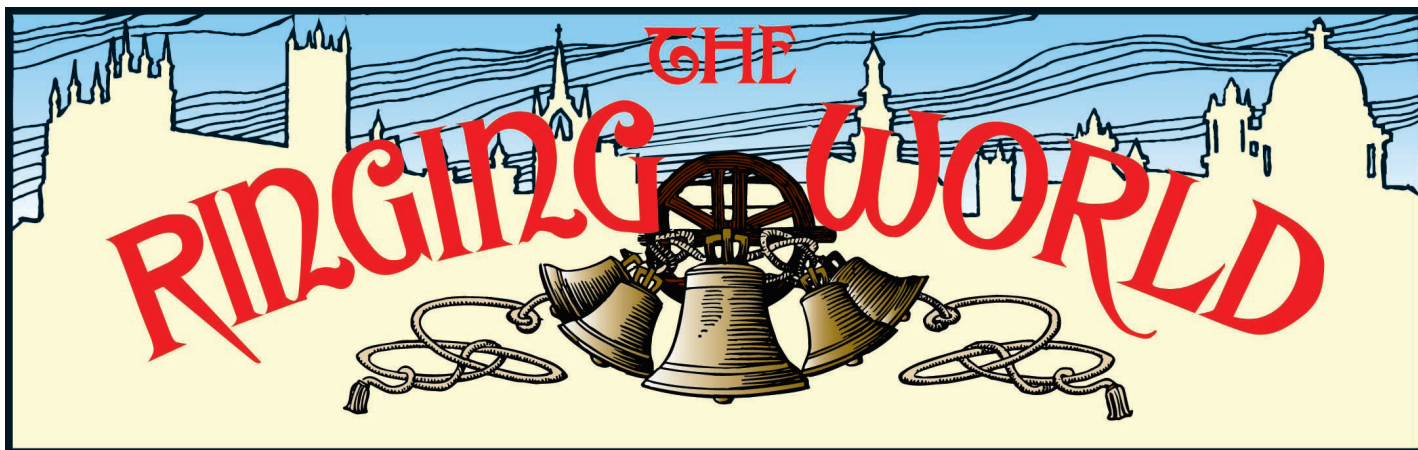




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School Outreach by Mancroft's Appeal300 – first success

by Richard Carter



All hands to the ropes

“How do we attract new ringers?” An oft-heard rejoinder in the pub, following a practice for a handful of mainly forty-somethings and upwards.

Dwindling numbers at practice will usually bring up the well-worn discussion about how to recruit new ringers. It is a problem that ringers have all thought about. We know we must attract new blood into the tower. We are all willing to give of our time to teach new ringers. And we all know how difficult it is to attract new members, especially young ones. So what can we do about it?

This is the issue that we have at St Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and it is exacerbated by the difficulty and draft of our bells, which makes teaching on them almost impossible. We are addressing the ‘bells problem’ by installing dumbbells and computers in a purpose-built Ringing Heritage and Training centre in what is currently the ringing room. This is an exciting resource for the East of England. So to recruiting new blood.

As part of our Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) bid, we have developed a set of activities that we are currently taking into schools. These are intended to provide a ‘ringing taster’ – bait! We are fortunate to have a portable Higby mini ring, ‘The Carter Campanile’, at the centre of our outreach work, but there are also handbells, computers, hand-chimes and wooden bell shapes.

The session is planned to last about an hour. A class of about thirty is split into five groups of six and they rotate around five different tasks, each lasting ten minutes. Children in upper Primary range and above have so far proven to be most suitable. An introduction, including a demonstration of rounds and call changes on the mini ring, and a plenary with a course of Bob Minor on the handbells, accounts for the remaining time.

“I really enjoyed it when we had the bell ringing people to come and my favourite thing was ringing the big bells.” Florrie

Activity 1 – Mini ring

The children are given the opportunity to ring handstrokes and then backstrokes individually, and finally given a go at ringing on their own. This activity needs as many helpers as are available – ideally one to one, but the more gifted and talented among you would be able to double-handle teach. We have found that some get it fairly quickly, while others ...

Activity 2 – BelTutor

Derek Ballard’s wonderful software, *BelTutor* – a cut down, almost free, version of his *BelTower* – is used by pupils to return bells to rounds. A change on four is set up by the group leader and the pupils are shown how,



Steve directs the changes



The Mini Chimers

This activity is designed to show the children how we learn our ‘tunes’. They are shown a blue line, our music, which means absolutely nothing to them! They are given six wooden, differently coloured bell shapes. Each one is numbered so that they have bells numbered 1 - 6. The children put these down in any order on the table in front of them. They are then told that they must get them back to the order 123456. They also have a recording grid: rows of six squares one underneath another. They may only move a bell one place at a time, although they can swap more than one pair. After each move they write down the new order (row) underneath the last one on the grid provided. When they get back to rounds they draw a blue line through one of the numbers and they have their own blue line! This can then be copied out and given a name. Whether it can be rung remains to be seen – and heard!

“I really enjoyed when we played songs on the bells and also when we organised the bell ringers on the computer; finally I liked it when all the real bell ringers played a song!” Hudson

Activity 5 – tune ringing

I purchased a coloured set of very small hand-chimes. They come in a choice of two sizes and we bought the very small ones, which work well (Tobar ‘Rainbow Music Bells’, available online for under £20). The hand-chimes also come with a selection of tunes. These are notated using coloured circles which match the colour of each bell, and there is a number which matches the



number on the bell. The music is quite small so we have reproduced, in a larger format, the tunes that we wanted to use on a spreadsheet and have laminated them so that they last (teachers, even ex ones, love laminating!). The children are worked quickly through three phases:

1. Sing out the bell numbers and point to children as they have to play.
2. Say quietly the bell numbers and point to the ‘score’.
3. Play from the score unprompted.

There is usually time to play two tunes: *Twinkle twinkle little star* and *Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree*. I know these by heart now! If there are handbells available, as there were at the school in the photo, I also try to use these as well, even though they don’t have colours or numbers on them.

Schools are given a letter to send to parents telling them who to get in contact with if they want their child to continue with bell ringing (discussed and agreed with the people and towers concerned). With both of these school visits we have managed to include the ringing master of one of the locally recommended towers as a helper. So if a child does follow up this taster session, they will know one face in the tower.

At present we have visited three schools, so it is too early to judge long-term effects. However, we have already been invited back by the headteachers for next year! We have more planned and hope that once the word gets round we will be inundated!

If you have any questions, do feel free to get in touch with Richard Carter on Pike5039@gmail.com



New handbell tune ringers

Editorial

Our regular columnist Steve Coleman certainly knows how to generate an attention-grabbing headline: “Sex” and “Central Council” (p.475) are not words normally seen or heard in the same sentence. His reputation (deserved or not) as the man who brought a previous incarnation of the RW board and the CC Ringing Trends committee to their knees must have members of CRAG quaking in their boots ...

On a more serious note, *The Ringing World* is always keen to air alternative points of view, and hopefully Steve’s article goes some way to counterbalance the overwhelmingly positive correspondence that we have received to date about the findings of the Council Review Action Group. In this instance we did feel it appropriate, however, to offer the CRAG Chairman, Phil Barnes, an immediate opportunity to respond (*Letters*, p.478).

Hopefully Central Council members will make the time to read the full version of the CRAG report, consult directly those whom they represent about it and take careful note of arguments made in the debate at Edinburgh at the end of this month. Then they must vote according to their own conscience. This may turn out to be one of the most significant annual meetings of recent years.

First Peal Congratulations

Edward B. Groome (Barton Seagrave),
Rebecca J. Sharpe (Sharnbrook), Michael
Philipps (Lytham)

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Church Bell Ringers can be found at:

dove.cccbr.org.uk/home.php

Updates to your tower's information (such as change of practice night) are really helpful to potential visitors.

Also – do please supply full details of your bells and frame if not already shown.

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Early scientific change ringing in Devon

Part 1 – A false dawn

by John Eisel

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Half-pull change ringing, often referred to as scientific change ringing – as opposed to call change ringing – came to Devon in the middle 1860s. The outline of how this came about was elegantly described by John Scott in Devon Bellringing 1874-1975, his history of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers (the first territorial ringing association). However, as research into contemporary newspaper reports has continued, more information has been found that not only adds much detail to his rather broad-brush picture but also illustrates the background. There is a considerable amount of this information, such that a story emerges with several parts, focusing on different people, places and times leading up to the mid 1870s.

In the Devon newspapers in the 1840s, 1850s and early 1860s there are a number of references to change ringing. It must not be assumed that this implies an earlier introduction of scientific or half-pull change ringing, for in general these references are to call-change ringing. Indeed, in Devon today the term 'change ringing' is applied to both call-change ringing and to so-called 'scientific' ringing. In this article, I will be careful to distinguish between them, but any use by me of the term 'change ringing', without qualification, refers to half-pull change ringing.

That there was some awareness of change ringing in Devon before its introduction is evident. A series of letters about change ringing proper appeared in the Exeter press in the summer and autumn of 1862, and correspondents included Samuel Austin, a prominent member of the College Youths. The series developed into a dispute in the pages of the *Western Times*, between Edward Bulled, representing the young ringers of Witheridge, and the old ringers of Witheridge. In one of Bulled's letters, published in the issue of 23rd August 1862, he makes the telling remark: 'I do not think a ringer is any the better ringer for calling the changes as we do here.' This is clear evidence of call changes, at least at Witheridge.

With this awareness of change ringing, a move was set afoot to bring a band of College Youths to Exeter to demonstrate the art, which was supported by the local Architectural Society. On 16th September 1862 the *Western Times* reported that the Revd H. T. Ellacombe (who had joined the

College Youths in 1861) was one of the two secretaries organising this proposed visit. A week later, it was reported that the subscriptions were coming on well, but that Messrs. Seage and Son, iron workers and machinists of Exeter (and later manufacturers of Seage's Apparatus, for practising without disturbing the neighbourhood), had raised concern about the condition of the bells at St Sidwell's. A meeting of the Architectural Society took place on 18th September 1862, and the report of its proceedings which appeared in *Trewman's Exeter Flying Post* six days later, said, in reference to the proposed visit:

'The Rev. Canon Woolcombe stated that the defective nature of the machinery at the Cathedral would prevent the use of the bells there. St Sidwell's was the most effective peal open, and even there the machinery required some repair. The Rev. H. T. Ellacombe observed that the Rev. Mr. Galton had promised everything should be done to place them in an efficient state.'

Ellacombe's confidence in the Revd Mr. Galton's promise was misplaced, however, and because of the poor condition of the bells in Exeter in general the proposed visit never took place. However, it is clear that the idea of a visit to demonstrate change ringing remained. In that same year (1862) a treble was added to the bells of Clyst St George, Ellacombe's own parish, to make a ring of six. These were opened on 24th November 1862, and after a service they were inaugurated by a mixed band of ringers from St Mary 'Redcliff' and St Stephen's, Bristol, who rang two 120s of Grandsire Doubles, 120 Stedman Doubles, and 720s of Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Minor.

This occasion was treated as a showcase for change ringing, and the printed programme listed what was to be rung, and gave an explanation of each touch, explanations which were reproduced in the report of the proceedings that appeared in the *Western Times* on 29th November 1862. Present at the opening were many invited guests, as well as ringers from Exeter and eight other towers. Afterwards the rector entertained the ringers to a dinner at the rectory; they then rang touches on handbells in the village school-room, and departed for Bristol by the last train. A short report of the proceedings also appeared in the *Bristol Mercury* on 29th November 1862, which stated that, after the service,

'some of the best methods of the day were rung, and many companies of ringers together with many hundreds assembled who never heard scientific change ringing were delighted.'



An evocative engraving of Exeter Cathedral as it was c.1840

Sex and The Central Council

by Steve Coleman

Here in St J's we've never thought about the Central Council much. St P's got a lot of Central Council help with their rehang – both technical and with the fund raising – and we've bought booklets from the CC and been to the Ringing Roadshow. And of course, we're grateful for all their advice on safeguarding and suchlike, and we're pleased about their liaison with English Heritage, Ecclesiastical Insurance and those other national bodies.

But even so, the CC's always just been there when we needed them, and we've never really thought about them.

But this week it's different. We're social media people too, and all the posts are telling us that a small group have given four weeks notice of their intention to do away with the existing Central Council and give the chop to all those people who've been helping us.

That's worrying in itself, but in addition there's a stridency in their supporters' posts that makes me very uneasy. They remind me of the French revolutionaries baying for blood around the guillotine, and I get the feeling that it's blood that they're after. The posts seem to be full of shouting, urging and emotion, with little reasoned argument.

So my question is, can the Group succeed? Will the Central Council's Rules allow it? And shouldn't we Ringing Association members have a say?

David
The South

Good questions – and they certainly worry me too. The background is that criticising the Central Council is like sex. Each generation thinks they've invented it for themselves. And just as each generation sees sex exactly as all previous generations did, so each generation criticises the Central Council exactly as all previous generations did.

Essentially, ringers have been criticising the CC since the very moment of its inception, and many of those criticisms have been absolutely right too. Certainly, I would like to see a great many changes myself, and when I was a CC member 25 years ago and on the Admin Committee, I proposed several major ones, although only a couple got through. So yes, I'm a strong critic of the Central Council.

But at the same time I'm also a strong supporter. The good work it does is not only considerable, it's fundamentally important. And whether we all know it or not, we all benefit from it.

Making changes

And over the years the CC has made many changes. And if it's been unable to tackle its main problem – that it's so big its annual meeting is sometimes a mess – it's hardly surprising. All democratic institutions have

problems with structure because democracy is always difficult to manage.

But up to the present, democratic is what it's certainly been. The annual meeting can overrule decisions of the Officers and the Committees and from time to time it does. It can make its own decisions and it can instruct. The Association Representatives understand the views and concerns of ordinary ringers and they speak and vote accordingly. The democracy certainly creaks but it works.

Last year

But last year the CC decided that further change was needed and set up a group – called CRAG – to make recommendations. Somewhat oddly, the CRAG team were largely self-appointed – which made them appear independent but which naturally attracted those with revolutionary tendencies. One person told me he wanted to put a bomb under the Central Council, and CRAG's certainly done that.

So the question we're all pondering is: will the CC allow the bomb to be detonated, and if they do, how much else – including the essence of democracy – will be destroyed in the explosion?

Having a say

But first, let's look at the deadline, because, after 126 years of the CC's existence, our Reps have been given just four weeks to decide whether or not to self-destruct.

And that certainly seems odd. The CC is an organisation of Ringing Societies, set up and maintained by our predecessors, and if it's going to be altered out of all recognition, surely we Society members should have a chance to discuss it? Indeed, surely we should have a chance to at least *think* about it? The full Report is a staggering 87 pages long and can only be read on line, yet we've been given a mere 28 days to read it, consider it, discuss it, and give our Reps our views.

And that's absurd. In 28 days we can't even get our Association Management Committees together, and there's certainly no time to receive members considered views. Proposals this far reaching need to be discussed quietly and sensibly, face to face, with everyone sharing their views and listening to each other with open minds. Emails and social media are no substitute.

Social media

And certainly, many of those social media posts trouble me. The bullying tone of some is very worrying, and I fear that some CC Reps may be intimidated by the amount of vitriol that will be poured upon them if they vote against.

The level of debate from the detonation supporters isn't high either. The response to anyone pointing out real problems in the proposals is that they're "nit picking." There's a lot of shouting and a lot of emotion – and a

lot of, "Right or not, it's now or never," – but not much reasoned thought.

The tone of the Report

And I'm concerned, too, with the tone of the CRAG Report itself. It seems that anyone who pointed out the many good things the CC does was "being defensive;" and there's a great deal of "damning with faint praise," and pejorative remarks about long service.

There's also an overwhelming theme that all change is good and anything not changed is bad; and all new ideas will work as long as they're the result of change.

But that's simply not right. Any proposed change needs to be evaluated, quantified and tested. It needs to be measured against the likely available resources – both human and financial – to gauge whether it's deliverable; and most important of all, if it has a significant chance of failure, there needs to be a Plan B.

But the Report has none of that. Elegantly written though it is, it's based on faith alone. CRAG seem to believe that everything they've thought of will work simply because they've thought of it. And in all the huge welter of proposed changes there's not a single Plan B.

Finance

And that's exactly why time for consideration is needed. And it's why the CC needs to pick and choose among the recommendations. I could list many examples where the assumptions that appropriate human resources will come forward appear wildly unrealistic; but there's not enough space for that, so instead let's just look at the financial proposals.

CRAG wants the replacement to the CC to raise an extra £25,000 per year by 2020 with an increase to £100,000 per year after that. Yet the bulk of their ideas for money raising are complete non-starters to anyone with financial understanding, so the only two left are getting the Ringing Societies to pay up and persuading individuals to become direct members of the replacement body.

Getting sufficient direct members to raise £100,000 a year seems to me to be in the "God will provide" category, and that just leaves the Associations. But would Associations be willing to stump up £1 per member – and then a little later, £4 per member – when their democratic rights are to be so drastically reduced? And if the Associations didn't pay and so ceased to be affiliated, what then? How does the replacement CC survive? Where's the Plan B?

Spending

And why does CRAG want all that money anyway?

Partly, apparently, to pay professionals to change the CC's name. Yet once again, CRAG's made no attempt to find out what a rebranding exercise would cost, even if it were needed. The Royal Mail, for example, spent £2 million on rebranding itself as "Consignia," – the new name being "modern, meaningful and entirely appropriate," – and then changed back again fifteen months later.

Even if the new CC spent only £100,000 on a similarly pointless rebranding, affiliations would drop off very rapidly indeed.

The Work Groups

But CRAG doesn't just want to rename the CC, it also wants to rename the Committees. There'll be fewer of them and they'll become "Work Groups." More important, their members will no longer be elected by our Representatives, because every single one of them will be appointed by the new *Executive* instead – presumably in the *Executive's* own image. Indeed, it wants our Representatives to have almost no effective democratic rights at all. The only thing they'll be able to do is elect *The Executive* – a group of eight who'll be elected for three year terms on a rolling basis.

Thereafter the *Executive* will make all decisions entirely by themselves, and our Reps will have no power to overrule or reverse their decisions no matter how inappropriate or financially disastrous they turn out to be. And somewhat oddly, CRAG calls this an increase in democracy.

Ageism

Quite rightly, CRAG also believes there should be a regular turnover of those in power – although that's no change because the posts of President and Vice President have had fixed three-year terms for decades.

But CRAG also wants those *not* in power to have maximum terms. The current Committees consist of volunteers who mainly do a hard job quietly, conscientiously and well because they want to serve their fellow ringers. But they're not just workers, they're also specialists. Many of the roles are very specialised indeed, and they either require professional expertise or benefit hugely from experience. Yet CRAG wants to limit periods of service to a maximum of seven years.

Ideological madness

I can't see this as anything but ideological madness. You wouldn't sack your doctor simply because he'd already been treating patients for seven years, and you wouldn't turn your solicitor into a gardener simply because already he'd spent seven years helping people.

Indeed, if you turned up at the surgery and found you were to be treated by a bricklayer – because the doctor's seven years were up – you'd be pretty miffed. And you'd be equally miffed that your bricks were now going to be laid by the doctor.

And it doesn't sound much fun for the Work Group members either. Under the proposals their tenure would be at the whim of the Executive and they would have to do exactly what the Executive told them. Disagree or show originality and they could be out. Indeed, unless they promised to toe the official line they might not be in to start with.

So how many of the existing CC workers would want to volunteer on that basis? And if many of them wouldn't, how many new people would come forward to replace them?

We don't know. And CRAG doesn't know either because it's made no attempt to find out. The possibility of the new CC not having enough volunteers to function properly simply hasn't been addressed.

Dead wood

Of course, CRAG's rationale for limited terms is that there are some CC members whose input to the workings of the Council is small. "Dead wood," they call them, and they want to get rid of them. But you don't burn down the entire forest to get rid of a few dead branches; and besides, it's a fallacy to think that all old wood is dead and all young wood is alive. And for that matter, what harm do a few dead branches do anyway.

The CC has many virile old oaks – and many virile young oaks who've been there more than seven years – and they'll be sorely missed if CRAG turfs them out. And if CRAG's worried about people becoming CC members just to enjoy the annual jolly, the simple answer is to do away with the jolly. But CRAG wants to keep that.

The Rules

But you also ask, do the Rules *allow* the CC to detonate the bomb planted beneath them? You ask whether, as a registered charity, the CC can legally do it?

That's a very good question, and personally, I don't think it can without a two thirds majority. The very first thing CRAG was mandated to do was look at the Rules. But it didn't bother with that bit. Instead it's putting forward two motions which, whatever their wording, are really a whole mass of Rule changes dressed up as something different.

In my view Charity Law doesn't allow that. The CC Rules have been registered with and approved by the Charity Commission, and attempting to subvert them by way of a pretext could result in Charity Commission intervention. And that's the last thing ringing needs.

The revolution

But of course, revolutionaries are never interested in Rules and the Law – just as they're not interested in testing, evaluation and Plan Bs. To them, all that sort of thing is just "nit picking." Rules and the Law should never apply to them, and while they're waving their rifles and shouting slogans, a revolution can seem like a great idea. But the sad lesson of history is that when the revolution is over, tyranny, destitution and collapse always follow.

Beware!

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CRAG Chairman responds to Steve Coleman

SIR, – Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment upon Steve Coleman's article. Steve is a national treasure within ringing and many of us, myself included, greatly enjoy many of his books and articles. I am therefore disappointed that Steve doesn't agree with what CRAG was set up to do, or with our results.

There is a danger that readers will read his article and think it is an accurate summary of the CRAG report. In fact, it is nothing of the sort. Steve has failed to acknowledge that the negative comments within our report are what ordinary ringers wrote to us in their submissions because we deliberately asked people to let us know what they thought. The balance between positive and negative is the balance that was found in the submissions. If anything we have overplayed the positives relative to what we received.

Let me start with where I agree with him. First, I deplore personal attacks and bullying on social media (and elsewhere). Second, I can agree with him that I would not recommend anyone having their bricks laid by me, a doctor! Finally, I am also a supporter of the Council and want it to thrive. That is why I put my name forward to be considered for membership of the group (note we were not "self-appointed" – see below).

I am concerned that Steve repeatedly attributes comments to us that in reality appear nowhere in our report. If you don't believe me then simply do a search in the full report (at cc-crag.weebly.com) for the phrase "dead wood". You will not find it there, yet Steve has a whole section devoted to what he claims is our rationale for limited terms in post which he has headlined "Dead wood".

Not only haven't we used the phrase anywhere within the report but the rationale

for our proposal is not to deal with any “dead wood” anyway! Fixed terms of office on a committee or workgroup are to ensure a healthy turnover so that fresh ideas can be brought to the service of ringing with such ideas being *welcomed* rather than being the object of suspicion and ridicule. Turnover also means there is a need to develop others for succession planning. In other words planning for the future, of which we are all guardians.

There are many other inaccuracies in Steve’s article but one that seems bizarre is the assertion that **“the CRAG team were largely self appointed”**. This is simply not the case. All members of CRAG submitted an expression of interest to Ruth Marshall who was acting on the officers’ behalf in recruiting the members. There was an advert in *The Ringing World*!

Rather than wasting valuable column inches in *The Ringing World* going through the inaccuracies line by line, we shall be using Steve’s article as source material for our Frequently Asked Questions document which is on our website at cc-crag.weebly.com/faqs.html and which we will also be distributing via normal email channels.

There are, however, two threads that run through the article which seem designed specifically to produce an emotional response in the reader and therefore need a reply. One is the repeated invocation of democracy and the other the relation of charitable status and rules.

On the subject of democracy, I think it best simply to quote from the submission of a former Guild chairman:

“If I am a female, Roman Catholic, Oxbridge graduate police officer, living in Yorkshire and a member of the Cumberlands, then no fewer than 14 members of the CC can represent me, compared with just one member representing an “ordinary” ringer in West Wales. That cannot be right. Proper democracy requires that all ringers are represented equally.”

I have 12 reps by the way, as does my wife. Each of the other ringers in my tower has five, including the two life members of our Association who gave up ringing years ago. I dread to think how many David Brown has! That is not democratic and nor is the lack of accountability of the Council.

The issue of the rules and the charitable status is an important one and has not been ignored as Steve would have you believe. The rules of the Council date back to 1971 and have been added to and amended ever since. They were far more detailed than the previous rules and added detail about items of day-to-day operations that one rarely finds in a charity’s governing document.

The Council’s rules require a complete overhaul, irrespective of the other changes proposed by us. That task is one that requires equal thought and care to the CRAG work. It could not and should not have been rushed for this meeting. We could of course have spent all of our time dealing with the rules for the currently configured Council, but the changes to the Council itself seemed more important.

The Charity Commission’s general advice is that a charity of the Council’s size and type can change its name, how its members and trustees are appointed, how its meetings should be managed, whether it can borrow or invest money and how it can work with other charities all without reference to them. The Commission would (and will) need to approve changes to the charitable objects as well as rules on a number of other issues.

The rules require that any changes to them may only be made at an annual meeting. If the Council waits to act until all of the rule changes are neatly in place then this would mean at least one year’s delay, a significant loss of momentum and further risk to the reputation of the Council. The rules should assist the Council to do the right thing, not be its master.

What we propose is that the new structures are set up in parallel while the detailed rule changes are developed. After all, the officers will still be the core of the Executive and this can be accommodated within the current rules. If the Council rules allowed for changes at an extraordinary meeting then we may have proposed doing it that way. However, it was not an option and the clear message that we have received from ringers is that change is long overdue already.

There is always a risk of taking ourselves too seriously and I am sure Steve’s article with its colourful metaphors is designed to lighten the mood rather than to offend those who believe that the future of ringing is important. If that makes me a revolutionary then please do pass me a Kalashnikov, even though I hate violence. Personally, I think it’s important not to confuse passion to do the best for ringing now and in the future with ill-disciplined revolutionary fervour.

PHILLIP BARNES
For, and on behalf of CRAG

CC President clarifies

SIR, – I should just like to clarify a couple of points arising last week’s issue. In Richard Smith’s overview of the CRAG report, play is made that secular bells, handbells and peals are not part of promoting the Christian Church (one of the objects of the Council). It should be pointed out that if all the “secular” ringing of peals, quarter peals and private bells is added together, this only amounts to some 4% of total ringing time over a year; the rest is still church orientated.

John Loveless’s letter regarding the York situation and references in the CRAG report appendices infer that CC involvement was not hands on. Besides meeting with the Dean, I also met with Peter Sanderson and corresponded with the two Archbishops, lead Bishop for Safeguarding and Church HQ in Westminster. Assistance was also offered in the Minster’s quest for defining and choosing paid leadership. It is unfortunate that the Minster has sought to keep the whole issue under wraps with no official minutes or helpful public updates.

Finally, the reference to my letter regarding the Council must have provided amusement,

written as it was by a callow firebrand after first encounter with the meetings. Contrary to assertion I have not been a Council member for the whole of the intervening period, but I do still acknowledge the need for reform, but with the experience of involvement with day to day work of the Council.

CHRIS MEW
(wearing several hats!)

Warwick

Waiting in the wings

SIR, – It would be a shame if the covering statement that featured on the *RW* front page last week (p.449) was interpreted as being “defensive”. The commentary was sent as a covering statement for the Central Council meeting papers, exhorting Central Council representatives to study the papers closely, consult with their Associations, and come to the meeting well informed and prepared.

In his own covering commentary to the final published CRAG report, Phillip Barnes himself noted “... *our recommendations are radical. To some CC members they will no doubt seem a little scary. Again, however, all of the members of CRAG have undertaken our work driven by the same desire to create an organisation fit for the future.*” So for Chris Mew and I to use the word “challenging” is merely agreeing with Phillip and stating the obvious. Further, surely it is only right that CRAG’s proposals and their underlying assertions are subject to scrutiny. This is not “defensive”. Richard Smith’s article (pp.451-42) similarly points out that there are some gaps in detail, notwithstanding his broad support for the proposals.

We all seek the best for ringing, and ensuring we have the right structures is an important means to that end. But by way of enlarging the debate, while structural review is important and necessary, it’s also important to maintain focus on bigger themes in ringing.

I am pro-reform, and look forward to working with like-minded colleagues, in whatever agreed structure, to strive for the advancement of ringing. We are all very much aware of the larger issues facing ringing. If I’m offered the opportunity, my intention over the next few years is to mobilise the central ringing organisation (whether it be called “CCCCR” or some other name) to deliver across six core areas:

Recruitment – to provide resources, toolkits, support and encouragement for recruitment at all levels – tower, district, association, especially for those areas identified as being most in need. Central Council already does this in a number of ways, but it is now time to sharpen the focus.

Leadership – intimately connected to recruitment – to encourage and support the development and delivery of programmes that bring on new leaders. That is: leaders at tower level who can teach recruits well, develop individual and team competence, engage well with their communities; leaders at district and association level who can promote and deliver collective goals, training programmes and

tower interaction; leaders in conducting, composing and innovation.

Participation – to put in place new structures and forms of communication that encourage much greater participation and a sense of involvement and engagement for all ringers. The “subscribe” element on the Council’s new website represents one potential model – to be a “friend” of ringing.

Excellence – to continue to encourage and exhort the highest standards in ringing. Excellence in striking – of course! But also excellence in other aspects – safety standards, safeguarding standards, team values and the like. Although the Central Council has a strong track record with advice and guidance notes, these aren’t always being well communicated to individual towers or ringers.

Advocacy – to continue the good work that a peak ringing body ought to be doing, to represent the best interests of ringers and ringing. To sustain a mature and constructive engagement with the Church, the media, local councils, Historic England, insurance companies and so forth.

Services – to ensure that services provided by the central ringing organisation are correctly aligned with the needs of the ringing community. There’s a long list – tower stewardship guidance, ICT services, library, records and archival work, bell restoration advice, towers and belfries guidance, methods collections and definitions, public relations advice, education materials, publications ...

I look forward to serving ringing in this way, within a structure and framework that is more accountable, communicates well, is appropriately funded and is fit for purpose.

Structural reform is indeed important and overdue. The CRAG proposals need to be discussed robustly and sincerely, but let’s not forget that they are a means to a greater end.

CHRISTOPHER O’MAHONY
Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex

The CRAG report

SIR, – Brilliant, brilliant, brilliant! This carefully thought out, clear-sighted, hard-hitting masterpiece is exactly what ringing needs. Phillip Barnes and his team deserve enormous congratulations for such a comprehensive work in such a short time.

But will the turkeys vote for Christmas?

EVERY ringer should read this report and then email their CC reps to tell them how they wish to be represented. As Richard Smith (p.452) says, there is unlikely to be a second chance on this: the Central Council MUST embrace this report, because if they do not, they will have forfeited the right to claim to represent ringers, and so will cease to have any purpose whatever.

Halesworth, Suffolk PHILIP J. GORROD

E-MAILED LETTERS

Please remember to include your full postal address and telephone number when sending letters for publication by e-mail. We cannot consider letters for publication without this information.

SIR, – Your Editorial is too kind! I am MORE than disappointed in the CC Officers letter in this week’s issue.

Firstly they say that “The Officers have a duty to offer commentary...” but where is that commentary?

Then they clearly hint that they see the proposals as unworkable – without clarification!

Secondly I feel that their Key Queries are inappropriate at this time.

Query one – answered by Phil Barnes – the key phrase is “perfectly achievable – so long as there is the will to do so.” I do hope the representatives are a lot more positive than the Officers are.

Query two – To require neatly parcelled rule changes at this time is, I feel, just a blocking tactic by the Officers. Never mind the timescale – I fully support CRAG in not putting up such detail at this time. Such detail would only distract the meeting into nit-picking the words and punctuation of the rules, and the high-level principle for discussion and agreement would get lost in the argument. More consultation will be needed before the detailed rules are written and approved.

Query three – isn’t this a little off-remit for CRAG? I have long believed the way many affiliated societies elect their representatives is wrong; this re-form of the centre, giving a new role and limiting representation, will surely encourage those societies to have a re-think. But that is not for CRAG or the CC to dictate.

Query four is surely addressed: cost neutral initially, but a platform to enhance support to ringers as required.

I commend CRAG for their work, and hope that the Officers can find a way to support their proposals.

ALISTAIR DONALDSON
Welford, Northamptonshire

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SIR, – I strongly support the initiative to revise and modernise the workings of the Central Council that has resulted in the CRAG report. There is a good deal of value in the report and its conclusions.

However, I find that the resultant proposals seem to me to be inconsistent with the objectives that were set regarding implementation. Their goal is “Providing an outline approach for implementing these suggested changes”, whilst putting out of scope “Detailed implementation plans”, and this, I believe, is exactly right. The proposals they have produced, however, are quite specific and are littered with numerous dates that together go well beyond an outline and could reasonably be described as detailed implementation.

I am concerned that this is a mistake, and that the rush to press on with implementation, before the wider community has had a reasonable chance to consider the implications, risks undermining the good analysis that has been done. Representatives at the forthcoming Central Council meeting are unlikely to have the opportunity to consult widely on this important topic in the limited time that is available. By failing to present any alternatives in their report, CRAG unfortunately give the impression of a

‘take or leave it’ approach that is most regrettable.

Furthermore, there are only really two decisions emanating from the work of CRAG to be made right now, and these are an acceptance of the Vision and Mission and agreement on whether an Executive is the best structure to support them. It would be better to get strong, committed and considered support for these limited objectives if the far-reaching changes CRAG envisages are to have any chance of success.

Knebworth, Herts

GRAHAM LAY

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SIR, – Having now read and digested the CRAG Report I find myself compelled to write to encourage the Central Council to consider not just the content and recommendations of the report but to accept that such a far-reaching, indeed critical, assessment of how the future of bellringing might be managed needs more than just a Council Conference only four weeks after the Report’s publication. I would go further; in my view the report and its recommendations must be the subject of a simple bellringing-community-wide consultation. Not through a bureaucratic diversion to diocesan ‘study groups’ or ‘requests for views from representatives’ but a straightforward, in or out, accept or reject, referendum with EVERY member of the bellringing community having an equal vote.

To those who might object that ‘we’ve not done this before’ I would just say that when needs must then hard choices must be made; we are all aware of these needs in our current General Election. I believe that no matter how, individually, Council Members might have the future of bellringing to heart, they are not the only ones who can say that, although they are the only ones with the franchise at the moment. Extend that franchise to all members of the bellringing community, initiate a simple choice referendum, and then let’s get on with the job in the direction that the CRAG Report has set out.

I am, Sir,

Coltishall, Norfolk

MIKE GANDER

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SIR, – Respect for Victorian values was probably at an all-time low in 1968 when Chris Mew wrote to *The Ringing World* suggesting that ringers at large should act through their local associations to demand less 1890s gentlemen’s club and more efficiency from a space-age Central Council. I don’t suppose many ringers did.

Fifty years later the Council is still going, and still puzzling over the future. The CRAG report appeared on 28th April, too late for many association AGMs. Coventry did not discuss it, or offer any guidance to its representatives on how to vote on the motions being put forward at this year’s Council meeting. How many Guilds ever do?

Richard Smith (*RW* p.451) says the heart of CRAG’s proposals is the creation of a

powerful Executive of eight people, including the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and four others. The Eight will appoint committee chairs, and the committee chairs will appoint their own committees.

These Eight are to be elected by the Council, but cannot be (or remain) members of it. There is a degree of ignorance, or carelessness, in this proposal, since the President cannot chair a body of which he or she is not a member. The Council in future would have to appoint a chairman other than the President.

No thought has been given to these future Council meetings, other than to restrict their duration and powers. Why would anyone want to join this Council? It will be more of a chore than ever. The Eight will 'recommend' the candidates they want elected, just like the ritual AGMs to which we all get invitations from the National Trust or our Building Society.

And none of this will lead to the 'successful promotion of ringing in the 21st century' unless the Eight are fit and proper 'Leaders of the Exercise'. And who is to judge that?

A year ago we might have been willing to accept some of these self-styled Leaders of the Exercise at their own estimation of themselves. But now we hear that some 'Leaders of the Exercise' have been going round saying that ringers don't care about Safeguarding. Some 'Leaders of the Exercise' seem to think that nothing is more important than their own ringing, not truth, not justice, not friendship, not compassion, not anything.

This is not the time to place any part of the future of ringing in the hands of a self-perpetuating oligarchy, through a synthetic panic about relevance. Vote against Motions B & C. If the Central Council is going to die, let it die. Something true will spring up in its place when the time is right.

RICHARD TAULBUT

Leamington Spa, Warwickshire

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SIR, – I have read the CRAG Proposals in detail and the articles in the 5th May edition. For disclosure, I came late to the Central Council, served for some years on a committee and left, willingly, when my association elected younger representatives. I did my best and I think the committee achieved some successes, but I was aware of the limitations of resources and finance placed on us by the existing Council structure. I have concern for the future of ringing generally and I believe that the CRAG proposals, while revolutionary, offer the best chance for its continuation.

I know that there are people, many of them now friends, who have worked hard for the Council over the years and who might feel the proposals are a bit of a 'slap in the face'. But there is no shame in having done your best within an organisation which has outgrown its original purpose. I also know many people who are working to develop ringing outside the confines of the Council and the local associations. We all need to put history behind us and work together to make sure that ringing survives as an interesting, challenging and vibrant pastime.

ROBIN SHIPP

Yate, Bristol

Disgusted of Chevening

SIR, – Is it just me or were other ringers appalled to read in the "What's Hot on Bellboard" (p.459) that a group of Southampton University Guild ringers rang a quarter peal "completely naked as a birthday 'treat' for Lizzie"?

What do the Rector and Churchwardens of St Andrew's Farnham think about this (if they even know)? And should Will Bosworth have been allowed to have included it in such an appreciative way without the Editor using his red pencil?

My band of ringers, some of whom are not churchgoers, were equally of the opinion that this was totally "out of order". Sadly, "respect" and "reverence" seem to be of little importance these days!

CAROLE CRESSWELL

Chevening, Kent

Ed. – We apologise to those offended by this hoax footnote and the commentary in these pages.

The Goftons

SIR, – I found the article about the Gofton family in the edition of 28th April very interesting. When I learned to ring in the North-East in the 1970s there were still a few ringers that remembered them. They certainly were a remarkable ringing family.

If I may make one small correction: the church pictured on p.389 is not Whitley Bay. The church concerned is Great Tey, Essex.

MIKE CHESTER

Coventry, West Midlands

Ed. – Our apologies – this mistake occurred in-house.

Chogolisa

SIR, – I am grateful to Richard Smith (p.454) for drawing attention to the alternative extensions of Bitteswell Surprise Major that I overlooked during my investigations. I agree with his findings and conclusion that Chogolisa Surprise Maximus does not have to be renamed, and apologise for any inconvenience.

I wrote to the band the day after the peal was rung at All Saints', Worcester and it was only when I had not received a response after two weeks that I wrote an almost identical letter to *The Ringing World* (p.365). So there might have been an opportunity to resolve the matter without taking up space in *The Ringing World*. However, the correspondence clearly demonstrates the benefit of having democratically agreed CC Decisions which enable such questions to be resolved impartially.

ANTHONY P. SMITH

Winchester, Hampshire

Belfry politics

SIR, – John Loveless's letter (RW p.453) regarding the situation at York Minster gives us yet further insight, and I feel that the time has come to ask further questions to, as John says, "help establish truth when interested parties would like truth to stay nicely concealed".

The former ringers of York Minster are quite clear that no safeguarding problem existed, which suggests it was contrived. Was "safeguarding" used by someone outside the Minster team to settle old scores? Who might benefit from the chaos created? Certainly no one in the then happy, healthy, thriving and competent Minster team.

No apology has been offered by the Dean or Archbishop to that bell ringing team for the maligning of their reputations – why not?

Initially, advice was asked from Chris Mew, President of the Central Council, someone who has more knowledge and insight into safeguarding than anyone else in the ringing fraternity – why then were his services dispensed with? Was his advice too balanced and sensible and not what the Dean wanted to hear?

And who was this group who stepped in to assist the Dean? How were they chosen, and why were they involved? Were they neutral in this matter, or did they act with other motives? Whose mates are they? They certainly appear to have been quite unsupportive of the Minster team.

Mark Regan has admitted to being involved at York Minster since last autumn, so will he now please help answer these questions so the truth can be established?

Safeguarding is such a serious matter that it has to be dealt with with the utmost integrity and honesty by those in positions of power, otherwise it does terrible damage to the reputations of both individuals and the church. It is vital in safeguarding matters that the policies and processes of the Church of England are followed absolutely. It appears they certainly were not followed in this case.

DEREK JONES

Weldon, Northamptonshire

Musings on the Minster

SIR, – There has been much speculation and conjecture about the situation regarding ringing and the ringers at York Minster. I know that I have been privy to information that is not widely known about the case and I have been frustrated by many comments which have been made in the public forum which have been wide of the mark if not completely false.

That said, I have been considering what hypothetical situations could have arisen that would cause the Chapter to dismiss the entire band of ringers. What is widely known is that one of the ringers had been suspended from ringing at the Minster, and that safeguarding concerns were at the heart of this suspension. I also understand that all the Minster ringers, at the time of their dismissal, supported that said ringer and could see no reason why that ringer could not ring at the Minster.

Just suppose that the suspended ringer turned up at ringing, possibly on more than one occasion, and that not one of those ringers present reported this to anyone in authority at the Minster. Would this be sufficient grounds to dismiss the entire band of ringers? Maybe, but shouldn't it just be those ringers who were present and witnessed this flouting of the suspension who were dismissed? Possibly! However, the whole scenario relies on inaccurate recording of those ringers present. Therefore, there would be no certainty of targeting the ringers guilty of failing to report the presence of the suspended ringer. In this case, would the Chapter really have any other option than to dismiss the entire band?

This is pure speculation and, with the CCTV recording equipment in the Minster, and in the ringing chamber, wouldn't absolute proof have already come to light? It is nearly as farfetched as the tale of one of the former

ringers turning up at the Minster in heavy disguise to note which outside ringers have been ringing since the dismissal of the band.

No one knows the entire truth of the York Minster situation and I suppose we never will.

ANDREW ASPLAND
Harrogate, North Yorkshire

God help

SIR, – As a Sunday service ringer of more than twenty years, it is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I read the latest ongoing 'news' regarding the York Minster dispute in this week's *RW*. Surely in this day and age, why can we not wind the clock back say one year? All the people concerned should say, "Sorry, we might have got this wrong". Let's start again and work through the problems,

praying and asking for God's help, so that the bells at the Minster can ring forthwith.

Llangollen, Denbighshire
FRED MIERS

CLARIFICATION

In response to the letter from John Loveless last week, Mark Regan has shown *The Ringing World* correspondence between himself and a senior official at York Minster which we believe proves that Mark's involvement at the Minster cannot pre-date 11th November 2016.

What's Hot on BellBoard?

Will Bosworth

Top of the list is a three-generation family ring by the Ainsworths – see p.495 for fuller details, but many happy returns to Elva and congratulations to the new and returning family ringers. Second place goes to a great tenor-ringing achievement by young Ewan Hull in York.

The band who rang a quarter for Lizzie's birthday in Farnham last week have managed to hit third place for the second week in a

row... though with a slightly different footnote. See last week's What's Hot, otherwise the footnote of the fellow SUG ringers at number five won't make any sense. Lastly, fourth place goes to a band at Writtle for a special centenary peal.

At number six there's a peal at Edgmond in Shropshire celebrating the birth of a grandchild for two of the band, to a composition printed fifty years ago but believed unringed until now. Something unusual is a peal of Grandsire Maximus in London, apparently only the 13th peal of it ever rung.

There was a quarter of Julie McD Triples in Crondall, conducted by Kevin Fox a year after his own stem cell transplant, underlining the amazing work of SBABC.

A peal in Hull celebrated that city's ongoing year as UK City of Culture, and the forthcoming promotion of Holy Trinity Church to being a Minster. Final repeated thanks to Elva Ainsworth for sending in a photo and a snippet about her family touch – do consider doing the same, or at least marking your *BellBoard* photos for publication in the *RW*! (They don't all have to follow the Farnham example.)

Amersham,
Buckinghamshire
St Mary the Virgin
Monday, 1 May 2017 in 2m
(6)
55 Stedman Doubles
1 J Alan Ainsworth (Father)
2 Elva R Ainsworth
3 Joanna M Ainsworth
(Sister)
4 Iain J Anderson (Husband)
5 Mark H Ainsworth
(Brother)
6 Alex E Lucas (Daughter)
7 Aidan J Anderson (Son)
8 Logan TS Anderson (Son)
Rung to celebrate Elva's
55th birthday, by a band of
her immediate family, in age
order.
🔔58

Yorkshire Association
York
St Wilfrid, Duncombe
Place
Sunday, 7 May 2017 in 3h
9m (18–1–21 in F)
5040 Cambridge
Surprise Royal
Composed by D G Hull
1 David G Hull (C)
2 Eleanor H Maude
3 Helen M Beaumont
4 James W Holdsworth
5 Jennifer A Town
6 Simon P Hartley
7 David R Mitchell
8 Simon J Poole
9 Andrew I Blacklock
10 Ewan G A Hull (age
14)
🔔39

Southampton University
Guild
Farnham, Surrey
St Andrew
Saturday, 6 May 2017 in 3h19
(31–2–12)
5040 Swindon Surprise Royal
Composed by James Clatworthy
1 Andrew P Brewster
2 Anthea S Edwards
3 Joanna K Dorling
4 Ruth Curtis
5 Christina D A Brewster
6 Paul M Mason
7 Philip A B Saddleton
8 Paul F Curtis (C)
9 Alan Regin
10 Ian G Campbell
Specially arranged and rung to the
memory of Private John Poole, 4th
Battalion, The Buffs (East Kent
Regiment) who was drowned whilst
on Active Service on 4th May 1917,
aged 33 years. John was on the
troopship Transylvania bound for
Salonika when she was torpedoed as
she crossed the Gulf of Genoa. 414
lives were lost. John's body was
never recovered and is
commemorated along with 274 other
men who have no known grave at
the Savona Memorial, Italy. He was
a ringer here and rang three peals
for the Essex Association. His name
liveth for evermore. The first part of
this peal was listened to by John's
niece, Phyllis.
🔔15

Essex Association
Writtle, Essex
All Saints
Saturday, 6 May 2017 in 3h19
(31–2–12)
5040 Swindon Surprise Royal
Composed by James Clatworthy
1 Andrew P Brewster
2 Anthea S Edwards
3 Joanna K Dorling
4 Ruth Curtis
5 Christina D A Brewster
6 Paul M Mason
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🔔15

Southampton University
Guild
Southampton, Hampshire
The Ascension, Bitterne
Park
Sunday, 7 May 2017 in 41
mins (3–1–0 in Eb)
1320 Cambridge Surprise
Minor
1 Samuel M Senior
2 Philip D Moyse
3 Jonathan C Mills
4 Oliver B Chaloner
5 Josh L Harris
6 Clare M Merivale (C)
Wishing a very happy
birthday to Josh, who
politely declined the same
birthday 'treat' afforded to
Lizzie last week.
350th Quarter: 2
50th Quarter: 5
The band would like to
congratulate Alice on the
completion of her Masters
project, good luck with the
binding!
🔔14

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AMERSHAM GUILD

STOKE POGES, Bucks,
St Giles
Wed Apr 5 2017 2h57 (14)
5120 London S Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Catherine M A Lane
2 J Alan Ainsworth
3 Beryl R Norris
4 Maurice F Edwards
5 Christopher M Tuckett
6 Kenneth R Davenport
7 Philippa M Whittington
8 Frank W Rivett (C)
100th peal of London S Major: 8.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks,
St Michael & All Angels
Fri Apr 7 2017 2h59 (15)
5088 Old S Major
Comp. Donald F Morrison
(No.7753)
1 J Alan Ainsworth (C)
2 Kenneth R Davenport
3 Maurice F Edwards
4 Catherine M A Lane
5 Philippa M Whittington
6 Frank W Rivett
7 Edgar T Skipsey
8 Ian G Campbell
Circled the tower, 2.

OXFORD, St Thomas the Martyr
Tue Apr 18 2017 2h50 (12)
5040 Ibestoche S Royal
Comp. Donald F Morrison
(No.7720)
1 J Alan Ainsworth (C)
2 Maurice F Edwards
3 Christopher M Tuckett
4 Catherine M A Lane
5 Kenneth R Davenport
6 Janet E Menhinick
7 Peter J Blight
8 Stuart F Gibson
9 Simon L Edwards
10 Robert H Newton
100th peal on the bells: 9.

HUGHENDEN, Bucks,
St Michael & All Angels
Wed Apr 19 2017 2h58 (15)
5152 Primrose D Major
Comp. Anthony J Cox
1 David A Cornwall
2 Catherine M A Lane
3 Roger Baldwin (C)
4 Maurice F Edwards
5 J Alan Ainsworth
6 Philippa M Whittington
7 Kenneth R Davenport
8 Frank W Rivett
On the anniversary of the death, in 1881, of the Rt Hon Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield & Viscount Hughenden. He is buried here & Queen Victoria sent a wreath of primroses (his favourite flower) for his funeral. The Primrose League (1883 - 2004) used to meet here on this date.
1st peal in the method.
Primrose D Major:
(d) -3-4-25-6-34-1-1234-5

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

EAST PENNARD, Som,
All Saints
Sun Apr 16 2017 3h35 (25)
5040 Doubles
(12m: 4 exts each St Simon, St Osmund, Eynesbury, St Martin, Plain, St Nicholas, St Remigius, Huntley, Winchendon, Rev Canterbury; 1 ext each Stedman, Grandsire)
1 Susan E Marshall
2 Roy LeMarechal (C)
3 Terry J C Streeter
4 Benjamin J Carey
5 Edward P D Colliss
For Easter.
Circled tower to peals: 2.

LIVERPOOL, Mers, Our Lady & St Nicholas, Pier Head
Sat Apr 22 2017 3h38 (42)
5016 Spiced Maximus
(6m: 1056 each Ariel, Phobos, Zanussi S; 880 Maypole A; 792 Deimos A; 176 Slinky LTP; 109 com, atw)
Comp. D J Pipe
1 David J Baverstock
2 Mark R Eccleston
3 Katherine L Town
4 Paul McNutt
5 David C Brown
6 David E House (C)
7 Graham M Bradshaw
8 Eleanor J Linford
9 Oliver D Cross
10 John N Hughes-D'Aeth
11 Michael P A Wilby
12 Robert W Lee

ANZAB

ADELAIDE, SA,
Cathedral Church of St Peter
Tue Apr 25 2017 3h32 (41)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. J J Parker
1 Michelle C Harrison
2 David J Bleby
3 Matthew J Sorell
4 Philip R Goodyer
5 Matthew A Ball
6 Adam J Beer
7 Peter I Harrison (C)
8 Douglas W Nichols
Half-muffled for ANZAC Day.
50th peal as conductor.

BATH & WELLS D.A.

WESTON SUPER MARE,
Som, St John the Baptist
Tue Apr 4 2017 2h45 (11)
5024 Vanadium S Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Christopher R Field
2 Joseph St J Beaumont
3 Adrian P Beck
4 Rebecca J Cox
5 Raymond Haines
6 Richard O Humphries
7 Anthony J Cox (C)
8 Stephen J Bateman

*You can read your own handwriting – but can our typesetters?
If in doubt, print it out!*

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN

SHARNBROOK, Beds, St Peter
Sat Apr 22 2017 2h48 (10)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. T Thurstan
(F H Dexter No.2)
1 Patrick J S Albon
2 Rosemary H Buckle
3 Lesley J Belcher
4 Elizabeth A Pawley
5 Richard A Horne
6 Christopher C Stokes
7 Stephen H Stanford (C)
8 Rebecca J Sharp
1st peal: 8.
1st of Stedman: 4.
1st of Stedman Triples: 1.

COVENTRY D.G.

COVENTRY, W Mids,
St Michael, Stoke
Mon Apr 24 2017 2h46 (13)
5120 Spiced S Major
(4m: 1440 Lincolnshire; 1280 each Cambridge, Yorkshire; 1120 Rutland; 74 com, atw)
Comp. J S Warboys
1 Raymon A Sheasby
2 Peter J F Quinn
3 Michael J Dew
4 David G Harrison
5 Julie A Taring
6 Paul M Mason
7 Michael Angrave
8 Michael Chester (C)
1st peal of spliced: 5.
Circled the tower 4 times: 1. £4

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

WINFORD, Som, The Blessed Virgin Mary & St Peter
Fri Mar 31 2017 2h56 (14)
5056 Ytterburn S Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Gabrielle L Cowcill
2 Christine Andrew
3 Andrea B Beaumont
4 Claire O'Mahony
5 Joseph St J Beaumont
6 Matthew C Gardiner
7 Anthony J Cox (C)
8 Rebecca J Cox
Circled tower: 1.
100th for the Society: 7.

CITY OF LONDON,
Cathedral Church of St Paul
Mon Apr 17 2017 3h52 (62)
5017 Stedman Cinques
Comp. Lucinda J Woodward
1 Heather M Forster
2 Lucinda J Woodward (C)
3 Claire F Roulstone
4 Wendy Bloom
5 Michael R Crockett
6 Julia R Cater
7 David A Warwick
8 Ian Butters
9 Simon A Rudd
10 Thomas B Mack
11 Nicholas D Brown
12 Ian R Fielding
To celebrate Easter

G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

HIGHWEEK, Devon, All Saints
Wed Apr 26 2017 2h37 (11)
5024 Lessness S Major
Comp. B D Constant
1 Robert D S Brown
2 Susan D Sparling
3 Jill M Hansford
4 Martin G Mansley
5 Richard H Johnston
6 Michael C Hansford
7 Peter J Sawyer
8 Michael E C Mears (C)
In anticipation of Peter Sawyer's birthday.

THORVERTON, Devon,
St Thomas of Canterbury
Thu Apr 6 2017 3h3 (15)
5040 Swindon S Royal
Comp. D F Morrison (No.7256)
1 Pauline McKenzie
2 Jill M Hansford
3 Rebecca J Harrison
4 Lynne P Hughes
5 Lester J Yeo
6 Alison C Waterson
7 John R Martin (C)
8 Ian V J Smith
9 Richard Harrison
10 David Hird
1st blows in method: 3.
300th peal: 4.

KINGSTEIGNTON, Devon,
Kings-Ting-Tong
Tue Apr 25 2017 1h46 (10lb)
5040 S Minor
(22m: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Netherseale (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)
1 Ian W Avery
2 P Wendy Campbell
3 Lester J Yeo
4 Robert D S Brown
5 Peter J Sawyer
6 Michael E C Mears (C)

NORTH BOVEY, Devon,
St John the Baptist
Wed Apr 26 2017 2h42 (12)
5040 Surprise Minor
(16m: (1) London, Wells (2) Carlisle (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) York, Durham (5) Surfleet, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose)
1 Martin G Mansley
2 Susan D Sparling
3 Richard H Johnston
4 Jill M Hansford
5 Michael C Hansford
6 Michael E C Mears (C)
750th peal: 3.

BROADCLYST, Devon,
St John the Baptist
Thu Apr 27 2017 3h4 (20)
5056 Diamond D Major
Comp. D W Beard
1 John Hill
2 P Wendy Campbell
3 Ian V J Smith
4 James Kirkcaldy
5 Ian L C Campbell
6 Ian P Hill
7 Pauline McKenzie
8 Michael E C Mears (C)
A compliment to Marjorie & John Hill on their Diamond wedding anniversary. They were married at St James, Accrington on 27th April 1957.
1,250th peal: 1.
100th peal together: 1 & 6.

EXETER, Devon, St Mark
Fri Apr 28 2017 2h54 (12)
5040 London No.3 S Royal
Comp. R B Pullin
1 John A Foster
2 P Wendy Campbell
3 Pauline McKenzie
4 Raymond Haines
5 Richard H Johnston
6 Ian V J Smith
7 Ian L C Campbell
8 Peter J Sawyer
9 Michael E C Mears
10 David Hird (C)
900th on 10: 9.

ELY D.A.

BENINGTON, Herts, St Peter
Tue Apr 25 2017 3h (12)
5152 Lancashire S Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Marion A Robinson
2 Max L D Drinkwater
3 June Mackay
4 John P Loveless
5 Peter J Blight
6 Frank W Rivett
7 Graham R D Lay (C)
8 Russell A Brown £4.00

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

BARROW GURNEY, Som,
Blessed Virgin Mary
& St Edward King & Martyr
Sun Apr 23 2017 2h48 (11)
5152 Spiced S Major
(23m: 224 each Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Yorkshire. 160 com, atw)
Comp. N Smith
1 Jonathan D Storey
2 Andrea B Beaumont
3 Alan G Reading (C)
4 Barrie Hendry
5 Lucy A Warren
6 Ian P Hill
7 Joseph St J Beaumont
8 Ian R Fielding
Get well compliment to Julian Howes who arranged this peal but was unfortunately unable to ring.
200th peal together: 6 & 7.
850th peal for the Association: 6.

BRISTOL, St John on the Wall
Wed Apr 26 2017 2h47 (11)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(21m: (1-2) Annable's London, Durham, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth, York (3) London, Wells (4) Berwick, Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet (5-6) Bourne, Hull, Norwich (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, atw)
1 Jonathan D Storey
2 Michael O'Hagan
3 George M Salter
4 Adam J Bennett
5 Alan G Reading (C)
6 Ian R Fielding
50th peal: 4.

GUILDFORD D.G.

EGHAM, Surrey,
St John the Baptist
Sat Apr 22 2017 2h58 (17)
5040 Triton D Royal
Comp. D G Hull (arr. D F Morrison)
1 Anne M Anthony
2 Heather M Forster
3 Ruth Blackwell
4 Elizabeth A Hibbert
5 Beryl R Norris
6 Peter J Blight
7 David R Cox
8 W John Couperthwaite (C)
9 Peter W Emery
10 Matthew C Webb
To mark the dedication & opening of the Easter Centre on 23rd April.

ALDERSHOT, Hants,
St Michael Archangel
Sun Apr 23 2017 2h56 (9)
5080 Spiced Major
(2m: 4930 Yorkshire S; 150 Yorkshire A; 1 com)
Comp. W J Couperthwaite
1 Toby Arkless
2 Ronald F Diserens
3 Beryl R Norris
4 Kathrynne R Arkless
5 Mike Pidd
6 Peter Bridle
7 Glenn J Poyntz
8 W John Couperthwaite (C)
Arranged as an 80th birthday compliment to Sylvia Page.

HEREFORD D.G.

STONE, Worcs,
Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri Apr 28 2017 2h20 (6)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: Wells, Carlisle, Beverley, Westminster, Norwich, Bourne, Cambridge)
1 Ashley C Fortey
2 Christopher J Pickford
3 Nicola J Turner
4 Colin M Turner
5 Darran Ricks (C)
6 Craig P Homewood

KENT C.A.

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints
Wed Apr 19 2017 3h28 (32)
5080 Spiced S Royal
(6m: 920 Anglia; 880 Nideggen; 840 each Bristol, London No3; 800 each Cambridge, Yorkshire. 97 com, atw)
Comp. A J Cox
1 Anne L Rueff
2 David J Dearnley
3 Claire F Roulstone
4 Graham M Bradshaw
5 Paul N Mounsey
6 John B Keeler (C)
7 Ian G Campbell
8 Alan Regin
9 Ian Roulstone
10 Philip Rogers
500th together: 2, 10.

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints
Tue Apr 25 2017 3h26 (32)
5130 Julie McDonnell A Royal
Comp. D F Morrison (No.7641)
1 David E Rothera
2 Anne L Rueff
3 Diana R Wright
4 Maurice F Edwards
5 Alexander J Britton
6 Elizabeth A Barnes
7 Stephen J Davis
8 John B Keeler (C)
9 Michael A Birkbeck
10 Philip H Larter
A birthday compliment to Graham Heath.

FAIRWARP, E Sussex,
Christ Church
Thu Apr 27 2017 3h8 (15)
5152 Spiced S Major
(16m: 448 each Ashted, Cambridge, Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Uxbridge, Yorkshire; 224 each Bristol, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Superlative; 153 com, atw)
Comp. N Smith
1 Maurice F Edwards
2 Anne L Rueff
3 Shirley E McGill
4 Elizabeth A Barnes
5 David Kirkcaldy
6 Stephen J Davis
7 John B Keeler (C)
8 Claire F Roulstone

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BellBoard
to submit
performances

BICKLEY, London, St George
Sat Apr 22 2017 3h4 (14)
5024 Double Norwich CB Major
Arr. J W Belshaw

- 1 David Holdridge
- 2 Nicholas Wilkins
- 3 Benjamin D Kipling
- 4 Ian G Mills
- 5 Andrew D Hodgson
- 6 Christopher J Cooper
- 7 James W Belshaw (C)
- 8 Alan D Pink

To mark the patronal festival and the birthdays of Melanie Wilkins (31 today) and Bryony Holdridge (20 tomorrow).

LANCASHIRE ASSN

LYTHAM, Lancs, St Cuthbert
Sun Feb 12 2017 2h43 (14)
5040 Grandsire Doubles

- 1 Richard G Jones
- 2 Rob A Chapman
- 3 Paul Hart
- 4 Neil McGary
- 5 Sidney P Lloyd (C)
- 6 Michael Philips

For the life of John Boardman, late Tower Captain & bellringer at this Church for 65 years.

1st peal: 6.
1st peal inside: 3. **£7.60**

WALKDEN, Manchester, St Paul
Fri Apr 28 2017 3h2 (19)
5088 Yorkshire S Major

Comp. N J Pitstow

- 1 Jane Owen
- 2 James E Andrews
- 3 Anne C Orme
- 4 Gail L Randall
- 5 Peter C Randall (C)
- 6 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
- 7 Brian J Owen
- 8 Derek J Thomas

£4

LINCOLN D.G.

SPROXTON, Leics, St Bartholomew
Wed Mar 22 2017 2h44 (9)
5010 Frampton Marsh A Major
Comp. M Maughan

- 1 Robin H Rogers
- 2 Andrew J Davey
- 3 Susan E Marsden
- 4 Alistair M Donaldson
- 5 Christopher J Sharp
- 6 Anthony D Walker
- 7 Michael Maughan (C)
- 8 Judith M Rogers

1st peal in the method.
Frampton Marsh A Major:
-38-1456-1256-1238-14-18-14.78 le12 b

SPROXTON, Leics, St Bartholomew
Sat Apr 8 2017 2h39 (9)
5040 TD Minor

(7m: Warkworth S, Old Oxford D, York S, Ipswich S, Bourne S, Beverley S, Cambridge S)

- 1 Anthony D Walker
- 2 Ian Dawson
- 3 Nicholas A Churchman
- 4 Andrew J Davey
- 5 Michael Maughan (C)
- 6 James E Benner

PETERBOROUGH, Cambs, St Mary
Sat Apr 22 2017 2h40 (9)
5040 TD Minor

(7m: Alnwick S, College Bob IV D, Hexham S, York S, Bourne S, Beverley S, Cambridge S)

- 1 Anthony D Walker
- 2 Robin H Rogers
- 3 Ian Dawson
- 4 Andrew J Davey
- 5 Michael Maughan (C)
- 6 Nicholas A Churchman

SPROXTON, Leics, St Bartholomew
Wed Mar 29 2017 2h43 (9)
5010 Beamish A Major
Comp. M Maughan

- 1 Robin H Rogers
- 2 Judith M Rogers
- 3 Diane M Faux
- 4 Helena M Thorpe
- 5 Ian N Robinson
- 6 Andrew J Davey
- 7 Michael Maughan (C)
- 8 James E Benner

1st peal in the method.
Beamish A Major:
-38-14-12-18-14-1238-14.78 le12 b

SPROXTON, Leics, St Bartholomew
Wed Apr 5 2017 2h43 (9)
5056 Spiced S Major
(6m: 1504 Rutland; 864 Yorkshire; 800 Lincolnshire; 672 Cambridge; 608 each Pudsey, Superlative; 138 com)

- Comp. M Maughan
- 1 Robin H Rogers
 - 2 Judith M Rogers
 - 3 Diane M Faux
 - 4 Helena M Thorpe
 - 5 Christopher J Sharp
 - 6 Andrew J Davey
 - 7 Michael Maughan (C)
 - 8 James F Thorpe

1st 6-spliced: 4.

SPROXTON, Leics, St Bartholomew
Wed Apr 19 2017 2h37 (9)
5040 Tanfield A Major
Comp. M Maughan

- 1 Christopher J Sharp
- 2 Andrew J Davey
- 3 Robin H Rogers
- 4 Helena M Thorpe
- 5 Anthony D Walker
- 6 Nicholas A Churchman
- 7 Michael Maughan (C)
- 8 Keith W Brown

1st peal in the method.
Tanfield A Major:
-38-14-12-16-34-1458-34.78 le12 d

GUNBY, Lincs, St Peter
Sat Apr 22 2017 2h37 (7)
5040 Plain Doubles

(12m: All Saints, Rev Canterbury, St Nicholas, Winchendon P, St Remigius, Huntley, Eynesbury, St Osmund, St Martin, St Simon, Plain, Grandsire)

- 1 Stephen L Clarke
- 2 Janet M Clarke
- 3 Ian Butters
- 4 Philip R Wild
- 5 Christopher P Turner (C)

Ruby wedding anniversary
compliment to Janet & Stephen.

SPROXTON, Leics, St Bartholomew
Wed Apr 26 2017 2h38 (9)
5040 Hartlepool A Major
Comp. M Maughan

- 1 Robin H Rogers
- 2 James E Benner
- 3 Diane M Faux
- 4 Christopher J Sharp
- 5 Anthony D Walker
- 6 Andrew J Davey
- 7 Michael Maughan (C)
- 8 James F Thorpe

1st peal in the method.

Hartlepool A Major:
-38-14.56.12-16-34-18-34.78 le12 d.

To mark the 50th anniversary of the amalgamation of Hartlepool & West Hartlepool on 1 April 1967.

LUNDY ISLAND SOCIETY

LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, St Helen
Sat Apr 22 2017 2h51 (13)
5040 Trasn Park S Royal
Comp. Anthony J Cox

- 1 Pauline Campling
- 2 Lenard J Mitchell
- 3 Susan L Apter
- 4 R Owen Battye
- 5 Rebecca J Cox
- 6 Anthony J Cox (C)
- 7 Ian G Campbell
- 8 Alan Regin
- 9 George H Campling
- 10 Trevor W Marchbank

LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, St Helen
Sun Apr 23 2017 2h52 (13)
5040 Xenolite S Royal
Comp. David G Hull (No.2)

- 1 Susan L Apter
- 2 Anthony J Cox
- 3 Clive G Smith
- 4 Trevor W Marchbank
- 5 Carol A Marchbank
- 6 Rebecca J Cox
- 7 R Owen Battye
- 8 Ian G Campbell
- 9 John M Thurman (C)
- 10 Alan Regin

50th peal on the bells: 3.
Circled the tower to peals: 6.

LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, St Helen
Sun Apr 23 2017 2h51 (13)
5000 Yorkshire S Royal
Comp. Alan G Reading (No.5)

- 1 R Owen Battye
- 2 Susan L Apter
- 3 Charlotte M Smith
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 John M Thurman
- 6 Pauline Campling
- 7 Clive G Smith
- 8 George H Campling (C)
- 9 Ian G Campbell
- 10 Lenard J Mitchell

LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, St Helen
Mon Apr 24 2017 2h57 (13)
5112 Landmark A Royal
Comp. Anthony J Cox

- 1 Charlotte M Smith
- 2 Trevor W Marchbank
- 3 Rebecca J Cox
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Susan L Apter
- 6 Carol A Marchbank
- 7 Alan Regin
- 8 Lenard J Mitchell
- 9 Ian G Campbell
- 10 Anthony J Cox (C)

1st peal in the method.
Landmark A Royal:
-3-4-56-6-2-3-6-5-9 lh 12 (c1)

LUNDY ISLAND, Bristol Channel, St Helen
Mon Apr 24 2017 2h59 (13)
5040 TD Minor
(7m: Alnwick, Cambridge S, Kirkstall D, Lincoln, Allendale, Netherseale, Durham S)

- 1 George H Campling (C)
- 2 Clive G Smith
- 3 R Owen Battye
- 4 Anthony H Smith
- 5 Alan Regin
- 6 John M Thurman

*The Ringing World's
BellBoard
You can rely on it*

MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.

STEPNEY, London, St George in the East
Thu Apr 27 2017 2h36 (6)
5040 Minor
(6m: (1) Abbeyville D (2) Southwark D (3) Wragby D (4-5) Bourne S (6) Oxford TB (7) Kemerton B)

Comp. Glen A A Taylor (1440)

- 1 Clyde Whittaker
- 2 Rachel J Mitchell
- 3 Helen Porter
- 4 Linda S Foddering
- 5 D Robert C Sworder
- 6 Adrian P Sweeting (C)

£3

NON-ASSOCIATION

PORTSMOUTH, Hants, Cathedral Church of St Thomas of Canterbury
Sat Mar 18 2017 3h17 (25)
5040 SONNOS S Maximus
Comp. Donald F Morrison (No.3888)

- 1 Edward P D Colliss
- 2 James A Hodkin
- 3 Pip Dillstone
- 4 Siân E Austin
- 5 Thomas J Hinks
- 6 Ewan Grant-Richardson
- 7 David A C Matthews
- 8 Matthew D Dawson
- 9 Samuel M Austin
- 10 Benjamin J Carey (C)
- 11 Ian J Carey
- 12 David J Mattingley

1st peal in the method.
SONNOS S Maximus:
58.9Tx1458.9Tx5T.36.14
x7T.58.16x9T.70.18x14.589T
x14.58.1T, 1T

WORCESTER, All Saints
Thu Apr 20 2017 3h22 (20)
5042 Bristol S Maximus
Comp. James Clatworthy

- 1 Mark W Regan
- 2 Tom R Childs
- 3 Frederick Shallcross
- 4 Neil Bennett
- 5 Andrew V Brown
- 6 Craig P Homewood
- 7 Adam R Crocker
- 8 James Clatworthy (C)
- 9 Christopher J Pickford
- 10 David Jenkins
- 11 Daniel Jones
- 12 Robert C Kippin

MOULTON, Northants, SS Peter & Paul
Fri Apr 21 2017 3h13 (11)
5011 Stedman Cinques
Comp. M R Eccleston (after R O Hall)

- 1 Benjamin D Constant
- 2 Mark R Eccleston (C)
- 3 Paul A Cammiade
- 4 Jack E Page
- 5 Daniel J Page
- 6 Paul M Mason
- 7 Adam S Greenley
- 8 Ian G Mills
- 9 Paul J Tiebout
- 10 Claire F Roulstone
- 11 Ian R Fielding
- 12 Shirley E McGill

SWINDON, Wilts, Christ Church
Sat Apr 22 2017 2h54 (22)
5000 Bristol S Royal
Comp. A G Reading (No.12)

- 1 Simon L Edwards
- 2 Lucy A Warren
- 3 Ruth Curtis
- 4 Jack E Page
- 5 Richard L Thumwood
- 6 Peter Bridle
- 7 Simon W Edwards
- 8 Paul F Curtis
- 9 Alan G Reading (C)
- 10 Louis P H Suggett

SWINDON, Wilts, St Mark
Sat Apr 22 2017 2h47 (11)
5152 Spiced S Major
(13m: 448 each Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Uxbridge, Yorkshire; 224 each Ashtead, Cornwall, Superlative; 139 com, atw)

Comp. N Smith

- 1 Ruth Curtis
- 2 Simon W Edwards
- 3 Lucy A Warren
- 4 Louis P H Suggett
- 5 Jack E Page
- 6 Richard L Thumwood
- 7 Paul F Curtis
- 8 Alan G Reading (C)

A wedding anniversary
compliment to Mark & Mo
Edwards, ringers at this tower.
300th peal: 5.

FULHAM, London, All Saints
Sat Apr 22 2017 3h4 (18)
5000 Isleworth S Royal
Comp. R LeMarchal (No.7)

- 1 Anthea S Edwards
- 2 Paul M Mason
- 3 Susan E Marshall
- 4 Stephanie J Warboys
- 5 John P Colliss
- 6 Maurice F Edwards
- 7 Philip A B Saddleton
- 8 Christopher N McCarthy
- 9 Anthony P Cotton
- 10 Roy LeMarchal (C)

WORCESTER, St Stephen, Barbourne
Sun Apr 23 2017 2h53 (10)
5184 Spiced S Major
(16m: 576 each Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge; 384 each Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 192 each Ashtead, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, London, Pudsey; 155 com)

Comp. Donald F Morrison (No.108)

- 1 William M Regan
- 2 Jane D Bull
- 3 Mark Regan
- 4 Hilda C Ridley
- 5 Craig P Homewood
- 6 Andrew M Bull
- 7 Darran Ricks (C)
- 8 John R Ridley

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

TORONTO, ON, Cathedral Church of St James
Sun Apr 23 2017 3h20 (22)
5060 Plain Bob Cinques
Comp. Don Morrison (No.3191 adapted)

- 1 Don Morrison
- 2 David A S Hawkins
- 3 Robert T Kakuk
- 4 Beth Sinclair
- 5 Linda D Rankin
- 6 Ted Clark
- 7 Chris Ruch
- 8 Michael F Schulte (C)
- 9 Robin E C Clarke
- 10 Elaine M Hansen
- 11 Margaret Miller
- 12 David Wilcox

To celebrate the 20th
anniversary of these Waterloo
bells being installed in St
James' Cathedral. The
dedication peal was rung on
June 28 1997

1st peal on 12: 7. **£6**

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OXFORD D.G.

SWALLOWFIELD, Berks, All Saints
Sun Apr 23 2017 2h40 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: Beverley, Lightfoot, London, Norwich, Wells, Westminster, York)

- 1 Jenny M Page
- 2 June D Wells
- 3 Daniel J Page
- 4 Jack E Page (C)
- 5 E John Wells
- 6 Douglas J Beaumont

Wedding compliment to
Andrew Rossiter & Karissa
Dainton. **£3**

BUCKLEBURY, Berks, St Mary
Tue Apr 25 2017 2h57 (13)
5184 Belfast S Major
Comp. G A C John

- 1 W John Couperthwaite (C)
- 2 Janet E John
- 3 June D Wells
- 4 Beryl R Norris
- 5 E John Wells
- 6 Peter Bridle
- 7 Kenneth R Davenport
- 8 Graham A C John

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, Northants, St Botolph
Wed Apr 26 2017 2h56 (9)
5056 Cambridge S Major
Comp. C Middleton (Johnson's var.)

- 1 D Graham Hall
- 2 Anne P Cook
- 3 Jane K A Hough
- 4 Edward B Groomer
- 5 J Richard Hough
- 6 James M Hills
- 7 Alistair M Donaldson
- 8 Paul S Seaman (C)

A 21st birthday compliment to
Edward Groomer (April 27th).
The band wish to associate this
peal with Derek & Jane Sibson.
1st peal: 4.

ST BLAISE SOCIETY

EAST ILSLEY, Berks, St Mary
Thu Apr 27 2017 2h44 (8)
5184 Sapello Delight Major
Comp. Harry Poyner

- 1 Brian Bladon
- 2 Nicola J Turner (C)
- 3 Colin M Turner
- 4 Cynthia E Howell
- 5 Peter Bridle
- 6 John C Sheppard
- 7 Claire F Roulstone
- 8 Richard L Thumwood

A birthday compliment to
Stuart Talbot, 70 years young
tomorrow.

ST JAMES' GUILD

BUSHEY, Herts, St James the Apostle
Mon Apr 24 2017 2h51 (13)
5152 St George's D Major
Comp. A J Cox

- 1 J Alan Ainsworth
- 2 Siân E Austin
- 3 Roger Baldwin (C)
- 4 David J Dearnley
- 5 Paul N Mounsey
- 6 Samuel M Austin
- 7 Ian K Bushell
- 8 Frank W Rivett

1st peal in the method.
St George's D Major:
a.38-38.16-56-18-12-58.16-1234.78

ST MARTIN'S GUILD

EXETER, Devon,
Cathedral Church of St Peter
Sat Apr 1 2017 4h27 (73)
5040 Bristol S Maximus
Comp. John N Hughes-D'Aeth
1 Mark R Eccleston
2 Simon J L Linford (C)
3 Jack E Page
4 Paul McNutt
5 Jack P Gunning
6 James P Ramsbottom
7 Eleanor J Linford
8 Stephen M Jones
9 Richard J Angrave
10 Alan G Reading
11 Matthew J Hilling
12 Michael P A Wilby

BIRMINGHAM, W Mids,
Cathedral Church of St Philip
Mon Apr 3 2017 3h22 (31)
5016 Spiced Maximus
(10m: 1056 Glouan LA; 576 each Top
LHybr, Strange Diff, Plain B; 480 each
Up Diff LHybr, Down Diff LHybr; 432
Lepton LB; 336 Charm Diff LHybr;
264 Baryon; 240 Meson Diff LHybr.
216 com, atw)
Comp. D J Pipe
1 Mark R Eccleston
2 Paul E Bibilo
3 Paul McNutt
4 Dickon R Love
5 Simon J L Linford
6 Jack P Gunning
7 Jack E Page (C)
8 Christian M Peckham
9 Stephen M Jones
10 Colin M Lee
11 Thomas W Griffiths
12 Michael P A Wilby

BIRMINGHAM, W Mids,
Cathedral Church of St Philip
Mon Apr 24 2017 3h21 (31)
5060 Spiced Maximus
(6m: 1056 each Blueberry S, Peacock
S, Sky S, Navy S; 704 Midnight A; 132
Sapphire DLB; 110 com, atw)
Comp. J S Warboys
(The Blue Peel)
1 Dickon R Love
2 Mark R Eccleston
3 Stephanie J Warboys
4 Simon C Melen
5 Jack E Page (C)
6 Jack P Gunning
7 James P Ramsbottom
8 Paul McNutt
9 Christian M Peckham
10 Colin M Lee
11 John S Warboys
12 Michael P A Wilby
Rung at the first attempt.
Midnight A:
x456x56.7.236x34x1
x70.8.3.0.3 le T [m]
Blueberry S:
36x56.4.5x5.6x34x5.34
x569.70.8x8.9.8x8.E le T [h]
Peacock S:
x3x4x2.5.6x34x5x6x7.6.78x7
x78x1 le T [k]
Sky S:
x5x4.5x5.36.4x47.58.36
x69.70.58x8.9x8x.E le T [j1]
Navy S:
x5x6x25x36x4x5x45x5x456
x5x56x5 le T [k2]
Sapphire DLB:
x456x1.34.56
le T [14523T0E8967]

SALISBURY D.G.

PRESHUTE, Wilts, St George
Sat Apr 29 2017 2h37 (9)
5040 Stedman Doubles
(42 exts, 7 callings)
1 Christopher D Jenkins (C)
2 Nicki J Lang
3 Robert J Purnell
4 David W Hacker
5 Robert Perry
6 Julian J Hemper
In the SDGR firsts week.
1st peal of Stedman Doubles:
1, & on the bells. **£6**

KINGSTON, Dorset, St James
Sat Apr 29 2017 3h11 (27)
5000 Stedman Caters
Comp. Shirley Burton (No.17)
1 Patricia M Hitchins
2 Christopher H Rogers
3 Graham A Duke
4 Eleanor G W Wallace
5 Felicity S Warwick
6 Thomas R Garrett
7 Jack R Pease
8 David A Warwick (C)
9 Nigel R Woodruff
10 Harry E Blamire
A 25th birthday compliment to
Anna & Lucy Warwick.
1st of Stedman & on 10: 7. **£5**

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

ALLOA, Clackmannanshire,
St John the Evangelist
Thu Apr 27 2017 3h (13)
5120 Spiced S Major
(10m: 640 each Cambridge,
Lincolnshire; 480 each Ashtead, Bristol,
London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative,
Uxbridge, Yorkshire; 159 com)
Comp. Richard I Allton
1 Simon H Aves
2 Christopher W Thomas
3 Susan E Bryce
4 Robin R Churchill
5 Peter G Kirton
6 Edmund G N Smith
7 Peter J Williamson
8 Michael J Clay (C)
Most methods rung to a peal:
5.6. **£4**

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G.

SALTBY, Leics, St Peter
Tue Apr 25 2017 3h3 (12)
5008 Spiced S Royal
(5m: 1040 each Bristol, Cambridge,
Yorkshire; 960 London No.3; 928
Littleport L.; 93 com, atw)
Comp. Alan G Reading
1 Murray A Coleman
2 Ruth Curtis
3 Christopher C P Woodcock
4 Paul M Mason
5 Peter J England
6 Christopher P Turner
7 Richard I Allton (C)
8 Adrian P Sweeting
9 Paul F Curtis
10 Ian Butters

PATRINGTON, ER Yorks,
St Patrick
Sun Apr 30 2017 2h50 (10)
5096 Ashworth A Major
Comp. Anthony J Cox
1 Nicholas D Brown
2 Paul M Mason
3 Ian Butters (C)
4 Ruth Curtis
5 Peter G C Ellis
6 Alan Regin
7 Paul F Curtis
8 Ian G Campbell

SUFFOLK GUILD

CRETINGHAM, Suffolk, St Peter
Thu Apr 27 2017 2h35 (8)
5040 Doubles
(11m: (1,2) Huntley P (3,4) St
Remigius (5,6) Winchendon P (7,8) St
Nicholas (9,10) Rev Canterbury (11-
14) Eynesbury (15-18) St Osmund
(19-22) St Martin's (23-26) St Simon's
(27-30) Plain (31-42) Grandsire
(10x120; 1x240)
1 Stephen D Pettman (C)
2 Michael J Cowling
3 P Mark Ogden
4 Brian E Whiting
5 Thomas G Scase

VALE OF EVESHAM SOCIETY

HANBURY, Worcs,
St Mary the Virgin
Tue Apr 4 2017 2h55 (12)
5056 Wycombe D Major
Comp. Roger Baldwin
1 Geoffrey W Randall (C)
2 Martin J Kirk
3 Andrew F Alldrick
4 Hilda C Ridley
5 Geoffrey M Brewin
6 Alan E M Bagworth
7 John R Ridley
8 Simon P Rogers

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants,
St Mary
Sat Apr 1 2017 3h13 (22)
5184 Spiced Major
(2m: 2592 each Bristol S, Double
Norwich Court B; 62 com, atw)
Comp. A G Reading
1 Alex W Tatlow
2 Matthew D Dawson
3 John P Colliss
4 Pip Dillistone
5 Ian J Carey
6 Ian P Hill
7 Edward P D Colliss (C)
8 Benjamin J Carey

BISHOPSTOKE, Hants, St Mary
Mon Apr 24 2017 2h53 (11)
5000 Bristol S Royal
Comp. I R Fielding
1 Stephen S Russ
2 Margaret Whiteley
3 John P Colliss
4 Jennifer M Herriott
5 Martin J Whiteley
6 Edward P D Colliss
7 John S Croft
8 Roy LeMarechal (C)
9 Ian J Carey
10 James A Hodkin

VALE OF EVESHAM SOCIETY

HINTON ON THE GREEN,
Worcs, St Peter
Mon Apr 24 2017 2h58 (10)
5184 Big Monk S Major
Comp. Donald F Morrison
(No.2013b)
1 John R Ridley
2 Geoffrey M Brewin
3 Catherine M A Lane
4 Hilda C Ridley
5 Ashley C Fortey
6 Craig P Homewood
7 Darran Ricks (C)
8 Christopher J Pickford
900th peal: 3.
1st peal in the method.
Big Monk S Major:
x38x1456x56x38x14x1238
x3456x78 1h12 b

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

POWICK, Worcs, St Peter
Sun Apr 30 2017 3h10 (19)
5040 Doubles
(3m/6v: (1-4) Rev St Bartholomew
(5-8) Northrepps (9-13) Plain (14-18)
Kennington (19-23) April Day (24-28)
Rev Canterbury Pleasure (29-34)
Southrepps (35-39): Clifford's
Pleasure (40-42) Grandsire)
1 Cheryl Lester
2 Geoffrey B Titmuss
3 Nigel G Davis
4 Sarah Haynes
5 Paul R Smith (C)
6 Clive R Sheppard
Immediately following the last
Service (and during
thanksgiving celebrations in
the Church), taken by Revd
Sue Irwin, as she starts her
retirement from the Benefice.
275th peal: 5.

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Peals commemorating the Centenary of World War I

DERBY D.A.

DERBY, Cathedral of All Saints
Sun Apr 30 2017 3h14 (19)
5040 Spiced S Royal
(3m: 2160 Cambridge; 1440 each
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 13 com, atw)
Comp. R Bailey
1 Simon Humphrey (C)
2 Pamela J Timms
3 Simon C Melen
4 Cathy E Potter
5 Frances E Haynes
6 Roy A Meads
7 Margaret Whiteley
8 John E Heaton
9 Paul Jopp
10 Martin J Whiteley
In memory of Private David
Gamble, Duke of Wellington's
(West Riding Regiment)
2nd/6th Battalion, a ringer from
Derby who gave his life for his
country on 3rd May 1917.
200th peal together: 2 & 8.
Circled tower: 1, 10.
1st spliced S Royal: 4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

TERLING, Essex, All Saints
Sun Apr 23 2017 2h43 (11)
5088 Superlative S Major
Comp. Oliver M Austin
1 Christina D A Brewster
2 Nicholas M Allen
3 David L Sparling
4 Ian J Culham
5 James L Towler
6 Matthew J Bayley
7 David M Hengeli
8 Alan P Mayle (C)
For St George's Day and in
memory of Sgt Arthur Edward
Smith, Essex Yeomanry,
resident of Terling who was
killed on 11th April 1917 aged
24, and commemorated on the
Arras Memorial - His name
liveth for evermore.
1st peal in the method: 2.6.
100th peal together: 1 & 8.

RICKLING, Essex, All Saints
Mon Apr 24 2017 2h26 (5)
5040 Doubles
(6m: 1x240, 5x120 Grandsire; 7x120
each St Simons, St Osmund,
Eynesbury, St Martin's, Plain B)
Comp. L W G Morris (240)
1 Neil V Avis
2 Christopher N McCarthy
3 Ian J Culham
4 Colin F Chapman
5 Alan P Mayle (C)
In memory of Cpl Reuben Law,
Essex Regiment 1st Bn.
Service No.28790, local ringer.
Mentioned in Despatches,
Died 24/04/1917 age 30.
Commemorated at Cologne
Southern Cemetery, Germany,
Grave XVI.A.7. Son of the late
Reuben & Esther Law of
Rickling, Essex. He worked as
a stable boy and then a
domestic gardener before
enlisting. Born: Ugley, Essex.
Enlisted: Saffron Walden.
Resided: Stansted, Essex.

ST MICHAEL'S SOCIETY

BRISTOL,
Priory Church of St James
Fri Apr 21 2017 3h18 (27)
5040 Yorkshire S Royal
Comp. A G Reading (No.9)
1 Thomas I Moller
2 Alan G Reading (C)
3 Matthew D Dawson
4 Simon W Edwards
5 Matthew C Gardiner
6 Gabrielle L Cowell
7 David L Richards
8 Gareth L M Lawson
9 George M Salter
10 Thomas J Waterson
To mark the 100th anniversary
of the death of Lieutenant
Hubert John Cavell who was a
ringer at this tower. Died
22/04/1917 age 34 at
Holmwood Army Hospital,
Surrey after being severely
wounded at Ypres on
09/04/1917.
100th peal together: 2 & 7.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

EDINBURGH,
Fettes College Chapel
Tue Apr 11 2017 2h31 (2)
5040 Fettes TP Minor
Comp. Roger Bailey (No.1)
1 Steven Worbey
2 Simon A Percy
3 Simon H Aves
4 Susan E Bryce
5 Michael J Clay (C)
6 Edmund G N Smith
To commemorate the
centenary of the death of Lt
Donald Mackintosh, who was a
pupil at Fettes College from
1911-1913. He was killed in
action on 11th April 1917
during the Battle of Arras, and
was posthumously awarded
the Victoria Cross for his "most
conspicuous bravery". **£3**

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G.

**WILLOUGHBY ON THE
WOLDS**, Notts,
St Mary & All Saints
Fri Apr 28 2017 2h51 (6)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: Netherseale, Annabess London,
Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge,
Norwich, Westminster)
1 R Kingsley Mason
2 Christopher C P Woodcock
3 Michael J Dew
4 G William Shanks
5 George A Dawson
6 Murray A Coleman (C)
On the centenary of the death
of Private Albert Smith, 10th
Battalion Lincolnshire
Regiment, of this village. He is
buried at Roieux British
Cemetery.

YORKSHIRE ASSN

ROTHERHAM, S Yorks,
Minster Church of All Saints
Sun Apr 30 2017 3h30 (35)
5040 Yorkshire S Royal
Comp. A G Reading
1 Katie Sherratt
2 Barry F Peachey
3 Adrian M Moreton
4 Colin Aled
5 Christopher P Wilton
6 Nicholas D Soanes
7 Robert H Jordan
8 Stephen J Hall
9 Christopher M Bennett (C)
10 Malcolm S Turner
Half-muffled to the memory of
Serjeant Leonard Garrison,
22430 HQ 7th Bn, York &
Lancaster Regiment. Died 1st
May 1917. Remembered with
honour, buried at Faubourg
D'Amiens Cemetery, Arras. He
was a bellringer at All Saints
Rotherham.

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In Memoriam

Birchington, Kent. (All Saints) 23 Apr, 1260 Stockbury Doubles: Michael Little (C) 1, Tim Attridge 2, David Sheekey 3, Emma Tapsell 4, Douglas Neve 5, Stuart Willmott 6. For St Georges Day. Rung open for the life of Maisie Higgins.

Brading, IoW. 23 Apr, 1260 Doubles (5m): Kieran Downer 1, June Mitchell 2, Barry Downer (C) 3, Caroline May 4, Margaret Downer 5, Ken May 6. Rung for St George's Day & in memory of Pat Deacon, former choir member. RIP

Orwell, Cambs. 23 Apr, 1250 Cassiobury S Major: Marina Warner 1, June Mackay 2, Alan J Boyd 3, David J Hawkins 4, Geoffrey S Perryman 5, Michael A Beadman 6, Paul S Seaman (C) 7, Peter D Hinton 8. For Evensong & remembering Alan Petri, one of our loyal ringers, who passed away on 1st March 2017. £5

Methods named

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

Sully, Vale of Glam. 26 Apr, 1440 Harry S Minor: Valerie J Batten 1, Martin Batten 2, Alex G Saunders 3, Christopher E Saunders 4, Roger S Harpole 5, Julian C Parker (C) 6. Rung & named belatedly in celebration of the birth of Harry Rhys Batten, second grandchild for Valerie & Martin, on 26 November 2016. 1st in m. £3

General quarters

Shenfield, Essex. 16 Apr, 1260 PB Doubles: Sue Matthews 1, Beth Johnson (C) 2, Ray Jones 3, Alwyn Brock 4, John Cousins 5, John M Church 6. For Easter. £3

Shenley, Bucks. 16 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m): Linda Maycroft 1, Becky Fawcett 2, Ann Birch 3, John Brookman 4, Edward L Fawcett (C) 5. Rung by the Sunday service ringers for Easter. Also as part of the MK50 celebrations. And remembering George William Maycroft, grandfather of 1, on the anniversary of his birth in 1915. £2.50

Shiplake, Oxon. 17 Apr, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Freddie Gingell 1, Rebecca Gingell 2, J Chapman Knott 3, Pam Elliston 4, Anthony W Gordon 5, Lavinia Sullivan 6, David Sullivan (C) 7, Kitty Gingell 8. 1st Triples away from tenor: 1. £4

Shiplake, Oxon. 21 Apr, 1320 Carlisle S Minor: Cyril Crouch 1, Joyce Vernon 2, Pam Elliston 3, Josie Irving 4, Lavinia Sullivan 5, Robert Partridge (C) 6. £3

Shrewsbury. (S Chad) 16 Apr, 1296 PB Caters: Biff Patterson 1, Amanda R Craig 2, Maurice G Ingram 3, Elizabeth S Menhinick 4, Madeline J Harris 5, Alan M Glover (C) 6, Gillian R Glover 7, Brian S B Kear 8, Dawn V A Offen 9, John D Neal 10. Rung before Evensong on Easter Day. £5

Staines upon Thames, Surrey. (S Mary) 16 Apr, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Dorothy Barker 1, Hazel Warren 2, Val Ruston 3, Peter Whisker 4, Anna Leach 5, Paul Ruston (C) 6. For Easter. 1st in m inside: 2.4. 1st in m as C. £3

Stogumber, Som. 19 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Graham Nabb 1, Lynda Lazzarini 2, Sue Marshall 3, David Lazzarini 4, Dave Kelly (C) 5, Rachel Coates 6. Rung as a Birthday compliment for Revd Prebendary Angela Berners-Wilson.

Stoke Prior, Herefs. (S Luke) 20 Apr, 1296 PB Minor: Jessica Pugh 1, Judith Edwards 2, Elaine Wilkinson 3, Tony Fuller 4, Mark Pugh 5, William M Regan (C) 6. With all Leominster Tower members wishing The Revd'd Elizabeth Brown for a full recovery after her recent emergency operation.

Sydney, NSW. (RC Cathedral Church of St Mary) 19 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anneke Ryan 1, William Ryan 2, Enid Roberts 3, Peter Harrison 4, Colin Blayne 5, Hugh Carwardine 6, Murray-Luke Peard (C) 7, Mark Ferguson 8. £4

Taunton, Som. (S Mary Magd) 16 Apr, 1260 PB Triples: Yuka Jones 1, Elizabeth Lane 2, Margaret R Laver 3, Nellie Calascione 4, Rosemary K Tuhey 5, Keith Petersen 6, Frederick J Sage (C) 7, Maureen R Taylor 8. 1st on the bells. For Easter Evensong by the Sunday Service band. £4

Tewin, Herts. 19 Feb, 1440 St Clement's CB Minor: Daniel R B Gregory 1, Cath Harris 2, Julie Grimwade 3, Richard Edgar 4, David Hall 5, Graham Lay (C) 6. 1st on a working bell: 1. 1st in m: 2. For Evensong & HCACR Eastern District Q Year. £3

Tewkesbury, Glos. (Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin) 16 Apr, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Sheila Taylor 1, Marianne Fisher 2, Ruth Bagley 3, Peter Elliott 4, Greg Jones 5, Malcolm Taylor 6, Mike Seagrave 7, David Bagley (C) 8. To celebrate Easter. £4

Tilehurst, Berks. 17 Apr, 1344 Stedman Triples: June D Wells 1, Eunice A Wark 2, Colin R Cairns 3, Joanne P Druce 4, D Giles Winter 5, Stephen A Coaker (C) 6, Colin G Newman 7, E John Wells 8. £4

Tolland, Som. 20 Apr, 1260 Doubles (4m): Dave Kelly 1, Sue Marshall (C) 2, Lynda Lazzarini 3, Anne Deebank 4, Rachel Coates 5, David Lazzarini 6.

Tonbridge, Kent. 9 Apr, 1293 Stedman Triples: Janice Byrne 1, Jacqui Fletcher 2, Catherine Heathcote 3, Angela Clark 4, Stephen Coaker (C) 5, Pam Thomas 6, Darren Elphick 7, Gordon Hill 8.

Tydd St Mary, Lincs. 17 Apr, 1320 Wells S Minor: Philip Bailey 1, Marion Robinson 2, Vanessa E Webster 3, Janet Garnett 4, Geoff Grayton 5, Edith Robinson (C) 6. 1st in m: 5. £3

Upton Magna, Shrops. 22 Apr, 1274 Durham S Minor: Sue Perry 1, Anthony J Freemont 2, Madeline J Harris 3, Cordelia Warr 4, Brian S B Kear 5, Peter Neil (C) 6. 1st in m: 3.5. £3

Uxbridge, London. (S Margaret) 18 Apr, 1288 Little Bob Major: Alan Rix 1, Geraldine R Forster 2, Michael Sprackling 3, John Manley 4, Malcolm S Loveday 5, Michael Palmer 6, Roderic K Bickerton 7, Roger Forster (C) 8. For the Tuesday lunchtime Songs of Praise Service. £4

Wallasey, Wirral. (S Hilary of Poitiers) 19 Apr, 1440 PB Minor: Lenard J Mitchell 1, Peter Exley 2, Gillian S Caulfield-Pleavin 3, Lisa K Nuttall 4, Carl McCarthy 5, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 6. Rung to congratulate Lisa's son Christopher Jones on his marriage to Cara Sims in Cockington on Saturday 15th April. Best wishes from all the band & from Robert of Bromborough. £3

Walpole St Andrew, Norfolk. 17 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Philip Bailey 1, Andrew Marshall 2, Janet Garnett (C) 3, Vanessa E Webster 4, Geoff Grayton 5, Edith Robinson 6. £3

Walpole St Peter, Norfolk. 17 Apr, 1440 Kelso S Minor: Helen Barker 1, Marion Robinson 2, Vanessa E Webster 3, Janet Garnett 4, Philip Bailey 5, Edith Robinson (C) 6. 1st in m: 2.3.5. £3

Walsoken, Norfolk. 17 Apr, 1320 Norwich S Minor: Helen Barker 1, Janet Garnett 2, Edith Robinson 3, Vanessa E Webster 4, Geoff Grayton 5, Philip Bailey (C) 6. For Easter. £3

Waltham Abbey, Essex. 14 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret French 1, Caroline Andrews 2, Mary Bone 3, Clive B Moore 4, John A Hall 5, David Knott 6, Fred J P Bone (C) 7, Perry French 8. Rung half-muffled for Good Friday. £4

Wellington, New Zealand. (Cathedral) 16 Apr, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Janet Grocott 1, David Sluter 2, Gerald McIlhone 3, Ruth Lightbourne 4, Mary Sluter 5, Christopher Jarman 6, Derek Williams 7, Frank Sluter (C) 8. £4

Wellington, New Zealand. (Cathedral) 16 Apr, 1344 Lincolnshire S Major: Janet Grocott 1, Mary Sluter 2, Ruth Lightbourne 3, Daniel Richards 4, Gerald McIlhone 5, Derek Williams 6, Frank Sluter 7, Christopher Jarman (C) 8. £4

Wellington, New Zealand. (The John David Mini Ring) 16 Apr, 1296 Francis Genius D Minor: Mary Sluter 1, Gerald McIlhone 2, Janet Grocott 3, Ruth Lightbourne 4, Christopher Jarman 5, Derek Williams (C) 6. £3

West Cranmore, Som. 16 Apr, 1260 April Day Doubles: Jenny Norris 1, Terry Nicholls 2, Alison Wickson 3, Mark Uphill 4, Julian Back (C) 5, Dee Urch 6. For Easter Day. 1st April Day: 4. £3

West Quantoxhead, Som. 19 Apr, 1320 Oxford TB Minor: Anne Deebank 1, Sue Marshall 2, Lynda Lazzarini 3, David Lazzarini 4, Rachel Coates 5, Dave Kelly (C) 6. £3

West Raddon, Devon. (Rose Cottage) 18 Apr, 1280 Spliced S Major (5m): Lynne Hughes 1-2, Andrew Digby 3-4, Tim Bayton (C) 5-6, Sue Sawyer 7-8. Most methods on an inside pair: 3-4.

Westminster Abbey, London. (The Collegiate Church of St Peter-in-Westminster) 16 Apr, 1301 Stedman Caters: S Clarke Walters 1, John N Hughes-D'Aeth 2, Jeremy R Pratt 3, Christopher Forster 4, Michael J Uphill (C) 5, Nigel Thomson 6, David J Dearnley 7, David P Hilling 8, Simon M Alford 9, Lucinda J Woodward 10. For Easter. £5

Westminster, London. (S Clement Danes) 16 Apr, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Helen J Carter 1, John W Stephenson 2, Louise Booth 3, Jillian Laken 4, Owen C R Webster 5, Colin Friend 6, James Laken 7, Andrew P Barham 8, Clive J Stephenson (C) 9, Paul J Bloomfield 10. For Easter Sunday Service. £5

Westminster, London. (S Clement Danes) 20 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Caters: Janet Drake 1, Prudence Fay 2, Kris Fowler 3, Caroline Stockmann 4, Debbie Malin 5, Jinny Kufliuk 6, Colin Cherrett 7, Alec Gray (C) 8, Stephen Jakeman 9, Martin Sutcliffe 10. 1st as C. £3

Winford, Som. 19 Apr, 1250 Gharb D Major: David G Wilford 1, Andrew H Ball 2, Brian V Mountjoy (C) 3, Susan P E Bateman 4, Penelope I Hooper 5, Beverley Perry 6, Leslie E Perry 7, Stephen J Bateman 8. £4

Winsford, Som. 19 Apr, 1260 Shippea Hill Bob Minor: Valerie Stone 1, Raymond P Jones 2, John West 3, John S Boorman 4, Martin J Blazey 5, Giles R Morley (C) 6. Rung on Primrose Day. £3

Winstone, Glos. 19 Apr, 1260 St Dunstan's Bob Doubles: Mary Fear 1, Melanie Gibson 2, Chris Meads 3, John Simms 4, John Gibson (C) 5, Keith Durrant 6. £3

Wokingham, Berks. (All Saints) 9 Apr, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Susan E Davenport 1, David Sullivan 2, Jane A Mellor 3, Tom Blomley 4, Geoffrey K Cook 5, Lavinia M Sullivan 6, Kenneth R Davenport 7, John A Harrison (C) 8. For Evensong on Palm Sunday.

Wokingham, Berks. (All Saints) 16 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Julie B Goodchild 1, Mary Spence 2, Ian D Thompson 3, Alan K Barsby 4, Richard I M Thompson 5, Jonathan P Goodchild (C) 6, John A Harrison 7, Stephen C Bates 8. For Evensong on Easter Day.

Wood Green, W Mids. 10 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: John P Burton 1, Clare Coleman 2, Matthew D Hardy 3, Raymond H Daw 4, Margaret Simpson 5, John W Pollard 6, Malcolm Quimby (C) 7, David C H Simpson 8. £4



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Woodchurch, Wirral. (Holy Cross) 16 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): Peter Exley 1, Carl McCarthy 2, Valerie M Beecroft 3, David C Denson 4, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 5, William Harrison 6. Rung at the end of the Easter morning service. **£3**

Worcester. (Cathedral) 9 Apr, 1296 Stedman Triples: Mark Regan 1, Penny Salisbury 2, Jim Clatworthy 3, Alexandra Hajok 4, Craig Homewood 5, William Regan 6, Darran Ricks (C) 7, Tom Childs 8. For Evensong on Palm Sunday.

York, N Yorks. (S Lawrence) 16 Apr, 1273 Grandsire Triples: Johnny Stokoe 1, Charlotte Mitchell 2, Emma Coles 3, Angela Mitchell 4, David Mitchell 5, Peter Hughes 6, Peter Sanderson (C) 7, Allen Eccles 8. For Easter Day. 1st in m: 2.

York, N Yorks. (S Martin le Grand, Coney Street) 22 Apr, 1344 Dereham S Major: Christine Potter 1, Helen Beaumont 2, Johnny Stokoe 3, Claire Reading 4, Nathan Cox 5, Peter Sanderson (C) 6, James Hibbert 7, Peter Hughes 8.

Alfirston, E Sussex. 28 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jenny Wells 1, Sheila E Wood 2, Michael S Cotgrove 3, Jennifer A Dearie 4, Pauline M Kennard (C) 5, Keith D Rogers 6. Rung immediately following the Marriage Blessing of Nicholas & Virgie Woodthorpe. Wishing Nick & Gie very best wishes for a happy life together. **£3**

Ash Priors, Som. 26 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Beverley Perry (C) 1, Nicki J Lang 2, Claire O'Mahony 3, Robert Perry 4, Keith E Beale 5, Paul D Forbes-Harper 6. 3/3. **£3**

Avebury, Wilts. 29 Apr, 1260 Doubles (1p/2m): Ken A Webb 1, Christopher Bush 2, Linda Drummond-Harris 3, Jane M Ridgwell 4, Andrew K Woolley (C) 5, Jonathan Stubbs 6. Wishing David Davidge, tower captain of Avebury, a speedy recovery. **£3**

Awbridge, Hants. 28 Apr, 1259 Spl Caters (2m): William T Perrins (C) 1, Oliver B Chaloner 2, Clare M Merivale 3, Pip Dillstone 4, Colin J Butler 5, Andrew J B Ingram 6, Alan D Elsmore 7, John A Dodd 8, Kristian D Scudamore 9, Daniel Graham 10. **£5**

Awbridge, Hants. 28 Apr, 1282 Lincolnshire S Royal: Daniel Graham 1, Clare M Merivale 2, Pip Dillstone 3, William T Perrins (C) 4, Alan D Elsmore 5, Andrew J B Ingram 6, John A Dodd 7, Kristian D Scudamore 8, Colin J Butler 9, Oliver B Chaloner 10. 1st blows in m: 2. **£5**

Aylesbury, Bucks. 20 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Adam Gibson 1, Sue Haines 2, Darren Washington 3, Bob Tregillus 4, Peter Fay (C) 5, Grant Edney 6. To celebrate the 60th Birthday of Christina who works in St Mary's Church cafe. **£3**

Barnburgh, S Yorks. 25 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m): Ben Newsam 1, June Hawley 2, Jay P Downes 3, Stuart Armeson 4, Ruth Graham (C) 5. Rung for Sarcoidosis Awareness Month. Money raised from this Q will be sent to SILA - the only UK charity researching Sarcoidosis & providing support for patients. **£2.50**

Barnes, London. 7 Apr, 1260 Erin Triples: Louise Booth 1, Monica Trow 2, Colin Friend 3, Eddie Heath 4, Tony Nunn 5, Gill Tomlinson 6, Mike Wigney (C) 7, Linda Foddering 8. **£4**

Barnes, London. 9 Apr, 1260 PB Doubles: Trisha Hawkins 1, Mike Wigney (C) 2, Monica Trow 3, Eddie Heath 4, Charles Turnbull 5, Sophie Jermaine 6. After morning service on Palm Sunday. 1st as cover: 6. **£3**

Bearsted, Kent. 23 Apr, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Debbie Rowe 1, Trewin R Laws 2, Chris R Saunders 3, Ian D Parker 4, John H Wale 5, Darren W Elphick (C) 6. For Evensong. Also with best wishes to Debbie & Chris on their forthcoming marriage at St Nicholas Leeds on Sunday 14 May 2017. **£3**

Beeston, Notts. (17, Coniston Road) 30 Mar, 1288 Spl Maximus (2m): Christopher J Field 1-2, Christine M Langton 3-4, Ian Vincent 5-6, Tom Langton 7-8, Tim Poole (C) 9-10, Emily E Hall 11-12. 1st Maximus in hand: 11-12. Birthday compliments to: Alistair JE Smith, Andrew E Hall, Michael Garle & Vic Halford. **£3**

Beeston, Notts. (17, Coniston Road) 6 Apr, 1440 Kent TB Royal: Christine M Langton 1-2, Michael Garle 3-4, Ian Vincent 5-6, Tim Poole (C) 7-8, Roger Lawson 9-10. 450th Q as C. **£2.50**

Bilsborrow, Lancs. 29 Apr, 1260 St Simon's Bob Triples: Anne E Pettifor 1, Elizabeth G Turner 2, Donna Jones 3, Christine Silkstone 4, Celia Hughes-D'Aeth 5, Dawn R Neville 6, Jane Lynch (C) 7, Viv Clayton 8. 1st in m for all except 5. **£4**

Birmingham, W Mids. (Cathedral Church of St Philip) 13 Mar, 1275 Spl Maximus (11m): Mark R Eccleston 1, Jack E Page (C) 2, Paul N Mounsey 3, Christian M Peckham 4, Paul E Bibilo 5, Jack P Gunning 6, James P Ramsbottom 7, Paul McNutt 8, Stephen M Jones 9, Colin M Lee 10, Thomas W Griffiths 11, Michael P A Wilby 12.

Bow, London. (S Mary) 28 Apr, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Thomas F Lawrance (C) 1, Eva, Redei 2, Jinny Kuflik 3, Rachel C Billinge 4, Gregory Rose 5, Callum G Renton 6. 1st in m: 6. **£2.50**

Brackenfield, Derbys. 26 Apr, 1320 Woodbine D Minor: Derek Butterworth 1, Peter England 2, Lynda Lazzarini 3, David Lazzarini 4, Colin Lord 5, Martyn Marriott (C) 6.

Bradford Peverell, Dorset. 26 Apr, 1250 Bristol S Major: Timothy Collins 1, Patricia Garrett 2, Robert Crighton 3, Flick Warwick 4, Thomas Garrett 5, David Warwick (C) 6, Graham Duke 7, Nigel Woodruff 8. **£4**

Bradford Peverell, Dorset. 26 Apr, 1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles: Janet M Collins 1, Joanna Wenborne 2, Julie Miles 3, R Nicholas Lawrence 4, Andrew G Smith (C) 5, Timothy F Collins 6.

Brailsford, Derbys. 28 Apr, 1272 Trinity Sunday TB Minor: Pat Halls 1, Gill Pearson 2, Ruth Jopp 3, Fred Pearson 4, Luke Heaton 5, John Hawes (C) 6. **£3**

Breedon-on-the-Hill, Leics. 22 Apr, 1260 PB Doubles: Di Wilkes 1, Nigel Coupe 2, Sue Barnett 3, Richard Chamberlain 4, Maurice Starkey (C) 5, Steve Beech 6. Rung to welcome Jo & Paul back home after their around the world trip. **£3**

Bromyard, Herefs. 16 Apr, 1565 Grandsire Caters: J Anthony Ellis 1, Jo Hall 2, Madeleine Johnson 3, Heather Pickford 4, Linda Taylor 5, Rachel Coates 6, Nick Cronin 7, Richard Pullin (C) 8, Andrew Hodgson 9, Chris Pickford 10. To celebrate Easter Sunday.

Buckland Newton, Dorset. 24 Apr, 1320 PB Doubles: John Cawood 1, Jan Keohane 2, Nick Baker 3, Gareth R Evans 4, Mark D Symonds (C) 5, Lynda G Evans 6. 1st as C. By members of the West Dorset Branch for SDGR firsts week. **£3**

Burford, Oxon. 22 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Nigel Harrison 1, John Collett 2, Alan Hodges 3, Michael Collett 4, Sally Austin 5, Daniel Glyde 6, Tony Crabtree (C) 7, Mick Austin 8. Rung for the wedding of Harry Hay & Clementine Travis. 500th Q: 2. **£4**

Burnley, Lancs. 18 Apr, 1280 Spl S Major (4m): Pauline Campling 1, Christine Silkstone 2, Jane Owen 3, Brian J Owen 4, Matthew D Warburton 5, Richard J Parker 6, George H Campling (C) 7, James E Andrews 8. 1st Spl: 2.

Cambridge. (102 Mawson Road) 25 Apr, 1280 Kent TB Major: Catriona Shearer 1-2, Alan Winter 3-4, Marjorie B Winter 5-6, Michael G Purday (C) 7-8. 1st Kent: 1-2. **£2**

Chalk, Kent. 29 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Florence Hamp 1, Margaret Funnell 2, Alan Driver 3, Stuart Edwards 4, Gordon Dickens (C) 5, Peter Hartley 6. In celebration of the 83rd Birthday of Michael Wilkinson, Tower Captain of Chalk.

Cheltenham, Warden Hill, Glos. (S Christopher) 29 Apr, 2017 PB Minor: Mike Collett 1, Barbara Pettit 2, Alison R Williams 3, Reg Hitchings 4, Ben Gooch 5, Roy Williams (C) 6. Rung as the opening entertainment for Musicathon at St Christopher's for The Cheltenham Christian Arts Festival 2017. **£3**

Chirk, Wrexham. 26 Apr, 1260 Doubles (4m/v): Andy Burgess 1, Beverley J Furniss 2, Nicola J Galton 3, Thomas D Miles 4, Peter L Furniss (C) 5, Mick Holford 6. Rung to welcome the Revd'd Phil Bettinson & his wife Megan to the Offa Mission Area. 1st away from cover: 1. Most m/v: 4. **£3**

Cirencester, Glos. (S John Bapt) 29 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Eric Roberts 1, Charles Woodd 2, Carole Bucknell 3, John Sheppard 4, Rob Clive (C) 5, Matt Thewsey 6, David Chalk 7, Ian Bucknell 8. To celebrate the marriage of Irene & Simon Smith, churchwarden. **£4**

Cobham, Kent. (S Mary Magd) 22 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Byron Aldous 1, Derna Brown 2, Peter Hartley 3, Stuart Edwards 4, Phil Brown (C) 5, Nigel Pagram 6. In celebration of the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Alan & Elizabeth Holland. **£3**

Collingbourne Ducis, Wilts. 28 Apr, 1260 Doubles (4m): Chris Jenkins (C) 1, Valerie Stone 2, Patricia Davidson 3, Ross Robertson 4, Robert Wellen 5, Kathy Matthews 6. **£3**

Collingbourne Kingston, Wilts. 28 Apr, 1260 Doubles (1p/5m): Valerie Stone 1, Kathy Matthews 2, Patricia Davidson 3, Neil Skelton 4, Robert Wellen (C) 5, Chris Jenkins 6. **£3**

Colston Bassett, Notts. 22 Apr, 1312 Bristol S Major: David Lazzarini 1, Lyn Sugden 2, Lynda M Lazzarini 3, Michael J de C Henshaw 4, Martyn J Marriott 5, G William Shanks 6, Peter J England 7, R Philip Graves (C) 8. 25th together: 1 & 6, 3 & 6, 6 & 7. **£4**

Cookley, Worcs. (S Peter) 26 Apr, 1272 London S Minor: Andrew R Gray 1, Clive Sheppard 2, Stella C Smith 3, Stephen J Bedford 4, Martin Scott 5, Edward C W Lupton (C) 6.

Corston, Som. 25 Apr, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Nicholas C Field 1, Jody A Wood 2, Helen J Udall 3, Matthew A Skues 4, Josh D P Jones 5, Matthew J Butler 6, Michael J Stubbs (C) 7, Georgina Barratt 8.

Cranleigh, St Nicolas, Surrey. 23 Apr, 2017. 1260 Doubles (2m): Colin Tilbury 1, Christine Bryant 2, Margie Nursey 3, Graham Lucas 4, Chris Robinson (C) 5, Graham Williams 6, Andrea Young 7, Richard Ansell 8. Rung to celebrate the 60th birthday of our Rector, Revd. Roy Woodhams.

Crondall, Hants. 28 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: Deb Baker 1, Dudley Elsmore 2, Paul Meadows 3, Ros Fox 4, Joseph Sharp 5, Kevin Fox (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the 60th Birthday & retirement of the C. Also a Birthday compliment to Andy Day. **£3**

Dodderhill, Worcs. 29 Apr, 1260 PB Triples: Alma Grazebrook 1, Rosemary Clive 2, Jenny Walton 3, Martin F Stallard 4, Mark Ingledew 5, Andrew R Gray 6, Steve Townsend (C) 7, Alan Blake 8. For the annual Droitwich St Richard's Festival. **£4**

Dordrecht, Netherlands. 15 Apr, 1250 London S Major: Ruth Curtis 1, Thirza R de Kok 2, Paul F Curtis 3, Paul A Cammiade 4, Charlotte A Boyce 5, Clive G Smith 6, John R Martin (C) 7, Alan Regis 8.

Eardisley, Herefs. 24 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Key 1, Alison C Alcock 2, John Downing 3, Brian Holdaway 4, Ian Price (C) 5, Geoff Cowling 6. The first of monthly Qs to be rung on the simulator. **£3**

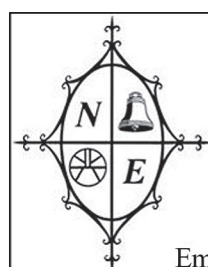
Eastbourne, E Sussex. (Christ Church) 25 Apr, 1260 Doubles (1p/3m): Marion C Hollands 1, Hazel M Mottram 2, Jennifer A Dearie 3, Janet M Wilson 4, Pauline M Kennard (C) 5, Anthony C Mottram 6. **£3**

Edinburgh. (S Cuthbert) 28 Apr, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Margaret Williams 1, Isabel J Crane 2, Ian P Bell 3, Barbara Bell 4, Terry G Williams 5, Ruth M Marshall 6, Colin P North 7, Simon J Gay (C) 8. **£4**

Elsham, Lincs. 29 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): Toby C Hibbert 1, Patricia A Donnelly 2, Karen A Lane 3, Rosina M Baxter 4, Barry F Peachey (C) 5. 1st on 5 bells: 1,3. Rung before the Hull Hand Bells Project Hand Bell Day, after meeting short for Minor due to the Humber Bridge being closed.

Exeter, Devon. (64 Mount Pleasant Road) . 20 Apr, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Oliver Coldrick 1-2, Sue Sparling 3-4, Tim Bayton (C) 5-6, Lynne Hughes 7-8, Sue Sawyer 9-10.

Fitzhead, Som. 26 Apr, 1260 Doubles (5m): Keith E Beale (C) 1, Beverley Perry 2, Nicki J Lang 3, Robert Perry 4, Paul D Forbes-Harper 5, Claire O'Mahony 6. 2/3. **£3**



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Quarter peals commemorating the centenary of World War I

Slinfold, W Sussex. 23 Apr, 1260 PB Doubles: Sarah Farley 1, Val Farley 2, Isabel Woodward 3, David Poole (C) 4, Edward Woodward 5, Thomas S White 6. Rung in memory & on the centenary of the death of Pte. Maurice Redman of the Royal Sussex Regiment until he was transferred to the Manchester Regiment, 18th Battalion, Maurice was killed in action on 23/4/16 at Heninel, just outside Arras, during the second battle of Scarpe. He was 19 years old. **£3**

See also peal reports on p.484

Bellringers Strike Back Against Blood Cancer SBABC

Edenham, Lincs. 22 Apr, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Alan D H Bird (C) 1, Sylvia M Taylor 2, Alan G Payne 3, Andrew J Davey 4, Ian Dawson 5, Mark Mumby 6, Anthony D Walker 7, Bryan Ward 8. **£4**

Eynsford, Kent. 10 Feb, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Debra Say 1, Philippa Rooke 2, Helen Webb 3, Sue Cameron 4, Rona Joiner 5, David Hilling 6, Rupert Cheeseman (C) 7, Peter Hartley 8. 1st in m: 5. Rung as part of the campaign Strike Back Against Blood Cancer. Also a Birthday compliment to young Sue Cameron. **£4**

Farnborough, Kent. (S Giles) 21 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Michael Stuttard 1, Lesley Barclay 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Martin Sutcliffe 4, Nicholas Wilkins 5, Caroline Stockmann (C) 6. 1st Minor as C at first attempt. **£3**

Farningham, Kent. 12 Feb, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Isabel M Pearce 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Sue Cameron 3, David P Buist 4, Catherine M Lewis 5, David P Hilling (C) 6. 1st in m: 2. Rung following Eucharist. **£3**

Farningham, Kent. 12 Mar, 1272 London S Minor: Sue Cameron 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Catherine M Lewis 3, Rupert J Cheeseman 4, Nicholas Wilkins 5, David P Hilling (C) 6. Rung following Eucharist. **£3**

Great Chart, Kent. 4 Mar, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Margaret Funnell 1, Jacqueline Barlow 2, Louise Pink 3, Alan Pink (C) 4, Roger Pocock 5, Doug Davis 6, Neil Jones 7, Helen Webb 8. 1st blows in m: 6. For SBABC. **£4**

Guernsey, Cl. (San Baronto) 10 Feb, 1296 Julie McDonnell Minimus: Janice Firth 1-2, Duncan Loweth (C) 3-4. 1st in m: 1-2. **£1**

Guernsey, Cl. (San Baronto) 7 Feb, 1296 Julie McDonnell Minimus: Jane Le Conte 1-2, Duncan Loweth (C) 3-4. 1st Julie McDonnell Minimus for both. **£1**

Guernsey, Cl. (Town Church) 26 Feb, 1260 Julie McDonnell Slow Course Minor: Sue Park 1, Tim Wainwright 2, Jane Le Conte 3, Paul Lawrence 4, Sue Le Feuvre 5, Duncan Loweth (C) 6. 1st in m for all. **£3**

Guildford, Surrey. (Cathedral) 8 Jan, 1290 Julie McDonnell Alliance Maximus: A Jane Beadman 1, David R Beadman 2, Maurice F Edwards 3, Elizabeth A Burton 4, Anthea S Edwards 5, Philip A B Saddleton 6, Richard H Burton (C) 7, Christopher H Rogers 8, Colin F Salter 9, Nicholas M W Haggett 10, David J Tubbs 11, Mark E R Gill 12. The first Q in m. Julie McDonnell Alliance Maximus: -3T.14-12-3T.14-14.3T.14-14.3T.14-ET LH12. Rung for Bellringers Strike Back Against Blood Cancer.

Hailsham, E Sussex. 16 Apr, 1287 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth M Munday 1, Mary Burr 2, Louise G Pink 3, Hilary F Smith 4, Pauline M Kennard 5, Alan D Pink (C) 6, Sandra M Titherly 7, Christine M Baldock 8. For Easter Evensong. 1850th Q & circled the tower 51 times 8. **£4**

Hailsham, E Sussex. 19 Apr, 1280 Yattendon S Major: Hazel E Horobin 1, Louise G Pink 2, Janet M Wilson 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Richard R Kennard 5, Richard A Hutchings 6, Peter M J Bradford 7, Alan D Pink (C) 8. 1st in m. Yattendon S Major. -56-14-1256-38-14-1458-34-58 le 18.

Hailsham, E Sussex. 29 Jan, 1296 Spl S Minor (3m): Sandra M Titherly 1, Louise G Pink 2, Hilary F Smith 3, Pauline M Kennard 4, Philip R Wild 5, Alan D Pink (C) 6. For Evensong.

Hailsham, E Sussex. 9 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth M Munday 1, Hilary F Smith (C) 2, Nicholas J Cant 3, Frances P Bradford 4, Pauline M Kennard 5, Christine M Baldock 6, Sandra M Titherly 7, Peter M J Bradford 8. For Evening Prayer. **£4**

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Hailsham, Sussex. 11 Jan, 1260 PB Doubles: Linda Green 1, Louise G Pink 2, Christine M Baldock (C) 3, Hilary F Smith 4, Alan R Baldock 5, Pauline M Kennard 6. 1st Q: 1. 250th on the bells: 2. **£3**

Hailsham, Sussex. 12 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Christine M Baldock 1, Mary E Burr 2, Hilary F Smith 3, Pauline M Kennard 4, Sandra M Titherly 5, Alan R Baldock (C) 6. For Evening Prayer. **£3**

Hailsham, Sussex. 12 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): Mary E Burr 1, Elizabeth M Munday 2, Hilary F Smith 3, Pauline M Kennard (C) 4, Sandra M Titherly 5, Anne E Franklin 6. For Evening Prayer. 500th Q on the bells: 3. **£3**

Hailsham, Sussex. 13 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Tania Taylor 1, Mary E Burr 2, Christine M Baldock (C) 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Pauline M Kennard 5, Alan R Baldock 6. 1st Q: 1. **£3**

Hailsham, Sussex. 19 Feb, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Elizabeth M Munday 1, Mary E Burr 2, Louise C Munday 3, Pauline M Kennard 4, Hilary F Smith 5, Sandra M Titherly 6, Alan R Baldock (C) 7, Jennifer A Dearie 8. For Evening Prayer. 1st in m inside: 2. **£4**

Hailsham, Sussex. 19 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth M Munday 1, Hilary F Smith (C) 2, Sandra M Titherly 3, Frances P Bradford 4, Jennifer R Beckingham 5, Jennifer A Dearie 6, Peter M J Bradford 7, Christopher M Shaw 8. For Evening Prayer. 1st Triples as C. **£4**

Hailsham, Sussex. 20 Mar, 1320 Norwich S Minor: Christine M Baldock 1, Sandra M Titherly 2, Frances P Bradford 3, Anne E Franklin 4, Pauline M Kennard 5, Alan R Baldock (C) 6. A 100th Birthday compliment to Dame Vera Lynn. 950th Q on the bells: 6. **£3**

Hailsham, Sussex. 22 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Linda Green 1, Mary E Burr 2, Christine M Baldock (C) 3, Louise G Pink 4, Sandra M Titherly 5, Hilary F Smith 6. **£3**

Hailsham, Sussex. 22 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth M Munday 1, Louise G Pink 2, Louise C Munday 3, Christine M Baldock (C) 4, Pauline M Kennard 5, Sandra M Titherly 6, Alan D Pink 7, Anne E Franklin 8. Rung for evening Holy Communion & as a Silver Wedding compliment to Hailsham ringer Evelyn Evenden & her husband Terry. **£4**

Hailsham, Sussex. 26 Mar, 1260 Doubles (11m): Tania Taylor 1, Pauline M Kennard 2, Christine M Baldock 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Alan R Baldock (C) 5, Hayley C Bell 6. For evening Holy Communion on Mothering Sunday. 1,600th Q together: 3,5. **£3**

Hailsham, Sussex. 5 Mar, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Elizabeth M Munday 1, Mary E Burr 2, Louise C Munday 3, Christine M Baldock 4, Hilary F Smith 5, Pauline M Kennard 6, Alan R Baldock (C) 7, Hugh A P Bell 8. For Evening Prayer. **£4**

Hailsham, Sussex. 8 Jan, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Elizabeth M Munday 1, Louise G Pink 2, Louise C Munday 3, Alan D Pink 4, Hilary F Smith 5, Sandra M Titherly 6, Alan R Baldock (C) 7, Christine M Baldock 8. For Evening Prayer. Circled tower 50 times: 8. **£4**

Hastings, E Sussex. (All Saints) 29 Jan, 1312 Elizabeth S Major: Jenny Parker 1, Louise G Pink 2, Frances P Bradford 3, Pauline M Kennard 4, Sandra M Titherly 5, Philip R Wild 6, Peter M J Bradford 7, Alan D Pink (C) 8. 1st in m. Elizabeth S Major: X38X14X1256X16X34X58X12.34.58 le 12.

Hastings, E Sussex. (All Saints) 7 Feb, 1260 Julie McDonnell Doubles: Julie D McDonnell 1, Louise G Pink 2, Jenny Parker 3, Alan D Pink (C) 4, Stephen J Harvey 5, Roy M Cox 6.

Hastings, E Sussex. (Christ Church, Blacklands) 7 Feb, 1260 Julie McDonnell Doubles: Louise G Pink 1, Julie D McDonnell 2, Jenny Parker 3, Stephen J Harvey 4, Alan D Pink (C) 5, Roy M Cox 6.

Hastings, E Sussex. (S Clement) 7 Feb, 1260 Julie McDonnell Doubles: Louise G Pink 1, Julie D McDonnell 2, Jenny Parker 3, Roy M Cox 4, Alan D Pink (C) 5, Stephen J Harvey 6.

Heathfield, E Sussex. (All Saints) 2 Jan, 1312 Kinver S Major: Jenny Beckingham 1, Louise Pink 2, Pauline Kennard 3, Penny Neal 4, Anne Franklin 5, Richard Neal 6, Jonathan Franklin 7, Alan Pink (C) 8. 1st in m for all. **£4**

High Wycombe, Bucks. 16 Apr, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: John Hearn 1, Ann Davies 2, Josie Martin 3, George Whiteside 4, Robert Newton 5, Patricia Newton 6, David Sullivan (C) 7, Francoise Allen 8. For Easter Evensong. Francoise (tenor) is a stem cell transplant recipient. **£4**

Hoo St Werburgh, Kent. 22 Mar, 1260 Julie McDonnell Little Alliance Major: Julie McDonnell 1, Margaret Funnell 2, Helen Webb 3, Anita Perryman 4, Elizabeth Barnes 5, Barry Roberts 6, Alex Britton 7, Neil Jones (C) 8. 1st Julie McDonnell method inside: 2. For SBABC. A minute's silence was observed prior to this Q in memory of those killed in the Westminster terrorist incident earlier today. 'The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath.' **£4**

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells (front six)) 10 Mar, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Louise G Pink 1, Alan D Pink (C) 2, Jenny A Dearie 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Roy M Cox 5, Jenny Parker 6.

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 10 Mar, 1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Jenny Parker 1, Jenny A Dearie 2, Alan D Pink (C) 3, Edward F P Bryant 4, Louise G Pink 5, Roy M Cox 6.

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 10 Mar, 1260 Julie McDonnell Doubles: Louise G Pink 1, Alan D Pink (C) 2, Jenny Parker 3, Jenny A Dearie 4, Roy M Cox 5, Edward F P Bryant 6.

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 10 Mar, 1260 PB Minor: Sandra M Titherly 1, Jenny Parker 2, Jenny A Dearie 3, Alan D Pink (C) 4, Roy M Cox 5, Louise G Pink 6. Circled the tower 80 times: 6.

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 10 Mar, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Alan D Pink (C) 1, Louise G Pink 2, Sandra M Titherly 3, Jenny Parker 4, Jenny A Dearie 5, Roy M Cox 6. 1st in m: 4.

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 10 Mar, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Rosemary Cox 1, Jenny A Dearie 2, Louise G Pink 3, Jenny Parker 4, Roy M Cox 5, Alan D Pink (C) 6.

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 12 Mar, 1280 Dingley D Major: Pauline M Kennard 1, Frances P Bradford 2, Edward F P Bryant 3, Louise G Pink 4, Sandra M Titherly 5, Jennifer A Dearie 6, Alan D Pink (C) 7, Peter M J Bradford 8. **£4**

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 15 Jan, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Louise G Pink 1, Frances P Bradford 2, Pauline M Kennard 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Peter M J Bradford 5, Julie D McDonnell 6, Alan D Pink (C) 7, Alan J Collings 8. Circled the tower 75 times: 1. **£4**

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 15 Jan, 1296 Bourne S Minor: Edward F P Bryant 1, Sandra M Titherly 2, Pauline M Kennard 3, Alan D Pink (C) 4, Louise G Pink 5, Peter M J Bradford 6. Dedicated to 5's new Granddaughter born yesterday. **£3**

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 17 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Helen M Green 1, Louise G Pink 2, Edward F P Bryant 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Peter M J Bradford 5, Jenny Parker 6, Roy M Cox (C) 7, Frances P Bradford 8. **£4**

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 17 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Louise G Pink 1, Frances P Bradford 2, Sandra M Titherly 3, Edward F P Bryant (C) 4, Peter M J Bradford 5, Jenny Parker 6, Roy M Cox 7, Helen M Green 8. Circled the tower 77 times: 1. **£4**

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 17 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Sandra M Titherly 1, Louise G Pink 2, Frances P Bradford 3, Jenny Parker 4, Peter M J Bradford 5, Roy M Cox (C) 6. **£3**

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 19 Feb, 1256 Little Bob Major: Alan D Pink (C) 1, Frances P Bradford 2, Sandra M Titherly 3, Edward F P Bryant 4, Alan J Collings 5, Louise G Pink 6, Peter M J Bradford 7, Jennifer A Dearie 8. Circled the tower 74 times: 1. **£4**

Hoee, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 19 Feb, 1264 PB Major: Louise G Pink 1, Alan D Pink (C) 2, Jennifer A Dearie 3, Frances P Bradford 4, Jenny Parker 5, Sandra M Titherly 6, Peter M J Bradford 7, Edward F P Bryant 8. Circled the tower 74 times as C. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 24 Feb, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Louise G Pink 1, Alan D Pink (C) 2, Jennifer A Dearie 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Peter M J Bradford 5, Jenny Parker 6, Roy M Cox 7, Frances P Bradford 8. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 24 Feb, 1264 Childwall Bob Major: Jenny Parker 1, Edward F P Bryant 2, Jennifer A Dearie 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Peter M J Bradford 5, Roy M Cox 6, Alan D Pink (C) 7, Louise G Pink 8. Circled the tower 78 times: 8. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 24 Feb, 1264 PB Major: Alan D Pink (C) 1, Louise G Pink 2, Frances P Bradford 3, Jenny Parker 4, Peter M J Bradford 5, Sandra M Titherly 6, Jennifer A Dearie 7, Roy M Cox 8. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 24 Feb, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Peter M J Bradford 1, Frances P Bradford 2, Louise G Pink 3, Jennifer A Dearie 4, Sandra M Titherly 5, Roy M Cox 6, Edward F P Bryant 7, Alan D Pink (C) 8. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 24 Feb, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Sandra M Titherly 1, Roy M Cox 2, Alan D Pink (C) 3, Alan J Collings 4, Frances P Bradford 5, Louise G Pink 6, Jennifer A Dearie 7, Jenny Parker 8. Circled the tower 49 times as C. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 26 Feb, 1260 Stedman Triples: Alan D Pink (C) 1, Sandra M Titherly 2, Louise G Pink 3, Frances P Bradford 4, Alan J Collings 5, Peter M J Bradford 6, Edward F P Bryant 7, Jenny Parker 8. Circled the tower 75 times-treble. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 26 Feb, 1288 St Clement's CB Triples: Alan J Collings 1, Louise G Pink 2, Edward F P Bryant 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Frances P Bradford 5, Alan D Pink (C) 6, Peter M J Bradford 7, Jenny Parker 8. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 26 Mar, 1296 Surfleet S Minor: Alan D Pink (C) 1, Sandra M Titherly 2, Pauline M Kennard 3, Jenny A Dearie 4, Edward F P Bryant 5, Jenny Parker 6. 1st in m: 6. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 26 Mar, 1320 Abbey Pl Doubles: Jenny Parker 1, Alan D Pink 2, Jenny A Dearie 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Pauline M Kennard (C) 5, Edward F P Bryant 6. 1st in m for all. **£4**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 5 Feb, 1272 Donottar D Minor: Roy M Cox 1, Frances P Bradford 2, Alan D Pink (C) 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Louise G Pink 5, Peter M J Bradford 6. **£3**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 5 Feb, 1296 Carisbrooke D Minor: Roy M Cox 1, Frances P Bradford 2, Sandra M Titherly 3, Louise G Pink 4, Peter M J Bradford 5, Alan D Pink (C) 6. **£3**

Hooe, E Sussex. (Dewby's Bells) 24 Feb, 1260 PB Triples: Alan D Pink (C) 1, Jennifer A Dearie 2, Sandra M Titherly 3, Jenny Parker 4, Frances P Bradford 5, Louise G Pink 6, Roy M Cox 7, Alan J Collings 8. Circled the tower 73 times: 1. **£4**

Kegworth, Leics. 21 Mar, 1250 Julie McDonnell S Major: Brenda Parr 1, H Mary Barrass 2, Andrew D Higson (C) 3, Izabelle A Bimson 4, Richard Bimson 5, Roy E Simpson 6, Andrew A Ward 7, Nicholas J Parr 8. **£4**

Kemsing, Kent. 11 Mar, 1260 Julie McDonnell Doubles: Julie McDonnell 1, Mike Wigney (C) 2, Caroline Stockmann 3, Alan D Pink 4, Louise G Pink 5, Linda Foddering 6. "Soft stillness & the night, Become the touches of sweet harmony." **£3**

Keymer, W Sussex. 13 Mar, 1260 PB Doubles: Millie Wilkinson 1, Joshua Hutchinson 2, William Stafford 3, Alex Martin 4, Rachel Mahoney (C) 5, Molly Smith 6. 1st Q: 1. Rung by an all young ringers band who all attend the local secondary school, five ringers in year 10 & one in year 11. Average age of 15. **£3**

King's Lynn, Norfolk. (Minster Church of St Margaret) 26 Mar, 1260 Julie McDonnell Slow Course Minor: Andrew Davey 1, Mandy Dawson 2, Mark Mumby 3, Greg Harrison 4, Anthony D Walker 5, Ian Dawson (C) 6. In support of the BSBABC. 1st in m: 1.2.4. 1st in m as C. Thanks to Andrew Davey for arranging this Q. **£3**

Lamberhurst, Kent. 10 Apr, 1260 Julie McDonnell Doubles: Sandra Titherly 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Louise Pink 3, Pauline Kennard 4, Anthony Cotton (C) 5, Helen Green 6. Rung after the funeral service of Revd John S Harris, of this parish. **£3**

Laughton, E Sussex. 26 Jan, 1260 Buxton Bob Minor: Pauline Kennard 1, Louise Pink 2, Sandra Titherly 3, Penny Neal 4, Anne Franklin (C) 5, Richard Neal 6. **£3**

Laughton, E Sussex. 9 Feb, 1320 Hexham S Minor: Stephen Beckingham (C) 1, Louise Pink 2, Pauline Kennard 3, Penny Neal 4, Anne Franklin 5, Richard Neal 6. **£3**

Laughton, E Sussex. 2 Jan, 1260 Doubles (11m): Pat Aylward 1, Mary Burr 2, Louise Pink 3, Pauline Kennard 4, Anne Franklin (C) 5, Penny Neal 6. **£3**

Laughton, E Sussex. 23 Mar, 1260 Doubles (9m/1p): Mary Burr 1, Jenny Beckingham 2, Louise Pink 3, Pauline Kennard (C) 4, Penny Neal 5, Anne Franklin 6. **£3**

Leigh on Sea, Essex. 25 Mar, 1290 Julie McDonnell Alliance Major: P Jonathan Franklin 1, Sandra Y Alford 2, David D Smith 3, Alan D Pink 4, Anne E Franklin 5, Mark Chittenden-Pile 6, Stephen J Beckingham (C) 7, Jeremy D Alford 8. 1st blows in m for all. **£3**

Lewes, E Sussex. 27 Jan, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Anne Franklin 1, Jonathan Franklin 2, Sandra Alford 3, Ian Wiltshire 4, Stephen Beckingham 5, Alan Pink 6, Jeremy Alford (C) 7, David Smith 8, Edward Woodward 9, Stephen Pocock 10. **£5**

Linton, Kent. (S Nicholas) 25 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Bobbie Fairclough 1, Elizabeth M Shearman 2, Margaret Funnell (C) 3, Julie McDonnell 4, Helen Webb (C) 5, Barbara Randall 6. Rung open in celebration of the life of Freda Cannon, former President of the Guild & former Vice President of the Kent District, who passed away 14th January 2017. **£3**

Longparish, Hants. 3 Dec, 1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles: Carol Waller 1, Jonathan Waller 2, Joanne A Waller 3, Tim Pink (C) 4, Michael Hurst 5, Ben Waller 6. Ben's 10 for SBABC - 4/10. **£3**

Loughton, Bucks. 15 Jan, 1260 Julie McDonnell Doubles: Graham Bartholomew 1, Terry Page 2, Anne McIntyre 3, Gary W Reading 4, Simon J O Head (C) 5, John Brookman 6. 1st in m: 2, 3 & 4. **£3**

Lundy Island, Bristol Channel. 12 Mar, 1296 Julie McDonnell Little Alliance Royal: Phil S Gorman 1, Stephen Theobald 2, Samantha Gorman 3, Christine Seaman 4, Greg Pearce 5, Jenny Goodwin 6, Mark Norris 7, Robert Oakeshott 8, Richard C Smith 9, Stephen Burr (C) 10. 1st in m for all. Circled tower to Qs: 2. **£5**

Lydiard Tregoze, Wilts. 12 Feb, 1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles: Dena Osman 1, Julie Miles 2, Jenny Moore 3, Michael Moore 4, Simon D G Webb (C) 5, Ruth Plumridge 6. 3: 1st in m. **£5**

Lydiard Tregoze, Wilts. 19 Mar, 1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles: Jenny Moore 1, Julie Miles (C) 2, Simon D G Webb 3, Ruth Plumridge 4, Christopher Bush 5, Michael Moore 6. 2: 1st in m as C. 4 & 5: 1st in m. **£5**

Lydney, Glos. 16 Mar, 1296 Julie McDonnell New Bob Caters: Steve Coleman 1, Francesca Cinderey 2, Pat Wood 3, Sue Coleman 4, Jo Gifford 5, David Gill 6, Will Ruck (C) 7, Leighton Cooke 8, Tom Edgeworth 9, Lucas Reade 10. For Strike Back against Blood Cancer. 1st in m for all. Birthday compliments to 9. **£5**

Maidstone, Kent. (All Saints) 24 Feb, 1282 Evesham S Royal: Mike Birkbeck 1, David Smith 2, Jonathan Franklin 3, Anne Franklin 4, Richard Barclay 5, Jeremy Alford (C) 6, Edward Woodward 7, Stephen Beckingham 8, Jonathan M Spencer 9, Alan Pink 10. 1st in m for all. **£5**

Maidstone, Kent. (All Saints) 25 Jan, 1260 Julie McDonnell Doubles: Graham D Heath 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Louise Nightingale 3, Caroline Stockmann 4, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 5, Alexander Runting 6. "In faith, lady, you have a merry heart". **£3**

Maidstone, Kent. (All Saints) 5 Mar, 1260 PB Royal: Julian R Lees 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Diana R Wraight 3, Pat Phipps 4, Graham D Heath 5, Stephen J Davis 6, Timothy S Wraight 7, Darren W Elphick 8, Michael A Birkbeck (C) 9, David W Grimwood 10. Rung for Choral Evensong. 1st Royal: 2. **£5**

Maidstone, Kent. (S Michael & All Angels) 25 Jan, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Caroline Stockmann 1, Elizabeth A Barnes 2, Julie McDonnell 3, Jacqueline M Barlow 4, Kath White 5, Terence V Barnard 6, Nicholas Wilkins (C) 7, Thomas M Barlow 8. Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle: "Love is patient, love is kind. Love never fails". 1st in m: 5.7. "In mine eye she is the sweetest lady that ever I looked on". **£4**

Maidstone, Kent. (S Michael & All Angels) 12 Feb, 1280 Dunholme S Major: Stephen Coaker (C) 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Shona Clark 3, Jacqueline M Barlow 4, Pam Thomas 5, Thomas M Barlow 6, Tiffy Lynch 7, Michael Birkbeck 8. In remembrance of Mike Thresh, 12th February 2015, RIP. **£4**

Maidstone, Kent. (S Michael & All Angels) 2 Apr, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Terence V Barnard 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Jack Velvick 3, Jacqueline M Barlow 4, Michael A Birkbeck 5, Darren W Elphick 6, Thomas M Barlow 7, Adam A Brady (C) 8. For the service of Benediction, also in memory of Tony Horton. **£4**

Maidstone, Kent. (S Michael & All Angels) 26 Mar, 1280 Spl S Major (4m): Mike Birkbeck 1, Caroline Stockmann 2, Graham Heath 3, Jacqueline Barlow 4, Pam Thomas 5, Catherine Heathcote 6, Thomas Barlow 7, Neil Jones (C) 8. For Mothering Sunday & remembering Martin Pring. **£4**

Mangotsfield, Glos. 18 Feb, 1260 St Simons Bob Doubles: Christopher P Greef 1, Rachel M Parker 2, Gillian H Greef 3, William J Liebow 4, Alan J Coombs (C) 5, Anthony J Jefferies 6. Rung in Memory of James "Jim" Sutherland. Wragby, Lincolnshire. An enthusiastic bellringer. Rung for the Patronal Feast Day of St Simon. 400th Q for William Liebow. **£3**

Mells, Som. 25 Feb, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Terry Nicholls 1, Sheila Matthews 2, Alison Wickson 3, Dee Urch 4, Helen Brown 5, Ken Brown 6, Julian Back (C) 7, Ian Tucker 8. 1st in m for all. **£4**

Meopham, Kent. 15 Jan, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: John Gander 1, Terri Horton 2, Chris M Trafford 3, Sue Cameron 4, Peter Joyce 5, Cathy Cheeseman 6, Rupert Cheeseman (C) 7, Peter Hartley 8. With Birthday compliments to Cathy for today. 1st touch in m: 2.4.5,6,7. **£4**

Mersham, Kent. 4 Mar, 1344 Julie McDonnell New Bob Major: Margaret Funnell 1, Jacqueline Barlow 2, Louise Pink 3, Helen Webb 4, Alan Pink 5, Roger Pocock 6, Rupert Cheeseman 7, Neil Jones (C) 8. 1st in m. Julie McDonnell New Bob Major: 36.18x18x38x1238x LH 18. Rung for SBABC. **£4**

Newton, Lincs. 11 Feb, 1260 Julie McDonnell Bob Doubles: Alan D H Bird 1, Sylvia M Taylor 2, Susan E Marsden 3, Nick Elks 4, Anthony D Walker 5. Jointly conducted by all the band. **£2.50**

Northfleet, Kent. 29 Mar, 1260 Julie McDonnell Little Alliance Major: Anita Perryman 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Terry Barnard 3, Helen Webb 4, Roger Pocock 5, Doug Davis 6, Ian Mills 7, Neil Jones (C) 8. 1st blows in m: 2,3,5,6,7. For SBABC. "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so." **£4**

Oxford. (Cathedral) 19 Feb, 1320 Julie McDonnell New Bob Cinques: Joanna E Knight 1, Elizabeth C Frye 2, Hazel M Rothera 3, Charlotte Everett 4, John G Pusey 5, Hannah Guggiari 6, Stephen M Jones (C) 7, Leon G Thompson 8, Richard H Youdale 9, Jonathan Cresshull 10, Mark D Tarrant 11, Bernard Stone 12. For Bellringers Strike Back Against Blood Cancer. **£4**

Peel, Isle of Man. 16 Apr, 1260 Julie McDonnell Alliance Major: Phillip P Ridley 1, Elizabeth A Burton 2, Christopher H Rogers 3, Peter J Joyce 4, Anne M Anthony 5, Richard H Burton 6, Glenn J Poyntz 7, Mark ER Gill (C) 8. For Easter. "Be not afraid; the isle is full of noises, Sounds & sweet airs, that give delight & hurt not." **£4**

Pershore, Worcs. (Abbey Church of the Holy Cross) 17 Feb, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Madeline Reeder 1, Nicola Piper 2, Marianne Fisher 3, Roy Williams (C) 4, Stuart D Piper 5, Andrew D Evans 6, Alison R Williams 7, John Alexander 8. 1st in m for all except 4: 7. A SBABC Q (Cathedrals, Abbeys & Minsters challenge). **£4**

Peterborough. (Cathedral) 2 Apr, 1344 Julie McDonnell Bob Major: Judith Rogers 1, Diane Faux 2, Sue Marsden 3, Jim Benner 4, Nick Elks 5, Keith Brown 6, Robin Rogers (C) 7, John Riley 8. Rung for Evensong & in support of Strike Back Against Blood Cancer founded by Julie McDonnell. **£4**

Pettistree, Suffolk. 15 Feb, 1320 Julie McDonnell D Minor: Pippa Moss 1, Mary Garner 2, Elaine Townsend 3, Mike Cowling 4, Kate Eagle 5, Mike Whitby (C) 6. With the band's best wishes to Lucy Williamson for her 21st Birthday. **£3**

Pettistree, Suffolk. 5 Feb, 1320 Julie McDonnell D Minor: Mike Whitby (C) 1, Pippa Moss 2, Gill Waterson 3, Mary Garner 4, Mark Ogden 5, Richard Munnings 6. For Evensong. **£3**

Pettistree, Suffolk. 8 Feb, 1320 Julie McDonnell D Minor: Jane Harper 1, Pippa Moss 2, Gill Waterson 3, Mary Garner 4, Peter Harper 5, Mike Whitby (C) 6. **£3**

Rayleigh, Essex. 25 Mar, 1344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: David D Smith (C) 1, Anne E Franklin 2, Sandra Y Alford 3, P Jonathan Franklin 4, Alan D Pink 5, Jeremy D Alford 6, Mark Chittenden-Pile 7, Stephen J Beckingham 8. **£4**

Rayleigh, Essex. 26 Feb, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Samuel Beech 1, Penny Sloman 2, Helen Harpole 3, Andrew Beech 4, Steve Nash 5, David Sloman 6, John Harpole (C) 7, James Laken 8. 1st on 8: 1. 1st in m for all except 8. **£4**

Ripe, E Sussex. 2 Jan, 1260 Doubles (8m/v/p): Richard Neal 1, Alan Baldock 2, Jonathan Franklin 3, Alan Pink 4, Stephen Beckingham 5. Jointly conducted by all. **£2.50**

Ripon, N Yorks. 21 Jan, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Anne V Wood 1, Karen P Maughan 2, Susan E Welch 3, John R Welch 4, Andrew R Aspland 5, Robert M Wood 6, Martin S Davies (C) 7, S Charles Brown 8. On the Pitts-Tucker 8.

Rochford, Essex. 25 Mar, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: P Jonathan Franklin 1, Stephen J Beckingham 2, Jeremy D Alford 3, Mark Chittenden-Pile 4, Sandra Y Alford 5, Alan D Pink (C) 6, Anne E Franklin 7, David D Smith 8. 1st blows in m for all except 6.

Rodney Stoke, Som. 31 Mar, 1296 Julie McDonnell TB Minimus: Alison Wickson 1, Helen Brown (C) 2, Julian Back 3, Ken Brown 4. Rung in support of SBABC. 1st in m for all. 1st Minimus: 1.

Sandhurst, Kent. (S Nicholas) 28 Jan, 1260 Minor (2m): Pauline M Kennard 1, Frances P Bradford 2, Jennifer A Dearie 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Philip R Wild 5, Peter M J Bradford (C) 6. **£3**

Seaford, Sussex. 8 Feb, 1250 Fiskerton D Major: Frances P Bradford 1, Louise G Pink 2, Janet M Wilson 3, Sandra M Titherly 4, Richard R Kennard 5, Alan R Baldock (C) 6, Alan D Pink 7, Peter M J Bradford 8. 1st in m by all. 25th D Major as C. **£4**

Sedlescombe, E Sussex. 19 Feb, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Angela Dawes 1, Frances Bradford 2, Louise Pink 3, Jane Blanford 4, Paul Franks 5, Peter M Bradford (C) 6. Rung as a 91st Birthday compliment to John Roberts, ringer at this tower & father of the 4th. **£3**

Sedlescombe, E Sussex. 2 Mar, 1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles: Louise G Pink 1, Pamela M Holland 2, Alan D Pink (C) 3, Jane Blanford 4, Jenny Parker 5, David J Mence 6. 1st in m: 2. In memory of David George, contemporary & friend of Alan & father of Jenny's goddaughter, Mary.

Sedlescombe, E Sussex. 20 Mar, 1260 PB Doubles: Pamela M Holland 1, Susan Wells 2, Alan D Pink (C) 3, Helen M Green 4, Stephen J Harvey 5, Jenny Parker 6. 1st Q: 2.

Sempringham Abbey, Lincs. (Abbey Church of St Andrew) 11 Feb, 1296 Julie McDonnell Slow Course Minor: Tina Wells 1, Sylvia M Taylor 2, Susan E Marsden 3, Alan D H Bird 4, Anthony D Walker 5, Nick Elks (C) 6. 1st blows in m for all. **£3**

Sempringham, Lincs. 18 Feb, 1260 Julie McDonnell Slow Course Minor: David Collin 1, Alan D H Bird 2, Sylvia M Taylor 3, Ian Dawson 4, Mark Mumby 5, Anthony D Walker (C) 6. 1st in m: 1,4,5. **£3**

Sevenoaks, Kent. 11 Mar, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Michael Stuttgart 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Jacqueline M Barlow 3, Louise G Pink 4, Caroline Stockmann 5, Louise Nightingale 6, Alan D Pink (C) 7, David W Grimwood 8. 1st in m: 6. Rung in Sevenoaks for Stephen Noakes, Group Customer Service Director, Lloyds Bank. "I never did repent for doing good, Nor shall not now". **£4**

Shoreham, Kent. 11 Mar, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Louise G Pink 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Mike Wigney (C) 3, Jacqueline M Barlow 4, Caroline Stockmann 5, Fraser Clift 6, Alan D Pink 7, Linda Foddering 8. 1st in m: 6. "All the world's a stage, And all the men & women merely players". **£4**

Southwell, Notts. 28 Jan, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Victoria L Halford 1, Daniel T Meyer 2, Esther S Pilgrim 3, Christopher J Field 4, Emily E Hall 5, Alistair J E Smith 6, Christian J Brown (C) 7, Tom J Langton 8. **£4**

St Peter-in-Thanel, Kent. 15 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Tim Attride 1, Sarat White 2, Sue Cook 3, Rebecca L Denne 4, Thomas A Winter 5, Douglas Neve 6, Mike Little (C) 7, David Sheekey 8. Rung to celebrate the inauguration of the tower & bells by Bishop Trevor on this day 15th January 2017. With special thanks to the KCACR Restoration Fund. Our first Q in 3 years. 1st in m: 4. Mary Bridges, Susan Bones & Revd David Cawley would like to be associated with this Q, having given a great deal time & expertise to the project.

Staplehurst, Kent. 12 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Shirley P Norfolk 1, Julie D McDonnell 2, Jacqueline M Barlow 3, Caroline Stockmann 4, J Susan Bassett 5, Tim Munt 6, Christopher J Bassett (C) 7, Richard H Bourne 8. This performance is linked to the event Bellingers Strike Back Against Blood Cancer (SBABC). **£4**

Staplehurst, Kent. 12 Mar, 1296 Julie McDonnell Little Alliance Major: Debbie C Brady 1, Jacqueline M Barlow 2, Susan C Gullett 3, J Susan Bassett 4, Thomas M Barlow 5, Christopher J Bassett 6, Tim Munt 7, Daniel W Brady (C) 8. 1st in m: &x8x56x4-12.

Staplehurst, Kent. 22 Jan, 1296 Julie McDonnell Little Alliance Royal: Adam A Brady 1, Jacqueline M Barlow 2, Elizabeth A Barnes 3, Phillip R J Barnes 4, Karen Lebon 5, Jack A Velvick 6, Daniel W Brady (C) 7, J Roderick N Lebon 8, Neil W Jones 9, Stephen A Coaker 10. 1st in m, Julie McDonnell Little Alliance: x0x56x14-12.

Stepney, London. (S George in the East) 1 Apr, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Roger Forster 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Lesley Barclay 3, Alan D Pink (C) 4, Adrian Udal 5, Louise G Pink 6, Benjamin D Kipling 7, Caroline Stockmann 8. 1st in m: 7. "April hath put a spirit of youth in everything" - "The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.". **£4**

Stoke on Trent, Staffs. (Minster Church of St Peter ad Vincula, Stoke-upon-Trent) 28 Jan, 1296 Julie McDonnell New Bob Caters: Wendy Daw 1, Selwyn G Jones 2, Margaret Jones 3, David C H Simpson 4, R Jean Nixon 5, Jim Nixon 6, Raymond H Daw 7, Timothy C Hine 8, Michael J Platt (C) 9, Robert W Barcroft 10. Rung for the Bellingers Strike Back Against Blood Cancer Campaign & with our best wishes to Julie McDonnell. **£5**

Stow, Lincs. 7 Apr, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Joy Till 1, Debbie Scarf 2, Stephen L Clarke 3, Barbara Rand 4, Ted Steele 5, Ian Till 6, Chris Turner (C) 7, Sue Faulk 8. Rung at the ancient Minster church of St Mary, Stow-in-Lindsey for the Julie McDonnell Cathedrals, Abbeys & Minsters Challenge. Stow Minster once served as a cathedral & dates from the 7th century. **£5**

Street, Som. 1 Mar, 1250 Julie McDonnell S Major: Katherine J Cobb 1, Beverley Perry 2, Penelope I Hooper 3, Leslie E Perry 4, Helen Brown 5, Ken Brown 6, Andrew P Deamer 7, Mervyn G Buckley (C) 8. Congratulations to Janet & Edward Smith of Wells & to June & David Mitchell (parents of Helen) of Ashford, Middlesex. Both couples celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on March 2nd. **£4**

Sunbury on Thames, Surrey. 18 Jan, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Dennis Brock 1, Julie McDonnell 2, Geraldine Forster 3, Mike Wigney (C) 4, Caroline Stockmann 5, Mary Gow 6, Roger Forster 7, Mike Funnell 8. "This I do vow & this shall ever be, I will be true, despite thy scythe & thee". Oldest ringer of JMD method (aged 98): 1. 1st in m: 3,4,6,7. **£4**

Swanage, Dorset. 19 Feb, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Marisa Bartlett 1, Mike Jenkins 2, Sally Jenkins 3, Linda Hough 4, Eddie Dicken 5, Matthew Pike 6, Phil Miles (C) 7, Mike Pitman 8. Rung for Choral Evensong & in support of the Bellingers Strike Back Against Blood Cancer Campaign. 1st in m for all. 1st blows in m: 2,7.

Swineshead, Lincs. (S Mary) 13 Jan, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Mandy Dawson 1, John Bennett 2, Mark Mumby 3, Ian Dawson 4, Ian D G B Ansell 5, David Collin 6, Anthony D Walker (C) 7, Greg Harrison 8. 1st in m: 1,4. Remembering Graham Taylor, football manager of Lincoln, Watford, Aston Villa, Wolves & England who died suddenly yesterday aged 72. **£4**

Tewkesbury, Glos. (Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin) 19 Feb, 1296 Julie McDonnell Bob Caters: Ruth Bagley 1, Richard Clements 2, Sheila Taylor 3, Alex Hajok 4, Richard Tonkin 5, Mike Seagrave 6, Mark Davies (C) 7, Philip Taylor 8, Malcolm Taylor 9, David Bagley 10. **£5**

Thorpe Bay, Essex. 25 Mar, 1346 Yorkshire S Major: Sandra Y Alford 1, P Jonathan Franklin (C) 2, Anne E Franklin 3, Jeremy D Alford 4, Mark Chittenden-Pile 5, Stephen J Beckingham 6, David D Smith 7, Alan D Pink 8.

Thorverton, Devon. 10 Jan, 1368 Julie McDonnell Alliance Royal: P Wendy Campbell 1, Susan M Sawyer 2, Lesley Tucker 3, Charlotte A Boyce 4, James Kirkcaldy 5, Graham Tucker 6, Roger King 7, Nigel G Birt 8, John R Martin (C) 9, David Hird 10. Believed to be the first Q in m.

Uckfield, E Sussex. 10 Feb, 1280 Superlative S Major: Mary Burr 1, Frances Bradford 2, Louise Pink 3, Hilary Smith 4, Pauline Kennard 5, Sandra Titherly 6, Sandra Alford 7, Anne Franklin (C) 8. **£4**

Wadhurst, E Sussex. 22 Mar, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Inge Edwards 1, Mary Burr 2, Sandra Alford 3, Christine Baldock 4, Sandra Titherly 5, Anne Franklin (C) 6, Pauline Kennard 7, Catherine Heathcote 8. **£4**

Wakefield, W Yorks. (Cathedral) 15 Jan, 1260 Julie McDonnell Doubles: Juile Heslop 1, Gill Moreton 2, Adrian Moreton (C) 3, Alan Shelbourn 4, Rod Pagdin 5, Andrew Morton 6.

Waldron, E Sussex. 2 Jan, 1260 Stedman Triples: Louise Pink 1, Penny Neal 2, Stephen Beckingham (C) 3, Jonathan Franklin 4, Anne Franklin 5, Alan Pink 6, Richard Neal 7, Pauline Kennard 8. Probably 100th Q of Stedman: 3. **£4**

Waldron, Sussex. 20 Feb, 1250 Neverthelessness S Major: Frances P Bradford 1, Louise G Pink 2, Janet M Wilson 3, Pamela A Manger 4, David C Manger 5, Anne E Franklin 6, Alan R Baldock (C) 7, Peter M J Bradford 8. 1st in m for all. **£4**

Warbleton, E Sussex. 28 Mar, 1260 Julie McDonnell Doubles: Jenny Parker 1, Louise G Pink 2, Julie D McDonnell 3, Pauline M Kennard 4, Alan D Pink (C) 5, Sandra M Titherly 6.

Wellesbourne, Warks. 25 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Beverly Faber 1, Nick Elks 2, Caroline Stockmann 3, Eileen Joy Butler 4, Bruce N Butler 5, Clyde Whittaker 6, John A Harrison (C) 7, Giles R Blundell 8. Rung by members of the Central Council PR Committee to round off a successful PR Matters day. 250th Q as C & 125th Q of Grandsire Triples: 7. **£4**

Wellington, New Zealand. (Cathedral) 9 Jan, 1260 Julie McDonnell Doubles: Paul F Curtis 1, Paul M Mason (C) 2, Paul A Cammiade 3, Alan Regin 4, Robert J Crocker 5, Ruth Curtis 6. Rung for Bellingers Strike back against Blood Cancer. This Q is part of the International challenge for 2017, ringing in Cathedrals, Abbeys & Minsters.

West Cranmore, Som. 10 Feb, 1320 Julie McDonnell D Minor: Alison Wickson 1, Peter Felton 2, Helen Brown 3, Terry Nicholls 4, Ken Brown 5, Julian Back (C) 6.

Westham, E Sussex. 12 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): Jennifer A Dearie 1, Louise G Pink 2, Frances P Bradford 3, Debbie Evans 4, Pauline M Kennard (C) 5, Peter M J Bradford 6. Rung for Evensong. **£3**

Westham, Sussex. 12 Feb, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Louise G Pink 1, Pauline M Kennard 2, Christine M Baldock 3, Frances P Bradford 4, Peter M J Bradford 5, Alan R Baldock (C) 6. For Evensong. 550th Q of Minor: 6. **£3**

Westminster Abbey, London. (The Collegiate Church of St Peter-in-Westminster) 17 Mar, 1368 Julie McDonnell Alliance Royal: S Clarke Walters 1, Jeremy R Pratt (C) 2, Tessa K Simpson 3, Christopher H Rogers 4, Nigel C Smith 5, Alban D Forster 6, Simon M Alford 7, David C Brown 8, Richard H Burton 9, John N Hughes-D'Aeth 10. On St Patrick's Day supporting Bellingers Strike Back Against Blood Cancer. **£5**

Westminster, London. (S Clement Danes) 1 Apr, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Julie McDonnell 1, Louise G Pink 2, Adrian Udal 3, Caroline Stockmann 4, Lesley Barclay 5, Roger Forster 6, Benjamin D Kipling 7, Alan D Pink (C) 8, Dickon R Love 9, Martin Sutcliffe 10. Rung as part of SBABC day in London with Julie. **£5**

Winford, Som. 15 Mar, 1260 Julie McDonnell New Bob Triples: Leslie E Perry 1, Beverley Perry 2, Susan P E Bateman 3, Mervyn G Buckley 4, Penelope I Hooper 5, Stephen J Bateman 6, Andrew H Ball (C) 7, Brian V Mountjoy 8. For Strike Back against Blood Cancer. **£4**

Wye, Kent. 4 Mar, 1269 Cambridge S Minor: Jacqueline Barlow 1, Louise Pink 2, Roger Pocock 3, Doug Davis 4, Alan Pink 5, Neil Jones (C) 6. On the front 6. For SBABC. **£3**

10. Bristol ('Redcliff' and St Stephen's).
9. Thursday 15th June.
- Hornsea; All Saints, Old Byland.
8. York, St Helen Stonegate; St Nicholas, themselves.
7. Everyone thinks they've invented it for
6. Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.
5. Points.
4. Rome.
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Michael John Hobbs (Mick)

16/12/1943 – 10/02/2017



It is with great sadness that I report on the loss of a much loved friend. His popularity was illustrated by a packed church at his funeral on 10th March at Coalpit Heath, with ringers and many work colleagues travelling from all corners of the UK.

An uplifting service was conducted by Revd. Tim Hawkings, rector of Axbridge, and past master of the Bath & Wells Diocesan Association, who got to know Mick through the monthly “Codge” gatherings on the first Monday of each month. All three of Mick’s children delivered moving tributes to their Dad. Mick had been very aware about the inevitability of his condition and with the help of his family wrote his own eulogy, which Tim read at the service. The main body of it is replicated below.

Mick was a Bristolian through and through. Born in December 1943. Had it not been for the wartime ban on ringing, the first bells he heard would have been those of St Michael’s, which is a stone’s throw from the hospital at which he was born.

In 1948 his parents moved from the Barton Hill district (pronounced Bartnill) to the upmarket suburb of Whitehall, where they had bought a house for the astonishing amount of £500. It was there he joined St Ambrose Church. He went through the usual pattern of cubs, scouts, youth club, choir and then, when strange things started to happen to his voice, he left the choir and was asked if he would like to have a go at bell ringing. So in 1958 he had his first ringing lesson, taught by Reg Hooper, who was tower captain at St Ambrose. At that time six other bell ringers lived in the same road as Mick. St Ambrose had a good steady band that served up a staple diet of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and DNCBM, and then, with the likes of Bryn Shackleton, John Hunt, Gill Hussey and Mick, this was extended to basic surprise and even three spliced (C.Y.S). Heady times!

His first meeting with D. John Hunt was pre-ringing in 1955, arranged by his mother. Mick having qualified for a place at the Bristol Cathedral School, she worried that her little darling might get lost on his first day in a big

school, and so it was agreed (not by John I’m sure) that, complete with new black cap, tie and satchel, he would be taken to school. This he dutifully did, but was promptly dumped at the school gates. It was just not the done thing for a 5th year boy to be seen with a first former.

Mick met Jackie on 21st January 1961 on an outing to London to grab some towers. She got on the train at Bath not realising that this would change her life for the next 56 years – for the better, I would like to think!

They were married in 1963 at Twerton, Bath with D John Hunt as their best man. They had three children, Chris, Cathy and Phil, who all learnt to ring. The family lived in the Bristol area until 1972, when they moved to Clevedon. He rang at Yatton and with the Chew Branch.

They moved to Poole, Dorset, in 1986, where he and Jackie joined the Wimborne Minster band, and then back to Bristol in 1992.

His first peal was on 19th April 1960 at Abbots Leigh (the treble to Kent Treble Bob Minor conducted by D John Hunt). His last was on 13th August 2014 with the Bus Pass Peal Band which he founded. His 1000th was at St Stephen’s on 27th December 2010 and his final peal total was 1,102, conducted 2. D John Hunt was his leading peal ringer – they rang 438 together. He rang a peal on every day of the calendar year, and achieved an ambition of ringing peals in all the eight, ten, and twelve bell towers in both Somerset and Dorset.

His peal total was boosted by participation in ‘Wratten’s Wringers’ peal weeks, ‘East meets West’ and John Pladdys’s Stedman peal weeks in Cornwall.

He celebrated fifty years as a College Youth in 2012, and went to the dinner to receive his certificate.

On May 21st 1966 he was part of the band with Tony Peake that rang 64 Spliced Surprise Major, the greatest number then rung to a peal, and the first of a series of peals in high method numbers. The photograph of them outside the church at Stratton St Margaret pictured them smartly dressed in suit and ties! The number gradually increased to 110 in November 1966 at Malmesbury, which was rung for Cathy’s christening. Jackie remembers, “All through the pregnancy we would sit in bed and I would test Mick on his methods!” In February 1967 they reached 165-spliced, at Longney.

Apart from ringing he was a member of the Whiskey Club, with whom he made many journeys north of the border to visit distilleries. He accumulated a vast collection of different whiskeys, specialising in Bells miniatures and commemorative decanters.

Trains, too, were a big part of their lives. The last big holiday was travelling to France via Eurostar and TGV to Montpellier for their Golden Wedding in 2013, and then two years later to Annecy and Mont Blanc. He always promised to take Jackie to Switzerland one day, and they made it!

Their favourite place was Roscoff, France, and he looked forward to going to the Wine Warehouse at the end of each holiday and loading up the car.

He joined Imperial Tobacco on leaving school, and worked first in Share Registration and then eventually in the computer department, where he met and made some lovely friends.

In 1986 he got a job with Gresham Life in Dorset, and eventually came back to Nat West Life and Nat West Insurance services in 1992 in Bristol. Things had come full circle.

In his seventieth year he was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer, which had spread and was only able to be managed. He took all the treatment in his stride, but after he had kidney stents fitted, it meant that he was unable to stretch and he had to give up ringing in 2014. This was a real blow.

A man of humour and warmth, Mick was a genuinely good man and good company. We remember in our prayers Jackie, Chris and Ursula, Cathy and Stephen, and Phil, and the three grandchildren Matt, Adam and Callum, as well as his 96-year-old Mum.

Following Mick’s move to Gordon Avenue, Whitehall, in 1948, my parents moved to the same road in September 1951, when I was 12 and Mick was 8. In 1954, Gillian M Hussey (now Gill Hunt) also moved to the Avenue, aged 9. Mick lived at number 40, Gill at number 39 and myself at number 58. Mick’s very first bell handling lesson, to which he refers above, was on 5th November 1958, when he was accompanied by Gill, who was sharing the same experience. So the three of us became acquainted very early in our lives and remained close friends right to the end of Mick’s life.

I particularly enjoyed visiting them at their home as Mick would always ply me with a variety of malt whiskeys.

After Mick had to give up ringing in 2014, Gill and I used to meet up with him and Jackie for lunch in various pubs in Bath – we always had to ensure that the girls were prepared to drive home. Throughout this latter period Mick maintained his quick witted sense of humour and bore his problems bravely, ably assisted by Jackie.

His passing will leave the Bristol scene much the poorer, after his many faithful years of Sunday morning service ringing at the Cathedral, St Stephen’s, Christchurch and All Saints.

D. JOHN HUNT

New Buckenham, Norfolk. 12 Feb, 1280 Watford S Major: Betty Baines 1, Katie Wright 2, Michelle Clutten 3, Ann-M Webb 4, Alison Daniels 5, Adrian Malton (C) 6, Stephen Bounds 7, David Webb 8. 1st in m: 3; for Evensong. Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Michael J Hobbs.

Portbury, Som. 16 Feb, 1272 Ipswich S Minor: A Roy Shallish 1, Teresa J Humphrey 2, Mervyn A Arscott 3, George E Wyatt 4, Gerald V Skelly 5, Andrew H Ball (C) 6. Rung in memory of Mick Hobbs.

Yatton, Som. 18 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Garnett 1, Alison Daniels 2, Katie Wright 3, Jonathan C Adkins 4, Simon W Edwards (C) 5, Gareth B R Jones 6. On the back six to the memory of Michael J Hobbs, who used to ring here with Alison in the 1970s.

Ditchat, Som. 24 Feb, 1280 Bristol S Major: Mo Sweet 1, Robert E Beck 2, Anthony J Cox (C) 3, Teresa J Dunstone 4, Rebecca J Cox 5, David C J Marshall 6, John R Schmidt 7, Mervyn J Freeman 8. Especially arranged & rung as a memorial Q for Michael J Hobbs. £4

Frome, Som. 11 Feb, 1344 Rutland S Major: Robert E Beck 1, Claire O’Mahony 2, Robert Perry 3, Nicki J Lang 4, Raymond Haines 5, Elizabeth A Evans 6, Adrian P Beck 7, Andy Mead (C) 8. Dedicated to David Massey rung at his home Tower. In thanksgiving for the life of Mick Hobbs.

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Horton, Glos. (S James Elder) 12 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Mike Gordon 1, John Cornock 2, Rachel M Parker 3, H Rex Isaac 4, David J Clark (C) 5, Kevin J Bateman 6. Rung In Memory of Mick Hobbs of Bristol, a true gentleman. £3

Reprinted from p.204.

Dursley, Glos. 19 Feb, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: Helen Binstead 1, Ian Unsworth 2, Elizabeth Byrne 3, Jane Bull 4, Andrew Binstead 5, Francis Byrne 6, Andrew Bull 7, Philip Pope (C) 8. In memory of Michael J Hobbs. **£4**

Reprinted from p.229.

Wimborne Minster, Dorset. 19 Feb, 1346 Cambridge S Maximus: Susan E Smith 1, Katie Child 2, Trish Hitchins 3, Rosemary Duke 4, Hilary Child 5, Lucy Warwick 6, Keith Fleming 7, Flick Warwick 8, John Riley 9, Graham Duke 10, Rob Child 11, Harry Blamire (C) 12. For Evensong & in memory of Michael J Hobbs, former ringer at Wimborne Minster. 1st S inside: 2. **£6**

Reprinted from p.229.

Wedmore, Som. (S Mary) 8 Mar, 1280 Pudsey S Major: Barrie Hendry 1, Annabelle F Frost 2, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 3, Andrew H Ball 4, A Roy Shallish 5, Tim Hawkins 6, Matthew C Gardiner 7, Bernard G North 8. Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Mick Hobbs, whose funeral takes place on Friday. **£4**

Reprinted from p.279.

Gedling, Notts. 10 Mar, 1344 Deva S Major: Corinna England 1, Derek Butterworth 2, Denise Harden 3, Tony Lees 4, Michael P R Woolley 5, Martyn Marriott 6, Phil Wild 7, Peter England (C) 8. Rung to the memory of Mick Hobbs on the day of his funeral.

Reprinted from p.279.

BATH & WELLS D.A.

EAST HUNTSPELL, Som.
The Little Orchard Tower
Wed Mar 8 2017 1h57 (22lb)
5040 Spliced Surprise Minor
(20m: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre (2) Chester, Munden (3) Allendale, Fryerning, Westminster (4) London, Wells, Cuncastre (5) York, Durham (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham (7) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)
1 Michael Hatchett
2 Michael R Spencer
3 Marion Newman
4 Lesley A Knipe
5 Jeffrey Knipe
6 Richard A M Newman (C)
In memory of Mick Hobbs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN

CAMPTON, Beds, All Saints
Sun Mar 12 2017 2h52 (7)
5056 Cambridge S Major
Comp. J S Wilde
1 Martin Major
2 Charlotte M Smith
3 Ruth Stokes
4 Jonathan J Nash
5 Anthony H Smith
6 Alexander J Nash
7 Christopher C Stokes
8 Stephen H Stanford (C)
In fond memory of Michael J (Mick) Hobbs of Bristol (10/2/17)
1st on 8 and of Surprise: 4.

G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

EXETER, Devon,
Cathedral Church of St Peter
Sat Feb 11 2017 4h10 (73)
5042 Spliced S Maximus
(5m: 1056 Zanussi; 1010 Bristol; 1008 each Cambridge, Yorkshire; 960 Littleport L; 46 com. atw)
Comp. A G Reading
1 Paul J Pascoe
2 Jennifer R Sparling
3 Alison C Waterson
4 Pauline McKenzie
5 Ian V J Smith
6 Andrew P Digby
7 James Kirkcaldy
8 John R Martin (C)
9 Richard Harrison
10 Oliver Coldrick
11 Michael E C Mears
12 David Hird
Matthew J Hilling
In memory of Mick Hobbs.
By the Exeter Cathedral Society.

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

BRADFORD ON AVON, Wilts,
Holy Trinity
Sat Feb 11 2017 3h27 (30)
5088 Deva S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No.884)
1 Michael O'Hagan
2 Cameron A Waters
3 Helen C Mansley
4 Adam J Bennett
5 Jonathan D Storey
6 Ian P Hill
7 Matthew D Dawson (C)
8 Gareth L M Lawson
Dedicated to the memory of Mick Hobbs.
150th peal: 8.

DURSLEY, Glos.
St James the Great
Tue Feb 14 2017 3h32 (20)
5056 Bristol S Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Adrian P Beck
2 Christine Andrew
3 Raymond Haines
4 Sarah B Ewbank
5 Richard O Humphries
6 Stephen J Bateman
7 Anthony J Cox (C)
8 Rebecca J Cox
By the BPPBPB in memory of our dear friend Michael J Hobbs. Mick was a founder of and first organiser for this monthly peal band.

BRISTOL,
Holy & Undivided Trinity
Fri Mar 3 2017 3h3 (21)
5024 Bristol S Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Anthony J Cox (C)
2 Robert C Kippin
3 Alison E Leach
4 Gabrielle L Cowell
5 Alan G Reading
6 Ian P Hill
7 Rebecca J Cox
8 Andrew J Mitchell
By past and present members of the Cathedral band, remembering with affection Michael J Hobbs. Mick was a pupil at Bristol Cathedral School and, for many years, a member of the Cathedral band. Bristol Cathedral was his most pealed tower and Bristol S Major his most pealed method. **£10**

PUBLOW, Som, All Saints
Sat Mar 4 2017 3h14 (21)
5040 Minor
(7m: London, Surfleet S, Oxford TB, Bourne, Norwich, Cambridge S, Plain B)
1 Helen C Mansley
2 Lucy A Warren
3 Julian O Howes
4 Ian P Hill
5 Matthew D Dawson (C)
6 Gareth L M Lawson
Dedicated to Mick Hobbs, and in memory of Ellen Lawson, Gareth's mother, who died on this day 10 years ago.

BARROW GURNEY, Som,
Blessed Virgin Mary and St Edward King and Martyr
Fri Mar 10 2017 2h44 (11)
5012 Roscoff A Major
Comp. A G Reading
1 Richard O Humphries
2 Christine Andrew
3 Julian O Howes
4 Andrea B Beaumont
5 Joseph St J Beaumont
6 Lucy A Warren
7 Alan G Reading (C)
8 Ian R Fielding
In memory of Michael J Hobbs on the day of his funeral. Mick loved Roscoff for the fish restaurants.
1st peal in the method.
Roscoff Alliance Major:
2z -56-1-56-36-34-1-7
18576423

MANGOTSFIELD, Glos,
St James
Tue Mar 14 2017 2h34 (7)
5056 Hobbs D Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Anthony M Bulteel
2 Raymond Haines
3 Christine Andrew
4 Christopher R Field
5 D John Hunt
6 Richard O Humphries
7 Anthony J Cox (C)
8 Rebecca J Cox
In thanksgiving for the life of Michael J Hobbs.
100th together: 4 & 7.

NON-ASSOCIATION

SWINDON, Wilts, Christ Church
Sat Feb 11 2017 3h11 (22)
5057 Grandsire Caters
Comp. Darran Ricks
1 Brian Bladon
2 Cynthia E Howell
3 Keith G Game
4 Ashley C Fortey
5 Brian Harris
6 Darran Ricks (C)
7 Peter Bridle
8 Richard L Thumwood
9 Christopher J Pickford
10 William M Regan
Dedicated to the memory of Michael J Hobbs.

WESTON SUPER MARE,
Som, St John the Baptist
Thu Feb 16 2017 2h41 (11)
5120 Action S Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Susan M Stott
2 Deborah M Talbott
3 Jane D Bull
4 Andrea B Beaumont
5 Barrie Hendry
6 Stuart P B Talbott
7 Clifford R Nicholls
8 Joseph St J Beaumont (C)
In memory of Michael J Hobbs.
1,500th peal in Somerset: 5.

WORCESTER, All Saints
Thu Mar 9 2017 3h20 (20)
5019 Stedman Cinques
Comp. R C Kippin
1 William M Regan
2 Mark Regan
3 James Clatworthy
4 Hilda C Ridley
5 Robert C Kippin (C)
6 Andrew V Brown
7 Craig P Homewood
8 John R Ridley
9 Roman E Sadowski
10 Daniel Jones
11 Ashley C Fortey
12 Darran Ricks
Remembering Michael J Hobbs of Bristol, on the eve of his funeral.
1st of Stedman Cinques inside: 1.
Circled tower: 12. **£6**

ST BLAISE SOCIETY

MILTON, Oxon, St Blaise
Sun Feb 12 2017 2h39 (7)
5088 Pudsey S Major
Comp. Nicholas D Brown
1 Timothy G Pett
2 Bobbie May
3 Richard L Thumwood
4 Cynthia E Howell
5 John C Sheppard
6 Colin M Turner
7 Nicola J Turner (C)
8 Peter G C Ellis
In memory of Mick Hobbs.

ST MICHAEL'S SOCIETY

BRISTOL, St John on the Wall
Wed Feb 15 2017 2h50 (11)
5040 Spliced S Minor
(31m: (1-5) Allendale, Annable's London, Bacup, Bamfborough, Berwick, Beverley, Bourne, Cambridge, Cuncastre, Durham, Hexham, Hull, Ipswich, Lightfoot, London, Netherseale, Norfolk, Norwich, Primrose, Rossendale, Stamford, Surfleet, Warkworth, Wearmouth, Wells, Westminster, York (6) Carlisle, Northumberland (7) Coldstream, Lincoln)
Comp. J S Warboys (1-5: SU0403); trad.
1 Michael O'Hagan
2 Jonathan D Storey
3 Philip J Earis
4 Lucy A Warren
5 Alan G Reading (C)
6 Ian R Fielding
In memory of Mick Hobbs.
Most Minor methods: 2.

Handbell Peal

BATH & WELLS D.A.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, Som, 35
Jaycroft Road
Thu Feb 16 2017 2h25 (15)
5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. Roger Baldwin
1-2 Christopher R Field
3-4 Peter N Felton
5-6 Timothy M Payne (C)
7-8 Alex Hunt
Dedicated to the memory of Mick Hobbs and David Massey

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News of a grant from the Fred E. Dukes International Bell Fund

A grant for 2017 has been offered and accepted as follows:

St Gabriel's Catholic Church, Bexley, New South Wales – £900.

The project is to install a light ring of six, comprising three bells sourced by the Keltek Trust and three new bells from Matthew Higby, who will also supply all the fittings. The new frame will be constructed locally.

IAN H. ORAM
CCCB Bell Restoration Committee

50 Years Ago

From *The Ringing World*, 12 May, 1967

Feet influence in pulling

Dear Sir, – I should like to point out to M. C. F. (p. 268) that in a tug-of-war the motion and tugging is done by one's legs, the arms acting purely as a connection between the rope and body. The position of the hands on the rope is dictated by the position of one's feet. If the left foot is put forward then it is the left hand which is forward on the rope and vice-versa.

I am afraid, M. C. F., I fail to see any connection between the handling of a bell rope and one's feet during a tug-of-war. It is quite obvious that the uppermost hand on the bell rope must be the stronger hand, because this is the hand that is fully stretched during ringing. The other hand, a little lower on the rope, is not fully stretched.

The strongest hand is usually the right; this is the hand which holds a knife whilst eating, is used for throwing and is furthest away from the handle end of a cricket bat.

There are, of course, those whose left hand is the strongest, and they should not be discouraged from ringing left-handed.

Battersea

PAUL RODNES

LADIES GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS AGM

SATURDAY, 17th JUNE, 2017

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, EAST SUSSEX

Tea tickets – **£6**, Day tower tickets – **£6** (or **£1 per tower**, payable on arrival)

5 towers open a.m. starting at Hellingly
2.30pm business meeting
at St Peter's Community Centre, Bexhill
(Tea/coffee available from 2.15pm for a donation)

Gentlemen's tower available during the business meeting
4pm Ringing at St Peter's, Bexhill (10)
5pm Service at St Peter's
5.45pm Tea at St Peter's Community Centre
7.15pm Two towers open

Friday, 16th June: Practice night at Christ Church, Eastbourne from 7-8.30pm.
For accommodation list please see the web-site
Please apply for tea/tower tickets and tower lists to Miss I. M. Pearce, Rosings, 58 Hitchen Hatch Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 3AU by 31st May 2017, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope and a cheque payable to Miss I. M. Pearce. Please state if any dietary requirements.

Final Whitechapel work in York Diocese

In the last few months, work has been completed in three York Diocese churches by Whitechapel Bell Foundry

York, St Helen, Stonegate

2 bells. (1) 23" dia. William Oldfield 1628, (2) 20½" dia. William Oldfield 1621

A brief report on this work has already appeared in *The Ringing World* (p.141). A new frame to hang both bells has been designed, made and installed. The bells have, where necessary, centre holes drilled. Both bells have been equipped with electromagnetic clappers and a control system in the church which has both a clock chime and service chimes.

A service of re-dedication was held on Sunday, 30th April with the rededication being undertaken by the Team Rector, The Revd Jane Natrass, with Alan Hughes from the foundry and John Arthur the DAC Bells Adviser present.



Before and after.

St. Nicholas, Hornsea

A chime of eight, 15-1-27 in F by John Taylor (1919)

This chime of eight was installed as a WWI War Memorial, and little in the way of major maintenance had been done since their installation. The access to the clavier, located in the intermediate chamber, is via a steep narrow, open, staircase, unsuitable for most people. A scheme of restoration has been undertaken which involved a through restoration of the chime and the clavier,



A view of the completed bell work



A group after the dedication ceremony (l-r): Anthony Hammersley, Margaret Hammersley (Churchwardens), John Arthur (DAC Bells Adviser), The Revd Jane Natrass and Alan Hughes (Whitechapel Bell Foundry)

funded with significant help from the War Memorial Fund, and the addition of electromagnetic hammers to all the bells and the fitting of a control panel with chiming options in the church. In order to facilitate greater use of the chimes a key board has also been supplied.

All Saints, Old Byland

Two swing chiming bells (1) dia, 24¼" (2) 21¾" dia Both bells cast by Samuel Smith I 1672

The bells in this small village church have been in a poor state for many years. In 1973 the late Ranauld Clouston recommended that they ought to be rehung! Recent reports also stated that both bells were loose on their headstocks and work needed doing. Access up the tower was difficult, as two floors had been removed in the past. These had been replaced



The two rehung bells

and the two bells removed, drilled for independent clappers and staple removal, and provided with new fittings.

We believe that this is the final rehanging job undertaken by Whitechapel.



Old Byland Church



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Weekday Meetings & Practices

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G. Newark District. Monday 15th May at Averham, 7pm. Meeting in the church followed by ringing until 9pm. 2046

Meetings on Saturday May 13

EACR. SE. 6-bell Striking & Call Change Competitions followed by short Meeting, Inworth. Draw for places 3pm. 2037

LADIES' GUILD. East Midlands Branch. Saturday 13th May 2017. 10-10.45am Barnby in the Willows (6). 11-11.45am Coddington (6). Meeting and lunch. 2.15-3pm Winthorpe (6). All very welcome. 2047

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G. Bingham District. Afternoon ringing at Orston from 3pm followed by service, tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Whatton from 6.30pm. Names for tea to Diana Korolus 01949 850415. 2043

Meetings on Saturday May 20

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS. Annual General Meeting, Saturday 20 May 2017, St Andrew's Biggleswade. 4.15pm service, followed by tea at approx. 5pm. AGM 6pm, followed by evening ringing until 8.30pm. Agenda/documents available at www.bacbr.org. Please print and bring your own copies if possible. Names/numbers for tea to Charlotte Smith by Thursday 18 May, 01462 700676 charlotte.m.smith@pobroadband.co.uk 2044

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS. NE District. Spring Meeting and Striking Competition. Saturday 20th May at Layer-de-la-Haye. Draw 2.30pm, service 4.30pm followed by tea and the meeting. Names for tea to Martin Piper 01206 734369 by Thursday 18th. 2045

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS. Southern District. Striking Comp. Draw 5pm @ Langdon Hills (SS16 6HY). Names for tea to Cathryn on 01702 533944 by Thursday 18th May. 2048

KCACR. Ashford District. Method and Call Change Competition Saturday 20th May. This event will be held at St Michael, Kingsnorth starting at 5pm. The draw will be at 4.45pm. Band entries and names for tea to Pam Manger by Sunday May 14th (ashfordsec@kccacr.org.uk). 2049

PDG. Culworth Branch. Practice will take place on Saturday 20th May at Lois Weedon from 7.30-9pm. All are welcome. 2050

Meetings on Saturday June 3

GUILD OF ST AGATHA. AGM and Outing. Saturday 3rd June 2017: Ladock, 8, 11cwt, 9.15-10 am, SW894510, TR2 4PL; Probus, 8, 20 cwt, 10.30-11.15am, SW899477, TR2 4JW, the tallest tower in Cornwall; St Erme, 6, 8cwt, 11.45-12.15pm, SW847498, TR4 9RF; lunch – County Arms, Hightown, Truro TR1 3PY. Function room booked 12.45 to 2.15pm; Truro, Cathedral of St Mary, 12, 33cwt, 2.30-3.30pm, SW826449, TR1 2UF, Cornwall's only 12; AGM – Kenwyn Lychgate Schoolroom, 4-5pm; Kenwyn, Truro, 8, 15cwt, 5-6pm, SW819458, TR1 3DR. Friday 2nd June: Wendron, 6, 8cwt, 9.45-10.30am, SW679311, TR13 0EA, max 8 people in the tower at once; Helston, 8, 15cwt, 11-11.45am, SW658277, TR13 8NL, max 16 people in the ringing chamber at once (we will not be covered by their church insurance policy); lunch – own arrangements; Mawgan, 6, 8cwt, 2.15-3pm, SW709251, TR12 6AD; St Keverne, 10, 18cwt, 3.30-4.15pm, SW791213, TR12 6NE; Landewednack, 6, 8cwt, 5-5.45pm, SW711127, TR12 7PH, the most southerly tower in England. Thursday 1st June: Penzance, 8, 23cwt, 9.45-10.30 am, SW475300, TR18 4AQ; Paul, 6, 14cwt, 11-11.45am, SW464271, TR19 6UA; Sennen, 6, 5cwt, 2.45-3.15pm, SW357254, TR19 7AD, the most westerly mainland tower in England. All towers confirmed. Further details at <http://www.guildofstagatha.org.uk/Cornwall2017Details.aspx>. 2051

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Ringing research success for Austrian student

Niki Stojkovic, a student from Klagenfurt in Austria, came to England last July to 'find out about' English bellringing (see *RW* 2016, pp 271, 392, 765, 796, 984). After four days of fairly intensive tuition based at St Giles', Oxford, Niki was able to ring call changes on tower bells when he went on to ring elsewhere, firstly around Southwold in Suffolk, and then in London; and he was also able to ring 5-6 to plain hunt on six on handbells.

As part of his school-leaving exams, Niki wrote a 50-page dissertation about what he had learnt and experienced during his fortnight in England, including responses from over thirty ringers whom Niki met here, to a questionnaire which he had prepared. His study has now been formally examined, and he has obtained the highest available grade, both for the written dissertation, and for presenting it in person before a committee of examiners. Using more or less Niki's own words:

(Sat 1 April). "Tomorrow I am going to deliver a presentation about bell ringing (basically about the study) in front of a commission which is supposed to grade the study (1-best to 5-worst). However my advisory teacher has already told me that she would suggest the grade 1 for the paper!

"I even convinced her to join me in bell ringing, we are going to do Plain Hunt on four bells (Austrian Cow Bells), after having practised with her for about two weeks."

(Sat 8 April). "The results of the presentations and the studies have been revealed! I was graded with a "1" (Sehr Gut), that might be an A in GB, which is the best achievable mark, for the study as well as for the presentation! I was told that I had probably delivered the day's best presentation, and that especially the Bell Ringing part was enjoyed by the examiners.

"I even had an audience of about 30 pupils from lower forms joining us, because my geography teacher had told her pupils to join us during their PE classes late in the afternoon (3.30 pm). I was delighted to have the audience, who made the presentation and the oral exam afterwards more lively (especially by laughing at funny stories I experienced during my GB stay).

"After having rung Plain hunt on 4 with my teacher, who has never rung bells before and did extremely well, I asked the examiners to join me in rounds and called changes (sadly, no photography was permitted). We had an enjoyable discussion about sociological aspects, and talked about the historical development and its connections to political transitions under King Henry VIII.

"Our headmaster, who was one of the examiners, is a former English teacher, and claimed he had rung bells in Cambridge during his year abroad 35 years ago (1982?)."

Congratulations to Niki! I shall be surprised if we don't hear more of him in future.

If anyone would like to see copies of the English-language Abstract and Foreword (or of the whole 50-page study, mostly in German), please send a request to johnguypusey@hotmail.com

St Giles, Oxford

JOHN PUSEY

Elva's family ring



Mark Ainsworth (brother), Iain Anderson (husband), Alex Lucas (daughter), Jo Ainsworth (sister), Aidan Anderson (son), Elva Ainsworth (me), Logan Anderson (son), J Alan Ainsworth (father).

Eight members of Elva Ainsworth's close family gathered at St Mary's, Amersham on May 1st to ring a special birthday touch of 55 changes of Stedman Doubles (with three bells covering). Three generations were included – aged 10 to 82, distributed in reverse order around the circle. Three of the family were brought out of ringing retirement

and two have only learnt in the last year, so it was quite a special experience for everyone!

Amersham, Bucks. 1 May, 55 Stedman Doubles: J Alan Ainsworth (Father) 1, Elva R Ainsworth 2, Joanna M Ainsworth (Sister) 3, Iain J Anderson (Husband) 4, Mark H Ainsworth (Brother) 5, Alex E Lucas (Daughter) 6, Aidan J Anderson (Son) 7, Logan T S Anderson (Son) 8. Rung to celebrate Elva's 55th Birthday, by a band of her immediate family, in age order.

Bellframe recording day

The recording of bell frames is a fairly niche subject, however it has an importance from a historical perspective. Prior to the age when it was easy to transport heavy items around the country, bell frames would be adapted and re-used regularly. This means that valuable artefacts are hidden away in church towers.

Their importance is now recognised and can have an impact on any bell restoration project. Unfortunately there are few experts in this field, and, like all of us, they are not getting any younger. The subject of bell-frame recording has been raised in different forums recently, at the Church Building Council, English Heritage and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, but nothing has happened to progress this. It was also mentioned at the 2016 conference of DAC bell advisors in Warwick.

With this background, the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council decided to arrange a day seminar as an introduction to the subject. This was held at Wellesbourne on Saturday, 1st April 2017. Alan Frost took over the arrangements and obtained the services of Chris Pickford and John Eisel to lead the day. After a short welcome from the CCCBR President, Chris Mew, it was down to business. We were also fortunate to have Nick Molyneux from

English Heritage with us and he explained some of the current needs when a faculty is being considered; we all should try and have an understanding of the different viewpoints. When relevant, a 'statement of significance' is essential in the faculty process.

The rest of the morning was given over to Chris and John splitting the subject broadly in two: firstly, what needs to be recorded, and secondly, how do we record it.

After lunch, those attending were divided in two groups and visited local churches for a more practical interpretation. We are grateful to Chadshunt and Chesterton for accommodating us, especially the latter where the churchwarden who met us had laid on tea and biscuits.

Back at Wellesbourne there was a short discussion on the day, before leaving for home. If there is anyone else reading this who has an interest in this subject, or knows of someone who does bell recording, it would be good to hear from them. We were all very grateful to Chris and John for sharing a little of their knowledge, and to Alan for making the arrangements. The Towers and Belfries Committee are in the early stages of arranging a bell maintenance training day to be held later in the year; again, if this is of interest to you please get in contact; **David.Kirky@gmail.com**, or 01903 813653.

DAVID KIRKCALDY

Thought for the week

I had the pleasure of learning to ring in the 1940s with the returning pre-war bell-ringers who were as keen as mustard to re-engage in a wide range of Minor methods. Doubles only rang out when occasionally our numbers were few and it was a case of having to ring the back five bells.

Nowadays, where I ring, with a less experienced band having to ring Bob Doubles, it is of course very clear that our standard depends first and foremost on the rhythmic striking of the tenor bell, the ringer of which may not be fully conversant with the method being rung. Without such talent behind them, those 'doing all the work' have no pleasure in ringing – nor will all those within earshot, with less to guide them into the church for Sunday worship; and perhaps, even, to discover the source of all that sound coming from up the tower, with a wish to 'learn the ropes' of our wonderful Exercise.

I write this Thought with the very fresh memory of participating in my Branch Striking Competition. My band, with plans to ring Bob Doubles, was drawn to ring first. Then followed my careful listening to the six other entries, and eventually having the enjoyment of hearing the judge award us third place. That was a great improvement from last year, when we were unable to enter a band. Now I am wondering whether we can, perhaps, get a higher place in 2018 when we 'Go next time'. Here's hoping!

MICHAEL STEPHENS
Guild of Clerical Ringers

The Pub Quiz (answers on p.490)



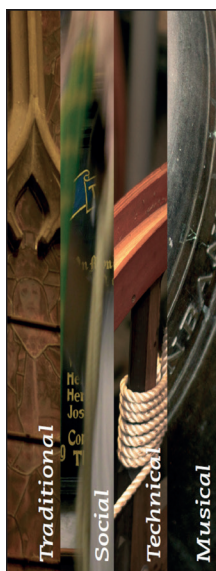
1. In motor racing, what colour of flag is flown to warn a driver that he is about to be lapped?
2. In the nursery rhyme, where did Mary's little lamb follow her to?
3. What was the name of the ship that Sir Francis Drake circled the world in?
4. FCO is the airport code for which European city?
5. What are the twelve long triangles on a backgammon board called?

From this issue ...

6. What are the two tunes that Richard Carter suggests can be played easily on eight hand-chimes?
7. Why is criticising the Central Council like sex?
8. Name one of the three York Diocese towers where Whitechapel Foundry has recently completed work.
9. What date will BBC Music Day be held on?
10. Where were the band from who visited Exeter in 1862 to give an early 'showcase' of change ringing?

BBC MUSIC DAY

To unite people through music, the BBC are asking towers around the world to ring at 7pm on BBC Music Day, Thursday, 15th June



BBC Music Day is returning for its third year on Thursday, 15th June 2017, celebrating music's ability to unite communities across generations, and this year ringers have been asked to play an even bigger role.

The sound of bells, with their power to bring communities and generations together, was a feature of last year's BBC Music Day, with over 200 bell-ringing groups taking part.

This year's theme is the power of music, and the day will feature broadcasts on BBC TV, Radio and digital services from 6am to midnight. Bob Shennan, Director of BBC Radio and Music, explains:

"BBC Music Day is a unique opportunity for people to celebrate music and musical talent, whether attending one of the many events taking place or tuning in at home."

Last year

Last year's BBC Music Day was supported by a number of stars including Duran Duran, Izzy Bizu, Laura Mvula, and Nile Rodgers, who performed at the Eden Project in Cornwall on BBC Music Day. Meanwhile, BBC Local Radio (in partnership with BBC Outreach) marked BBC Music Day 2016 with Take it to the Bridge: musical collaborations on over forty bridges around the UK, both large iconic bridges such as the Tees Transporter Bridge in Middlesbrough and smaller, quirkier bridges like Bishop Bridge in Norwich. Award-winning Scottish band and BBC Music Day Ambassadors Travis performed live with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra at the Barrowlands in Glasgow. And in the evening, bells from over

200 church towers across the UK rang out simultaneously throughout towns, cities and villages, from cathedrals such as Bristol and Manchester to smaller parish churches like Saint Francis Xavier's in Liverpool.

This year

This year's BBC Music Day will be even larger, and the BBC would like to build on last year's success by **inviting tower and handbell ringers from the UK and around the world to ring out at 7pm at their local time.**

BBC Music Day Producer, Rebecca Sandiford, comments "Church bells are a wonderful symbol of community cohesion and since BBC Music Day is all about uniting people through music, bell ringing is going to provide a fantastic unifying moment. This year we'd like to make this even more special by inviting ringers around the globe to join us, ringing at 19:00 local time, to show how the power of music can unite people around the world."

BellBoard

The Ringing World's *BellBoard* website is helping! There's a diary event for the day, which you can add your intended attempts to in advance, and link your performances to after the day. Click on 'Diary' and then 'Search' to find the event ('BBC Music Day 2017'), and then click 'Add Attempt' to register some details of what you're planning to ring (don't worry if you don't know everything!). The BBC are asking for anything from a few minutes of ringing, so you can ring a touch, quarter peal or peal, and they can all be added in the same way.

BellBoard also has a link on the front page from which you can download a pdf file of a flyer for the day, to help publicise the event.

How to take part:

- Agree with your venue, plan your band, what you will ring and any special event or dedication associated with your performance. If possible, arrange permission from your band and venue in case the BBC ask you to video or record your ringing on the day.
- Add your planned attempt to BellBoard in advance! Visit the diary event 'BBC Music Day' and click 'Add Attempt' to register.
- Email the BBC Music Day team at **BBCMusicDay@bbc.co.uk** as soon as possible to let them know you'll be taking part, with the subject heading "RINGING EVENT – <Your Location> <Your Country>", and including in your email:
 - A contact email and mobile phone number
 - Who will be ringing and what will be rung
 - Details of any event, story or dedication associated with your performance, which will be of interest to the BBC's audience.
- Ring! Start at 7pm local time on Thursday, 15th June.
- Link your performances (touches, quarters or peals) to BellBoard.
- The BBC may invite you to submit a video or audio clip of your ringing on the day. If so, they will contact you using the email or phone number you have provided.



The Power of Music – Ringing at Manchester Cathedral for BBC Music Day 2016