 Alexander P Frye
8 James P Ramsbottom
9 Jimmy L Yeoman
10 Paul E Bibilo
11 Colin G Newman
12 Michael P A Wilby
First spliced Maximus: 6
and 7.

BIRMINGHAM, W Mids,
St Paul
Mon 26 Jun 2023 2h35 (3)
5040 Surprise Minor
(5m: Norwich, Norwich, Bourne,
Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge,
Cambridge)
1 Paul E Bibilo
2 Simon J L Linford
3 Jimmy L Yeoman
4 Richard J Andrew
5 Frances Dodds
6 Charlotte D Linford (C)
First peal of Surprise Minor: 6.
£6

SUFFOLK GUILD

WALTHAMSTOW, London,
St Mary
Wed 28 Jun 2023 3h8 (17)
5080 Yorkshire S Royal
Comp. A B Mills
1 Brian E Whiting
2 Joan Garrett
3 June Mackay
4 Michael J Cowling
5 Jed Flatters
6 Andrew R Stone
7 David L Sparling
8 Rowan P Wilson
9 Brian G Meads
10 Andrew B Mills (C)
A Guild
Centenary performance.
With the bands best wishes to
Simon Rudd,
who was due to call this peal.

TRENT VALLEY ASSOCIATION

BELTON IN RUTLAND,
Rutland,
St Peter
Fri 23 Jun 2023 2h46 (10)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(22m: (1) Lincoln, Coldstream;
(2,3) Wooler, Morpeth; (4) Carlisle,
Northumberland; (5) Lightfoot,
Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford;
(6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet,
Hexham, Durham, York; (7)
Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich,
Norfolk, Bourne, Hull)
1 Robert J Crocker
2 Ruth Curtis
3 David C Brown
4 Paul F Curtis
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
6 Alan Regin
A 5000-pealers day out, 2/2.

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BRAUNSTON, Rutland,
All Saints
Fri 23 Jun 2023 2h53 (10)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(41m: (1-3) Carlisle,
Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre,
Wooler, Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnwick,
Canterbury, Chester, Munden,
London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream,
Cunecastre, Wells (4-7) Cambridge,
Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne,
Hull, York, Durham, Beverley,
Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, Norwich,
Warkworth, Netherseale, Annable's
London, Lightfoot, Rossendale,
Wearmouth, Stamford, Westminster,
Allendale, Bamborough, Bacup)
Comp. J S Warboys (SU0308,
SU0403)

1 Ruth Curtis
2 David C Brown
3 Alan Regan
4 Paul F Curtis
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
6 Robert J Crocker
Believed to be the first peal
by a band of ringers where
each ringer has rung over
5000 peals.
A 5000-pealers day out, 1/2.

ARTHINGWORTH, Northants,
St Andrew
Mon 26 Jun 2023 2h59 (10)
5040 Spiced TD Minor
(18m: 720 Glastonbury D; 600
Alnwick S, Tintern D; 480 Fountains
D; 360 Northumberland S, 240
Carlisle S, Chester S, Melrose D,
Munden S, Tewkesbury D, Wooler
S; 120 Canterbury S, Evesham D,
Morpeth S, Newcastle S, Sandiacre
S, Sherborne D, Whitley S. All the
work; contains just 1 lead with 65's at
backstroke. Contains all the Carlisle-
over methods from the 147)

Comp. P G C Ellis
1 Ruth Curtis
2 Martin J Whiteley
3 Margaret Whiteley
4 Paul M Mason
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
6 Paul F Curtis

SALTBY, Leics,
St Peter
Tue 27 Jun 2023 2h59 (12)
5000 Irby S Royal
Comp. Alan G Reading
1 Murray A Coleman
2 Ruth Curtis
3 Peter S Lacy
4 Paul M Mason
5 Peter J England
6 Richard I Allton
7 Mark A Boylan
8 Adrian P Sweeting
9 Paul F Curtis
10 Ian Butters (C)
First peal in the method.
Irby Surprise Royal.
-50-14.50-50.36-14-1450-14-
70.18-78.10, Group G.

VALE OF EVESHAM SOCIETY

HINTON ON THE GREEN,
Worcs,
St Peter
Tue 20 Jun 2023 2h56 (10)
5056 Rutland S Major
Comp. Stephen J Ivin
1 Alison R Williams
2 Raymon A Sheasby
3 Richard J Clements (C)
4 Hilda C Ridley
5 Stuart P B Talbott
6 Andrew F Alldrick
7 Stephen W Horton
8 David Jenkins

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

BISHOPSTOKE, Hants,
St Mary
Tue 20 Jun 2023 2h55 (11)
5000 Yorkshire S Royal
Comp. Roy LeMarechal No.1
1 John A Dodd
2 John P Colliss
3 Roy LeMarechal (C)
4 John S Croft
5 Mary-Kate Wells
6 James W G Twiney
7 Matthew L Dancy
8 Janet L Morris
9 Graham J Wright
10 George J Vant
1st of Yorkshire S Royal: 5.7.

CATHERINGTON, Hants,
All Saints
Tue 27 Jun 2023 2h38 (8)
5090 Cambridge S Major
Comp. B D Price
1 William A Harris
2 John P Colliss
3 R Mark Esbester
4 John A Dodd
5 Roy LeMarechal (C)
6 Edward P D Colliss
7 Graham J Wright
8 Benjamin J Carey
Length specially chosen and
best wishes from the rest
of the band to Bill on the
occasion of his 90th birthday.

YORKSHIRE ASSN

NORTON, S Yorks,
St James the Great
Fri 23 Jun 2023 3h4 (15)
5088 Bristol S Major
Comp. A G Reading
1 David Hird
2 Shirley E McGill
3 Simon Humphrey
4 Robert M Wood
5 Paul J Flavell (C)
6 Christopher M Bennett
7 Ian Roulstone
8 Claire F Roulstone
Rung to mark the 50th
anniversary of Paul Flavell's
first peal on 18th June
1970 - a celebration delayed
by Covid!

STRENSALL, N Yorks,
St Mary the Virgin
Thu 29 Jun 2023 2h15 (3)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: Norfolk, Carlisle, Westminster,
Hull, Wells, Norwich, Cambridge)
1 Paul T Young
2 Neil R Aspland
3 C Barrie Dove (C)
4 John R Welch
5 Roger S Riley
6 Nicholas D Soanes
5: circled the tower three times
to peals. £3

WORTLEY, S Yorks,
St Leonard
Thu 29 Jun 2023 2h45 (11)
5152 Sublime S Major
Comp. Ian Butters no 840
1 Trevor C Ledger
2 Simon J Reading
3 Ruth Curtis
4 George H Campling
5 Stephen J Hall
6 Martin J Whiteley
7 Ian Butters (C)
8 John M Thurman

Handbell Peals

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CITY OF LONDON,
St Mary-le-Bow
(Ringing Room)
Wed 7 Jun 2023 3h4 (17)
5019 Stedman Cinques
Comp. P N Mounsey
1-2 David J Pipe
3-4 Colin G Newman
5-6 Paul N Mounsey (C)
7-8 Jonathan A Agg
9-10 David G Maynard
11-12 Simon J L Linford

HITCHIN, Herts,
2 Orchard Road
Fri 30 Jun 2023 2h30 (11)
5120 Glasgow S Major
Comp. R R Horton
1-2 David Kemp
3-4 William S Croft
5-6 David C Brown (C)
7-8 Michael G Purday
Birthday compliments to
Louie Matthews and Emma
Legg, Mike's sisters, for their
birthday today.

CHESTER D.G.

POYNTON, Ches,
2 Adlington Close
Tue 27 Jun 2023 2h16 (11)
5088 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. JS Warboys (reversed)
1-2 J David Atkinson
3-4 Mungo B Stacy
5-6 Simon Humphrey (C)
7-8 David W Friend £4

WILMSLOW, Ches,
9 Hawthorn Lane
Tue 27 Jun 2023 2h2 (8)
5040 Treble Dodging Minor
(3m: 3 extents Cambridge S, 2
extents each Kent TB, Oxford TB)
1-2 Neil D Lomas
3-4 Daniel R Jarvis
5-6 Peter C Randall (C) £3

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

BACTON, Suffolk,
2 Petyman Avenue
Wed 28 Jun 2023 1h41 (12)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
(7 extents, each called differently)
1-2 Cherril C Spiller
3-4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
5-6 Ian J Culham
275th peal for the
association 5-6.

BACTON, Suffolk,
2 Petyman Avenue
Fri 30 Jun 2023 1h37 (12)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
Comp. Roger Bailey no.1
1-2 Cherril C Spiller
3-4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
5-6 Ian J Culham
1800th peal 3-4.

GUILD OF ST CUILEÁIN

READING, Berks,
26 Redlands Road
Tue 27 Jun 2023 1h54 (9)
**5040 Spiced Fourth's Place
D Minor**
(35m: (1-3) Tintern, Glastonbury,
Fountains, Tewkesbury, Evesham,
Sherborne, Melrose, Combermere,
Canterbury, Abbeyville, Southwark,
Vale Royal, Crowland, St Werburgh;
(4-7) Bedford, Old Oxford, Braintree,
Humber, College Bob IV, Taxal,
Merton, Newdigate, Marple,
Neasden, St Albans, Charlwood,
Wragby, Willesden, Clarence,
Kirkstall, Elston, Burnaby, Waltham,
Burslem, London Victory)
Comp. J S Warboys (4D0309,
4D0408)
1-2 Colin G Newman
3-4 Michael J Trimm
5-6 Jack E Page (C)

OXFORD D.G.

TILEHURST, Berks,
15 Lytham End
Wed 28 Jun 2023 2h19 (13)
5088 Kent TB Major
Comp. W Hudson
1-2 June D Wells
3-4 Timothy G Pett
5-6 Ian M Redway
7-8 E John Wells (C)
Wishing Ken Davenport, who
should have been ringing with
us today, a speedy recovery. £2

SALISBURY D.G.

BOURNEMOUTH, Dorset,
8 Sandbourne Road
Thu 29 Jun 2023 2h25 (14)
5058 Spiced S Major
(4m: 1312 Superlative, 1280
Yorkshire, 1250 Cambridge and 1216
Lincolnshire with 124 com and aw)
Comp. Don Morrison
1-2 Adam W Kilgour
3-4 Pip Dillistone
5-6 Louis P H Suggett
7-8 David A Warwick (C)
First of Spiced Surprise Major
in hand: 1-2, and also for
the Guild. £4

SUSSEX C.A.

SNITTON, Shrops,
Birdcage Barn
Sat 24 Jun 2023 1h58 (9)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
(7 different extents)
1-2 Helen M Wells
3-4 Julie Quinn
5-6 Paul J Wells (C)
First peal: 3-4.
First peal in hand (and of
minor) - 1-2.
First peal in hand (and of
minor) as conductor.
First peal on this set of bells. £3



Washington, DC. (Cathedral) 24 Jun, 660 PB
Doubles: Katharine S Emmons 1, Paul Timmel 2,
B Haley Barnett (C) 3, Beth Sinclair 4, Nicholas J S
Hartley 5, John Matthewson 6. For the wedding of
Kayla Mason & Brad Baker. £6

In Memoriam

Kilburn, London. (S Augustine) 25 Jun, 900 PB
Minor: Christopher Rocha Moraes 1, Pauline Dingley
2, Guy Wells 3, Michael Dickinson 4, Caleb Saunders
5, Lucy Chandhial (C) 6. Rung in celebration of the
life of Audrey Barker who rang at this church & was
a member of the congregation for many years. The
interment of ashes took place yesterday, on the day
of the ringers annual outing, therefore we rang after the
Sunday Mass in memory of Audrey. £6



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First quarter congratulations

Alderney, Channel Is. (The Channel Islands Ringing
Centre) 25 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Helen M McGregor
1, Jeremy Penrose-Stupart 2, Aileen Wilson 3, Bridget
Taylor 4, Peter J R Bevis (C) 5, Wong Kae Chee 6,
Martin F Jacques 7, Jim Gulliver 8. 1st Q: 7. £8

Alderney, Channel Is. (Channel Islands Ringing
Centre) 26 Jun, 1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles: Helen
M McGregor 1, Bridget Taylor 2, June Banister 3,
Aileen Wilson 4, Peter J R Bevis (C) 5, Gail Norwood
6. 1st Q: 6.

Epsom Common, Surrey. (Christ Church) 25 Jun,
1260 PB Doubles: Sue Walker 1, Jacqueline Patel 2,
Sue Sullivan 3, Tim Mitchell 4, D Mark Hodgson (C) 5,
Adele Youngs 6. 1st Q: 1. 1st on six bells or more by a
local band for over 12 years. Rung after unsuccessful
attempts at Qs for HMQ Platinum Jubilee, HMQ
Funeral & the Coronation. £6

Llandegai, Gwynedd. 1 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles:
Esme M Antice 1, Harvey O Plows (C) 2, Leah Jefferis
3, Christopher E Wheatley 4, Martin J Brown 5, Sian
Shakespeare 6. 1st Q: 1. Rung by a full band of current
& former students of Bangor University. 1st Q for the
Bangor Student Society of Change Ringers since the
Society was officially affiliated with Bangor University's
Students' Union in 2022. Rung also for the North Wales
Association.

Over, Ches. (S Chad) 25 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles:
Matthew Watson 1, Pauline Taylor 2, Glyn Maddock
3, Peter Wilkinson 4, Simon Taylor (C) 5, Mervyn J
Harrison 6. 1st at first attempt: 1. Rung for Marian
Davies, who recently retired after many years as a
ringer & tower captain of Over. Also congratulations to
Matthew Watson for his appointment as the new tower
captain. £6

Stone, Staffs. (Ss Michael & Wulfad) 1 Jul, 1260
PB Doubles: Elizabeth A R Pettit 1, Ian Slater 2, Susan
M Kingman 3, Peter C Burgess (C) 4, John G Burton
5, Alison Falkonakis 6. Rung to congratulate Preb Ian
Cardinal on his retirement as Rector of St Michael & St
Wulfad Stone. 1st Q: 6. £6

Troston, Suffolk. 26 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jane
Watson 1, Deborah A J Blumfield 2, Martin J Kirk 3,
Sally E V Crouch 4, Joshua M Watkins (C) 5, Ruth
Suggett 6. 1st at first attempt: 1. £6

Woolpit, Suffolk. 1 Jul, 1320 Spl Doubles (7m):
Alex Brett-Holt 1, Joshua M Watkins 2, David Steed 3,
Lesley Steed 4, Stephen Dawson (C) 5, Juliet Griffiths
6. 1st at first attempt: 6. Rung before the first mass
of Sunday. With the band's Get Well wishes to David
Lambeth. £6

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Theale, Berks. 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (6m): Sue Sawyer 1, Wendy Campbell 2, Lesley Tucker 3, Neil Williams 4, Ian Campbell (C) 5, Graham Tucker 6. 3000th Q 2.

In Memoriam

Bath, Som. (Blessed Virgin Mary, Bathwick) 14 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Ines Laidler 1, Annette Organ 2, Thomas G A Wareing 3, Michael J Stubbs 4, Michael W Day (C) 5, Andrew Manister sc 6. Rung for Morning Service & in memory of Jean Day, mother of 5, who died on the 3rd May 2023, aged 93.

Darlington, Durham. (Holy Trinity) 28 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Jeremy Grace 1, Chris Enzor (C) 2, Jenny Jackson 3, Anthea Enzor 4, David Park 5, Beri Instone 6. 1st away from cover: 1. In loving memory of Barbara Baker-Cresswell (1937 - 2023) aunt of 6, who loved the sound of church bells. **£6**

Darlington, Durham. (Holy Trinity) 25 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Ruth Berry 1, Chris Enzor (C) 2, Carol Pratt 3, Jenny Jackson 4, Anthea Enzor 5, Gillian Bryant 6. 1st away from cover: 1. In loving memory of Brevand Louise Spraggett. **£6**

Folkingham, Lincs. 23 Jun, 1320 Caithness S Minor: Robert J Ingamells 1, Valerie S Wild 2, Joanne French 3, Ian Dawson 4, Luke Tobin 5, Anthony D Walker (C) 6. 1st in m: 4,5. Remembering the lost souls on the Titan Submersible & all those lost at sea. **£3**

Hawkey, Hants. (Ss Peter & Paul) 28 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anne E Aitken 1, Anita A Regin 2, Roger A Barber (C) 3, Stuart A Aitken 4, Francesco P Greenslade 5, John Regan 6, Matthew R T Higby 7, Ellen R Barber 8. 1st on the bells post rehang & replacement of the 4th & 7th bells. Remembering Andrew W Banks, former member of this tower. **£4**

Huntington, N Yorks. 25 Jun, 1344 Yorkshire S Major: Tina Walker 1, Emma Coles (C) 2, Peter Sanderson 3, Tina Sanderson 4, James Sanderson 5, Philippa Stokoe 6, Peter Hughes 7, Graham Bloom 8. 1st on 8 as C. LMSCR Firsts of 2023 #29. Rung in memory of Robin Lester, a former ringer at Woodchurch (Merseyside). John Hyden would like to be associated with this Q.

Llandaff, Cardiff. 25 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: David F Moore 1, Rebecca L Melen 2, Harriet G Moncrieff 3, Ellis N Thomas 4, Robert C Woodward 5, Frederick B Jackson 6, Julian C Parker (C) 7, Matthew S Turner 8, Jonathan W Lewis 9, Anthony E Davies 10. Rung for Evenson & also in memory of Dennis Perry who died 30 years ago last week. Dennis was a leading figure during the installation of the new bells in 1992/3. **£9**

Longcot, Oxon. 26 May, 1260 St Simon's Bob Triples: Cheryl A Watson 1, Joe Norton (C) 2, Lisa Ryan 3, David A J Endacott 4, Nicola Roberts 5, Daniel J Watson 6, Jonathan Wright 7, Tracey Cooper 8. Rung in loving memory of Sarah Mangham. **£8**

Newburn on Tyne, Tyne & Wear. 27 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Elizabeth Thompson 1, Sonia Thompson 2, Michael H Anderson 3, Howard E J Smith 4, Timothy J Bradbury 5, Stephen B Bell (C) 6. Rung in memory of Samela Hewlet, a ringer at Benfieldside.

Raleigh, NC. 29 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Laveita Brinson 1, Elizabeth Hartzell 2, Lindsey Hutt-Fletcher 3, Margo Acomb 4, John I Mabe (C) 5, Harry McKinney 6. Rung half-muffled immediately prior to the funeral of Suzanne Townsend Purrington, 1938-2023. **£6**

St Buryan, Corn. 25 Jun, 1320 Norwich S Minor: Debbie Spittle 1, Martin Spittle 2, Jane Hitchens 3, Sam Nankervis 4, Neil Hitchens 5, Chris Venn (C) 6. Rung in fond memory of Revd Richard Legge who supported Chris in the restoration of these bells. **£6**

Windsor, Berks. (S John Bapt) 17 Jun, 1372 Grandsire Triples: Rob Taylor-Ailes 1, Martha Hazell 2, Vikki E M Bulbeck 3, Jacqueline M Hazell 4, William J Stungo 5, Stephen R Smith II 6, James White (C) 7, Edward C Westlake 8. To celebrate the official Birthday of H. M. The King. Also remembering former Tower Captain, Frank Blagrove, on what was his Birthday.

Wymondham, Norfolk. (Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin & St Thomas a Becket) 30 Jun, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Catherine Sturgess 1, Nikki R Thomas 2, Philippa M Whittington 3, Richard A Turk 4, Hayden Charles 5, Simon A Rudd 6, Guy W Morton 7, David R Carter (C) 8, Stephen W Rabong 9, Frank W Rivett 10. Rung in memory of Caroline Corbould of St Giles, Norwich. **£10**

Beeston, Notts. (17, Coniston Road) 18 May, 1280 Kent TB Major: Christine M Langton 1-2, Michael Garle 3-4, Emily E Hall 5-6, Tom Langton (C) 7-8. Rung in memory of Gerald Norris. **£4**

Cranage, Ches. (Appledore, Goostrey Lane) 26 Jun, 1440 Minor (4m): Graeme A Littler 1-2, Nicholas Thomson 3-4, Michael C E Hodge (C) 5-6. In memory of Heather Buckley, much loved former vicar of St Luke's Goostrey, whose funeral is on 29th June. Sadly her retirement after leaving Goostrey was all too short. **£3**

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Methods named

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

Ringin' Room, UK & USA. 25 Jun, 1344 Roller S Major: Samuel M Senior (Surrey) 1-2, Susan K Fautsch (Longville, M N) 3-4, David B Wilson (Vancouver, WA) (C) 5-6, Craig M Robertson (Kidlington, Oxon) 7-8. Believed to be the first Q in m, -58-58-14-58-58-36-14-14-58-14-14-18,18, which we propose to call Roller S Major, because the bells on the opposite end of the change as the treble roll around. **£4**

Wootton Wawen, Warks. (NB Thistle) 30 Jun, 1287 Fafnir Treble Pl Minimus: Elliot J Daniel 1-2, Luke Daniel (C) 3-4. Fafnir Treble Place Minimus: 34.14-14-14-14-14.12.14.34.12.34.14-14-14-14-14-14-14.34.12.34.14.12.14-14-14-14-14-14.34.12. **£2**

Miscellaneous performances

Bromsgrove, Worcs. 25 Jun, 96 Single Court Minimus: Sharon Charles 1, Catherine Reston 2, Paul Evans (C) 3, Lyril Rawlins 4. For the Patronal Festival Service, attended by Bromsgrove Court Leet. Single Court seemed very appropriate. Rung on the 'Westminster' 6: 1,2,3,6.

Leeds, W Yorks. (Cathedral) 1 Jul, 168 PB Triples: Chris Bostock 1, Alice Blackwell 2, C Barrie Dove (C) 3, Janine H Jones 4, Brian T G Johnston 5, Cian J Tempest 6, Paul Brook 7, Anna L Larkin 8. Rung along with general ringing. Rung prior to the "Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood" of the Revd Paul Moores.

General quarters

Abbots Bromley, Staffs. (S Nicholas) 29 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: Tayeed MacPherson 1, Stuart C W Hutchieson (C) 2, Clare L S Townsend 3, Xanthe A Simmonds 4, Elizabeth Hutchieson 5, David J Crump 6, David L Towell 7, Andrew D Simmonds 8. Rung to celebrate Xanthe's 17th Birthday. This was her 17th Q.

Acton, Middx. (S Mary) 13 Jun, 1296 PB Major: Stephanie J Pattenden 1, James W Belshaw 2, Vikki E M Bulbeck 3, Stephen R Smith II 4, Adrian R Udall 5, Fiona E Clode 6, Martin D Clode 7, James White (C) 8. Immediately prior to the service for the Collation & Induction of The Revd Joseph Fernandes as Rector of the Parish of Acton.

Alderney, Channel Is. (Channel Islands Ringing Centre) 27 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Alexis Martin 1, Petra Beck 2, Helen M McGregor 3, June Banister 4, Aileen Wilson (C) 5, Peter J R Bevis 6. 1st on Treble: 1. 1st inside: 2. **£6**

Amersham, Bucks. 10 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Vikki E M Bulbeck 1, Jacqueline M Hazell 2, Edward Westlake (C) 3, Simon D Smith 4, James White (C) 5, John F Payne 6. Practice for the EBSB striking competition at Chesham later in the day. Five extents called by the ringer of the fifth; five extents & a sixty called by the ringer of the third.

Ardingly, W Sussex. 27 Jun, 1296 London S Minor: Kate Flavell 1, Shirley McGill 2, Fraser A Storie 3, David Kirkcaldy 4, Paul Flavell (C) 5, Neil Jones 6. 1st in m: 3. **£6**

Arnold, Notts. 24 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Sue Baxter 1, Robin E H Woolley 2, Jana Pavova 3, Tom Langton (C) 4, Chris Glenton 5, Alex Foster 6. **£6**

Ashtead, Surrey. 28 Jun, 1260 Middlesex Bob Triples: Sarah Huck 1, Linda A Armitage 2, Jenny Heyworth 3, Mike Todd 4, Martin C Faulkes 5, K Roger Tompsett 6, Richard M Trueman (C) 7, Peter Huck 8. Birthday wishes to Rosemary Henderson who would otherwise have been ringing but was quite rightly celebrating with her nearest & dearest. 1st in m: 3,5. **£8**

Awbridge, Hants. 30 Jun, 1280 Yorkshire S Royal: Martin V Crick 1, William T Perrins 2, Stephen N Hough 3, Mary-Kate Wells 4, Andrew J Nicol 5, James A Hodkin 6, Matthew L Dancy 7, Colin J Butler 8, John A Dodd 9, Daniel Graham (C) 10. **£5**

Awbridge, Hants. 30 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Andrew J Nicol 1, John A Dodd 2, Daniel Graham 3, Colin J Butler 4, Martin V Crick 5, Stephen N Hough 6, William T Perrins (C) 7, Mary-Kate Wells 8, Matthew L Dancy 9, James A Hodkin 10. **£5**

Basinstoke, Hants. (S Michael) 25 Jun, 1301 Grandsire Triples: Betty Rice 1, Greg Jordan (C) 2, Claire Allen 3, Jon Soar 4, Steve Lutener 5, Lynne Jordan 6, Pete Jordan 7, Mike Rice 8. Rung as an engagement compliment to Tansley Jordan & Amanda Bourne. **£8**

Bath, Som. (Blessed Virgin Mary, Bathwick) 25 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Hayden R Musham 1, Clare Beech 2, Helen Udall 3, William M Beech 4, Andrew Beech 5, Thomas G A Wareing 6, Michael W Day (C) 7, William Lay 8. Rung for Morning Service. 250th together: 2,5.

Bath, Som. (Blessed Virgin Mary, Bathwick) 27 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Sarah J Quintin 1, Nicholas C Field 2, Josh D P Jones 3, Sophie Sikorsky 4, William Willans 5, David R Ware 6, Jody A Wood 7, Matthew J Butler 8, Michael J Stubbs (C) 9, Patrick C Bridges 10. Rung as a 60th Birthday compliment to Sonia Field.

Biggleswade, Beds. 30 Jun, 1287 Stedman Caters: Christine A Williams 1, John P Loveless 2, Helen J Manktelow 3, Charlotte M Smith 4, James R B Saunders 5, Anthony H Smith 6, David Kemp (C) 7, Clive J Dunbavin 8, Patrick J S Albon 9, Linda M Garton 10. 1st Stedman Caters: 1.

Bramcote, Notts. 11 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Richard J Doar 1, Anne Sladen 2, Richard J E Black 3, Chris Glenton 4, Richard V Portwood 5, Tom Langton (C) 6. 1st Minor inside: 5. **£6**

Brastrington, Derbys. 29 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Pam Stone 1, Frances E Haynes 2, Hugo Lane 3, Olav Bradstock 4, Elizabeth M Exley Nowill 5, Roy A Meads (C) 6. 1st TB: 1. **£5**

Brastrington, Derbys. 30 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Elizabeth M Exley Nowill 1, Olav Bradstock 2, Pam Stone 3, Frances E Haynes 4, Hugo Lane 5, Roy A Meads (C) 6.

Bretforton, Worcs. 20 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Nick Allsopp 1, Jane Gilbert 2, Rosemary J Humphrey 3, Richard Lewis-Skeath 4, David M Jones 5, Rachel D Page 6, Roger Hunt (C) 7, Rob Newman 8. A compliment to Spencer Mitchell, retiring Churchwarden, PCC Treasurer & former Treasurer of Bretforton Silver Band as he celebrated his 80th Birthday today.

Bromyard, Herefs. 25 Jun, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: Clare Bellis 1, Sue Robinson 2, Alan Bagworth 3, Karen Parker 4, Keith Tompsett 5, William N Evans 6, David Parker (C) 7, Anthony Ellis 8. **£8**

Broomfield, Kent. (S Margaret) 23 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Paul Evans 1, Kate Bispham 2, Claire Stay 3, Tim Ford 4, Richard Bushell 5, Adam Moore (C) 6. **£3**

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. 1 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Brian E Whiting 1, Joan Garrett 2, Mark Ingledew 3, Jed Flatters 4, Jenny Croft 5, James S Croft 6, Timothy P Hart (C) 7, Max L D Drinkwater 8, Julian Colman 9, Rowan P Wilson 10. For the ordination services at the Cathedral 1st July 2023. **£10**

Cambridge. (University Church of St Mary the Great) 18 Jun, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Patrick L H Brooke (C) 1, Alison L Brooke 2, Christine C L Seaman 3, Greg P H Chu 4, Jadd Virji 5, Frank H King 6, Catriona C Agg 7, David C W Richards 8, Stephen C Wood 9, Christopher N McCarthy 10, John R Peverett 11, Jonathan A Agg 12. 70th Birthday compliment to Philip Hensman. 1st Bristol Maximus: 8. **£12**

Canterbury, Kent. (S Stephen, Hackington) 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m/p): Leonard A Huckstep 1, Amanda L Hills 2, Jane E Huxley (C) 3, Cathryn M Hills 4, Paul N Davis 5, Andrew C Brett 6. Prior to Sung Eucharist.

Castor, Cambs. 25 Jun, 1260 St Peter Doubles: Deborah Bray 1, Jon Ardron 2, David Banks (C) 3, Stuart Weston 4, Andrew Christie 5, Julian Burton 6. Rung following the ordination of Shilo Varughese at Peterborough Cathedral. Shilo is the curate at Castor with Upton, Stibbington, Water Newton, Marholm & Sutton. St Peter is the Patron Saint of Ordinands & this was the first in this variation by the band. **£6**

Caterham Valley, Surrey. 25 Jun, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Simon Beirne 1, Susan Gibbin 2, Alison McCormick 3, Milica Reardon 4, Diane Reynolds 5, David Wallis 6, Noel Gibbin (C) 7, Ian Mills 8. 1st in m on tower bells: 4. To celebrate 50 years of ringing (again!) for 7. **£8**

Caxton, Cambs. 21 Jun, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Rebecca Glazier 1, Sally Mew 2, Marina Warner 3, Roger Beaman 4, Janet Garnett 5, Tom Ridgman (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the Birthday today of HRH William Prince of Wales, Duke of Cambridge. **£3**

Caxton, Cambs. 21 Jun, 1320 Bourne S Minor: Rebecca Glazier 1, Marina Warner 2, Sally Mew 3, Tom Ridgman 4, Janet Garnett (C) 5, Roger Beaman 6. Dedicated to Clare Loxley & Angus Hodge of Padworth, Berkshire who are getting married on Friday 23rd June. With best wishes from the band. **£3**

Charlton Kings, Glos. 21 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Hilda C Ridley 1, Cara A L Capewell 2, Stuart Tomlinson 3, Mike Hartley 4, Cath Jack 5, Richard Knight 6, Mark B Davies (C) 7, Simon J Ridley 8. **£4**

Cheltenham, Glos. (Minster Church of St Mary) 19 Nov, 1280 Yorkshire S Royal: Chris Hickey 1, Reg Hitchings 2, Di Sheppard 3, Clive Sheppard 4, Cara A L Capewell 5, Harry Stephenson 6, Pat Hickey 7, Mike Hartley 8, Mike Seagrave 9, Mark B Davies (C) 10. **£5**

Cheltenham, Glos. (Minster Church of St Mary) 22 Nov, 1360 London No 3 S Royal: Reg Hitchings 1, Mark B Davies (C) 2, Sandra Y Alford 3, Clive Sheppard 4, Cara A L Capewell 5, Jeremy D Alford 6, Di Sheppard 7, Mike Hartley 8, Andrew V Brown 9, Craig P Homewood 10. **£5**

Cheltenham, Glos. (Minster Church of St Mary) 15 Apr, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Andra Knight 1, Cath Jack 2, Cara Capewell 3, Hannah Guggiari 4, Clive Sheppard 5, Di Sheppard 6, Mark B Davies (C) 7, Stuart Tomlinson 8, Richard Knight 9, Mike Hartley 10. With thanks to the treble ringer for curtailing her shopping trip to help us ring ten! **£5**

Cheltenham, Glos. (Minster Church of St Mary) 18 Apr, 1344 Spl S Major (4m): Sandra Y Alford 1, Cara A L Capewell 2, Cath Jack 3, Jeremy D Alford 4, Reg Hitchings 5, Mike Hartley 6, Mike Seagrave 7, Mark B Davies (C) 8. **£4**

Cheltenham, Glos. (Minster Church of St Mary) 20 May, 1280 Yorkshire S Royal: Isabel Hitchings 1, Cara A L Capewell 2, Clive Sheppard 3, Liz Coke 4, Reg Hitchings 5, Hannah Guggiari 6, Di Sheppard 7, Mike Hartley 8, Richard Knight 9, Mark B Davies (C) 10. **£5**

Church Lawford, Warks. (The Plantagenet Ring) 29 Jun, 1272 Carlisle S Minor: Peter Fleckney 1, Michael J Dew 2, Jane Rogers 3, Simon Rogers 4, Keith Chambers 5, Raymond Sheasby (C) 6. 1st in m: 3. 10th Wedding Anniversary Compliment to Ellen & Chris Crabtree. **£3**

City of London. (S Andrew Holborn) 1 Jul, 1272 Stedman Triples: Lucinda J Woodward (C) 1, Stephen J F Mitchell 2, Michael J Palmer 3, Murray-Luke Peard 4, Mary E Gow 5, Timothy R Palmer 6, David I Bassford 7, James White 8. Prior to the Ordination of Deacons. **£3**

Cleobury Mortimer, Shrops. 1 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Alison Price 1, Chris Kippin 2, Stella C Smith 3, Esther Lupton 4, Rosie Marshall 5, Edward C W Lupton (C) 6. For Sarah Lupton, to be Ordained Deacon in Hereford Cathedral. **£6**

Croome D'Abitot, Worcs. 25 Jun, 1320 Kent TB Minor: Andrew D Evans (C) 1, Di Sheppard 2, Sarah Haynes 3, Clive Sheppard 4, Martyn J Hills 5, Paul R Smith 6. To entertain the visitors to Croome Park. **£6**

Dalwood, Devon. 30 Jun, 1260 Spl Minor (2m): Ian Rees 1, Patricia Slade 2, Peter Simpson 3, Jonathan Godfrey 4, Jonathan G Rose 5, Tim Bayton (C) 6. **£6**

Danbury, Essex. 27 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Ann F Roder 1, Hazel Steed 2, Bernard Arcscott 3, John Steed (C) 4, James Laken 5, David M Hengell 6. Rung in place of the SE District Advance Practice as we were the only ones to show up. **£6**

Danehill, E Sussex. 27 Jun, 1320 Rossendale S Minor: Ian Oram 1, Shirley McGill 2, Paul Flavell (C) 3, Fraser A Storie 4, David Kirkcaldy 5, Neil Jones 6. 1st in m: 4. **£6**

Dowlish Wake, Som. 28 Jun, 1250 Pudsey S Major: David P Hammonds 1, Margaret J Bignell 2, Patricia Tucker 3, Lawrence C Bignell 4, Cathy Civill 5, A C John Davis 6, Patrick C Tucker 7, Penelope I Hooper (C) 8. 1st in m as C. **£8**

Durleigh, Som. 25 Jun, 1260 Edge Hill Bob Minor: Valerie Stone 1, Mervyn A Arcscott 2, Michael T Howes 3, Paul D Forbes-Harper 4, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 5, Lindsey Reynolds 6. Rung prior to Holy Communion Service. Congratulations to our Curate, Revd Dean Whitaker, who was ordained as a Priest by Bishop Ruth at Taunton Minster yesterday, 24th June. **£6**

Durweston, Dorset. 18 Jun, 1320 Bourne S Minor: Ann Corry 1, Susan M Bosworth 2, Richard W Ellis 3, Malcolm H Corry 4, Philip M Watson 5, Philip A L Rioch (C) 6. Rung for Evensong. Also wishing the editor of the RW an early happy Birthday. **£6**

Earl Shilton, Leics. 30 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (8m): Alison J Molyneux 1, Alison M Godfrey 2, P Mary Cheesewright 3, Martyn J Marriott 4, Colin Lord 5, Robert P Watson 6, Michael F Davidson 7, R Philip Graves (C) 8. C's Birthday treat. **£6**

Eastham, Wirral. (S Mary the Blessed Virgin) 28 Jun, 1320 Kent TB Minor: Sharon E Lyons 1, Valerie M Beecroft 2, Lenard J Mitchell 3, S David Speechley 4, Michael J Allen 5, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 6. 1st TB: 1. **£4.50**

Edenbridge, Kent. 26 Jun, 1312 Rutland S Major: Ian Oram 1, Ann Jenner 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Margaret Oram 4, Anthony Leevies 5, Ray Taylor 6, David Smith 7, Stanley Jenner (C) 8. **£8**

Ely, Cambs. 24 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Alexandre Kabla 1, Tim Thompson 2, Alison C Evans 3, John E Mitchell 4, Roy Mould (C) 5, Andrew White 6. Rung to mark a visit to Ely Cathedral by The Most Revd & Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York to preach at the St Etheldreda 1350 Celebratory Eucharist. 80th Birthday compliment to Ely ringer Clive Monk, who umpired the performance. 1st in m: 1. 150th Q: 3. **£6**

Evershot, Dorset. 16 May, 1260 Doubles (11m): Viv Swatridge 1, R Nicholas Lawrence 2, Roger V Smith 3, Andy Waring 4, Gareth R Evans (C) 5. **£2**

Evershot, Dorset. 13 Jun, 1260 Doubles (11m): Sylvia Fowler 1, Roger V Smith 2, R Nicholas Lawrence 3, Christopher J Kingdon 4, Gareth R Evans (C) 5. Wishing Nick godspeed on his forthcoming European tour. **£2**

Farnborough, Kent. (S Giles) 14 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E Lesley Barclay 1, Judith Bagshaw 2, J Richard Anthony 3, Catherine M Lewis 4, Linda S Georgiades 5, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 6, Martin B Sutcliffe 7, Bill Lanyon 8. **£6**

Farnborough, Kent. (S Giles) 28 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Catherine M Lewis 1, Ann M Saunders 2, Judith Bagshaw 3, Debra Say 4, Bridget Campbell 5, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 6, Anne M Anthony 7, J Richard Anthony 8. **£6**

Farnborough, Kent. (S Giles) 14 Mar, 1344 Superlative S Major: Nicholas Wilkins (C) 1, Catherine M Lewis 2, Martin B Sutcliffe 3, Lesley Barclay 4, J Richard Anthony 5, Ann Saunders 6, Anne M Anthony 7, Caleb Saunders 8. **£6**

Farnborough, Kent. (S Giles) 21 Mar, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Nicholas Wilkins (C) 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Kath White 3, Ann Saunders 4, Bridget Campbell 5, Caleb Saunders 6, J Richard Anthony 7, Martin B Sutcliffe 8. **£6**

Farnborough, Kent. (S Giles) 2 May, 1250 Pudsey S Major: Terence V Barnard 1, Ann M Saunders 2, Janice A Byrne 3, Jacqueline M Barlow 4, Lesley Barclay 5, Martin B Sutcliffe 6, J Richard Anthony 7, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 8. **£6**

Farnborough, Kent. (S Giles) 16 May, 1280 Rutland S Major: Anne M Anthony 1, Lesley Barclay 2, J Richard Anthony 3, Jacqueline M Barlow 4, Caleb Saunders 5, Kath White 6, Janice Byrne 7, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 8. **£6**

Farnborough, Kent. (S Giles) 30 May, 1260 PB Triples: Oscar Brooks-Wilkins 1, J Richard Anthony 2, Catherine M Lewis 3, Jacqueline M Barlow 4, Debra Say 5, Anne M Anthony 6, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 7, Graham Long 8. 1st on 8: 1. **£6**

Fryerning, Essex. 21 Jun, 1260 Minor (2m): Ruth Jakeman 1, Janet Betham 2, Janet Drake 3, Guy Wells 4, Tom Britten 5, Stephen Jakeman (C) 6. Birthday compliment to C. **£6**

Furneux Pelham, Herts. 24 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Patricia Cresshull 1, Anne Brolly 2, Mary Friskney 3, Robert Friskney 4, Nick Hughes 5, Ian Cresshull (C) 6. To celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Edward & Hilary Davidson on 19th May. Nick Hughes (5) probably rang for their wedding at Hatfield in 1973. **£6**

Glasgow, Glasgow. 25 Jun, 1320 PB Minor: Margaret Williams 1, Angela H Deakin 2, Terry G Williams 3, Iain L Milne 4, Peter G Kirton 5, Jonathan S Frye (C) 6. **£6**

Grappenhall, Ches. 25 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Alison K C Collins 1, Michael Thomson 2, Nicholas Thomson 3, Linda M Thomson 4, Alastair E Roberts 5, Graeme A Littler (C) 6. For the Celtic Communion service, on the front six. **£6**

Guildford, Surrey. (Cathedral) 25 Jun, 1344 Avon D Maximus: Beryl R Norris 1, Anne M Anthony 2, Elizabeth A Burton 3, Mike Pidd 4, Caroline A Prescott 5, Michael Bryant 6, David Agg 7, Anthony P Matthews 8, David R Beadman (C) 9, Matthew E Beadman 10, Phillip P Ridley 11, Richard H Burton 12. For Evensong. **£6**

Hackney, London. 19 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Samuel Lubega 1, Lucien Laphorn 2, Guy Wells 3, Colin Cherrett 4, Stephen Jakeman (C) 5, Steve Johnson 6. 1st away from cover: 1. Most methods: 2. Rung for the Stepney Area Admission of Churchwardens Service. **£6**

Hailsham, E Sussex. 25 Jun, 1296 Maplin Bob Minor: Sandra M Titherly 1, Hilary F Smith 2, Louise G Pink 3, Pauline M Kennard 4, Stephen J Beckingham 5, Alan D Pink (C) 6. Wedding compliment to Jamie Lein & Kurt Cranna Smith, Louise's grandson, married today in Auckland, New Zealand. 1st in m for all. For Evensong. **£4.50**

Hartington, Derbys. 21 Jun, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Mervyn J Harrison 1, Josie Martin 2, Kathleen M Matheson 3, Ross J Finbow 4, Nicola J Galton 5, Simon Christian 6, Duncan M Matheson 7, Peter Neil (C) 8. A MWC Q. **£8**

Havant, Hants. 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Anne Tautz 1, Bill Harris 2, Gillian Harris 3, Andrew Ramsay 4, Graham E Brown (C) 5, Sam Sweatman 6. Rung for the Church coffee morning. **£6**

High Erroll, Shrops. 23 Jun, 1272 Carlisle S Minor: Peter Neil 1, Cordelia Warr 2, Nicola J Galton 3, Anthony J Freemont 4, Christopher W Hoare 5, Nicholas J Green (C) 6. **£5.75**

High Wycombe, Bucks. 25 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Patricia Newton 1, Sheila Bruce 2, Verity Nicholls 3, James Vockins 4, Ann Davies 5, George Whiteside 6, Robert Newton (C) 7, Peter Blower 8. Rung as a Wedding complement to Adam Blower & Ellie Tuite Dalton. Married Saturday 17th June 2023 at Tregulland, St Clether, Cornwall. **£8**

Hilton, Cambs. (S Mary Magd) 23 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Jack Cooper 1, Marion Robinson 2, Sally Mew 3, Marina Warner 4, Janet Garnett (C) 5, Roderick Johnstone 6. 1st TB: 1. **£3**

Holborn, London. (S Giles in the Fields) 22 Jun, 1250 Nailstone S Major: Martin B Sutcliffe 1, Anne M Anthony 2, J Richard Anthony 3, Keith Waples 4, Caleb Saunders 5, Peter Payne 6, Joseph Dillon 7, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 8. **£4**

Hornchurch, Essex. 25 Jun, 1296 Little Bob Major: Anthony J Bloomfield 1, Julie A Bloomfield 2, Helen J Carter 3, John M Church 4, Matthew E Rayner 5, Simon M Barnes 6, Jonathan R Slack 7, Clive J Stephenson (C) 8. Rung to celebrate the baptism of Cassie Ricki Rennie earlier this day. **£4**

Huntley, Glos. 28 Jun, 1260 Doubles and Minor (2m): Rachel Hayward 1, Jack Long 2, Melanie Gibson 3, Mary Fear 4, John Simms 5, John Gibson (C) 6. To celebrate the marriage of Lucas & Zoe Reade. **£3**

Knaresborough, N Yorks. 25 Jun, 1260 St John The Baptist Bob Triples: Penelope J Thorley 1, A Deborah M Thorley 2, Jeni Dodds 3, Rosamund Moss 4, John S Leech (C) 5, Alan G Futers 6, Angus Dodds 7, Geoff Ward 8. After Evensong for the Patronal Festival of St John the Baptist. 1st in m for all. **£8**

Knowle, W Mids. (S John Bapt, St Lawrence, & St Anne) 25 Jun, 1260 St Martin's Bob Doubles: Lucy Gwynne 1, Gill Postill 2, Jane Aykroyd 3, Rowena Shipley 4, Stephen Shipley (C) 5, Neil Mackay 6. For the evening service. 1st in m: 2,3,4. Birthday compliment to 2. **£3**

Leadenham, Lincs. 1 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Christopher C P Woodcock (C) 1, Keith C Butter 2, Claire Holbrook 3, Bill Holbrook 4, Paul Sharp 5, Graham Colborne 6. Rung during the Leadenham Polo Club Summer Tournament - enjoyed by players, spectators, umpires, commentators & the local inhabitants alike - on these bells sadly rarely rung at present. **£3**

Leckhampton, Glos. 25 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Bob Peters 1, Barbara Pettit 2, Chris Hickey 3, Jacqui Hyde 4, Pat Hickey 5, Stuart Tomlinson (C) 6. 500th as C on these bells. 100th Q this year: 6. **£3**

Leeds, W Yorks. (Minster Church of St Peter) 8 Jun, 1320 Stedman Doubles: Graham Bloom (C) 1, Penelope J Thorley 2, Simon Kemp 3, Edward G L Brightman 4, Paul D Bennett 5, Wendy Bloom 6. 1st Stedman Doubles as C. LMSCR first #27. **£3**

Llandegai, Gwynedd. 1 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Liam S Barnes 1, Sian Shakespear 2, Martin J Brown 3, Leah Jefferis 4, David R Raggett 5, Harvey O Plows (C) 6.

Llandegai, Gwynedd. 11 Jun, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Pl Doubles: Sian Shakespear 1, Antony P Diserens 2, Leah Jefferis 3, Zoe M Seymour 4, Harvey O Plows (C) 5. Birthday compliments to Esme Anstice, a ringer at this tower & Blossom Plows. Rung prior to Llandegai's Sunday Morning service.

Long Eaton, Derbys. 17 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Christine M Langton 1, Michael J Semken 2, Lizzy Gardiner 3, Ian G Vincent 4, Jamie Semken 5, Tim Peverett (C) 6. Rung shortly before the Long Eaton Community Carnival parade passed the church. **£6**

Longcot, Oxon. 2 Jun, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Joe Norton 1, Elizabeth Mullett 2, Cheryl Watson 3, Daniel J Watson 4, Lindsay Powell 5, David Endacott 6, Jonathan Wright 7, Tony Crabtree (C) 8. 1st Lincolnshire: 7. **£8**

Longcot, Oxon. 9 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Lisa Ryan 1, Tracey Cooper 2, Joe Norton 3, David A J Endacott 4, Lindsay Powell 5, Daniel J Watson 6, Tony Crabtree (C) 7, Cheryl A Watson 8. 1st Grandsire Triples: 2. **£8**

Market Deeping, Lincs. 18 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Dawn Richie 1, Jonathan Clegg 2, Nick Faux 3, Ray Ballard 4, Luke Tobin 5, Barry Jones (C) 6. Rung for Evening Prayer. **£3**

Midhurst, W Sussex. 27 Jun, 1296 Norwich S Minor: Graham A Cane 1, Luca G Greenslade 2, Harry E Cane 3, Stuart A Aitken 4, Ewan Grant-Richardson 5, Francesco P Greenslade (C) 6. Rung celebrating the completion of the C's final GCSE exams. **£1**

Morecambe, Lancs. 28 Jun, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Alex A J Gardner 1, D Robert Pettifor 2, Sheila D Bloomfield 3, Cate Gardner 4, Michael T Childs 5, Matthew W Goodship 6, Nigel J Goodship 7, Robin A Daw (C) 8. Rung for the Archdeacon's Annual Deanery Visitation service for the Lancaster & Morecambe & Tunstall Deaneries, led by The Ven David Picken. 1st blows in m: 3. **£8**

Morville, Shrops. 29 Jun, 1344 Spl S Major (4m): Sue Robinson 1, Clive Sheppard 2, Stella C Smith 3, Stephen W Horton 4, Di Sheppard 5, Paul J Wells 6, Stephen G Askew 7, Edward C W Lupton (C) 8. For Sarah Lupton, who is to be Ordained Deacon at Hereford Cathedral on Saturday 1st July. **£8**

Much Hadham, Herts. 28 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Sarah Coogan 1, Patricia J Cresshull 2, Mary Bone (C) 3, Nicholas D Hughes 4, Fred Bone 5, Ian Cresshull 6. 1st TB: 1. With the best wishes of the band to Liz Griffith-Jones of Henham. **£6**

Northallerton, N Yorks. 1 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Pauline Fox 1, James P Town 2, Dot Salmon 3, David Town 4, Gordon Di Domenico 5, Alexander D Town 6, Jennie Town (C) 7, Ian M Staves 8, Harry Z Helyer 9, Keith Small 10. Rung by the local band in celebration of the ordination in York Minster this day of Julia Staves (wife of 8 & Curate at St Thomas, Brompton) & Donnetta Thomas (Children & Families Minister at All Saints, Northallerton). **£10**

Norton, Glos. (S Mary) 31 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rebecca Meyer 1, Cara A L Capewell 2, Liz Coke 3, Mike Hartley 4, Cath Jack 5, Richard Knight 6, Mark B Davies (C) 7, Simon Ridley 8. **£4**

Norwich, Norfolk. (The Mancroft Ringing Discovery Centre) 26 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Jacob A Turk 1, Nikki R Thomas 2, Morwenna Johns 3, David R Carter 4, Richard A Turk (C) 5, Richard W Johns 6. Rung to celebrate the 85th Birthday of Alan Spreadbury tomorrow. **£6**

Old Marston, Oxon. 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (32m/v): Kathy Xu 1, Ailsa Reid (C) 2, Maarit Kivilo (C) 3, Benjamin Poole (C) 4, Hugh Deam (C) 5, Judith Kirby 6. Rung before Morning Service. **£6**

Orlringbury, Northants. 1 Jul, 1300 PB Doubles: Catherine E Hemmington 1, Thomas Coulter-Brophy 2, Edward C Buckley 3, Nigel E Buckley 4, Timothy F W Samson (C) 5, Mike J Brown 6. Rung during Orlringbury Open Gardens. 1st Doubles: 4. 1st for 14 years: 1. **£6**

Oswestry, Shrops. 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (1p/4m): Brian J Rothera 1, Nicola J Galton 2, Cordelia Warr (C) 3, Peter Neil 4, Anthony J Freemont 5, Richard Major 6. Celebrating Yin-An (Ian) Chen's priesting yesterday & first celebration today. On the back 6 after the service. **£6**

Oxford. (Magdalen College) 24 Jun, 1296 Grandsire Caters: Michele Winter 1, Joanna E Cresshull 2, Stephen M Jones 3, Craig M Robertson 4, David C Ockwell 5, Janet E Archibald 6, David K Barrington 7, Alan M Eyles 8, Simon A Bond (C) 9, Jonathan Cresshull 10. Circled the tower: 10. To open the Magdalen Commemoration Ball.

Pershore, Worcs. (S Andrew's Centre) 26 Jun, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Paul R Smith 1, Stephen J Bedford 2, Hilda C Ridley 3, Rosie Marshall 4, Mike Seagrave 5, Mark A Wilson 6, Paul J Marshall 7, Andrew D Evans (C) 8. 200th together: 2,3. **£4**

Pershore, Worcs. (S Andrew's Centre) 30 Jun, 1280 Nine Elms S Major: David M Jones 1, Claire Redstone 2, Rachel D Page 3, Mike Seagrave 4, Hilda Ridley 5, Paul Evans 6, Andrew D Evans 7, Roy Williams (C) 8. **£4**

Phillack, Corn. 26 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (10m): Jane Hitchens 1, Neil Hitchens 2, Carolyn Howell 3, Jo Wenborne 4, Andrew G Smith 5, Kathryn Arkless 6, Toby Arkless 7, Sam Nankervis (C) 8. **£8**

Poplar, London. (All Saints) 1 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Piers Myers 1, Fraser A Storie 2, Bogumila Myers 3, M Louise Booth 4, Colin Friend 5, Elliot J Hughes (C) 6. Rung before the London Docklands Singers with Marcel Chamber Ensemble performance of Beatles, Bee Gees & Bach. 100th Q: 6. 10th Q as C. **£6**

Portmadog, Gwynedd. 25 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Sian Shakespear 1, Nigel Thomas 2, Harvey O Plows 3, Stuart Holroyd 4, Zoe M Seymour 5, Peter L Furniss (C) 6, Alastair Minton 7. Rung immediately following the last service to be held in this church. **£7**

Rhyl, Denbighshire. 13 Jun, 1260 St Martin's Bob Triples: Zoe M Seymour 1, Fiona S Cooper 2, Martin J Brown 3, Leah Jefferis 4, David R Raggett 5, Ian Wiltshire 6, Harvey O Plows (C) 7, Liam S Barnes 8. Rung on the 120th anniversary of the first general meeting of the North Wales Association. Held at this church, on this day, in 1903.

Saintbury, Glos. 29 Jun, 1296 Little Bob Major: Isabel Hitchings 1, Reg Hitchings 2, Barbara Pettit 3, Lorna Curtis 4, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 5, Roderick Bickerton 6, Sara Jones 7, Richard E White (C) 8. Wishing Neil Merryweather-Clarke a very happy 60th Birthday. **£8**

Seavington St Mary, Som. 28 Jun, 1272 Kingsbury Episcopi S Minor: Martyn R Cave 1, Cathy Civil 2, Penelope I Hooper 3, Patricia Tucker 4, David P Hammonds 5, Patrick C Tucker (C) 6. 1st in m for all. **£3**

Shipley, W Sussex. (S Mary V) 25 Jun, 1260 Plain Minor (2m): Jocelyn Mountain 1, Vanessa V Mitchell 2, Simon S Meyer (C) 3, Susan P Meyer 4, Terry J Madigan 5, Zach J A Johnston 6. **£6**

Shottesbrooke, Berks. 22 Jun, 1440 Minor (2m): Martha C Hazell 1, Jacqueline M Hazell 2, Simon D Smith 3, Vikki E M Bulbeck 4, William J Stungo 5, James White (C) 6. **£6**

South Weald, Essex. 3 Jun, 1376 PB Major: William M Beech 1, Clare Beech 2, Emily Brooks 3, Alec Humphrey (C) 4, Julia Taylor 5, Andrew Beech 6, Samuel Beech 7, Nigel Taylor 8. 1st Major: 3. **£4**

St Mary Bourne, Hants. 27 Jun, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): David A Holmes 1, Ken Waller (C) 2, Carol Waller 3, Adrian P Lewis 4, Christine Holmes 5, Alan Stevens 6. Compliment to Ben & Jo Waller on the birth of their daughter Madeline. **£6**

Stamford Baron, Lincs. 27 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Alex Heaton 1, Caroline Mould 2, Diane Faux 3, Helena Thorpe 4, Nick Faux 5, James Thorpe (C) 6. 1st Minor: 2. **£6**

Stisted, Essex. 24 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Cresshull 1, Peter Chapman 2, Vicki Elliott 3, Roy Threadgold 4, John G J Elliott (C) 5, Ian Cresshull 6. With best wishes to Terry & Wendy Earle from the band. **£6**

Stockton Heath, Ches. 1 Jul, 1296 PB Caters: Sarah L Downes 1, Graeme A Littler 2, John F Murfin 3, Peter Wilkinson 4, Linda M Thomson 5, Ealish M Green 6, Ian M Ward 7, Simon Taylor 8, Nicholas Thomson (C) 9, John J Donnelly 10. Rung following the Ordination of Deacons service, taken by the Bishop of Birkenhead; the ordinands included Ruth Gray, of Stockton Heath & Kate Pwaisiho, of Grappenhall. **£10**

Stonebroom, Derbys. (The Campanile) 30 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Simon J Westman 1, Anne E Westman 2, Gillian E Hughes 3, Alec Humphrey 4, John R Booth 5, Neil A Westman (C) 6. Formerly the Belper Campanile bells. 1st Q on these bells in their new home. **£3**

Tewkesbury, Glos. (Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin) 25 Jun, 1280 Immingham S Major: David Butler 1, Sheila Taylor 2, Sandra Alford 3, Hilda Ridley 4, Mike Seagrave 5, Greg Jones 6, Philip Taylor 7, Malcolm Taylor (C) 8. **£8**

Twickenham, Middx. (All Hallows) 19 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Paul Newton 1, Thomas Ashwin-Siejkowski 2, Vikki E M Bulbeck 3, Michael Leese 4, Stephen Mitchell (C) 5, James White 6. On the back six. 1st Minor: 1.

Upton Magna, Shrops. 22 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: E Anne Hone 1, Elizabeth S Menhinick 2, Andy Wilson 3, Ken Davis 4, Gareth B R Jones 5, Nicholas J Green (C) 6. **£4.50**

Washington, DC. (Cathedral) 25 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: Quilla Roth 1, Cecily W Rock 2, Meredith A Morris 3, Nicholas J S Hartley 4, Beth Sinclair 5, B Haley Barnett (C) 6, Alexander T Taft III 7, Georgina Barratt 8. For Sunday Service. **£8**

Wellington, New Zealand. (The John David Ring) 25 Jun, 1260 Buxton Bob Minor: Philippa Bowron 1, Ruth Lightbourne 2, Janet Grocott 3, Andrew Dicks 4, Derek Williams 5, Christopher Jarman (C) 6. **£2**

Wellington, New Zealand. (The John David Ring) 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (1p,3m): Philippa Bowron 1, Colin Saxelby 2, Janet Grocott 3, Derek Williams 4, Christopher Jarman (C) 5. **£2**

Wetherby, W Yorks. 30 Jun, 1260 St Martin's Bob Triples: Jane Boyd 1, Penelope J Thorley 2, A Deborah M Thorley 3, Anne Deebank 4, John S Leech (C) 5, Martin R Hall 6, Teresa M Jones 7, Alan Boyd 8. To celebrate the engagement of Iona Boyle (daughter of 2) & Mike Roberts. **£8**

Wethersfield, Essex. 25 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Roy Threadgold (C) 1, Angus Threadgold 2, Sarah Holland 3, Cherry Threadgold 4, Alfie Holland 5, Nick Holland 6. 1st inside (aged 11): 2. **£6**

Wimborne Minster, Dorset. 25 Jun, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Rosemary Duke 1, Graham Duke 2, Pip Dillistone 3, Flick Warwick 4, Bill Perrins 5, Mariko Whyte 6, Philip Rioch 7, Max Knight 8, David Warwick 9, Adam Kilgour 10, Nigel Woodruff 11, Harry Blamire (C) 12. For Evensong. **£12**

Windsor, Berks. (Curfew Tower, HM Free Chapel of St George, Windsor Castle) 19 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: James Belshaw 1, Vikki E M Bulbeck 2, Susan Meyer 3, James White 4, Edward Westlake 5, Stephen Smith II 6, Simon Meyer (C) 7, John Payne 8. Following the service for the Order of the Garter.

Windsor, Berks. (Curfew Tower, HM Free Chapel of St George, Windsor Castle) 21 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: James White 1, Edward C Westlake 2, Vikki E M Bulbeck 3, Paul J R Daybell 4, Vernon B Bedford 5, Tim R Palmer 6, William J Stungo (C) 7, John F Payne 8. To celebrate the 41st anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. The Prince of Wales.

Wolverton, Hants. (S Catherine) 27 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Claire Allen 1, Greg Jordan 2, Betty Rice 3, Steve Lutere 4, Pete Jordan (C) 5, Mike Rice 6. **£6**

Worcester. (Cathedral) 25 Jun, 1263 Stedman Cinques: Chris Kippin (C) 1, Robin Walker 2, James Mort 3, Charlie Linford 4, David Bagley 5, Mark Wilson 6, Gideon White 7, Eleanor Linford 8, Euan Thomas 9, Ashley Fortey 10, Darran Ricks 11, Chris Pickford 12. For City Civic Service & also for Yasaman Gomari, baptised this morning in the Cathedral & summoned to faith by the bells. **£12**

Beeston, Notts. (17, Coniston Road) 8 Jun, 1264 St Clement's CB Major: Christine M Langton 1-2, Roger J Lawson 3-4, Michael J Garle 5-6, Tom Langton (C) 7-8. **£4**

Beeston, Notts. (41, Haddon Crescent) 22 Jun, 1320 Minor (2m): Evie Newton 1-2, Christian J Brown 3-4, Tom Langton (C) 5-6. **£3**

Darlington, Co Durham. (The Granary, 3 High Carlbury) 27 Jun, 1272 Kent TB Minor: Anthea Enzor 1-2, Chris Enzor (C) 3-4, Jack Hanlon 5-6. 1st Kent in hand: 5-6. **£3**

Darlington, Co Durham. (The Granary, 3 High Carlbury) 28 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Fiona Cooper 1-2, Chris Enzor (C) 3-4, Anthea Enzor 5-6. 1st in hand: 1-2. **£3**

Glasgow. (1 Albany Quadrant) 26 Jun, 1280 Bristol S Major: Simon J Gay 1-2, Angela H Deakin 3-4, Jonathan S Frye 5-6, Peter G Kirton (C) 7-8. On the 199th anniversary of the birth of Lord Kelvin. **£4**

Oxford. (40 Western Road) 20 Dec, 1256 Plain and Little Bob Major: Sara Jones 1-2, Lindsay Powell 3-4, Joe Norton (C) 5-6, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 7-8. It is absolutely nobody's Birthday tomorrow. This Q was not rung in anticipation of it. **£1**

Vancouver, WA, USA. (9106 NW Starkrest Ave) 30 May, 1312 Kent TB Major: Anna Gladstone 1-2, Cally D Perry 3-4, David B Wilson 5-6, Elaine M Hansen (C) 7-8. 1st TB: 1-2. **£4**

Vancouver, WA, USA. (9109 NW Starkrest Ave) 30 May, 1440 Allendale S Minor: Elaine M Hansen 1-2, Cally D Perry 3-4, David B Wilson (C) 5-6. 1st in m for all. **£3**

Distributed quarters

Ringling Room, UK. 23 Jun, 1261 Cann TB Minimus: Rosemary J Humphrey (C) 1, Sue Portsmouth 2, Joseph A Sharp 3, Barbara D Murray 4. Rung by the Bellerophons to mark the 32nd Anniversary of the launch of Sonic the Hedgehog. 650th virtual Q rung by The Bellerophons. 490th together: 1.4. 410th virtual together: 2.4. 355th together: 1.2. 350th Virtual together: 1.2. **£4**

Ringling Room, UK. 25 Jun, 1250 Bannerdown TB Minimus: Rosemary J Humphrey (C) 1, Joseph A Sharp 2, Sue Portsmouth 3, Barbara D Murray 4. Rung by The Bellerophons to mark the finale of Glastonbury '23. 660th Q by The Bellerophons. 1st in m. **£4**

Ringling Room, UK. 26 Jun, 1250 Spl S Major (3m): Barbara D Murray 1, Lynda Hine 2, Timothy J Billings 3, Sue Portsmouth 4, Rosemary J Humphrey 5, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke (North Leigh) 6, Robin A Daw 7, Joseph A Sharp (C) 8. Rung by The Bellerophons for National Chocolate Pudding Day. 1st in Ringling Room: 3. 1st Spl on a working bell: 2. Most changes of method as C. 415th together: 1.4. 250th together: 5.6. 225th together: 4.6. 140th together: 6.7. 30th together: 2.4. **£8**

Ringling Room, UK. 29 Jun, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Rosemary J Humphrey 1, Barbara D Murray 2, Simon J O Head 3, Simon J O Head 4, Sue Portsmouth 5, Joseph A Sharp (C) 6. Rung by The Bellerophons for the Feast of St Peter & Paul. 1st in m as C. 570th for The Bellerophons: 2. 360th together: 1.5. **£6**

Ringling Room, UK. 30 Jun, 1250 Norwich S Minor: Alison T Merryweather-Clarke (North Leigh) 1, Barbara D Murray 2, Lynda Hine 3, Rosemary J Humphrey 4, Catherine A Colman 5, Joseph A Sharp (C) 6. Rung by The Bellerophons to mark the hottest June on record. Also marking the first baby beaver in 400 years to be born in Staffordshire. 560th tower bell style Q for the Bellerophons: 2. 410th together: 2.6. 350th virtual tower-style Q: 1. 40th for The Bellerophons: 3. 25th together: 1.3.

Handbell Stadium, Wellington, New Zealand. 29 Jun, 1272 Morning Star TB Minor: Gerald McIlhone (Pinehaven) 1-2, Christopher Jarman (Thorndon) 3-4, Ruth Lightbourne (Kenepuru) (C) 5-6.

Ringling Room, France, USA, & UK. (Huningue, Vancouver (WA), Oldham, North Burlingham) 5 Jun, 1280 Lessness S Major: Paul I Butler 1-2, David B Wilson (C) 3-4, Peter C Randall 5-6, Nikki R Thomas 7-8.

Ringling Room, USA. 15 Jun, 1392 Monster Major: Cally D Perry (Foxborough, MA) 1-2, Elaine M Hansen (Foxborough, MA) 3-4, David B Wilson (Vancouver, WA) (C) 5-6, John E Schreiner (Beverly, MA) 7-8. 1st Monster for all. Thanks to Michael E Ovenden & Craig M Robertson for invaluable discussions. **£4**

Ringling Room, USA. 18 Jun, 1260 Double Bob Minor: Tj Marchello (Seattle, WA) 1-2, Frederick DuPuy (Denver, CO) 3-4, David B Wilson (Vancouver, WA) (C) 5-6. 1st in m (1-2,3-4) & on this stage (5-6). 1st Minor in hand: 3-4. **£3**

Safeguarding crisis: "Jesus weeps"

At the recent meeting of the General Synod of the Church of England – its parliament – the Most Revd Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, acknowledged that there is a "crisis of safeguarding" following the disbanding of the Independent Safeguarding Board and the dismissal of two of its three members. They had found themselves unable to work with the recently appointed chair of the Board, who also chairs the CofE's own safeguarding panel. The Board had only been established in January 2022, and survivors of abuse were dismayed at its closure.

According to a report in *The Guardian* last weekend, Archbishop Stephen apologised for the length of time it has taken for the church to see the mistakes that have been made and the importance of independent oversight and scrutiny of safeguarding in the Church. Asked

what Jesus would think of the debacle, he said: "I imagine Jesus weeps over this situation... And I know many of us are not far from those tears as well."

The Ringing World has recently published two comprehensive articles by Phillip Barnes (pp. 190 and 364), which have been followed by a number of letters to the editor on the subject, including one by former editor Robert Lewis (p.351). A few weeks ago Philip Bedford (p.658) criticised the approach of the Church in implementing safeguarding training.

The dismissed board members implied that the relationship had broken down because they had been 'too independent' where the Church wanted 'obedience' and 'loyalty', while others pointed to the conflict of interests for chair Meg Munn.

Recent material in the RW has shown ringers struggling to agree on issues around safeguarding and the Church's judgements. Perhaps this is hardly surprising given that the Church itself is in internal turmoil over the issue.

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Canal trip

"I'm looking for eight ringers to come on a canal trip and mad enough to grab towers and ring quarters *en route*." An intriguing suggestion which became a reality on May 5 when eight of us found ourselves standing on a canal cruiser at the Aynho Wharf on the Oxford Canal, with the prospect of a week's boating and ringing in front of us. We set off somewhat erratically, the handling of a 46ft. narrow boat being rather different from a car, and ricocheted through our first swing bridge. We negotiated, with increasing skill, bridges and locks up to Banbury, where we moored for the night at the bus station, of whose facilities we made good use! We rose early for service ringing at Banbury (10), where some excellent striking was enjoyed with the local band.

The afternoon saw us heading for Cropredy, the steering improving and our progress looking less like a course of Cambridge. Shortly after going aground (for the third time!) we moored and walked two miles for Evensong at Wardington (6), where the Vicar was delighted to welcome us, as we trebled the congregation! The following day, after 16 miles and nine locks, we rang at Priors Marston (6), where some mountaineering was necessary to repair a clock hammer before the bells could be raised. The two-mile walk back did not seem so far, having fortified the inner man, and we sang good old Somerset melodies!

On Tuesday we cruised, then walked cross-country to Napton-on-the-Hill (6) and rang a quarter of P.B. Minor. We cruised on to Braunston (6), a very nice ring, and then another two-mile walk to Willoughby (6), where the local band met us and we enjoyed some good ringing. On our return to the boat we found the lights and water pump were out of action and an hilarious night followed as

repairs were made. As one member was heard to remark, "never again would she have so many men walking through her bedroom."

After very little sleep we set off next day, and after joining the Grand Union Canal went through Braunston Tunnel (2,042 yards) to a picturesque mooring at Welton (5), then on to our turning point at Norton Junction. That evening saw the achievement of every ringer's dream!! — we ran out of water, and succeeded in getting a direct line by hose pipe from the pub to the boat! One of the crew stood quite happily, water pipe in one hand and a pint in the other, and there was some doubt as to just what was going into the tank!

Thursday saw us travelling homewards and ringing at Mollington (5), a light ring with a very close rope circle! We arrived back at our bus station in Banbury and went on to ring at Bodicote (5), finally mooring at Aynho, where we celebrated a birthday and a highly successful trip. Sadly on Saturday we handed over our boat and wended our way homeward with "a 7-tower grab" *en route*.

Thanks to Wendy Miller and Brian Goodliffe for the superb organisation and a very enjoyable holiday.

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Napton-on-the-Hill, May 8, 1973, 1260 P.B. Minor: Wendy Miller 1, Gareth Evans 2, Elisabeth A. Maskell 3, Peter J. Devrell 4, Brian H. Goodliffe 5, Robert Perry (75th as conductor) 6.

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CUG dinner, ringing and kinship

Back on Saturday 18th March, the Cambridge University Guild held its annual dinner, this year at Wolfson College.

In the days running up to the dinner, a variety of performances were rung. As has happened in the past, the couple of days before the dinner featured some student handbell ringing, which this year principally involved a peal and three quarters—there were plenty of significant firsts in these, and some very impressive performances indeed. On the big day itself, there were eight quarters (seven of which were in tower), including several personal milestones. Of particular significance was a quarter of Plain Bob Doubles at GSM where all of the members of the band had been taught by the Guild. There were also two tower bell peals rung on the day, including one of 41-spliced Surprise Minor. All in all, this was a successful year in terms of ringing, both for groups and individuals achieving goals, as well as for members of the Guild of all ages to ring — and bond — with each other.

The Guild Dinner is at heart a grand social occasion for members to meet and catch up with each other. To this end, on the day before the dinner, the room we had booked in the Pantons was packed. On the Saturday, amidst the various ringing events (including open ringing), there were also plenty of opportunities for people to socialise.

This finally brings us onto the dinner itself! At Wolfson, having been initially treated to a drinks reception, we entered the College's hall, which was delicately and delectably designed and furnished, providing the perfect environment for the evening. The food and wine were also received very positively. As ever, one of the toasts was drunk in memory of the members who had sadly died over the preceding year. This year, the Past Master's speech was given by John Hughes D'Aeth, who spoke about the Guild in the past, present, and future. The Master (whose term has since come to an end), Kate Jennings responded. The final speech was given by Alison Edmonds, speaking about, amongst other things, her experiences ringing heavier bells, which gave those present a lot to think about. The Guild Dinner features a loving cup ceremony, in which a large silver receptacle filled with a mixture of alcoholic beverages is passed around and drunk from by most/all members present. This was the first year since Covid that this ceremony occurred in its traditional manner (last year we did not all share a cup, as you might imagine). The ceremony involves plenty of standing and bowing to one's neighbours, so whilst this lengthy process was underway, the traditional handbell touch was rung. The composition this year was short and sweet, with methods from David Pipe's Particles composition being rung in spliced. The touch, conducted by the Master, was executed impressively, especially considering that a number of the band were very new to handbell ringing at the time of the first practice — a lot of focus and preparation had clearly been involved.

The festivities did not end with the meal, with hours more fun had in the college bar along the lines of talking, drinking, and playing against each other on games consoles. The next day, some members went for brunch together, and a quarter peal of Stedman Cinques at GSM was rung for the Guild, conducted by the President.

Overall, the dinner and associated events constituted another splendid occasion both in terms of ringing and kinship. Thanks must go to all those involved in its planning, but particularly to Chris Winkless-Clark for coordinating the ringing, to Kate Jennings and Kirsten Hawkins for undertaking a huge amount of organisational work, and of course to our President, Jonathan Agg.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIV. GUILD

ST NEOTS, Hunts,
St Mary
Sat 18 Mar 2023 3h23 (29)
5040 Cambridge S Royal
Comp. Anonymous
1 Christopher H Rogers (Emmanuel)
2 Jillian E Parker (Murray Edwards)
3 Jadd Virji (Trinity)
4 Catriona C Agg (Jesus)
5 Andrew M Roberts (Gonville & Caius)
6 Christopher E J Kilgour (St John's)
7 Dickon R Love (St John's)
8 John G Hutchinson (Selwyn)
9 Martin J Bright (Clare)
10 Brian G Meads (Corpus Christi) (C)
First on ten in tower: 5.
Rung for Guild Dinner day.
Birthday congratulations for Matthew Hutchinson.

STAPLEFORD, Cambs,
St Andrew
Sat 18 Mar 2023 2h35 (7)
5040 Spliced S Minor
(41m: (1-3) Carlisle,
Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre,
Wooler, Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnwick,
Canterbury, Chester, Munden,
London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream,
Cunecastre, Wells (4-7) Cambridge,
Prinrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne,
Hull, York, Durham, Beverley,
Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, Norwich,
Warkworth, Netherseale, Annable's
London, Lightfoot, Rossendale,
Wearmouth, Stamford, Westminster,
Allendale, Bamborough, Bacup)
Comp. J S Warboys (SU0308,
SU0403)
1 Alan T Winter (Christ's)
2 Kirsten J Hawkins (Downing)
3 Greg P H Chu (Corpus Christi)
4 Richard A Smith (Clare)
5 Graham R D Lay (Trinity)
6 Jonathan A Agg (Emmanuel) (C)
First spliced: 2,3.

CAMBRIDGE,
K8 Great Court, Trinity College
Thu 16 Mar 2023 2h18 (11)
5088 Plain Bob Major
Gen. Monument arr. Jadd Virji
1-2 Greg P H Chu (Corpus Christi)
3-4 Kirsten J Hawkins (Downing)
5-6 Andrew M Roberts (Gonville & Caius)
7-8 Jadd Virji (Trinity) (C)
First of Major in hand:
1-2, 3-4.
Very good focus.

Cambridge. (University Church of St Mary the Great) 18 Mar, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Kate L Willetts 1, Gareth Davies 2, Melissa F Nash 3, David C W Richards 4, Katherine P G Jennings 5, Benjamin J Willetts (C) 6, James R A Dann 7, Benjamin C Gladwyn 8, Jonathan J Nash 9, Stella C Johnson 10.

Cambridge. (University Church of St Mary the Great) 18 Mar, 1260 PB Doubles: Alexander J Hackett 1, Andrew Carlotti 2, Dima Szamozvancev 3, Lena I van Dongen 4, Greg P H Chu (C) 5, Andrew S Cooke 6. The first Q rung by a band of ringers all taught from scratch by the Guild. We would like to thank everyone who has been involved with teaching in the Guild, especially Sam Johnson, Alistair Benford, Melissa Nash & Oliver Bardsley.

Cambridge. (University Church of St Mary the Great) 18 Mar, 1320 London S Minor: Jonathan A Agg (C) 1, Oliver Winkless-Clark 2, Jonathan J Nash 3, Thomas Hooley 4, Thomas E Haslam 5, Nicholas T Smith 6. 1st in m: 2,3,5.

Cambridge. (S Andrew the Great) 18 Mar, 1260 PB Minor: Thomas Hooley 1, Lucy Hennessy 2, Dima Szamozvancev 3, Michael D'Avanzo 4, Ben White-Horne (C) 5, Peter V D Swift 6. Rung on Cambridge University Guild's Dinner Day.

Chesterton, Cambs. (S Andrew) 18 Mar, 1260 PB Doubles: Marjorie B Winter 1, Andrew Carlotti 2, Alexander J Hackett 3, Oliver Winkless-Clark 4, Benjamin J Willetts (C) 5, Melissa F Nash 6.

Little Shelford, Cambs. 18 Mar, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Samuel D Johnson 1, Lena I van Dongen 2, Thomas Hooley 3, Samuel Spencer 4, Ben White-Horne (C) 5, Jonathan J Nash 6. 1st Cambridge for Lena. Rung on the Cambridge University Guild's Dinner Day.

Trumpington, Cambs. 18 Mar, 1296 Stedman Triples: David C W Richards 1, Jonathan J Nash 2, Thomas E Haslam 3, Samuel D Johnson 4, Benjamin C Gladwyn 5, John A Harrison 6, Max L D Drinkwater (C) 7, Robert B S Oakeshott 8.

Cambridge. (University Church of St Mary the Great) 19 Mar, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Catriona C Agg 1, Peter V D Swift 2, Kirsten J Hawkins 3, Greg P H Chu 4, Christopher H Rogers 5, Jadd Virji 6, Nicola D Bright 7, Jonathan J Nash 8, Jonathan A Agg (C) 9, S Clarke Walters 10, Martin J Bright 11, Simon C Farrar 12. Remembering Shona McKay, church architect. 1st Stedman Cinques: 4.

Cambridge. (Gonville & Caius College, St Mary's Court, Staircase J) 17 Mar, 1260 PB Minor: Andrew M Roberts 1-2, Lena I van Dongen 3-4, Katherine P G Jennings (C) 5-6. 1st as C in hand. 3-4 - first inside in hand.

Cambridge. (Gonville & Caius College, St Mary's Court, Staircase J) 17 Mar, 1260 PB Minor: Andrew S Cooke 1-2, Jadd Virji 3-4, Andrew M Roberts (C) 5-6. 1st in hand 1: 2.

Cambridge. (Gonville & Caius College, St Mary's Court, Staircase J) 17 Mar, 1440 PB Minor: Samuel J Spencer 1-2, Andrew M Roberts 3-4, Jadd Virji (C) 5-6. 1st in hand: 1-2.

Cambridge. (University Church of St Mary the Great) 18 Mar, 1320 Kent TB Minor: Benjamin J Willetts 1-2, David A Jones 3-4, Alan T Winter (C) 5-6. Rung on Cambridge University Guild Dinner Day. £3

Cambridge. (Wolfson College) 18 Mar, 113 Spl Maximus (5m): Lucy Hennessy 1-2, Michael D'Avanzo 3-4, Samuel Spencer 5-6, Andrew M Roberts 7-8, Lena I van Dongen 9-10, Katherine P G Jennings (C) 11-12. Rung during the loving cup ceremony at the annual CUGCR dinner. 1st dinner touch for 1: 2, 3-4, 5-6. 1st dinner touch in person for 7: 8.

Correction

Apologies to Rebecca Banner, whose name was left off the photo credits for last week's Images of the Week. She took the lovely photograph of the ringing chamber at Peckleton. Mark Pendery took the accompanying band photo.



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Avril Ivin 16.3.1939 – 19.1.2023



Avril was born Avril Ching on 16 March 1939. Her father was (Samuel) James Ching, a renowned concert pianist, teacher and author of books on piano technique, who had studied under Sir Charles Villiers Stanford, Sir Walford Davies, and Sir Adrian Boult. Avril's mother, Marjorie Gabriel, had been a piano pupil of James's mother, Alice Ching, in Leicester. Following their marriage, James was appointed director of the School of Music in Brighton, where Avril was born. So, music was very much in her genes.

Avril's parents separated soon after her birth, this being somewhat acrimonious and traumatic, resulting in her having a difficult childhood. The separation was something that she had in common with her future husband Steve, whose father also left home when he was still an infant. It was only in more recent years that Avril had been in contact and enjoyed the friendship of her half-sisters from her father's second marriage.

Avril's mother remarried to Dr Rupert Thackray, also a prominent musician, educationalist, and author, who later emigrated to establish the music department of the University of Western Australia. She took the family name of Thackray, and had a younger half-brother, Mark. Her step father was founder and first Head of the Music Department at Bedford College of Physical Education, with research interests and publications in music and physical education, including (perhaps interestingly from a ringer's perspective) 'rhythmic patterns and aptitude'.

Avril's maternal grandparents owned a shop in Kibworth Beauchamp, Leicestershire, and she had fond memories of helping with

the deliveries. She attended Dame Alice Harpur School in Bedford where amongst her contemporaries were Jennie Davis (Taylor), Helen Nevin (Williams), and Anne Amor (Stainsby), all ringers at St Paul's Bedford. She consolidated her musical roots becoming accomplished at the piano and cello, progressing through music exams and playing in school and county orchestras.

Avril learnt to ring at Wootton, and is first listed as a member of the Bedfordshire Association in the 1956 Annual Report (when Steve was at the neighbouring village of Houghton Conquest). She rang her first peal, Plain Bob Minor, at Biddenham, on 12th January that year, conducted by Bryan Pattison. She met Steve at a bell ringing meeting at St Peter's Bedford, and by 1957 they had both transferred their allegiances to St Paul's Bedford, then under Sid Foskett's leadership.

Despite having considerable musical talent, Avril chose to study domestic science in Leicester. It was at a time when Leicester Cathedral boasted a pioneering band, by then led by Herrick Bowley. She participated in a number of peals there between 1957 and 1960 that included a variety of different Surprise Maximus methods; a number of them firsts.

A story of one of her peal-attempts later became legendary (and doubtless somewhat embellished) in Bedford ringing circles. With the bells in disarray and the conductor in full flow trying to sort them out, she thought it was all over, set her bell, and proceeded to walk out of the door and across the roof. On hearing sufficient improvement, she went back and pulled off again, with nobody having noticed. (We had quite a bit of excitement at Bedford on occasions, but it was never quite that good!)

Avril and Steve continued their courtship between Leicester and Oxford where Steve was studying Classics (and London Major) and they were engaged in June 1958. Married on August 13th 1960 at Houghton Conquest, they began their married life there before moving to Aspley Guise.

Avril took up a post in domestic science at the Silver Jubilee Girls' School, Bedford, no doubt a challenging first appointment in a difficult area of town. She later moved to teach at the newly opened Pilgrim Grammar School (the town's first state and only co-educational grammar school) being amongst its first members of staff. Soon after I joined Pilgrim School, aged 11, Avril left to pursue her music interests, becoming a peripatetic cello teacher in the Bedfordshire County music service. She was well-known and greatly respected in teaching circles, playing with the county philharmonic and youth orchestras and various other groups. She also taught privately; moves to the Red House in Amptill, and then to Bushmead Avenue in Bedford, making this somewhat easier.

Avril was very supportive of Steve in establishing the band at St Paul's Bedford, initially as its secretary. Under Steve's leadership they developed what was without doubt one of the best Sunday service bands in the country at the time. Although not a prolific or particularly keen peal ringer, Avril was extremely capable and reliable; she seldom made method errors and her striking was

very accurate; incredibly so for one who did relatively little ringing.

I first met Avril when, at about the age of 12 and as a very inexperienced ringer, I joined that band at St Paul's. In those days Avril seemed quite scary, although at the same time she was always very supportive and encouraging to me, and also a number of other youngsters who were fortunate enough to ring there. She was also very inspirational – anyone who could ring as well and with such apparent ease as Avril would be very good. She was an extremely good teacher, identifying potential and emphasising and demonstrating the advantages of sustained effort and regular practice that would enable those who were perhaps not so naturally gifted or talented, to achieve success beyond their own perceived capability and horizons; doubtless a reflection of her own musical training and experiences. However, she didn't suffer fools gladly, and had little patience or sympathy with any who were less than genuine, or did not take matters seriously and work to improve to the best of their ability. Any in that category were not left in very much doubt about it!

Avril and Steve moved to Oxfordshire in 1979 when Avril took up a post in the Oxfordshire peripatetic music service, becoming head of strings. They firstly lived at Leafield before moving to Blandford Avenue, Oxford and finally to Stevenon. Avril was a tremendous support to Steve throughout the various Oxford restoration projects that he undertook; at Lincoln College, St Mary Magd., St Thomas's, and elsewhere, but she limited herself to occasional service ringing and standing in to complete peal bands when Steve was short, often at the last moment. Despite her lack of practice, Avril always rang to a very high standard that few in the band were able to emulate.

In addition to teaching and playing the cello, Avril was an accomplished pianist and spent a sabbatical year to study in London. Beyond her music teaching and playing, her principal interest was her horses. She owned and rode several over the years, initially at Witney, then Ginge, and finally East Hendred. She would attend the stables twice daily, rising early in the morning and travelling considerable distances from home to do so. She also greatly enjoyed gardening; growing fruit and vegetables to provide ingredients for some wonderful home cooking, and she had an extensive knowledge of plants and shrubs, including all their Latin names.

Despite her tough and seemingly stern no-nonsense exterior, Avril was incredibly resilient, kind-hearted, and generous with her time and money. She valued her close friendships immensely. She supported a wide range of different charities, as evidenced by the mail arriving through her letterbox following her death. And she was very defensive and supportive to any of her friends who were in any kind of trouble, especially if as a result of injustice or dishonesty. On more than one occasion she helped or offered to help friends who were in financial difficulty.

Avril lovingly nursed Steve through his final extremely difficult illness, and was devastated when he died in 2010 (see his obituary in *RW* 5166 p.409). She wisely took his advice to have

a dog. From then onwards, Avril and her golden lab, Brandy, became inseparable companions, and it was largely because of Brandy that she pulled through and kept going.

She developed a wide circle of friends associated with her music, horse riding, and dog training and walking activities, and an extensive support network of very kind neighbours and tradespeople within the village for any work that she needed doing. She also served on the parish council. She continued to teach cello and piano privately and played with the Oxford Sinfonia and Clarendon Quartet that she organised and led for a number of years.

The final 18 months of Avril's life were difficult and it was very sad for those of us who witnessed the gradual decline of such a once-vibrant, confident, self-assured, and hugely talented friend. She began to suffer from memory loss and became increasingly dependent on extensive reminder notes and the very kind and understanding support of close neighbours and friends. Early in 2022 she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and vascular dementia.

Thankfully, Avril fulfilled her wish to continue living at home with her beloved Brandy for a further nine months, albeit with increasing support of visiting and then live-in carers. Sadly, she also declined physically, with several periods of hospitalisation, the last being to the John Radcliffe Hospital on the morning of 19 January where she died peacefully that evening.

Avril rang 219 peals, including two in hand, her last being Stedman Caters at St Thomas Oxford on 22/12/97. She rang 129 for the Bedfordshire Association with 24 each for the Leicester and Peterborough DGs, including, London S Major (29), Cambridge S Royal (14), and 11 each of London and Bristol Surprise Royal. 196 of her peals were with Steve, followed by Ron Sharp (62) and Bob Piron (56). She was elected to the SRCY prior to a peal at St Paul's Bedford on 15 May 1961.

Avril's funeral was held at Steventon Church on 15th February, a cold and sunny day, when

over 100 shared in a wonderful and fitting celebration of her life. The service included a Bach viola solo performed by her great niece, Rosa, and pieces by Mozart and Purcell performed by her teaching colleagues, and friends from Oxford Sinfonia. Friends rang the bells before and after the service and the tributes reflected on her life of service to music and ringing.

Avril leaves a huge gap in the lives of many, not least her beloved Brandy, and she will be sorely and very sadly missed. Thankfully, Brandy now has a lovely new home on a farm in a nearby village, and is enjoying the final years of her life as Avril wished – she will be smiling! Rest in peace dear friend.

Performances rung in Avril's memory include a handbell peal of Plain Bob Major on 13 Feb at Moats Tye (*RW* p.550) and a quarter peal of Grandsire Cinques on 22 Jan at St Paul's Bedford (*RW* p.154)

STEPHEN STANFORD

Edwin Connington

14.10.1920 – 5.5.2023

Former Coleshill parish church bellringer Eddie Connington rang the bells for lots of people, and never imagined he'd see the day when he would be the centre of attention on his 100th birthday (*RW* 5713 p.1048), during the pandemic lockdown of 2020. But as a result of a chance remark at his Birmingham care home, wondering whether 100 cards could be sent, Eddie was able to celebrate it in style, with hundreds of cards and an eight minute video of socially-distanced Coleshill ringers ringing for him. The ringers also sent a framed certificate commemorating the event.

BBC Radio WM's Make a Difference campaign, set up to help people through the coronavirus pandemic, produced hundreds of messages of congratulations on social media to be included in its giant birthday card for Eddie.

Eddie started ringing at 49 when he was invited to have a go by a work colleague. He was hooked until he could no longer climb



the 46 stone steps to the ringing chamber, and called "this is all" for the last time.

At various times Eddie was steeple-keeper, vice captain, captain and secretary.

He was one of those who collected waste paper to pay for the restoration of the bells in the late 1970s, and as an officer of the Coleshill guild of ringers at the time had his name permanently cast on to one of the new bells.

He was an RAF electrical engineer working on Lancasters, and an electrical engineer at BSA, Birmingham. Standard bearers from the Royal Air Forces Association and several ex-Service organisations dipped in salute as the curtains closed on his RAF ensign-draped coffin.

MICHAEL WALPOLE

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Death

EDWARDS, Norman, Started ringing aged 13 and it was an important part of his life until the Covid pandemic. Norman sadly died on 20th June 2023 aged 85. He had been tower captain at St Nicholas Chiswick from 1968 to 1982 and then tower captain at St Mary's Twickenham from 1982 until 2020. It was through ringing he met Josephine, and they married in 1970. Sadly she died in 2003 and Norman was blessed to find happiness with Ann Ridge, a bell ringer at St Mary's until her death in 2017. Norman leaves behind a son and daughter and four granddaughters. His funeral will be on Tuesday 18th July at 12.00pm at St Mary's Twickenham (Church Road TW1 3NJ) with refreshments afterwards. 3104

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Meetings on Saturday 29th July 2023

Ladies' Guild (SE District) Meeting - Saturday, 29th July. Ringing at Sevenoaks (8) from 11 am to 12 noon, Brasted (8) from 2.45 to 3.30 pm and Otford (6) from 4.00 to 4.45 pm. 3001

Minor jottings on alternative ways of ringing

On 26th June 1822, The Reverend Henry Thomas Ellacombe of Gloucestershire installed his first eponymous system for performing change ringing on church bells, achieved by striking stationary bells with hammers. The apparatus could be operated by one person, ringer or otherwise, and he saw it as an alternative to using a band of local ringers, who he perceived to be a rowdy, drunken lot. He was curate at Bitton from 1817 and then vicar until 1850, whereupon the incumbency was taken over by his son, who remained in post until 1916. There were Ellacombes at Bitton for 99 years. Reverend Ellacombe was editor of the bell ringing column, Church Bells, which appeared in a general church periodical, perhaps a forerunner of our modern day *Ringing World*. He seemed particularly incensed by ringers who rang for reasons other than church services. An especial dislike was for "prize ringing", whereby teams competed for a trophy, such as a new hat or some other reward. Today we would call this a striking competition, although I would guess there was some associated gambling which might have lowered the tone compared with our modern equivalent.

Ellacombe's ingenious chiming apparatus was designed to make the ringers redundant. Obviously the sound of a chime is not the same as the resonance of a bell rung full circle, largely due to the absence of the Doppler effect, as the bells are hung dead and do not rotate. However, to an uneducated ear and in the absence of an alternative, many non-ringers would hear it as a reasonable substitute. Indeed, many, many muggles (aka non ringers) have no idea, when they hear bells ringing on a Sunday morning, that it is not achieved by a machine. They have no appreciation of the skill and dedication of the people controlling the ropes. Why would they? Until relatively recently, we never let them in to take a look. Until I learned to ring I had never been in a tower, never glimpsed ringers through a partition and had never even thought about how the glorious sound is achieved. It was just "bells".

My interest in chimes was piqued when a local ringer, somewhat cheekily, published his lone performance of Stedman Singles on BellBoard as part of the Ring for the King events. I have seen quarters achieved by one person supported by a very busy Wheatley in Ringing Room, but in this instance there was no useful bot to fill in. The ringer had rung solo. How was this remarkable feat possible? Two bells at a pinch, but three bells? It was achieved on an Ellacombe chiming apparatus. In Norfolk we are fortunate to have dozens of the things.

I am sure that there are purists who will scoff and say "chimes do not count", but why not? All towers had been asked to make a cheerful sound for the Coronation, and no one dictated as to how that sound might be achieved. I decided to see for myself how tricky it is to ring methods on chimes and, to my delight, found it surprisingly simple.

So far I have tried a three, a five and a six bell tower, and have an eight in my sights. As a precaution I take along grids of some appropriate methods, but clearly a ringer precedes me because, at each place so far, I have found something – Plain Bob or Grandsire usually – scribbled on the back of an envelope. A non-ringing friend has joined me in the adventure to try as many local chimes as we can, and within five minutes she was knocking out a passable touch of Plain Bob Doubles, although as an organist she liked to add "expression" and lean into some of the notes. This is always frowned on when I do something similar in the tower.

We have found the churches very welcoming. The need to do one's homework and consider the structure of a method is identical, and the opportunities to poke about new churches are indistinguishable from those enjoyed by ringers everywhere. The music, although not as thrilling, is certainly passable and a darn sight better than that which someone of my inexperience can achieve on a bell rung full circle.

If you are interested in bell ringing as more than a sociable hobby, I would highly recommend exploring bells that are not "bells as we know them". My friend and I celebrated the 201st anniversary of the Reverend Ellacombe's marvellous invention on 26th June at Worstead, a sunlit church built with the proceeds of the medieval wool trade. We were met by a most welcoming vicar who was delighted that we had chosen his bells on which to celebrate. As he pointed out, if someone were to gift his church £150,000, then his 17cwt ring could be rehung for full circle ringing, but as it is, chimes is what he has and chimes is what are rung for every service. There was even a laminated sheet of Sixty on thirds lurking behind the rather charming, proper fluffy, sallys. That is what I rang, although rather slowly to Devon tastes, because my hands and brain can only move so fast.

MARY JONES

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Tribute to AJB

We were in the pub after practice last night when Nigel said: "Look at that sign. I'm starving and it's too late to order food!"

"What sign?"

"There, that one! The one above the bar."

"Oh, you mean the one that says 'Food served all day from 12pm to 9 pm?'"

"Yes," said the irritated Nigel. "I've not had any tea before practice and now it's too late."

"Well the sign's nonsense. I can't imagine what AJB would say about it, but if food is served all day, then if they are not offering food for 24 hours, at least they should have it available between sunrise and sunset!" I said in my usual attempt to wind Nigel up.

"And what's this 12pm? There's no such time. 12 is the 'm' and therefore cannot be 'a' or 'p' it. What's your view, Nigel?"

"My view is that I'm stuck with the usual salt 'n vinegar I suppose."

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Drinking, Biking and Perfect Striking

The Roving Ringers report, just in time for the next tour

Our 2022 tour of Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Rutland, and Warwickshire commenced on a slightly cloudy, Saturday when The Society of Roving Ringers (www.rovingringers.org/ applications welcome!), gathered at rather luxurious farmhouse cottages just outside Appleby Magna, Leicestershire. We set off down the half-mile driveway, embarking on our first mission: ringing for a wedding. Alas, a mere 100 yards into our journey, Neil encountered a puncture.

After a brief cycle of just under 10 miles, we arrived at the pub in Atherstone, where we met up with our tour leader, Caleb Saunders. We were to discover that Caleb possessed extraordinary ringing skills, though he hadn't quite grasped the importance of appointing conductors. In one incident, opting to conduct himself, he shouted, "Go Lincolnshire!" which we all started dutifully ringing. He had, however, believed he called for Yorkshire. In all fairness, his ringing was impeccable, even if it didn't match everyone else's.

The bells at Atherstone were a delightfully light ring of eight, a stark contrast to the formidable Mancetter, which boasted a heavy and challenging anti-clockwise five. Unfortunately, some of our eager participants failed to consult the itinerary before ringing up and found themselves in a most untraditional sequence of 3, 2, 1, 5, 4.

Throughout the week, we encountered a few delightful surprises. One such gem was the opportunity to ring Fenny Drayton Doubles on the charming bells at Fenny Drayton, which brought sheer delight to a local. If you ever find yourself there, I suggest bringing only the



The whole band on tour

necessary number of ringers, as the chamber can't accommodate more. But definitely worth a visit as it has views all around that are worth the trip alone. Another highlight was our visit to the magnificent Lichfield Cathedral. On that sweltering day, the chamber, nestled within exposed walkways, provided a refreshing breeze — an utter delight.

Overall, the week blessed us with generally mild weather that neither scorched nor drenched us. The cycling routes had minimal hills, with one noteworthy exception on Friday between Ticknall and Burton. As if to add to the challenge, a funeral car approached from one direction while a car attempted to navigate around us from the other, on a narrow country lane of sharp incline. Fortunately, for the most part, our cycling adventure was uneventful, offering picturesque vistas at every turn—except for poor Neil, who suffered an additional three punctures before the week was through.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of our tour is welcoming new tourers into our fold. This year, Catherine and Lynne joined us, and once they become part of our group, they are in it for life. They have even signed up ready to come along to the next tour, so we must be doing something right.

Another annual highlight is the Rovers' Reunion over the last weekend in February, when members come together for a weekend of camaraderie, scrumptious food, and bikeless ringing, along with the inevitable business meeting! This is an opportunity to look back at the annals of over three quarters of a century that the Rovers have toured, and seeing some of the escapades that befell them.

This year, our rendezvous was held in Sheffield, and one highlight was ringing at

the Cathedral. The formal dinner atmosphere was lively, and the meal itself was delightful, creating lasting memories in an elegant setting.

Our imminent summer tour this year will take us to the picturesque Glades of Suffolk, from Sudbury to Bury St Edmunds, cycling around the many places in between. We are all diligently getting back into shape and ensuring our puncture repair kits are in order by the end of July.

May your own journeys be as delightful as ours.

KEVYN HOPKINS-HALL



The band setting off in the morning

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Painting a picture

The Ringwood ringers were very active in celebrating the late Queen’s Jubilee (with general ringing), commemorating her death and funeral (with tolling, general ringing and a quarter peal) and celebrating the new King and Queen’s coronation on three occasions over the Bank Holiday weekend (with general ringing). Like many other towers the ringing for the late Queen’s death and funeral was a first for all the band to ring fully muffled. On each occasion a significant majority of our ringers were available to take part; for the coronation we included our learners who, I believe, were also able to appreciate the significance of this ringing.

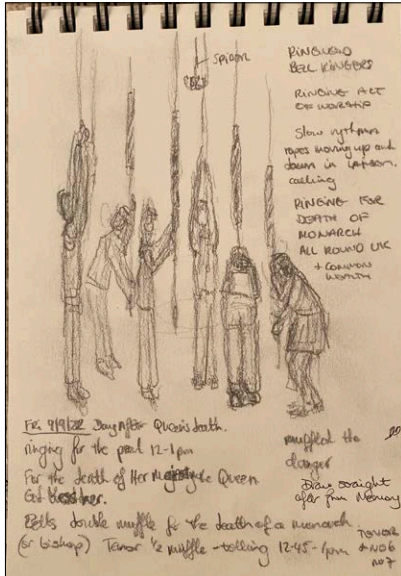
On the day after the late Queen’s death a member of the public (non-ringer), who had been in the Church lighting a candle, heard muffled ringing and on making enquiries was informed that there would be more ringing later that day. Jeannette decided she would eat her lunch and wait, perhaps she could see and hear the ringers in action and eventually she was directed by one of the ringers up to the ringing chamber. The experience proved to be quite moving for Jeannette, no doubt helped by the warm welcome she received. We also took

the opportunity to invite her back for the following Wednesday’s practice. The rest, as they say, is history, as Jeannette was there to ring for the King and Queen’s coronation nine months later.

That initial experience inspired Jeannette to later sketch her memories which eventually she worked up as an oil painting:

“Fully Muffled” by Jeannette Dawson, oil on canvas applied mostly by cloth.

ALAN BENTLEY



Doubles of the month July – Plain Bob Doubles

Our July method is Plain Bob. It’s a standard – the most popular doubles method for quarter peals and the first method learned by many ringers. If you’re reading this you probably have a diagram or book in the tower for Plain Bob, so we’ll use these columns to offer material and ideas to spark discussion on teaching and learning. This week we give some areas from the learner’s point of view; next week we’ll look at some teaching tips.

Change ringing skills

We might consider that there are four main groups of skills involved in method ringing, and the stage of teaching or learning Bob Doubles may be a good point to review them.

Bell control Good handling habits will help you ring methods. You need to be in control of both strokes – able to change the speed of each, and ideally set your bell at either stroke.

If you haven’t rung an exercise involving *dodging* before you try Plain Bob, this is one manoeuvre you will find new and likely difficult.

Striking Arguably the most important skill, yet also the most difficult to teach. Good striking means placing your bell accurately, not just anywhere between the bells before and after you, so that the whole piece has a regular, evenly-spaced rhythm.

Ropesight Being able to see some of the patterns in the way the other ropes fall, rather than following bells by number. It takes some time to develop this skill, so be patient, and maybe try some targeted exercises to practise it. You might use patterns of numbers until you’ve developed it, though some teachers may not like you relying on this.

Learning methods To ring Plain Bob Doubles you’ll need to combine the above three skills with knowing how the method works – and not just by sequences of numbers.

Ways of ringing Plain Bob Doubles

Last week we introduced five different ways of ringing Plain Bob:

- Work for each bell The blue line The circle of work
- Passing the treble Watching or hearing the treble

Jargon

Now might be a good opportunity to talk through some of the jargon terms between teacher and learner and check understanding. Just because you explained it once at a practice four weeks ago doesn’t mean they still have it off pat! Here are some:

- handstroke and backstroke up and down over and under
- front and back leading and lying dodge following
- long fifths up dodge and down dodge

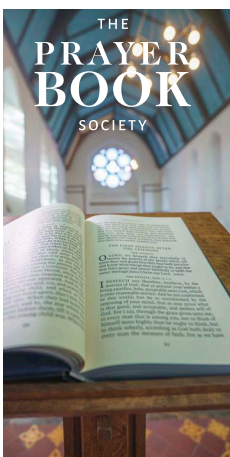
Dodges and long fifths

Make sure you have discussed dodging with your teacher and know what it involves – the bells you follow and the changes of speed. Fudging dodges is a common difficulty.

A dodge is a single backwards step in the line while hunting. When you dodge, a second bell will always be dodging with you. You strike twice over the bell you are dodging with, with another bell in between (e.g. 5, 3, 5).

We say the dodges in Plain Bob are at backstroke, because the backwards steps are at backstroke. For 3-4 down, give the handstroke an extra tug to get the backstroke up. This backstroke is over the same bell as the previous backstroke.

Another piece of work to note is long fifths or four blows behind, the first blow being a backstroke. Both backstrokes will be over the same bell, as will both handstrokes (a, b, a, b). This is because these bells are dodging together in 3-4. Long fifths is the only piece of work in Bob Doubles that is not also in Bob Minimus.



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The images of the week

Kent Young Ringers first participated in the RWNVC (London) in 2016. Ellen Jones (left) was a member of this team when she was 11 years old. She has been in the team every year since (all seven contests) and was team captain last year in Exeter and is captain again this year. Ellen will be 19 at the beginning of September and going off to pastures new, but promises to bring orange Oscar to visit future contests. Meanwhile, stepping into her boots is young Charlotte Elvers, 10, pictured here getting ready to ring at the Minster. Thanks to Richard Horton for the photos of the ringers, and to Jen Thomas for Oscar.

Mayor sets new ringing tradition

Mayor Cllr Caroline Symonds set a new Coleshill ringing tradition when she visited the tower to present her Coronation volunteering certificates to ringers.

It was the last official duty of her mayoral year, and so she was offered and accepted the opportunity to be rung out of office. The new mayor Cllr Tony Battle also accepted the offer when his term ends.

Both had a quick ringing lesson.

Cllr Symonds’s award was one of two presented to the church. Now well over two years since the town had a vicar to lead the church, Coleshill’s ringers and church members pulled together to ensure all services, funerals and weddings were covered, as well as the usual open days, fundraisers and other aspects of church life.

Their certificates thanked them for their exceptional commitment and outstanding voluntary work. Cllr Symonds also presented each ringer with a thank-you bag of wine and chocolates – Quality Street, of course.

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