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## On the cover

Our cover photo, captured by **Richard Steele** with the help of the 'Len Roberts Award Drone', shows Geoff Piddock of SSH Conservation, ascending the spire of St Mary's Church, Frittenden, Kent.

Standing tall and graceful at the heart of this small rural village, the tower houses eight bells (15cwt) in a two tier teak frame. The current bells were cast in 1929 by Gillett & Johnston from an earlier ring of eight.

The medieval church at Frittenden fell into disrepair in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. In 1839 the Revd Edward Moore was

appointed to the curacy of Frittenden. He had considerable personal wealth and paid for the church to be largely rebuilt to a design by the Birmingham architect, RC Hussey, between 1846 and 1848. Most of the church, except for the nave and the lower two stages of the fifteenth century tower, was demolished and rebuilt. A new upper tower was built which houses the belfry and is finished by the graceful, recessed stone spire. There are stone clock faces on the north and south elevations of the tower, powered by an 1847 Thwaites & Reed tower clock.

Frittenden is a small village, with approximately 900 residents. There is strong support for the bells from the community and, as well as ringing every Sunday morning, the bells are rung for most significant events and celebrations. During the coronavirus lockdown in 2020, Frittenden bells continued to be rung most Sunday mornings, by a family within the Frittenden band, providing a degree of continuity for the community in what was a very difficult time.

The current Frittenden band enjoys a loyal group of eleven local ringers. The wide age range provides both experience and enthusiasm in our small first floor ringing chamber. We often welcome visitors from neighbouring towers and further afield. The furthest distance must have been when Christian visited us from Papanui in New Zealand last year. Practice night caters for all levels of ringers and ranges from rounds and call changes to touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. When experienced visitors are around to help we do sometimes get to ring methods such as Cambridge Major, with varying levels of success!

Frittenden is associated to the Kent County Association of Change Ringers. The KCACR is one of the larger territorial Associations in the UK, with over 240 ringable towers and more than 1,400 active members. Frittenden is within the Ashford District of the Association however, being at the boundary of three districts, some of our nearest neighbours are in Maidstone and Tonbridge Districts. This is an advantage as Frittenden ringers are always made very welcome at events organised just over the border, as well as our own events in the Ashford District.

In 2023 two members of the Frittenden band won the 'Len Roberts Award for the Promotion of Ringing'. This is an annual award by the Association of Ringing Teachers for the person (or people) making a significant contribution to the promotion of ringing in their local area. The prize money was used to help purchase a mini-drone which is used to capture pictures and videos of all things bell related, churches, towers, ringers and bells! The eye-catching images are used on social media to further highlight bell ringing to the wider communities.

The bells at Frittenden are rung for services every Sunday 9:15am until 10:00am, and for practices on Monday evenings from 7:30pm until 9:00pm. Whether you live in Kent, are visiting or just passing through, please do come along to Frittenden tower and ring our lovely Gillett & Johnston bells with us.



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The Robert Lewis  
Trophy for Excellence  
Call changes on eight bells  
St Olave, Hart Street (8, 11-3-20)



## Ringing World National Youth Contest

### 2024 Results

The results of the 2024 Ringing World National Youth Contest, held on Saturday 6th July in London, are given here. Congratulations to

- **The Yorkshire Tykes**, winning the Whitechapel Trophy in the Eight-Bell Method Ringing Class with an incredible score of 10/10.
- **Worcester Cathedral**, winning the Robert Lewis Trophy in the Eight-Bell Call Change Ringing Class.
- **Durham & Newcastle**, winning the Six-Bell Method Ringing.
- **Nottingham Young Ringers**, winning the Six-Bell Call Changes.

Congratulations also to all the young ringers for their hard work, the hundreds of adults accompanying them, and the team of organisers and host volunteers who made it possible. It was a truly inspirational day, ending with a memorable results ceremony in St Paul's Cathedral, and we look forward to bringing you full reports with photographs next week.

Recordings of the winning touches in each of the four categories can be downloaded from the RWNYC website:  
[rwnyc.ringingworld.co.uk](http://rwnyc.ringingworld.co.uk)

The Whitechapel Trophy  
Method ringing on eight bells  
St Olave, Hart Street (8, 11-3-20)

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

Method ringing on six bells  
St James Garlickhythe (8, 9-1-25)

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

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

Call changes on six bells  
St James Garlickhythe (8, 9-1-25)

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

## The bells ring out down under



The Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers was formed in 1962 to promote the art of change ringing in the two countries. There are currently around 350 members who ring at more than 70 bell towers throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Left: 10 June Plain Bob Trips Adelaide Cathedral : The band in no particular order (Image: Vicki Greenhalgh)

Middle: ANZAB Youths 1260 Grandsire Doubles at Walkerville 7 June (Photo Patrick Meyer)

Below: 1260 Grandsire Doubles at Walkerville The band, right to left from the back, pictured in the Philippa Lamphee Ringing Chamber. (Image: Peter Norman)

The Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers Festival and AGM were held over the weekend of 7th-10th June, hosted by the Adelaide ringers.

The Festival included a Civic Reception with the Lord Mayor of Adelaide, the Annual Dinner, workshops and ringing sessions for all levels, quarter peals and general ringing at both city cathedrals and two other local towers.

Phil Goodyer, editor of *Ringing Towers* and organiser of the festival ringing, said the event was a great success. "Let alone the advances in method ringing, enthusiasm and socialising, one of the real positives was the large number of young ringers – they rang two quarters and a peal and came third in the striking competition."

### The bells of Adelaide, South Australia

The heavy ring of eight at St Peter's Cathedral (41-1-0) was cast by Taylors and installed in 1947. This octave is second in weight only to Sherborne Abbey and is widely regarded as one of the finest rings in the world. The Roman Catholic Cathedral Church of St Francis Xavier, holds a ring of 12 (28-2-1) Whitechapel bells, seven of which date from 1881 and had originally hung in Sydney.

The six bells at St Andrew's Walkerville (12-3-17) were refurbished and rehung in 2022 thanks to the generosity of a former tower captain Philippa Lamphee, who died in May this year. One of the festival quarter peals was rung in her memory, and the ringing chamber has been named after her.

St Cuthbert's Church in Prospect is a popular peal venue with a very ringable Taylor eight (11-1-2).

If you are interested in learning more about ringing Down Under, see the local ringers' website:

[www.adelaidebellringers.org.au/](http://www.adelaidebellringers.org.au/)



**ANZAB**

**PROSPECT, SA,**  
St Cuthbert  
Mon 10 Jun 2024 2h41 (11)  
**5040 Minor**  
(2m: 2880 of Cambridge, 2160 of Plain Bob)  
1 Inga J Griffiths-Hunt  
2 Luka S Sostarko  
3 Matthew J Shaw  
4 Charlotte C Sorell  
5 Patrick T Meyer  
6 James W Perrins (C)  
Rung by an ANZAB youth band,  
average age of 22.6.

**Prospect, SA.** 7 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Thomas Perrins 1, Rachel Perrins 2, Elizabeth A Helliwell 3, Hannah Tayler 4, Kellie Hajek 5, Jeffrey Price 6, Raymond D Helliwell 7, Peter Harrison (C) 8. Rung for the ANZAB Festival.

**Walkerville, SA.** 7 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Laurence Williams 1, Patrick Meyer 2, Luka Sostarko 3, David Sorell 4, Charlotte Sorell (C) 5, Inga Griffiths-Hunt 6. A belated Birthday compliment to 1. Rung by the ANZAB Youths. Average band age: 19.

**Adelaide, SA.** (Cathedral Church of St Francis Xavier) 8 Jun, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Charlotte Sorell 1, Philip Goodyer 2, James Perrins (C) 3, Andrew Davies 4, David Sorell 5, Rachel Perrins 6, Raymond D Helliwell 7, Caroline Pawley 8, Hugh Carwardine 9, Matthew Ball 10, Thomas Perrins 11, Murray-Luke Peard 12.

**Adelaide, SA.** (Cathedral Church of St Francis Xavier) 9 Jun, 1298 Grandsire Cinques: Andrew Davies 1, Kellie Hajek 2, Hannah Tayler 3, David Sorell 4, Stephen Fox 5, Philip Goodyer 6, Jeffrey Price 7, David Smith 8, Peter Norman 9, Matthew Ball 10, Thomas Perrins (C) 11, Matthew Shaw 12. 1st Q of Cinques: 3, 5, 7, 9, 12.

**Adelaide, SA.** (Cathedral Church of St Francis Xavier) 10 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: Charlotte Greenhalgh 1, Matthew Shaw 2, Luka Sostarko 3, Inga Griffiths-Hunt 4, Charlotte Sorell 5, Patrick Meyer 6, David Sorell (C) 7, Laurence Williams 8. Rung by the ANZAB Youths. 1st on 8: 1. Average age: 18.75.

**Adelaide, SA.** (S Cuthbert, Prospect) 10 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Andrew Cole 1, Rosemarie Harris 2, Pam Brock 3, Peter Norman 4, Kellie Hajek 5, Matthew Shaw (C) 6. 1st inside to method: 2.

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**Philippa Lamphee**  
19.03.1930 – 11.05.2024



Philippa was the oldest of three children growing up in suburban Walkerville at a time when Adelaide was a much smaller city – the countryside was a short bike ride away. After school at Woodlands College Philippa studied nursing, working at Royal Adelaide Hospital, then undertaking further study at the world famous Moorfields Eye Hospital in London. She travelled to Canada during this time, working and learning to ski there.

While she was away her younger siblings, Dick and Catherine, learnt to ring at St Andrew's – they were both in the first tower bell peal in South Australia in 1953. On her return to Australia Philippa's work saw her return to the RAH, where she subsequently was in charge of the Ophthalmology Out Patients Department. She also took up bellringing, a passion she maintained for over 60 years, ringing three peals (one each at St Andrew's, St Peter's and St Cuthbert's – the first on those bells) and over 200 quarter peals, including inside to four-spliced Surprise Major and 11 mixed doubles.

A parishioner at St Andrew's, Philippa was the Tower Captain and clock winder for many

years. Philippa helped teach school students from the neighbouring St Andrew's school to ring, and then when the bells of St Francis Xavier were due to be installed, Philippa helped train the ringers for the new tower.

In mid-2017 Philippa decided to retire from ringing and whilst she relinquished the Tower Captainship, it wasn't long before she was back on the end of a bell-rope, mostly at St Cuthbert's with its three steps down, rather than the then very steep ladder up to the St Andrew's ringing chamber.

In the mid 2010s there was concern about the long term future of the 150-year-old St Andrew's bell frame. The timber was deteriorating, the bells becoming very hard going and access to the ringing room no longer met acceptable standards. Philippa's response was to provide a major portion of the required funds herself to refurbish the tower and clock and rehang the bells.

The bells were rehung in November 2020 and Philippa made sure that Taylor's had done a good job by being one of the first to ring the re-installed bells. This turned out, quite fittingly, to be the last time Philippa rang a bell.

Outside of ringing Philippa was a keen grower of geraniums and pelargoniums, watched birds, and raised cats.

For the last few years Philippa has been a purely social ringer, joining us for various gatherings and celebrations, and her cheery disposition will be missed at future events.

MATTHEW BALL

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**Perth, WA.** (Cathedral) 19 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Irene Mackenzie 1, Julie Taylor 2, Lloyd Cartwright 3, Vicki Greenhalgh 4, Joselyn Sloan 5, Adam Beer 6, Ian Harris (C) 7, Andrew Ling 8. Rung to thank Bernadette Liew, Cathedral Administrator for her support to the ringers over the past 16 years. Also rung in fond memory of Philippa Lamphee of Adelaide.

**Adelaide, SA.** (S Andrew, Walkerville) 27 May, 1320 Walkerville D Minor: David Bleby 1, Hannah Tayler 2, Kevin Stracey 3, Peter Norman 4, Philip Goodyer 5, Matthew Ball (C) 6. Rung before the funeral of Philippa Lamphee. 100th Q 2.

**Walkerville, SA.** 27 May, 1080 Grandsire Doubles: Andrew Hopton 1, Diana Bleby 2, Elbe Alexander 3, Michelle Harrison 4, Peter Norman (C) 5, Daniel Alexander 6. Rung following the funeral of Philippa Lamphee.

**Walkerville, SA.** 10 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Andrew Hopton 1, Elbe Alexander 2, Diana Bleby 3, Hannah Tayler 4, Peter Norman (C) 5, Daniel Alexander 6. In commemoration of the life & ringing of Philippa Lamphee. Lifetime ringer at St Andrew's Walkerville & longtime Tower Captain. The method rung was one which Philippa often called for when running practices in her later years as Captain & she regularly chose it as the service touch on Sunday mornings.

**ANZAB**

**ADELAIDE, SA,**  
Cathedral Church of St Peter  
Sat 18 May 2024  
3h51 (41)  
**5024 Cambridge S Major**  
Comp. C Middleton  
Arr. D F Morrison  
1 Michelle CHarrison  
2 Thomas M Perrins  
3 David P Sorell  
4 Matthew A Ball  
5 James W Perrins  
6 Peter I Harrison (C)  
7 Philip R Goodyer  
8 Paul J Tiebout  
Rung to celebrate the life of Philippa Lamphee (19/03/1930 - 11/05/2024).



St Andrew's Church, Walkerville, South Australia

## Bishops Lydeard

SIR, – I write in complaint regarding Mike Hansford’s article (p.558) accompanying the 21st June front cover picture of St Mary’s, Bishops Lydeard.

I am the churchwarden mentioned in the article, and to say that “One of the churchwardens has recently restricted us to ringing on six” is incorrect. All decisions at St Mary’s are agreed by our PCC as a whole.

There have been problems with St Mary’s tower for many years, including a major repair to the tower recommended by a 2003 quinquennial report. In 2020, the PCC employed the services of two professional and well-respected companies to jointly carry out electronic measurements of sway and vibration on the tower. This was found to be excessive. The tower captain was in attendance when their report was presented. One option given was to stop all ringing.

After discussion at PCC level, it was decided that, initially, we would opt to reduce the loading by dropping to a six-bell ring and to reduce the practice time to one hour once a week for St Mary’s ringers. Common sense would dictate that the two larger and more damaging bells be the ones to be left out, but perhaps we should have spelled that out. Monitoring continues and the tower sway and vibration are still considered to be above an ideal level.

I am sure that all in the ringing world are fully aware of the responsibility placed on churchwardens and PCCs for Grade 1 listed buildings. We have acted responsibly in our care for the building and particularly the tower, and we are disappointed and upset by the flippant attitude of the tower captain. We have documentary evidence to support all the decisions that we have made.

DAVID SMART

Bishops Lydeard, Somerset

**I apologise to the Church Warden of Bishops Lydeard for any unintentional misunderstanding. My article should have read “One of the Churchwardens on behalf of the PCC have recently restricted ringing to one hour and only six bells.”**

MIKE HANSFORD

SIR, – After reading ‘On the Cover’ set out on page 558 of the 21 June issue of *The Ringing World*, I forwarded a copy of the

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article to David Smart, Churchwarden of St Mary’s Church, Bishops Lydeard.

Mr Smart has sent me a copy of his letter to you, which sets out the true position of the state of the tower and the reason for the limited ringing. Further to the information contained in his letter, and Michael Hansford’s rash comments in the last paragraph of the article, I feel I should bring two further points to your attention.

Firstly, as you are possibly aware, Michael Hansford is bell advisor to the Bath & Wells Diocesan Board and, as such, often writes reports on bell and tower-related matters. It is quite extraordinary, therefore, that in this instance he has completely failed to take note of, or act upon the professional documents referred to in Mr Smart’s letter, even though he has been made aware of the contents.

Secondly, whilst *The Ringing World* relies upon articles being submitted to it, there must be a duty of care to edit these articles to ensure that written or implied insults are not put in print.

I realise you are in contact with David Smart and the issue is being dealt with in a right and proper manner. I very much appreciate your professionalism in this matter.

KEITH BEALE

Milverton Benefice

***Ed. On the second point I note that this was an editorial error of judgement, and apologise.***

## Milking the cash cow

SIR, – Andrew Howard makes some interesting points in his letter regarding financing the Central Council on p.595. However, it does overlook some important points. The Affiliation Fee has been there for many decades largely in order to finance the costs of the AGM, and not to provide for the running costs of the Council.

The reorganisation of the Council after the CRAG report significantly reduced the influence the societies have in being able to have a say in the running of the Council, yet they are being expected to pay significantly more in fees to the Council.

It is a “cunning plan” to talk about the fees in terms of X pence per member, as increases in them are made to seem almost miniscule. However, the Guild to which I belong will see an increase from £90pa at 20p per member to £450pa at £1 per member under this plan. The larger societies will now be paying into the thousands, instead of a few hundred. Are societies getting value for that money?

Andrew is quite right in saying that obtaining £30,000 from all ringers is not a great amount of money in the scheme of things. However, I feel that the Council recently missed an opportunity by deciding not to go to a direct membership organisation. At £30pa it would only need 1,000 people to sign up to be revenue neutral. Even at £10pa it would need fewer than 10% of the ringers in the country signing up. Did they think that not as many as this would come forward?

Perhaps this route should be reinvestigated, instead of milking the cash cow of society bank balances.

MIKE CHESTER

Coventry, West Midlands

## Bells on the map

SIR, – Chris Hutchinson (p.615) mentioned that the Plough in Wokingham was recently renamed The Foundry Bell, no doubt alluding to Wokingham’s former bell foundry, but a few years earlier, in 2019, a new pub called the Oakingham Belle was opened a bit further along the London Road. I’m not sure whether Belle is intended to refer to a beauty or is just a fancy spelling of Bell. Oakingham was an alternative name for Wokingham, occasionally used in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

The local Council seems fond of the bell foundry, which closed in 1620, having named three roads after Roger Landen, the most famous Wokingham founder, in recent decades: Landen Court, Landen Grove & Landen Close. Rather confusingly they are nowhere near each other, being on the south, west and north of the town respectively, though Landen Place is near Bellfoundry Lane (which isn’t anywhere near the site of the foundry).

JOHN HARRISON

Wokingham, Berkshire

## £1 for the bargeman

SIR, – Richard Booth asks for instances of bells being transported by canal (5 July, p.615). Back in 1717 the River Severn cannot be counted as a canal, but it was navigable up as far as Pool Quay. We know very little about the bells at Oswestry before that date, but the 1717 Churchwarden accounts clearly indicate that our bells were transported by river from Shrewsbury to Gloucester saying “5 shillings For takeing downe the Bells, 9 shillings Pd for carrying them to Shrewsbury, £1 Pd the bargeman”. This clearly shows that water transport was cheaper than horse and cart.

RICHARD MAJOR

Oswestry, Shropshire

## Paper priority

SIR, – Until recently I rarely received my *Ringing World* on a Friday – occasionally on a Saturday, but most likely on a Monday or Tuesday; even Thursday was not unknown. For the last four weeks, since the change from plastic wrapper to paper envelope, my copy has arrived as it should on a Friday. Talking to my postman today he thought it was because envelopes probably took priority at the sorting office, so I am all in favour of envelopes!

ROSS ROBERTSON

Shaftesbury, Dorset

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# The Great Ringing Day at Lavenham in the nineteenth century

by John Eisel

## Part 2

*We left the story of ringing at Lavenham in 1820, when the local band had achieved a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major; and now take up the story in the 1830s.*

### A third peal at Lavenham

From the fact that in 1820 the local company had achieved a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major we may deduce that things were going well. It is not therefore surprising that there was soon a mention of a junior company, but frustratingly we know very little of this, and who the members were. Indeed the next (third) peal rung at Lavenham was one of 5040 Plain Bob Major, rung on 25th November 1836 by the Lavenham junior company of ringers. Unlike the two preceding peals, it was not recorded on a peal board, and is known from reports in the local press, identified only in recent years: that from the Bury and Norwich Post of 30 November 1836 records:

‘On Friday last the 25th inst. was rung at Lavenham by the junior company of ringers of that place, a complete peal of 5040 bob major changes, on that harmonious peal of eight bells. The peal was conducted by Robert Hume, and was performed in good stile in three hours and seventeen minutes.’

I know nothing of the conductor, nor am I aware of any record of the other ringers on that occasion. I have no further extracts which refer to this junior company so do not know how long it was a separate entity.

We learn a little of ringing in Lavenham in the 1840s from John Carr’s curious little book, quoted above. On p.40 he recounts that he visited Lavenham on 12th October 1846:

‘The following morning, I started to Lavenham, and arrived at the Cock Inn, kept by Mr. Death. Mr. Smith, the Parish Clerk, got a band, and we rang 500 of Bob Major. ...Mr. Smith called a musical piece, after which we retired to the club house; they did not know me. I played the handbells, and they were much amused;...’

This implies that the club house was for the ringers, and was probably at the Cock Inn.

Pigott’s trade directory of 1839 records Henry Death as being already at the Cock Inn, which he ran until 1850, when he sold up. (*Suffolk Chronicle*, 25 May 1850, etc.) So far I have not found anything to suggest that he was a ringer. White’s directory, published in 1855, records that John Smith was parish clerk and sexton, and although it is nearly 10 years after the event, this seems to be the person referred to by John Carr in 1846. It is no doubt significant that one of the ringers who rang at the opening in 1811 was of the same name, and rang in the peals of 1813 and 1820.

[For those interested in John Carr’s career, his very rare book, of which only one copy is currently known, can be read on the CCCBR website: [cccbr.org.uk/resources/library/online-publications/](http://cccbr.org.uk/resources/library/online-publications/). An excellent article on John Carr, written by Gareth Davies, was printed in these pages in 2018 (pp. 425–426, 446–447, 473–474, 490–491).]

### The fourth peal at Lavenham, by a mainly visiting band

It was not until 12th December 1853 that another peal was rung at Lavenham, which was 5,600 Oxford Treble Bob Major, rung by a mixed band: the composition was one taken

The sign-writing for the 1853 peal board may have been done by the tenor ringer

from the 1788 *Clavis Campanologia* (pp. 122-3.) The press reports list the places where the members of the band came from, and the only persons from Lavenham were John Boby and Charles King. A John Boby was one of the ringers listed as having rung at the opening of the bells, and he also rang in the 1813 and 1820 peals: in the report of the latter which appeared in the *Suffolk Chronicle* on 3rd June 1820 he was amusingly recorded as John Booby! However, he died in 1841, and this was his son of the same name, who had been born on 9th November 1815. (At the time of his birth, his parents were not married, and he took the name of John Poulson, his mother’s name, and was recorded as such in the 1851 census. He used his father’s surname in the record of the 1853 peal and in the 1861 census, and then reverted to John Poulson in the 1871 census, before finally returning to call himself after his father in the 1881 census onwards.) Although the name of Charles King does not appear as having rung at the opening of the bells, he rang in the 1820 peal at Lavenham. He was evidently a leading member of the company, as when the seventh bell was recast in 1846, the name of ‘Charles King, shoemaker’ was inscribed on the new bell.

The 1853 peal was called from the tenor by Henry Hobart, from Bildestone, who rang larger bells, despite being relatively small in stature. Like his father, Henry Hobart began his career as a schoolmaster, but at the time of the 1851 census he was recorded as being an ornamental writer, later working as a Post Office messenger. It may be significant that while this peal at Lavenham was rung by a mostly visiting band, it is recorded on a peal board, and this suggests that the sign-writing for this may have been Hobart’s work. (For Henry Hobart’s ringing career, see *RW* 18/26 December 2015 pp. 1277-9.)

### A peal without local ringers

After this, another peal was not rung at Lavenham until 28th March 1881, when a peal of 5088 Kent Treble Bob major was rung in 3 hours 30 minutes by a mixed band, which did not include any local ringer. Included were such notable names as Samuel Slater of Glemsford, and N J and F Pitstow, from Saffron Walden, and it was composed and called by F Pitstow, who rang the tenor. It was reported in the April 1881 issue of *Bell News*, where it was stated that it was the first peal in the method on the bells, and that it was upwards of 28 years since the previous peal on the bells, only a very slight exaggeration.

### The Ringing Day at Lavenham.

After the opening of the augmented ring of eight bells in 1811 it became the custom to hold an annual ringing day on 21st June each year, or a date very close to that. The earliest notice of this that I have traced appeared in an advert in the *Bury and Norwich Post* on 16th June 1813, put in by Thomas Hayward of the Cock Inn, and this stated that the annual meeting at Lavenham would take place ‘as usual’ on 21st June 1813. In the period up to 1830 I have traced six more similar adverts by Thomas Hayward, and there may be others yet to be discovered. Generally the anniversary was held on 21st June, but in 1818 it was held on Monday 22nd June, and in 1823 it was held on Monday 23rd June, in both cases to avoid the weekend. At this period the ringing days were not subsequently reported in the local press, so we have no idea of how many attended, and who they were. Thus we do not know if John Naunton, the bellhanger, attended any of the gatherings before his death on 11th April 1824, at the age of 47: at the time of his death he was living at Southwold, where he



had moved from Ipswich. (*Ipswich Journal* 17 April 1824, *Bury and Norwich Post*, 21 April 1824)

Thomas Hayward, of the Cock Inn, died on 26th June 1833, and a long and laudatory obituary appeared in the *Bury and Norwich Post* a week later. This obituary did not mention that he was the ringer of the same name, but the circumstances were such that it would be surprising if he were not.

## Reports of the ringing day begin to appear in the local press

After the death of Thomas Hayward I have no more adverts in the local press for the ringing day (bar one, much later, discussed below) but reports from 1854 onwards, when it was reported in both the *Suffolk Chronicle* and the *Essex Standard*. On that occasion there were ringers present from London, Ipswich, Colchester, Bury, Stowmarket, Bildestone, Hartest, and Kersey, together with the Lavenham company, and dinner was taken at the Cock Inn. There seems little doubt that, despite the lack of reports, the ringing day had continued in the interim. So, for instance, in 1867 it was reported that a well-known ringer had attended Lavenham for the ringing festival for upwards of 20 years (*Suffolk and Essex Free Press*, 27th June 1867), while on 25th June 1868 the same paper reported:

‘One gentleman from London who was present has made it an annual visit for 31 years.’

There is no clue as to who this constant visitor might have been. The same report stated that the ‘Birthday’ of the two trebles, cast in 1811, had been kept up ever since.

The ringing day in 1858 was stated to be the 47th anniversary of the Lavenham change-ringers, and was widely reported. The *Suffolk Chronicle*, 26 June 1858 stated that the bells had ‘not been rung so frequently of late,’ and that visitors (‘amateurs’) came from Bury, Ipswich, Stowmarket, Sudbury, Bildestone, Boxford, Nayland, and other places. A brass band accompanied the Ipswich and Bramford ringers, and played at intervals during the day. Another report in the *Bury Free Press* (also 26th June 1858) was more specific, and stated that the Lavenham ringers ‘held their forty-seventh anniversary, in commemor[ati]on of the opening of that beautiful peal of bells.’

In 1862 the ringing day was less successful than any previous for many years, and it was thought that the poor weather was a contributing factor, as well as the fact that Saturday was an inconvenient day. (*Ipswich Journal*, 28th June 1862) The following year the ringing day was held on Monday 22 June, with visitors from Ipswich, Hadleigh, Bildestone, Stowmarket, Sudbury, Ixworth, some from the Cumberland Society in London, and L. Proctor, Esq., from Bennington. Thirty-five sat down to dinner at the Cock Inn, and the fact that the tenor and some of the other bells needed attention was brought before the churchwarden and company by Geo T Bloomfield, engineer and church-bell hanger of Ixworth, who may have hoped to obtain the contract.

A report in the *Ipswich Journal* on 29th June 1867 stated that it had been said that on the ringing day on 21st June 1867 the local inhabitants were treated to some of the best ringing that had been heard for some years. This reflected the standard of the visitors, reported as follows:

‘The Metropolitan change ringers were represented by Mr. Cox and company of the Cumberland Society; Ipswich, by Mr. Naunton and company; Benington, Herts., by - Proctor, Esq., and his company of change ringers; by Stowmarket, Mr. Cuthbert; Hitcham, Messrs. Rust and Sewell; Bildeston, Messrs. Hobart and Laffin; Bramford, Mr. Sewell; Sudbury, Mr. Bonny and company; Melford, Mr. Driver; Bures, Mr. Hume; West Toft, Rev. Mr. Sutton.’

Some famous names, indeed! The Revd Augustus Sutton was rector of West Tofts, taken over in 1942 as a military training area, which

it still remains, and Squire Proctor’s company was of considerable celebrity. ‘Mr. Naunton’ was John Naunton, son of the bellhanger. This younger John Naunton was born about 1809, and rang peals during the period 1830 to 1852: he was a prominent member of the St Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich, until his death in 1875. The bells at St Mary-le-Tower were made up to a ring of ten in 1812, the bells being provided and hung by John Naunton sen. These trebles were unsatisfactory, and were replaced in 1844/5, one bell being dated 1844, the other July 15th 1845, and the report of the opening which appeared in the *Ipswich Journal* of 27th September 1845 stated:

‘Great credit is due to Mr. J. Naunton, of Ipswich, for the efficient manner in which he has replaced the bells; and also to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Oxford and Loughborough, for casting the same.’

This implies that John Naunton, jun., did the hanging work, although this was not his regular line of work, as in the 1841 census he was recorded as a stone sawyer: by 1851 he had become an innkeeper and dealer in timber, still recorded as such in 1861 but by 1871 had become a dealer in coal and wood. Also in his household in 1871 was Samuel Tillett, married to his daughter Charlotte, and two of their children, John and Hannah. Samuel Tillett was also a ringer, and with his father-in-law took part in a date touch of 1871 Grandsire Caters rung at St Mary-le-Tower on New Year’s Day, 1871. (*Suffolk Chronicle* 7th January 1871) John Tillet, born late in 1867, was better known as Frederick John Tillett, and rang in the long peal of 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham in 1892.

It is worth mentioning that there was a ringer called Robert Naunton, who was ringing peals at about the same time as John Naunton jun. Robert Naunton was born about 1812 and, although I have no proof of this, he was most likely a younger brother of John jun. In 1851 he was a victualler in Ipswich, but later in the 1850s he moved to take the tenancy of a farm at Rotherfield, near Tunbridge Wells, where he lived until he emigrated to California in 1873. Thus he was not the Mr Naunton who visited Lavenham in 1867, being in Sussex at the time.

Returning to our look at the great ringing day, this continued to be popular, with ringers coming from great distances. In 1869 the writeup about Lavenham church which appeared in the Post Office directory stated that

‘...the tower (141 feet high) is very fine, being beautifully proportioned, and contains a melodious peal of 8 bells, which have been visited by ringers from all parts of the country on account of their exquisite tone.’

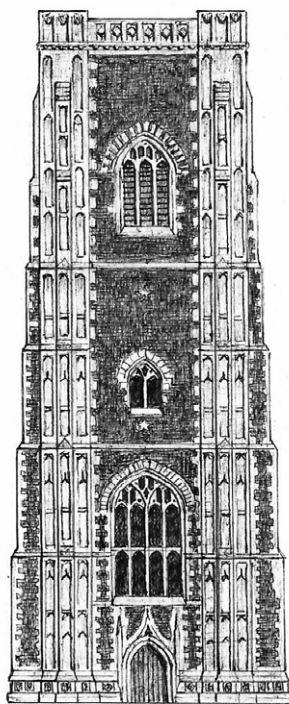
This may have been stimulated by the ringing day, but could equally refer to other visiting bands, of which there is the occasional press report

With regard to the ringing day, in 1868 it was stated that ‘one gentleman ... had travelled upwards of 300 miles on purpose to hear the bells, declaring it was the greatest treat he had ever partaken of...’

This distance travelled suggests that this gentleman may have been the Revd H T Ellacombe. In 1869 it was reported that the ringing surpassed anything that had been done for several years. (*Suffolk and Essex Free Press*, 25 June 1868 & 24 June 1869) The following year the ringing day was reported as being one of the least successful known, and the Lavenham ringers had to ring most of the day, whereas usually they opened the day with a touch at an early hour, and then the visitors rang for most of the day. Fortunately things improved in 1871, when the Lavenham ringers ‘were assisted by others from London, Ipswich, Dennington, Westhorpe, Sudbury, Melford, Glemsford, Hitcham, and Bildeston. Amongst them were Leonard Proctor, Esq., and the Rev. A. Sutton.’ The report in the *Bury and Norwich Post* of 27 June 1871 concluded:

‘An old ringer, Mr. Hobart, of Bildeston, recently died, had been an associate in these festivals for many years, and his recent death was feelingly referred to by those who had known and respected him so long.’

(To be continued)



Lavenham church tower  
by Ben Keating



## First Peal Congratulations

Igi Waugaman Reed  
(Clapton in Gordano, Somerset)

### BATH & WELLS D.A.

**CLAPTON IN GORDANO, Som,**  
St Michael  
Sun 24 Mar 2024 2h33 (6)  
**5040 Doubles**  
(5m: 10 extents of Grandsire and 8 Extents each of: Reverse Canterbury, St Simon, St Martin and Plain Bob)  
1 Phillipa C James  
2 Janet K Wyatt  
3 Gerald V Skelly  
4 Will Rogers  
5 George E Wyatt (C)  
6 James P Humphries  
Rung on Palm Sunday by the local Sunday service band.

**MARSTON BIGOT, Som,**  
St Leonard  
Wed 19 Jun 2024 2h47 (7)  
**5184 Haines S Major**  
Comp. A J Cox  
1 Lester J Yeo  
2 Peter W Hill  
3 Richard O Humphries  
4 Barrie Hendry  
5 Michael R Spencer  
6 Rebecca J Cox  
7 Anthony J Cox (C)  
8 Nigel R Woodruff  
First peal in the method.  
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Raymond Haines, who organises these monthly peal attempts.  
Haines Surprise Major.  
f -34-1458-1256-36-34-58-14-58.

### BATHS & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

**CLAPTON IN GORDANO, Som,**  
St Michael  
Sun 16 Jun 2024 2h37 (6)  
**5040 Doubles**  
(3m: 10 extents and 2x 240 of Grandsire, 14 extents each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob)  
1 George E Wyatt  
2 Will Rogers  
3 Gerald V Skelly  
4 Phillipa C James  
5 Andrew H Ball (C)  
6 Igi Waugaman Reed  
First peal: Ringer of Tenor.  
First Peal inside - ringer of 4.  
Circled this tower to peals - ringer of Treble.  
Arranged to mark D-Day, also rung in thanksgiving for the life of Mary Matthews (Ringer at this tower).

### BRISTOL SOCIETY

**BATH, Som,**  
St Michael  
Sat 22 Jun 2024 2h57 (14)  
**5088 Deva S Major**  
Comp. D F Morrison (no.8397)  
1 Matthew D Dawson (C)  
2 Thomas R Sherwood  
3 Helen C Mansley  
4 Sebastian C Small  
5 Benjamin D Kipling  
6 Jonathan D Storey  
7 Cameron A Waters  
8 Colin G Newman

### CHESTER D.G.

**CHELFORD, Ches,**  
St John the Evangelist  
Mon 17 Jun 2024 2h35 (8)  
**5040 Cambridge S Minor**  
Comp. Roger Bailey (no.1)  
1 Thomas A Nestor  
2 Gillian S Caulfield-Pleavin  
3 John F Murfin  
4 Nicola J Galton  
5 Graham Jenkins  
6 David T G Jones (C)  
The annual pre-Cheshire Show peal. £6

**NANTWICH, Ches,**  
St Mary  
Sat 22 Jun 2024 2h55 (14)  
**5056 Cambridge S Major**  
Comp. Charles Middleton  
1 Nicola J Basford  
2 Stefan R Zientek  
3 David T G Jones (C)  
4 Timothy M Davis  
5 George T Basford  
6 Peter W H Barker  
7 Duncan L C Hyde  
8 Lenard J Mitchell  
Rung to welcome The Most Reverend and Right Honourable the Lord Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, to St Mary's Church, Nantwich, on Saturday 22 June 2024, for "An Evening with the Archbishop of York". £8

### COVENTRY D.G.

**COUGHTON, Warks,**  
St Peter  
Sat 13 Jan 2024 2h43 (11)  
**5040 2m 4v Doubles**  
(840 each of Reverse Canterbury, Southreps, Cliffords Pleasure, April Day, Kennington and Plain Bob doubles)  
1 Jon Billington  
2 Tracey B Newbold  
3 Matt Sreeves  
4 John Newbold (C)  
5 Katie Wheeler  
6 Claire Penny  
In honour of Geoff Sreeves, Captain of Coughton from 1975 until 2022. He served as subscriptions officer for the Coventry Guild from 2000 to 2010. Geoff was instrumental in getting the bells rehung in 1991 with help from Michael Gray and others. Thanks to the band for making this honour possible, especially Claire who stepped in at the last minute. May Geoff be remembered as he rests in peace. 3 was rung by one of Geoff's sons who drove down from East Yorks especially. £6

**BULKINGTON, Warks,**  
St James  
Sat 22 Jun 2024 2h45 (9)  
**5088 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. R D S Brown  
1 James Hughes  
2 Simon E Adams  
3 Raymon A Sheasby  
4 Stephen W Horton  
5 D Rose W Horton  
6 Gerald L P Trevor  
7 Andrew F Aldrick  
8 Michael Chester (C)  
First peal on the bells since they were remodelled and rehung.

**COUGHTON, Warks,**  
St Peter  
Sat 22 Jun 2024 2h44 (11)  
**5040 Minor**  
(4m: 1 extent Double Oxford B., 2 extents each St Clement's CB, Plain Bob, Cambridge S)  
1 Nicholas K Allsopp  
2 John Newbold  
3 Steve Bowley  
4 Robert Tregillus  
5 Roderic K Bickerton  
6 Michael Chester (C)  
1,000th peal as conductor: 6. £3

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

**INWORTH, Essex,**  
All Saints  
Wed 19 Jun 2024 2h37 (5)  
**5040 Spiced S Minor**  
(25m: (1) Carisle, Northumberland (2) Chester, Munden (3) Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn (4) London, Wells, Cuneastre (5) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, Durham, York (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Primrose, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull)  
1 Andrew P Brewster  
2 Yvonne A Towler  
3 James L Towler  
4 Neil V Avis  
5 Colin F Chapman  
6 Alan P Mayle (C)  
Rung to celebrate the life of Marian Wood of Gt Bardfield. A staunch member of the Church, Community, and Northern District of The Essex Association, of which she was a Life Member. Also best wishes to Sue Page of Terling, having a sojourn in Broomfield Hospital during her 79th Birthday on June 16th. 2600th peal: 3.

### G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

**HIGHWEEK, Devon,**  
All Saints  
Mon 13 May 2024 2h47 (11)  
**5056 Spiced S Major**  
(5m: 1216 Rutland, 1088 Superlative, 960 Cambridge, 896 each Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 134 com)  
Comp. D F Morrison (No. 7977)  
1 Ian V J Smith  
2 Peter L Bill  
3 Patricia Slade  
4 P Wendy Campbell  
5 Philip M Dunn  
6 Matthew H Weighell  
7 John R Martin (C)  
8 Michael E C Mears

### LANCASHIRE ASSN

**BURNLEY, Lancs,**  
St Peter  
Sun 16 Jun 2024 3h (18)  
**5152 Bristol S Major**  
Comp. Benjamin D Constant  
1 D Robert Pettifor  
2 Pauline Campling  
3 Derek J Thomas  
4 Andrew D Sibson  
5 Geoffrey R Gardner  
6 R Owen Battye  
7 John M Thurman  
8 George H Campling (C)  
For Choral Evensong.

**HEYWOOD, Lancs,**  
St Luke  
Wed 19 Jun 2024 3h7 (21)  
**5056 Turramurra S Major**  
Comp. George H Campling  
1 D Annabel Preston  
2 James E Andrews  
3 Derek J Thomas  
4 Stuart J Heath  
5 Raymond A Hutchings  
6 Lenard J Mitchell  
7 Trevor W Marchbank  
8 George H Campling (C)

### LINCOLN D.G.

**SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs,**  
Abbey Church of St Andrew  
Sat 22 Jun 2024 2h36 (7)  
**5040 Minor**  
(7m: 1 ext each: Cambridge, Norwich, Bourne, Kent, Double Oxford, St Clements & Plain Bob)  
1 Alan D H Bird  
2 Sylvia M Bird  
3 Joanne Pearson  
4 Keith C Butter  
5 Anthony D Walker  
6 P Barry Jones (C)  
Specially arranged for and with the bands best wishes to Lynn and Richard Rodgers celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary today. 600th for the Guild: 6. £3

### MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.

**TOTTENHAM, London,**  
All Hallows  
Sat 18 May 2024 2h54 (13)  
**5056 Cornwall S Major**  
Comp. R B Pullin  
1 Marc A McDonald  
2 Dylan J Thomas  
3 Penelope J V Sharpe  
4 Richard B Pullin (C)  
5 Andrew D Hodgson  
6 Isaac W Johnson  
7 Daniel R B Gregory  
8 Laurence P J Bourton

### OXFORD D.G.

**CHILDREY, Oxon,**  
St Mary the Virgin  
Tue 18 Jun 2024 2h53 (12)  
**5088 Yeading S Major**  
Comp. D F Morrison (No. 3919)  
1 Stuart F Gibson  
2 Ian G Campbell  
3 Cynthia E Howell  
4 Richard L Thurnwood  
5 Nigel A L Mellor  
6 Martin J Turner  
7 Timothy G Pett (C)  
8 Claire F Roulstone  
The conductor has now rung single method peals in all of the 23 Chandler methods as well as the 23 Spiced composition. With the band's best wishes to Beryl Norris for a speedy recovery from her chest infection.

**HORLEY, Oxon,**  
St Etheldreda  
Thu 20 Jun 2024 2h39 (6)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each of London, York, Westminster, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich & Cambridge)  
1 Timothy G Pett  
2 Stephen J Crawley  
3 Michael J Dew  
4 Simon L Edwards  
5 Kelvin R Britton  
6 Stuart F Gibson (C)

### PETERBOROUGH D G

**YARDLEY HASTINGS, Northants,**  
St Andrew  
Mon 17 Jun 2024 2h53 (11)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each London, Stamford, Annable's London, Ipswich, Rossendale, Cambridge, Norwich)  
1 Timothy F W Samson  
2 Simon J Dixon  
3 Robert M Wood  
4 Julie A Tarling  
5 Paul M Mason  
6 Richard I Allton (C)  
A compliment to Celia Stanworth, daughter of Robert, who celebrates her 40th birthday this week.

**WADENHOE, Northants,**  
St Michael & All Angels  
Wed 19 Jun 2024 2h45 (7)  
**5040 Treble Dodging Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each Bucknall D, Snowdon TB, Fotheringay D, Trinity Sunday TB, York S, Wearmouth S, Cambridge S)  
1 Helena M Thorpe  
2 Simon J Dixon  
3 Nicholas R Wilson  
4 Paul M Mason  
5 James F Thorpe  
6 Richard I Allton (C)  
This band completes a series of 21 peals in which extents of all 147 Standard Treble Dodging Minor methods have been rung.

### SAINT MARY ABBOTS GUILD

**BOW, London,**  
St Mary  
Sat 9 Mar 2024 3h8 (13)  
**5040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major**  
Comp. R B Pullin  
1 Caleb R D Saunders  
2 Isaac W Johnson  
3 Penelope J V Sharpe  
4 Richard B Pullin (C)  
5 Peter W Emery  
6 Andrew D Hodgson  
7 David Holdridge  
8 Laurence P J Bourton  
First of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: 2, 8.

### SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

**EDINBURGH, Edinburgh,**  
St Cuthbert  
Sat 22 Jun 2024 3h12 (21)  
**5000 Dumfries S Royal**  
Comp. David W Beard  
1 George Stevens  
2 Susan E Bryce  
3 Simon J Gay  
4 Richard J W Tibbetts  
5 Christopher J Frye  
6 Peter G Kirton  
7 Ruth M Marshall  
8 Peter J Williamson  
9 Tina R Stoecklin  
10 Michael J Clay (C) £10

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## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

### WORCESTER,

All Saints

Sun 23 Jun 2024 3h12 (20)

#### 5016 Spiced Maximus

(10m: 1056 Gloun Little A; 576 Plain Bob, Strange, Top; 480 Down, Up; 432 Lepton Little Bob; 336 Charm; 264 Baryon; 240 Meson; 215 com; atw)

Comp. D J Pipe

- 1 Matthew S Pearson
- 2 Eleanor C Mack
- 3 Alex S Riley
- 4 Rachel L Mahoney
- 5 Ewan G A Hull
- 6 Michael R A Shaw
- 7 Daniel J Page
- 8 Estella J Haynes
- 9 Jack E Page (C)
- 10 Catherine E Morley
- 11 Jimmy L Yeoman
- 12 Edward R Mack

Rung by Society members aged under 30.  
First parties: 4, 6, 8, 10.

## ST BLAISE SOCIETY

### MILTON, Oxon,

St Blaise

Sun 12 May 2024 2h35 (6)

#### 5040 Lancastrian A Major

Comp. G H Campling

- 1 Timothy G Pett
- 2 Nicola J Turner
- 3 Charlotte A Boyce
- 4 Colin M Turner
- 5 Ian Roulstone
- 6 Claire F Roulstone
- 7 Richard L Thumwood
- 8 John R Martin (C)

## ST MARTIN'S GUILD

### COSELEY, W Mids,

Christ Church

Sun 23 Jun 2024 2h44 (11)

#### 5056 Cambridge S Major

Comp. C Middleton

- 1 Timothy M Davis
- 2 Stephen W Horton
- 3 Richard J Hurst
- 4 Andrew J Ellis
- 5 Michael Chester
- 6 Steven Stoker
- 7 Gordon R Birks (C)
- 8 Simon J Ridley

## SUFFOLK GUILD

### OFFTON, Suffolk,

St Mary

Wed 12 Jun 2024 2h53 (8)

#### 5184 Spiced S Major

(4m.)

Comp. D F Morrison no 439

- 1 Brian E Whiting (C)
- 2 Michael J Cowling
- 3 Joshua M Watkins
- 4 Andrew R Stone
- 5 Jed Flatters
- 6 James S Croft
- 7 Rowan P Wilson
- 8 Alan P Mayle

In memory of Rev Canon Geoffrey Tarris. Life Honorary Member of the Suffolk Guild.

First of Surprise : 3.  
100th together 7 8.

### FELIXSTOWE, Suffolk,

St John the Baptist

Fri 21 Jun 2024 2h46 (7)

#### 5120 Suffolk Day D Major

Comp. Brian E Whiting

- 1 Brian E Whiting (C)
- 2 Joan Garrett
- 3 Michael J Cowling
- 4 Jed Flatters
- 5 Timothy P Hart
- 6 James S Croft
- 7 Brian G Meads
- 8 Rowan P Wilson

For Suffolk Day.

## UNIV. OF LONDON SOC.

### ROTHERHITHE, London,

St Mary

Sat 25 May 2024 2h42 (10)

#### 5088 Spiced S Major

(8m: Contains 960 Cambridge, 928 Yorkshire, 640 Superlative, 608 of Pudsey, Rutland and Bristol, 576 Lincolnshire, 160 London; 134 com)

Comp. Richard B Pullin

- 1 Rebekah L Aspinwall
- 2 Cameron White-Spinner
- 3 Toby C Hibbert
- 4 Bethan L Hensman
- 5 Isaac W Johnson
- 6 M Louise Booth
- 7 Richard B Pullin (C)
- 8 Ryan S Noble

First of Standard 8: 3, 4, 5.

First for Society: 2.

## WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

### WORCESTER,

St Stephen, Barbourne

Sun 16 Jun 2024 2h43 (10)

#### 5088 Yate D Major

Comp. Donald F Morrison

(990 reversed)

- 1 Ashley C Fortey
- 2 Michael Chester
- 3 Geoffrey M Brewin
- 4 D Rose W Horton
- 5 Stephen W Horton
- 6 Ian Roulstone
- 7 Darran Ricks (C)
- 8 Claire F Roulstone

## YORKSHIRE ASSN

### SHEFFIELD, S Yorks,

Cathedral Church of St

Peter & St Paul

Sun 23 Jun 2024 3h23 (34)

#### 5042 Lincolnshire S

##### Maximus

Comp. Michael P A Wilby

- 1 Alison J Molyneux
- 2 Simon J T Smith
- 3 Christopher M Bennett
- 4 R Philip Graves
- 5 Simon J Reading
- 6 Melanie Newman
- 7 Alison R Elwess
- 8 Adam J Bennett
- 9 Stephen J Hall (C)
- 10 Stephen J Bean
- 11 Luke S P Riley
- 12 William R Haynes

For the Patronal Festival as a fond farewell to our retiring Precentor Geoffrey Harbord. First peal in the method: 7 & 8.

## Peals unattributed to a guild, society or association

### SOUTH CROYDON,

London,

St Peter

Thu 13 Jun 2024 3h25 (30)

#### 5042 Cambridge S

##### Maximus

Comp. D G Hull Op 25

- 1 Shirley E McGill
- 2 Geraldine R Forster
- 3 Christopher H Rogers
- 4 Michael J Uphill
- 5 Gwen Rogers
- 6 Fraser A Storie
- 7 David I Bassford
- 8 John P Loveless
- 9 John B Keeler
- 10 Phillip R J Barnes
- 11 Phillip Rogers (C)
- 12 Mark E R Gill

## Handbell Peals

## CAMBRIDGE UNIV. GUILD

### CAMBRIDGE,

102M Mawson Road

Tue 18 Jun 2024 2h54 (14)

#### 5120 Kent TB Royal

Comp. Simon Humphrey

1-2 Adrial R Walton

(New Hall)

3-4 Paul S Seaman

(Selwyn)

5-6 Jonathan A Agg

(Emmanuel) (C)

7-8 Alan T Winter (Christ's)

9-10 Kirsten J Hawkins

(Downing)

A compliment to Paul

Fannon on receiving an OBE

for services to Education.

## GUILD OF ST CUILEÁIN

### READING, Berks,

26 Redlands Road

Thu 13 Jun 2024 3h4 (14)

#### 5042 Cambridge S

##### Maximus

Comp. Roger Bailey

1-2 Robert H Newton

3-4 Patricia M Newton

5-6 John R Fisher (C)

7-8 David G Maynard

9-10 Colin M Lee

11-12 Alex J Parsons

First on 12 in hand: E-T.

### PIMLICO, London,

St Saviour

Mon 17 Jun 2024 3h4 (15)

#### 5088 Bristol S Maximus

Comp. T J Hinks (no.3)

1-2 Jennifer A Town

3-4 Katharine J Firman

5-6 Thomas J Hinks (C)

7-8 Graham G Firman

9-10 Paul N Mounsey

11-12 Richard A Pearce

## GUILDFORD D.G.

### FLEET, Hants,

20, Burnside

Fri 21 Jun 2024 2h17 (12)

#### 5088 Yorkshire S Major

Comp. John S Warboys

(reversed)

1-2 Martin J Turner

3-4 W John Couperthwaite

5-6 Mike Pidd (C)

7-8 Ian M Redway

£4

## OXFORD D.G.

### ASTON ROWANT, Oxon,

The White House

Thu 2 May 2024 2h40 (14)

#### 5040 Spiced S Royal

(3m: 1680 each Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, 75com, atw)

Comp. T J Hinks

1-2 Patricia M Newton

3-4 Oliver D Cross

5-6 John R Fisher (C)

7-8 Timothy R Palmer

9-10 Robert H Newton

## SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS

### WILLINGHAM, Cambs,

53 Covent Garden

Sun 9 Jun 2024 3h46 (7)

#### 10080 Spiced TD Minor

(84m: Allendale S, Alnwick S,

Bacup S, Balmoral D, Bamborough

S, Bedford D, Belvoir D, Berkeley

D, Bogedone D, Bourne S,

Braintree D, Burnaby D, Burslem

D, Caernarvon D, Cambridge

D, Canterbury D, Canterbury S,

Capel TB, Carisbrooke D, Carlisle

S, Castleton D, Charlwood D,

Chelsea D, Chepstow D, Chester

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Coldstream S, College Bob IV D,

College Exercise TB, Cunecastre

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Scholars' Pleasure TB, London S,

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Morpeth S, Munden S, Neasden

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Comp. John S Warboys

1-2 Henry J W Pipe (C)

3-4 David J Pipe

5-6 Jonathan A Agg

250th peal: 1-2.

This composition is now

rung for the first time.

## WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

### PORTSMOUTH, Hants,

53 Fearon Road

Mon 17 Jun 2024 2h35 (12)

#### 5104 Plain Bob Major

Arr. Ewan Grant-Richardson

1-2 Emma St John-Smith

3-4 John S Croft

5-6 Benjamin J Carey

7-8 Ewan Grant-

Richardson (C)

£1

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### DORDRECHT, Netherlands,

Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekerk

(Grote Kerk)

Fri 24 May 2024 3h4 (16)

#### 5040 Cambridge S Royal

Comp. trad

- 1 Ruth Curtis
  - 2 Paul F Curtis
  - 3 Gillian M Sparling
  - 4 David L Sparling
  - 5 Lesley H M Boyle
  - 6 Ian G Campbell
  - 7 Elizabeth A Orme (C)
  - 8 Simon A Rudd
  - 9 Alan Regin
  - 10 Phillip M Orme
- A birthday compliment to Paul de Kok.

### DORDRECHT, Netherlands,

Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekerk

(Grote Kerk)

Sat 25 May 2024 3h2 (16)

#### 5040 Bristol S Royal

Comp. Pip Dillistone op. 2

- 1 Gillian H Knox
- 2 Lesley H M Boyle
- 3 Thirza R de Kok
- 4 Paul F Curtis
- 5 Ruth Curtis
- 6 Gareth Davies
- 7 Simon A Rudd (C)
- 8 David L Sparling
- 9 Ian G Campbell
- 10 Alan Regin

### DORDRECHT, Netherlands,

't Kloekhuys

Sun 26 May 2024 2h35 (1)

#### 5120 Superlative S Major

Comp. N J Pitstow

- 1 Rosalind J Burrough
- 2 David L Sparling
- 3 Gillian M Sparling
- 4 Paul A Cammiade
- 5 Simon A Rudd
- 6 Ian G Campbell
- 7 Lesley H M Boyle (C)
- 8 Gareth Davies

**Dordrecht, Netherlands.** ('t Kloekhuys) 24 May, 1280 Bristol S Major: Ian G Campbell 1, Neil M Thomas 2, Paul F Curtis 3, Simon A Rudd 4, Gillian H Knox 5, Gillian M Sparling 6, Lesley H M Boyle 7, Nikki R Thomas (C) 8.

**Dordrecht, Netherlands.** (Onze-Lieve-Vrouwekerk (Grote Kerk)) 24 May, 1440 Bristol S Royal: Rosalind J Burrough 1, Paul A Cammiade 2, Ruth Curtis 3, Elizabeth A Orme 4, Paul M de Kok 5, David C Brown (C) 6, Gareth Davies 7, David L Sparling 8, Phillip M Orme 9, Alan Regin 10.

## LDGCB Elloe Deaneries Minimus Group June outing

**Ayston, Rutland.** 8 Jun, 1296 Ayston Treble PI Minimus: Anthony D Walker 1, Robert Simpson 2, Brian E Plummer 3, Luke Tobin (C) 4. 1st Q in new method. Rung for the LDGCB Elloe Deaneries Minimus Group June outing. **£2**

**Draughton, Northants.** 8 Jun, 1296 Draughton TB Minimus: Brian E Plummer 1, Anthony D Walker 2, Robert Simpson 3, Luke Tobin (C) 4. Rung for the LDGCB Elloe Deaneries Minimus Group June outing. **£2**

**Fawsley, Northants.** 8 Jun, 1296 Fawsley Treble PI Minimus: Luke Tobin (C) 1, Robert Simpson 2, Brian E Plummer 3, Anthony D Walker 4. Rung for the LDGCB Elloe Deaneries Minimus Group June outing. The oldest ring of 4 & oldest complete 4 in the known universe. Founder William Chamberlain c1440. **£2**

**Hargrave, Northants.** 8 Jun, 1296 Hargrave Treble PI Minimus: Robert Simpson 1, Brian E Plummer 2, Anthony D Walker 3, Luke Tobin (C) 4. 1st Q in new method. Rung for the LDGCB Elloe Deaneries Minimus Group June outing. **£2**

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## EIGHTH PEALS

**Waltham Abbey, Essex.** 23 Jun, 1080 Doubles (2m): Hilary Walls 1, Pete Bowman 2, Ben Gaigher 3, Victoria J Richards 4, Dave Knott (C) 5, Jez Godlonton 6. In gratitude for the support of the Friends of Waltham Abbey. For the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Revd Trevor Scott. **£6**

**Washington, DC.** (Cathedral) 15 Jun, 720 Cambridge S Minor: Philip Merrill 1, Katharine S Emmons 2, Callan Ordoyne 3, Quilla Roth 4, B Haley Barnett 5, Meredith A Morris (C) 6. For the wedding of Kaitlin Andersen & John Nault. **£3**

## QUARTER PEALS

### First quarter congratulations

**Bobbing, Kent.** 23 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Alison Gerrish 1, Liz Symkiss 2, Stuart Cox 3, David Ridley (C) 4, Christopher M Trafford 5, Morris Ashmore 6. 1st Q: 6. 1st extents of St Martin's & St Simon's & most methods: 2. **£5**

**Sherfield English, Hants.** 28 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Caroline Daniels 1, Wendy A Nash 2, Alison L Jones 3, Martin J E Daniels (C) 4, Andrew J Nicol 5, Christine Hyde 6. 1st Q: 3. 1st as cover: 6. Rung on simulator with new sensors & sound files. **£6**

**Terling, Essex.** 23 Jun, 1280 PB Doubles: Hazel Steed 1, Neil Pasmore 2, Mike Worboys 3, David Hengeli (C) 4, Phil Saunders 5, Caroline Watts 6. 1st Q: 6. Rung by District Officers following the District picnic.

**Wareham, Dorset.** 24 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Phil Stephens 1, Tricia Stephens 2, Ed Warren (C) 3, John Boniface 4, Leo Cairns 5, Jenny Elmes 6. 1st Q: 5. **£6**

**Washington, DC.** (Old Post Office Tower) 19 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B Haley Barnett 1, Quilla Roth 2, Susan M O'Neill 3, Alethea Merelos 4, Paul Timmel (C) 5, Maria Horner 6. For Juneteenth. 1st Q: 6. **£6**

**Westbury, Wilts.** (All Saints) 23 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Sara A Keith 1, Jack R Pease (C) 2, Jane McKee 3, Clive A Hancock 4, Graeme J Byfield 5, Gareth S Down 6. 1st at first attempt: 1. Sara only restarted ringing, following a gap of several decades, for Ring for the King in May last year, congratulations Sara! Nick Dallison, Angie Jasper & Chris Jenkins are to be associated with this Q; all have helped with the development of Sara's ringing.

### In Memoriam

**Corsley, Wilts.** 30 May, 1269 May Day Doubles: Liz Attenborough 1, Michael Attenborough 2, Vicki L Rowse 3, Graeme J Byfield 4, Gareth S Down 5, Jack R Pease (C) 6. 1st in the variation: 2,3,4,5. 1st blows in May Day: 3,5. Dedicated to Louie Webb, late sister-in-law of Gareth, on what would have been her 48th Birthday today.

**Durweston, Dorset.** 16 Jun, 1320 Doubles (1p/3m): Richard W Owen 1, Robert D Crighton 2, Malcolm H Corry 3, Kevin J Parsons 4, Philip A L Rioch (C) 5, Ann Corry 6. Most methods: 4. Rung prior to Evensong. Also remembering Norman Long (former tower captain at Blandford Forum) & Betty Nicoll (long-standing ringer at Upwey). **£6**

**Fownhope, Herefs.** 26 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Fran Watkins 1, Andrew Watkins 2, Tyler J J Edwards 3, Kris Perruzza (C) 4, Jason M Walker 5, Caroline Priestley 6. Rung in memory of Vic Chamberlain, who's funeral took place today at Stoke Prior Church.

**Headington, Oxon.** 10 Mar, 1288 PB Triples: Gregory Rose 1, Tertia Softley 2, Hugh Deam 3, Stephen M Everett 4, John G Pusey 5, Colin P Taylor 6, Malcolm Fairbairn (C) 7, Clare Fairbairn 8. Dedicated to the memory of Nigel Bates, who died yesterday, brother of fellow ringer Wendy Austen. **£8**

**Isle of Dogs, London.** 24 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Piers Myers 1, Colin Friend 2, Bogumila Myers (C) 3, Jeremy Capstick 4, M Louise Booth 5, Steve Johnson 6. In memory of Riz Ahmed (24 Aug 1975 - 24 June 2024), married to Ed Mallen, a friend of this band. We have all rung at least one Q with Ed on his visits to London. Our deepest sympathy to Ed & his 'Riz' family. **£6**

**Lanteglos by Camelford, Corn.** 24 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Robert Corney 1, Dave Ralls 2, John Hereward 3, John Inley 4, Martin Spittle 5, Phil Tremain (C) 6. Remembering Ruth Reeves (Lanteglos), Derick Prouse (Poughill) & Tom Warne (St Endellion) RIP. **£2**

**Maidstone, Kent.** (S Michael & All Angels) 27 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Terry Barnard 1, Paul Barton 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Jane L Kostelnik 4, Janice Byrne 5, Kath White 6, Neil Jones (C) 7, Mark Elvers 8. Rung prior to the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Peggy Thresh (5/4/1922 to 23/4/2024). **£4**

**Maidstone, Kent.** (S Michael & All Angels) 28 Jun, 1272 Triffid S Minor: Janice Byrne 1, Jacqueline Barlow 2, Stephen Coaker 3, Mark Elvers 4, Pam Thomas 5, Neil Jones (C) 6. Remembering Christine Webb (25/6/2024) R.I.P. Rung on the Saint's Day of Irenaeus, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444. **£3**

**North Rauceby, Lincs.** 16 Jun, 1320 Doubles (1p/11m/2v): Alan D H Bird 1, Sylvia M Bird 2, Joanne French 3, Keith C Butter 4, Anthony D Walker (C) 5. Remembering J Neville Sharpe of Skillington who died 30/05/2022 aged 78. **£2.50**

**Ormesby, N Yorks.** 22 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Peter F Town 1, David J Watson 2, Ross N Weddell 3, Michael H Anderson 4, John R Welch 5, Francis W F Town 6, Ashley Law 7, Harry Z Helyer (C) 8. Rung to celebrate the completion of GCSE's for 6 & 8. Rung in memoriam for John Ross Dunning, who died on the 4th of June. Also Rung to celebrate "Love Local" an event held at Ormesby Hall. **£8**

**Settle, N Yorks.** 25 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (7m): Andrew W Kayll 1, D Annabel Preston 2, Annie J Faulkner 3, Cate Gardner 4, Robin A Daw 5, Nigel J Goodship 6, Paul F Warren 7, Stuart J Heath (C) 8. In memory of Riz Ahmed (24/8/75-24/6/24), wife of Ed Mallen, a friend of the band. 1st Core 7: 2,6. 1st Core 7 on tower bells: 3. **£8**

**Silk Willoughby, Lincs.** 24 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Rose Pell 1, Sylvia M Bird (C) 2, David Cooper 3, Alan D H Bird 4, Michael Coney 5, Howard Pell 6. Rung in memory of Sally-Anne Caunter, former Tower Captain at St Denys, Silk Willoughby who sadly died on Friday 14th June. Julie Coney was present in the ringing room whilst this Q was taking place & wishes to be associated with it. **£3**

**Weston super Mare, Som.** (S John Bapt) 23 Jun, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: Richard A M Newman 1, Christine Hill 2, Mary A Gardner 3, Marion Newman 4, Peter Hill 5, Clifford R Nicholls 6, Andee Beaumont 7, Joe Beaumont (C) 8. Rung on Armed forces weekend for the 80th Anniversary of D Day. In memory of Jill Gamlin, long time member of the church. **£4**

**Writtle, Essex.** 28 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Matthew Wadey 1, Christina Brewster 2, Carol Penfold Martin 3, Adam Sloman 4, Andrew Brewster (C) 5, Phil Saunders 6. 1st at first attempt: 1. Rung in memory of Val Robinson who died on 26 May, a ringer here from 1998 to 2004. Also in memory of Brian Holden who died on 27 May. Brian was SE District Treasurer for 15 years until January 2024.

**Yelvertoft, Northants.** 27 Jun, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Anthea Hiams 1, Mike Price 2, Kelvin Broad 3, David G Seymour 4, Nick Hiams 5, David Westerman (C) 6. Rung in memory of Geoff Heighton, a villager all his life & a friend of many. On the day of his funeral earlier today. RIP Geoff. **£6**

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### Methods named

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

**Pershore, Worcs.** (S Andrew's Centre) 28 Jun, 1250 Baker Street S Major: Claire Redstone 1, Andrew V Brown 2, Jennie Kimberley 3, Rachel D Page 4, Roy Williams (C) 5, Mike Seagrave 6, Andrew D Evans 7, James Kinnersley 8. 50th this year: 2. 1st Q in m. Baker Street S -38-16-56-36-14-1238-14-1 b. **£4**

**Swayfield, Lincs.** 15 Jun, 1296 Swayfield Singles: Anthony D Walker 1, Luke Tobin (C) 2, Ian Dawson 3. 1st Q in m. 1.3.1.1.1.3.1.1.3 231. **£1.50**

### In Memoriam miscellaneous performances

**Harrow Weald, London.** 27 Jun, Rounds and Call Changes: Sonia Field (C), Charmian Baker, Jo Harris, Elaine Jackson, Jean Power, Ian Callander, Celia Workman, Keith Parr, Sharon Ide/Sonia Field. Rung to celebrate the life of Emilia Rose Roberts. b. 8th July 2016 d. 29th May 2024.

**Wimbledon, London.** 7 Jun, General Ringing For Funeral Of Reece Davies: Irene Sweet, Chris Caryer, Niki Tompkinson, Ed Gosden, James Sherratt, Colette Schrier, Jacqui Hunt, Chris Rusby, Sue Rance, Alison Hughes, David Drummond, Oliver Hughes, David How, David Pelham, Judith Pelham, Mark Underwood, Laura Nunn, David Hedges, Denise Welch, Richard Sweet, Louisa Hewett, Rebecca Smith, Richard Verrall, Jonathan Startup, Kasia Hughes. Ringing for the Funeral of Reece Davies 1997-2024 Beloved son of Lawrence Davies, Tower Captain of St Mary's Wimbledon.

### Miscellaneous performances

**Chard, Som.** 6 Jun, Rounds and Call Changes: Geoff Dean - Chard, Sue Bray - Chard, Dennis Davis - Chaffcombe, Hilary Hooper - Chard, Archie Anderson - Chard, William Brister - Chard, Robin Hooper - Chaffcombe, Ken Hallett C - Chard, Pauline Holt - Thorncombe. Ringing out for Peace for the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings at 6.30pm. **£9**

**Kenwyn, Corn.** 27 Jun, Rounds: Helen Perry 1, Becca Plaisted 2, Janet Lamb 3, Hayley Young 4, Alan Bostock 5, Alan Perry 6. Rung in anticipation of Dr Andy Boorne's ordination as a Priest to Kea, this coming Saturday. **£1**

**Kenwyn, Corn.** 27 Jun, Call Changes: Helen Perry 1, Laura Calcraft 2, Jenna Calcraft 3, Hayley Young 4, Alan Perry 5, Robert Perry 6. Rung in anticipation of Dr Andy Boorne's ordination as a Priest to Kea, this coming Saturday. Conducted by Jemma Hoare. **£1**

**Kenwyn, Corn.** 27 Jun, Rounds: Alan Sharples 1, Nicola Ginn 2, Andrew Smith 3, Alan Bostock 4, Hayley Young 5, Helen Perry 6. Rung in anticipation of Dr Andy Boorne's ordination as a Priest to Kea, this coming Saturday. **£1**

**Kenwyn, Corn.** 27 Jun, 120 Grandsire Doubles: Alan Sharples 1, Robert Perry 2, Andrew Smith (C) 3, Hayley Young 4, Jemma Hoare 5, Helen Perry 6. Rung in anticipation of Dr Andy Boorne's ordination as a Priest to Kea, this coming Saturday. **£1**

**Wimbledon, London.** 6 Jun, D-Day General Ringing: James Sherratt, Mark Underwood, David Drummond, David Pelham, Colette Schrier, Irene Sweet, Richard Sweet, Judith Pelham, Jacqui Hunt. To commemorate the D-Day landings 80 years ago today.

### General quarters

**Abbots Bromley, Staffs.** (S Nicholas) 23 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Simon A Wilson 1, Dawn Grundy 2, Simon P Ferguson 3, Jonathan B Townsend 4, Andrew R Aspland (C) 5, Simon M Pearce 6. For Daphne's (Tower Mother) Birthday. And for Abbots Bromley Nostalgia group's event.

**Aldershot, Hants.** 24 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Freya Williams 1, Clare Le Marie 2, Nick Johnson 3, Mike Le Marie 4, Claire Allen (C) 5, Holly Rickard 6. 1st on Treble: 1. **£6**

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**Aldgate, London.** 24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (1p,2m): Ruth Jakeman 1, Alec Gray 2, Guy Wells 3, Colin Cherrett 4, Tim Mills (C) 5, Chris Weavers 6. Rung to celebrate the blessing & opening of the new Aldgate Centre by the Bishop of London, the Rt. Revd & Rt. Hon Dame Sarah Mullally. **£4.50**

**Ashchurch, Glos.** 26 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jack Long 1, Zoe Reade 2, Melanie Gibson 3, Mary Fear 4, Chris North 5, John Simms 6, John Gibson (C) 7, Lucas Reade 8. **£4**

**Ashton under Lyne, Manchester.** (S Peter) 23 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Beth Ingham 1, Dennis Lathum 2, Wendy M Lee 3, Emily R Hirst 4, Tim J Calvert 5, David P Lacy 6, K George Lee (C) 7, Jason A Bowden-King 8. Rung after the special service celebrating the 200th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

**Backwell, Som.** 23 Jun, 1287 Stedman Caters: Colin G Newman (C) 1, Rebecca J Cox 2, Julie A Bloomfield 3, Kathryn L Carter 4, Glenn A Taylor 5, Anthony J Cox 6, Anthony M Daw 7, Timothy E H Waller 8, Anthony J Bloomfield 9, Clara M Waller 10. Rung by friends from Birmingham, Essex & Somerset as a 50th Birthday compliment to Tim Waller. **£5**

**Barlston, Staffs.** 23 Feb, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Jennifer M Beech 1, Andrew D Grove 2, L Charlie Ernest 3, Greg J Pearce 4, David J Crump 5, Selwyn G Jones (C) 6. **£6**

**Barlston, Staffs.** 24 Jun, 1296 S Minor (2m): Timothy C Hine 1, Matthew D Hardy 2, Selwyn G Jones 3, Raymond H Daw 4, Tim Ward 5, Malcolm Quimby (C) 6. **£6**

**Barnet, Herts.** 23 Jun, 1256 Spl Plain and Little Bob Major: Richard Pullin (C) 1, Kate Giddens 2, Nancy Surman 3, Anne Hughes 4, Dave Bassford 5, Mark Liebenrood 6, Ron Giddens 7, Richard Lewis 8. Prior to Evensong for the Patronal Festival of John the Baptist.

**Bath, Som.** (S Michael) 25 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (8m): Sarah J Quintin 1, David J Kelly 2, David R Ware 3, Jody A Wood 4, Michael J Stubbs 5, Matthew J Butler 6, Nicholas C Field (C) 7, Josh D P Jones 8. 1st 8-Spl: 6.

**Bathwick, Som.** 23 Jun, 1260 Buxton Bob Minor: Ines Laidler 1, Michael W Day 2, Helen Udal 3, Michael J Stubbs 4, Molly S Waterson 5, Adrian Udal (C) 6. For morning service.

**Bedford.** (S Paul) 23 Jun, 1320 Grandsire Cinques: Rosemary H Buckle 1, Alan M Shepherd 2, Sarah E Hedgcock 3, Anthony H Smith 4, Alexander J Nash 5, Stephen H Stanford 6, Kristian White-Spunner 7, Clive J Dunbavin 8, James R B Saunders 9, Cameron White-Spunner (C) 10, Richard A Horne 11, Patrick J S Albon 12. 1st on 12 as C. To welcome Hazel Rose Manktelow, born 22 June to Claire & Michael, first grandchild to Helen & Tony & another great grandchild for Cliff Izzard.

**Bentley, Hants.** (S Mary) 29 Jun, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Simon R Poyser 1, Rachael A Barber 2, Ellen R Barber 3, Roger A Barber 4, Oliver R Hall 5, Francesco P Greenslade (C) 6. 200th Q: 6. **£1**

**Bishops Cannings, Wilts.** 27 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Debbie Stott 1, Jenny Hancock 2, Julian Ferrar 3, Andrew Wooley 4, Chris Bush 5, Richard Iles 6, Mark Robins (C) 7, Julian Hemper 8. Celebrating the Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Peter & Teresa Russ, Churchwarden & Safeguarding Officer of this church. **£8**

**Blackmoor, Hants.** 29 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Rachael A Barber 1, Oliver R Hall 2, Simon R Poyser 3, Ellen R Barber 4, Francesco P Greenslade (C) 5, Roger A Barber 6. Rung for Armed Forces Day. **£1**

**Bradford, W Yorks.** (Cathedral) 28 Jun, 1320 PB Maximus: Alan Trebble (C) 1, Carole Kirby 2, Lorraine M Trebble 3, C Sally Austin 4, Dale Barton 5, Lynda P Lambert 6, Andrea P L Wain 7, Peter C Kirby 8, Simon Kemp 9, David Pygott 10, Alex W Wain 11, Oliver M Austin 12. Wedding Anniversary Compliments to Lynda/David, Alan/Lorraine. Our thoughts are with Ed following his recent sad loss. **£5**

**Bredgar, Kent.** 23 Jun, 1958 Doubles (3m): Jay Ford 1, Barry Roberts 2, Katie White 3, Rob Still 4, Tim Ford (C) 5, Matthew Cockell 6. Rung after the Patronal Festival Family Service & to celebrate the C's final day before reaching OAP status. **£6**

**Bromley, Kent.** 9 Jun, 1312 Lessness S Major: Elizabeth Hardy 1, Thomas J Hinks (C) 2, Becca C Hardy 3, Svetlana Sokolova 4, Nigel Pointer 5, David Holdridge 6, Ross E Hartley 7, James J Hardy 8. Rung for Choral Evensong. 1st blows in m: 4. 100th Q on the bells: 5.

**Bromyard, Herefs.** 23 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Catherine Fuller 1, Sue Robinson 2, Clare Bellis 3, Bill Evans 4, Anthony Ellis 5, Linda Taylor (C) 6, David Parker 7, Robert Walker 8. 1st Triples: 1. Also to celebrate the marriage of Henry Leonard-Taylor & Audree McClure. Henry is step grandson of Linda. **£8**

**Buriton, Hants.** 29 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Luca G Greenslade 1, Graham A Cane 2, Harry E Cane 3, Ron Vears 4, Kye L Leaver (C) 5, Julian Critchlow 6. Rung celebrating the Ordination of Tom Cooper as a Deacon at Portsmouth Cathedral today by a collaboration of ringers from the Sussex County Association & the Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. 1st after a 40 year break: 6. Circles the tower to Q's: 1. **£7**

**Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.** 23 Jun, 1271 Erin Cinques: Julian Colman 1, Brian E Whiting 2, Clare L Veal 3, Joan Garrett 4, Michael J Cowling 5, Jed Flatters 6, Timothy P Hart (C) 7, Alban D Forster 8, Andrew R Stone 9, Alan P Mayle 10, Rowan P Wilson 11, Craig M D Gradidge 12. For the Diocesan Climate Evensong Service attended by our own Bishop Martin & Bishop Darlington from our link Diocese in Kagera, Tanzania. **£12**

**Canterbury, Kent.** (S Stephen, Hackington) 23 Jun, 1260 Doubles (7m/v): Toby Huitson 1, Jane E Huxley 2, Leonard A Huckstep (C) 3, Edward H Hunter 4, Andrew C Brett 5, Paul N Davis 6. For Sung Eucharist. 21st Birthday compliments to Charlie Maggs.

**Castor, Cambs.** 22 Jun, 1320 Ninetieth Birthday Doubles: Clara Pedersen 1, Diana Street 2, Deborah Bray 3, Matthew Bradwell 4, Stuart Weston (C) 5, Julian Burton 6. A Birthday compliment for Brian Goode, a former church warden & lifelong resident of this village. **£6**

**Chawton, Hants.** 29 Jun, 1296 Netherseale S Minor: Simon R Poyser 1, Francesco P Greenslade 2, Ellen R Barber 3, Roger A Barber 4, Rachael A Barber 5, Oliver R Hall (C) 6. 1st in m: 2,3,5. **£1**

**Cheriton, Hants.** (S Michael & All Angels) 16 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Lindsay Cawte 1, Caroline Fairley 2, Dorothy France 3, Roger G Booth (C) 4, Ian M Redway 5, Robert Hatch 6. **£6**

**Chewton Mendip, Som.** 23 Jun, 1250 Bristol S Major: Clara M Waller 1, Kathryn L Carter 2, Anthony J Bloomfield 3, Anthony J Cox (C) 4, Rebecca J Cox 5, Anthony M Daw 6, Colin G Newman 7, Timothy E H Waller 8. Rung by friends from Birmingham, Essex & Somerset as a 50th Birthday compliment to Tim Waller. **£5**

**Childwall, Mers.** 27 Jun, 1260 Childwall Bob Minor: Linda M Thomson 1, Graeme A Littler 2, Andrew J Instone-Cowie 3, David J Pigg 4, Simon Taylor 5, Nicholas Thomson (C) 6. It had to be done! **£6**

**Clapham, N Yorks.** (S James) 23 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Charlotte L Houlder 1, Gillian M Parrington 2, Anne E Pettifor 3, Pauline Campling 4, D Robert Pettifor 5, George H Campling (C) 6. A 16th Wedding Anniversary compliment to Charlotte & Frank Houlder, who were married in this church on 25th May 2008. **£6**

**Compton Bassett, Wilts.** 23 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Ben van Alstede 1, Jane M Ridgwell 2, Richard Heath 3, Ken A Webb 4, Ruth Beavin 5, Andrew K Woolley (C) 6. For Evensong. **£3**

**Compton Gifford, Devon.** 23 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m): Barbara Hocke 1, Elena L Brake 2, Mark F Williams 3, Alena J Wardle 4, Harry J Andrews (C) 5, Trevor C F Vercoe 6. Rung for Evensong & Guild of Devonshire Ringers AGM weekend (150th Anniversary). **£6**

**Derby.** (S Peter) 28 Jun, 1296 Quixhill Bob Major: Nick Daines 1, Neil A Westman 2, Lynne Newton 3, Alec Humphrey 4, John Hawes 5, Anne E Westman 6, Mike Redfern 7, Alan Rowe (C) 8. 750th together: 4,8. **£4**

**Evesham, Worcs.** 22 Jun, 1296 PB Caters: Claire Penny 1, Alison Lee 2, Michael J Austin 3, Sally A Austin 4, Roger H Hunt 5, Stuart Tomlinson 6, Richard Lewis-Skeath 7, Daniel J Austin 8, Harry Stephenson (C) 9, Steve Bowley 10. For the Evesham Morris Festival 2024. **£5**

**Exeter, Devon.** (Cathedral) 16 Jun, 1874 Stedman Cinques: Paul Pascoe 1, Susan Sparling 2, Sue Sawyer 3, Steph Hills 4, Ian Smith 5, Kevin Skillings 6, Matthew Hilling (C) 7, Oliver Coldrick 8, Richard Harrison 9, Andrew Digby 10, David Hird 11, Michael Mears 12. For Evensong. Length chosen to mark the 150th anniversary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, formed in 1874. **£6**

**Exeter, Devon.** (Cathedral) 29 Jun, 1346 Yorkshire S Maximus: Susan Sparling 1, Sue Sawyer 2, Wendy Campbell 3, Kevin Skillings 4, Patricia Slade 5, Peter Brown 6, Phil Dunn 7, Ian Smith 8, Richard Harrison 9, Ian Campbell 10, Paul Pascoe (C) 11, David Hird 12. Rung prior to the Ordination of Deacons Choral Eucharist. **£6**

**Fovant, Wilts.** 24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (1p/2m): Liz Attenborough 1, Jane McKee 2, Vicki L Rowse 3, Jack R Pease 4, Graeme J Byfield (C) 5, Michael Attenborough 6. 1st as C in more than one method.

**Frodsham, Ches.** 14 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: Merlyn Gildale 1, Gabriele S Wagner 2, Diana M Anderson 3, Andrew J Rawlinson 4, Sam N O Norman 5, Geoffrey Parting 6, Duncan L C Hyde (C) 7, Simon Taylor 8. An 86th Birthday compliment to William G (Bill) Bibby (local ringer).

**Frodsham, Ches.** 28 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gabriele S Wagner 1, Sam N O Norman 2, Peter Wilkinson 3, Andrew J Rawlinson 4, Simon Taylor 5, Geoffrey Parting 6, Duncan L C Hyde (C) 7, Glyn Maddock 8. 1st Stedman Triples: 2. To congratulate Sam on the completion of his Masters degree.

**Gloucester.** (Cathedral) 23 Jun, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: Karen Whyatt 1, Isabel Hitchings 2, Derek Harbottle 3, Reg Hitchings 4, Rachel Coates 5, John Gibson (C) 6, David Lord 7, Mike Seagrave 8. Rung for Evensong.

**Goxhill, Lincs.** 23 Jun, 1260 Doubles (5m/v): Heather L E Peachey 1, Patricia A Donnelly 2, Zena Robertson 3, Timothy J Billings 4, Barry F Peachey (C) 5, Paul D Wilkinson 6. Rung for Goxhill Open Gardens Weekend.

**Grappenhall, Ches.** 23 Jun, 1296 Little Bob Royal: Anne Stevenson 1, Alison K C Collins 2, Michael Thomson 3, Andrew J Rawlinson 4, Iain D Scott 5, Graeme A Littler 6, Linda M Thomson 7, Ian M Ward 8, Andrew J Instone-Cowie 9, Nicholas Thomson (C) 10. Rung following the confirmation service, in which twelve candidates were confirmed by the Right Revd Graham Dow. **£10**

**Guildford, Surrey.** (Cathedral) 23 Jun, 1276 Grandsire Cinques: Anthea S Edwards 1, Jenny M Heyworth 2, Christopher H Rogers 3, Katy L Shepherd 4, Emma M Shepherd 5, Heather J T Shepherd 6, Mark E R Gill (C) 7, Anne M Anthony 8, John G Hutchinson 9, Nicholas M W Hagggett 10, Oliver R Hall 11, Peter J Joyce 12. For Evensong. 1st on 12: 4,5. With congratulations to Matt Gill on gaining a first class honours degree in Economics & Politics from The University of Exeter.

**Haresfield, Glos.** 29 Jun, 1260 Doubles (1m/1p): David Lord 1, Joanna Morley 2, Daniel Nelmes 3, David Hodges 4, Francesca Cinderey (C) 5, Trevor Morley 6. To go alongside Haresfield Open Gardens 2024. **£6**

**Havant, Hants.** 29 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Bill Harris 1, Jeremy R Pratt 2, Gary Crockford 3, Andrew Ramsay 4, Graham E Brown (C) 5, Sam Sweatman 6. Rung by members of The Royal Naval Guild of Bellringer's for Armed Forces Day & to celebrate Sandra Haggan from St Faith's who was Ordained Deacon in Portsmouth Cathedral today. **£6**

**Hawley, Hants.** (Ss Peter & Paul) 26 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: Annabel R Clements 1, Rachael A Barber 2, Francesco P Greenslade (C) 3, Ellen R Barber 4, Erin M E Ingram 5, Andrew J B Ingram 6, Roger A Barber 7, Simon R Poyser 8. 1st on 8: 1. **£1**

**Headington, Oxon.** 14 Jan, 1288 PB Triples: Colin P Taylor 1, Tertia Softley 2, Rachel Croft 3, Clare Fairbairn 4, Stephen M Everett 5, Paul C Lucas 6, Malcolm Fairbairn (C) 7, Gregory Rose 8. 1st Triples: 2. **£8**

**Heddington, Wilts.** 24 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Victoria Sadler 1, David Miles (C) 2, Elaine Ryder 3, John C Haines 4, Mark J Sadler 5, Louisa Stuckey 6.

**Higham Ferrers, Northants.** 29 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Pam M Bailey 1, Elaine Woolward 2, Michael J Harrison 3, Jenny A Ball 4, Nigel E Buckley 5, Thomas Coulter-Brophy (C) 6. Rung during the Monthly Farmers' Market & to wish Paul Bailey a speedy recovery after a knee replacement operation. **£3**

**Hinton St George, Som.** 24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m/v): Susan Irvine 1, Chris Cox 2, John Davis 3, Frank Agar 4, Johan Nash-Smith (C) 5, Oliver Crowle 6. Last Q on the bells before they are taken out for rehanging. **£6**

**Holborn, London.** (S Andrew Holborn) 29 May, 1260 Stedman Triples: Stephanie Pattenden 1, Linda Georgiades 2, James Ansell 3, Rachel Billinge 4, Christopher Ridley 5, Nicholas Wilkins 6, Thomas Lawrance (C) 7, Louise Booth 8. On the Eve of Corpus Christi. Rung during the procession of the Blessed Sacrament from St Dunstan's in the West to St Andrew's, following the Pontifical High Mass & prior to Benediction. **£8**

**Holborn, London.** (S Andrew Holborn) 12 Jun, 1376 Pudsey S Major: Ines Picchioni 1, Stephanie Pattenden 2, Rachel Billinge 3, Sheila Cheesman 4, James Ansell 5, Jeremy Cheesman 6, Richard Pullin (C) 7, Thomas Lawrance 8. Prior to the Solemn Mass of the Sacred Heart. 1st Pudsey: 5. **£8**

**Hornchurch, Essex.** 23 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: John M Church 1, Marianne R Hayward 2, Adrian C Malton 3, Dennis Ellisdon 4, Matthew E Rayner (C) 5, Roderic K Bickerton 6, Clive J Stephenson 7, Jonathan R Slack 8. For evening service & a farewell compliment to Lisa Wilson, moving to Devon. **£4**

**Horspath, Oxon.** 15 Jun, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Pl Doubles: Gregory Rose 1, Malcolm Fairbairn 2, Clare Fairbairn (C) 3, Colin P Taylor 4, Paul C Lucas 5, Annika Everett 6. Rung for the Horspath Open Eco-Church-Garden Event. **£6**

**Irthingborough, Northants.** 9 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Joshua A Horne 1, Murray A Coleman 2, Simon J Dixon 3, Ruth Stokes 4, Christopher C Stokes 5, A John Stanworth 6, Richard I Allton (C) 7, Jayne M Horne 8. 1st Stedman: 1. **£8**

**Kensington, London.** (S Mary Abbots) 23 Jun, 1280 Bristol S Royal: Emily Mills 1, Elizabeth Hibbert 2, Peter Emery 3, Marc A McDonald 4, Laurence Bourton 5, Geraldine Forster 6, Sam Cave (C) 7, Andrew Hodgson 8, Ruth Corney 9, Andrew Mills 10. For Evensong. 1st Bristol Royal: 4.

**Knowle, W Mids.** (S John Bapt, St Lawrence, & St Anne) 23 Jun, 1260 St Clement's CB Triples: Jayne Shipley 1, Michael Dodson 2, Rowena Shipley 3, Lucy Gwynne 4, Richard Andrew 5, John Gwynne 6, Stephen Shipley (C) 7, Annette Jarratt-Knock 8. For the evening service. **£4**

**Leckhampton, Glos.** 23 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Isabel Hitchings 1, Alison Lee 2, Barbara Pettit 3, Jacqui Hyde 4, Chris Hickey 5, Reg Hitchings 6, Richard Knight 7, Stuart Tomlinson (C) 8. 250th on the bells: 6. **£4**

**Leicester.** (S Margaret) 22 Jun, 1280 Cambridge S Royal: Robert P Watson 1, Tessa I A Preston 2, Howell J Williams 3, Alison M Godfrey 4, Joanne L White 5, Judith A Godfrey 6, Andrew J Preston 7, C Luke Heaton 8, Mark J Pendery (C) 9, Terry M Astill 10. A Birthday compliment to the C. 1st on 10 inside: 2. **£10**

**Liss, Hants.** (S Peter, West Liss) 27 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Graham Gard 1, Rachael A Barber 2, Francesco P Greenslade (C) 3, Simon H Longlands 4, Ellen R Barber 5, Ian G Mitchell 6. **£1**

**Little Aston, Staffs.** 10 Jul 2023, 1320 S Minor (2m): Christopher A Duckett 1, Clare Coleman 2, Selwyn G Jones 3, Raymond H Daw 4, John W Pollard 5, Malcolm Quimby (C) 6. **£6**

**Little Hadham, Herts.** 26 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Veronica Brand 1, Patricia Cresshull 2, Anne Broly 3, Jeremy Piron 4, Ian Cresshull (C) 5, Sally Freeman 6. **£6**

**Longcot, Oxon.** 14 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Cheryl Watson 1, Rebekah Hartley 2, Tracey Cooper 3, David Endacott 4, Lindsay Powell 5, James Mackenzie 6, Tony Crabtree (C) 7, Joe Norton 8. 1st on 8 inside: 6. **£8**

**Loughborough, Leics.** (Bell Foundry Tower) 26 Jun, 1440 S Minor (2m): Sally Brown 1, Judith Godfrey 2, Alison Godfrey 3, Brenda Parr 4, Nicholas Parr 5, Andrew Higson (C) 6. 80th Birthday compliments to Richard Brown.

**Maidstone, Kent.** (S Michael & All Angels) 23 Jun, 1269 Surfleet S Minor: Emma Jarvis 1, Jacqueline Barlow 2, Philip Jarvis 3, Mark Elvers 4, Pam Thomas 5, Neil Jones (C) 6. Rung on the Saint's Day of Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely (c.678) to celebrate Father John's 6th Anniversary of the Priesthood. **£3**

**Marden, Herefs.** (S Mary V) 24 Jun, 1440 Birthday Doubles: Anne Newman 1, Fran Watkins 2, Kris Perruzza (C) 3, Ian Thornewell 4, Andrew Watkins 5, Ken Clutterbuck 6. 1st in variation for all. Ian's Birthday treat!

**Milford on Sea, Hants.** 26 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Colin J Butler 1, Mary-Kate Wells 2, Matthew Gilbert 3, John A Dodd 4, Oliver B Chaloner 5, Daniel Graham 6, Frank R Morton (C) 7, James G Tourell 8.

**Morville, Shrops.** 27 Jun, 1344 Spl S Major (8m): Clive Sheppard 1, Stephen G Askwel 2, Di Sheppard 3, Stephen W Horton 4, Paul J Wells 5, Martin Bluck 6, Andrew D Evans 7, Edward C W Lupton (C) 8. Rung as a Birthday compliment to Pat Rowe (mother of the Morville tower captain) who celebrated her 90th Birthday on June 24th. **£8**

**New Alesford, Hants.** (S John Bapt) 23 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Caroline Fairley 1, Micki Nadal 2, Jinny Kufluk 3, Ian M Redway 4, Colin Cook 5, Roger G Booth (C) 6, Rob Hatch 7. For the Patronal Festival Songs of Praise service. 1st PB Minor inside on tower bells: 2. With the congratulations of the band to Juliet Wolf, daughter of the treble ringer, on her 1st Class honours degree in Psychology. Rung after two members of the band tested positive for Covid earlier today. Thanks to Caroline who stood in at short notice. Also get well soon wishes to Lindsay Cawte, Sue Smith, Elizabeth Johnson & Jessica Hay of the local band as they recover from Covid. **£7**

**Norwich, Norfolk.** (All Saints, Westlegate) 11 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Richard Kennaway 1, Anne Tansley Thomas 2, Adrian Ing (C) 3, Clare Grant 4, Kaeko Tozawa 5, John Marsters 6. Rung prior to the service for Institution & Induction of Fr Richard Stanton as Rector of St John the Baptist, Timberhill. **£6**

**Nottingham.** (S Mary V) 28 Jun, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Corinna England 1, Daniel T Meyer 2, Martyn J Marriott 3, Marcus T Ham 4, Peter J England 5, Andrew M Peters 6, Owen G Peters 7, Michael A Varney (C) 8, Michael P R H Woolley 9, Edward A S Walker 10. 1st in m: 4,6. **£5**

**Nottingham.** (All Saints) 29 Jun, 1282 Superlative No. 2 S Royal: Corinna England 1, Emma R Jones 2, Martyn J Marriott 3, Adam Wilmott 4, Owen G Peters 5, Marcus T Ham 6, Gary Harden 7, Edward A S Walker 8, Michael A Varney 9, Peter J England (C) 10. 1st in m: 4,5,6. Rung as a Golden Wedding compliment to Lynda & David Lazzneri. **£5**

**Old Marston, Oxon.** 23 Jun, 1260 Doubles (7m/v): Judith Kirby 1, Andrea Rowley (C) 2, Maarit Kivilo (C) 3, Michael Haynes 4, Hugh Deam (C) 5. Rung prior to morning service. **£5**

**Packington, Leics.** 24 Jun, 1320 June Doubles: Mary Hale 1, Moira Johnson (C) 2, Stuart Hale 3, Terence Lord 4, David Gammon 5, Richard Austin 6. Birthday compliments to John Hawes. **£6**

**Pershore, Worcs.** (S Andrew's Centre) 24 Jun, 1280 Painswick S Major: Roy Williams 1, Stuart D Piper 2, Hilda Ridley 3, Paul M Evans 4, Martin Bluck 5, Michael J Seagrave 6, Paul J Marshall 7, Andrew D Evans (C) 8. **£4**

**Phillack, Corn.** 24 Jun, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Carolyn Howell 1, Joanna Wenborne 2, Andrew G Smith 3, Hayley Young 4, Christopher Barnes 5, Martin Spittle 6, Toby Arkless 7, Sam Nankervis (C) 8. **£8**

**Pimlico, London.** (S Saviour) 25 May, 1500 PB Doubles: Isabel Chapman 1, Stephanie Mather 2, Ines Picchioni (C) 3, Persephonea Murphy 4, Stephanie Pattenden 5, Sammie Singlehurst 6. 1st away from cover: 1. **£6**

**Pimlico, London.** (S Saviour) 27 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Stephanie Pattenden (C) 1, Sarah Barber 2, Persephonea Murphy 3, Ines Picchioni 4, Rachel Billinge 5, Isabel Chapman 6. **£6**

**Pimlico, London.** (S Saviour) 10 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Stephanie Mather 1, Patricia Murray Cox 2, Ines Picchioni 3, Elizabeth Hibbert 4, Andrew Hodgson 5, Stephanie Pattenden (C) 6. 1st Minor inside: 2. **£6**

**Pimlico, London.** (S Saviour) 24 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ines Picchioni 1, Stephanie Mather 2, Stephanie Pattenden 3, Patricia Murray Cox 4, Jadd Virji 5, James Ansell 6, Andrew Hodgson (C) 7, Isabel Chapman 8. 1st on 8 inside: 4. 1st on 8: 8. **£8**

**Preston Plucknett, Som.** 23 Jun, 1272 College Bob IV D Minor: David P Hammonds 1, Beverley Perry 2, Leslie E Perry 3, Patricia Tucker 4, Penelope I Hooper 5, Patrick C Tucker (C) 6. 1st in m: 2,3,4,5. 150th together: 2,4. **£3**

**Quadring, Lincs.** 21 Jun, 1320 Spl S Minor (3m): Valerie S Wild 1, Joanne Pearson 2, Robert Simpson 3, Luke Tobin 4, Anthony D Walker 5, P Barry Jones (C) 6. 1st in methods: 2,3,4. 100th together: 3,5. **£3**

**Randwick, New South Wales, Australia.** (S Jude) 19 Jun, 1296 Stedman Triples: Richard Webster 1, Angus Gilchrist 2, Lindsay Small 3, Mary C Symes 4, L L Rusty Bullivant-Walters 5, Jeffrey Price 6, James Perrins (C) 7, Rob Weatherby Jnr 8. Rung for the 1st Birthday (today) of Noah Lynn. Katie Lynn is Noah's Mum, a ringer at St Jude's Randwick, Sydney. Chocolate cake was supplied to the ringers after the successful Q. **£8**

**Rempstone, Notts.** 12 Jun, 1296 Norwich and Cambridge S Minor: Richard A M Thomas 1, Katharine M Rayns 2, J Stuart Brown 3, John D Cooper 4, John P Ottaway 5, Peter J Rayns (C) 6. **£6**

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**Sandhurst, Glos.** (S Lawrence) 25 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Reg Hitchings 1, Jo Gifford 2, Alison Grey 3, Ron Harpham 4, Derek Harbottle 5, Charlie Burnett 6, John Gibson (C) 7, David Lord 8.

**Seavington St Mary, Som.** 26 Jun, 1296 Zaragoza S Minor: Leslie E Perry 1, Margaret J Bignell 2, Patricia Tucker 3, Beverley Perry 4, Patrick C Tucker 5, Lawrence C Bignell (C) 6. 1st in m for all. Completes the S Minor Alphabet: 2,6. Circled the tower 3 times & 25th in the tower: 1. **£3**

**Sheffield, S Yorks.** (Cathedral Church of St Peter & St Paul) 28 Apr, 1263 Stedman Cinques: Andrea C Haynes 1, Stephen J Hall (C) 2, Hana Booth 3, Edmund H Mottershead 4, David A Jackson 5, Helen J Audley 6, Ross J Finbow 7, John E Hawes 8, Melanie Newman 9, Barnaby R Larter 10, William R Haynes 11, Edward M F Haynes 12. For Evensong. 1st on 12: 3.

**Sheffield, S Yorks.** (Cathedral Church of St Peter & St Paul) 12 May, 1299 Stedman Cinques: Stephen J Hall (C) 1, Andrea C Haynes 2, Deborah L Blagden 3, Hana Booth 4, David A Jackson 5, Helen J Audley 6, Ross J Finbow 7, Alison R Elwess 8, Melanie Newman 9, Nicholas J Parkes 10, William R Haynes 11, Edward M F Haynes 12. For Evensong.

**Sheffield, S Yorks.** (Cathedral Church of St Peter & St Paul) 26 May, 1295 Grandsire Caters: Eliza O C Newton 1, Simon J Reading 2, Hana Booth 3, Deborah L Blagden 4, Catherine A Williams 5, Jeff P Colbert 6, Barnaby R Larter 7, Stephen J Hall (C) 8, William R Haynes 9, Edward M F Haynes 10. For Evensong; Welcome back, Simon. 1st Grandsire Caters: 3,5.

**Sheffield, S Yorks.** (Cathedral Church of St Peter & St Paul) 9 Jun, 1346 Lincolnshire S Maximus: Deborah L Blagden 1, David A Jackson 2, Judith M Reading 3, John E Hawes 4, Natasha Claus 5, Hana Booth 6, Alison R Elwess 7, Simon J Reading 8, Stephen J Hall (C) 9, Edmund H Mottershead 10, Edward A S Walker 11, William R Haynes 12. For Evensong. 1st Maximus & first blows in m: 6.

**Shenfield, Essex.** 27 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: John M Church 1, Sarah Robbins 2, Hannah Brooks 3, David Reed 4, Mark Robbins (C) 5, Alex Perraud 6. Rung before the Archdeacons' Visitation service held at St Mary's, during which Churchwardens across the Archdeaconry were admitted. **£6**

**Sproxtton, Leics.** 19 Jun, 1280 Lessness S Major: Keith C Butter 1, Alan D H Bird 2, Diane M Faux 3, Joanne Pearson 4, Sylvia M Bird 5, Anthony D Walker 6, Ian N Robinson 7, P Barry Jones (C) 8. **£4**

**St Annes on the Sea, Lancs.** (S Anne) 23 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Ken Jagger 1, Christine Silkstone 2, Sam N O Norman 3, Alyson Blanchard 4, Monica Hollows 5, Stuart Newton 6, James E Andrews (C) 7, Ashley B Wilson 8, Ellis Hollows 9, Jake Thackwray 10. 1st on 10: 10. 1st Caters: 4,5. **£10**

**Stanford on Soar, Notts.** 18 Jun, 1344 Painswick S Major: Rodney Swallow 1, Denise Harden 2, Catherine Baker 3, Tony Lees 4, Philip R Wild 5, Robert P Watson 6, John D Cooper 7, Peter J England (C) 8. **£6**

**Stanton Drew, Som.** 27 Jun, 1284 Spl Plain Minor (4m): Anthony J Cox 1, Lionel D Smith 2, Elizabeth A Smith 3, Rebecca J Cox 4, Bernard G North 5, Glenn A A Taylor (C) 6. 900th Q: 2. **£6**

**Stisted, Essex.** 23 Jun, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: John G J Elliott 1, Debbie Hill 2, James Green 3, Peter Smith 4, Bradley Hill 5, Simon Ward (C) 6. Happy 35th Wedding Anniversary Debbie (2) & David. Happy 30th Birthday to 5. **£6**

**Stoke on Trent, Staffs.** (Minster Church of St Peter ad Vincula) 4 Mar, 1250 Gainsborough S Major: David W Jack 1, Matthew D Hardy 2, Raymond H Daw 3, Margaret Simpson 4, Tim Ward 5, John W Pollard 6, Selwyn G Jones (C) 7, Christopher P Wilton 8. **£8**

**Stoke on Trent, Staffs.** (Minster Church of St Peter ad Vincula) 4 May, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: David W Jack 1, Wendy Walters 2, Raymond H Daw 3, Josie Martin 4, Christopher P Wilton 5, Greg J Pearce 6, Selwyn G Jones (C) 7, Alan P Walters 8. Specially arranged & rung with Best Wishes to the Rector, Canon Andrew Wickens, who is leaving the Parish after 7 years. His last service will be Parish Eucharist tomorrow morning. **£8**

**Stonebroom, Derbys.** 24 Jun, 1272 Spl S Minor (3m): Nick Daines 1, Anne E Westman 2, Luke Heaton 3, Jane E Boden 4, Neil A Westman 5, John Hawes (C) 6. Circled the tower to Qs: 4. Birthday compliment to John Hawes. **£3**

**Stretford, Manchester.** 15 Jun, 1296 Little Bob Major: Wendy M Lee 1, Elspeth J Stein 2, Dennis Latham 3, Malcolm Murphy 4, Ian H Jorysz 5, Jason A Bowden-King 6, Tim J Calvert 7, K George Lee (C) 8. 1st on the new carpet. Welcoming Malcolm back to Q ringing. **£8**

**Stretton, Ches.** (S Matthew) 24 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Jane E Taylor 1, Linda M Thomson 2, Sue A Marten 3, David P Booth 4, Nicholas Thomson (C) 5, Graeme A Littler 6. **£6**

**Thoroton, Notts.** 22 Jun, 1250 Oxford TB Minor: Lynda M Lazzarini 1, Anne E Deebank 2, Martyn J Marriott 3, David W F Lazzarini 4, H Geoffrey Wells 5, Christopher C P Woodcock (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary today of Lynda & David Lazzarini, by family & friends. The band wish to associate Paul Sharp, the seventh man, with this Q.

**Thrumpton, Notts.** 28 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Chris Pilnick 1, Anna M Marsden 2, Mary Stephens 3, Tony Lees 4, Peter Hawcock (C) 5, Luke B Marsden 6. Rung as a 90th Birthday compliment to Margaret Towers (aka 'Santa') who enjoys hearing Thrumpton bells. **£3**

**Tiverton, Devon.** (S Peter) 29 Jun, 1288 Middlesex Bob Triples: Sheila Scofield 1, Leslie Boyce 2, Richard Shere 3, Charlotte Boyce 4, Richard Johnston 5, John Martin 6, Matthew Weighell (C) 7, David Farrant 8. Rung to mark St Peters Day. **£8**

**Towcester, Northants.** (S Lawrence) 9 Jun, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Ann White 1, Robert M Wood 2, Joanne C Wilby 3, Helen E Allton 4, Luke G Groom 5, William A M Barter 6, Helena M Thorpe 7, A John Stanworth 8, Richard I Allton (C) 9, James F Thorpe 10, John I White 11, Timothy F W Samson 12. Rung after morning service as a farewell to Revd Angela Hammett leaving this benefice for her first parish in Norfolk. **£12**

**Waterloo, London.** 8 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Marc A McDonald 1, Barbara D Murray 2, Jay P Downes 3, Noah J McDermott 4, Simon J O Head 5, Ollie E P Watson 6, Andrew D Hodgson (C) 7, Gareth B R Jones 8.

**Weaverham, Ches.** 23 Jun, 1260 Doubles (5m): Pamela Thomson 1, Ian R F Simpson 2, David A Fulton 3, Nicholas J Harris 4, Peter Wilkinson (C) 5, Daniel J R Adderley 6. Rung prior to Evensong as a 90th Birthday compliment to Stuart W Bracegirldle.

**Wellingborough, Northants.** 23 Jun, 1296 PB Major: Catherine E Hemmington 1, Jenny A Ball 2, Jayne M Horne 3, Jeremy A H Samson 4, Thomas Coulter-Brophy 5, John R S Beresford 6, Timothy F W Samson 7, Paul M Mason (C) 8. Rung following the Civic Service. A Peterborough DG centenary Q. **£4**

**Westminster, London.** (S Stephen, Rochester Row) 16 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Stephanie Pattenden (C) 1, Ines Picchioni 2, Peter Blight 3, Caleb Saunders 4, Andrew Hodgson 5, Penelope Sharpe 6, Peter Oates 7, David Holdridge 8. For Evensong. 1st in m: 2. **£8**

**Wimborne Minster, Dorset.** 23 Jun, 1250 Zanussi S Maximus: Barbara King 1, Rosemary Duke 2, Pip Dillistone 3, Flick Warwick 4, David Hilling (C) 5, Graham Duke 6, Max Knight 7, Philip Rioch 8, Adam Kilgour 9, Harry Blamire 10, Nigel Woodruff 11, David Warwick 12. For Evensong. 1st in m: 7. **£12**

**Wissett, Suffolk.** 28 Jun, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Judith Raven 1, Erika Clarke 2, Chrissie Pickup 3, Philip Gorrod (C) 4, Jonathan Iles 5, Peter Lock 6. 1st in m inside: 2. Get well compliment to Jill Lock. **£8**

**Wokingham, Berks.** (All Saints) 23 Jun, 1264 PB Major: Kristin L Fitch 1, Jennifer S Moynihan 2, James H Moynihan 3, Becki Shuttleworth 4, Alan K Barsby 5, Jon P Tutchter 6, Stephen R Smith 7, John A Harrison (C) 8. **£8**

**Woodstock, Oxon.** (S Mary Magd) 6 Jun, 1280 Grandsire Doubles: Sue Rhodes 1, Michael Probert 2, Clare Fairbairn 3, Malcolm Fairbairn 4, Steve Vickars (C) 5, Daniel James Smith 6. Rung for D Day. **£6**

**Beeston, Notts.** (17, Coniston Road) 27 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Emily E Hall 1-2, Tom Langton 3-4, Christopher J Field (C) 5-6. Birthday compliments to Sonia Field. **£3**

**Beeston, Notts.** (41, Haddon Crescent) 27 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Lucy Wignell 1-2, Roger J Lawson 3-4, Christian J Brown (C) 5-6. 1st in hand: 1-2. Rung with Birthday compliments to Ian Brown, father of 5-6. **£1,50**

**Bromley, Kent.** (34 Mornington Avenue) 23 Jun, 1296 PB Major: Ian Mills 1-2, Nigel Pointer 3-4, Tom Hinks (C) 5-6, Svetlana Sokolova 7-8.

**Holmes Chapel, Ches.** (10, Selkirk Drive) 24 Jun, 1344 Double Canterbury Pleasure Bob Major: Graeme A Littler 1-2, Nicholas Thomson 3-4, Michael C E Hodge 5-6, John F Murfin (C) 7-8. 1st in m: 1-2,3-4. **£4**

**Northampton.** (Mendenhall Center, Smith College) 8 Jun, 1344 TB Major (2m): Daniel Lynds 1-2, Edward J Futcher (C) 3-4, Bryn Marie Reimer 5-6, T David Westmoreland 7-8.

**Rochester, Kent.** (17 Watts Avenue) 29 Jun, 1272 Rev Canterbury PI Minimus: Charlotte Elvers (C) 1-2, Mark Elvers 3-4. In anticipation of RWNVC. Umpire: Orange Oscar (KYR Team Mascot). **£1**

**St Mary's Platt, Kent.** (Pitdown House) 26 Jun, 1344 Yorkshire S Major: Elizabeth A Barnes 1-2, Ian G Mills 3-4, Stuart M Cox 5-6, Phillip R J Barnes (C) 7-8. **£4**

**Winchester, Hants.** (34 Clifton Road) 29 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Mary Edelsten 1-2, Ian Redway 3-4, Gary Davies (C) 5-6. 1st on the bells. **£3**

## Distributed quarters

**Ringin' Room, UK.** 28 Jun, 1272 Lincoln S Minor: Jennifer M Thomas (Brasted, Kent) 1, Rosemary J Humphrey 2, Lynda Hine 3, Barbara D Murray 4, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke (North Leigh) 5, Simon J O Head (C) 6. Rung by The Bellerophons as a Birthday compliment to Neil Merryweather-Clarke. 1st in m: 2,3,5,6. 120th tower bell style Q together: 5,6. 40th together: 3,6. **£6**

## In Memorium Sheila Smith

**East Dereham, Norfolk.** 9 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Philippa M Whittington 1, Joe Ostler 2, Max Meeson 3, Anna R White 4, Johnathon D White (C) 5, Robin Starr 6. Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Sheila Smith, former ringer at this tower. **£6**

**Swanton Morley, Norfolk.** 9 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Anna R White 1, Johnathon D White (C) 2, Helen Lewis 3, Robin Starr 4, Joe Ostler 5, Max Meeson 6. Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Sheila Smith. **£6**

**Dereham, Norfolk.** 3 Jun, Call Changes: Paul Edwards 1, Liz Ingham 2, Bill Dingle 3, Johnathon White 4, Anna White 5, Max Meeson (C) 6. Rung for the passing of Sheila Smith, who was a member of Dereham for years.

**Scarning, Norfolk.** 5 Jun, Call Changes: Trisha Foreman 1, Trish Harlow 2, Paul Edwards 3, Max Meeson (C) 4.

## In memoriam — Philip Greaves 30th August 1947 - 14th May 2024.

Retired policeman, husband to his late wife Kay, Father to Robert and Hiliary. Tower Captain at Rhyl, North Wales. A kind and generous man who sadly passed away from MND.

**Llandegai, Gwynedd.** 19 May, 1418 S Minor (2m): Martin J Brown 1, Zoe M Seymour 2, Antony P Diserens 3, Christopher E Wheatley 4, Leah Jefferis 5, Harvey O Plows (C) 6. Rung in memory of Phil Greaves, Tower Captain at Rhyl, who passed away on 14th May 2024. Rest in peace. **£6**

**Prestatyn, Denbighshire.** 22 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Layla A Griffiths 1, Fiona S Cooper 2, David R Raggett 3, Leah Jefferis 4, Harvey O Plows (C) 5, Esme M Anstice 6. Rung in memory of Phil Greaves, tower captain at Rhyl & John Jefferis, grandfather of Leah.

**Rhyl, Denbighshire.** 22 May, General Ringing: Iain Wayne Smith, Anne Dollery, Simon R Davies, Darrin Alvers, Harvey O Plows, Esme M Anstice, Layla A Griffiths, Leah Jefferis, Fiona S Cooper. Rung in memory of Phil Greaves, tower captain at this church, by a group of ringers which included all members of the local band.

# Another Day 'Behind the Pencil' – The Devon Association of Ringers Major Final at Kentisbeare

by Owen Borlase

Following Simon Linford's article on the Devon Association Major Final (p.559) I thought ringers might be interested in the day from the perspective of one of the four judges. So, it was an early start for me as I was offered a lift for this prestigious event. Sarah dropped me off at Saltash railway station and I took the train to Ivybridge where I was picked up by the South Brent ringers and was soon riding shotgun to Victoria in their battle bus!

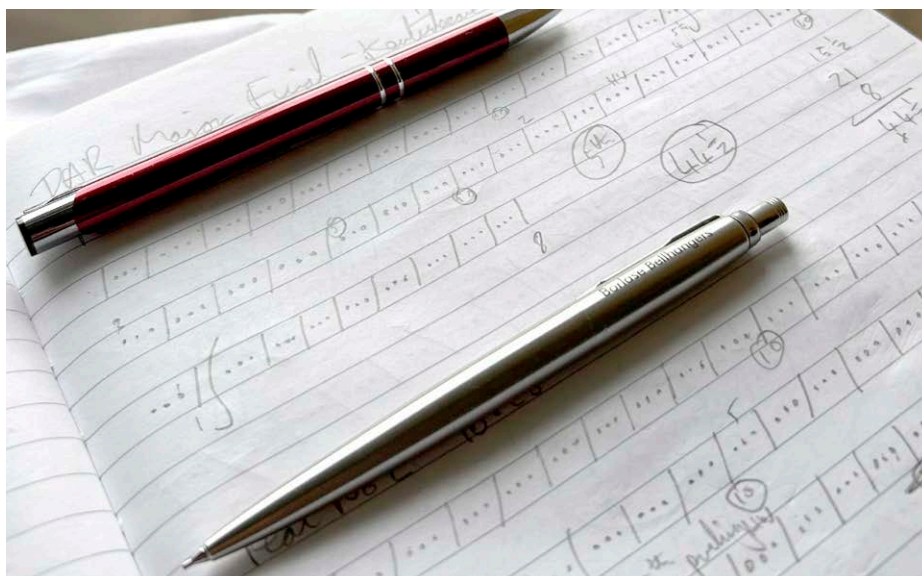
After collecting the South Brent team members we went to ring 'up' their home bells in readiness for a wedding later that day. It shows how much interest and support they have as they still had enough to ring for this wedding without the competition side. The practice tower was Feniton where I could lie on a bench in the beautiful sunshine and listen to the interesting and rare 1707 bells by West Country founder Thomas Wroth.

After lunch at a local farm shop, tower captain Suzanne rallied the team to get going as I was in the judges' peal at 1.30 and she wanted the team to be there early enough to listen outside to the bells. We assembled in the tower and introduced ourselves, and when Simon arrived I introduced him to everyone. The judges' peal consisted of the rise, Sixty on Thirds and lower; Margaret Down conducted from the treble, Andrew Vincent was on the 2, Simon Linford 3, Reed Partridge 4, Jereme Darke 5, Owen Borlase 6.

At precisely 2.00pm Tim Jones, acting as Secretary for the day, shouted out the roll call, to check that all the teams were present. The church service was packed out and we all happened to be sat together in the front rows.

Margaret, Andrew, Reed, Jereme and I were escorted to our listening venue before the draw took place to ensure that we could not know who was ringing when during the day. Our judging position was a house adjacent to the church, in the same place as the judges sat during the Major Final in 1987, won by West Down. We sat around a large table and the silence was deafening – the pressure was on. Now it was time to listen carefully and mark each peal in the same way throughout the whole day. Following a bit of the usual banter we agreed/reiterated that "top ringing" was first change to last change. The first warning was sounded by the Treble and it seemed a long time before they actually started. As is the tradition, we have to write our marks, top ringing and full peal on a sheet of paper, fold it and hand it to the scrutineer, who this year was Margaret Down. Our marks are kept secret from each other throughout the competition.

A few hours later, the first six peals were done and someone popped their head in



through the window to say "tea is served". Off we went to the village hall beside the church – just the right time from my perspective! We were allocated our own table and during tea were asked to sign the certificates in the correct order. After the much appreciated tea it was back to the judging position and we did the same as before – sitting in the same place and position around the table with the only addition being the installing of new pencil leads in my Parker mechanical pencil!

From the judging perspective it's really intense. You are listening for every little blemish in the ringing – when the ringing is of a high standard it feels like you listen even harder. My method is to mark and write. I use the quarter fault system (4 dots to a fault) with full faults being given for bells clashing together and any which speak before the rise or after the fall. I also make short notes on the rise when the bells are into pitch and more when they finish the lower. Following the first change I mark when each bell is in the lead plus mark the halfway point, 124356.

On reaching peal 12 we all gave a sigh of relief; the day was done. Margaret had been running the numbers all day, calculating the average of our scores as well as timing all the peals to ensure they were longer than 15 minutes to comply with the rules. Walking up the hill to the hall to give out the results you never know what is in front of you, but you do know that everyone will be listening intently for the faults awarded! There were five seats reserved at the front for us, and expectant ringers next to the Ross Shield and Top Ringing Trophy.

Margaret's final job as scrutineer was to announce the faults in reverse

order. It was down to the final two places – Shaugh Prior or Down St Mary, and you could hear a pin drop. Down St Mary were declared the winners for 2024 and John Warne, the current President, handed the Ross Shield to Bob Robinson to rapturous applause. Both peals were top class pieces of ringing in this style and a pleasure to listen to. Well done to Down St Mary who were taking the Shield back to the North for the first time since 2000 when Molland won the competition at Churchstow.

Following all the congratulations in the hall, photos were taken and we celebrated in the pub. The Down St Mary ringers were highly delighted in more ways than one!

I would like to thank the South Brent crew, Suzanne, Emma, Lisa, Victoria, Steve and Graham for their hospitality in the battle bus, and special thanks to Victoria for dropping me back after a long day.

So all in all I was proud to be asked to judge at one of the most important events in the ringing calendar, and although it was a hard day I did manage to get out of the pub unscathed!



## Under the coarse pinnacles

Many readers will be familiar with the *Buildings of England* series by Nicolas Pevsner. The first county volume, for Cornwall, was published in 1951 and the series was completed with Staffordshire in 1974. All of the counties have now been covered in revised editions by a variety of authors and the revised Staffordshire volume was published on 25th June this year. Its author is Christopher Wakeling, who I got to know when he was a lecturer in the Adult Education Department at Keele when I was organising the Keele Bell Ringing Summer Schools under the management of that department.

Christopher was responsible for the northern part of the county and the introduction, which he finished not long before his untimely death in October 2023. The southern part of the county, a much smaller area than in the original volume because of revised boundaries, was covered by Christopher Pickford, who had previously been responsible for revising the Warwickshire volume in the series. On 2nd July two meetings were held at the Bethesda Chapel in Hanley, which had been saved from demolition by a group headed by Christopher Wakeling, who was an authority on non-conformist chapels. In the evening there was the launch of the new book, preceded in the afternoon by a memorial meeting for Christopher Wakeling. At the launch Chris Pickford was one of the speakers. The afternoon meeting was chaired by Keele historian Philip Morgan, who I had taught to ring twenty-five years ago.

The first occasion on which I met Chris Pickford was a Roadshow at which he had a stall selling surplus books, and I bought the Cornwall volume from him, which helped me towards my eventual completion of the set.

In spite of covering a smaller area, the second edition is much bigger than the first, twice as many (larger) pages and many more entries. Many new buildings since 1974 are described, and many earlier entries have additional detail. The foreword acknowledges contributions from people who will be familiar to readers. Chris Pickford was responsible for fifty entries in the south and west of the county, and Martin Whiteley (geology), John Mulvey (Tamworth), and Geoff Pick (Cannock) are also thanked.

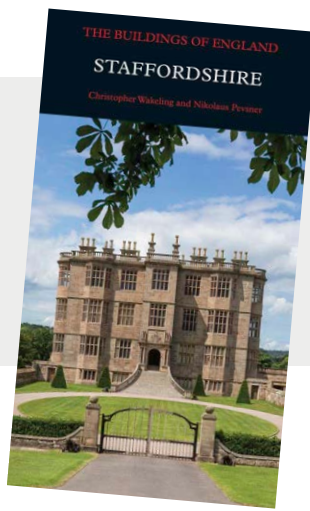
It is generally agreed that Pevsner was not at his best with Staffordshire, and this volume is a significant and worthy improvement.

## Staffordshire

By Christopher Wakeling and Nikolaus Pevsner

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I thought it would be appropriate to do some commemorative ringing to mark the occasion, and Keele Parish Church was the obvious place to do it. Pevsner described the tower at Keele as having coarse pinnacles, which I have always thought was a slightly unkind judgement, which was repeated in the revised edition, now at the base of a sharp spire – aren't all spires sharp? When working on the Staffordshire volume, Pevsner was accommodated at the university, and one can imagine him visiting Keele church at the end of a long hard day.

Unfortunately Philip Morgan no longer rings, but I was able to assemble a band to ring a good quarter.

PHIL GAY

**Keele, Staffs.** (S John) 2 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Phil Gay 1, Josie Martin 2, Heather Pickford 3, Roland Wakefield 4, Tim Davis 5, Chris Pickford (C) 6. In thanksgiving for the life of Chris Wakeling (1948-2023), on the day of the publication of his revised edition of Pevsner's "Staffordshire", to which Chris Pickford was also a contributor.

Martine Hamilton Knight was one of two photographers for the guide, spending several days in Lichfield Cathedral as well as many other churches and wonderful buildings. She's written an entertaining blog piece about capturing images of the architecture of the county: <https://yalebooksblog.co.uk/2024/07/04/photography-for-the-pevsner-guide-to-staffordshire/>

Quarter peal band  
L-R: Josie, Tim,  
Chris, Heather,  
Roland, Phil

## NOTICES

### Death

**BROWN, Richard**, of Loughborough passed away peacefully on Monday, July 1st surrounded by his family. Richard learned to ring in Kessingland, Suffolk before becoming a proud member and lifelong supporter of the Nottingham University society. His funeral will be held at St James, Oaks-in-Charnwood on Monday, August 5th at midday with open ringing before and after the service. Refreshments after the service will be available in the adjacent church hall. All welcome. It would be helpful, for catering purposes, if you could let Sally know if you plan to attend. [Sallybrown5040@gmail.com](mailto:Sallybrown5040@gmail.com) 07778 269081 3107

### Weekday Meetings and Practices

**LADIES' GUILD SE DISTRICT** – Meeting Tuesday 30th July at Newnham (6) 11.15 to 12.15, Lynsted (6) 3.00 to 4.00 pm. 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](mailto:lizziebell14@hotmail.com) by Sunday 21st July at the latest. 3003

### Funeral

**COZENS, Alan**, ringer for many, many years in Hanslope, Buckinghamshire and Roade, Northamptonshire passed away on 19th June 2024. Funeral at 1pm on Tuesday 23rd July at Nene Valley Crematorium, Wellingborough NN8 2NX. Bellringing friends of Alan are very welcome, please kindly email [nf@invigoratehr.co.uk](mailto:nf@invigoratehr.co.uk) if you are planning to join us. In lieu of flowers donations to Cancer Research would be appreciated, please follow the link to view the funeral notice and to make a donation. [www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notices/19-06-2024-alan-charles-cozens/](http://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notices/19-06-2024-alan-charles-cozens/) 3105

**MAYNE, John's** funeral will be held at St Stephen's, St Albans on Friday 19th July at 1pm, followed by a committal at West Herts Crematorium (High Elms Lane, Garston) and refreshments in St Stephen's Church Hall. All are welcome to attend the funeral and committal. To assist with the arrangements, please let John Hughes-D'Aeth know if you plan to attend: 01844 279965 or [john.hd@btinternet.com](mailto:john.hd@btinternet.com). 3103

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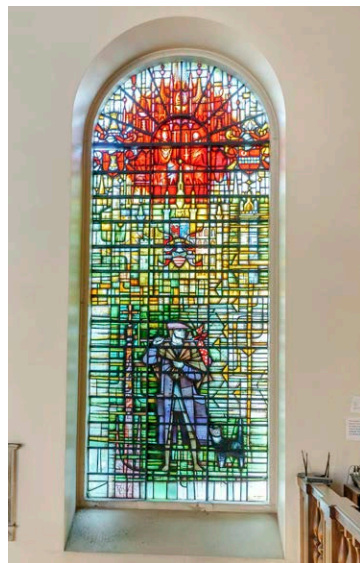
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The original 13th century building was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666, apparently taking with it a ring of six bells. It was rebuilt under Sir Christopher Wren before the end of that century, restored in Victorian times, and then severely damaged during the London Blitz in the Second World War. Services continued in the bombed-out building until 1955, and it was restored again in the 1960s for secular use with offices and accommodation.

The Hawksmoor tower contains one bell hung for swing chiming. According to *Love's Guide* it was rehung in a small steel frame by Whitechapel in 1968. Its canons and cast-in crown staple were removed and it was half turned. The fittings consist of a wrought iron headstock, fixed steel gudgeons, ball bearings, iron lever, pulley and independent staple, all of 1968, and clapper of 1892 with a new top end.

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## Guild Centenary AGM

The original plan for the PDG Centenary AGM was for it to be held in Northampton but the extent and route of the Northampton Carnival on that day caused a need to start another plan.

So we rang on the heavy (20cwt) six at Harlestone under Richard Allton's direction.

However, we could only begin after the wholesale removal of extraneous materials from the ringing chamber. Then the lighter six bells at Pitsford (10-3-11) were kept busy with Master Simon Dixon in charge, after which everyone journeyed to Moulton (12, 11-1-14) for the 4.30pm Guild Service, preceded by a suitable service touch.

The service was led by Peter Storey, a lay reader at Moulton who, having sought a local's advice "not to talk about bellringing", promptly ignored it, but he did incorporate the celebration of anniversaries in his address.

Next door in the impressive modern church hall an equally impressive buffet tea was provided by Debbie Sampson and Jenny Ball and their helpers, and included another (obligatory) Centenary Cake. In the entrance lobby was a shout-out board of first achievements taken from BellBoard performances – the aim is to get at least 100 by the end of the centenary year.

By 6.15pm President Alistair Donaldson was able to wield his gavel and start the meeting. All the regular business was conducted as well as the election of Ian Willgress as an Honorary Life Member, and the presentation of several of the ten certificates for 50 years' membership. Two changes were agreed: to raise the membership fee to £10 and to provide a copy of the annual report free to every member who notified the Guild before February each year.

After the meeting there was a swift stacking of chairs and tables in the hall while the 12 light bells next door were put to good use under the direction of Master Simon Dixon. And finally, there were some parking fees to be settled in the Artichoke pub down the road.

GEOFF PULLIN

Ian Willgress receiving his Honorary Life Membership certificate  
(Photo Simon Pearce)



## A bell that rings

I am in Year 12, and recently had a week's work experience. As part of my week I used CAD (Computer Aided Design) software. My supervisor is from a bell ringing family and encouraged me to make a 3D printed bell. I am very pleased with the final product.

It was due to take 30 hours to print using a 3D printer. However, we managed to cut the time down to 15 hours. It took two attempts to design the clapper, which means the bell actually 'rings' – well perhaps 'clunks' would be more accurate!

ISLA CASSERLEY, Ipsley

## Bellringing Motorcyclists ring for Dave Day by Martin Hough



“Bellringing Motorcyclists” is a Facebook group for ringers who also ride motorcycles, as the name suggests.

Shortly before our recent Spring tour to Devon, one of our members in the north of the country, Karen McCleave, brought the “Dave Day” event to the attention of the group. The event, planned for 8th June at Barrow in Furness in Cumbria, was to celebrate the life of Dave Myers, co presenter of the TV show *The Hairy Bikers*, who died from cancer at the end of February this year. For anyone who may not have watched the programmes, Dave and his friend Simon King toured Britain and other countries on their motorbikes, sampling local dishes, and cooking their own versions of regional dishes. As someone who has cooked a number of their dishes, I was instantly interested, and initiated a discussion on the group page to gauge how much interest there might be.

Shortly afterwards the tower captain at St James’s church in Barrow, Andrew Pollock, put a post on the main Bellringers Facebook group, asking whether any ringers who were planning on coming to Barrow for Dave Day, might be interested in ringing a quarter peal to mark the event. I suggested that if I could get eight of our group to commit to it, then we would happily ring the quarter peal, and then take part in as much general ringing as was needed. Getting eight ringers to commit to it was not too hard, and so it was that eight of us, plus one non-ringing supporter, made their way to Barrow in Furness from Kent, the Isle of Wight, Gloucestershire, Worcestershire, Somerset, Leicestershire, Derbyshire, and Northumberland, on Friday 7th June, in some rather unseasonal inclement weather!

The local Wetherspoon establishment, The Furness Railway, provided us with a base to meet up at, and something that we had not foreseen was the warmth and friendliness of the local “Barrowvians”! Barrow sits at the southern end of the renowned Lake District. The locals are proud of their town, and are

so friendly that many of them opened their doors to the large number of visiting bikers, giving them a room, bed, or floor for the night. Police statistics said that they had counted something like 467,000 bikes in the convoy that started at the renowned Ace Café in London, and travelled to Barrow via the M40 and M6 on the Saturday morning, led by Si King and Lillyana Myers, Dave’s widow, who finally arrived in Dave’s home town around 4pm. The end of the queue, however, did not arrive until around an hour and 45 minutes later!

On the Saturday itself, we had the whole morning to ourselves. Some of us took the opportunity for a leisurely breakfast at a very nice café right by the beach on Walney Island, followed by a ride right around the island. The nature reserve at the south end of the island has a kind of desolate beauty to it, and is certainly worth a visit if you happen to be in the area!

Our brief, as a band, was firstly to ring a quarter peal in memory of Dave, and then to assist with the general ringing afterwards. The bells themselves have the distinction of being the first complete set of bells (as opposed to one or two odd bells) to be retuned using the latest soundbow reprofiling technique, which resulted in what were once a truly dreadful Warner eight with a reputation to match, being transformed into a bright and pleasing 12cwt eight in F. The ringing room is bright and pleasant. A well struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was scored in 43 minutes, after which, general ringing for locals and other visiting ringers from far and wide continued until about 5pm.

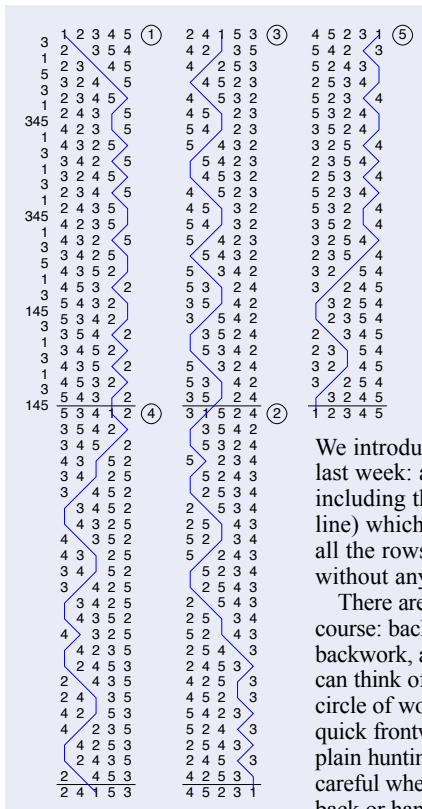
Some of our number set off on the long trek home on the Saturday evening. Those of us who stayed over reconvened at the Furness Railway for a drink, before enjoying a nice Indian meal at the Dhaba, next door.

Sunday morning dawned damp and a little cold. Fortunately, there were only a couple of showers to contend with on the long ride home. My total mileage for the weekend was just on 700; Alex, from Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, only did slightly less than that.

In conclusion, this turned out to be an absolutely huge event, with close on half a million bikers paying their respects to a much loved local man who is missed by literally millions of people, all of whom felt the warmth and friendliness of the local people who welcomed us to their town with open arms. We, as a small niche group of ringers who happen to also be motorcyclists, are very proud to have played a small part in this celebration of the life of Dave Myers, Hairy Biker, and proud Barrowvian. Rest in peace Dave!

**Barrow in Furness, Cumbria.** 8 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Alex Hunt 1, Karen McCleave 2, Mike Lilley 3, Jude Caton 4, Andrew D Evans 5, Peter J Harris 6, Martin B Hough (C) 7, Ali Ducker 8. Rung by members of the Facebook group, Bellringing Motorcyclists for ‘Dave Day’; a celebration of the life of Dave Myers, co-presenter of the TV show ‘The Hairy Bikers’, whose home town this was.





## 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.*

We introduced Undershaft Doubles last week: a principle (all the bells including the treble ring the same line) which is 120 changes long, so all the rows on five bells are rung without any bobs or singles. There are four parts to the course: backwork, quick frontwork, backwork, and slow frontwork. You can think of these four parts like a circle of work. Both the slow and quick frontworks include lots of plain hunting to thirds and back. Be careful whether you are leading with back or handstroke.

The backwork needs careful learning. With the starts as we recommend them in the diagram above, the double-dodging is not like Stedman dodging – instead it's right-place, so it may feel more like dodging in Plain Bob. It may help to hang on to the first and third sets of fifths in the middle of the backwork both being right-place: handstroke and backstroke. You work with the same bell for a long time at the back.

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## Trio of the month

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

**FLYING DUTCHMAN** is a plain hunting variant, so named because it never comes round. 1 and 2 ring exactly Plain Hunt, but pass the bells in numerical order, which is easier to see. The other bells plain hunt with different starts. The slightly different music may also be useful for variety.

- 3, 4 and 5 have what are called 'Grandsire starts', and then plain hunt:
- 3 Do one more blow in thirds over the treble, and hunt down.
  - 4 Do one blow in fifths over the 5, and hunt down.
  - 5 Do one blow in fourths over the 3, lie behind for two blows, and hunt down.

If it never comes round, how do you finish? The conductor may call something like 'make that all at backstroke' as the treble finishes leading and the row 21354 comes up at handstroke. Ring rounds the next backstroke, as shown. Another way to achieve this is to call 'Magic Bob!' loudly and confidently, followed by 'That's all!' the next backstroke.

**The June Trio is Call something Flying Dutchman Saturn**

## Seeking a good home

Ringers with connections in the organ world may be able to help Simon Linford find a home for what is reputed to be a very nice small organ by James Binns that is in the church of St James, Castle Eden, Durham (<https://npor.org.uk/survey/N15047>). The church is being converted into a private house and if the organ doesn't find a home in the next three months it is in grave danger. The church also has a ring of tubular bells by Harrington, which will probably be refurbished and remain in situ. If you can help with the organ contact [simon@czero.com](mailto:simon@czero.com), but not if it's just recommending the charity Pipe Up.

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I Can't Be Bothered

When I first learned to ring, at the age of 11, I used to run up the street after service ringing to attend Sunday School at the Methodist Church where my family worshipped. We children used to sit at the front of the chapel for the first part of the service, which ended with a story before withdrawing for our own lessons. I must have listened to scores of those stories, and hundreds – thousands probably – of sermons, but do not remember the detail of more than a handful. When I was training as a Reader I discussed this with my tutor, the late Prebendary Jim Vincent, who compared it with meals: "You don't remember what you had for lunch three weeks ago last Friday" he said, "but it nourished you"; the same applies to sermons. One children's story which I do remember clearly was by a local preacher who leant

on the pulpit and looking down from what seemed like a great height told us about the worst four letters in the English language, ICBB. "Mum wants you to clear up your toys, but it's ICBB." "Dad needs help in the garden, but those four letters come to the forefront again, ICBB." This can still apply today, whether it's getting up to ring for an early service, taking a rope in yet another quarter of plain bob doubles, or perhaps attending a practice where we know the ringing will be dire. I am taken back to that Sunday morning long ago as we sat, open mouthed, to be told what ICBB stands for: I Can't Be Bothered.

PHIL TREMAIN  
Licensed Lay Minister and Tower Captain  
St Columb Major, Cornwall



# The image of the week

Diane Awkati shared this picture of Strike, the mascot of the Worcester Cathedral Young Ringers, who triumphed in the eight-bell call change contest at the RWNYC in London last weekend. Strike looks very pleased with his medal!

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