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# THE RINGING WORLD



The first half of this issue reports on the fourteenth Ringing World National Youth Contest, held earlier this month in Birmingham. Youth Contest Day is quite unlike any other in ringing. Counting parents, supporters and volunteers there are more than five hundred people involved – in addition to the young ringers – travelling around more than a dozen locations. We have a variety of reflections from the different perspectives this gives, accompanied by an abundance of stunning photographs. Simon Linford describes

moving from ‘no’ to ‘yes’ as an organising team. Sand Cooper helped run one of the busiest open towers of the day, where the local ringers found welcoming young ringers created camaraderie and fun. Things didn’t go to plan in the contest room for the Worcester band, who nonetheless showed professionalism and performed admirably. Things went even less to plan for the Sussex team – the first expenses claim for sleeping bags in the history of the contest! The Yorkshire Tykes are now a youth force to be reckoned with – Jane Lynch tells us what

goes on year-round in Yorkshire to underpin their second win in a row.

Thanks to all the volunteers for putting on a great day, and especially to Jo Cresshull for her excellent organisational skills, and the host organising team from the St Martin’s Guild and the St Martin’s Bull Ring band. Thanks also to Elva Ainsworth and the RW Board, and the team leaders who do a year-round job.

Looking to 2026, we were very pleased to announce at the results ceremony that next year’s RWNYC will be held in Nottingham.

## Taking the bull by the horns



### A wonderful thing to do

I had been looking forward to Sunday 6th July for quite a long time, it being the day when the Youth Contest would be over. My daughter Charlie had been interviewed as part of the 12 Bell Contest broadcast the week before and said “it’s fair to say the Youth Contest is causing a lot of stress in the Linford house”.

Eight years ago, after Birmingham last hosted the Contest, our Guild Standing Committee minuted that we should never do it again. The logistical challenge was so hard, our resources so stretched, our team so frazzled – we couldn’t wish it on our successors!

I am hazy as to how we did end up doing it again. I think there was beer involved and the sweetener of sharing it with another City. Our Standing Committee re-read those minutes. It wouldn’t be as hard without the morning qualifying competitions, and we wouldn’t have to deal with 30-plus teams. Birmingham would manage. Then that mirage of sharing the effort faded away, and we were faced with an event at least the scale of that in London last year.

Standing Committee crisis meeting. “We have to do it but who on earth could we persuade to take this on?” pondered Guild Master Eleanor Linford...

The Youth Contest is a very complex challenge. Our role was clear though. Find space for about 50 hours of ringing at about a dozen towers, at least three of them ringing all day, ideally young ringer friendly but also special enough to create a good experience, all accessible using public transport if possible, plus locations for mobile belfries. Then we would need about 100 volunteers to cover a wide variety of roles throughout the day from a Guild membership of 350, a couple of dozen of whom needed to be able to ring on 16 at the Bull Ring to the standard required by our Ringing Master!

St Martin’s in the Bull Ring, with its ring of 16 bells, was a big part of the plan so the day was a joint effort between the St Martin’s Guild and the Bull Ring band led by Stephanie Warboys, who coordinated the efforts at ‘HQ’. Previous volunteers, RWNYC graduates, and neighbouring associations, in particular the Lichfield & Walsall, swelled the volunteer roster. Arthur Reeves negotiated with potential places to put mobile rings. Too many people to thank adequately.

I spent the actual day driving round most of the towers we had open, checking in with the volunteer coordinators and making sure things were going to plan. I got increasingly encouraged that everyone seemed to be in the right place at the right time, issues were being sorted on the ground, and most of all, everyone was smiling! As each hour passed I thought we were one hour closer to nothing having gone wrong – one hour closer to beer at the Woodman.

After this RWNYC I doubt we’ll minute that we won’t do it again. There are relatively few places this event can be held and Birmingham is one of them. We are blessed with plenty of good bells, reasonable transport infrastructure, and a lot of local ringers who are prepared to muck in for a good cause. And giving young ringers their first awesome experience of 16 ropes is a wonderful thing to do.

Finally, I am pleased to say that stress in the Linford house has returned to normal levels – moderate.

SIMON LINFORD, Local Organisation Lead



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## Defending the Whitechapel Trophy

In many ways the RWNYC is like the English Football League; there is no guarantee which teams will win the Whitechapel Trophy and Robert Lewis Trophy from one year to the next.

There are so many variables which affect the fortunes of different teams each year. Obviously, the contest venue and towers change each time and all teams have numerous local challenges to overcome which affect their squads. The Team Leader role is just as demanding as that of a Football Manager!

After the Yorkshire Tykes eight-bell method team won the Whitechapel Trophy at London in 2024, we knew we would lose two of our ringers under the age rule (turned 18). Annie was invited to join the Judging Panel and Rob, last year's conductor, is now travelling around New Zealand. This meant we needed to replace them from within our squad. We moved two ringers up from last year's Plain Bob Doubles team.

What we didn't expect was that six more of the youngsters who attended London 2024 would also be 'unavailable for selection'. Two more retired (sadly no longer ringing) and the others couldn't make Birmingham due to school trips, Scout camps and Saturday jobs. We needed to turn to our 'academy teams' and 'talent scouts', who are strategically placed all over Yorkshire, to recruit more ringers. I sent an SOS to all towers to find two extra ringers, more in hope than anticipation. Remarkably two brothers, who have been learning with two of our existing ringers at Roos, in deepest darkest Yorkshire, volunteered to join us. Just before the RWNYC 'transfer window' deadline we had them signed up, shirts ordered, hotels booked and with just one practice under their belts ready to go.

The format of the contest has changed several times over the years and the current five categories of eight-bell method, six-bell method, eight-bell call changes, six-bell call changes and Basic Call Changes is similar to the Football Leagues: Premier League, Championship, Division One, Division Two and Conference. You could even say we have 'promotion and relegation'. Each year some teams drop out, this year Lancashire, Devon and D&N couldn't make it; we hope they re-group for next year. And it was good to welcome two new teams, the Cumbrian Herdwicks and Cheshire & North Staffordshire.

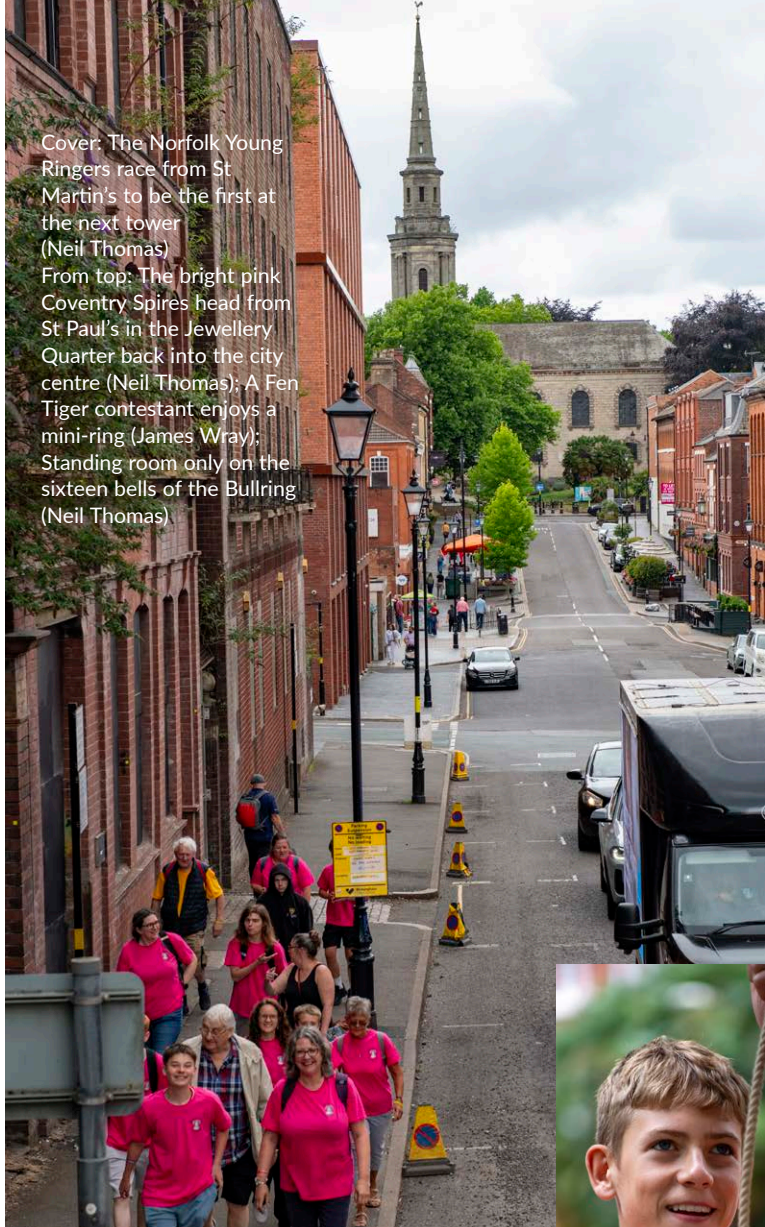
The five 'divisions' allow youth teams to enter the category best suited to the ability of their ringers in any particular year, and it was encouraging to see more teams in both the eight-bell and six-bell method groups. We like this system as it allows us to field teams at different levels and involve all our squad, giving everyone chance to participate and move up the 'divisions' year on year.

Our final challenge was getting all of our eight-bell band together to practise. Our regular 'training sessions' in May and June seemed to clash with exams and holidays, and each month we were a couple of ringers short. Finally on 29th June we met with all eight ringers for a practice at St Martin-le-Grand in York. This session went really well as Alex Johnson, our conductor, led the team as they fine-tuned the test piece.

Then it was off to our 'training camp', near Lichfield. Most of us travelled the night before the contest with a few travelling down from Yorkshire on the day. We set off early on Saturday to arrive at our first tower, Harborne, in good time. Luckily for us there was a gap in the schedule and we were able to have

Cover: The Norfolk Young Ringers race from St Martin's to be the first at the next tower (Neil Thomas)

From top: The bright pink Coventry Spires head from St Paul's in the Jewellery Quarter back into the city centre (Neil Thomas); A Fen Tiger contestant enjoys a mini-ring (James Wray); Standing room only on the sixteen bells of the Bullring (Neil Thomas)





a full hour ringing on this excellent 1923 Taylor eight. This gave all three teams chance to run through the test pieces and enjoy these bells.

We then split up and went to the competition venues, before meeting again at St Paul's. Everyone seemed quite pleased with their respective performances. We spent quite a long time trying the mini-rings and rang Call Changes and Grandsire Caters on the 10 bells in the tower.

Then we walked across to St Martin-in-the-Bullring where we joined the Winchester & Portsmouth teams to ring on all 16 bells. It was extremely busy in the tower but ex-Tyke Rebecca Kirby ensured everyone got a chance to ring, including the tenor for those who wanted to.

The results ceremony seemed really well organised this year. As the scores for each category were read out the tension began to build. Our Call Changes team (including four new ringers) came in a very respectable third place, whilst the Plain Bob Doubles team (average age 14) came joint seventh. The scores for the eight-bell method teams were extremely tight and when W&P were placed second we knew we had 'defended the trophy'. All eight ringers collected their gold medals and the Whitechapel Trophy, before four of them dashed back up to the ringing room to join the Birmingham ringers in some Littleport Little Surprise 16; this really was the icing on the cake.

The RWNYC definitely is the 'cup final' for youth ringing. We look forward to seeing all the teams again at Nottingham 2026, and will now enjoy our 'off season' before starting 'pre-season training' again in August.

JANE LYNCH Yorkshire Tykes



From top: The Daventry Young Ringers enjoy the ground-floor ten at St Mary's Moseley (Roger Lawson); The trophy-winning Yorkshire Tykes team (Roger Lawson); The handbell workshops were a highlight of the day for many (James Wray)



## What a great day for Team Solihull!

We were one of the open towers for the RWNYC, privileged to welcome over one hundred young ringers from as far away as Cornwall and Kent. We were also really delighted to be asked to host a mini-ring in the churchyard. We were keen to arrange refreshments so with volunteers to be found for the tower and mini-ring, we drafted in helpers from the congregation who provided drinks in the relative calm of the church hall.

It was a long day which kicked off at about 8:30am as the volunteers started to arrive. Simon, our chief local organiser, had arranged volunteers for the ringing room, to make up the numbers where the visiting bands needed a tad of support. Then there was the bottom of the tower team with strict instructions as to which coloured wrist band could climb the stairs and those who helped assemble and oversee the mini-ring for the day. Alistair Donaldson very kindly brought the Maplestead mini-ring over. It arrived in the back of his estate car and was put up remarkably quickly. Under his clear instruction the various parts emerged from the car and it all started to come together. The RWNYC signage went up, the volunteer wrist bands were issued, we liaised with the verger and the west end was opened up for visitors. We were ready for the off!

It wasn't just early starts in Solihull. Some of our local band were also volunteering at the St Phillip's Cathedral. In addition to running the various towers for the RWNYC, the Guild needed to provide ringers for the ordination services. Two of

our band jumped on the train and mingled with those off to the cricket at Edgbaston and those arriving early for the Black Sabbath concert at Aston. Birmingham was having a busy day! Our guys then dashed back for their afternoon mini-ringing slots.

I spent most of the day circling the church checking on the next volunteers as they arrived at the church hall, tower and mini-ring, making sure no one had any issue and thanking everyone before they left. I was welcoming the young ringers and helping to encourage them away from the mini-ring and into the tower for their ringing slots, just to keep the day moving. I was basically there to leap into action as required. We'd been warned to have extra toilet rolls available but I hadn't expected to turn my hand to plumbing when the church loo needed attention!

## We loved meeting the bands who came in their team colours

The last band left us at 4:30pm, by which time we had cleared up and locked up in the church hall, the mini-ring was being taken apart and put back in the car. Then it was off to St Martin's in the Bull Ring for the results and on to the pub for a catch up and unwind. What a fantastic day. We'd loved meeting the bands who came in their team colours, some carry mascots including Oscar, a rather large stuffed Octopus! I think all the teams had a go on the mini-ring and I think most of the volunteers did too! Whilst many of the young ringers had never rung on a mini-ring, they took to it like ducks to water while many of our experienced ringers grappled with the rather weird contraption, but it was cause for much laughter. We also giggled when Rob, our tallest volunteer, could just effortlessly reach up to rethread ropes that came awry, whilst everyone else needed Alistair's step ladder.

We were chuffed that our youngest local new recruit, who has just turned 10, was able to have a go. She quickly mastered the art of mini-ringing despite how strange it felt to her. Dad just looked on and couldn't be persuaded to join in, although several



From top: The Charmborough Ring, set up at St Paul's (James Wray); a Bedfordshire Young Ringer (Roger Lawson); It all comes together at the results ceremony at the end of the day (James Wray)





members of the public showed interest and chatted to the volunteers about ringing. We've taken a number of names and we'll be arranging a tower tour for them to see if any of them want to take it further.

I think all our volunteers enjoyed the camaraderie of the day and the fun that was had by all, amongst fellow ringers and friends. A huge shout out to all those that helped make the day special in Solihull but particularly to the ringers who spent much of the day in the tower while the rest of us enjoyed a rain free warm day, to Alistair for the mini-ring and also to our volunteers from nearby towers.

SAND COOPER



## At the end of her rope

What a day! As I write, the 2025 RWNYC in Birmingham has just finished and we are on the train back home with some of the Worcester Cathedral youth band, tired but happy.

Time to look back on the day with pride.

Last year in London, the Worcester Cathedral young ringers won the eight-bell call change competition, but they were not letting this go to their heads.

The first thing on the programme was handbells at St Martin's followed by ringing on the 16. Then they were off to grab St Paul's and for a quick ring on the Lichfield Mobile Belfry.

After a short train ride, they arrived at their contest tower at Erdington St Barnabas with plenty of time to compose themselves while waiting to be called up the tower.

The practice time went fairly well and ensured that they all knew what speed to go at.

Then it was time to signal to the judges and off they went. "Six after seven" was called, and then immediately the sixth rope came untucked. Now they had to knuckle down and cope with this extra distraction. Fortunately, the ringer of the sixth kept her cool, but there was a feeling of discomfort which spread among the others. A bit of a pep talk by the conductor did the trick and they got to the end with a sense of relief.

But would it be good enough? Did it cost them too many faults?

Back at the Bull Ring for the results. Fifth place was not Worcester, nor was fourth or third. Then Bucks & Berks were named as the runners up, so they knew they had won!

They had overcome the challenge of having to cope with a rope malfunction and proudly collected their gold medals.

This will be the last competition for half the band, but fortunately there are some up and coming young ringers ready to take their places.

It was a great day out, and thanks go to all those who made the day a success. Thanks also to Di Awkati for her superb leadership of the Worcester Cathedral young ringers, to the adult helpers and parents, and to the youngsters themselves who have formed a fantastic team and have fostered friendships which will last for many years to come.

DAVID BAGLEY



From top: The Worcester Cathedral team under the iconic statue of Ozzy the Bull in New Street station (David Bagley); Medal pride (Roger Lawson); Alex Byrne leads a handbell workshop in St Martin's (Roger Lawson)

Medal winners: as well as the Yorkshire Tykes (8-bell Method) and Worcester Cathedral (8-bell Call Changes), featured in the previous pages, the winners of the other classes are featured here: the Brumdingers (6-bell Method), the Coventry Spires (Beginner Call Changes) and Three Spires (6-bell Call Changes and winners of the Robert Lewis Trophy). (All photos Roger Lawson)



## Bedless in Birmingham

A group of under-18 bell ringers were suddenly left without accommodation in Birmingham on one of the busiest weekends of the year. The Sussex Young Ringers and their support crew were due to stay at a private house, but as they were leaving Sussex on Friday afternoon, I found out purely by chance that the house was no longer available.

An early SOS message went to Jo Cresshull and many emails, text messages and phone calls ensued. It felt as though a whole army of ringers swung into action to help us. As we got closer to Birmingham it became apparent that we would need to divide and conquer. Some were able to find their own accommodation whilst we waited to hear from the Jo and the local team.

*Would we be staying on Simon Linford's floor?*

*Could we sleep in the ringing chamber at the Bull Ring?*

The whole Sussex team coped admirably with a) the unknowns and b) the changes but it was only when we arrived at a random address in Moseley that we cracked! Simon Linford opened the door and showed us a huge pile of sleeping bags and kit that had been assembled to accommodate us at Edgbaston Church Hall.

Simon took the final six of the squad there in person and we set about making ourselves at home. Airbeds and cushions were made up; we were even given pillows with fresh pillowcases! Lucas Williams, Master of BUSCR, even popped in to check we were okay and to warn us that the vicar would be around before 8.30 for the morning service.

Further changes to logistics were made during the day on Saturday and some of the group travelled home to Sussex whilst others took advantage of more local hospitality laid on by Liz Reading – proud grandma of two of the Sussex squad.

RWNYC is all about making memories and for Sussex, this was no exception! We just want to share our story and more importantly – our immense gratitude to the bellringing community who swung into action to support us in our hour of need.

We are very grateful to be part of this special community and I hope we will repay the kindness in years to come.

MARISA HAYES, Team Leader



## Sponsors

Many thanks to our sponsors and supporters who help us make this the best day in the ringing calendar.

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Ringing World National Youth Contest

# The 2025 teams

Ringers named clockwise from front right.

Photographs presented in draw order.



## Advanced Call Changes 6 and 8-bell St Barnabas, Erdington

### Advanced call changes – eight bell

1	Worcester Cathedral	9
2	Bucks & Berks	8.5
3	Young @ Herts	7.5
4	Foundry Foxes	6.5
5	Cymru	6

### Advanced call changes – six bell

1	Three Spires	9.5
2	Derbyshire Young Ringers	9
3	Yorkshire Tykes	8.5
4=	Cumbrian Herdwicks	8
4=	Gloucester & Bristol	8
6	Guildford Young Ringers	7.5
7=	Fen Tigers	7
7=	Essex Young Eagles	7
9=	Cornish Pasties	6.5
9=	Go Bellistic (Salisbury DG)	6.5
11=	Lincolnshire Poachers	6
11=	Cheshire & North Staffs	6



**Foundry Foxes (Leicestershire)**

1 Tessa Preston, 2 Emma Richards,  
3 Oliver Harvey, 4 Will McGorum-Warrington,  
5 Tom Bullock, 6 Joseph Travis,  
7 Dexter Deackes (C), 8 Geordan Boylan



**Worcester Cathedral**

1 Rachel Bagley (C), 2 Hattie Bird (C),  
3 Ellie Haynes (C), 4 Isla Casserley,  
5 Archie Haynes, 6 Lizzie Tennant,  
7 Christopher Hartley, 8 Sam Trigger



**Cheshire & North Staffs**

1 Emily Lock, 2 Samuel Lock,  
3 Noah Adams, 4 Mhairi Jackson,  
5 Alex Lowe, 6 Sam Walton (C)



**Derbyshire Young Ringers**

1 Edward Cotton, 2 Freddie Robertson,  
3 Edward Angrave, 4 Rueben Smith,  
5 Matthew Hale (C), 6 Laima Ratniece



**Go Bellistic (Salisbury)**

1 Esther Davey, 2 Ava Thomas,  
3 Rebecca McNally, 4 Daniel Best  
5 Amelia Jones, 6 Bobby Ashton (C)



**Cumbrian Herdwicks**

1 Boniface Dobel, 2 Eliza Steadman,  
3 Lucas Hoyle, 4 Milly Lawson,  
5 Hannah Sauder, 6 Paisley Cater (C)



**Guildford Young Ringers**

1 Heidi Saddleton, 2 Conor Fox,  
3 Freya Williams, 4 Charlotte Williams,  
5 Owen le Page, 6 Stuart Marshall (C)



**Lincolnshire Poachers**

1 Mia Bradford, 2 Harper Evans,  
3 Edie Kingston-Lee, 4 Ethan Thomas (C),  
5 Harris Manson, 6 Josh Sharman

Team photographs by Iain Anderson

# Beginner Call Changes

## St Mary, Moseley



**Bedfordshire Young Ringers**  
1 Oscar Matthews, 2 Harry Devereaux-Harrison (C), 3 Sam Warner, 4 Joe Warner, 5 Oli Coe, 6 Declan Newton



**Coventry Spires**  
1 Lucas Dawber, 2 Joshua Warren, 3 Liam Irons (C), 4 George Boyd, 5 Henry Jones, 6 Alfie Green



**Norfolk Young Ringers**  
1 Max Thomson (C), 2 Hannah Turk, 3 Elizabeth Goodchild, 4 Jes Scrivens, 5 James Bason, 6 Jacob Turk

### Beginner call changes

1	Coventry Spires	8
2	Bedfordshire Young Ringers	7
3	Norfolk Young Ringers	6

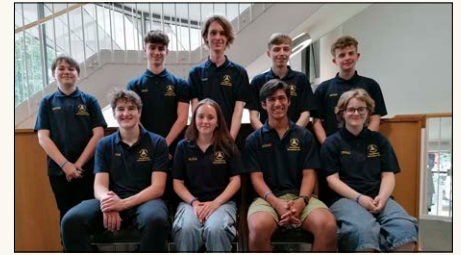
Team photographs by Joanna Cresshull



**Bucks and Berks Young Ringers**  
1 Theo Boughton, 2 Becki Shuttleworth, 3 Sam Boughton, 4 Charlotte Lee, 5 Jack Francis, 6 Emily Shuttleworth, 7 James Moynihan (C), 8 Charley Smith



**Cymru**  
1 Catherine Turner, 2 Adam Turner (C), 3 Madison Grant, 4 Lily Kerby, 5 Jack Disley, 6 Liam Jacques, 7 Lily Fowle, 8 Rhys Fairchild



**Young @ Herts**  
1 Louisa Haynes, 2 Diego Diaz, 3 Alice Blatchford, 4 Tim Needham, 5 Jack Sambridge, 6 Toby Hornberger, 7 Joseph Soden (C), 8 Adam Chase



**Three Spires (Lichfield & Walsall)**  
1 Amber Wheaver (C), 2 Xavier Howell, 3 Rowan Wesley-Turner, 4 Sam Walton, 5 Alesha Wheaver, 6 Sam Aldridge



**Essex Young Eagles**  
1 Adam Brett, 2 Ellie Verity, 3 Caleb Bowman, 4 Benji Bowman, 5 Jason Brett, 6 Scarlet Roddam-Powell (C)



**Fen Tigers (Team 1)**  
1 Josh Crutch, 2 Haydn Sokhi-North, 3 Rosie Dixon, 4 Hannah Probert (C), 5 Elsa Holden, 6 Benedict Hardy-Phillips



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



**Yorkshire Tykes**  
1 Joseph Parvin, 2 Beatrice Tiley, 3 Aled Kennerley, 4 Holly Evans, 5 Samuel Parvin, 6 Noah Kennerley (C)



**Gloucester & Bristol (Team 2)**  
1 Fred Poole, 2 Alma Tilman, 3 Jacob Coates, 4 Rupert Knight (C), 5 William Roberts (C), 6 Oliver Bulteel



Ringing World National Youth Contest

## The 2025 teams

*St Bartholomew, Edgbaston*

*Ringers named clockwise from front right.*

*Photographs presented in draw order.*

### Method Ringing 8-bell (top row) 6-bell (below)



**Yorkshire Tykes (Plain Bob Triples)**

1 Amelia Johnson, 2 Finley Kemp,  
3 Dylan Smith, 4 Harry Helyer,  
5 Francis Gilruth, 6 Francis Town,  
7 Alexander Johnson (C), 8 George Rees



**Essex Young Eagles (Plain Bob Triples)**

1 Nicholas Elliott, 2 Hannah Brooks,  
3 James Dunhill, 4 Owen Prestige-Jones,  
5 Charles Chikuruwo, 6 Sarah Robbins,  
7 Ryan Faulkner-Hatt (C), 8 Charlie Smith



**Oxford DG (Plain Bob Triples)**

1 Daniel Watson, 2 Laura Cooper,  
3 Dom Ellis, 4 Billy Fisher,  
5 Marc Jones (C), 6 Isaac Davies,  
7 Simon Lee, 8 Kit Margey



**Daventry Young Ringers (Plain Hunt on 6)**

1 Freya Bartlett, 2 Flynn Spires,  
3 Zack Pope, 4 Matthew Allcott,  
5 Kaiden McCreath (C), 6 Sahib Singh Bhamra



**Coventry Spires (Plain Bob Doubles)**

1 Hamish Winser, 2 William Blizzard,  
3 Ethan Smith (C), 4 Zack Poulton,  
5 Noah Poulton, 6 Oliver Poulton



**Brumdingers (Plain Bob Minor)**

1 Elliot Daniel, 2 Elizabeth Wilby,  
3 Matthew Healy, 4 Thomas Healy,  
5 James Ellis, 6 Charlie Linford (C)



**Norfolk Young Ringers (Plain Bob Doubles)**

1 Oliver Clifton, 2 Max Thomson,  
3 Anna White (C), 4 Max Meeson,  
5 Jamie Watson, 6 James Clifton



**W&P Youths (Grandsire Doubles)**

1 Phoebe Allen, 2 Daniel Holmes,  
3 James Peal, 4 Oliver Maddams,  
5 Mitchell Reeves (C), 6 Dylan Price



**Surrey Strikers (Plain Hunt on 5)**

1 Fraser Storie (C), 2 Finley Hercock,  
3 Dominic Troughton, 4 Reuben Willoughby,  
5 Max Cavanagh, 6 Alexander Harrison



Many thanks to our team of judges led by Chief Judge Lucy Warren:

**Cathy Hampson**  
**Alistair Cherry**  
**Catherine Williams**  
**Annie Faulkner**  
**Michael Shaw**  
**Carys Hughes-Blagden**  
**William Read**

### Method – eight bell

1	Yorkshire Tykes	9.5
2	Winchester & Portsmouth	9
3	Oxford D G	8.5
4	Essex Young Eagles	7.5
5=	Sussex Young Ringers	6.5
5=	Kent Young Ringers	6.5

### Method – six bell

1	Brumdingers	9
2	Surrey Strikers	8.5
3	Norfolk Young Ringers	8
4=	Winchester & Portsmouth	7.5
4=	Fen Tigers	7.5
6	Daventry Young Ringers	7
7=	Yorkshire Tykes	6.5
7=	Coventry Spires	6.5
9	Nottinghamshire Young Ringers	6
10=	Bath & Wells	5.5
10=	Gloucester & Bristol	5.5



#### Sussex Young Ringers (Plain Hunt Triples)

1 Isla Beckingham, 2 Abi Hayes,  
 3 Christopher Lomas, 4 Livi Reading,  
 5 Archie Morley, 6 Zach Johnston,  
 7 Luca Greenslade (C), 8 Pippa Cooper



#### W&P Youths (Grandsire Triples)

1 Stephen Wise (C), 2 Annabel Clements,  
 3 Erin Ingram, 4 Lauren Kidd,  
 5 Katherine Wilkins, 6 Ellen Barber,  
 7 Francesco Greenslade, 8 James Wedley



#### Kent Young Ringers (Plain Hunt Triples)

1 Esmé Durling, 2 Charlotte Elvers, 3 Lexie Roberts,  
 4 George Marks, 5 Lily Lambell,  
 6 Daniel Oates, 7 Oscar Brooks-Wilkins (C),  
 8 Hannah Cargill Thompson



#### Bath & Wells (Plain Hunt Doubles)

1 Adelaide Crowle, 2 Thomas Gibson,  
 3 Igi Waugaman Reed, 4 Evan Pearce,  
 5 Clara Waller (C), 6 Walter Sinclair



#### Fen Tigers Team 2 (Plain Bob Doubles)

1 Evans Webber, 2 Oliver Probert,  
 3 Tomás Arana Tagle, 4 Brinley Wilkes,  
 5 Thomas Green (C), 6 William Hough



#### G & B Team 1 (Plain Bob Minor)

1 Megan Dawson-Phillips, 2 Daisy Judson,  
 3 David Jenkins, 4 Evelyn Smith,  
 5 Alfie Stick, 6 Toby Hicks (C)



#### Yorkshire Tykes (Plain Bob Doubles)

1 Jenson Newton, 2 Erin Swinton,  
 3 Alfie Swinton, 4 Sophie McCoy,  
 5 Jayden Newton (C), 6 Ashton Jackson



#### Nottinghamshire (Plain Hunt Doubles)

1 Lucy Wignell, 2 Samuel Wignell,  
 3 Elliott Harvie, 4 Ethan Smith (C)  
 5 Hannah Garfoot, 6 Codey Mitchell



Team photographs by Richard Smith and Jo Leigh

## The oldest public holiday

SIR, – I checked my Ringing World diary this week, and found that there was a public holiday missing.

Monday 7th July 2025 was a public holiday on The Isle of Man to mark Tynwald Day. This is the day that the oldest established parliament in the world holds its annual open air meeting on Tynwald Hill, at St Johns. Here, all acts of Tynwald that have received Royal Assent in the past year have their titles and summary read out in public. Also, members of the public have the right to hand in a petition to Tynwald for any grievances they have.

I note that the diary lists public holidays for most UK and overseas territories where change ringing exists. It now shows public holidays for some of the Crown Dependencies (i.e. Liberation Day in The Channel Islands). But it does not record what could be one of the oldest public holidays in the world.

Is it possible to record the Tynwald Day Public Holiday in The Ringing World Diary?

ERNIE DE LEGH-RUNCIMAN

*Kione Droghad, Ellan Vannin*  
(In English – Onchan, Isle of Man)

*Ed. We can be fairly sure (because there's no record on BellBoard) that no band outside the Isle of Man has rung for Tynwald Day in the last ten years. However, given that the island rings are affiliated to the Lancashire Association, which celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2026, we've popped this in the diary as a one-off for next year, and we hope people will help Ernie celebrate.*

## A musical touch

SIR, – In response to Charles Pocock's letter (p.491), there is a similar 132 Stedman Triples in the excellent CCCBR booklet *Easily remembered service touches*.

Call bob at 1, then wait for 74 behind and call 4 bobs at 8, 9, 10 and 11. Then wait for 46 behind, and call bobs at 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, then two singles at 18 and 19, then two bobs at 20 and 21. The touch contains Queens, Tittums, Whittingtons and Kings, five sixes of 74s and ten sixes with 46 behind. A useful touch to have in the armoury!!

ALAN BROWN

Leatherhead

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## Measuring outcomes

SIR, – All the correspondence so far seems to have concentrated on the physical aspects of bell projects, rather than the human ones.

The Central Council's 1988 survey showed that there were 5,425 rings of five or more bells in England and Wales, whereas Dove tells us that there are now 5,655 rings of five or more bells (excluding lightweight rings), with the number of bells increasing from 35,776 to 43,192, an increase of just under 21%.

In 1988 it was estimated that there were about 41,800 ringers, whereas the CCCBR currently estimate there to be around 30,000 ringers, a fall of over 25%. We now have far more bells than ringers, with 1.4 bells per ringer.

In 1988 13% of ringers were aged over 60, whereas currently it is estimated that over 60% are aged over 60. The 1988 survey also showed that tower captains in the 20–40 age group were the most successful.

Since the 1960s about two thirds of territorial societies have established BRFs, and from annual returns published on the Charity Commission website over the last fifteen years, despite inflation the amount paid out in grants has remained relatively static at about £240k per annum, whereas income has consistently averaged over £300k per annum. Now, with many ringers aged over 70, societies are also starting to receive bequests, some running into six figures. Therefore, the amount held in reserve has grown considerably. The other third of societies do not have a separate BRF, but the whole society is registered as a charity. Although this does provide greater flexibility, I suspect that a similar pattern applies.

The amount spent on hardware has left a legacy of a significantly larger stock of bells in far better condition, with the percentage of unringable bells falling from an estimated 7% in the 1988 survey to 3% (according to Dove). There is now a strong case to invest far more in the recruitment and training of the next generation of ringers. What is the sense of giving grants of £10k or more to one ambitious project to benefit one tower, when the same amount of money could benefit far more bands?

Rather than carry on as we have been doing for decades, why not consult the wider membership as the Essex Association did recently. I am sure that there would be no shortage of ideas. The large amounts sitting unused for years could be invested in making unattractive ringing chambers attractive, taking ringing into schools and to large public events, having well designed promotional and recruitment material, producing attractive websites and training new teachers. Why not even invest in more projects like the Mancroft Ringing Discovery Centre in Norwich and the St Clement's Teaching Centre in Cambridge which both employ part-time managers, and which struggle to cope with demand from people wishing to learn, or from ringers wishing to progress as they are unable to do so in their local towers. To ensure a successful outcome all bell projects ought to include

plans to recruit and train the necessary ringers so that all the bells are rung regularly by a local band for the foreseeable future.

In 1988 one third of towers were silent on Sundays. Now we hear that in some parts of the country even Districts and Branches are struggling to function. If we don't do something now, what legacy are we going to leave for future generations?

ROGER BOOTH

Alresford, Hampshire

## Child care

SIR, – I read Tony McIlwrick's letter (p.602) with a mixture of mirth (at the humourlessness) and incredulity (at the lack of practical understanding).

What better way for young parents to keep their toddlers safe while ringing? In passing, we might recall the famous opening lines of LP Hartley's novel *The Go-Between*: "The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there".

Please print more such wonderful anecdotes!

JOHN THOROGOOD

Insch, Aberdeenshire

## Choir of the World

SIR, – Bells featured in the repertoire of the winning Choir of the World's performances at this year's Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod.

The New Zealand Youth Choir, conducted by David Squire, performed 'Ring Out Wild Bells', by the composer Jonathan Dove setting the text by Alfred Tennyson, in the mixed choir competition, and also in St Collen's church Llangollen in a lunchtime concert during the week. This work is set for mixed choir, with a part for piano that mimics the 'wild bells', which is very demanding to play!

Watching this choir perform a wide repertoire of music, including the traditional Haka, made them the outstanding and worthy winners of this year's Choir of the World trophy

In past years much of what was performed at the Eisteddfod was available on the S4C TV channel. I cannot see it listed in TV magazines, but it may be available on catch up?

It was nice to hear some ringing at the church after the lunchtime concert.

KEITH FLEMING

Poole, Dorset



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# PEAL REPORTS

## First Peal Congratulations

Ethan L Pomeroy (Studley, Warwickshire)  
Oliver J Skipper (Sedbergh, Cumbria)

### WELLINGTON, New Zealand,

Cathedral Church of St Paul  
Sun 29 Jun 2025 3h47 (27)  
**5081 Grandsire Cinques**  
Comp. John Pladdys  
1 Murray-Luke Peard  
2 Michelle C Harrison  
3 William T Perrins  
4 I Mary Sluter  
5 Christopher J B Jarman  
6 Andrew P J Davies  
7 Peter I Harrison (C)  
8 Frank Sluter  
9 Jennifer C N Davies  
10 Thomas M Perrins  
11 James W Perrins  
12 Dylan J Thomas  
First open peal on the bells in 20 years.  
Rung for the Patronal Festival and Matariki, Māori New Year. £12

### WELLINGTON, New Zealand,

Old St Paul's  
Mon 30 Jun 2025 2h30 (3)  
**5040 Doubles**  
(14mp: 360 each Erin, Stedman, Grandsire, New, Huntspill, St Vedast, Reverse Canterbury, St Nicholas, Winchendon, St Remigius, Plain, St Simon's, St Martin's, St Osmund)  
1 Dylan J Thomas  
2 William T Perrins  
3 James W Perrins  
4 Peter I Harrison  
5 Thomas M Perrins (C) £5

### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

PENZANCE, Corn,  
St Mary the Virgin  
Tue 1 Jul 2025 3h20 (23)  
**5040 Stedman Triples**  
Arranged by John Pladdys (No 1)  
1 Gwen Rogers  
2 John Pladdys (C)  
3 Robert J Perry  
4 Kathrynne R Arkless  
5 Peter G Holden  
6 Philip Rogers  
7 Fergus M S Stracey  
8 Christopher Davis £8

### BATH & WELLS D.A.

HUNTSHAM, Devon,  
All Saints  
Thu 26 Jun 2025 2h51 (8)  
**5088 Suddall Moor S Major**  
Comp. Robert D S Brown  
1 Michael Hatchett  
2 Jane C Spencer  
3 Richard W Ellis  
4 Richard H Johnston  
5 Lesley A Knipe  
6 Donald B Carter  
7 Harry J Andrews  
8 Michael R Spencer (C)  
First in the method for all.  
First peal with this ending - 1.

### CHESTER D.G.

CHESTER,  
Cathedral Church of Christ & the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wed 25 Jun 2025 3h25 (24)  
**5040 Kent TB Maximus**  
Comp. John Worth  
1 Paul B Hunter (C)  
2 Helena E Barker  
3 Mark A Humphreys  
4 Lenard J Mitchell  
5 Ben Kellett  
6 Ben R M Kivi  
7 Sam N O Norman  
8 Michael J Allen  
9 Philip R Grover  
10 Peter W H Barker  
11 Peter L Furniss  
12 Henry J Stephenson  
Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of opening of bells, on this day 50 years ago in the same method and composition.  
First peal on twelve: 2, 6, 7, 8.  
Circled the tower to 12 bell peals and the first person accomplish this: 1.  
The ringers of 4 and 11 were present on the day 50 years ago listening outside in the Cathedral gardens.  
Today's band was joined by Alan Schofield after the peal for some rounds. Alan rang the 11th, the same bell he rang for the original peal. The band would also like to associate Frank Morton, Geoffrey Sparing, Anthony Foster and Michael Thomson with the peal, surviving members of original band but unavailable to ring.

### COVENTRY D.G.

STUDLEY, Warks,  
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Thu 26 Jun 2025 2h57 (11)  
**5040 Plain Bob Triples**  
Comp. C Ravenscroft  
1 Ethan L Pomeroy  
2 Louise M Grubb  
3 Annie Hall  
4 Rachel D Page  
5 Robin J Dale  
6 Andrew J Hartley  
7 Michael Chester (C)  
8 Timothy G Haslam  
Rung to mark the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of June and Richard Spray, who were married in this church on June 26th 1965.  
First peal: 1. First in method: 5. £20



### DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.

HEWORTH, Tyne and Wear,  
St Mary  
Thu 26 Jun 2025 2h32 (6)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(24m: Allendale, Annable's London, Bacup, Bamborough, Berwick, Beverley, Bourne, Cambridge, Durham, Hexham, Hull, Ipswich, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Norfolk, Norwich, Primrose, Rossendale, Stamford, Surfleet, Warkworth, Wearmouth, Westminster, York)  
Comp. J S Warboys, Trad  
1 Alexander T G Pym  
2 Stephen J Bean  
3 Luke S P Riley  
4 Jeremy R Housden  
5 Jack Hanlon  
6 Christopher M Mansfield (C)  
Most methods - 2, 3, 5 and as conductor.  
6/12.

### ELY D.A.

RAMPTON, Cambs,  
All Saints  
Wed 25 Jun 2025 2h45 (4)  
**5040 Spiced TB Minor**  
(29m: Berwyn, British Scholars' Pleasure, Burton, Capel, Chadkirk, Cheviot, Chiltern, College Exercise, Cotswold, Duke of Norfolk, Kent, Killamarsh, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Mendip, Morning Star, Nelson, Norbury, Norton-le-Moors, Ockley, Oxford, Pennine, Quantock, Rochester, Sandal, Snowdon, Trinity Sunday, Waterford, Woodcock's Victory)  
Comp. John S Warboys  
1 Michael J Cowling  
2 Alexander E Holroyd  
3 Adrian P Sweeting  
4 June Mackay  
5 Henry J W Pipe (C)  
6 Jonathan A Agg

### FREEHOLD SOCIETY

HARSTON, Cambs,  
All Saints  
Tue 24 Jun 2025 2h48 (9)  
**5040 Spiced TB Minor**  
(29m: Berwyn, British Scholars' Pleasure, Burton, Capel, Chadkirk, Cheviot, Chiltern, College Exercise, Cotswold, Duke of Norfolk, Kent, Killamarsh, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Mendip, Morning Star, Nelson, Norbury, Norton-le-Moors, Ockley, Oxford, Pennine, Quantock, Rochester, Sandal, Snowdon, Trinity Sunday, Waterford, Woodcock's Victory)  
Comp. John S Warboys  
1 Benjamin J Willetts  
2 Lucas J Williams  
3 June Mackay  
4 Henry J W Pipe (C)  
5 Alexander E Holroyd  
6 Graham R D Lay

Grandsire Cinques at Wellington, NZ on 29 June. (Peter Harrison)

### HEREFORD D.G.

BISHOP'S CASTLE, Shrops,  
St John the Baptist  
Thu 5 Jun 2025 2h53 (8)  
**5040 Treble Dodging Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each of College Exercise TB, Old Oxford D, London S, Lightfoot S, Westminster S, Bourne S and Cambridge S)  
1 Mark Pugh  
2 Richard J Clements  
3 Nicholas J Green  
4 Bernard H Taylor  
5 Christopher J Pickford  
6 David Jenkins (C)  
Rung as part of the Bishop's Castle VE Day celebrations. £0.50

### KINGSTONE, Herefs,

St Michael & All Angels  
Thu 12 Jun 2025 2h52 (12)  
**5056 Cambridge S Major**  
Comp. C. Middleton  
1 Paul R Smith  
2 Stephen W Horton  
3 Hilda C Ridley  
4 Andrew J Hartley  
5 David C Parker  
6 Mark P Gilham  
7 David Jenkins (C)  
8 Christopher J Pickford

### KENT C.A.

BEKESBOURNE, Kent,  
St Peter  
Wed 28 May 2025 2h50 (7)  
**5040 Spiced S Minor**  
(41m: (1-3) Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnwick, Canterbury, Chester, Munden, London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Cuneacstre, Wells (4-7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, York, Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, Norwich, Warkworth, Netherseale, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Westminster, Allendale, Bamborough, Bacup. JSW SU0309 SU0403)  
Comp. J S Warboys  
1 Phillip R J Barnes  
2 Stephen A Coaker  
3 Anne L Rueff  
4 Alan Regin  
5 John B Keeler (C)  
6 Robert J Crocker

FRINSTED, Kent,  
St Dunstan  
Sat 28 Jun 2025 2h50 (6)  
**5040 Minor**  
(4m: 1 extent of Norwich S and 2 each of Cambridge S, St Clement's and Plain Bob)  
1 Helen L Marshall  
2 Cathryn M Hills  
3 Martin W Marshall  
4 Andrew M Hills  
5 Mark Chittenden-Pile  
6 Gavin J Neill (C)  
Birthday wishes to the conductor and the ringer of the fourth for 29th June.  
First peal as conductor (at the first attempt). £6

CATERHAM, Surrey,  
St Mary the Virgin  
Mon 30 Jun 2025 2h51 (12)  
**5088 Black Cats Return D Major**  
Comp. D F Morrison (no 2219)  
1 Phillip R J Barnes  
2 Anne L Rueff  
3 Shirley E McGill  
4 John B Keeler  
5 Robert J Crocker  
6 Alan Regin  
7 Peter G C Ellis (C)  
8 Claire F Roulstone

### LANCASHIRE ASSN

SEDBERGH, Cumbria,  
St Andrew  
Tue 1 Jul 2025 3h1 (15)  
**5056 Cambridge S Major**  
Comp. C Middleton arr. H Johnson  
1 Oliver J Skipper  
2 Simon A Percy  
3 Carolina M Goodship  
4 David A Horne  
5 Rob A Chapman  
6 Matthew W Goodship  
7 Robin A Daw  
8 Nigel J Goodship (C)  
First peal at first attempt on his 14th birthday: 1 (10 months after learning to ring). £8

### LINCOLN D.G.

HORBLING, Lincs,  
St Andrew  
Wed 25 Jun 2025 2h38 (9)  
**5040 Treble Dodging Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each Burnaby D, Kirkstall D, Kent TB, Norwich S, Bourne S, Ipswich S, Cambridge S)  
1 Keith C Butter  
2 Sylvia M Bird  
3 Alan D H Bird  
4 Robert Simpson  
5 James E Benner (C)  
6 Anthony D Walker  
7 720's to mark the conductor's 720th peal.  
Remembering Roger Bailey on what would have been his 79th birthday.

### OXFORD D.G.

DAMERHAM, Hants,  
St George  
Wed 25 Jun 2025 2h52 (8)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each of Carlisle, London, Westminster, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich & Cambridge)  
1 Michael Hatchett  
2 Lesley A Knipe  
3 Jane C Spencer  
4 Timothy G Pett  
5 Simon L Edwards  
6 Stuart F Gibson (C)

OLNEY, Bucks,  
St Peter & St Paul  
Sat 28 Jun 2025 3h44 (24)  
**5700 Stedman Caters**  
Comp. John Hyden  
1 Stephen H Stanford (C)  
2 Ruth Stokes  
3 Jayne M Horne  
4 Lesley J Belcher  
5 Alan J Marchbank  
6 B Douglas Hird  
7 Andrew Haseldine  
8 Cameron White-Spunner  
9 Christopher C Stokes  
10 James R B Saunders  
Specially composed and rung as part of today's celebrations to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the founding of this Church. £5 ("It aint half hot Mum").

### PETERBOROUGH D G

BURTON LATIMER, Northants,  
St Mary the Virgin  
Tue 1 Jul 2025 2h46 (10)  
**5060 Desborough S Major**  
Comp. Simon Humphrey Arr. Richard I Allton  
1 Robert M Wood  
2 Paul M Mason  
3 Simon J Dixon  
4 James M Bence  
5 Nicholas R Wilson  
6 Robert J Lane  
7 Nicholas A Churchman  
8 Richard I Allton (C)  
A compliment to Mary and Murray Coleman on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They were married at Desborough on 3rd July 1965 and have lived in Desborough ever since.

### SALISBURY D.G.

FOVANT, Wilts,  
St George  
Wed 25 Jun 2025 2h45 (8)  
**5040 Minor**  
(4m: 1440 Cambridge, 720 Oxford TB, 720 Kent TB, 3 x 720 Plain Bob)  
1 Vicki L Rowse  
2 Patricia M Davidson  
3 Richard J Iles  
4 David W Hacker  
5 Julian N Ferrar  
6 James W G Twiney (C)  
Dedicated to the formation of the new Lower Nadder Benefice (which includes Fovant) and promotion of the Vicar Elaine Brightwell to Rector of the new Benefice. £6

### SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

CHECKENDON, Oxon,  
St Peter & St Paul  
Fri 27 Jun 2025 2h41 (10)  
**5040 Stedman Triples**  
Comp. B D Price (21 part)  
1 Beryl R Norris  
2 June D Wells  
3 Joanne P Druce  
4 Patricia M Newton  
5 Margaret H Ross  
6 Jack E Page (C)  
7 Claire F Roulstone  
8 Daniel J Page

**SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G.**

**COPT OAK, Leics,**  
St Peter  
Wed 25 Jun 2025 2h34 (9)  
**5040 Spiced S Minor**  
(18m: 1. Bourne, Hull, Norwich, Sandiacre, Westminster; 2. Carlisle, Northumberland; 3. Chester, Munden, Newcastle; 4. Lightfoot, Netherseale; 5. Allendale, Westminster; 6. Beverley, Durham, Surfleet; 7. Cambridge, Ipswich)  
1 Alison J Molyneux  
2 J Stuart Brown  
3 John D Cooper  
4 Robert P Watson  
5 John P Ottaway  
6 R Philip Graves (C)  
Rung to celebrate the birth of Lyla Joyce Clucas (24th June). First grandchild for Philip & Ros Graves, John & Debbie Clucas. First great-grandchild for Madeleine Graves.

**WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts,**  
St Giles  
Tue 1 Jul 2025 2h42 (9)  
**5096 Ozone A Major**  
Comp. Ian Butters no 839  
1 Ruth Curtis  
2 Paul F Curtis  
3 Philip R Wild  
4 Martin J Whiteley  
5 Peter J England  
6 Peter S Lacy  
7 Michael A Varney  
8 Ian Butters (C)

**ST BLAISE SOCIETY**

**LONG WITTENHAM, Oxon,**  
St Mary the Virgin  
Mon 9 Jun 2025 2h45 (8)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: (1) London (2) York (3) Westminster (4) Norwich (5) Beverley (6) Bourne (7) Cambridge)  
1 Nicola J Turner  
2 Michael Chester  
3 Richard J Clements  
4 Colin M Turner  
5 John R Martin (C)  
6 Christopher J Pickford

**MARCHAM, Oxon,**  
All Saints  
Mon 9 Jun 2025 2h44 (8)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(12m: (1) London, Wells (2) York, Durham (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Westminister, Surfleet (6) Bourne (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)  
1 Michael Chester  
2 Colin M Turner  
3 Nicola J Turner  
4 Richard J Clements  
5 John R Martin (C)  
6 Christopher J Pickford

**MILTON, Oxon,**  
St Blaise  
Sat 28 Jun 2025 2h38 (6)  
**5056 Spiced S Major**  
(7m: 800 each Bristol, Cornwall, Lessness; 704 each Superlative, Yorkshire; 640 Cambridge; 608 London; 125 com, atw)  
Comp. M B Davies & A G Reading (Op A4)  
1 Cynthia E Howell  
2 Nicola J Turner  
3 Colin M Turner  
4 Gwen Rogers  
5 John N Hughes-D'Aeth (C)  
6 Harry M Turner  
7 Peter G C Ellis  
8 Philip Rogers  
2,500th peal: 8.  
Most Spiced: 6.  
First of "Core 7": 2, 3. Well done, Nicola and Colin!

**ST MARTIN'S GUILD**

**COSELEY, W Mids,**  
Christ Church  
Sun 29 Jun 2025 2h47 (11)  
**5120 Spiced S Major**  
(4m: 1440 Lincolnshire, 1280 Cambridge, Yorkshire, 1120 Rutland. 74 com, atw)  
Comp. J S Warboys  
1 Jill D Walburn  
2 Alex J Parsons  
3 Richard J Hurst  
4 Andrew J Ellis  
5 Stephen G Askew  
6 Timothy M Davis  
7 Michael Chester (C)  
8 Gordon R Birks

**SUFFOLK GUILD**

**GRESSENHALL, Norfolk,**  
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wed 25 Jun 2025 2h54 (9)  
**5040 Pudsey S Royal**  
Comp. Benjamin D Constant  
1 Brian E Whiting  
2 Joan Garrett  
3 David L Sparling  
4 Jed Flatters  
5 Timothy P Hart  
6 Michael J Cowling  
7 Andrew R Stone  
8 Rowan P Wilson  
9 Simon A Rudd  
10 Alan P Mayle (C)

**DEBENHAM, Suffolk,**  
St Mary Magdalene  
Sat 28 Jun 2025 3h18 (21)  
**5184 Fanybedwell S Major**  
Comp. Robert D S Brown  
1 Stephen D Pettman (C)  
2 James A Smith  
3 Nigel F C Gale  
4 Jed Flatters  
5 Michael G Whitby  
6 Brian G Meads  
7 Jon Waters  
8 Thomas G Scase  
First in the method by all and for the Guild.

**LAVENHAM, Suffolk,**  
St Peter & St Paul  
Sun 29 Jun 2025 3h16 (21)  
**5008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major**  
Comp. A J Cox  
1 Richard A Knight  
2 Christine A Knight  
3 Michael J Cowling  
4 Max L D Drinkwater  
5 Nicholas R Wilson  
6 Thomas G Scase  
7 Rowan P Wilson  
8 Alan P Mayle (C)  
To celebrate the 500th anniversary of the completion of the tower and the 400th anniversary of the casting of the notable tenor by Miles Graye I of Colchester. The band wish to associate Andrew Stone with this peal, who with the conductor rang in a peal here to mark the 375th anniversary of the casting of the tenor.

**TRENT VALLEY ASSOCIATION**

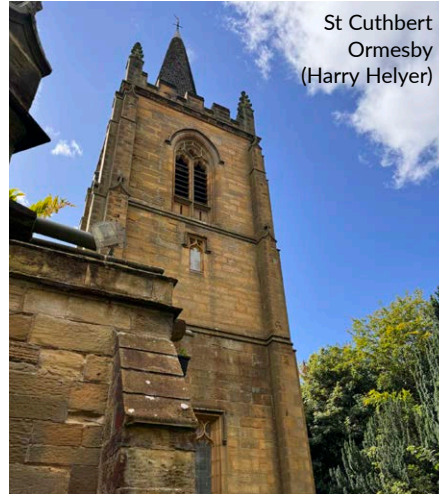
**SALTBY, Leics,**  
St Peter  
Tue 24 Jun 2025 3h2 (12)  
**5148 Zeagate A Royal**  
Comp. Richard I Allton  
1 Adrian P Sweeting  
2 Ruth Curtis  
3 Christopher P Turner  
4 Paul M Mason  
5 Peter S Lacy  
6 Ian Butters  
7 Peter J England  
8 Mark A Boylan  
9 Andrew C Ogden  
10 Richard I Allton (C)  
First peal in the method.  
Zeagate Alliance Royal:  
f: -30-14-12.50.16-34-50.16-16.70.12.

**WOODLANDS' WEDNESDAY**

**KEELE, Staffs,**  
Woodlands  
Wed 25 Jun 2025 2h5 (103lb)  
**5184 Pudsey S Major**  
Comp. Richard B Pullin  
1 Stephen W Horton  
2 Harold Dowler  
3 Michael Wilshaw  
4 Nicholas J Green  
5 Ruth Jopp  
6 Nicola J Galton  
7 Timothy M Davis  
8 Paul Jopp (C)  
First in the method: 6. £1

**YORKSHIRE ASSN**

**BUBWITH, ER Yorks,**  
All Saints  
Thu 26 Jun 2025 2h41 (7)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(15m: (1) Wearmouth, Lightfoot (2) Berwick, Hexham, Primrose (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge (5) Wells, London (6) Bourne (7) Durham, York)  
1 Simon Plows  
2 C Barrie Dove (C)  
3 Neil R Aspland  
4 Philip R Wild  
5 Paul T Young  
6 Robert H Jordan £3



St Cuthbert Ormesby (Harry Helyer)

**ORMESBY, N Yorks,**  
St Cuthbert  
Sat 28 Jun 2025 2h59 (18)  
**5088 Jorvik S Major**  
Comp. Donald F Morrison  
1 Alexander D Town  
2 Matthew S Pearson  
3 Joanna M Ainsworth  
4 Simon J Plackett  
5 Timothy P Bradley  
6 Alexander P Johnson  
7 James A Sanderson (C)  
8 Harry Z Helyer  
First blows in method: 6, 8.  
First turning in the tenor.  
With best wishes to the ringers taking part in the National 12 Bell Final today. £8

**Peals unattributed to a guild, society or association**

**BOBBINGWORTH, Essex,**  
St German  
Sun 29 Jun 2025 2h58 (13)  
**5040 Spiced S Minor**  
(14m: (1) London, Cuneastre; (2) Sandiacre, Wooler; (3) Lightfoot, Netherseale; (4) Bamborough, Bacup; (5) Berwick, Hexham; (6) Westminster, Allendale; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)  
1 Adrian P Sweeting  
2 Russell A Brown  
3 Daniel R B Gregory  
4 Alan Regan  
5 Robert J Crocker  
6 Peter G C Ellis (C)

**WORCESTER,**  
Cathedral Church of Christ & the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Sun 29 Jun 2025 3h6 (14)  
**5024 Cambridge S Major**  
Comp. T B Worsley  
1 James Clatworthy  
2 Bernard H Taylor (C)  
3 Christopher B Hartley  
4 Ian D Harris  
5 Ashley C Fortey  
6 Craig P Homewood  
7 Andrew J Hartley  
8 Christopher J Pickford  
Rung on the Front Eight to celebrate the Peteride Ordinations at the Cathedral today and yesterday. 400th together - 2 & 5. Rung after meeting short for ringing the Clare Ten, with thanks to Darran Ricks for standing down.

**MIDGHAM, Berks,**  
St Matthew  
Tue 1 Jul 2025 2h26 (5)  
**5040 Spiced D Minor**  
(35m: (1,2) Fountains, Melrose, Tewkesbury, Evesham, Tintern, Sherborne, Glastonbury, Elston, Clarence, Kirkstall, London Victory, Burnaby, Burslem, Waltham; (3-6) Canterbury, Abbeyville, Southwark, Combermere, Vale Royal, Crowland, St Werburgh, Taxal, Humber, Marple, Braintree, Bedford, Merton; (7) Old Oxford, Neasden, College Bob IV, St Alban's, Newdigate, Charlwood, Willesden, Wragby)  
Comp. P G C Ellis  
1 Daniel J Page  
2 Thomas R Groves  
3 Colin G Newman  
4 Lucas J Williams  
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)  
6 Jack E Page  
First blows in all the methods: 2.

**Handbell Peals****CHESTER D.G.**

**CHESTER CATHEDRAL,**  
Ches,  
Central Tower  
Sun 22 Jun 2025 2h54 (12)  
**5080 Kent TB Royal**  
Comp. C Kenneth Lewis  
1-2 Andrew J Rawlinson (C)  
3-4 David T G Jones  
5-6 Paul B Hunter  
7-8 Alan F Schoffield  
9-10 Adam J Bennett  
First peal in the Central Tower since 26th April 1958, rung in the same method and composition. Believed to be the first handbell peal in the Central Tower.  
Rung as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the opening of the bells. Thanks to David Atkinson, Peter Randall, Brian Harris, and Richard Allton for helping to track down the composition. Turns out Alan Schoffield had it all along.

**POYNONT, Ches,**  
2 Adlington Close  
Tue 1 Jul 2025 2h18 (11)  
**5088 Oxford TB Major**  
Comp. D F Morrison (no. 430)  
1-2 J David Atkinson  
3-4 Peter C Randall (C)  
5-6 David W Friend  
7-8 John F Murfin £4

**G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**

**WHIMPLE, Devon,**  
17 Bramley Gardens  
Tue 1 Jul 2025 2h22 (11)  
**5152 Cooktown Orchid D Major**  
Comp. Alan G Reading  
1-2 Jill M Wigney  
3-4 Andrew P Digby  
5-6 Matthew J Hilling (C)  
7-8 Peter M C Crawley

**GUILDFORD D.G.**

**TILEHURST, Berks,**  
15, Lytham End  
Thu 26 Jun 2025 2h14 (13)  
**5056 Spiced TB Major**  
(2m: 3936 Kent, 1120 Oxford; Hampole, Ilkeston and Liversedge variations; 70 com at the half lead)  
Comp. D F Morrison (No 2180)  
1-2 Martin J Turner  
3-4 June D Wells  
5-6 W John Couperthwaite (C)  
7-8 E John Wells £4

**FLEET, Hants,**  
20, Burnside  
Fri 27 Jun 2025 2h19 (11)  
**5088 Oxford TB Major**  
Comp. D F Morrison arr W J Couperthwaite (No 7502a)  
1-2 Karen M White  
3-4 Martin J Turner  
5-6 W John Couperthwaite (C)  
7-8 Ian M Redway £4

**OXFORD D.G.**

**ASTON ROWANT, Oxon,**  
The White House  
Thu 19 Jun 2025 2h58  
**5088 Spiced S Maximus**  
(4m: 1632 each Bristol, Zanussi; 912 each Cambridge, Yorkshire; 85 com; atw)  
Comp. Mark B Davies & Robin O Hall  
1-2 Patricia M Newton  
3-4 John R Fisher (C)  
5-6 Jack E Page  
7-8 Graham A C John  
9-10 Oliver D Cross  
11-12 Robert H Newton

**TILEHURST, Berks,**  
15 Lytham End  
Mon 30 Jun 2025 2h14 (13)  
**5056 Cambridge S Major**  
Comp. C Middleton  
1-2 June D Wells (C)  
3-4 W John Couperthwaite  
5-6 Bernard F L Groves  
7-8 E John Wells £2

**ST MARTIN'S GUILD**

**SELLY OAK, W Mids,**  
159 Gibbins Road  
Mon 30 Jun 2025 2h12 (10)  
**5040 Stedman Triples**  
Comp. P A B Saddleton (10 part - No 23 in CC Collection)  
1-2 Oliver C Bates  
3-4 Alexander P Frye  
5-6 Mark R Eccleston (C)  
7-8 Alex J Parsons  
First Triples: 7-8.



Handbells in Chester Cathedral (Paul Hunter)



## HALF PEALS

**Chearsley Bucks** 16 Jun (2h)  
St Nicholas

3600 Surprise Minor

1 Stuart F Gibson (C), 2 Timothy G Pett, 3 Catherine M A Lane, 4 Christopher M Tuckett, 5 Jon P Tutchter, 6 Kelvin R Britton.

**Horsham W Sussex** 30 Jun (1h35)

St Mary the Virgin  
2525 Stedman Caters

1 Simon S Meyer (C), 2 Simon M Alford, 3 David D Smith, 4 Vanessa V Mitchell, 5 Tom A Sutton, 6 Abigail C Fairhurst, 7 Andrew D Meyer, 8 Jonathan P Daniels, 9 Stephen R T Pocock, 10 Robert J Lane. An appropriate length rung as a belated 25th Birthday compliment to 5 for earlier in May!



## EIGHTH PEALS

**Great Gaddesden, Herts.** 29 Jun, 600 Cambridge S Minor: Margaret A Burbidge 1, Liz Middleton 2, C Valerie Mills 3, Carolyn J Crawley 4, Brian D Crawley 5, Stephen J Crawley (C) 6. A farewell to Revd John Russell on his recent retirement.

**Waltham Abbey, Essex.** 22 Jun, 960 Grandsire Doubles: Oliver C Lee 1, Steve Lee 2, Jane Walters (C) 3, Victoria J Richards 4, David Knott 5, Ben Gaigher 6. With thanks to the Friends of Waltham Abbey for their generous support. For the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Revd Peter Smith. **£3**



## QUARTER PEALS

### First quarter congratulations

**Cambridge.** (S Clement) 23 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Amy E L Dunn 1, Samuel J Spencer 2, Benjamin J Willetts 3, Jonathan R Martin 4, Samuel P R Channing (C) 5, Marlene M Schaff 6. 1st Q: 6.

**Chelsea, London.** (All Saints Old Church) 5 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Heather Glass 1, Susan Mills 2, Guy Wells 3, Jan McHugh 4, Liz Gray 5, Persephonea Murphy 6, Edmund Wratten (C) 7, Helen Udal 8. 1st Q - Heather Glass. 1st Q.P. of Grandsire Triples as C - 7. **£8**

**Hornchurch, London.** 21 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m): Owen P Jones 1, James R Dunhill 2, Adam Brett 3, Charles K Chikuruwo 4, Ryan J Faulkner-Hatt (C) 5, Darren W Jones 6. Most methods: 3. 1st St Simons & St Martins: 3. 1st at first attempt: 6. Wishing Rosemary Dunhill a very Happy 81st Birthday. **£3**

**New York, NY.** 29 Jun, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Jeremy C Bates 1, Jameson Orvis 2, Gabrielle M Sanderson 3, Kira R Chase 4, Maisy F Hoffman 5, Timothy J Barnes (C) 6. 1st Q: 2. 1st in m: 3. **£6**

**Ruthin, Denbighshire.** 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Marina Midolo 1, Beverley J Furniss 2, Roger Howes 3, Ian Wiltshire 4, Peter L Furniss (C) 5, David Smart 6. 1st Q: 6. Rung as a belated 80th Birthday compliment to Judith Ward, loyal member of the local band. **£6**

**Sketty, Swansea.** 29 Jun, 1260 Plan Bob Doubles: Maksym Muzyka 1, David G Herbert 2, Mark H Anderson 3, Nigel P Doyle (C) 4, Peter Carter 5, Sarah Anderson 6. 1st Q: 6. 1st on a working bell: 1. On the Feast Day of St Peter & St Paul to mark the C's 70th Birthday (12th June 2025) & retirement from full-time ministry (30th June 2025). Judith Doyle wishes to be associated with this performance. **£6**

## In Memoriam

**Farnborough, Kent.** (S Giles) 27 May, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Judith Bagshaw 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Jane L Kostelnyk 3, Oscar Brooks-Wilkins 4, Janice Byrne 5, Jacqueline M Barlow 6, Rupert J Cheeseman 7, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 8. 1st Cambridge Major inside: 4. Celebrating the life of Reginald (Reg) Kenneth Still, (1921-2025) father of local ringer, Liz Brown, who passed away on Sunday 25th May. **£6**

**High Wycombe, Bucks.** 4 Jul, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Charles Botting 1, Elizabeth Evans 2, Helen Maynard 3, Jennifer Ellis 4, Patricia Newton 5, James Champion 6, Dominic Ellis 7, Robert Newton 8, Peter Ellis (C) 9, Tim Palmer 10, David Maynard 11, Maggie Ross 12. 1st Stedman Cinques: 4. Rung in memory of Kathleen Peatey, former mayor of High Wycombe & member of the congregation at All Saints, on the day of her memorial service. **£2**

**Hornchurch, Essex.** 29 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Matthew E Rayner 1, Michelle A Stephenson 2, James Laken 3, Helen J Carter 4, Paul Trueman 5, Andrew P Barham 6, Clive J Stephenson (C) 7, John M Church 8. For Evening Memorial Service, particularly remembering Denis Carrington, a longstanding friend of the St Andrew's Guild who sadly passed away on 21st June, aged 92. **£4**

**Rushbury, Shrops.** 4 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ken Davis 1, E Anne Hone 2, Geoff Lowe 3, C Mark Edwards 4, Andy Wilson (C) 5, Rowena Pett 6. In memory of William (Bill) Watts. Bill was a ringer at Rushbury & Church Stretton & a good friend. **£3**

**Staple Fitzpaine, Som.** 29 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Laila Emms 1, Andrew D Glendinning 2, Gill Day 3, Michael C Hansford (C) 4, Abbie C Cook 5, Jill M Hansford 6. In memory of Charlie Back on what would have been his 90th Birthday. 75 years a member of the Bath & Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers. Born in this Parish. Father of Abbie Cook. 1st inside: 2. Tosh Arcscott would like to be associated with this Q as she & Charlie worked together as Street Pastors in Taunton for many years. **£6**

**Templecombe, Som.** 30 Jun, 1260 Doubles (1260m): Jenny Alderson 1, Emma Ceely 2, Anna Joyce (C) 3, Cathy Civill 4, Viv McHale 5, Richard Stacey 6. Rung by members of the Bath & Wells DACR Cary Branch to celebrate the life of Audrey Riley who died this month. Audrey was a former Branch Ringing Master & Tower Captain at this tower. Listened to by her family. **£3**

**West Quantoxhead, Som.** 26 Jun, 1260 Doubles (1p/3m): Jan Swan 1, Ann E Birch 2, Susan Mew 3, Mark Philipson (C) 4, Martin J Blazey 5, Derek R Smith 6. In memoriam. Rung Half-muffled by Officers (1-5) of the Dunster Branch before the Funeral of Rachel Hopwood; daughter of Joan Hopwood. Joan was a member of the band here for many years & is a past Chairman & Ringing Master of the Dunster Branch. Keith Beale, a long standing friend of Joan, wishes to be associated with this Q. **£6**

**Wootton Wawen, Warks.** (Tumulus, St Peter's Churchyard) 4 Jul, 1296 Moruisg Minimus: Elliot J Daniel 1-2, Luke Daniel (C) 3-4. In memory of Norman Tame, village stalwart & long-time ringer at Wootton Wawen, following his funeral here earlier today. Norman rang one Q, tenor to PB Doubles, on 10/11/2010. <https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/view.php?id=11612>. **£2**

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## General quarters

**Alderney, Alderney.** (The Channel Islands Ringing Centre) 1 Jul, 1320 Oxford TB Minor: Alexis Martin 1, Nor James 2, Judith Frye 3, Christopher J Frye 4, Helen M McGregor 5, Peter J R Bevis (C) 6. **£4**

**Alderney, Alderney.** (The Channel Islands Ringing Centre) 1 Jul, 1320 Hull S Minor: Helen M McGregor 1, Aileen Wilson 2, June Banister 3, Peter J R Bevis 4, Judith Frye 5, Christopher J Frye (C) 6. 1st in m: 2,3. **£3**

**Alderney, Alderney.** (The Channel Islands Ringing Centre) 2 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Christopher J Frye 1, Nor James 2, Peter J R Bevis 3, Judith Frye (C) 4, Jeremy Penrose-Stupart 5, Helen M McGregor 6. 1st in m: 5.

**Alderney, Alderney.** (The Channel Islands Ringing Centre) 4 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Helen M McGregor 1, Nor James 2, Peter J R Bevis 3, Aileen Wilson 4, Christopher J Frye 5, Judith Frye (C) 6. **£3**

**Alderney, Alderney.** (The Channel Islands Ringing Centre) 4 Jul, 1320 Kent TB Minor: Helen M McGregor 1, Nor James 2, Christopher J Frye 3, Alexis Martin 4, Judith Frye 5, Peter J R Bevis (C) 6. 1st TB: 4. **£3**

**Alrewas, Staffs.** 29 Jun, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Alesha M Wheaver 1, Amber M Wheaver 2, Lesley J Hall 3, Mike C Emery 4, Jordan M A Lawley 5, Xavier D Howell 6, Scott Wheaver (C) 7, David Hall 8. 1st on 8: 6. Rung for the Alrewas Open Gardens Weekend. **£8**

**Amphill, Beds.** 2 Jul, 1296 Bourne S Minor: Susan V Gambling 1, Liz Middleton 2, Richard Sales 3, Brian D Crawley 4, Russell A Brown 5, Claire C Nicholson (C) 6. **£6**

**Aston Cantlow, Warks.** 2 Jul, 1260 1p, 2m, 5v Doubles: Tracey B Newbold 1, Elizabeth M Tennant 2, Katie Board 3, Christopher W Tennant 4, John Newbold (C) 5, Jon Billington 6. Dedicated to Lizzy's friend Noah, also a ringer. Get well soon Noah, from all the Arden cluster ringers. **£1**

**Bamber Bridge, Lancs.** 3 Jun, 1320 St Simon's Bob Doubles: Jan Reeves 1, Graham C Turner 2, B Robert Hough 3, Elizabeth G Turner 4, Melissa Villiers (C) 5, Joan Houghton 6. Belated 60th Birthday compliment to 2. 1st in m as C. **£7**

**Basingstoke, Hants.** (All Saints) 11 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Alfie W Wells 1, Rosalind S Turrell 2, Rosie E Barrett 3, Margaret J Smith 4, Philip A Turrell 5, Adam S Greenley 6, Benjamin D Constant (C) 7, Esther J Gao 8. To celebrate the forthcoming 18th Birthday of Alfie Wells, on 15th May. **£4**

**Belper, Derbys.** 5 Jul, 1280 Kent TB Major: Frances A Booth 1, Sue French 2, Lynne Newton 3, Alec Humphrey 4, Jana Pavova 5, Nick Daines 6, Alan Rowe (C) 7, John R Booth 8. **£4**

**Bingham, Notts.** 21 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Sophie Shaw 1, Lyn Sugden 2, Kay A Green 3, G William Shanks 4, Andrew M Peters 5, Stephen J Green (C) 6. 1st as C.

**Bishop's Stortford, Herts.** 22 Jun, 1320 Grandsire Cinques: Christopher N McCarthy 1, Julie Grimwade 2, Julie A Bloomfield 3, Anthony J Bloomfield 4, Emily J Mills 5, Carole J Kendall 6, Stephen J Bailey (C) 7, Nicholas D Hughes 8, Claire May 9, Roderic K Bickerton 10, Stephen Wood 11, Timothy W Needham 12. For St Alban's Day Choral Evensong. 1st on 12: 12. 1st Grandsire Cinques: 9. With congratulations from the band to Dr Peter Cranfield, HCACR President, on his recent award of an MBE for services to Dental Education. **£12**

**Bottisham, Cambs.** 29 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Elissa M Blackburn 1, Dee F Smith 2, Gareth Davies 3, Brinley T Wilkes 4, Kiyoshi W Thompson (C) 5, Lesley H M Boyle 6. 1st away from cover: 1. Rung to congratulate Rhona McEune who was ordained at Ely Cathedral yesterday.

**Braceborough, Lincs.** 25 Jun, 1320 Doubles (10m/v): Ros Nickols 1, Joanne Pearson 2, Robert Simpson 3, Luke Tobin 4, Anthony D Walker (C) 5. Good riddance to Polypropylene. **£2.50**

**Brackenfield, Derbys.** 4 Jul, 1296 Rostherne D Minor: Sally A Idle 1, Anne E Westman 2, Neil A Westman 3, Christopher J Idle 4, John R Booth 5, Alec Humphrey (C) 6. **£3**

**Bradwell juxta Mare, Essex.** 5 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Laurie Main 1, Daniel Howell 2, David Quinnear 3, John Everett 4, Stuart Hodges 5, Philip Saunders (C) 6. Rung for The Bradwell Pilgrimage & Gathering. **£6**

**Brassington, Derbys.** 2 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Pam Stone 1, Frances E Haynes 2, Tom H L Balls 3, David G R Balls 4, Hugo Lane 5, Roy A Meads (C) 6. **£6**

**Brigg, Lincs.** 5 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia A Donnelly 1, Heather L E Peachey 2, Catherine S Knight (C) 3, Michael F Peachey 4, Barry F Peachey 5, Paul D Wilkinson 6. 1st as C. Rung as a 55th Wedding Anniversary compliment to Paul & Wendy Wilkinson for yesterday.

**Broadway, Som.** (Ss Aldhelm & Eadburga) 28 Jun, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Jonathan C Hetherington 1, Mark B Place 2, John Dunstone 3, Oliver J W Crowle 4, Clifford R Nicholls (C) 5, Chris Cox 6. 3 of 4. **£15**

**Bromyard, Herefs.** 29 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: David Parker (C) 1, Linda Taylor 2, Rob Walker 3, William N Evans 4, Ady Taylor 5, Karen Parker 6. 1st plain bob doubles: 5. 101st Q in the tower as C. **£6**

**Buriton, Hants.** 29 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Julian Critchlow 1, Rebecca J Restall 2, Harry E Cane (C) 3, James A Wedley 4, Graham A Cane 5, Jason P Wedley 6. Rung for the very first service of Revd Tom Cooper. **£6**

**Burnley, Lancs.** (S Peter) 1 Jul, 1280 Bristol S Royal: Philip S Woods 1, D Robert Pettifor 2, Pauline Campling 3, Garry D Peel 4, Simon D Woof 5, Hannah F V Baker 6, Matthew D Warburton 7, Andrew D Sibson (C) 8, George H Campling 9, R Owen Battye 10. 1st in m: 6. Happy Birthday Matt. **£6**

**Canewdon, Essex.** 18 Jun, 1260 Doubles (6m): Owen P Jones 1, James R Dunhill 2, Charles K Chikuruwo 3, Ryan J Faulkner-Hatt (C) 4, Richard M Dunhill 5, Brian Meldon 6. Rung to wish Penny Lowen & David Sloman a Happy Birthday, Penny's Birthday being 18/06/25 & David's being 19/06/25. Most methods as C. 1st blows in St Osmund & Eynesbury: 2,3. Most methods inside: 2,3,4. Most methods from Treble: 1. Order of the band was rung in age order, Youngest to Oldest. Rung to Mark the end of GCSEs for James Dunhill as well as the end of AS levels for Charles Chikuruwo. **£3**

**Canterbury, Kent.** (S Stephen, Hackington) 29 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Leonard A Huckstep 1, Toby Huitson 2, Jane E Huxley (C) 3, M R F S 4, Andrew C Brett 5, Amanda L Hills 6. Rung for Revd Sally Pickersgill's first Eucharist presiding after her priesting at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday 28 June 2025. **£6**

**Cardington, Beds.** (S Mary) 2 Jul, 1282 Cassiobury S Major: Liz Middleton 1, Susan V Gambling 2, Roger Baldwin 3, Ann Evans 4, Brian D Crawley 5, Claire C Nicholson 6, Russell A Brown 7, Richard Sales (C) 8. **£8**

**Carhampton, Som.** 29 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Dave Isom 1, Susan Mew 2, Emily Feldberg 3, Andrew Palk (C) 4, David Walmsley 5, Mark Davies 6. 1st on Treble & completes Level 3 of Learning the Ropes: 1. Last ring on the bells before their refurbishment. **£6**

**Carlisle Cathedral.** (Holy & Undivided Trinity) 29 Jun, 1344 PB Major: Anne East 1, Ruth Gilbert 2, Nikki Tompkinson 3, Simon Durrant 4, Peter Gardner 5, Ed Gosden 6, Nick Tithcott (C) 7, Sally Walker 8. Rung prior to Evensong celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the end of WWII & also celebrating the installation of Canon Peter Gunstone as Canon Precentor at Carlisle Cathedral this morning. **£8**

**Castor, Cambs.** 28 Jun, 1260 Silver Wedding Doubles: Clara Pedersen 1, David Banks (C) 2, Deborah Bray 3, Stuart Weston 4, Joseph P D Booker 5, Julian Burton 6. Rung to celebrate the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Jon & Ann Ardron. **£6**

**Chard, Som.** 28 Jun, 1264 PB Major: Becky Dunnett 1, Liz Rendell 2, Mark B Place 3, Patrick Rendell 4, Keith E Beale 5, Oliver J W Crowle 6, Clifford R Nicholls 7, Jonathan C Hetherington (C) 8. 1 of 4. **£6**

**Cold Ashby, Northants.** 22 Jun, 1272 Midsummer D Minor: Helen Camps 1, Jenny Ball 2, Simon Dixon 3, Liz Reading 4, Steve Millington 5, Alistair Donaldson (C) 6. Rung on Midsummer Day to celebrate the Birthday today of Tower Captain Liz Reading. Happy Birthday Liz! **£6**

**Compton Dundon, Som.** 12 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Leslie E Perry 1, Ken Brown 2, Helen Brown 3, Beverley Perry 4, Nicola J Galton 5, Nicholas J Green (C) 6. **£6**

**Cottesbrooke, Northants.** 26 Jun, 1250 Stand S Major: Richard Johnson 1, Sarah Bence 2, Pam M Bailey 3, Liz Reading 4, Simon Dixon (C) 5, Steve Millington 6, Alistair Donaldson 7, Jim Bence 8. 1st in m for all. **£8**

**Coventry, W Mids.** (Cathedral) 26 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: R Joy Pluckrose 1, Zack M Poulton 2, Raymon A Sheasby 3, Noah M Poulton 4, Andrew F Alldrick (C) 5, Jonathon R Chester 6, Oliver J Poulton 7. With best wishes to Ruth Border & Geoff Pratt for their continuing good convalescence. By those who were able to make it to practice night. **£7**

**Coventry, W Mids.** (Cathedral) 29 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Clare G Poulton 1, Audrey M Alldrick 2, Andrew F Alldrick (C) 3, Zack M Poulton 4, Noah M Poulton 5, Oliver J Poulton 6. Rung prior to Petertide Ordination of Deacons service. Especially for Revd Louisa Peet, ordained at this service & rung by a

band that also ring at Stoke, St Michael where she will serve her curacy. She was until recently Chaplain at Blue Coats School Coventry where 4, 5 & 6 are currently pupils & the family Q was completed with mum on 1 & grandparents on 2 & 3. **£6**

**Darton, S Yorks.** 22 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Alison M McCormack 1, Helen Fuller-Whelan 2, Melanie Newman 3, Trevor C Ledger (C) 4, Alan M Shelbourn 5, Simon A Fisher 6. A farewell compliment to the Assistant Curate, Revd Emily Lawrence. Rung immediately after her final service at Darton. Wishing her all the very best as she prepares to take up her new ministry as Vicar of the parishes of St Mary, South Elmsall & St Margaret, North Elmsall, West Yorkshire. **£6**

**Dawlish, Devon.** 28 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Graham Tucker 1, Mike Wigney (C) 2, Roger King 3, Richard Shere 4, Lesley Tucker 5, Janet Deem 6, Peter Simpson 7, Henry Grice 8. 1st on 8: 8. **£4**

**Derby.** (S Peter) 1 Jul, 1320 PB Doubles: Alan Rowe 1, Corinne Shelton (C) 2, Alec Humphrey 3, Steve Harpham 4, Jana Pavova 5, Constance Kane 6. 1st Doubles as C. Rung on the front six using the simulator. **£3**

**Derby.** (S Peter) 4 Jul, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Corinne Shelton 1, Frances A Booth 2, Jana Pavova 3, Bernard Taylor 4, Alan Rowe 5, Steve Harpham (C) 6. 1st in m as C. Rung on the front six using the simulator. **£3**

**Edenbridge, Kent.** 29 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Andy Wickenden 1, Jane Wroe 2, Richard Dyson (C) 3, Louise Nightingale 4, Carl Nightingale 5, Tim Crook 6. Rung for Patronal Festive Evensong & to mark Chris Baldwin's 60th Birthday. **£4**

**Exeter, Devon.** (S Mark) 3 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Matthew Hilling (C) 1, Toby Hilling 2, Emily Watts 3, Lesley Tucker 4, Andrew Digby 5, Kate Fulcher 6, David Hird 7, Graham Tucker 8. 1st inside: 2. **£4**

**Farnborough, Kent.** (S Giles) 25 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): Lesley Barclay 1, Peter A Norwood 2, Svetlana Sokolova 3, Oscar Brooks-Wilkins 4, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 5. **£5**

**Farnborough, Kent.** (S Giles) 17 Jun, 1280 Bristol S Major: Kath White 1, Fraser A Storie 2, Jane L Kostelnyk 3, Svetlana Sokolova 4, Jacqueline M Barlow 5, Nicholas Wilkins 6, Steve Coaker (C) 7, Janice A Byrne 8. 1st Bristol: 4. **£6**

**Farnborough, Kent.** (S Giles) 22 Jun, 1320 PB Minor: Catherine M Lewis 1, Philippa J Rooke 2, Angela Wilkins 3, Martin B Sutcliffe 4, Nicholas Wilkins 5, Oscar Brooks-Wilkins (C) 6. 1st Minor as C. A Q for a Q of a century - congratulations to Angela & John on their silver Wedding Anniversary on 21st June. **£3**

**Farnborough, Kent.** (S Giles) 1 Jul, 1344 Cassiobury S Major: Judith Bagshaw 1, Anne M Anthony 2, J Richard Anthony 3, Jane L Kostelnyk 4, Jacqueline M Barlow 5, Janice Byrne 6, Nicholas Wilkins 7, Steve Coaker (C) 8. **£6**

**Froxfield, Hants.** 29 Jun, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Nicholas A M James 1, Francesco P Greenslade (C) 2, Rachael A Barber 3, James A Wedley 4, George Whiteside 5, Jason P Wedley 6. 1st in principle: 4. Circles the tower: 2. Rung to open the Froxfield Fete. **£2**

**Giggleswick in Craven, N Yorks.** 3 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Gillian M Parrington 1, Steven M Soames 2, George S Parker 3, Sue Neal 4, D Annabel Preston (C) 5, Stuart J Heath 6. 1st Minor inside: 2. 1st Minor as C. **£6**

**Gloucester.** (Cathedral) 29 Jun, 1320 PB Cinques: Isabel Hitchings 1, Reg Hitchings 2, Anne Stewart 3, Peter J Harris 4, Derek Harbottle 5, Jo Gifford 6, Rachel Coates 7, Stuart Tomlinson 8, John Simms 9, Mike Seagrave 10, John Gibson (C) 11, Will Ruck 12. Rung for Evensong. **£6**

**Goldhanger, Essex.** 29 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Yvonne A Towler 1, Sarah Knights 2, Andrew R C Kelso 3, Emily S Ashton 4, John Keeble 5, David M Hengeli (C) 6. 1st S as C. **£6**

**Goodrich, Herefs.** 29 Jun, 1272 Burslem D Minor: Tyler J J Edwards 1, Andrew Watkins 2, Kris Perruzza 3, Fran Watkins 4, Tim D Hollinghurst 5, Adam Crocker (C) 6. Rung in celebration of the ordination of Susannah Peppiatt, friend of the band, who is being ordained this afternoon at Llandaff Cathedral. **£6**

**Great Rollright, Oxon.** (The Stallpits Ring) 21 Jun, 1272 PB Minimus: Hamish Winsler 1, Tony Crabtree (C) 2, Sue McCouaig 3, Kit Margey 4. 1st Minimus: 1,3,4. For Great Rollright "Midsummer Madness" event. **£10**

**Gressenhall, Norfolk.** 1 Jul, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Nikki R Thomas 1, Frank W Rivett 2, Guy W Morton 3, Ruth Suggett 4, Martin J Kirk 5, Catherine R Sturgess 6, Philippa M Whittington 7, Simon A Rudd (C) 8, Michael G Clements 9, Timothy P Hart 10. **£10**

**Hackney, London.** 30 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Isabel G Newton-Collins 1, Ruth Jakeman 2, Jess Pumphrey 3, Martin Sutcliffe 4, Alan Regin 5, Tim Mills (C) 6, Tomas Brantmayer 7. Rung omitting 2nd with tenor cover. Organised to congratulate Tomas on his appointment as composer-in-residence with a symphony orchestra in Chile, his country of origin. With the best wishes of the Hackney Band & thank you for learning to ring full circle ringing while here. **£7**

**Hawkey, Hants.** 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ellen R Barber 1, Annabel R Clements 2, Erin M E Ingram 3, Lauren E Kidd 4, Katherine M Wilkins 5, Francesco P Greenslade 6, Stephen T Wise (C) 7, James A Wedley 8. 1st in m: 2,4,5. 1st Triples as C. Rung by a band aged entirely 18 & under. With best wishes to all the young ringers participating in the Ringing World National Youth Contest this weekend in Birmingham. **£1**

**Heighington, Durham.** 15 Jun, 1320 Uckinghall S Minor: Jack Hanlon (C) 1, Anthea Enzor 2, Chris Enzor 3, Helen Scott 4, Ashley Law 5, Chris Mansfield 6. Circled the tower: 1. **£1**

**Holborn, London.** (S Andrew Holborn) 29 Jun, 1263 Stedman Triples: Stephanie Pattenden (C) 1, Persephonea Murphy 2, Rachel Billinge 3, Diane Reynolds 4, James Ansell 5, David Holdridge 6, Ian Mills 7, Ines Picchioni 8. Rung prior to the Ordination of Priests & Solemn Pontifical Mass on the Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul. **£8**

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**Holborn, London.** (S Andrew Holborn) 2 Jul, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Stephanie Pattenden (C) 1, Robert Lewis 2, Louise Booth 3, Persephonea Murphy 4, Ines Picchioni 5, James Ansell 6, Rachel Billinge 7, Nicholas Wilkins 8. Rung prior to Solemn Votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood in thanksgiving for the Silver Jubilee of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Fr James Wilkinson. **£8**

**Iminster, Som.** 28 Jun, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Mark B Place 1, Keith E Beale 2, David P Hammonds 3, Jonathan C Hetherington (C) 4, Oliver J W Crowle 5, Richard O Gibson 6, A C John Davis 7, Clifford R Nicholls 8. 4 of 4. Edward Westlake who was supposed to have been in the band for all 4 Qs today but was sadly incapacitated, wishes to be associated with this performance.

**Ipswich, Suffolk.** (Minster Church of St Mary le Tower) 29 Jun, 1372 PB Triples: Claire Haynes 1, James Smith (C) 2, Diana Pipe 3, Jill Birkby 4, Ivan Culham 5, Amanda Richmond 6, David Lugg 7, George Heath-Collins 8. For the ordination as priest of Gregor Purdie, Curate. **£8**

**Keele, Staffs.** (Woodlands) 2 Jul, 1280 Bristol S Major: Stephen Horton 1, Frank Morton 2, Nicholas Green 3, Harold Dowler 4, Nicola Galton 5, Stephen Askew 6, Timothy Davis 7, Michael Wilshaw (C) 8. 1st Bristol: 5. Well done Nik. Rung at the culmination of a 'Woodlands Wednesday Workshop' session. **£1**

**Kensington, London.** (S Mary Abbots) 22 Jun, 1275 Stedman Caters: Stephanie Pattenden (C) 1, Ines Picchioni 2, Persephonea Murphy 3, Olivia Hunt 4, Bethan Hensman 5, Miles Baker 6, Penelope Sharpe 7, Laurence Bourton 8, Peter Emery 9, Andrew Hodgson 10. For Evensong. 1st Stedman Caters: 3. **£10**

**Knowle, W Mids.** (S John Bapt, St Lawrence, & St Anne) 29 Jun, 1260 Doubles (5m): Judith Taylor 1, Rowena Shipley 2, Emma Lansbery 3, Stephen Shipley (C) 4, Jayne Shipley 5, Bob Lynock 6. 1st blows in St Martin's & St Nicholas & 1st mixed Doubles inside: 3. For the evening service. **£3**

**Leckhampton, Glos.** 29 Jun, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Isabel Hitchings 1, Reg Hitchings 2, Barbara Pettit 3, Mike Hartley 4, Chris Hickey 5, Pat Hickey 6, Anthony P Foster 7, Stuart Tomlinson (C) 8. 700th together: 2.4. **£4**

**Lightcliffe, W Yorks.** 27 Jun, 1344 Yorkshire S Major: David J Townend 1, Rebecca Kirby 2, Alex W Wain 3, Alan M Trebble 4, Carole Kirby 5, Peter C Kirby 6, Lorraine Trebble 7, Andrea P L Wain 8. Rung strictly silent & non-conducted. 1st S&NC Major by all. **£6**

**Little Hadham, Herts.** 25 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Anne Sloan 1, Nicholas D Hughes 2, Patricia Cresshull 3, Ian Cresshull 4, Jeremy Piron 5, Fred Bone (C) 6. 1st TB: 1. **£6**

**Lodsworth, W Sussex.** 29 Jun, 1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Julia Brunt 1, Ellen R Barber 2, Rachael A Barber 3, Brian J Underwood 4, Francesco P Greenslade (C) 5, R Alan Barber 6. Rung for the St Peter's Festival Service. **£1**

**Longcot, Oxon.** 29 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: David Wright 1, Erica Crabtree 2, Tracey Wright 3, Tony Crabtree 4, Kit Margey 5, Jonathan Wright (C) 6.

**Longcot, Oxon.** 4 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Joe Norton 1, Lindsay Powell 2, Tracey Cooper 3, Jonathan Wright 4, Kit Margey (C) 5, Tony Crabtree 6. Wishing the OGD Youth Team all the best for the Ringing World National Youth Contest. Conducted by a member of the band. **£6**

**Longstanton, Cambs.** 29 Jun, 1280 PB Doubles: Clare E Wilkes 1, Oliver Probert (C) 2, T A Arana Tagle (C) 3, Brinley T Wilkes (C) 4, Thomas W Green (C) 5, William Hough 6. RWNVC practices. 50th Birthday compliments to Rhyan Probert, father of 2.

**Loughborough, Leics.** (Bell Foundry Tower) 2 Jul, 1344 Isles Of Scilly S Major: Judith A Godfrey 1, Brenda Parr 2, Mark P Banner 3, Rebecca M Banner 4, Alison M Godfrey 5, Andrew D Higson (C) 6, Martin Jones 7, Nicholas J Parr 8. **£4**

**Maidstone, Kent.** (S Michael & All Angels) 29 Jun, 1272 S Minor (2m): Jane L Kostelnyk 1, Jacqueline Barlow 2, Philip Jarvis 3, Mark Elvers 4, Kath White 5, Neil Jones (C) 6. Rung on the Feast Day of St Peter & St Paul. **£3**

**Maidstone, Kent.** (S Michael & All Angels) 30 Jun, 1260 St Martin's Bob Triples: Philip Jarvis 1, Emma Jarvis 2, Jacqueline Barlow 3, Steve Newlands 4, Janice Byrne 5, Mark Elvers 6, Stephen Coaker (C) 7, Pam Thomas 8. 1st in m: 4. Congratulations to Father Paul Matthias on 30 years in the priesthood. **£4**

**Market Lavington, Wilts.** 1 Jul, 1272 Plain Minor (2m): Jane McKee 1, Julia Russell 2, Tim Hawkings 3, Jenny Hancock 4, John A Sealy 5, Chris Bush (C) 6. For Canada Day. During World War I, Canadian troops trained in & around Market Lavington, before deploying to France. The presence of these soldiers, particularly from the Canadian Expeditionary Force, left a lasting impact on the village, with areas like "Canada", "Canada Rise" & "Canada Woods" named in their memory. **£6**

**Merriott, Som.** 27 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Mark B Place 1, Susan Irvine 2, Jonathan C Hetherington 3, Evan Pearce 4, Oliver R Hall (C) 5, Oliver J W Crowle 6. 1st inside (aged 13): 4. **£6**

**Michaelchurch Escley, Herefs.** 29 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Alan Simpson 1, Libby Davis 2, Nick J Chapman 3, Paul Ebery 4, Nick Cooper-Tomkins (C) 5, Jerry Davis 6. Rung to welcome Edward Darran Yeomans born 28th June 2025. Son to Kate & Gareth Yeomans Grandson to Paul & the late Helen Ebery.

**Moulton, Lincs.** (All Saints) 28 May, 1320 Doubles (11m): Ros Nickols 1, Joanne Pearson 2, Robert Simpson 3, Luke Tobin 4, Anthony D Walker (C) 5, Brian E Plummer (cover) 6. **£3**

**Northallerton, N Yorks.** 2 Jul, 1320 Kent TB Minor: David Town 1, Keith Small 2, Dot Salmon 3, Gordon Di Domenico 4, Peter Town 5, Jennie Town (C) 6. **£6**

**Nunburnholme, ER Yorks.** 29 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Karen A Lane 1, Mark F Smith 2, Ian Broster 3, Michael J Hastings 4, Simon Plows 5, Christopher M Baxter (C) 6. 1st Q on the bells with all the ringers being able to see each other. The Nunburnholme Cross has been moved to a new location at the rear of the church. **£6**

**Orlिंगbury, Northants.** 29 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Steve Millington 1, Pam M Bailey 2, Alistair Donaldson 3, Simon H Sweeney 4, Thomas Coulter-Brophy (C) 5, Pete Dyer 6. For the Orllingbury Flower Festival. **£3**

**Ospringe, Kent.** 4 Jul, 1260 Doubles (5m): Gill Rannard 1, Barry Roberts 2, Kate Bispham 3, Claire Stay 4, Tim Ford (C) 5, Richard Bushell 6. **£6**

**Oxford.** (S Thomas M) 13 May, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Stephen J Crawley 1, Timothy G Pett 2, Catherine M A Lane 3, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 4, Simon L Edwards 5, Jon P Tutcher 6, Stuart F Gibson 7, Kelvin R Britton (C) 8.

**Penrith, Cumbria.** 1 Jun, 1274 PB Triples: Gillian Powell 1, Anne East 2, Lynne Sydes 3, Wendy Belsey 4, Charles Radcliffe 5, Duncan Walker (C) 6, Sally Walker 7, Mike Lee 8. 1st as cover on 8: 8. For Evensong. **£8**

**Peterborough, Cambs.** (S Mary) 29 Jun, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: Andrew Christie 1, Diana Street 2, Deborah Bray 3, David Banks (C) 4, Stuart Weston 5, Matthew Bradwell 6, Joseph P D Booker 7, Julian Burton 8. Rung in celebration of Andrew Tinsley's 80th Birthday on 2nd July. Andrew is a former ringer & big supporter of the art & friend to the ringers. Jean, his wife, rings regularly at many local towers & they both called in to listen & share their bumper crop of strawberries. 1st in m inside: 3,7. **£8**

**Peterborough, City of Peterborough.** (Cathedral) 29 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Matthew Bradwell 1, Bill Croft 2, Sarah Bence 3, Diana Street 4, Nicholas Smith 5, Jim Bence 6, Sean Smith 7, Robert Lane (C) 8. For St Peter's Day. Rung prior to Evensong on the light eight. **£4**

**Quadring, Lincs.** 23 May, 1320 Netherseale S Minor: Valerie S Wild 1, Mark Mumby 2, Joanne Pearson 3, Robert Simpson 4, Luke Tobin 5, Anthony D Walker (C) 6. Wishing our fellow ringer Malcolm Sly (Gedney,Sutton St James & Gedney Hill) a speedy recovery. **£3**

**Rayleigh, Essex.** 29 Jun, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Sarah Chin-a-Loy 1, Philip Saunders 2, Lydia Roberts 3, David Buckley 4, Julia Taylor 5, Steve Halliwell 6, John Harpole (C) 7, Trevor Church 8. For the Deanery Songs of Praise service. 1st S Major: 4. 1st TB Major: 1. **£8**

**Rippingale, Lincs.** 27 Jun, 1320 Woodbine D Minor: Valerie S Wild 1, James E Benner 2, Robert Simpson 3, Mark Mumby 4, Anthony D Walker 5, Barry Jones (C) 6. **£3**

**Shanklin, IoW.** (S Saviour on the Cliff) 29 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m/v): Gerry Thornton 1, Barry Downer 2, Kieran Downer (C) 3, Rodney Downer 4, Mike Marlow 5, Jan Hookey 6. Rung to welcome Mabel Freda Skeldon-Downer, second child to Lexi & Kieran, who was born on 2nd June 2025.

**Southwell, Notts.** (Cathedral) 31 May, 1320 Grandsire Cinques: Garry W Mason 1, Nicky Carling 2, Kiera Boylan 3, Andrew D Higson 4, Lewis D Benfield 5, Dexter O Deackes 6, Stephen Hamby 7, John C Davies 8, David G Carling (C) 9, Ian J Maynard-Smith 10, Mark A Boylan 11, Terry M Astill 12. 1st on 12: 6,7,8. 1st on 12 inside: 3. 50th Q: 3. Birthday compliment to 8. **£6**

**Stallingborough, Lincs.** 29 Jun, 1272 Minimus (3m): Patricia A Donnelly 1, Mark F Smith 2, Karen A Lane 3, Barry F Peachey (C) 4. 1st Minimus: 2,3. 1st TD inside: 2.

**Stonebroom, Derbys.** 30 Jun, 1272 Bogedone D Minor: John R Booth 1, Anne E Westman 2, Gillian E Hughes 3, Christopher J Idle 4, Neil A Westman 5, Alec Humphrey (C) 6. **£3**

**Stretton, Ches.** (S Matthew) 30 Jun, 1280 Crewkerne S Major: Pauline Taylor 1, David J Pigg 2, Ian M Ward 3, Linda M Thomson 4, Iain D Scott 5, Graeme A Littler 6, Simon Taylor 7, Nicholas Thomson (C) 8. 1st in m for all. **£8**

**Thurstaston, Wirral.** 2 Jul, 1320 Kent TB Minor: S David Speechley 1, David T G Jones 2, Steven W Hughes (C) 3, Randle T J Tinkler 4, Alice Pettit 5, Peter W Robson 6. Wishing Dawn Ferguson (nee Tinkler) & Riley Ferguson a very Happy Birthday for today. **£6**

**Tostock, Suffolk.** 4 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Andrea Alderton 1, Maureen Gardiner 2, Serena Steggle 3, Mark Steggle 4, Lesley Steed (C) 5, Alex Brett-Holt 6. Rung concurrently with a band at Buxhall to thank Maureen Gardiner for all the superb support she has given to ringing in this area over many years: Suffolk's loss is Dorset's gain. All Maureen's many friends wish to be associated with this Q. **£6**

**Uleby, Lincs.** 29 Jun, 1320 Doubles (5m/v): Michael J Toyne 1, Patricia A Donnelly 2, Michael F Peachey 3, Mark F Smith 4, Barry F Peachey (C) 5, Paul D Wilkinson 6. Rung in support of Cleethorpes Armed Forces Weekend. Thanks to Paul Wilkinson for standing in at no notice.

**Upton Bishop, Herefs.** 29 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Andrew Watkins 1, Tim D Hollinghurst 2, Tyler J Edwards 3, Fran Watkins 4, Kris Perruzza 5, Adam Crocker (C) 6.

**Wambrook, Som.** 28 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m): Keith E Beale (C) 1, Mark B Place 2, Oliver J W Crowle 3, Jonathan C Hetherington 4, Clifford R Nicholls 5. 2 of 4.

**Washington, DC.** (Cathedral) 29 Jun, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Quilla Roth 1, B Haley Barnett (C) 2, Gregory J Watson 3, Meredith A Morris 4, Mary O Clark 5, Robert Bannister 6, Cecily W Rock 7, Robert G Gibson 8. For Sunday service. **£8**

**Whaplode, Lincs.** 16 May, 1260 Doubles (11m): Valerie S Wild 1, Joanne Pearson 2, Mark Mumby 3, Luke Tobin 4, Anthony D Walker (C) 5, P Barry Jones 6. 1st in methods 2: 3,4. **£3**

**Wigton, Cumbria.** 11 May, 1264 PB Major: Ruth Gilbert 1, Anne East 2, Chris J Lamb 3, Ron East 4, John Proudfoot 5, Simon Durrant 6, Duncan Walker (C) 7, David Horne 8. 1st Major: 3. **£8**

**Wimborne Minster, Dorset.** 29 Jun, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Rosalind Martin 1, Trish Hitchins 2, Holly Kilgour 3, David Warwick 4, Mariko Whyte 5, Graham Duke 6, John Riley 7, Flick Warwick 8, Harry Blamire (C) 9, Adam Kilgour 10, Nigel Woodruff 11, Tim Martin 12. Rung for Choral Evensong & also to celebrate the ordination of Revd Marianne Mangham (Curate of Wimborne Minster) at Salisbury Cathedral yesterday & her first celebration of Holy Communion at the Parish Eucharist this morning. **£12**

**Windsor, Berks.** (S John Bapt) 14 Jun, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Vikki E M Bulbeck 1, Claire Shuttleworth 2, James H Moynihan 3, Becki Shuttleworth 4, Bjorn E Bradstock 5, Claire C Nicholson 6, Stephen R Smith II 7, James White (C) 8. To celebrate the Sovereign's Official Birthday.

**Windsor, Berks.** (Curfew Tower, HM Free Chapel of St George, Windsor Castle) 16 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Bjorn E Bradstock 1, Vikki E M Bulbeck 2, R William Willans 3, James White (C) 4, Michael J Palmer 5, Edward C Westlake 6, Stephen R Smith II 7, Maggie Willans 8. Following the service for the Order of the Garter. Fourth touch of the afternoon. Circled the tower 21 times, 9 as C: 4.

**Windsor, Berks.** (Curfew Tower, HM Free Chapel of St George, Windsor Castle) 21 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Sally Schupke 1, Edward C Westlake 2, James White 3, D Giles Winter 4, Tim R Palmer 5, Margaret H Ross (C) 6, Julian Morgan 7, Vikki E M Bulbeck 8. To celebrate the 43rd anniversary of the birth of H. R. H. The Prince of Wales.

**Wraybury, Bucks.** 21 Jun, 1344 Cornwall S Major: Margaret H Ross 1, Sally Schupke 2, Edward C Westlake 3, Vikki E M Bulbeck 4, James White 5, D Giles Winter 6, Tim R Palmer (C) 7, Julian Morgan 8. To celebrate the 43rd anniversary of the birth of H. R. H. The Prince of Wales. 1st in m: 4.

**Writtle, Essex.** 28 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Courtney Mandell 1, Mike Worboys 2, Hazel Steed 3, Philip Saunders 4, John Steed 5, Neil Pasmore (C) 6. 1st S: 2. We wish to associate Yvonne Towler with this Q. Having met short for a 10 bell practice, Yvonne kindly step down to enable a Q attempt. £6

**Aston Rowant, Oxon.** (The White House) 4 Jul, 1280 Lessness S Major: Christopher Tuckett 1-2, Patricia Newton 3-4, Janet Menhinick 5-6, Robert Newton (C) 7-8. £2

**Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.** (2 Castle Road) 30 Jun, 1296 Little Bob Royal: Rowan P Wilson 1-2, Jed Flatters 3-4, Alan P Mayle (C) 5-6, David I Stanford 7-8, Brian E Whiting 9-10. £5

**Cholsey, Oxon.** (Celsea Cottage) 2 Jul, 1344 PB Major: James Champion 1-2, Chris Tuckett 3-4, Millie Gall 5-6, Robert Partridge (C) 7-8. £4

**Edinburgh.** (21b Palmerston Place) 29 Jun, 1264 PB Major: Geoffrey Farquharson 1-2, Barbara J Bell 3-4, Ian P Bell 5-6, Susannah M Ewens (C) 7-8. £4

**Holmes Chapel, Ches.** (10, Selkirk Drive) 30 Jun, 1312 Oxford TB Major: Graeme A Littler 1-2, Nicholas Thomson 3-4, Michael C E Hodge 5-6, John F Murfin (C) 7-8. £4

**Kippax, W Yorks.** (194 Leeds Road) 24 Jun, 1272 Durham S Minor: Susan M Webb 1-2, Phillip R Brook 3-4, Peter J Sanderson (C) 5-6. 400th together: 1-2,3-4. A 60th Birthday compliment to Martin Hardgrave.

**Oxford.** (40 Western Road) 1 Jul, 1260 PB Royal: Alison Felton 1-2, Lisa Ryan 3-4, Peter W Spain 5-6, Millie C Gall 7-8, Christopher Mundy (C) 9-10. £5

**Stanford in the Vale, Oxon.** (4 St Denys Close) 4 Jul, 1344 PB Major: Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 1-2, Lindsay Powell 3-4, Joe Norton 5-6, Zoë Williams (C) 7-8. £4

**Wickford, Essex.** (39A Friern Gardens) 30 Jun, 1344 PB Major: Elizabeth A Coates 1-2, Louisa Hennessy (C) 3-4, Paul A Cammiade 5-6, Stephen G Halliwell 7-8. 1st on 8: 1-2 & as C. 1st on 8 in hand: 7-8.

**Wootton Waven, Warks.** (NB Thistle) 29 Jun, 1296 Sgurr A' Mhadaidh Minimus: Elliot J Daniel 1-2, Luke Daniel (C) 3-4. £2

## Distributed quarters

**Ringling Room, UK.** 4 Jul, 1271 Bourne S Minor: Barbara D Murray 1, Rosemary J Humphrey 2, Sue Portsmouth 3, Simon J O Head 4, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke (North Leigh) 5, Joseph A Sharp (C) 6. Rung by The Bellerophons for US Independence Day & also to wish good luck to all those participating in the Ringing World National Youth Contest tomorrow. 690th together: 1,3. 350th virtual together: 3,5. 240th virtual together: 5,6. 180th together: 3,4. 170th together: 4,5. £12

**Ringling Room, UK.** 5 Jul, 1296 Launceston TB Minimus: Rosemary J Humphrey (C) 1, Barbara D Murray 2, Sue Portsmouth 3, Joseph A Sharp 4. 1st in m: 2 & as a C. Longest length in m on Ringing Room. 760th together: 1,2. 610th together: 1,4. To congratulate all who took part in the Ringing World National Youth Contest & their crew. £4

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## Late Performance

**Bristol.** (The Mount Without) 10 Dec 2023, 1260 Doubles (3m): Imogen McAra 1, Elaine Scudamore 2, Gareth Lawson 3, Russell Scudamore 4, Josephine Leggett (C) 5, Thomas Sherwood 6. 1st Q: 1.

## Congratulating Kath Burgess, B.E.M.

The quarter peal at Weaverham, Cheshire on 29th Sunday June 2025 was rung to congratulate Kathryn Burgess on the award of the British Empire Medal in the King's Birthday honours for services to girls' football. Kath is a regular Sunday service member of the Weaverham band but her main passion is football.

Kath and her husband Fred set up a schoolgirls' league in 1995 with six 11-a-side teams from across Cheshire and one from Shropshire playing home and away. After a few years Kath persuaded the local leisure complex near Weaverham to allow the girls to use their pitches as a central venue every Saturday morning. Kath then did a coaching qualification and qualified as a referee and referee mentor. Among the roles she has held have been fixtures secretary, referees appointments secretary and she is now treasurer and general administrator. There are now over 40 Clubs and 174 teams from across Cheshire playing in single age group competitions from U8s to U16s. As a result of Kath's involvement in girls' football she was elected President of the Mid Cheshire District FA until its demise when the FA restructured the organisation. She was on the County FA as women and girls representative, and is now a Fellow of the County FA. Kath also sits on English FA Discipline Panels to adjudicate on breaches of FA Laws by players, clubs, spectators and referees.

Unknown to Kath, Fred and other committee members gathered all the supporting evidence over the last couple of years to put Kath forward for the award, which was announced last month.

Fortunately, football matches are held on a Saturday morning so don't interfere with Sunday ringing. The band were very happy to ring a quarter peal to congratulate Kath who no doubt has helped many young girls with their footballing skills over the last 30 years.

The quarter was rung on a very hot evening but Daniel rang his first quarter of Surprise inside impeccably.

PAM THOMSON

**Weaverham, Ches.** 29 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Pamela Thomson 1, Daniel J R Adderley 2, Ian R F Simpson 3, Nicholas J Harris 4, David A Fulton 5, Peter Wilkinson (C) 6. Rung to congratulate Kathryn Burgess, a member of the local band, on the award of the British Empire Medal (B.E.M.) in the King's Birthday honours for services to girls football. 1st S inside: 2. 350th together: 1,6. £10

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## Fathers' Day Weekend

**Burbage, Wilts.** (All Saints) 13 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Daniel Knight 1, Rusty Hartley 2, David A C Matthews (C) 3, James M Mackenzie 4, Simon D G Webb 5.

**Castle Eaton, Wilts.** 13 Jun, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Pl Doubles: Ann Eyles 1, Rusty Hartley 2, David A C Matthews 3, Simon D G Webb (C) 4, Daniel Knight 5, James M Mackenzie 6. Circled tower - 4.

**Chilton Foliat, Wilts.** 13 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rusty Hartley (C) 1, Daniel Knight 2, James M Mackenzie 3, David A C Matthews 4, Simon D G Webb 5.

**Kempford, Glos.** 13 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Simon D G Webb 1, David A C Matthews 2, Rusty Hartley 3, James M Mackenzie 4, Peter J Harris 5, Daniel Knight (C) 6.

**Lambourn, Berks.** 13 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P Wendy Campbell 1, Simon D G Webb 2, Daniel Knight 3, David A C Matthews 4, James M Mackenzie 5, Peter J Harris 6, Ian L C Campbell (C) 7, Rusty Hartley 8.

**Longcot, Oxon.** 13 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: James M Mackenzie 1, Rusty Hartley 2, Joe Norton 3, Daniel J Watson 4, P Wendy Campbell 5, Cheryl A Watson (C) 6, Jonathan Wright 7, Ian L C Campbell 8. To celebrate the 30th Wedding Anniversary of David & Tracey Wright. £8

**Buckland, Oxon.** (S Mary V) 14 Jun, 1344 PB Major: Kit Margey 1, Ian L C Campbell 2, P Wendy Campbell 3, Cheryl A Watson 4, Rusty Hartley (C) 5, James M Mackenzie 6, Julian T Watson 7, Simon D G Webb 8.

**Clanfield, Oxon.** 14 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ben Gooch 1, Ian L C Campbell 2, Rusty Hartley 3, P Wendy Campbell 4, James M Mackenzie 5, Jonathan Wright 6, Simon D G Webb (C) 7, Kit Margey 8.

**Faringdon, Oxon.** 14 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Ian L C Campbell 1, Jonathan Wright 2, Simon D G Webb 3, Rusty Hartley 4, P Wendy Campbell 5, Julian T Watson 6, Daniel J Watson (C) 7, James M Mackenzie 8.

**Highworth, Wilts.** 14 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (3m): James M Mackenzie 1, Rusty Hartley 2, P Wendy Campbell 3, Carole A Wood 4, Simon D G Webb (C) 5, Jonathan Wright 6, Peter Eyles 7, Ian L C Campbell 8. Dedicated to Chris Dunster, who was Tower Captain here in the 70s & 80s.

## Graduation ringing at St Andrew's

The graduation ceremonies at St Andrews University have been accompanied by ringing from St Salvators chapel since the six bells were installed nearly 15 years ago. This year was no exception and we typically ring before the chapel service and then before and after each of two ceremonies per day for the week. The undergraduate students will mostly have gone home by this time of the year – we have an encouraging group who have learned this year. This year our numbers for graduation week were boosted by visiting ringers from Edinburgh

and Dundee, which helped a great deal, and 15 different ringers took part in total. We rang a quarter each day in addition to the other planned sessions. These included a first quarter for Weihe Yang (杨苇荷), who graduated last year, and some rapid steps forward for David Groves.

We warmly welcome new and existing ringers at St Andrews and hope to build on the positives of the academic year just ended.

PETER WILLIAMSON

**St Andrews, Fife.** 30 Jun, 1260 Doubles (5m): Rachel C Williamson 1, Matthew J Andrews 2, George W K Stevens 3, Al Rossin 4, Peter J Williamson (C) 5, Weihe Yang (杨苇荷) 6. 1st Q: 6. Weihe learned to ring in St Andrews & graduated in 2024. For the 2025 St Andrews graduation. **£4**

**St Andrews.** 1 Jul, 1289 Grandsire Doubles: David Groves 1, Al Rossin 2, Peter J Williamson 3, Matthew J Andrews 4, George W K Stevens (C) 5, Christina G Howie 6. 1st Q away from cover for 1. Rung for University of St Andrews graduations. **£4**

**St Andrews, Fife.** 2 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Geoffrey Farquharson 1, David Groves 2, Peter J Williamson 3, George W K Stevens 4, Matthew J Andrews (C) 5, Andrew MacKenzie 6. 1st Q on an inside bell for 2. Rung in celebration for all those graduating from University of St Andrews. **£4**



The mixed doubles band, left to right. (photo Peter Williamson)

**St Andrews, Fife.** 3 Jul, 1320 Minor (2m): Peter J Williamson 1, Elinor Farquharson 2, Stephen A Elwell-Sutton 3, Jason W Pollock 4, Matthew J Andrews 5, George W K Stevens (C) 6. Rung for the University graduations today, especially that of Al Rossin, tower captain emeritus, who graduated this morning with his PhD. **£4**

**St Andrews, Fife.** 4 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Carly Cooper 1, David Groves 2, Rachel C Williamson 3, Peter J Williamson 4, George W K Stevens 5, Matthew J Andrews (C) 6. Rung in celebration for all those graduating from the University of St Andrews today. 1st Q of minor: 2. **£4**

**Swindon, Wilts.** (Christ Church) 15 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Ann Eyles 1, Simon D G Webb 2, Ben Gooch 3, Rusty Hartley 4, P Wendy Campbell 5, Ian L C Campbell (C) 6, Jeremy Samson 7, Matthew A Skues 8, Gordon Belcher 9, Nick Allingham 10. For morning service.

## CC Weekend 5-7 September, Sheffield

I am pleased to confirm the booking site is now open for the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers Annual Council Meeting and Roadshow weekend taking place in Yorkshire.

You don't need to be a CC Rep to attend either the ACM or the Roadshow. You can book on as much, or as little as you want over the weekend, but booking is essential. You can even order a Yorkshire 2025 polo shirt.

It all starts on the Friday with two ringing routes into Sheffield:

1. Wortley and Ecclesfield
2. South Anston and Whiston

Both routes then merge at St Marie's Catholic Cathedral, then on to the Anglican Cathedral followed by the social event.

On Saturday, the Ringing World AGM is followed by the CCCBR Annual Council Meeting. Meeting papers etc will be available from the CCCBR website in due course. There's another chance to network and discuss developments from the day at the social event in the evening.

Sunday sees the roadshow at the conference venue with lots of exhibitors in the fields of engineering, leadership, heritage, skill and inclusion. There will be a number of mini rings available and some interesting talks and interactive sessions:

- Gareth Davies – “Ringers... a scandal to the Church, and a disgrace to themselves”
- Tina Stoecklin – “What does karate teach us?”
- Jayden Milby – an interactive workshop on all you need to know about creating engaging media content – bring your tablet or laptop along!
- Andrew Slade – Ringing 2030 – a Yorkshire Association perspective
- Linda Garton – “We've always done it like that!” Transforming your Guild or Association: from the Past to a Sustainable Future

In the run-up to the Central Council weekend in September, we will be sharing regular updates on some of the attractions of the weekend's events. Confirmed exhibitors include those specialising in hardware, peal boards, ropes, membership groups and more.

Full details of all exhibitors and speakers will appear in the final version of the weekend programme.

Book your place, for as little or as much as you want here: <https://events.cccbr.org.uk/product/annual-meeting-2025/>

Booking is essential, so please don't delay. The deadline is 17th August 2025.

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Executive

Notes of the meeting held on Saturday 25th  
June, by Zoom.

**Present:** Tina Stoecklin (President), Vicki  
Chapman (Deputy President), Fergus Stracey  
(Treasurer), Ernie de Legh-Runciman  
(Secretary), Ian Roulstone, Beverly Faber

**Apologies:** Peter Harrison, Catherine Lane  
**In attendance:** Angela Elliott (CCCBR  
Public Relations Officer)

1. The minutes of the Executive held on 24th May were approved.
2. The 2024 CCCBR accounts were approved, and will be forwarded to the Independent Examiner.
3. The Executive discussed the timing of the 2025 budget review, agreeing to postpone it to July 26th to align with the ACM papers.
4. The Mobile Belfry Trust has asked for £2000.00, as previously agreed, to be released to them. This was agreed.
5. The Executive discussed the report received from the Membership Types Task Group, set up to look at representation to the Council. Following discussion, it was agreed to hold two open meetings on this topic before the deadline for submission of motions for the Annual Council meeting. (Post meeting note. These will be on 14th and 17th July, by Zoom)
6. The Executive discussed using funds from the Wendy Piercy bequest to provide summer honorariums for students to work on university ringing



and young ringers hub projects. They agreed to allocate up to £6,000 for three students at £2,000 each, with the work to be completed by September 2025.

The Executive also discussed potential uses for the remaining £6,000 of the bequest, including hiring professional help to progress the Ringing 2030 project. They agreed to develop proposals for spending the remaining funds by the next meeting.

7. John Lagdon has agreed to step down from the role of Ringing 2030 Marketing Workgroup Lead due to other commitments, including the SW Course. John's contribution to the work of the Marketing task group was acknowledged, and the Executive expressed their thanks to John. It is hoped that John will remain an active member of the group.

The Executive appointed Angela Elliott to the role of Ringing 2030 Marketing Workgroup Lead. This is to run concurrently with her role as CCCBR Public Relations Officer.

8. The organisation for the 2025 Annual Council meeting is progressing well. The formal notice of the meeting, together with requests for motions and nominations will be issued in the next week. Publicity regarding the roadshow will also be ramping up.

The next meeting of the Executive will be on Sunday 27th July 2025.

ERNIE DE LEGH-RUNCIMAN

**50 Years Ago in *The Ringing World***

18 July 1975

*Selected by the Editor*

**From Dorset for a peal**

The peal on June 20 at Bristol Cathedral was much more than the normal Friday evening monthly attempt. John Hunt, who was Ringing Master at the Cathedral from 1958 to 1973, had been tempted out from his self-imposed ringing semi-retirement in Dorset to attempt his 100th peal on the bells. For John, consistently Bristol's leading peal-ringer in the '60s and once national leading peal ringer (how long ago?!), this was only his second attempt of the year.

The band was carefully chosen to represent John's association with the Cathedral over the years. Lis Bowden had rung in his first peal there on 4 July, 1959, and many of the rest of the band have rung well over 100 peals with John, many of these at the Cathedral. The only person missing was Gill Hunt. It would have been the husband and wife's 300th together had she been persuaded to ring.

The 100 peals are quite an achievement when one considers that only 130 peals have been rung on the bells since their installation in 1958, and that next to John comes Pat

Bird, who only completed his 50th on the bells on this occasion.

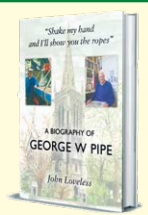
The peal was fitting to the occasion – Bristol Surprise Major rung in the comparatively sedate time of 3 hours 17 minutes. It was one of the best peals the participants could remember on the bells; and who else could it be rung for but the Bristol Society? Afterwards the band adjourned to the "Mauretania", where John was presented with a tankard inscribed: "Bristol Cathedral . D. John Hunt . Ringing Master 1958 73. 100 peals on the bells. 20th June 1975."

*The peal was printed in *The Ringing World*, issue 3351, page 588.*

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NOTICES

**Weekday Meetings and Practices**

**LADIES GUILD SE** District Summer Meeting, Tuesday 22nd July. Lyminge (8) 10.15 to 11.15am, Saltwood (6) 11.45am to 12.45pm. Everyone is welcome. 3001

**Death**

**MILLS**, Roy David, passed away peacefully at home on 27th June 2025 at the age of 79. His funeral service will be held on Wednesday 30th July at 12 noon at St Michael and All Angels Church, Ledbury. The bells will be rung before and for a short time after the service and ringers attending the service are welcome to visit the tower. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the work of St Richard's Hospice. Donations may be made at the church or via Jackson Family Funeral Directors, De Lys, Wells Road, Malvern WR14 4JL. Afterwards you are invited for refreshments at Malvern St James School in the York Hall. Please email [barbaramills50@gmail.com](mailto:barbaramills50@gmail.com) if you are planning to attend for catering purposes. Parking for the school is at the MSJ Sports Hall on Barnard's Green Road and the entrance to the school is through the gates on the opposite side of the road. (There is no parking in the school on the Avenue Road side). 3102

**CLIVE**, Dennis of Great Barr, West Midlands passed away on 11 July aged 94 after a short illness. He had been a member of the Lichfield and Walsall Archdeaonries Society and its predecessor for over 50 years. Funeral arrangements will be published in due course. Please contact me for further information: Rob Clive [rob\\_dad@sebhomes.co.uk](mailto:rob_dad@sebhomes.co.uk) 3103

**RILEY**, Audrey of Somerset, sadly passed away on 18th June after a period of illness. She was a keen bellringer for over 70 years. Her funeral was on 14th July at St Mary's Church in Templecombe. 3104

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**S**trategy was a weekend residential (camping) event for Scouts, Explorers and Rangers based at Cirencester Park, Gloucestershire. This large event was attended by approximately three thousand young people aged from 10 to 18 – exactly the age group Ringing 2030 aims to attract but which we find most difficult to reach. However, the national organisers of the event remembered the Essex International Jamboree last year and how popular the mini-ring there was. They made enquiries to the Mobile Belfries Trust about the possibility of bell ringing being one of the activities available at Cirencester on the Sunday (the final day of the event). Eventually Roger Haynes, Chairman of the Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association, was approached about supplying some ringers and seized upon the invitation.

The Charmborough Ring was arranged by the Mobile Belfries Trust and we were keen to maximise the potential of this opportunity. As with the Scout Jamboree in Essex last year, the organisers of the event made it abundantly clear that it would not be permissible to record the personal details of any individual under 18, no matter how keen they might be to learn to ring.

There would be three main challenges:

1. To attract the youngsters to our “stand” competing with all the other attractive options available to them on the day
2. To give them a memorable experience so that they would want to approach their local tower after they returned home
3. To measure success

Roger discussed these challenges with the Association Management Committee and it became clear that the best people to promote ringing to young people would be young people. Simple! The G&B Youth Team embraced the idea with their usual enthusiasm.

At 9.30 on Sunday 22nd June a team of seven teenagers and seven adults gathered at the Charmborough Ring which had been delivered and constructed that morning. The first task was to let the young ringers familiarise themselves with the bells and then give them a pep talk regarding what was expected of them. They were keen but apprehensive, especially when it dawned on them that they were being given the responsibility of giving practical bell handling lessons to people who knew nothing about ringing.

We asked them how they thought they should begin the process and quickly build a



Photos Ian Bucknell

## it was amazing to watch their confidence grow

relationship with their “learner”. Faced with blank faces, we taught them a basic word pattern – “Hello, I am (name), would you like to have a go. Yes! Great. What is your name and where are you from?” We told them that they should give clear instructions and lots of praise. For teenagers, this was quite a challenge but, as the morning progressed it was amazing to hear them do this and to watch their confidence grow.

We opened for business on time at 10am. This is how we did with regard to the three challenges:

1. **Attracting attention:** Well, for the next four hours, we didn’t stop – even during a short but heavy shower of rain. The sound of the bells did the work for us. There is clearly a genuine interest in bells and what we do. There were no wisecracks, poking fun or misbehaviour – just genuine interest.

2. **Taking it up at home:** We may never know how impactful we were but we saw plenty of smiling faces and a lot of determined effort from all the youngsters who visited us. However, what we found really interesting, and raises questions for future activity, was the enthusiasm of adult scout leaders who were eager to talk about how they could arrange visits to their local towers for their scout groups. We had not anticipated this, and we now believe that this is the direction that needs to be developed.
3. **Measuring success:** The immediate and obvious benefit was the impact on the young ringers of the G&B Youth Team. We watched their confidence grow, their interpersonal skills improve, their teamwork and friendships develop, and it was clear that their enthusiasm never wavered. For the adults involved, we learned, yet again, to trust our young ringers and that instead of focussing on the barriers (being unable to take the details of under 18s), we must focus on the opportunities i.e develop relationships with fellow adult volunteers (Scout Leaders etc) who have similar mindsets, priorities and challenges to ours.



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# Wedding chimes in Erbistock

by Clare Morris, Pauline Goring and Deryl Crocombe

Toward the end of April, Pauline, was approached by a neighbour with a special request: to ring the bells at her local church for a wedding. The church is St Hilary's, a beautiful little church nestled on the banks of the River Dee in Erbistock. Its bells, set in a bellcote on the west gable end, are hung in trefoil-headed apertures, and are rarely heard these days, making the occasion all the more special.

Pauline was absolutely delighted to be asked, and to prepare, called upon Clare, her tower captain at Overton-on-Dee, to come and scope out the bells with her. After a brief trial of chiming, it quickly became clear that they needed a third person to manage them Text box properly. They reached out to Deryl, a fellow ringer from Bangor on Dee, who agreed to join them.

Together, the three of them were able to bring the bells of St Hilary's to life once more, marking a joyous celebration with a sound that hasn't echoed across the Dee in some time.

What did we learn from the experience?

- Be prepared for it to be very different from full circle ringing
- It is quite a workout, so don't underestimate the effort that is needed
- Be realistic, undertake short bursts of four to five minutes, although you do develop a technique and you can ring for longer
- A very small movement result in the chime required, so elbows in and make small jerking movements
- That said, its good fun and if you get the opportunity definitely give it a go.

The chiming was well received by the wedding party and church wardens, although some of the occupants of neighbouring houses were a little surprised to hear the bells, as was the pub next door!

A group of supporting bell ringers came out in force and enjoyed a drink in the beer garden during the performance to support the intrepid chimers.



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July – Dragon

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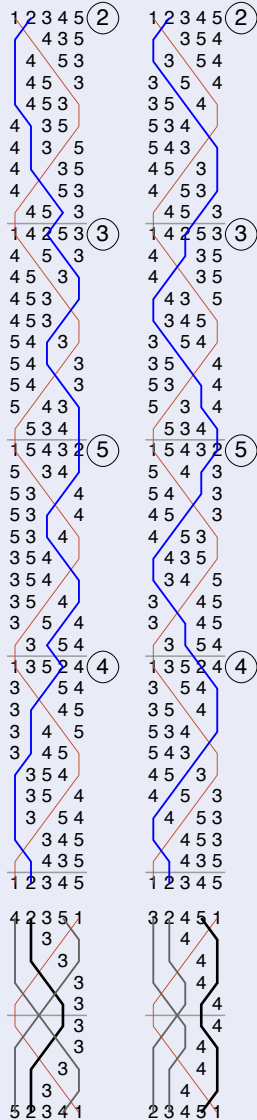
your band this month, you could try one of its component methods.

**Eynesbury Bob Doubles** is one of the St Simon's group: if you've rung St Simon's you may recognise the 3-4 dodges, thirds from the back and long fifths in the middle. The only difference is the long, slow frontwork: four blows at lead and three blows in seconds place. It's this frontwork that makes its way into Dragon Doubles.

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The bobs for each method are shown below the respective plain course, as if they were called at the end of the first lead. In each case,  $bppp \times 3$  gives a touch of 120 and  $bp \times 3$  gives 60.

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Losing our way

'Ringer's blank' can happen to the most confident of ringers and can be extremely embarrassing. Especially if it happens when you're assisting learners and you find yourself crashing through the new learners, knocking half the band out of place and confidently telling the treble to dodge, only to realise that everyone else is ringing plain bob and you're ringing something completely different! Even more embarrassing is when you were the one that called "Go Plain Bob" and you have to then admit you were in the wrong.

The evangelist Paul had a similar moment when he lost sight of God. The book of Acts Chapter 9 tells the story of Paul going blind, and how through the trials of losing his sight he gained a new spiritual insight.



Paul, known as Saul at that time, thought he had all the wisdom and knowledge needed and believed he knew God's will; he had become too self-confident, possibly arrogant. Humility was not a fruit that the young Paul possessed, but the experience of going blind gave him new insight and self-awareness, it changed and transformed him. So blank

moments can be useful, they remind us that trusting in our own confidence and wisdom can be dangerous. Admitting we have lost our way is often the start of a new journey of self-awareness and we too can become changed and transformed much like Saul.

So, praying God blesses you in your blank moments!

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