

Welcome to this special issue celebrating the thirteenth Ringing World National Youth Contest, held two weeks ago in London. What a day – hopefully you will see from the selection of photos and reports what a joyful and inspirational atmosphere it had, finishing with a truly memorable ceremony at St Paul's Cathedral. Thank you and well done to everyone who took part, in any capacity.

From the organiser's viewpoint

It is fair to say that my first year as RWNYC organiser has been a steep learning curve, not least because of the significant growth in numbers of teams entering this year. London, by virtue of its transport links, prestige as English capital and the famous rings of bells located within its parameters, will always attract significant interest. But, as a newcomer, what has impressed me the most is the dedication and enthusiasm that the RWNYC provokes in the young ringers, team leaders, helpers, supporters and local volunteers who all participate in the day. More than one team of young ringers travelled more than 200 miles with their families to participate. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to build on the strong foundations laid by past organisers.

For RWNYC 2024, the ASCY organising committee and I sought to create a day which prioritised the experience of the young ringers attending at every opportunity and gave each of the 37 teams equivalent and high quality exposure to the highlights of London ringing. I hope that we have achieved this!

With St Mary le Bow as both day headquarters and flagship tower, ASCY hosted a truly memorable day which featured ringing at a diverse range of towers within the City and a results ceremony held in the incredible nave at St Paul's Cathedral. The sound of the cathedral bells being rung by members of the St Paul's Guild as the teams headed home was a very fitting farewell.

Over 130 volunteers gave up their time to make RWNYC 2024 happen and I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone who played a part in making the day a reality. The hours devoted to this endeavour by the organising committee led by Simon Meyer certainly made my task as organiser easier.

The challenge for me as organiser now is establishing the best way(s) to aid the event to evolve. RWNYC has a key role to play in supporting youth ringing and providing opportunities for its 'graduate' ringers, and I look forward to exploring this evolution over the coming months. Watch this space!

JO CRESSHULL



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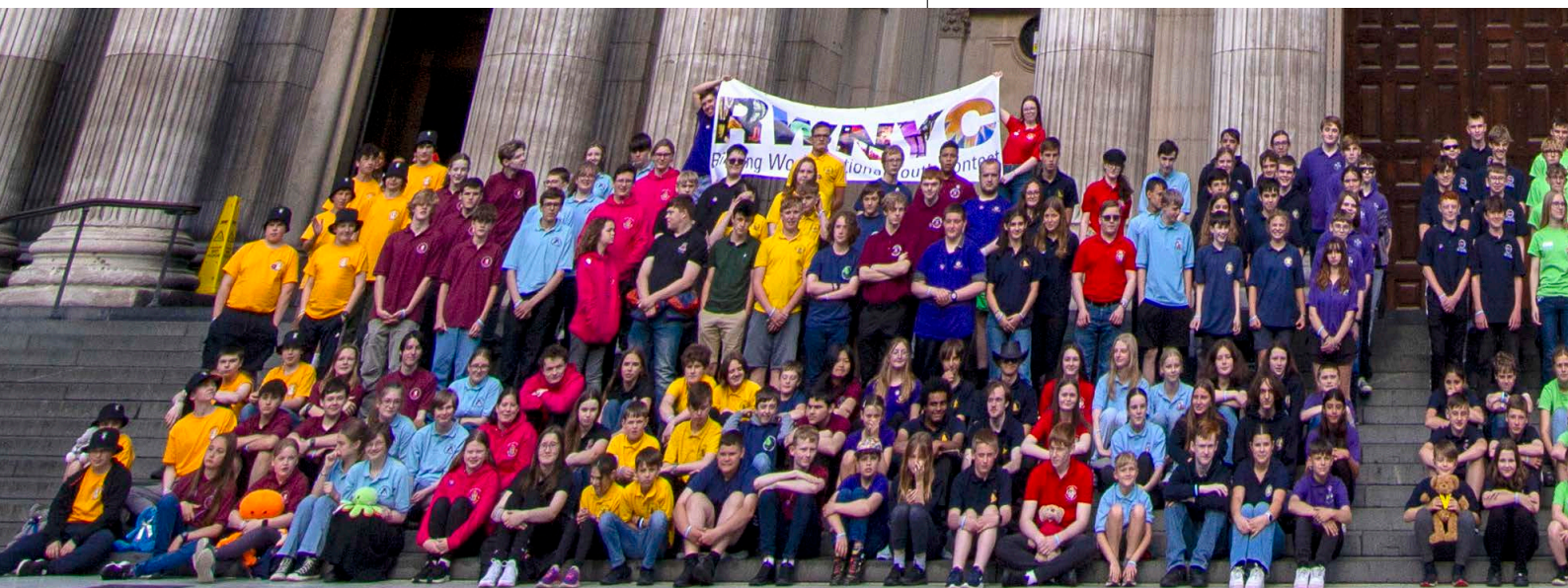
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Front cover: Ethan Smith, aged 12, from the Coventry Spires, on tiptoe on the tenor box at St Mary-le-Bow (Photo Roger Lawson); Top left: Norfolk young ringers at St James Bermondsey (Photo James Wray); Top right: Volunteer coordinator Becky Sugden hands out nametags at Bow. (Photo Roger Lawson), Above: Ringing isn't always competitive and teams came together at a dozen towers around London, including St Michael's Cornhill (Photo Roger Lawson), Left: Former RW Editor Robert Lewis presents the Call Change Trophy for Excellence to Rachel Bagley , co-conductor of the Worcester team ((Photo Roger Lawson); Below: The teams line up at the end of a fantastic day for the group photo on the steps of St Paul's Cathedral (Photo James Wray). We hope to make souvenir copies of this image available in the RW shop soon!



Worcester for the win! by Rachel Bagley (17)

The winners of the eight-bell call changes category and the Robert Lewis Trophy for Excellence tell us a little about their day.

Worcester Cathedral young ringers had a very good day out in London for the RWNYC despite the rain and transport issues on the way! We all managed to make it to St Olave Hart Street, our competition tower, in time to start our day there.

We thought our test piece was pretty good but not having listened to the other teams we didn't really know where we would be placed.

Then it was off for some fun at Bow, Cripplegate, Spitalfields, Magnus, and lastly Garlickythe where we lined up in the pulpit for a photo. We then headed off to St Paul's for the massive group photoshoot. We found our places inside this amazing building to await the results, where we were delighted to find we had won the eight-bell call change competition. Strike (our team mascot) was incredibly proud of us!

Several of our squad have added their thoughts.

Thanks to the ASCY and team leaders for a fantastic day out!



'My first experience of the RWNYC was filled with many great memories, made all the more special by Worcester Cathedral young ringers winning the eight bell call change contest. It was a true delight to ring on some of the finest rings in London, culminating in a very surreal ceremony in St Paul's Cathedral bringing together the skills of all teams involved from far and wide. I very much look forward to future competition outings. Thank you to everyone who made it such a special day for us all.'

Edmund

'I enjoyed ringing in new towers and I thought St Paul's Cathedral was impressive. It was a long day, but worth it.'

Isla

'When I first started ringing in 2018, I never imagined I would find myself part of a RWNYC winning team. My love for ringing has grown immensely over the years and has pushed me to do great things with Worcester Cathedral young ringers, and as an individual. It was a really memorable day. And, we beat the Brum Dingers!' (Note from Di, – Team Leader, a little bit of local friendly rivalry here!).

Hattie

'I am absolutely over the moon that we won! It's like a dream come true! It's even more special as it was only the second time for me, ringing in the competition. I am really proud of all our team members. I was also chuffed to ring the tenor at St Mary le Bow, another dream come true. I am already looking forward to next year.'

Sam

'I enjoyed ringing at different towers and especially St Mary le Bow's tenor. It was both an exhausting and exciting day.'

Lizzy

'It has been an amazing opportunity to get to ring in the RWNYC and I've loved ringing as part of the team!'

Anna

'London was a lot of fun and it was interesting to see different people from around the country and all be brought together by ringing.'

Lily

Top right: Worcester's lucky mascot Strike did a great job; Main image: The Worcester Cathedral team mount the pulpit at St James Garlickythe. (Photos David Bagley)

Below left: The bells of the Charmborough ring, Centre: The Charmborough ring being assembled on the forecourt of St Mary le Bow early in the rather damp morning; Below right: Nottingham's Elliott Harvie is pleased with his medal. (Photos Roger Lawson)





From the judges:

It was a privilege to be Chief Judge of the contest this year. My usual day at the RWNYC is running the handbell workshops, so it was really interesting to get a different perspective from the judging room, and to be able to listen to the brilliant competition ringing produced by the teams.

With a record-breaking 36 teams in the contest this year, judging was no easy task and I would not have been able to do it without my amazing fellow judges!

Jo Cresshull and I recruited five willing volunteers – Steph Hills as Assistant Chief Judge and then four Co-Judges who are all graduates of previous Youth Contest teams: Josephine Leggett, Evie Newton, Daniel Page and Stephen Bean. Their experience of competing in the Youth Contest meant they brought excellent listening skills, along with a real understanding of what it is like to ring in the contest.

Prior to the contest, we held a Zoom meeting to go through the judging approach for the day. We marked a judging sheet to note how the ringing was going: a tick for a particularly good row, blank for good ringing, or between 1-3 dots for small through to significant errors. We then discussed the test piece before looking at data from the strikeometer, a very clever piece of computer software which has the strength of being able to mark faults consistently through the course of the day. We used our marking and the strikeometer data to assign each team a score out of 10, with 10 being reserved for only the very best ringing! This approach meant we could spend as much time as possible producing helpful comments for each band, which worked really well with so many teams involved.

The judging team met bright and early at St Mary-le-Bow on the morning of the contest, before heading to St James Garlickhythe to meet our superb ‘strikeometerists’ for the day, Matt Thewsey and Dave Richards. Steph, Josephine and Daniel stayed at Garlickhythe to judge the six-bell teams, while Evie, Stephen and I went over to St Olave Hart Street ready for the eight-bell contest. At both towers, stewards were on hand to keep us supplied with plentiful cake, sandwiches, cups of tea and other judging sustenance!

We were so impressed with the quality of ringing produced by the teams. Every team completed their test piece and produced ringing they should be proud of. With 17 teams ringing in the eight-bell, and 19 in the six-bell, the high standard really helped keep us motivated and focused over our six hours of judging! At Hart Street, as we listened to the second team in the eight-bell method competition, we found we were putting more and more ticks on our judging sheets. The ringing was exceptionally good, with long stretches without any clips or errors at all. The strikeometer scores completely agreed with our assessment of the ringing, with very few faults at all, and so we made the unprecedented decision to award this team a score of 10 out of 10! Huge congratulations to the Yorkshire Tykes.

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Once the long day of judging was complete, we all met up at St James Garlickhythe to compare notes and then rang a touch of Bristol S Major with the six judges and two strikeometerists. We then geared ourselves up for the results at St Paul’s. It was amazing to see so many young ringers, and a daunting space to give the results in, but everyone did a brilliant job at delivering the results. Once the results were over,

we retired to Ye Olde Watling for a well-deserved drink or two.

Congratulations to all teams who competed in the contest, and many thanks to my brilliant co-judges for all their hard work over the course of a long day!

TOM HINKS (Chief Judge)

Judges: Steph Hills (Assistant Chief), Stephen Bean, Josephine Leggett, Evie Newton and Daniel Page

City of London. (S James Garlickhythe)
6 Jul, 96 Bristol S Major: Josephine Leggett 1, Tom Hinks (C) 2, David Richards 3, Steph Hills 4, Matt Thewsey 5, Daniel Page 6, Evie Newton 7, Stephen Bean 8. Rung by the judges & strikeometerists for today’s Ringing World National Youth Contest.

Top left: Tom, Evie and Stephen listened from the crypt at Hart Street (photo James Wray); Right: Steph, Josephine and Daniel stayed at Garlickhythe (photo Roger Lawson); Below: At St Paul’s for the results (photo James Wray)





Top left: The trophies and medals laid out under the dome of St Paul's ahead of the results ceremony (Photo Adrian Udal)

Top right: Some of the older helpers have a go on the Maypole Bells inside St Mary le Bow Church (Photo Roger Lawson)

Right: The young ringers were delighted with their medals after the results ceremony in St Paul's (Photo James Wray)

Below: A thumbs-up from the Welsh team (Photo Roger Lawson)



Team Cymru: glad to be back by Debbie Turner, Team Leader

"I had the best day, I loved the ringing and I'm especially happy that I got to ring in St Mary Le Bow, particularly the tenor bell. And St Paul's Cathedral was beautiful and the atmosphere was electric! Thank you, it was amazing." **Jack**



"Overall the day was brilliant. I especially enjoyed building on my friendships with many members of the band, as well as experiencing the variety of towers and bells and look forward to my future with bell ringing." **Madison**

"I enjoyed the whole experience a lot especially ringing at the different towers. Also, I believe this competition has brought all of us closer together as friends and not just as team mates. I was so happy about coming 2nd this year and can't wait to take part next year." **Catherine**

"An enjoyable experience that had clearly been planned in great depth. Thank you to all involved!" **Adam**

"Ringing in London was very interesting, especially trying the different bells in different churches." **Lily**

"An amazing experience and fun day with using the different bells." **Rhys**

Team Cymru had a fantastic time in London at the RW National Youth Competition on Saturday. We entered a team from South Wales for the first time in 13 years and had no idea what to expect, but came second in the six-bell call change section. We were absolutely delighted!

It was a tiring day, but such a fantastic event with over 300 children taking part from all over the UK, with the opportunity for them to

ring at various towers across the City of London and the results at the magnificent St Paul's Cathedral. Many thanks to Joanna Cresshull and all those involved who made the day such a success. Here's to the next one!

Yorkshire Tykes – London Calling! by Jane Lynch – Yorkshire Tykes Organiser

The Editor asked for our thoughts on London 2024 and also how the Tykes achieved the perfect score of 10 from 10. Our squad were very excited to learn that the contest was in London and that they would ring at so many London towers. We are in the fortunate position at the moment of having a large pool of ringers to select our teams from and some difficult selection decisions had to be made this year. Eventually we decided on an eight-bell method team, a six-bell method team, and a six-bell call changes team, with two reserves. Getting the groups together to practise was difficult due to exams, half term holidays and other family events. Six different sessions were held (two for each team). The eight-bell team are all very experienced ringers, even though the average age is only 16.25. They did a lot of work on perfecting the striking, including practising at towers the same weight as Hart Street, listening to recordings of the Hart Street bells, and ensuring they were all familiar with the callings for the touch. At the final practice they listened to a recording of their own ringing and were very self-critical of some aspects of it. They worked on the opening rounds and transition into changes, maintaining a consistent rhythm and the leading.

Most of us stayed in London for the weekend and a few travelled down on the day. We met at Cripplegate in the pouring rain. It was disappointing to only ring eight bells here, but they were difficult bells and we understand the reason behind not

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“The secret to good striking is to keep a consistent rhythm because if the rhythm falls apart then the ringing will eventually do so too. Even if there are some method mistakes they can get right back into it and settle down quicker because of the rhythm.”

Alex



Clockwise from top: Alan Hughes presents the Whitechapel Trophy (James Wray); Mia on the tenor box at Bow (Yorkshire Tykes); What's that you said?; Yorkshire Pride!

Meet the band – The Yorkshire Tykes eight-bell method team 2024

Bell	Name	Age	Started Ringing	Home Tower (s)	Peals	QPs	Ringling Ambitions
1	Amelia Johnson	16	2019	Leeds Minster & Hemsworth	1	13	I'd love to go as far as I can in ringing, until I reach my ringing limit.
2	Finley Kemp	14	2018	Guiseley	2	27	Improve my conducting skills & lead the Tykes in a RWNVC.
3	Annie Faulkner	18	2020	Gargrave & Skipton	5	34	To conduct a peal and become a member of SRCY or ASCY.
4	Robert Carr (C)	18	2014	Huntington, York	4	35	To ring over 100 peals.
5	Francis Town	16	2017	Northallerton	9	68	To join SRCY, ring peals at different towers & improve my 12-bell ringing.
6	Francis Gilruth	15	2016	Chapel Allerton & Leeds Minster	18	22	To join SRCY.
7	Alexander Johnson	17	2018	Leeds Minster	9	40	Have a go at judging a contest, including RWNVC.
8	Harry Helyer	16	2017	Northallerton & Ormesby	15	93	To conduct a peal and to ring in a peal of "Particles."

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ringing all twelve. From here we moved to St Mary le Bow and were pleased to see some ex-Tykes running the handbell sessions. All our ringers love mini-rings and despite the rain made good use of the Charmborough Ring. After that we went up the tower to ring the glorious twelve at Bow. Everyone got several rings and many of our team rang the back bells including the tenor. Our younger ringers also enjoyed these bells. Then it was time to split up and go to the contest towers.

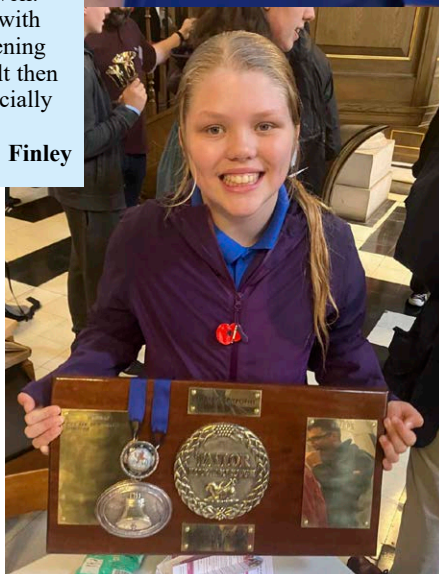
I didn't hear our eight-bell method team as I was at Garlickhythe with the other two teams. However, on meeting them at St Lawrence Jewry they were keenly listening to the recording made by one of our supporters. They seemed quite happy with it but obviously didn't know how the other teams had done. We then rang on the lovely bells at Jewry and got caught in the mother of all downpours on the walk to Spitalfields. We were dripping wet by the time we arrived but still had some great ringing on these wonderful Gillett bells. We had dried out by the time we reached St Paul's for the group photo. What an impressive sight that was.

Then onto the results, where some of our members seemed more interested in the progress of the England football team! It was great to hear the results of each section and the scores show how many teams produced excellent ringing. We were delighted with the results for our two six-bell teams, and couldn't believe our eight-bell team got the first ever 10 in RWNYS history. Unfortunately, two of the team had already left to get their trains home so missed the presentation. It was a fantastic day which will live in the memory for a long time.



"This was my fourth contest and third time in the team. On the day I was quite nervous because I wanted to do well. Something I did to help with the striking was just listening to it, and if I made a fault then just trying to adjust especially over the bigger bells."

Finley



Francis Town dripping wet at Spitalfields; Sophie McCoy eyes up a bigger trophy! (Jane Lynch)

Below: a happy crowd of Fen Tigers and supporters waits during the competition ringing at Garlickhythe (Roger Lawson)



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Opening Act

SIR, – Congratulations to the members of the eKenton Training Hub who got together with other local ringers and rang to open the Bushey Performing Arts Festival for the third consecutive year (p.630). It is very encouraging to see events such as this that give due recognition to ringing as one of the performing arts with a natural place alongside other musicians.

At Epworth in north Lincolnshire there is a well-established annual Music Day; this year's was the eleventh such occasion and took place on 22nd June. Individual performers and ensembles of every kind came from across the area to fill the performance spots at seventeen different sites in the town centre and the whole place came alive to the sound of music. This year there were 66 acts, an amazing variety of genres including nearly 200 ukelele players, (I have no idea why so many), a brass ensemble, various folk singers and groups, an amazing Klezmer band, jazz, strings, guitars and choirs, even some skiffle and acoustic punk, and all culminating in a concert in the parish church in the evening.

The whole thing was kicked off to widely expressed approval by the local Isle of Axholme bellringers. The fine peal of eight Taylor bells (16–3–16 in F) create a noble sound that can be heard right across the town centre. For the eighth consecutive festival (there were none in the Covid years) we ensured that they were rung for a 30-minute session to start the day. We ring regularly at three churches in the Isle and occasionally at the fourth and we have rung at all of them for the nationally important events of recent years. Strolling among the crowds at this year's Music Day I heard many favourable comments about the bell ringing and it was very clear how much the local people appreciate the sound of their bells and the efforts of the ringers, especially on this and other special occasions.

Such events provide wonderful opportunities for us to demonstrate our art and contribute to local community events. It is not about recruitment, although that may be a happy by-product, but public relations and simply participating and raising the profile of what we do, setting it in the context of musical performance. Ultimately this has to be beneficial.

So "well done" eKenton Training Hub at the Bushey Performing Arts Festival, may you open many more such events. There must be many similar festivals across the country; some will certainly include hand

bell ringing, probably tune ringing, but what contribution are our tower bells making? If your town or village has a music festival don't wait to be invited, make it known that there is no better way of opening such events than by ringing the church bells.

TED STEELE

Hatfield, S Yorks

Coarse pinnacles

SIR, – I think Phil Gay can relax about what he calls Pevsner's original "slightly unkind judgement" about the pinnacles on Keele's tower. The description is an accurate architectural one, meaning the pinnacles are plain, undecorated by crockets or other carved ornament, and no slur at all is intended.

Pevsner's vocabulary is enjoyably diverse, and single words such as "curious", or "undistinguished" seem to denote a very mild disapproval – one guesses his judgement is something like "no real harm done". Whereas he can become quite lyrical if he really disapproves of a building or detail: the hotel opposite Bath Abbey is described as "an unbelievable piece of *pompier* architecture...It is five-storeyed and adds for good measure two storeys in the roof and a yet higher single-tower. The effect on the NE view of the Abbey is disastrous... The Avon front is in the same frolicsome spirit. What can have gone on in the mind of the designing architect?"

If Pevsner intended to be even slightly unkind about your tower, you would know about it.

MAGGIE WILLANS

Bath, Somerset

Central Council Finances

SIR, – In reply to the letter from Mike Chester last week (p.638): Yes, the Council's affiliation fees are there to finance the statutory duties in regarding to running a charity (which is more than simply an AGM) and they don't quite do that. If these were not increased, reserves would have to be used just to meet the running costs of the Council. Would this be a good use of the reserves? We think not.

It was precisely because the Executive are aware of Guild & Association finances that the recent consultations were arranged and took place. These have proved constructive and we are working that feedback into our proposition, including that from the treasurer of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

Historically, the Central Council has been criticised for doing nothing and just being a talking shop. Now we are faced with a stark choice: do nothing and let ringing wither on the vine, or do something to create more interest and gain more ringers, by working in collaboration with Guilds & Associations. To do the latter (called Ringing 2030) will cost significant money using professional services and we think our available reserves will not cover this for more than a few years.

So what do we do? We can spend what we have and hope that this is enough to achieve

our aims, or alert Guilds & Associations of the problem and request an increase in affiliation fees over the next few years, to do the job properly.

As regards a Direct Membership Organisation, this is easy to say but in fact not so easy to do. We've looked at different models but as yet haven't come up with anything that works without starting from scratch. We'd welcome any ideas to accomplish this without sidelining Guilds & Associations.

The cost of doing nothing (based on number of ringers)

Current estimate

Under 40	15%	4,500
40–60	25%	7,500
Over 60	60%	18,000

Total number of ringers 30,000

Projected estimate in say 20 years

Under 40	15%	4,500
<i>assuming similar rate of recruitment</i>		
40–60	25%	4,500
<i>currently under 40</i>		

Over 60	60%	7,500
<i>currently 40–60</i>		

Total number of ringers 16,500

FERGUS STRACEY
Treasurer of the Central Council

Save the date – BUSCR at 70!



BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITIES
SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

SIR, – Founded on 8th March 1955, the Birmingham

University Society is looking forward to celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2025. We are planning a dinner weekend on 24–26th January 2025 to celebrate. We have already made contact with a number of past members and are excitedly booking activities for the weekend, centring around the grand dinner on Saturday! But don't worry, for those interested, there will be plenty of ringing too. Quarters and Peals are already being booked into the more spectacular towers.

Our past members' contact list is not in good shape, and we are looking to make contact with as many as possible. If you are a Birmingham alumnus – even if you didn't ring during your time here – or a friend of BUSCR, we would love to see you for the dinner weekend, so please save the date. To help us secure the right size venue please let us know you intend to be there using a sign-up form through <https://rwrld.uk/axgs>, and then pass this message on to everyone you know who might be interested!

LUCAS WILLIAMS
On behalf of the BUSCR dinner committee (buscr.committee@gmail.com)

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Ringing World National Youth Contest

The 2024 teams

Six-bell

St James Garlickhythe

Ringers named clockwise from front right.

Photographs presented in draw order.

Method ringing



Norfolk (Plain Bob Doubles)
 1 Morwenna Johns, 2 Jamie Watson,
 3 Max Meeson, 4 Anna White (C),
 5 Brandon Warman, 6 Max Thomson



Yorkshire Tykes (Plain Bob Doubles)
 1 Alfie Swinton, 2 Dylan Smith, 3 Luana Bracht,
 4 Jayden Newton, 5 George Rees (C),
 6 Isaac Bleything



Derbyshire Young Ringers (Plain Bob Doubles)
 1 Edward Cotton, 2 Matthew Hale,
 3 Stuart Heaton, 4 Jennifer Peckham (C),
 5 Freddie Robertson, 6 Toby Hughes



Lancashire Lads And Lasses (Plain Bob Doubles)
 1 Luke Pollock, 2 Victoria Boardman,
 3 Elle Buttery, 4 Oliver Vyse,
 5 Ellis Hollows (C), 6 Alex Gardner



Durham & Newcastle (Plain Bob Doubles)
 1 Joseph Stewart, 2 Isaac Cairns,
 3 Cleo Robinson-Kaye, 4 Robert Wallace,
 5 Joel Cairns (C), 6 Mina Corso



Team photographs by Richard Smith, Iain Anderson and Jonathan Cresshull

Method ringing

Position	Team name	Score
1st	Durham & Newcastle	9.5/10
2nd	Lancashire Lads and Lasses	9/10
3rd	Norfolk	8.5/10
4th=	Yorkshire Tykes	8/10
4th=	Derbyshire Young Ringers	8/10

Call changes

Position	Team name	Score
1st	Nottingham Young Ringers	9.5/10
2nd	Cymru Wales	9/10
3rd=	Bengal Fen Tigers	8.5/10
3rd=	Three Spires	8.5/10
4th	Peterborough	8/10
5th=	Lincolnshire Poachers	7.5/10
5th=	Guildford	7.5/10
6th=	Cornish Pasties	7/10
6th=	Devon Young Ringers	7/10
7th=	MCALDG	6.5/10
7th=	Yorkshire Tykes	6.5/10
8th=	Siberian Fen Tigers	6/10
8th=	Norfolk	6/10
8th=	Wyke Weenies	6/10

Call change ringing



Middlesex CA and London DG
 1 Jason Brett, 2 Yuxi Chan, 3 Josh Harris-Perver, 4 Joseph Collings, 5 Adam Brett (C), 6 Gerard Evans



Fen Tigers Bengal (Ely)
 1 Josh Liversedge, 2 Oliver Probert, 3 Evans Webber, 4 Elva Holden, 5 Thomas Green (C), 6 Brinley Wilkes



Fen Tigers Siberian (Ely)
 1 Georgina Kilgour, 2 Rosie Dixon, 3 Hannah Probert, 4 John Mark McCrae (C), 5 William Hough, 6 Benedict Hardy-Phillips



Guildford
 1 Theo de Vos van Steenwijk (C), 2 Jenna MacDermott (C), 3 Freya Williams, 4 Owen Le Page, 5 Talia Johnson, 6 Heidi Saddleton



Peterborough
 1 Freya Bartlett, 2 Niamh Montgomery, 3 Flynn Spires, 4 Izack Pope, 5 Grace Allcott, 6 Matthew Allcott (C)



Three Spires (Lichfield And Walsall)
 1 Xanthe Simmonds (C), 2 Amber Wheaver, 3 Rowan Wesley-Turner, 4 Alesha Wheaver, 5 Oliver Mitchell, 6 Xavier Howell



Lincolnshire Poachers
 1 Mia Bradford, 2 Penny Meadows, 3 Luke Harness-Barrack, 4 Harper Evans, 5 Tom White, 6 John Sharman (C)



Nottingham Young Ringers
 1 Hannah Garfoot (C), 2 Lucy Wignell, 3 Samuel Wignell, 4 Codey Mitchell, 5 Ethan Smith, 6 Luke Marsden



Wyke Weenies (Dorset)
 1 Jake Sands, 2 Ava Thomas, 3 Alex Say, 4 Eddie Wordsworth, 5 Amelia Jones (C), 6 Bobby Ashton



Cornish Pasties (Truro)
 1 James Taylor, 2 William Andress (C), 3 Jenna Calcraft, 4 Azriel Scoble, 5 Rosy Renfree, 6 Daniel O'Hanlon



Cymru Wales
 1 Catherine Turner, 2 Adam Turner (C), 3 Madison Grant, 4 Lily Kerbey, 5 Jack Disley, 6 Rhys Fairchild



Devon Young Ringers
 1 Esme Kerslake (C), 2 Grace Bass, 3 Isabelle Long, 4 Samuel Jackson, 5 Dylan Hulme, 6 Joshua Lobb



Norfolk
 1 Ellie Maunder (C), 2 Hannah Turk, 3 Jacob Turk, 4 James Bason, 5 Molly Howard, 6 Oliver Clifton



Yorkshire Tykes
 1 Erin Swinton, 2 Sophie McCoy (C), 3 Aled Kennerley, 4 Eleanor Wheelhouse, 5 Bethan Kernot, 6 Noah Kennerley

RWNYC

Ringing World National Youth Contest

The 2024 teams

Eight-bell

St Olave, Hart Street

Ringers named clockwise from front right.

Photographs presented in draw order.

Method ringing



Winchester & Portsmouth (Plain Bob Triples)
 1 Annabel Clements, 2 Lauren Kidd, 3 Mitchell Reeves, 4 Katherine Wilkins, 5 Erin Ingram, 6 Ellen Barber, 7 Francesco Greenslade (C), 8 James Wedley



Yorkshire Tykes (Plain Bob Triples)
 1 Amelia Johnson, 2 Finley Kemp, 3 Annie Faulkner, 4 Rob Carr (C), 5 Francis Town, 6 Francis Gilruth, 7 Alexander Johnson, 8 Harry Helyer



Oxford Diocesan Guild (Plain Bob Triples)
 1 Lewis Knowles, 2 Dominic Ellis, 3 Marc Jones, 4 Billy Fisher, 5 Gabriel Pharoah-Metcalf, 6 Daniel Watson (C), 7 Simon Lee, 8 Isaac Davies



Gloucester & Bristol (Plain Hunt)
 1 Daisy Judson, 2 Megan Dawson-Philips, 3 Rupert Knight, 4 William Roberts, 5 Alfie Stick, 6 Toby Hicks (C), 7 Andrew Woods, 8 William Hunter



The Whitechapel Trophy – Method ringing

Position	Team name	Score
1st	Yorkshire Tykes	10/10
2nd	Winchester & Portsmouth	9.5/10
3rd=	Oxford DG	7.5/10
3rd=	Gloucester & Bristol	7.5/10

The Robert Lewis Trophy for Excellence – Call changes

Position	Team name	Score
1st	Worcester Cathedral	9.5/10
2nd	Essex Young Eagles	9/10
3rd	Kent Young Ringers	8.5/10
4th=	Bucks and Berks	8/10
4th=	Young@Herts	8/10
5th	Bath and Wells	7.5/10
6th	Brumdingers	7/10
7th=	Surrey Strikers	6.5/10
7th=	Go Bellistic (Salisbury DG)	6.5/10
8th	Leicestershire Foundry Foxes	6/10
9th=	Sussex Young Ringers	5.5/10
9th=	Coventry Spires	5.5/10
9th=	Winchester & Portsmouth	5.5/10

The trophies (photo Chris Wright)
 Team photographs by Linda Garton and Trisha Shannon

Call change ringing



Essex Young Eagles

1 Hannah Brooks, 2 Sarah Robbins,
3 Nicholas Elliott, 4 Emily Brooks, 5 Charlie
Smith, 6 Ryan Faulkner-Hatt, 7 Lucas Owen
(C), 8 Benji Bowman



Bucks & Berks Young Ringers

1 Euan Thomas (C), 2 Charlotte Lee,
3 Becki Shuttleworth, 4 Jack Francis, 5 Sam
Boughton, 6 Eira Roberts, 7 James Moynihan,
8 Charley Smith



Young @ Herts

1 Nick Groves, 2 Joe Edwards, 3 Alice
Blatchford, 4 Louisa Haynes, 5 Jack Sambridge,
6 Toby Hornberger, 7 Tommy Groves (C),
8 Tim Needham



Surrey Strikers

1 Fraser Storie (C), 2 Alexander Harrison,
3 Remo Ruocco, 4 Finley Hercocock, 5 Lucien
Laphorn, 6 Ed Georges, 7 Thomas Ashwin-
Siejkowski, 8 Reuben Willoughby



Sussex Young Ringers

1 Luca Greenslade, 2 Livi Reading,
3 Abigail Hayes, 4 Pippa Cooper, 5 Archie
Morley, 6 Isaac Robson, 7 Samuel Canning (C),
8 Moses Cooper



Worcester Cathedral

1 Rachel Bagley (C), 2 Hattie Bird (C),
3 Lily Fowle, 4 Anna Clayton, 5 Charlotte
Holiday, 6 Lizzy Tenant, 7 Christopher Hartley,
8 Sam Trigger



Bath & Wells

1 Clara Waller, 2 Melissa Hunt (C),
3 Leanna Elton, 4 Igi Waugaman Reed,
5 Jack Higby, 6 Paddy Sowter,
7 Finlay Totterdell, 8 Sam Elton



Coventry Spires

1 Joe White, 2 Will Blizzard, 3 Zach Poulton
(C), 4 Josh Warren, 5 Ethan Smith, 6 Joseph
Travis, 7 Noah Poulton, 8 Oliver Poulton



Go Bellistic (Salisbury)

1 Conni Cottingham, 2 Ben van Alstede,
3 Oscar van Alstede, 4 Esther Davey,
5 Ben Avery, 6 Jacob Goff,
7 Robert McGrane (C), 8 James Cheshire



Leicester Foundry Foxes

1 Tess Preston, 2 Jacob Peace,
3 Emma Richards, 4 Lucy Hadfield, 5 Lily
Maynard Smith, 6 Tom Bullock,
7 Eliza Lewis-Skeath, 8 Dexter Deakes (C)



Brumdingers

1 George Ellis, 2 Elizabeth Wilby (C),
3 Max Earthquake, 4 Elliot Daniel,
5 Matthew Healy, 6 Lex Earthquake,
7 James Ellis, 8 Orson Gee



Winchester & Portsmouth

1 Oliver Maddams (C), 2 Toby Marriot,
3 Phoebe Allen, 4 Evan Pearce, 5 Alasdair
Mead, 6 Dylan Price, 7 Noah Moxom,
8 Emily Burslem



Kent Young Ringers

1 Oscar Brooks Wilkins, 2 Charlotte Elvers,
3 Lily-Ann Lambell, 4 Will Dellow,
5 Hannah Cargill Thompson, 6 George Marks,
7 Callum Clark (C), 6 Ben Dellow

The Great Ringing Day at Lavenham in the nineteenth century

by John Eisel

Part 3

We left the story of the great ringing day in 1871, when the death of Henry Hobart was much lamented. In this part I take the story up to the early 1880s, and then discuss the various theories about the great ringing day.

After 1871, I have nothing further on the ringing day at Lavenham until 1877, when this was reported in both the *Bury Free Press* and *Church Bells*. Visitors included Leonard Proctor's company, sixteen ringers from Sawbridgeworth, and representatives of the College Youths and Cumberland Youths. Ringing commenced at 6.30 and continued until a late hour, and about 50 sat down to dinner at the Cock Inn. Leonard Proctor's company stayed over, and on the following morning rang touches of London Surprise Major and Stedman Triples, before visiting Bury St. Edmunds, where they were joined by Captain Moore and Gervas Holmes, Esq., of the Redenhall company, and rang touches on both rings of bells there.

The following year there appears to have an even more numerous gathering, including what were described as 'crack' London ringers. This gathering was reported in both the local press and in *Church Bells*. Interestingly, the latter report was followed up by a letter from Leonard Proctor, listing the touches which had been rung by his company at the Lavenham ringing day (1844 Double Norwich, 876 Superlative Surprise, and 2020 Stedman Triples), followed, on the next day, by 672 Superlative Surprise and 672 Stedman Triples at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmund's, and 1122 Stedman Caters at St. James's. This emphasises that Squire Proctor's men rang as a band.

Reports of the ringing day in 1879, 1880, 1881 and 1882 appeared in *Church Bells*, each of which was well attended. The meeting in 1882 was previously advertised in *Church Bells*, and those who travelled there on the Great Eastern Railway could have a return ticket for the price of a single. However, while the report in *Church Bells* (1 July 1882) merely states that the bells were in bad order, so that no great length of changes was achieved, that in *Bell News* on 24 June 1882 was much stronger in its condemnation of the bells:

'We, in common with other ringers who had a "handful" at Lavenham last Wednesday, cannot help deploring the wretched state and "go" of these bells. Complaints under this head were rife from all sides, "the Squire" venting his dissatisfaction that the bells "didn't draw a bit," and it certainly required a good band of veterans to ring a touch at all worthy of notice.'

This meeting featured in an article that appeared in *Bell News* the following week, reporting a gathering of 'amateur' ringers, who rang at Lavenham on the ringing day, and then most of them stayed in the area until the Friday, ringing at other places. Included in this gathering was the Rev. F.E. Robinson, who called two touches of Stedman Triples at Lavenham, the most successful touches of the day: also present was H. Reeves, the editor and proprietor of *Bell News*.

It seems something was done to the bells, as the following report appeared in *Church Bells* on 17 May 1883:

'ON Monday, the 12th inst., for practice, a peal of 1008 Bob Major was rung. T. Bruce, 1; C. Fisk, 2; Rev. E. Symonds, 3; A. Symonds, 4; H. Smith, 5; W. Snell, 6;

J. Boby (conductor), 7; W. Moore, 8. Tenor, 23 cwt. All of Lavenham. First 1008 of Bob Major by all except J. Boby.'

John Boby had rung in the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 1853.

This touch of Bob Major is a crossover between the old guard, represented by John Boby, and the new guard, represented by A[rthur] Symonds. The latter had been born at the nearby settlement of Preston, where his father, grandfather and an uncle were/had been ringers. It is therefore not surprising that he learnt to ring at an early age. He first rang on Lavenham bells in 1877, and then in 1883 he moved to Lavenham at the invitation of Messrs W.W. Roper and Sons, a firm in a good way of business in the manufacture hair seating, coco-fibre mats and matting, etc. When Arthur Symonds died, an obituary in the *Bury Free Press* on 23 April 1938 stated of this move in 1883:

'At this date the Lavenham band was not very flourishing, but he soon taught a company, all employees of the firm, to ring Bob Major...'

This somewhat plays down the role that John Boby took in this, but after this date the company rapidly developed under the leadership of Arthur Symonds, who went on to ring 100 consecutive peals on the bells. But that is another story!

As for John Boby, he continued to ring, the last occasion being a wedding at Lavenham on 1 August 1909. He was the last survivor of the band that rang the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 1853, and died on 11 August 1909. Although the various censuses record him solely as an agricultural labourer, he was for many years the parish clerk and sexton of Lavenham.

Origins of the ringing day

On 14 July 2000 a letter appeared in these columns, over the name of Don Price, which began:

'Before starting a recent peal attempt at Lavenham, Suffolk, we were told that it was to mark, among other things, the 375th anniversary of the casting of the famous tenor bell by Miles Graye.'

This refers to a peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Lavenham on 24 June 2000, not quite 21 June, but close enough!

This custom was referred to by Arthur Mee, in the Suffolk volume in the King's England series

'Every year on June 21 the bells celebrate with peals the birthday of the oldest bell, made in 1625 and weighing over a ton; its lovely tone is unsurpassed.'

I would not usually quote Mee as a source, and while but he does

pick up some of the legends which others do not, he was not an exacting historian. The interest centres on establishing whether this is correct or not.

The first reference I have to the ringing day, generally held on 21 June each year, comes

St Peter and St Paul Church between 1891 when Revd Crocker died (his memorial is the bright white cross on the right) and 1907 when Mr Abbott, the photographer, died. (Photo courtesy Lavenham church / Andrew Clarke)



in 1813, where it was implied that it had been held previously ('as usual'). In Thomas Hayward's adverts there is no reason given for the ringing day, and it is not until reports appeared from 1854 onwards that the purpose of the meeting was given, not always consistently! In 1858 it was stated to be the 47th anniversary in commemoration of the opening of the [eight] bells. In 1863 it was stated specifically that the ringing day was held on the anniversary of the opening of the treble and second bells. The following year it was said that it was to celebrate 'to celebrate the 52d anniversary of the bell which was cast in Lavenham.' It was, of course, the 53rd anniversary of the trebles being added, and I have seen no suggestion that these bells were cast at Lavenham, although that is thought to be the case for Miles Gray's tenor. On 29 June 1867 this theme was developed further in the pages of the *Ipswich Journal*:

'The great ringing festival of the year at Lavenham was held on Friday, the 21st inst., that being what is called "the Bell's Birthday," because it is the anniversary of the recasting of the famous tenor of Lavenham.'

A different version was given the following year in the *Suffolk and Essex Free Press* of 25 June 1868:

'On Monday last [the longest day occurring on Sunday], the anniversary of the Lavenham bells was held as usual. Fifty-seven years ago the peal was augmented [sic] from six to eight bells, and the so called Birthday of the two latter has been kept up ever since, each year apparently increasing in interest.'

In 1871, 1876, 1877 and 1878 the ringing day was described as the 'bells' birthday', while in 1880 the report in *Church Bells* stated that it was the 68th (!) anniversary 'of these famous bells.'

Thus the weight of evidence seems to indicate that the anniversary had nothing to do with the casting of the tenor bell in 1625. There is also an obvious issue in the fact that the bells were actually opened on 23 December 1811 and not on 21 June, which was used as the anniversary. Clearly everything had become confused, and there is at least one feasible explanation: it is at least possible that the two bells for Lavenham were cast by William Dobson on 21 June 1811, but were not hung by John Naunton until December 1811. We know that John Naunton was busy during 1811, when he rehung the five bells at Old Newton and provided a new second bell, cast in 1810 by William Dobson, but opened on 29 March 1811; he added two trebles to make eight at Boxford, opened on 10 September 1811 (see note below); and rehung the eight bells at Framlingham, opened on 9 December 1811. The bells at Lavenham were opened a fortnight later.

The balance of evidence quoted indicates that, unless any earlier ringing day was revived and repurposed, the ringing day has nothing to do with the casting of the famous tenor bell in 1625.

A note about Boxford

From the fact that the treble of the ring of eight bells at Boxford was dated 1714, and that the second bell was mediaeval, it would be natural to assume that the ring of eight bells dated back to at least 1714, or earlier. It is therefore worth rehearsing the evidence which is contrary to that assumption. On 7 September 1811 an advert appeared in the *Ipswich Journal*, publicising the re-opening of the bells at Boxford. This had been placed by John Smith, of the Fleece Inn, who no doubt hoped to profit from the opening, which was to take place three days later. The advert clearly stated that two trebles had been added to the former six, and hung by John Naunton, and there seems no reason to doubt this statement. However, this indicates that the two bells that were added must have been secondhand. At the time that I visited this tower in 1995, the bells hung in a two-tier frame, with the five larger bells in the lower tier and three in the upper tier. The lower tier began as a frame for four bells, with very fine scissor-braced trusses, but was later altered with a diagonal pit inserted roughly across one corner and modification of certain of the trusses: the three smaller bells were hung in an insubstantial frame above. Based on the width of the pits, the original four-bell frame had an anticlockwise rope-circle 1243, and additions to the bellframe compounded this, with a final anticlockwise rope-circle of 12436785. Despite this, the Boxford company rang a peal of Bob Major on the bells on 3 March 1814. The report in the *Ipswich Journal* on 5 March 1814 states that this was rung by the company of ringers of Boxford, but a peal tablet which records the peal records that the peal was called by John Naunton, who rang the tenor.

In 1996/7 the bells at Boxford were rehung in a new frame lower in the tower, when the treble bell was recast and the second bell replaced with a new bell, and the former second taken out of the ring and hung in the old frame to be used as a clock bell.

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Happy 18th to Elle and Lucas

Wasn't that a party! There was general ringing and a quarter peal at St Mary Walthamstow, along with a buffet spread, on the weekend between Elle Buttery's birthday and Lucas Owen's.

Walthamstow, London. (S Mary) 14 Jul, 1260 PB Royal: Ryan J Faulkner-Hatt 1, Emily A Brooks 2, Elle G Buttery 3, Theo A Johnson 4, Dylan J Thomas 5, William J Stungo 6, Ollie E P Watson 7, Simon M Barnes 8, Kye L Leaver 9, Lucas J Owen (C) 10. Rung as an 18th Birthday treat for Elle Buttery & Lucas Owen, by a band drawn from some of their ringing friends. This Q was followed by general ringing attended by lots of their friends. A lovely Birthday celebration! 1st Royal: 9 & As C. 1st blows in m: 3.

Walthamstow, London. (S Mary) 14 Jul, Elle and Lucas's 18th Birthday General Ringing: Elle Buttery, Lucas Owen, Theo Johnson, Kye Leaver, Ryan Faulkner-Hatt, Dylan Thomas, Thomas Ashwin-Siejkowski, Ben Gaigher, Ollie Watson, Emily Brooks, Courtney Mandell, Neil Pasmore, Will Beech, Simon Barnes, Kate Walker, Neal Dodge, Jane Walters, Dennis Ellisdon, Clive Stephenson, Michelle Stephenson, Guy Wells, Lucy Chandhial, William Stungo, Jonathan Slack, Christopher Lee, Adrian Wallis, Peter Mapley, Adam Sloman, David Baker, Joe Aust, Katherine Marshall, Paul Draper, Rebecca Sharples, Jason Taylor, Andrew Hodgson, Olivia Hunt. An afternoon of ringing organised as an 18th Birthday treat for Elle & Lucas, with a buffet & refreshments going on downstairs. A big thank you to everyone who came to make it such a great day!



Some of the Quarter Peal band, minus Emily, Will & Simon. From L-R: Dylan, Kye, Ollie, Theo, Ryan, Elle, Lucas (Photo: Rebecca Sharples)

PEAL REPORTS

First Peal Congratulations

Bethany R Edwards
(Sharow, North Yorkshire)

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CITY OF LONDON,
St James Garlickhythe
Sun 30 Jun 2024 2h43 (9)
5008 Plain Bob Major
Comp. Alexander E Holroyd
1 David I Bassford
2 Richard B Pullin (C)
3 Euan R M Thomas
4 Jadd Virji
5 Andrew R Stone
6 Alan M Eyles
7 Henry D Coghill
8 Adam A Brady
First in method: 3.

BATH & WELLS D.A.

WEDMORE, Som,
The Bakery Tower
Mon 24 Jun 2024 1h43 (8lb)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(14m: 1) Princess of Wales, Norwich; 2) London, Wells; 3) Westminster, Allendale; 4) Berwick, Hexham; 5) York, Durham; 6) Beverley, Surfleet; 7) Ipswich, Cambridge)
1 Sam Shead
2 Clifford R Nicholls
3 Barrie Hendry
4 Susan M Body
5 Lester J Yeo
6 Donald B Carter (C)
550th of Minor - 6.

EAST HUNTSPILL, Som,
Little Orchard Tower
Tue 25 Jun 2024 2h (21lb)
5056 Pudsey S Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Marion Newman
2 Sam Shead
3 Lesley A Knipe
4 Richard A M Newman
5 Ally Grieveson
6 Susan M Body
7 Clifford R Nicholls
8 Joseph St J Beaumont (C)
Completes standard 8 - 5.

ST BRANDON'S SOCIETY

DURHAM,
St Oswald
Sun 30 Jun 2024 2h49 (12)
5152 Spiced S Major
(7m: 896 Lessness, Yorkshire; 672 Bristol, Cambridge, Cornwall, London, Superlative. 132 com, atw)
Comp. D F Morrison
1 Oliver D W Hughes
2 G Jessica Durham
3 Rachel C Wells
4 Alex S Riley (C)
5 Matthew J L Durham
6 Miles F E Baker
7 Christopher M Mansfield
8 Oliver E Rice
Rung to celebrate the graduation of Miles F E Baker.

DORSET C.A.

HUNTSHAM, Devon,
All Saints
Thu 27 Jun 2024 2h49 (8)
5152 Lincolnshire S Major
Comp. Simon Humphrey
1 Michael Hatchett
2 Lesley A Knipe
3 Lawrence C Bignell
4 Richard H Johnston
5 Jane C Spencer
6 Ian J Rees
7 Christopher Renyard
8 Donald B Carter (C)
100th peal together - 4 & 8.
25th peal of Lincolnshire S Major - 8.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.

FENHAM, Tyne and Wear,
St James & St Basil
Thu 27 Jun 2024 2h53 (14)
5056 Superlative S Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Barbara Davies
2 John R Welch
3 Alexander T G Pym
4 Christopher M Mansfield (C)
5 Miles F E Baker
6 Michael H Anderson
7 Jack Hanlon
8 Luke S P Riley
First peal in the method - 4, 5, 6.

G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

BROADCLYST, Devon,
St John the Baptist
Mon 10 Jun 2024 3h12 (20)
5152 Lessness S Major
Comp. P M Mason
1 James Kirkcaldy
2 Patricia Slade
3 Peter L Bill
4 Michael C Hansford
5 David Hird
6 Ian V J Smith
7 John R Martin (C)
8 Michael E C Mears
First blows in the method - 2.

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

KEMBLE, Glos,
All Saints
Sat 29 Jun 2024 2h41 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each York, Norwich, Bourne, Ipswich, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge)
1 Robert Tregillus
2 Simon J Ridley
3 Steve Bowley
4 Hilda C Ridley
5 Roderic K Bickerton
6 Michael Chester (C)

GUILDFORD D.G.

EPSOM, Surrey,
Christ Church,
Epsom Common
Tue 25 Jun 2024 2h51 (8)
5120 Kendal S Major
Comp. Robert D S Brown
1 Peter W Emery
2 Janet E Menhinick
3 Anne M Anthony
4 Nigel A L Mellor
5 Mike Pidd
6 Jackie Roberts
7 Mark E R Gill
8 Martin J Turner (C)

KENT C.A.

FRINSTED, Kent,
St Dunstan
Tue 18 Jun 2024 2h43 (6)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 720 each: London, Allendale, Durham, Bourne, Beverley, Norwich, Cambridge)
1 Ian H Oram
2 Shirley E McGill
3 Gwen Rogers
4 Phillip R J Barnes
5 John B Keeler (C)
6 Philip Rogers

CHARLWOOD, Surrey,
St Nicholas
Mon 1 Jul 2024 2h51 (11)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(41m: (1-3) Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnwick, Canterbury, Chester, Munden, London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Cuneceastre, 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 Ian Roulstone
2 Phillip R J Barnes
3 John B Keeler
4 Alan Regis
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
6 Claire F Roulstone

DANEHILL, E Sussex,
All Saints
Mon 1 Jul 2024 2h32 (7)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(14m: (1) London, Cuneceastre; (2) Canterbury, Morpeth; (3) Carlisle, Northumberland; (4) Bamborough, Bacup; (5) Lightfoot, Rossendale; (6) Beverley, Durham; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)
1 Phillip R J Barnes
2 Claire F Roulstone
3 Ian Roulstone
4 John B Keeler
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
6 Alan Regis

LANCASHIRE ASSN

GREYSTOKE, Cumbria,
St Andrew
Wed 26 Jun 2024 2h47 (7)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each of Cambridge S, Kent TB, Oxford TB, St Clements Collage Bob, College Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob)
1 Gavin E Price
2 Clarissa J E Caroe
3 Jane Holland
4 Andrew J Holland
5 David A Horne
6 Kevin M Price (C)
The peal was specially arranged to enable the 'two Prices' to ring a peal together.

LIVERPOOL, Mers,
Our Lady & St Nicholas,
Pier Head
Sat 29 Jun 2024 3h44 (41)
5042 Cambridge S Maximus
Comp. David G Hull
1 Raymond D Hellilwell
2 Ellis Hollows (C)
3 James E Hibbert
4 David T G Jones
5 Jayden R Milby
6 Alex J Parsons
7 Henry J Stephenson
8 Robin A Daw
9 Mungo B Stacy
10 Peter W H Barker
11 Lenard J Mitchell
12 Paul J Tiebout
Rung on Armed Forces Day and to celebrate 10 years of leadership of Crispin Palling as Rector of St Nicks and wishing him and his family all the very best for the future.
First on 12 as Conductor.

OXFORD D.G.

ABINGDON, Oxon,
St Helen
Sat 29 Jun 2024 3h9 (16)
5043 Stedman Caters
Comp. Richard I Allton
1 Timothy G Pett
2 David C Ockwell
3 Cheryl A Watson
4 Daniel J Watson
5 Jeremy A H Samson
6 Simon L Edwards
7 Alan M Eyles (C)
8 Mark Edwards
9 Janet E Archibald
10 Stuart F Gibson
First of Caters: 4.

PETERBOROUGH D G

GUILSBOROUGH,
Northants,
St Etheldreda
Tue 25 Jun 2024 2h44 (8)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Warkworth, Norwich, Netherseale, Surfleet, Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge, 7 different callings)
1 Ian N Willgress
2 Murray A Coleman
3 Alistair M Donaldson
4 Paul M Mason
5 Nicholas R Wilson
6 James E Benner (C)
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the conductor's first peal for the Guild, also at Guilsborough. Remembering past Guild officers Ernest Orland, Malcolm Tyler & Denis Pearson in Guild Centenary year, who all rang in the 1974 peal.

SAINT JAMES' GUILD

BICESTER, Oxon,
St Edburg
Mon 24 Jun 2024 2h56 (15)
5003 Spiced Caters and Royal
(4m/p: 2283 Stedman Caters; 960 Yorkshire S Royal; 920 Bristol S Royal; 840 London No.3 S Royal; 33 com)
Comp. D G Hull
1 David J Dearnley
2 Shirley E McGill
3 Ian Roulstone
4 Jason R Turnock
5 Jack E Page (C)
6 Ian K Bushell
7 Peter G C Ellis
8 Alan Regis
9 Paul N Mounsey
10 Claire F Roulstone

GREAT BERKHAMSTED,

Herts,
St Peter
Mon 24 Jun 2024 3h3 (15)
5088 Bristol S Major
Comp. A G Reading
1 Paul N Mounsey
2 Ian K Bushell
3 Jason R Turnock
4 Claire F Roulstone
5 David J Dearnley
6 Ian Roulstone (C)
7 Alan Regis
8 Peter G C Ellis
First peal on the bells since rehanging.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

NORTHALLERTON, N
Yorks,
All Saints
Sat 29 Jun 2024 3h2 (17)
5043 Spiced Caters and Royal
(5m: 2532 Stedman Caters; 719 Bristol S Royal; 680 each Oddfellows S Royal and Triton D Royal; 432 Stumble A Royal. 21 com)
Comp. A S Riley
1 Rachel L Mahoney
2 Matthew S Pearson
3 Edward R Mack
4 Matthew J L Durham
5 Alex S Riley (C)
6 Estella J Haynes
7 Kristopher King
8 G Jessica Durham
9 Ewan G A Hull
10 Daniel J Page
To celebrate Ed's upcoming 30th birthday.
Oddfellows Surprise: m& 34-5.4-25-3.2-47.58-6-7.6.78-1. Stumble Alliance: e& -3.58.4.7-7.6-5.4-4.7.36.8-1.

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G.

EAST BRIDGFORD, Notts,
St Peter
Sat 29 Jun 2024 2h50 (11)
5024 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. A G Reading (No.5)
1 Christopher C P Woodcock
2 Paul Sharp
3 Helen C Mansley
4 Philip R Wild
5 H Geoffrey Wells
6 Michael J Dew
7 Matthew D Dawson (C)
8 Andrew D Higson
For the Patronal Festival and Village Show.
With the band's best wishes to Richard and Sally Brown.

SUFFOLK GUILD

HENLEY, Suffolk,
St Peter
Sun 30 Jun 2024 2h49 (8)
5090 Major
(3m: 32 changes of 90th Birthday S Major, 4608 changes of June S Major, 450 changes of The Mees of Sproughton A Major. 3 com)
Comp. Monument (arr. Jadd Virji and Stephen Pettman (methods)
1 Stephen D Pettman (C)
2 Christine A Knight
3 P Mark Ogden
4 James A Smith
5 Thomas G Scase
6 James S Croft
7 Brian G Meads
8 Alan P Mayle
For the 90th birthday of June Webb (nee Mee). Her family, particularly her grandfather Charles Mee, were renowned ringers at Sproughton, Suffolk and also rang at Henley. Also celebrating John and June's Ruby wedding anniversary, also on this day.
Also wishing Richard Knight a speedy recovery from a gardening incident, preventing him taking part today.
New method: The Mees of Sproughton Alliance: -34-1458-56-16-14-38-12.78-12.

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SUSSEX C.A.

WARNHAM (THE STONYHURST RING), W Sussex
 Fri 21 Jun 2024 2h35 (21lb)
5039 Grandsire Caters
 (https://compilib.org/composition/126155)
 Comp. Jeremy D Alford
 1 P Jonathan Franklin
 2 David R Finch
 3 Anne E Franklin
 4 Sandra Alford
 5 Margaret L Sherwood
 6 Julian Morgan
 7 Jeremy D Alford (C)
 8 Edward E Woodward
 9 Stephen R T Pocock
 10 David D Smith
 First peal on the 10 in their new home. **£10**

TRENT VALLEY ASSOCIATION

SALTBY, Leics, St Peter
 Tue 25 Jun 2024 2h57 (12)
5040 Yawthorpe D Royal
 Comp. Ian Butters no 883
 1 Ruth Curtis
 2 Paul M Mason
 3 Nicholas R Wilson
 4 Peter S Lacy
 5 Peter J England
 6 Richard I Allton
 7 Michael A Varney
 8 Adrian P Sweeting
 9 Paul F Curtis
 10 Ian Butters (C)
 First peal in the method.
 Yawthorpe Delight Royal:
 -30-14-12-50-16-12-50-
 1234-10-18-70, Group C1.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

CATHERINGTON, Hants, All Saints
 Sun 30 Jun 2024 2h47 (8)
5091 Cambridge S Major
 Comp. R I Allton (No. 2091)
 1 Roy LeMarechal
 2 Edward P D Colliss (C)
 3 Marie D Boniface
 4 William A Harris
 5 Janet L Morris
 6 John P Colliss
 7 David J Mattingley
 8 R Mark Esbester
 Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Bill who was 91 on Thursday.
 500th peal as Conductor.

WOODLANDS WEDNESDAY

KEELE, Staffs, Woodlands
 Wed 26 Jun 2024 2h3 (103lb)
5040 Cambridge S Minor
 1 Philip W Gay
 2 Josie Martin
 3 Paul J Atkins
 4 Nicola J Galton
 5 Nicholas J Green
 6 Timothy M Davis (C)
£1.50

YORKSHIRE ASSN

HAMPSTHWAITE, N Yorks, St Thomas a Becket
 Thu 27 Jun 2024 2h46
5040 Surprise Minor
 (20m: (1) Carlisle, Chester, Munden (2) Wearmouth, Lightfoot (3) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne (4) Westminster, Allendale (5) Wells (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham (7) Durham, York)
 1 Kevin M Price
 2 Ruth Curtis
 3 C Barrie Dove (C)
 4 Paul F Curtis
 5 Paul Brook
 6 Alan Regin
 3 -- circled the tower to peals. **£3**

LEEDS, W Yorks, Cathedral Church of St Anne
 Tue 25 Jun 2024 2h19 (9)
5024 Odsey S Major
 Comp. A S Riley
 1 Kevin M Price
 2 Roger S Riley
 3 Alan G Futers
 4 Derek J Thomas
 5 C Barrie Dove
 6 Paul Brook
 7 Alan Regin
 8 Alex S Riley (C)
 Rung in memory of Riz Ahmed, wife of Ed Mallen, who died unexpectedly on Monday 24th June, aged 48.
 3: 200th peal. **£4**

ECCLSFIELD, S Yorks, St Mary the Virgin
 Wed 26 Jun 2024 2h58 (14)
5000 Bristol S Royal
 Comp. R W Lee
 1 Christopher P Turner
 2 Gail L Randall
 3 Peter C Randall (C)
 4 Derek J Thomas
 5 Nicholas D Soanes
 6 Neil R Aspland
 7 Paul Brook
 8 C Barrie Dove
 9 Roger S Riley
 10 Alan Regin
£5

PONTEFRACHT, W Yorks, All Saints
 Wed 26 Jun 2024 2h46 (12)
5088 Bristol S Major
 Comp. DF Morrison No.4
 1 Pamela A Hudson
 2 Roger S Riley
 3 C Barrie Dove (C)
 4 Nicholas D Soanes
 5 Christopher P Turner
 6 Neil R Aspland
 7 Alan Regin
 8 Paul Brook
£4

SHAROW, N Yorks, St John Div
 Sat 29 Jun 2024 2h50 (12)
5040 Plain Bob Triples
 Comp. RD Bailey No.1
 1 Gordon Di Domenico
 2 Janine H Jones
 3 Bethany R Edwards
 4 Martin S Davies
 5 David Bell
 6 C Barrie Dove (C)
 7 John R Welch
 8 David Edwards
 To Celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the casting of the back six bells and of the dedication of the Church. Also to thank donors to the "Appeal for a Peal" fund that restored the tower to a ringable condition. To thank Revd. Ruth Newton for all her support and to wish her well in her new appointment as Archdeacon of Carlisle.
 3: First peal.
 5: First of triples "inside".
 6: Circled the tower to peals. **£4**

SADDLEWORTH, Manchester, St Chad
 Sun 30 Jun 2024 2h52 (10)
5056 Canon's Farewell Major
 Comp. A G Reading
 1 Nina E Brannan
 2 Roger S Riley
 3 Derek J Thomas
 4 Gail L Randall
 5 Lorraine Trebble
 6 Peter C Randall (C)
 7 Raymond A Hutchings
 8 Alan M Trebble
 Rung as a farewell compliment to Canon Sharon Jones on her retirement.
 First peal in the method.
 Canon's Farewell Major:
 b -38-14-12-1238-14-38-34.56-56.3478-38-14-1238-12-14-38-12. **£4**

Peals unattributed to a guild, society or association

BASINGSTOKE, Hants, All Saints
 Sat 22 Jun 2024 2h50 (11)
5040 Bristol S Royal
 Comp. Pip Dillistone
 1 Janet E John
 2 Shirley E McGill
 3 Catherine N Merlane
 4 Felicity S Warwick
 5 Adam S Greenley
 6 Mike Pidd
 7 Matthew L Dancy
 8 David A Warwick (C)
 9 Graham A C John
 10 Benjamin D Constant

BATH, Som, St Matthew, Widcombe
 Tue 25 Jun 2024 2h52 (12)
5040 Surprise Minor
 (9m: (1) London; (2) Beverley, Surfleet; (3) York, Durham; (4) Primrose; (5) Bourne; (6) Norwich; (7) Cambridge)
 1 Josh D P Jones
 2 Robert J Crocker
 3 Michael E C Mears
 4 Christopher J Pickford
 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
 6 Adam R Crocker

RADSTOCK, Som, St Nicholas
 Tue 25 Jun 2024 2h35 (11)
5040 Surprise Minor
 (11m: (1) London; (2) Carlisle; (3) Westminster, Allendale; (4,5) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham; (6) Norwich; (7) Bourne)
 1 Adam R Crocker
 2 Richard L Thumwood
 3 Robert J Crocker
 4 Christopher J Pickford
 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
 6 Michael E C Mears

BUCKLAND ST MARY, Som, Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wed 26 Jun 2024 2h59 (11)
5040 Surprise Minor
 (7m: 1 extent each London, Carlisle, Lightfoot, Ipswich, Bourne, Norwich, Cambridge)
 1 Robert J Crocker
 2 James Kirkcaldy
 3 Richard L Thumwood
 4 Christopher J Pickford
 5 Adam R Crocker
 6 Peter G C Ellis (C)

WHITESTAUNTON, Som, St Andrew
 Wed 26 Jun 2024 2h51 (10)
5040 Surprise Minor
 (21m: (1) London, Wells; (2) Chester, Munden; (3) Netherseale, Lightfoot; (4) Westminster, Allendale; (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham; (6) Norwich; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
 1 Christopher J Pickford
 2 Adam R Crocker
 3 James Kirkcaldy
 4 Richard L Thumwood
 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
 6 Robert J Crocker

BERKSWELL, W Mids, St John the Baptist
 Thu 27 Jun 2024 3h2 (16)
5040 Surprise Minor
 (17m: (1) London; (2) Carlisle; (3) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham; (4) York, Durham; (5) Westminster, Allendale; (6) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull; (7) Norwich)
 1 Sally A Brown
 2 Paul M Mason
 3 Adam R Crocker
 4 Robert J Crocker
 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
 6 Christopher J Pickford
 Rung on the 21st birthday of Thomas Clark.

HONILEY, Warks, St John the Baptist
 Thu 27 Jun 2024 2h35 (6)
5040 Spiced S Minor
 (14m: (1) London, Wells; (2) Carlisle, Northumberland; (3) Beverley, Surfleet; (4) York, Durham; (5) Westminster, Allendale; (6) Berwick, Hexham; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)
 1 Sally A Brown
 2 Paul M Mason
 3 Robert J Crocker
 4 Michael J Dew
 5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
 6 Adam R Crocker

BERRICK SALOME, Oxon, St Helen
 Fri 28 Jun 2024 2h29 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
 (9m: (1) London; (2) Carlisle; (3) Westminster, Allendale; (4) Beverley, Surfleet; (5) Bourne; (6) Norwich; (7) Cambridge)
 1 Cynthia E Howell
 2 Nicola J Turner
 3 Peter G C Ellis
 4 Colin M Turner
 5 Richard L Thumwood
 6 Robert J Crocker (C)

Handbell Peals**CHESTER D.G.**

WILMSLOW, Ches, 9 Hawthorn Lane
 Tue 25 Jun 2024 2h (11)
5040 Oxford TB Minor
 1-2 Neil D Lomas
 3-4 Peter C Randall (C)
 5-6 John F Murfin **£3**

GUILD OF ST CUILEAIN

READING, Berks, 26 Redlands Road
 Tue 25 Jun 2024 1h51 (9)
5040 Spiced TB Minor
 (29m: Oxford, Sandal, Chadkirk, British Scholars' Pleasure, Rochester, Morning Star, London Scholars' Pleasure, Chapel, Kingston, Woodcock's Victory, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Ockley, Norbury, Burton, Nelson, Snowden, Berwyn, Quantock, Waterford, Kent, Trinity Sunday, Killamarsh, Pennine, Mendip, Cheviot, Chiltern, Norton-le-Moors, Cotswold; atw)
 Comp. J S Warboys (TB0701)
 1-2 Michael J Trimm
 3-4 Jack E Page (C)
 5-6 Daniel J Page

TOAB, Shetland, 'Da Roost'
 Sun 30 Jun 2024 2h22 (12)
5088 Bristol S Major
 Comp. James Holdsworth
 1-2 Lesley H M Boyle
 3-4 Gareth Davies
 5-6 David C Brown (C)
 7-8 Simon A Rudd
 First peal in Shetland? **£4**

TOAB, Shetland, 'Da Roost'
 Mon 1 Jul 2024 2h3 (12)
5040 Treble Dodging Minor
 (8m: 1 extent each: Surfleet S; Hull S; Edinburgh D; Trinity Sunday TB; London S; Alnwick S & Newcastle S; Durham S)
 1-2 David L Sparling
 3-4 David C Brown (C)
 5-6 Simon A Rudd
 An acrostic peal, the first letters of the method names spelling SHETLAND. **£3**

OXFORD D.G.

TILEHURST, Berks, 15 Lytham End
 Thu 27 Jun 2024 2h16 (13)
5056 Cambridge S Major
 Comp. C Middleton
 1-2 June D Wells
 3-4 W John Couperthwaite
 5-6 Bernard F L Groves (C)
 7-8 E John Wells
 250th handbell peal 3-4. **£2**

WOKINGHAM, Berks, 217 Reading Road
 Fri 28 Jun 2024 2h17 (11)
5120 Spiced S Major
 (4m: 1440 Lincolnshire; 1280 Cambridge, Yorkshire; 1120 Rutland. 74 com, atw.)
 Comp. J S Warboys
 1-2 Nigel A L Mellor
 3-4 Mike Pidd
 5-6 David G Maynard (C)
 7-8 Christopher P Cole **£2**

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

EDINBURGH, 27 House o'Hill Crescent
 Sun 30 Jun 2024 2h39 (12)
5056 Plain Bob Major
 Comp. James W Holdsworth (no 5)
 1-2 Peter J Williams
 3-4 Barbara J Bell
 5-6 Alison N Stevens
 7-8 Ian P Bell (C)
 Just Christmas Day to go!

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

BOSHAM, W Sussex, Little Creed Cottage, Green Lane
 Mon 24 Jun 2024 2h39 (13)
5040 Scurr A' Chaorachain S Royal
 1-2 Graham G Firman
 3-4 Edward P D Colliss
 5-6 Katharine J Firman
 7-8 Benjamin J Carey
 9-10 Ewan Grant-Richardson (C) **£1**

MICHELDEVER, Hants, 37 Northbrook
 Thu 27 Jun 2024 2h12 (8)
5000 Spiced Plain Major
 (13m: 2688 Plain Bob; 182 Double B; 432 Gainsborough LB; 192 Reverse B; 192 Canterbury B; 192 Cleatham B; 192 Fulbeck; 192 Hackington; 144 Wellington LB; 144 Grimby Town LB; 96 Little B; 96 Lansdowne LB; 56 Bastow LB. 254 c.o.m)
 Comp. W S Croft (arr M J E Daniels)
 1-2 John S Croft (C)
 3-4 Ian M Redway
 5-6 Martin J E Daniels
 7-8 Maureen J Hanney **£4**

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EIGHTH PEALS

Rushden, Northants. (S Mary) 30 Jun, 672 Cambridge S Minor: Brenda M Dixon 1, Pam M Bailey 2, Catherine E Hemmington 3, Alan J Marks 4, Cathy J Dixon 5, Simon J Dixon (C) 6. For morning service & to celebrate Cathy's 60th Birthday yesterday. **£3**

Yalding, Kent. 30 Jun, 660 PB Doubles: Justin Southwell 1, Terry Barnard 2, Callum J Clark (C) 3, Glynn Knight 4, Richard W Young 5, Toby Bates 6. To celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Father Paul Kish prior to Patronal Choral Evensong. **£6**



QUARTER PEALS

First quarter congratulations

Boston, MA. (The Advent) 15 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Danielle M Morse 1, Abby Timmel 2, Katarina Whimsy! 3, Elaine M Hansen 4, Joshua R Burson 5, John E Schreiner 6, Austin J Paul (C) 7, Shawn Wegener 8. 1st Q: 8. 1st Stedman Triples: 5. **£8**

Katoomba, NSW. 2 Jul, 1272 PB Minimus: Kathi Downs (C) 1, Tony Pipe 2, Marianne Cooper 3, Maria van der Sman 4, Graham Harman 5, Sarah Dillane 6. Rung by a local band, with 2 covers. 1st Q on the bells. 1st Q: 6. 1st away from cover: 2,3,4.

Lithgow, NSW. 6 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jared Bignell 1, Mary Symes 2, Oriana Zanon 3, Clare Dyer 4, Kathi Downs (C) 5, Patrick Houston 6. 1st Q: 6. 1st Grandsire: 3.

Steventon, Oxon. 30 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Bridget Taylor 1, Oliver J Hyde 2, Mary Leneis 3, Tom Palmer 4, Robert Beavis (C) 5, Chrissy Gidney 6. 1st Q: 6.

Cambridge, MA, USA. (MIT Building 5) 1 Jul, 1280 PB Major: Kristen A Riedinger 1-2, Jeff Del Papa 3-4, Pi Fisher 5-6, Myles Louis Dakan (C) 7-8. 1st Q: 1-2. **£4**

1000th quarter congratulations

North Burlingham, Norfolk. (11, The Green) 3 Jul, 1312 Lincolnshire S Major: Hayden J Charles 1-2, Richard P J Carter 3-4, Nikki R Thomas (C) 5-6, Guy W Morton 7-8. 1000th Q: 7-8.

In Memoriam

Bishopsteignton, Devon. (S John Bapt) 30 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Martin Mansley 1, Ian Avery 2, Rachel Milner 3, Peter Brown 4, James Grant (C) 5, Roger Avery 6. Rung to mark Roger Avery's 85th Birthday with his daughter Rachel on 3. Also in memory of Roger's brother-in-law Bob Andrews who died on 29th June. **£6**

Darlington, Durham. (Holy Trinity) 23 Jun, 1296 Gangnam S Minor: Pat Wheeler 1, Kate Millar 2, Chris Enzor 3, Anthea Enzor 4, Helen Scott 5, Ashley Law (C) 6. In memory of Revd Sue Plummer, former Vicar of St John's & whose son was a ringer there. Sue's funeral took place on Friday 21/6/24 at St Herbert's. 1st in m: 4. **£8**

Easthampstead, Berks. 30 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Stephen Wells 1, Daniel Chafen 2, Barbara Wells 3, Lucy Gwynne 4, Rachel Moss 5, Judith Bowler 6, Stephen Russ (C) 7, Christine Russ 8. Specially arranged & rung in memory of Paul S Fox, brother of the tenor ringer & an active member of the local band for many years, on the eve of his funeral. Paul's mother & twin brother Simon came to listen to the ringing. **£8**

Longcot, Oxon. 28 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Laura Cooper 1, Tracey Cooper 2, Alwyn Brock 3, David A J Endacott 4, Rusty Hartley 5, Joe Norton (C) 6. 1st Minor: 1. Rung in memory of Ian Mackenzie. **£6**

Oxenhope, W Yorks. 30 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Alex Gardner 1, Jane Lynch 2, Sheila D Bloomfield 3, Cate Gardner 4, Peter J Tiley 5, Steve Lucas 6, Maurice Calvert (C) 7, Chris J Wright 8. Arranged & rung in affectionate memory of Riz Ahmed, wife of local ringer, Ed Mallen. Riz died suddenly on Mon 24 June at the age of 48. **£8**

Packington, Leics. 1 Jul, 1320 July Doubles: Mary Hale 1, Moira Johnson (C) 2, Stuart Hale 3, Catherine Baker 4, David Gammon 5, Terence Lord 6. Rung in memoriam of Derek P Jones, Tower Captain of Church Gresley, who would have been 100 on 15th July 2024.

Peterborough, Cambs. (S Mary) 30 Jun, 1260 St Simon's and St Martin's Bob Triples: Jane Robinson 1, Diana Street 2, Deborah Bray 3, David Banks 4, Joseph P D Booker 5, Graham Hill 6, Andrew Christie (C) 7, Stuart Weston 8. Rung in memory of ringers Vic Chamberlain, formerly of All Saints Stamford & more recently Stoke Prior & Hilary Brown formerly Warmington & sister of Nicky David (Guernsey). 1st Spl Triples: 3,5,6. 25th Q: 5. **£8**

West Hallam, Derbys. 1 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Sylvia Semken 1, Rachel Semken 2, Michael Semken 3, Stuart Kitch 4, Alec Humphrey (C) 5, Jamie Semken 6. In celebration of the life & ministry of Mary & Trevor Beedell. Birthday compliment to 3. **£3**

York. (S Olave, Marygate) 5 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Tina Walker 1, Peter Hughes 2, Christina Sanderson 3, Peter Sanderson 4, James Sanderson (C) 5, Peter Aldridge 6. Rung to celebrate the life of John Hastie, former Director of Music at this church, on the morning of his funeral.

Stanford in the Vale, Oxon. (4 St Denys Close) 7 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Joe Norton 1-2, Zoë Williams 3-4, Lisa Ryan (C) 5-6. Rung in loving memory of Kerry Hardy. **£1**

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Miscellaneous performances

Caerphilly, Caerphilly. 2 Jul, 540 PB Doubles: Alan Bartley 1, Pauline P Morris 2, Lynne Workman 3, Peter M Jones (C) 4, Charlie Percy 5, Andrew McGregor 6. Rung prior to the first Communion Service taken by Natalie Jones after being ordained as priest on Saturday 29th June 2024 at Llandaff Cathedral.

Oxford. (S Giles) 27 Jun, General Ringing: David K Barrington, Jane S Bishop, Simon L Edwards, Stephen M Everett, Jonathan Finnerty, Geraint Jones, Marc Jones, Sara Jones, Dana Josephson, John G Pusey, Craig M Robertson, Andrew P Spicer, Aden Tang, Alban Walker, Mark J Walker, Andrew Williams, Kathy Xu. Rung for the Oxford Council of Faiths annual Interfaith Friendship Walk, before & after their visit to St Giles'.

Wisbech, Cambs. 30 Jun, 448 Cambridge S Major: Martin Slough 1, Heather Dobson 2, Sue E Marsden 3, Joanne Pearson 4, Katie Wright 5, Nick Elks 6, Paul R Barker 7, Adrian Malton (C) 8. Rung immediately after the service celebrating the retirement of Canon Matthew Bradbury, Vicar of Wisbech St Peter & Paul.

Dullingham, Cambs. (The Rectory) 30 Jun, 120 PB Minor: Alison Hodge 1-2, Heather L E Peachey 3-4, Barry F Peachey (C) 5-6. Rung at the celebration party following the Ordination to the Diaconate today of the Revd Dr Rhona I H McEune at Ely Cathedral. Further general ringing took place by this band plus Mark Murfin, Simon Stranks & Rhona McEune.

General quarters

Aldridge, W Mids. 30 Jun, 1320 S Minor (2m): Ruth Balem 1, Thomas E Healy 2, Susan Healy 3, Clare Coleman 4, Jonathan Healy 5, Philip A Burton (C) 6. Welcoming Henry Edward Coleman, a fourth grandchild for Clare. 1st in methods: 2. **£5**

Alton, Hants. (All Saints) 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Keith J Merritt 1, Rachael A Barber 2, Nicholas A M James (C) 3, Francesco P Greenslade 4, Ellen R Barber 5, Janet M Orsborn 6. 1st away from cover: 1. 100th Q: 5. A Birthday compliment to our friend Chris Chapman. **£1**

Awbridge, Hants. 28 Jun, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Julie A Hodkin 1, Peta Steadman Bee 2, Janet L Morris 3, Daniel Graham 4, Andrew J Nicol 5, John A Dodd 6, Colin J Butler 7, Matthew L Dancy (C) 8. 1st Lincolnshire as C. 800th Q on the bells. **£4**

Awbridge, Hants. 28 Jun, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Peta Steadman Bee 1, Janet L Morris 2, Andrew J Nicol 3, Julie A Hodkin 4, Colin J Butler 5, Matthew L Dancy 6, John A Dodd 7, Daniel Graham (C) 8. **£4**

Awbridge, Hants. 5 Jul, 1280 Rutland S Major: Peta Steadman Bee 1, Janet L Morris 2, Mary-Kate Wells 3, Colin J Butler 4, Andrew J Nicol 5, John A Dodd 6, Martin V Crick 7, Daniel Graham (C) 8. 1st in m: 7. **£4**

Barbon, Cumbria. 1 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Nigel J Goodship 1, Sue Fellows 2, Hilary J Atkinson 3, Dave Salisbury 4, Sue Carpenter (C) 5, Roger Fellows 6. 1st as C on tower bells at first attempt. **£6**

Barton, N Yorks. (Ss Cuthbert & Mary) 27 May, 1272 Warkworth S Minor: Helen Scott 1, Chris Enzor 2, Jack Hanlon 3, Kate Millar 4, Anthea Enzor 5, Ashley Law (C) 6. **£3**

Bearsted, Kent. 29 Jun, 1260 Doubles (5m/v): Rhian Willment 1, Trewin Laws 2, John H Wale (C) 3, Douglas G Davis 4, Ian D Parker 5, David Gibson 6. Rung for Bearsted & Thurnham Fayre, live video streamed to the Church west porch.

Beaumaris, Anglesey. 29 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Antony P Diserens 1, Esme M Anstice 2, Lynda Hine 3, Simon Plovs 4, Leah Jefferis 5, Harvey O Plovs (C) 6, C David Leonard 7. Rung with get well soon wishes for our Tower Captain, Rick Keeves. Rung also on the occasion of Armed Forces Day & Bangor University's June Open Day. 1st Minor inside & 10th Q: 2.

Bottesford, N Lincolnshire. (S Peter ad Vincula) 5 Jul, 1260 Minor (4m): Joy Till 1, Debbie Scarf 2, Richard Hall 3, Jenny Kirkby 4, Mike Scarf 5, Ian Till (C) 6. 1st including Double Bob: 4. **£6**

Bradwell juxta Mare, Essex. 6 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Jean Allen 1, Daniel Howell 2, Laurie Main 3, Stuart Hodges 4, Philip Saunders (C) 5, John Pryke 6. Rung for the Bradwell Pilgrimage & Gathering. **£6**

Bredgar, Kent. 28 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Kate Bispham 1, Graham Cuthbert 2, Claire Stay 3, Brian Coleman 4, Barry Roberts 5, Adam Moore (C) 6. **£3**

Brompton, N Yorks. 30 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Keith Small 1, Jennifer A Town 2, Peter F Town 3, Jonathan J Rider 4, Dorothy J Salmon 5, Ian M Staves 6, David A Town (C) 7, Mark R Bradley 8. Rung prior to the service at which Revd Julia Staves was ordained priest by the Bishop of Whitby. **£8**

Burghill, Herefs. 30 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Tyler J J Edwards 1, Susannah Peppiatt 2, Anne Newman 3, Jason M Walker 4, Ian Thornewell 5, Kris Perruzza (C) 6.

Burton, Ches. (S Nicholas) 3 Jul, 1320 London S Minor: S David Speechley 1, Janet M Jones 2, Peter Wilkinson 3, Lenard J Mitchell 4, Michael J Allen 5, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 6. 1st London S Minor: 5. **£6**

Cambridge. (S Clement) 2 Jul, 1320 PB Doubles: Caleb Nicholas 1, Oliver Probert 2, Thomas W Green (C) 3, Brin Wilkes 4, Josiah Nicholas 5, Daisy E Wilkes 6. Rung by a band of Ely DA young ringers (Fen Tigers). Average age 14.7. 1st inside: 4. 1st as cover: 6. Rung to congratulate Brin on completing his GCSE exams. Also rung as a Birthday compliment to Rhyann Probert, father of 2. **£3**

Canterbury, Kent. (S Stephen, Hackington) 30 Jun, 1320 PB Minor: John E Haines 1, Charles J Maggs 2, Jane E Huxley (C) 3, Claire Stay 4, Leonard A Huckstep 5, Andrew C Brett 6. For Choral Evensong & a welcome to Revd Sally Waters as she starts her ministry as Deacon at St Stephen's Church.

City of London. (S Andrew Holborn) 29 Jun, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Persephonea Murphy 1, Ines Picchioni 2, Stephanie Pattenden 3, James Ansell 4, Rachel Billing 5, James Belshaw (C) 6, Christopher Ridley 7, Marc McDonald 8. Prior to Ordination of Deacons service. 1st Major: 1.

Colchester, Essex. (S Leonard at the Hythe) 21 Jun, 1320 Kent TB Minor: Colin Cherrett 1, Lucy Chandhial 2, John P Adams 3, Tom Britten 4, Guy Wells 5, Stephen Jakeman (C) 6. Birthday compliment to C. **£6**

Colchester, Essex. (S Peter) 21 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: John P Adams 1, Stephen Jakeman 2, Keith Barber 3, Tim Mills 4, Guy Wells 5, Colin Cherrett 6, Tom Britten (C) 7, Lucy Chandhial 8. Birthday compliment to Stephen. **£8**

Collingbourne Ducis, Wilts. 1 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: David Miles (C) 1, Elaine Ryder 2, Victoria Sadler 3, Mark J Sadler 4, Michael J Holt 5, John C Haines 6. Rung to celebrate the marriage of James Berry & Gemma Holt. Now Mr & Mrs Berry of Trowbridge. Married on Tuesday, 6th June 2024.

Compton, Surrey. (S Nicholas) 30 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Philip Gorton 1, Carole A Cooles 2, Robert J Cooles 3, Nicholas M W Haggett 4, Timothy M W Stansfeld (C) 5, Jonathan G Draper 6. For Service of the Word. Ruby Anniversary congratulations to George & Flirby Frampton, who married at Compton. Happy 80th Birthday to Neil Bamford, a member of the Compton band. **£6**

Darling Point, NSW. 29 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Caroline Pawley 1, James Perrins 2, Mary Symes 3, Luka Sostarko 4, Richard Winkler 5, Martin Anderson 6, Bill Perrins (C) 7, Jeffrey Price 8. 1st Grandsire Triples: 5. 1st Grandsire Triples in 30-something years: 6.

Darling Point, NSW. 29 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Bill Perrins 1, Luka Sostarko 2, Mary Symes 3, Caroline Pawley 4, Jeffrey Price 5, James Perrins (C) 6, Philip Goodyer 7, Angus Gilchrist 8. 1st S Major: 2.

Darlington, Durham. (Holy Trinity) 13 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Andrew Craig 1, Elspeth Craig 2, Helen Scott 3, John Welch 4, Ashley Law (C) 5, Ross Weddell 6. 1st S Minor inside: 2. **£3**

Darlington, Durham. (Holy Trinity) 21 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Tom Fowke 1, Anne Ford 2, Jenny Jackson 3, Chris Enzor (C) 4, Kate Millar 5, Mike Hodgson 6. 1st away from cover: 1. **£6**

Denver, Norfolk. 5 Jul, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Pl Doubles: Peter Jackson 1, Paul R Barker (C) 2, Denise Lusher 3, Heather Dobson 4, Martin Slough 5, Bob Cox 6. Circled the tower to Qs: 2. **£3**

Derby. (S Peter) 30 Jun, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Corinne Shelton 1, Lynne Newton 2, Mike Redfern 3, Alec Humphrey (C) 4, Steve Harpham 5, Nick Daines 6. A complement to Sue Leather, our curate, on her ordination earlier today at the cathedral. **£3**

Drayton, Som. (S Catherine) 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m/2v): Dru Perry 1, William L Hall 2, Lynne Smith 3, Frank Agar 4, Johan Nash-Smith (C) 5, Jeremy Taylor 6. **£6**

Dunblane. 30 Jun, 1250 Cambridge S Minor: Magnus Peterson 1, Jenny Dearie 2, Nicola Wildman 3, Judith Frye 4, Chris Frye (C) 5, Jonathan Frye 6. Rung to celebrate the birth on 25th June of Fynn David Hinchliffe Kewley, a son for Siobhan & John Kewley. **£6**

Escrick, N Yorks. 29 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m): Antony Quinn 1, Marian J Thomas 2, Andrew D Twineham 3, Robert H Redwood 4, Robert D C Richards (C) 5, Steve P Clack 6. A Birthday Compliment to Clare Richards. **£3**

Filton, Glos. 30 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Maddison M Pendleton 1, Terri Arman 2, Andrew Marker 3, Thomas I Moller (C) 4, Ian P Hill 5, Janet M Moller 6. Rung following Revd Elizabeth L.A Gregory's last Mass as Rector of Filton.

Frodsham, Ches. 5 Jul, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Nicola J Basford 1, Peter Wilkinson 2, Diana M Anderson 3, Stefan R Zientek 4, George T Basford 5, Geoffrey Parting 6, Duncan L C Hyde (C) 7, Simon Taylor 8. 1st in m: 5. 350th together: 2,8.

Gaywood, Norfolk. 4 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Arthur Skinner 1, David Truman 2, Jennifer Watts 3, Christopher S Hampshire 4, Paul R Barker (C) 5, Peter Jackson 6. 1st inside: 4. **£3**

Gedling, Notts. 5 Jul, 1280 Easington S Major: Corinna England 1, Philip R Wild 2, Marcus T Ham 3, Martyn J Marriott 4, Peter J England (C) 5, Gary Harden 6, Michael P R H Woolley 7, Michael A Varney 8. Rung as a belated 65th Birthday compliment to Elaine Camenisch. **£4**

Gloucester. (Cathedral) 30 Jun, 1296 Grandsire Caters: Karen Whyatt 1, Derek Harbottle 2, David Lord 3, John Simms 4, John Gibson (C) 5, Lucas Reade 6, Stuart Tomlinson 7, David G Butler 8, Rachel Coates 9, Anthony Stick 10. Rung for Evensong.

Grappenhall, Ches. 30 Jun, 1282 Swindon S Royal: Raymond D Helliwell 1, Linda M Thomson 2, Michael Thomson 3, Elizabeth A Helliwell 4, Andrew J Rawlinson (C) 5, Andrew J Instone-Cowie 6, Graeme A Littler 7, Duncan L C Hyde 8, Simon Taylor 9, Nicholas Thomson 10. For the Celtic Communion service. 1st in m: 2,3,4,6,7. **£10**

Grayshott, Hants. 30 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Stuart Aitken 1, Anne Aitken 2, Harry Glover 3, Oliver Hall 4, John Mayle 5, Thomas J Adsett-Raggett (C) 6. Rung for Evensong. **£3**

Great Baddow, Essex. 3 Jul, 1280 Spl S Major (8m): Colin G Wright 1, Hazel Steed 2, Julia Taylor 3, John Steed 4, Nigel Taylor 5, Steve Halliwell 6, John Harpole (C) 7, Paul Trueman 8. Compliment to Jillian & Colin Wright on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. 1st 8-Spl for at least 20 years: 2,3. **£8**

Havant, Hants. 6 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): Sam Sweatman 1, Bill Harris 2, Gillian R Harris 3, Gary Crockford 4, Graham E Brown (C) 5, Michael Townend 6. For Church coffee morning & W&P Chairman's challenge of a Q rung in every tower. **£6**

Hawley, Hants. (Ss Peter & Paul) 3 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Annabel R Clements 1, Francesco P Greenslade (C) 2, Mitchell A Reeves 3, Katherine M Wilkins 4, Brian J Underwood 5, Ellen R Barber 6, Roger A Barber 7, James A Wedley 8. 1st in m: 3. With best wishes to all the young ringers participating in the Ringing World National Youth Contest this weekend in London. **£1**

Hemingford Grey, Cambs. 5 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Tricia Rowland 1, Marina Warner 2, Sharon Williams 3, Geoff Durrant 4, Philip D Bailey 5, Edith Robinson 6, Thomas W Green (C) 7, Vanessa E Webster 8. 1st Triples as C. Rung to wish Thomas & the rest of the Fen Tigers good luck at the RWNVC in London tomorrow. Also rung as a belated Wedding Anniversary compliment to Vee & Simon.

Hoar Cross, Staffs. 6 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Andrew R Aspland (C) 1, Clare L S Townsend 2, David C Everett 3, John F Mulvey 4, Christopher P Wilton 5, Jonathan B Townsend 6. Rung following the Votive Mass for Fr Graham Bott's 20th anniversary of priesting (former vicar of Hoar Cross).

Holborn, London. (S Andrew Holborn) 30 Jun, 1263 Stedman Triples: Stephanie Pattenden (C) 1, Peter Blight 2, Ines Picchioni 3, Rachel Billinge 4, James Ansell 5, David Holdridge 6, Christopher Ridley 7, Persephonea Murphy 8. Prior to the Ordination of Priests service. 1st as cover on 8: 8. **£8**

Holborn, London. (S Andrew Holborn) 3 Jul, 1280 Spl S Major (4m): Ines Picchioni 1, Stephanie Pattenden 2, Peter Emery (C) 3, James Ansell 4, Peter Blight 5, Richard Pullin 6, Christopher Ridley 7, Isaac Johnson 8. For pontifical high mass for the feast of St Thomas.

Hornchurch, Essex. 30 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: James P Riley 1, Helen J Carter 2, Michelle A Stephenson 3, John M Church 4, Clive J Stephenson (C) 5, Mark E Lendon 6. For evening service. **£3**

Hursley, Hants. 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Saunders 1, Pam Thompson 2, Jinny Kuflik 3, Caroline Fairley 4, Anthony Smith 5, Richard Thompson (C) 6, Andrew Craddock 7, Dylan Price 8. Rung for Dylan's Duke of Edinburgh Bronze goal. **£8**

Ightfield, Shrops. 5 Jul, 1290 Grandsire Doubles: Maurice G Ingram 1, Madeline J Harris 2, Cordelia Warr (C) 3, Sue Perry 4, William J Lander 5, Anthony J Freemont 6. To celebrate the 90th Birthday of Norman Yates, father of 4. **£6**

Ipsley, Worcs. 30 Jun, 1272 St Nicholas Bob Minimus: Isla Casserley 1, Rosemary J Humphrey (C) 2, Barry D Humphrey 3, Christopher W Tennant 4, Lucy H Tennant 5. Rung on the back five for the Patronal festival & following the first service of Holy Communion led by Revd Linda Nicholas following her priesting at Worcester Cathedral yesterday, with the congratulations of the Ipsley ringers. **£5**

Leckhampton, Glos. 30 Jun, 1344 Superlative S Major: Mike Hartley 1, Reg Hitchings 2, Barbara Pettit 3, Mike Seagrave 4, Jon P Hill 5, Chris Hickey 6, Anthony P Foster 7, Stuart Tomlinson (C) 8. Rung to celebrate the Petertide Ordinations, especially congratulating Taz Jenkins (St Christopher's) & Rob Atkin (Emmanuel), ordained deacons at Gloucester Cathedral this morning. **£4**

Linslade, Beds. 3 Jul, 1280 Belfast S Major: Liz Middleton 1, Susan V Gambling 2, Roger Baldwin (C) 3, Ann Evans 4, Andrew M Reeve 5, Lucas J Williams 6, Brian D Crawley 7, Richard Sales 8. 1st in m: 6. **£8**

Llangollen, Denbighshire. 3 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Richard Archer-Jones 1, Peter L Furniss 2, Clare Morris 3, Ian Wiltshire 4, John A Clark (C) 5, Christopher D Parker 6. Rung as part of the 2024 Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod & to welcome Dr. Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Wales & Canterbury, immediately before he delivered

the Annual Peace Lecture. Also rung as a get well compliment to Beverley Furniss. 1,000th Q recorded on Bellboard, 543 as C: 2. Actual totals unknown. **£6**

Long Crendon, Bucks. 4 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Noah Adams 1, Julie Haseldine 2, Andrew Haseldine (C) 3, Marika Haseldine 4, James Haseldine 5, Tobias Haseldine 6. 1st family Q: 1. For the forth coming Birthdays of Noah (16) & Tobias (12).

Longcot, Oxon. 5 Apr, 1260 St Simon's Bob Triples: Lisa Ryan 1, Jonathan Wright 2, David A J Endacott 3, Julian T Watson 4, Lindsay Powell 5, Daniel J Watson 6, Joe Norton (C) 7, Tracey Cooper 8. 80th Birthday wishes to Chris Cook (Grandmother of 2). To celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Colin & Patricia Wright. **£8**

Longcot, Oxon. 31 May, 1288 Little Bob Major: Daniel J Watson 1, Tracey Cooper 2, Cheryl A Watson 3, Jonathan Wright 4, Lindsay Powell 5, Jonathan Norton 6, Tony Crabtree 7, Joe Norton (C) 8. Congratulations to Joe for receiving his Masters degree yesterday.

Longstanton, Cambs. 2 Jul, 1280 Turramura S Major: Patricia Cresshull 1, Dee F Smith 2, Liz Reading 3, Vicky LeFèvre 4, Iain Hayden 5, John Beresford 6, Ian Cresshull 7, Alistair Donaldson (C) 8. 1st in m: 6. Rung on Golden Oldies QP Day (1/2). **£8**

Lubenham, Leics. 16 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynda Jaycocks 1, Terry Iliffe 2, Kate Morse 3, Janet Donaldson 4, Alistair Donaldson (C) 5, Mike Price 6. Rung at the start of Lubenham Open Gardens Day held in aid of Church funds. **£6**

Melksham, Wilts. 2 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Pam Ebsworth 1, Christine Purnell 2, Lindsay Poulton 3, David W Hacker 4, Chris Bush 5, Richard Iles 6, Bob Purnell (C) 7, Julian Ferrar 8. 1st inside: 3. Congratulations to Rhona McEune on her ordination as Deacon. A Birthday compliment to Richard Iles & Orla McGrane. **£8**

Menangle, NSW. 5 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sam Owen 1, Caroline Pawley 2, Bill Perrins (C) 3, James Perrins 4, Ron Shepherd 5, Roy Craddock 6. 1st on Treble: 1.

Milton, Oxon. 1 Jul, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Robert C Beavis 1, Nicola J Turner (C) 2, Catherine Hughes-D'Aeth 3, Nicholas J Clarke 4, Colin M Turner 5, Oliver J Hyde 6, Charles E J Morrish 7, John N Hughes-D'Aeth 8. 1st S Major: 6.

Neston, Ches. 6 Jul, 1280 PB Major: S David Speechley 1, Helen C Cupertino 2, Heather McShane 3, David J King-Hele 4, Michael J Allen 5, Carl McCarthy 6, Steven W Hughes 7, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 8. Rung at the start of the Neston Village Fair, held today on the Comrades Field. **£8**

Offton, Suffolk. 11 Jun, 1312 Spl S Major (5m): Caroline Goodchild 1, David I Stanford 2, Abby L Antrobus 3, Rowan P Wilson 4, James P Hollins 5, Mark Ingledew 6, Doug R Perry 7, Brian E Whiting (C) 8. **£8**

Old Woking, Surrey. 23 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (7m): Lizzie Billington 1, Eliot P Johnson 2, Ruth Blackwell 3, Caroline L Harvey 4, Rachel E Johnson 5, Ian Cole 6, Richard A Pearce (C) 7, Isaac W Johnson 8. 1st Major: 1. To congratulate Louise Morales, a member of the congregation, on being elected mayor of Woking. **£8**

Ospringe, Kent. 5 Jul, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Graham Cuthbert 1, Adam Moore (C) 2, Brian Coleman 3, Kate Bispham 4, Claire Stay 5, Barry Roberts 6. **£3**

Oswestry, Shrops. 6 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Richard Major 1, Ian Wiltshire 2, Gregory P Morris 3, William J Lander 4, Anthony J Freemont (C) 5, Nicola J Galton 6. Inaugurating the St Oswald's celebrations of 150 years since the GE Street restoration of the church. 2,100th Q & 50th this year: 2. **£6**

Over, Ches. (S Chad) 30 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley G Beeley 1, Pauline Taylor 2, Glyn Maddock 3, Tom Nestor 4, Simon Taylor (C) 5, Peter Wilkinson 6. Rung as a farewell & good luck to Lesley, who is emigrating to the Isle of Man, to take up grandparent duty. **£6**

Parramatta, NSW. (All Saints) 3 Jul, 1250 Superlative S Major: Ron Shepherd 1, Esther Perrins 2, Richard Youdale 3, Bill Perrins (C) 4, Stephen Fox 5, Colin Sweet 6, Jeffrey Price 7, Thomas Perrins 8. 1st in m: 5,6,7.

Peterborough, Cambs. (S Mary) 30 Jun, 1260 Doubles (5m/v): Diana Street 1, Deborah Bray 2, Holly Pedersen 3, David Banks 4, Andrew Christie (C) 5, Clara Pedersen 6. 50th Q / Date Touch: 2. Most m/v inside: 3. **£6**

Pimlico, London. (S Saviour) 29 Jun, 1260 Spl Minor (2m): Persephonea Murphy 1, Rachel Billinge 2, Martin Carr 3, James Ansell 4, Ines Picchioni 5, Stephanie Pattenden (C) 6. 1st Spl: 5. Rung to celebrate the ordination of Rachel Sheppard to the diaconate. **£6**

Pipe and Lyde, Herefs. 30 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m/3v): Tyler J J Edwards 1, Joe Thompson 2, Susannah Peppiatt 3, Kris Perruzza (C) 4, Jason M Walker 5, Noah Powell-Tuck 6.

Prestwold, Leics. 21 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (8m): Eliza I Lewis-Skeath 1, Mark J Pendery 2, Judith Godfrey 3, Brenda Parr 4, Rebecca M Banner 5, Gail L Harrison 6, Nicholas J Parr 7, Mark P Banner (C) 8. 1st 8-Spl: 5.8. 1st 8-Spl on tower bells: 3. Birthday compliments to 2. **£8**

Rushbury, Shrops. 4 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ali Palmer 1, E Anne Hone 2, Chris Slater 3, Ken Davis 4, Andy Wilson (C) 5, Geoff Lowe 6. **£3**

Sapcote, Leics. (All Saints) 6 Jul, 1314 Bristol S Major: Edward J Angrave 1, Terry M Astill 2, Alison M Harvey 3, Neil W Harvey 4, Mark J Pendery 5, Michael Angrave 6, Andrew W Harvey 7, Richard J Angrave (C) 8. Wishing Lynette Angrave a happy 70th Birthday for 23rd June. 1st TB: 1. 600th Q: 8. **£1**

Silverdale, Lancs. (S John) 30 Jun, 1269 Norwich S Minor: Adrian D Hanks 1, Robin A Daw 2, Frances M Ross 3, Nigel J Goodship 4, Simon A Percy (C) 5, Matthew W Goodship 6. Rung prior to a concert in church - "In The Summertime" by Ensemble In Echo. Birthday compliment to Julia Bennetts, local ringer. **£6**

Sittingbourne, Kent. 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (11m): Gill Rannard 1, Christopher M Trafford 2, Scott Pearce 3, David Ridley (C) 4, Tim Ford 5, Mike Rannard 6. For Archdeacon's Visitation service. **£5**

Sonning, Berks. 3 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rob Needham 1, Claire Shuttleworth 2, Geoffrey M Harvey 3, Alison Clayton 4, Pam Elliston 5, Becki Shuttleworth 6, James Moynihan 7, Robert Partridge (C) 8. With the best wishes of the band to the vicar the Revd Jamie Taylor on the 25th Anniversary of his ordination. **£8**

St Ives, Cambs. (All Saints) 30 Jun, 1280 Cambridge S Major: S Caroline M Stevens 1, Simon Kershaw 2, Peter N Mackley 3, Ann Abraham 4, Angie Gell 5, Peter V Rogers 6, Iain A Hayden 7, Andrew J Stevens (C) 8. 1st in m: 2. To celebrate the Ordination to Deacon of Claire Brockelsby at Ely Cathedral today. **£8**

St Weonards, Herefs. 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Steve Williams 1, Vicky Rees 2, Francesca Cinderey (C) 3, Nick Cooper-Tomkins 4, Peter Hallowell 5, Paul Ebery 6. Rung to welcome Revd Angie Kateley to St Weonards. Before The service of licensing Angie as Priest in charge of the St Weonards Benefice by The Right Revd Richard Jackson, Bishop of Hereford & Installation by The Venerable Derek Chedzey Archdeacon of Hereford. Rung by ringers representing The Abbeydore & Ross Deanerys.

Staplehurst, Kent. 16 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Debbie C Brady 1, Stephanie J Barclay 2, Richard J Barclay 3, Anne L Rueff 4, Tim Munt 5, Roy A Barclay 6, Adam A Brady (C) 7, Michael A Birkbeck 8, Stephen P Bassett 9, Daniel W Brady 10. 500th Q: 3. 250th Q together: 6.8. Rung to celebrate the Wedding Anniversary of Andrew & Roxanne Barclay.

Stockton on the Forest, N Yorks. 1 Jul, 1259 Spl Doubles and Minor (2m): Matthew W Thewsey (The Modern Society Of Plymouth Youths) 1, Iain J Anderson (Cantab) 2, Jemima C Bleackley (Halifax) 3, Patrick W J Deakin (James) (C) 4, Natasha A Williams (Alcuin) 5, Joseph E T Waters (SUGCR) 6. With Birthday compliments to Zorah Rajput & Julie Allenson (Sister & Mother of the tenor ringer). Bells on Monday - Season 01, Episode 05.

Stokesley, N Yorks. 26 May, 1344 PB Major: Charlotte N Lee 1, Ross Weddell 2, Gerry Parsons 3, Nicola M Lee 4, John Groom 5, Jacob Rudd 6, Ashley Law 7, Chris Rudd (C) 8. 1st Major: 6. 1st together as three generations: 1.4.5. **£4**

Stokesley, N Yorks. 16 Jun, 1944 Yorkshire S Major: Helen Scott 1, Gerry Parsons 2, Colin C Monson 3, John Welch 4, Peter J Lawrence 5, Ross Weddell 6, Chris Rudd 7, Ashley Law (C) 8. Rung to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day Landings. **£4**

Strealey, Berks. 29 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Tony Crabtree 1, Nicola Roberts 2, Cheryl A Watson 3, Daniel J Watson 4, Joe Norton (C) 5, Kit Margey 6. 1st full circle Q sitting cross-legged on the floor for all. 1st at this address. To celebrate 2 moving into the address at which this Q was rung. **£6**

Stretton, Ches. (S Matthew) 1 Jul, 1280 Spl S Major (4m): Pauline Taylor 1, Andrew J Rawlinson 2, Graeme A Litter 3, Linda M Thomson 4, Peter Wilkinson 5, Andrew J Instone-Cowie 6, Simon Taylor 7, Nicholas Thomson (C) 8. **£8**

Sully, Vale of Glam. 24 Jun, 1440 Annable's London S Minor: Andrew C John 1, David J Llewellyn 2, Harriet G Moncrieff 3, Anne D Hayman 4, Julian C Parker (C) 5, Alwyn R Lewis 6. For the Patronal Festival. **£8**

Swainby, N Yorks. 30 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Christine Daynes 1, Ashley Law (C) 2, John Groom 3, Jacob Rudd 4, Chris Rudd 5, Corinne Ramsden 6. **£3**

Sydney, NSW. (Christ Church St Laurence) 23 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Alan Cutter 1, Bill Perrins 2, Mary Symes 3, Caroline Pawley 4, Sam Rorke 5, Peter Harrison 6, Emily Perrins 7, Esther Perrins 8, James Perrins (C) 9, Lindsay Small 10. 1st Caters: 1.7. Welcoming the new peal board to the tower. **£3**

Sydney, NSW. (Christ Church St Laurence) 23 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Priscilla Yuen 1, Martin Row 2, L L Rusty Bullivant-Walters 3, Rob Weatherby Jnr 4, Caroline Pawley (C) 5, James Perrins 6. 1st S: 2.

Wickwar, Glos. 6 Jul, 1320 Norwich S Minor: Geoff Pick 1, Elaine M Scudamore 2, Linda Pick 3, Catherine N C White-Horne 4, Alison M Holliday 5, Marcus Booth (C) 6. Early 60th Birthday compliment to the C. **£6**

Willingham, Cambs. (S Mary & All Saints) 2 Jul, 1320 Kent TB Minor: Liz Reading 1, Vicky LeFèvre 2, Dee F Smith (C) 3, John Beresford 4, Alistair Donaldson 5, Iain Hayden 6. Rung on Golden Oldies QP Day (2/2). **£6**

Wimborne Minster, Dorset. 16 Jun, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Hilary Child 1, Lucy Taylor-Warwick 2, David Warwick 3, Barbara King 4, Felicity Warwick 5, David Hilling 6, Max Knight 7, Graham Duke 8, Robert Child 9, Louis Suggett (C) 10, Adam Kilgour 11, Harry Blamire 12. For Evensong. **£12**

Windrush, Glos. 29 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Isabel Hitchings 1, Barbara Pettit 2, Alison Lee 3, Reg Hitchings (C) 4, Len Morley 5, Anthony P Foster 6. Congratulations to Jess & Gary McCarthy for their renewal of wedding vows today. **£3**

Wisbech, Cambs. 29 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Brad Burns 1, Paul R Barker (C) 2, Denise Lusher 3, Peter J Bird 4, Martin Slough 5, Bob Cox 6. Rung to mark the Patronal Festival of St Peter & St Paul. Also rung for all individuals being ordained as either a Priest or deacon this weekend. 66th Birthday compliment to Canon Matthew Bradbury, Vicar of Wisbech. **£3**

Wisbech, Cambs. 30 Jun, 1296 PB Caters: Valerie S Wild 1, Heather Dobson 2, Katie Wright 3, Adrian Malton (C) 4, Sue E Marsden 5, Nick Elks 6, Chris J Garner 7, Martin Slough 8, Paul R Barker 9, Bob Cox 10. Rung immediately prior to the service celebrating the retirement of Canon Matthew Bradbury, Vicar of Wisbech St Peter & Paul. **£5**

Wistaston, Ches. 5 Jul, 1296 Minor (3m): John P Statham 1, Paul G Stubbs 2, Robert A Galloway 3, Warren S Oliver 4, Craig Chaplow 5, Frank R Morton (C) 6. **£6**

Worcester. (Cathedral) 29 Jun, 1287 Stedman Cinques: Robert C Kippin 1, Mark A Wilson 2, James P Mort 3, Bridget Hartley 4, Andrew J Hartley 5, Darran Ricks (C) 6, Stuart D Piper 7, Gideon A White 8, Robin J Walker 9, Ashley C Fortey 10, Tom R Jauncey-Childs 11, Craig P Homewood 12. Rung prior to the Petertide Ordination Service. One of the Ordinands, Jayne Parker, is a former Pershore ringer & work colleague of Stuart Piper.

Wykeham, N Yorks. 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): Janet Bate 1, Lynn J Hall 2, Gerry Bacon (C) 3, C Anita Blundell 4, Anne Deebank 5. **£5**

Bangor, Gwynedd. (55 Y Bae) 29 Jun, 1312 Kent TB Major: Peter W Spain 1-2, David L Thomas (C) 3-4, Samuel M Senior 5-6, Craig M Robertson 7-8. 1st in Wales for all. Rung to celebrate Josie Godfrey's Ordination later today. **£1.50**

Beeston, Notts. (41, Haddon Crescent) 4 Jul, 1440 Spl S Minor (2m): Hayley J Wells 1-2, Tim Peverett 3-4, Christian J Brown (C) 5-6. **£1.50**

Chilcompton, (St John the Baptist), Churchyard, Som. 15 Jun, 1344 Yorkshire S Major: Tim Peverett (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Robert Watson 5-6, Simon Melen 7-8. **£4**

Loughborough, Leics. (80 Leconfield Road) 6 May, 1344 Uxbridge S Major: Christian Peckham (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Tim Peverett 5-6, Judith Godfrey 7-8. 1st in m in hand for all. **£4**

Loughborough, Leics. (80 Leconfield Road) 20 May, 1344 Uxbridge S Major: Tim Peverett (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Robert Watson 5-6, Judith Godfrey 7-8. 1st in m: 5-6. **£4**

Loughborough, Leics. (80 Leconfield Road) 20 May, 1456 Plain and Double Bob Major: Tim Peverett (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Robert Watson 5-6, Judith Godfrey 7-8. **£4**

Loughborough, Leics. (80 Leconfield Road) 27 May, 1344 Ashtead S Major: Tim Peverett (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Robert Watson 5-6, Judith Godfrey 7-8. 1st in m in hand for all. **£4**

Loughborough, Leics. (80 Leconfield Road) 30 May, 1260 Erin Triples: Tim Peverett 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Judith Godfrey 5-6, Robert Watson (C) 7-8. 1st Erin in hand for all. **£4**

Loughborough, Leics. (80 Leconfield Road) 30 May, 1256 Plain and Little Bob Major: Tim Peverett (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Robert Watson 5-6, Judith Godfrey 7-8. 1st Cyclic in hand for all. **£4**

Loughborough, Leics. (80 Leconfield Road) 17 Jun, 1344 Cassiobury S Major: Tim Peverett (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Robert Watson 5-6, Judith Godfrey 7-8. 1st in m in hand for all. **£4**

Loughborough, Leics. (80 Leconfield Road) 17 Jun, 1280 PB Major: Tim Peverett (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Judith Godfrey 5-6, Robert Watson 7-8. **£4**

Melton Ross, Lincs. (3, West Holme) 6 Jul, 1272 Kent TB Minor: Timothy J Billings 1-2, Peter Church 3-4, Heather L E Peachey (C) 5-6. 1st TD in hand as C, completing ART Level 5 on handbells. A Hull Handbells Project performance. **£4**

Moats Tye, Suffolk. (Kimberley Cottage) 1 Jul, 1296 Little Bob Royal: Rowan P Wilson 1-2, Jed Flatters 3-4, Alan P Mayle 5-6, David I Stanford 7-8, Brian E Whiting (C) 9-10. With the band's best wishes to Paul Flatters. **£5**

Oxford. (40 Western Road) 2 Apr, 1280 Kent TB Royal: Lindsay Powell 1-2, Chris Mundy 3-4, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 5-6, Joe Norton (C) 7-8, Michele Winter 9-10. **£1**

Oxford. (40 Western Road) 9 Apr, 1344 Plain and Little Bob Major: Alison Felton 1-2, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 3-4, Joe Norton (C) 5-6, Sara Jones 7-8. **£1**

Oxford. (40 Western Road) 16 Apr, 1264 PB Major: Michele Winter 1-2, Lisa Ryan 3-4, Joe Norton (C) 5-6, John G Pusey 7-8. **£1**

Oxford. (40 Western Road) 30 Apr, 1280 Kent TB Royal: Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 1-2, Michele Winter 3-4, Peter Felton 5-6, Craig M Robertson 7-8, Joe Norton (C) 9-10. **£1**

Oxford. (40 Western Road) 14 May, 1296 Little Bob Royal: Alison Felton 1-2, Peter Felton 3-4, Joe Norton (C) 5-6, Lindsay Powell 7-8, Michele Winter 9-10. **£1**

Oxford. (42 Annesley Road) 27 May, 1272 Kent TB Minor: Lindsay Powell 1-2, Elizabeth Mullett 3-4, Joe Norton (C) 5-6. 1st with Elizabeth's new brain. **£1**

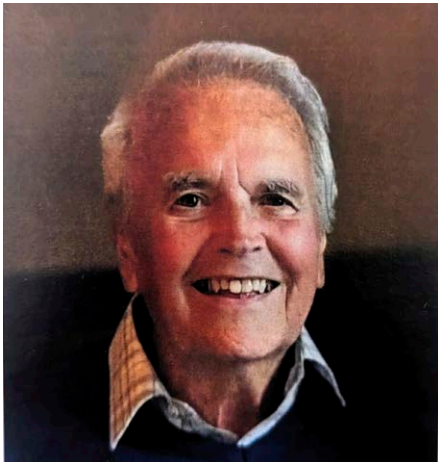
Oxford. (40 Western Road) 4 Jun, 1500 Plain Minor (2m): Michele Winter 1-2, Lindsay Powell 3-4, Joe Norton (C) 5-6. 1,500th Q: 5-6. **£1**

Distributed quarters

Ringin' Room, UK. 1 Jul, 1320 Chester S Minor: Sue Portsmouth 1, Rosemary J Humphrey 2, Lynda Hine 3, Barbara D Murray 4, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke (North Leigh) 5, Joseph A Sharp (C) 6. Rung by The Bellerophons for Canada Day & Tartan Day. 1st in m: 2,3,5,6. 675th virtual: 2. 570th together: 4.6. 525th together: 1.2. 520th virtual together: 1.2. 400th together: 4.5. **£6**

Ringin' Room, UK. 4 Jul, 1250 Ashow TB Minimus: Rosemary J Humphrey (C) 1, Joseph A Sharp 2, Sue Portsmouth 3, Barbara D Murray 4. Rung by The Bellerophons on Independence Day to mark the General Election. 770th for The Bellerophons: 4. 675th together: 1.4. 670th Virtual Q together: 1.4. 1st in m: 4 & as C. **£4**

Frank Osbaldiston 1944 – 2024



Frank was a talented ringer who rang many remarkable peals as a teenager and adult. These included records for methods, lengths and complexity circling many towers in Cheshire to peals. Just as important was Sunday Service ringing and he was never prouder than when a quarter was rung by the local band.

Born in 1944 in Marple, he moved to Rhyl as a small boy. His parents died when he was young so he was brought up in Marple by his grandparents. His grandfather was reputedly very strict and was a police Sergeant in the Cheshire constabulary with a handlebar moustache.

Frank learned to ring at Marple in 1955, aged 11, as part of a gifted group taught by Jack Pryor. They rode their bikes around Cheshire and rang remarkable things because no one told them it was impossible! He rang his first peal at 12, and then 33 more in the next year, including

Cambridge, Yorkshire and Superlative Major, 25 Spliced Treble Bob Minor and 10,000 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. He was the youngest ringer at 13 in this peal; the average age of the band was 17. In 2007 most of the band met to ring 5152 of Double Norwich to celebrate the 50th anniversary of that peal with an average age of 67.

At 14, he broke records by ringing handbell peals of Doubles up to 60 methods. A tower bell peal of 73 Spliced Treble Bob Minor was the maximum number of methods that could be spliced in 5040 changes at the time. By the end of his second year, he had rung 89 peals. The following year he reached 131, including many on 12.

In the 1960s, he rang increasingly complex peals of Spliced Surprise Maximus, reaching 110 methods in 1970, a record for the most Surprise Maximus methods for a long time. This was amazing; at the start of this series the record stood at 12 methods and only 35 Spliced Surprise Maximus methods had ever been rung and named. It was all done on paper with no computers to compose or prove the peals and Frank learnt the blue line for the whole peal.

He rang 11,552 Superlative Major, 11,520 Rutland (both longest lengths at the time), 13,320 of Plain Bob Royal (on handbells) and 20,120 Double Norwich CB Major in 11 hours 6 minutes, which 60 years later is still the longest peal of Double Norwich. He rang 21,600 Spliced Treble Bob Minor with 60 methods at Loughborough - the most changes ever rung for a peal of spliced and for a peal of minor. In 1985, he rang Cambridge Royal alongside three other peals of Cambridge rung at the same time by the East Cheshire branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild at St Michael's (12), Christ Church (10), St Peter's (8) and Sutton (6).

Frank organised peals all over the country, in London towers and beyond, with the help and encouragement of many prominent Cheshire ringers including John Worth, Ken Lewis, Brian Harris and Basil Jones. In 2016, 60 years after they were taught by Jack, the band came together for a peal at Marple, conducted by Brian Woodruffe, to celebrate

their friendship and thankfulness for the opportunities Jack had given them all and Frank's name is cast on one of the two bells that augmented Marple in 1963.

Frank joined the band at Sutton in 1978 and became tower captain from 1980 after Charles Lawton, the then tower captain, stood his bell and walked out of the tower after a sharp exchange with the vicar, who was ringing the treble. Frank remained in this role for 27 years persuading Charles to re-join the band. He rang 88 quarters and eight peals on the bells. I remember Frank proudly calling Alec, his brother, to tell him we had rung London with a local Sunday service band.

Frank circled St Michael's, Christ Church, Bosley, Marple, Norbury, Pott Shrigley and Sutton to peals, completing Sutton last year what was to be his final peal. He did not want a footnote for circling the tower; it was more important that it was "Rung by a local Sunday Service band". In all, he rang over 600 peals, and when asked why so many he answered "I was single and had a lot of spare time in those days!"

Frank had the ability to ring two bells at once to methods, a very useful skill. Once, when ringing at a wedding at Ashton-under-Lyme, the band met one short; Frank rang two bells and managed to negotiate the payment of two wedding fees! He was a faithful and skilled ringer, who, even when he could not ring anymore, wanted the windows open to listen and make sure "standards were being maintained". He always said how our bells "go like bobbins".

Frank worked initially as a chemist for an oil company, and then became a teacher. He met Christine in his thirties at a singles dating night; it was love at first sight and he bravely took on a readymade family of two teenage children and a cat. He took early retirement from teaching and became a bus driver, taking pupils to Manchester Grammar School daily and then spending the day in the library reading the *Daily Telegraph* before the return journey.

He was well known for his honest opinions and ability to correct people (even before they knew they were going wrong!) and will be

Frank Osbaldiston – An Appreciation

Frank has his name on several peal boards in East Cheshire, but he is uniquely remembered with his name cast in the inscription on the treble bell when Marple were augmented to eight in 1963. He and Bob Smith were joint Tower Captains: 'R Smith & F Osbaldiston – Leading Ringers'.

We used to go away for weekends and one time we stayed in the Yorkshire Dales. We had an outing and consumed a very liquid lunch in a pub in Grassington. As we wandered down the street, the wives being a little ahead, we went into the Oxfam shop, as Frank always enjoyed a bargain! He tried on a pair of trousers ("these will be good for cycling to school"), but they were quite tight round the backside. Nevertheless, Wilf Scarrott and I (together with the lady in the shop, who soon cottoned on to a sale) were telling him how smart he looked in them! When the lady offered to put them in a bag, Frank insisted on wearing them to see Christine's reaction. When she turned round, the whole street knew of her displeasure, but the sale had been completed. He duly wore them to school (they were yellow, with a broad brown check) and the kids soon christened him 'Rupert'!

After our regular swimming sessions at Poynton Leisure Centre on a Sunday evening we used to go for a few pints in the British Legion. The beer was cheaper for members, which Frank thought was great, "because the more you drink, the more you save!" Sometimes Christine used to drive him home after these sessions, which often used to result in another of his sayings: "I won't have any more, I'll just have a half!"

Frank was very keen on servicing his car and we often used to discuss the various tips offered by 'Honest John', the former Motoring Correspondent in *The Sunday Telegraph*. Frank was very insistent that, "If it's published in the *Torygraph*, it must be true!"

If a peal broke down because someone had not learned the method properly, Frank was very quick to point out, "You are the architect of your own misfortunes!"

With fond memories. RIP dear friend.

PETER DYSON

Peter, along with Wilf Scarrot, Brian Schofield and others were drafted in to Sutton by Frank to try and get the local band up to speed with methods and gave freely of their time.

missed by all who were lucky to have known and rung with him. There were many debates in the pub regarding whether the bells were there in service of the church or the other way round. He was known for his strong opinions and firm views, but any resulting storm clouds were because he cared and he always tried to make sure they were quickly dispersed.

On the day of his cremation and service of thanksgiving, the local Sunday Service band were proud to ring an immaculate touch of Plain Bob Minor before the service, the one always referred to by Frank as "The Old Chestnut" (aka WHWH). After the service, the bells were rung by his many ringing friends. RIP Frank.

MARK JACOT

In addition to the following performances, there was a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles at Sutton for the D-Day anniversary, also in Frank's memory, printed on p.562.

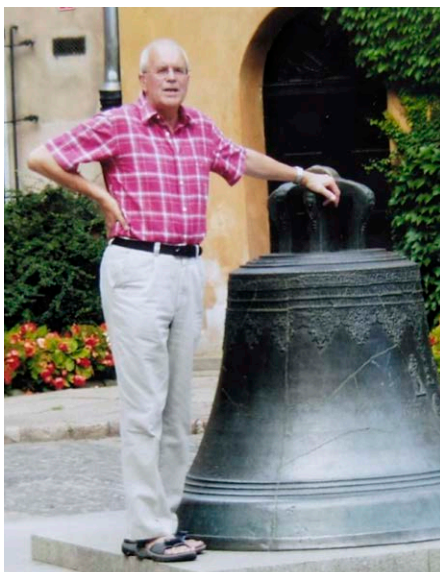
CHESTER D.G.

WILMSLOW, Ches.
9 Hawthorn Lane
Tue 14 May 2024 1h59 (11)
5040 Oxford TB Minor
1-2 Neil D Lomas
3-4 Peter C Randall (C)
5-6 John F Murfin
Rung in memory of
Frank Osbaldiston, ringer
at Sutton. £3

Macclesfield, Ches. (S Michael & All Angels) 12 May, 1260 PB Minor: Patricia M Halloran 1, John F Murfin 2, Kevin J Rogers 3, Steven Stoker 4, W J Charles Seddon 5, Duncan M Matheson (C) 6. Rung for Choral Evensong. In fond memory of Frank Osbaldiston, ringer at Sutton & life member of the Guild, who died on Friday 10th May. £6

Neston, Ches. 15 May, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: John F Murfin 1, Josie Martin 2, Duncan M Matheson 3, Nicholas J Green 4, Kevin J Rogers 5, Christopher D Hughes 6, Mervyn J Harrison 7, Peter Wilkinson (C) 8. A Mid Week Crisis Q. In memoriam Frank Osbaldiston a ringer at Sutton & a former supporter of Mid Week Crisis, who died on 10th May. £8

Sutton, Ches. (S James) 19 May, 1260 PB Minor: Tim Taylor 1, Louisa Henderson 2, Julia Cazalet 3, Graham Jenkins 4, Charlie Seddon 5, Mark Jacot (C) 6. Rung in fond memory of Frank Osbaldiston, Sunday Service ringer & former tower captain of this tower who passed away last week. £6



Donald Trumpler

9.12.1930 – 10.6.2024



Donald Trumpler was born in Vancouver, Canada, to Swiss and German immigrant parents. He grew up as a musically and mathematically gifted child. After studies at the University of British Columbia and a doctorate at MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts, he embarked on a three-month trip to Europe, during which he met his future wife, Elisabeth, the youngest daughter of a school friend of his mother. They were married in Vancouver in December 1958, and had two children, Eric and Mark.

In his early career, Donald taught mathematics at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Rutgers University, Smith College, and the University of Hartford in Connecticut. Later on he was employed by Combustion Engineering and its successors, now part of the engineering consortium under technology company ABB. He became a troubleshooting and installation expert on training simulators for nuclear reactor operators, including extended assignments in remote locations.

During his eight years employment at Smith, Donald was introduced to change ringing by his colleague Alice Dickenson. Together with the student Joan Hutchinson, they taught themselves the basics of change ringing on handbells. When the construction of a new performing arts centre came into planning, they were able to convince the authorities of the College to include a ring of English bells in a tower that was part of the plan for the complex. A 9cwt ring of Whitechapel bells was installed there in 1968.

Don and Elisabeth were regular ringers at Smith, at Brewster, NY, and in Philadelphia later in life. They were founder members of the North American Guild of Change Ringers, for which Donald served on the executive committee as Peal Secretary for many years. He became one of the leading North American peal ringers, totalling 729 peals in his lifetime. His records include many firsts for the North American Guild, and he always encouraged ringing talents, conducting first peals for many of them. He regularly travelled to the UK for peal tours, some with visiting North American bands, and often rang with a band

including Barry Fry, Roy LeMarechal, John Dodd, and John Colliss of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. In the 1990s he was sent on an assignment to Scotland by his employer, where he was able to ring regularly in Edinburgh. Donald was elected member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in 1990, and twice joined the Society on peal tours to Australia.

Unfortunately, due to the onset of Parkinson's disease, he was not able to ring for the last ten years of his life but continued pursuing his interest in classical music and opera, visiting concerts for as long as his mobility permitted. He is survived by his wife Elisabeth, his two sons Eric and Mark, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

ERIC TRUMPLER

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

PHILADELPHIA, PA,
St Mark
Sun 23 Jun 2024 3h2 (17)
5088 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. Nathan J Pitstow
1 Quilla Roth
2 Robert G Gibson (C)
3 Beth Sinclair
4 Abby Timmel
5 Cecily W Rock
6 Elaine M Hansen
7 Robert Bannister
8 Eric R Trumpler
In Memoriam
Donald Trumpler. £5

CAMBRIDGE, MA, USA,
MIT Building 5
Wed 19 Jun 2024 2h47 (10)
5079 Stedman Caters
Comp. Robert M Kilby
1-2 Austin J Paul (C)
3-4 Cally D Perry
5-6 Edward J Fletcher
7-8 Abby Timmel
9-10 Elaine M Hansen
For Juneteenth.
In memoriam Donald
Trumpler, founding member
of the NAG.
First Stedman in hand: 7-8.
£5

Washington, DC. (Cathedral) 16 Jun, 1299 Stedman Caters: Quilla Roth 1, Beth Sinclair 2, Katharine S Emmons 3, Meredith A Morris 4, Robert Bannister 5, Frederick DuPuy (C) 6, Cecily W Rock 7, B Haley Barnett 8, Alexander T Taft III 9, Paul Timmel 10. For Sunday service & remembering Don Trumpler. £10

Boston, MA. (Christ Church, Old North) 23 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Danielle M Morse 1, Ed Fletcher (C) 2, Laura Dickerson 3, Katarina Whimsy! 4, John Bihn 5, James K Whiting 6, John E Schreiner 7, Daniel Cushing 8. In memory of Donald A Trumpler, a founding member of the NAGCR. £8

Handbell Stadium, US. 13 Jun, 1440 York S Minor: Timothy J Barnes (Chatham, N J) (C) 1-2, Quilla Roth (Washington, D C) 3-4, Susan M O'Neill (Fairfax, VA) 5-6. Rung in memory of Donald Trumpler, 1930-2024. £3

Ringing Room, UK & USA. (North Leigh, Naperville (IL), Foxborough (MA), Vancouver (WA)) 19 Jun, 1280 Cat's-Eye S Major: Alison T Merryweather-Clarke (North Leigh) 1-2, Tom Farthing 3-4, Elaine M Hansen 5-6, David B Wilson (C) 7-8. In memory of Donald Trumpler, founding member of the North American Guild. 1st in m: 1-2, 5-6. £4

Philadelphia, USA. (S Martin) 30 Jun, Rounds and Call Changes: Brian Zook (C), Eileen Joy Butler, Adin Krieger-Benson, Sullivan Barsanti, Bruce Dormuth, Alex Meloscia. Rung for Sunday Service in memory of Don Trumpler who spent many hours ringing in this tower & we think Don would have approved of our striking! Sullivan's first published ringing performance. This was followed by the ringing of the nine tailors by Alex.

SWAMPSCOTT, USA,
71 Greenwood Ave
Tue 25 Jun 2024 2h20 (10)
5120 Cambridge S Major
Comp. Robert Brown
1-2 John E Schreiner
3-4 Edward J Fletcher
5-6 Elaine M Hansen
7-8 Eric Trumpler (C)
In loving memory of
Donald Trumpler. £4

FOXBOROUGH, MA,
22 Creighton Avenue
Sat 29 Jun 2024 3h5 (11)
5007 Stedman Cinques
Comp. Timothy J Barnes
1-2 Edward J Fletcher
3-4 Cally D Perry
5-6 Kira R Chase
7-8 Timothy J Barnes (C)
9-10 Elaine M Hansen
11-12 Austin J Paul
Rung in memory of Donald
Trumpler, 1930-2024. £6

Long length record achieved

Congratulations to Luke and Elliot Daniel who have set new records for ringing Minimus on handbells. On 19th June at Wootton Wawen, Warwickshire, they rang 28,008 changes in seven hours and 49 minutes, breaking the records for the longest peal of Minimus and longest length of Minimus.

It was a first long length for both father and son. Additionally, at 12 years 230 days, Elliot is believed to be the youngest person to ring a long length in hand.

The umpires were John Newbold of the Coventry Guild, Tracey Newbold, tower captain at Aston Cantlow and Katie Board tower captain at Alcester.

The umpires' report

The performance was rung very regularly. The changes were all very even. There were a few parts that the striking quality dropped slightly, but those were quickly corrected by both ringers. We are very happy to say that in our opinion the ringing was of the required quality to stand as a record length.

We would also like to say that it was an astonishing performance by Elliot, who was only 12 years old. Amazing concentration

The extents slowed a little towards the end but the ringing remained quite regular, just the odd stumble quickly corrected.

They went into changes at 10:56 and finished at 6:45pm.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD

WOOTTON WAWEN,
Warks,
NB Thistle
Sat 29 Jun 2024 7h49
28008 Minimus
(3m: 9336 each Plain Bob, St Nicholas, Reverse Bob; 1166 com)
Comp. Traditional
1-2 Elliot J Daniel
3-4 Luke Daniel (C)
First long length for both.
Longest peal of Minimus, surpassing the 12,000 rung at York on 10 December 2023.
Longest length of Minimus, surpassing the 24,000 rung at Portsmouth on 17 November 2005.
Elliot is believed to be the youngest person to ring a long length in hand, age 12 years 230 days.
Umpires: John Newbold, Tracey Newbold, Katie Board.

£5

Bellringers play takes centre stage

A new play by Daisy Hall is showing at the Edinburgh Fringe this summer, moving on to London in the autumn.

During a wild storm, two lifelong friends debate the age-old belief that bellringing has the power to dissipate thunder and lightning. Will they make it through?

The storms are getting worse, with rains so hard that fish are falling from the sky. But the age-old belief prevails – that the pealing of bells can dissipate the thunder and lightning. It's an extremely dangerous task – one that now falls to lifelong friends Clement and Aspinall – and as the weather worsens, the young men begin to question whether they'll make it through the night. With their faith in tradition faltering, they find the only thing in which they have unwavering belief is each other...

This comic and deeply moving debut play by Daisy Hall was a top-five finalist for the Women's Prize for Playwriting 2024.

Bellringers is directed by **Jessica Lazar**, co-produced with *Atticist and Ellie Keel Productions*.

Thanks to Michael O'Callaghan for calling the *Ringling World* office to let us know.



Tickets

At Roundabout at the Edinburgh Fringe in August
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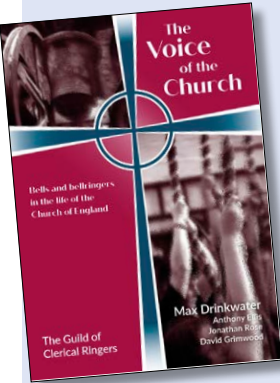
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A chip off the old tenor

Tower captains and steeple keepers who have early-model wooden-shafted clappers in their bells might like to be aware of the recent unusual experience of Ombersley, Worcs. The tenor (16.1.3) has had a wooden-shafted clapper for around 15 years, which has been a great success in making the bell more ringable, and especially has made it much easier to avoid going up wrong – experience which mirrors that at Worcester Cathedral and in many other towers.

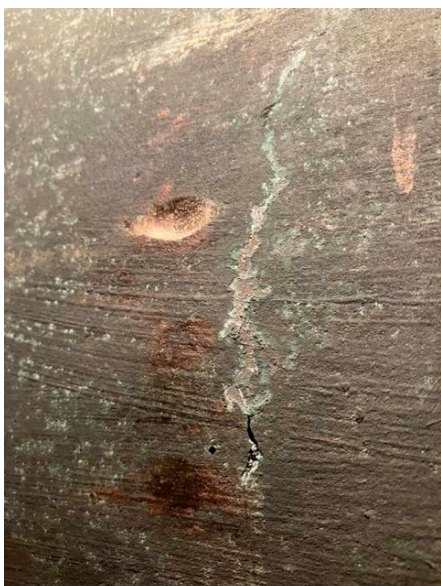
The bell (re-cast 1828 by John Rudhall) failed unexpectedly at the end of last year when it sustained a roughly 10-inch crack in the lip and soundbow area. Inspection proved the casting significantly porous, which had not been apparent previously, but also showed that there had been impact just above the soundbow from the end of one of the bolts securing the ball to the wooden shaft of the clapper.

The risk of this happening is much reduced if, as is now the usual practice with wooden shafts, the ball is wider than it is tall, rather than being completely spherical; this distances the bolts from the point of impact. However, the impact from the bolt may well have contributed to this crack, given the porosity of the bell.

As far as we know everyone who has had a wooden-shafted clapper has been delighted with the results – as various people have pointed out, no-one would contemplate a sledgehammer with a cast iron handle. If anyone else is likely to be similarly affected, we would guess it might be those with early-design clappers and bells with the particular geometry at the soundbow which enables contact to be made.

Including in one's programme of inspection the area of the clapper strike point and making a check for any play in the clapper will improve the chances of detecting such impact if it should be occurring, just as inspection may give advance warning of any other weakness in the bells.

ANTHONY HUGHES



THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

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I am pleased to announce the booking form for the CCCBR AGM in September in Exeter is now available for you to book your place, your refreshment needs and some additional activities. Head to <https://cccb.org.uk/about/annual-meetings/2024-annual-meeting/> and click on the link at the top of the page. Bookings close on 11 August so we can inform catering needs, so please ensure you complete your booking as soon as possible.

Look forward to seeing you in September. Bring a cushion!

VICKI CHAPMAN
Deputy President CCCBR



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NOTICES

Death

FOSTER, James H (Jim) passed away over the weekend of 6th-7th July, aged 48. Master of the Cambridge University Guild in 1995; he moved to London for work (via Middlesbrough), and rang regularly with the ASCY and also as a member of the St Paul's Cathedral Guild. Our thoughts are with his husband and family. 3109

RASHBROOK, Hans, ringer at Hendon, London died suddenly on Monday 8th July after spending the day with friends at Wimbledon. 3110

Funeral

BROWN, Richard, of Loughborough passed away peacefully on Monday, 1st July. His funeral will be held at St James, Oaks-in-Charnwood on Monday, 5th August at midday with open ringing before and after the service. Refreshments will be available in the adjacent church hall after the service. All welcome. For catering purposes, please let Sally know if you plan to attend. Sallybrown5040@gmail.com 07778 269081 3107

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Weekday Meetings and Practices

LADIES' GUILD SE DISTRICT – Tuesday 30th July – Meeting. Newnham (6) 11.15 to 12.15, Lynsted (6) 3.00 to 4.00pm. Everyone is welcome. There will also be a Lunch at The Alma, Painters Forstal from 12.45 to 2.30 pm. If you wish to come to the Lunch, please notify Isabel Pearce (lizziebell14@hotmail.com) by Sunday, 21st July at the latest. 3003

Meetings on Saturday 27th July

HDGB Hereford District, Open Ringing and Summer Meeting to be held on Saturday 27th July at St Mary's Church, Fownhope HR1 4PQ. Ringing from 3.00pm, Opening prayers and meeting 4.00pm followed by tea. Ringing afterwards approx 5:30pm until 7:00pm. Names and numbers for tea by Weds 24th July to carolinepriestley@me.com. All are very welcome to join us. 3004

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The Allsorts Tour 2024

by Jill Danby

This annual ringing event for Montgomeryshire branch ringers and friends (17 ringers of varying experience, two very young children and three dogs!) took place over the last weekend in April.

Rachel Hamer had done her usual efficient job of securing us four caravans on the Parkdean Holiday Park in Heysham, near Morecambe Bay, Lancashire. This was an area which none of us had visited to ring before, so we were all interested (and a little apprehensive) to find out what we would be doing over the weekend. Lynda Dabinett had organised ringing at nine towers, mostly in Lancashire, but with two across the border in Yorkshire. Rachel and Lynda had managed to choose a fine sunny weekend which was a bonus, although the wind was cold.

The first tower was Holy Trinity, Morecambe on Friday evening, 26th April. The tower contact showed us upstairs to a very small ringing room. We all managed well and the bells are a beautiful 10cwt eight. It is a pity there is not a local band, but unfortunately this is something that we come across regularly.

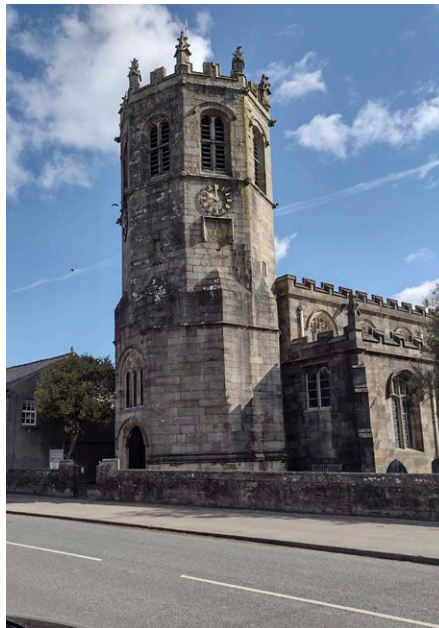
The Allsorts group are a mixture of experienced ringers and learners so the methods we can ring are restricted to fairly simple ones. We rang rounds and call changes, Plain Bob Triples, Stedman Triples and Plain Hunt and these methods formed the basis of our ringing over the weekend. Most of us then repaired to the local chip shop and then back to the caravans for a nightcap or two.

On Saturday morning the first tower was St Margaret, Hornby, a 10cwt eight in an octagonal tower. The ringing room is spacious, accessed by a very steep spiral staircase and we rang our usual repertoire. Then it was on to the 11cwt six at All Saints, Burton in Lonsdale. Here we found another very steep spiral stair. The ringing here was not as good in the small tower and the bells seemed heavier than the previous eight. Some of us had a break at Kirby Lonsdale for lunch and a walk around the pretty town.

After lunch the next two towers were both sixes. The towers were only 10 minutes apart and, as we could have them both from 2pm to 4pm, we split the group into two parties. One group began at St Bartholomew, Barbon whilst the other group commenced at St Mary, Kirby Lonsdale. We then swapped over at 3pm. I've never done that before on a ringing tour!

One group was made up of mainly learners and the other of more experienced ringers. We hoped this would take the pressure off the learners a little as they would have a longer ring and the more experienced ringers could go and attempt some slightly more complex methods without feeling they were taking ringing time from the learners.

Kirby Lonsdale are a 12cwt six and the access is unusual. We were met by Nigel Goodship and conducted into the church where we had to duck under or squeeze round



The octagonal tower of St Margaret Hornby (8, 10-1-7); Below, Peter has a go at chiming

some scaffolding under the tower. We rang all our usual methods although we did find the bells rather heavier than we expected.

Barbon, by contrast, are a 7cwt six and are a delight to ring. Carolina Goodship joined us and we rang more methods than would have been possible without her.

The final tower of the day was St Michael and All Angels, Whittington. Most of us were relieved to find it is a ground floor ring. We were all very tired and found the 13cwt six rather challenging. The methods we rang today were all the usual suspects plus Single and Double Oxford and Cambridge Minor.



However Norwich Surprise was a step too far at the end of the day. When we had rung down Peter 'helped' his dad chime the tenor which made his day.

After a quick wash and change of clothes back at the caravan site we all repaired to The Greyhound at Halton where Richard had arranged for us to eat. The food was very good and it is always a great end to a day's ringing, sitting in the pub with good friends and enjoying an excellent meal.

Sunday 28 April saw us joining the ringers at Lancaster Priory for service ringing. We were made very welcome and did our best on the 30cwt ten. Ringing on ten is a real event for our learners and they did very well. We rang rounds and call changes on ten and Plain Hunt on nine. Some of us then rang Stedman Caters with the local band. Sunday afternoon was a rest afternoon when we all did our own thing. A group visited Sizergh Castle and really enjoyed their trip. Others took the dog and investigated Eaves Wood above Arnside and were rewarded with a wonderful woodland walk and excellent views of Morecambe Bay. We all then returned to the caravan site and gathered for a Chinese takeaway. We do try and accommodate all tastes in bells, food and leisure opportunities!

Monday morning greeted us with more sunshine! We travelled across the Lancashire border into Yorkshire to ring at St James, Clapham. These bells have just been restored by Haywood Mills Associates and are easy to ring with a lovely sound. Coincidentally we were welcomed by Peter Haywood to St David's Cathedral last year on the 2023 Allsorts tour to Pembrokeshire.

The final tower of this year's tour was the 14cwt eight at Settle. The access was easy up wooden stairs, but we found the bells harder to strike well. The ringers then went their separate ways to return to the Welsh Borders.

We would like to thank Rachel for organising the accommodation and Lynda for booking the towers, Richard for booking the Saturday meal and John for getting all the Chinese meal orders correct and delivered to reception at the caravan site. Our gratitude also to the incumbents and the local people who arranged our ringing and met us. It is one of the few tours where the schedule went well with no lockouts or other hiccups.

Many of the participants emailed their thanks to Rachel and it seemed everyone enjoyed the weekend. Most of us had got something positive out of it – whether ringing a new method, ringing on a greater number of bells or sampling new bells, and just enjoying each other's company. Although the tour is based in the Montgomeryshire branch, if there are any other ringers in Wales or across the border who would like to join us next year, please put your name on the list. You will be made very welcome. Rachel's email address can be found under the Monty branch: www.nwacbr.wales/home.

The Great Bells of the British Isles now listed in online Dove



I've always had delight reading through the appendices in the *Dove's Guide* books: lists of towers and bells with a particular theme or order, accompanied by illuminating narrative provided by historians such as the late David Cawley. We in the Dove Team intend to capture each of these lists in the online database, and we are pleased to advise that the first of these is now complete. The scope of the database has been extended to include places which contain bells in the

British Isles that are 40cwt or more in weight, whether they are hung for full circle ringing or not, whether they are in the jurisdiction of the Church of England or not. Unlike the lists in the printed edition, these new entries include details of the bells that accompany the large bells, such as quarter bells in clock chimes, or lighter bells in diatonic chimes, or whether the bells are simply hanging alone.

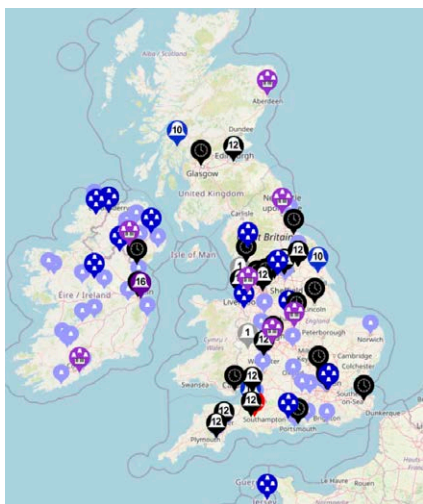
There are currently 150 bells in this list. The heaviest of these is the Olympic Bell in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in Stratford, weighing a huge 450cwt 3qtr 24lbs and there are five noted as 40cwt approximately.

Twenty-six great bells are hung in full circle rings, 21 are part of carillons and 32 are part of clock chimes with quarter bells. One hundred and one are in England, 29 in the Republic of Ireland, 11 in Northern Ireland, seven in Scotland, and one in each of Wales and the Channel Islands. The Republic of Ireland has been included in these lists simply because it always has been. The majority were cast by Taylors at Loughborough (72 of them), and 26 were cast by Irish founders, notably 18 by Matthew O'Byrne of the Fountain Head Foundry in Dublin. 18 were by Gillett and 17 by Whitechapel founders. Seven were cast in Europe (including the Whitechapel Olympic bell) and one of them is a Sheffield steel bell.

The oldest "great bell" is the three-ton Great Peter in Gloucester Cathedral, dated to the 15th century by an unknown founder. The majority however are 20th century (with 83), followed by 56 from the 19th century. Four of them were cast this century.

The work to co-ordinate this list has taken place over many years since Ron Dove's day, but more systematic research has taken place by Chris Pickford and Tim Jackson, and latterly, Dickon Love.

Whilst this list is probably definitive for Great Britain, there is still more research to be done in Ireland, especially the Republic. Some appear in the catalogues from founders such as Matthew O'Byrne mentioned above, and whilst efforts have been made to confirm the existence of most of these bells, few actual inspections have come to light. There are also a number of these Irish bells just quoted



as being "2 tons" or "40 cwt", which in practice might prove to be slightly lighter. Newspaper reports on the weight of some of these bells also vary.

There is more work to do to complete all the measurable parameters for these bells and those associated with them, but we in the Dove Team hope that the details now published will be of interest to our readers.

DICKON R LOVE

The first Michaels peal

The first peal by a band all named Michael was rung 60 years ago this week, on 18th July 1974

Janet Dew discovered this framed peal certificate when she was clearing her parents' attic. It was the 200th peal for her father, Michael Brown, who joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild for the occasion.

The peal was conducted by Michael Fellows, who was just 16 at the time. Sadly, he died of complications following surgery just nine years later. He had been a very promising ringer, and was remembered, along with his brother Martin, by their friend John Eisel in the *Ringling World* of 8th May 2015 (p.478).



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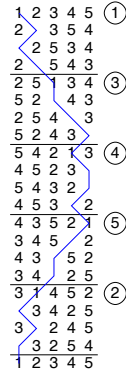
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- Plain Bob Major
- St Merwenna Triples

Trio of the month

Three exercises, simple methods, or other things to try on a practice night

SATURN DOUBLES is a short and snappy hunting, dodging and place-making exercise.

It's a type of method called a principle, which means that all of bells 1-5 do the same work, instead of the treble having a simpler path than the other bells.



The work includes four dodges – two in 1-2 and two in 4-5. At the front and back you dodge each side of making a place (leading and lying). While hunting between front and back, you need to stop and make a place in thirds.

The dodges in 1-2 are both right-place: the backward step is at backstroke. The dodges in 4-5 are both wrong-place: the backward step is at handstroke. Both sets of thirds are wrong-place: backstroke and handstroke.

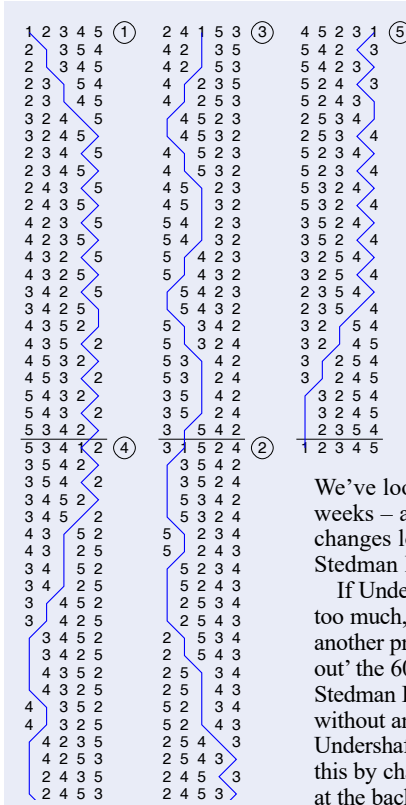
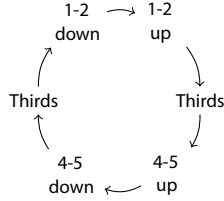
The plain course is 20 changes long, the same as two cycles of plain hunting.

The dodges are with the same pair of bells, front and back. If you look at the blue line for the treble above, the first dodge is with 2, then the next with 3; then 2, then 3. These bells are called your course bells – you are coursing, or following, each other around the work.

Some of the starts are a little strange if you're used to plain hunt, particularly 4.

- 1 dodges with 2 and then hunts up to thirds
- 2 dodges with 1 and then leads full
- 3 makes one blow in thirds and then hunts *up*
- 4 starts by lying for two blows
- 5 hunts down to make thirds

A similar short but intense dodging exercise is Double Bob Minimus. It was in our March Trio this year.



Doubles of the month

July – Undershaft

The plain course is the extent in July's Doubles of the Month – Undershaft, which is closely related to Stedman Doubles. This week, a simpler method called Orpheus.

We've looked at Undershaft for two weeks – a principle which is 120 changes long, and closely related to Stedman Doubles.

If Undershaft is proving slightly too much, this week we look at another principle which 'pads out' the 60-change plain course of Stedman Doubles to 120 changes without any calls, but is simpler than Undershaft. **Orpheus Doubles** does this by changing the double-dodging at the back in Stedman to five-pull dodging, while the quick and slow frontworks in Stedman are exactly the same in Orpheus, except 'whole-pull': bells only change position at handstroke, and then stay in the same place every backstroke. So one blow in any position becomes two, and two blows becomes four. The slow frontwork is very slow!

Our back cover this week shows a selection of contestants on the end of a rope from a range of teams. All photographs Roger Lawson except top right, bottom left and bottom right by James Wray. This is a good opportunity to thank James and Roger for their hard work roving across the many sites on RWNYC day.

The June Trio is
Call something
Flying Dutchman
Saturn

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Jigsaw of Life

I doubt there is any of us who have never done a jigsaw, whether the large wooden pieces in childhood, the rainy evening thousand-piecers, or the huge 5,000 piece jigsaws I remember Caroline House's mother and father would have each Christmas. But have we ever looked beyond the simple challenge on the table in front of us and thought how they talk about life?

Every standard puzzle, regardless of size has three elements: the corners, the outside pieces, and the inside pieces. It requires all of them to complete the picture; any one piece missing renders the picture incomplete, and so at the finish no single piece is more important than any other. How often have we finished a puzzle only to find one piece missing! The frustration at all that work, finished yet incomplete, the disappointment

as we consign the thing to the bin, discarded as useless.

When we start we begin with the corners, they give us the anchors and the beginnings of our structure, we move on to the outside, building the frame, from which we begin to see how our picture will grow, and then the insides, first in small groups, built upon common themes, which in turn begin to attach to each other, eventually revealing the fullness of the whole picture.

In all things we do, just like those corners, it takes a small number to begin, giving the anchor, the beginnings of something good. Those few find some friends, brave enough to build on those corners, and to give that firm structure to which others can join, often in little groups already banded together, but needing more.

Jigsaw pieces come in many different shapes, and while they each have different colours and themes, not a single piece has the finished picture, they all depend on each other; none will stand on their own, they are made to connect with others, they need each other, for without each other their existence is pointless. However, when all of those pieces do come together we see that perfect picture; and so it is in life, together we can do great things. Sometimes we are drawn to be a corner, beginning something new; sometimes we help to build that structure, as in an edge piece; and sometimes we bring the all-important body of the picture. What is for sure though, is that in life we all carry one piece, we are all essential to the picture, and working with each other we can do great things.

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