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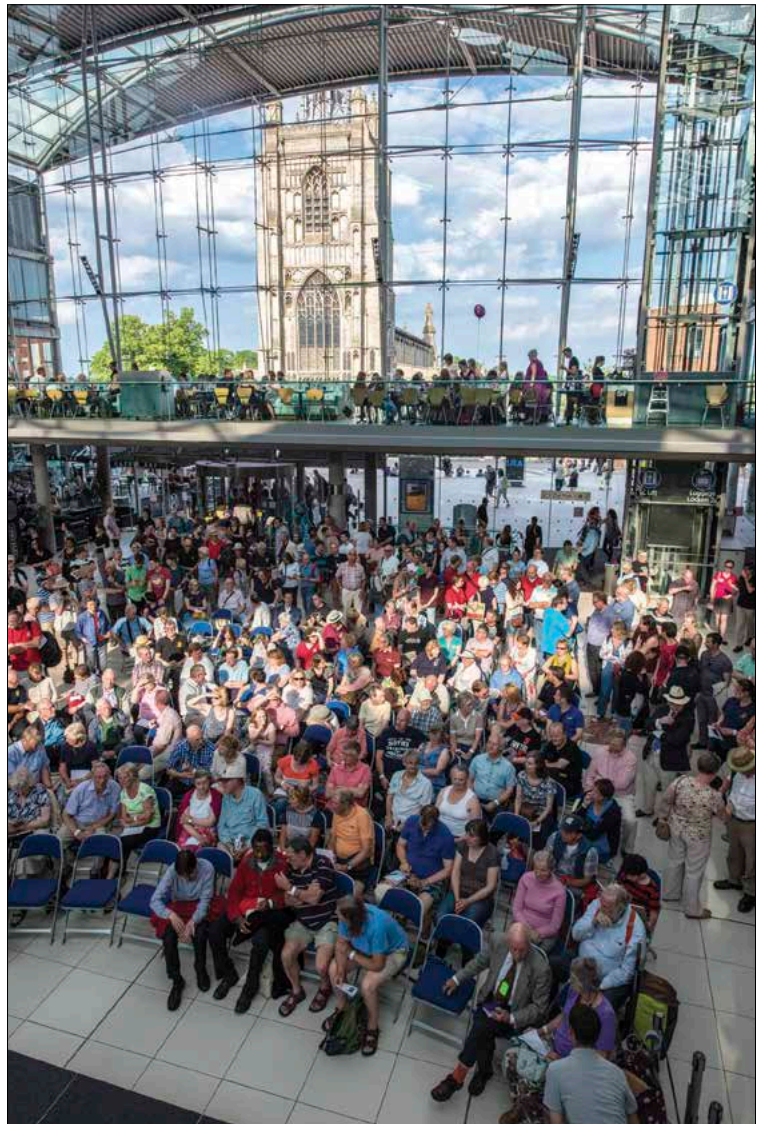
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The National 12 Bell Striking Contest's 40th Anniversary

by George Unsworth with photos by Neil Thomas



*The winning College Youths band (clockwise from front right):
1 Tessa K. Beadman, 2 John N. Hughes-D'Aeth,
3 Stephen A. Coaker, 4 Katherine L. Town, 5 James H. Foster,
6 Andrew J. Graham, 7 Alban D. Forster, 8 David E. House,
9 Simon S. Meyer, 10 Robert W. Lee (C), 11 Oliver D. Cross,
12 Paul L. Carless*



Results in the Forum

The National 12 Bell Striking Contest is 40 years old this year. Or is it? Ringers have many opinions it seems, so trying to get a consensus is never easy! The first-ever, invitation-only, contest took place in Bristol on 31st May 1975. It worked so well that it was succeeded the following year by a trip to Leicester, this time with a trophy donated by Taylor & Son. Four of those ringing at this year's final at St Peter Mancroft in Norwich also rang in the first contest (Fran Dodds, David House, Ann White and Andrew Wilby) and I'm taking bets on them all being there at the contest's 50th anniversary too!

In my opinion though the contest is 40 years old so it was nice to receive an invitation from the St Peter Mancroft Guild to host the contest in the middle of their celebrations to mark the 300th anniversary of the first recorded peal in Norwich. Quite why they wanted the extra stress of organising the contest whilst trying to raise £250k to raise the roof and install a ringing centre is anyone's guess, but they pulled it off, and in great style.

Twenty-two teams entered the contest this year (our second-highest total) and nine made it through the eliminators at



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John Hughes-D'Aeth and Katie Town

Liverpool, Shrewsbury and Wakefield to join the host team who had a bye to the final. We always try to find eliminator venues that are similar in weight and character to the bells being used for the final but that's often not as easy as it may appear at first glance. We were very lucky this year though, with a collection of challenging but rewarding bells to sort the ladies from the girls.

How the Contest has developed

Some say that the contest has become too complicated these days with more and more facilities being provided as successive host towers try to out-do the previous year's venue. I don't agree, but have always tried to make sure that the basics are covered wherever possible. One of these, inevitably, is beer so you imagine my joy in hearing that the alcohol licence required for this year's final hadn't been received despite the fact that Jon Spreadbury (a past master in the subject) had submitted all the necessary forms in good time. (In fact it arrived the day before the contest.) Jon's decision to turn the arrangements over entirely to a local brewery (Wolf) was a really good idea too with those present showing their appreciation in the usual manner by making short work of in excess of 1,500 pints of beer! Well, it was a hot day ...



Norwich ringer Ben Trent

The bar was set up on the Friday just as the technical equipment arrived. This is a huge job these days mostly because of the advent of the Strikeometer and the live broadcast over the internet. We have sound engineers (Derek Carr and Adrian Udal) who have to visit each tower at least once in advance to check out the best microphone position and cable routes. We have Strikeometrists (Dave Richards, Stuart Flockton, John Gwynne, Keith Whitehead, Clive Day and Liam Craddock) who run a training day for judges in the spring, provide analysis for each team following their practice visit and data to aid the judges on the day. For the third year, we also have the expertise of Matthew Tosh and Gareth Lawson who bring a vanload of gear with them to produce an incredibly professional live broadcast so that those around the world can tune in to hear what's going on. Whilst the committee buys them a few pints to thank them for their work throughout the year, believe me, they put in a stunning amount of time and effort so that we can deliver the best experience possible for anyone that wants to enter.

A day to remember

I never can get the hang of sleeping much before a contest but on this occasion I was glad to be up and about early to make the most of this, my final final as contest



Matthew Tosh at work



Gathering in the Forum for the results

secretary. When I arrived at 8.30 the local team was in full swing with Richard Turk and Simon Rudd calmly directing operations from a fearsome-looking and brightly coloured spreadsheet. The broadcast production team were pre-recording interviews with the judges, and a hand-picked band of non-contestants was collared to provide a test-ring so that the judges could familiarise themselves with the bells. As the church started to fill, and team leaders were exhorted to submit their teams lists, 11.00 struck and the contest started in earnest. David Pipe and Richard Turk welcomed everyone to Norwich and invited Caroline Jarrold (a Patron of Appeal 300) to pull team names out of the hat to determine the order of ringing. Oh great. We were drawn last, so any notion I might have had of starting to celebrate the end of my tenure nice and early went straight out of the window! (I see it as my greatest failing never to have worked out how to rig the draw while I had the opportunity.)

The ringing progressed uneventfully enough though the test piece (half a course of Lincolnshire Maximus) resulted in rather more small mistakes than has been the case in the recent past. The acoustics inside the tower were almost as challenging as those outside, but a sound-feed was provided to the Chantry for those that really wanted to listen. Team after team rolled by with each one coming out looking completely plastered (and not in a good way) as the day progressed. We were promised a veritable furnace when we entered the tower following Birmingham but were amused instead by Richard Grimmett’s pathetic attempt to psyche Phil Wilding out – warning him that the 11th rope was very slippery. The inevitable reply just had to be “yeah – we could tell from outside that you were struggling”!

Judges from afar

This year’s set of judges was surely the most international one to date, with two (Alex Byrne and Mike Trimm) having flown in from their homes in Germany. Julia Cater completed the trio but had almost as far to come from deepest Cumbria. Their comments on each team’s performance were pithy and brief (Alex having already pre-warned us all in the leaflet handed out at the start of the day that they were judges, not coaches) which was probably just as well as it gave us the chance to enjoy the location for the results in the Forum immediately opposite the church. All glass and chrome, it was almost the exact opposite of last year’s ancient Oxford college dining hall.

Results

And so, the results. Richard Grimmett sent me a text on the day before the contest asking where the trophy could be stored overnight. I was within a gnat’s whisker of telling him that he might just as well leave it at home; it was either that or we adopt the policy suggested by one wag earlier in the



Henry, David and Alfie Pipe

Editorial

Our thanks to George Unsworth for delivering her report on the national 12 Bell Final so promptly – it is a pleasure to be able to publish it so quickly. This is the sort of efficiency and attention to detail that has characterized George’s tenure as Secretary of the contest and congratulations are due to her on a job well done.

The next big event in the national ringing calendar takes place this weekend in Oxford: the fifth Ringing World National Youth Contest. We published an outline programme for the day in the 26th June edition, but were unable to give details of the judges at that point. That is rectified this week with some potted biographies of our three young assistant judges on p.707. It is going to be a very long day for them and we wish them luck. We very much look forward to welcoming the 19 teams and their supporters on Saturday.

The notice from the Ringing Foundation on p.710 informs us that its AGM, postponed from the Central Council Weekend will now take place at St Botolph-without-Aldgate in the City of London on Saturday, 8th August at 2pm. Item 3 on the stated agenda is “To note the intention of the Board significantly to alter the emphasis of activity within the charity’s objects”. It would be useful for members of the Foundation to have some advance information about these intentions and we hope that the Board may see fit to publish further details in *The Ringing World* prior to the meeting.

First Peal Congratulations

Ruth Monks, Karen Parker, Tina D. Bastow, Paul G. Bastow, John E. Haines, Jamie Carmichael, Andrew C. Brett, Hannah L. Watt, Sarah Hale, Anthony Kanaga, Andrew Mitchell, Michael J. Martin, Graham H. J. Hounslow, Edward Benz

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The Other 12-Bell Final Contestants

Captions read clockwise from front right; team photos by Neil Thomas



(2nd) Birmingham, 1 Victoria J. M. Wilby, 2 Mark R. Eccleston, 3 Stephanie J. Warboys, 4 Susan J. Healy, 5 Frances Dodds, 6 Simon J. L. Linford, 7 Paul E. Bibilo, 8 James A. Forster, 9 William R. Haynes, 10 John S. Warboys, 11 Richard B. Grimmitt (C), 12 Michael P. A. Wilby



(3rd) Bristol, 1 Ian R. Fielding, 2 Gabrielle L. Cowcill, 3 Alison E. Leach, 4 Edward R. Mack, 5 Elizabeth A. Evans, 6 Molly S. Waterson, 7 Anthony M. Bulteel, 8 Matthew D. Dawson, 9 Stephen J. Bateman, 10 Alan G. Reading, 11 Edward O. Marchbank (C), 12 Philip M. Pratt



(4th) Exeter, 1 Ian W. Avery, 2 Paul J. Pascoe, 3 Susan M. Sawyer, 4 Alison C. Waterson, 5 Timothy M. Payne, 6 Jennifer R. Sparling, 7 Pauline Champion, 8 Ian V. J. Smith, 9 Thomas J. Waterson, 10 Michael E. C. Mears, 11 David Hird, 12 Matthew J. Hilling (C)



(5th) Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, 1 Lee Pinnington, 2 Shirley E. McGill, 3 Geraldine R. Forster, 4 Mary E. Holden, 5 Katherine A. Hill, 6 Douglas J. Beaumont, 7 Ian G. Mills, 8 Stephen J. Bailey, 9 Alan Regin (C), 10 Thomas B. Mack, 11 Benjamin D. Constant, 12 Nicholas D. Brown



(6th) Melbourne, 1 Simon C. Melen, 2 Pamela J. Timms, 3 Elizabeth Hutchieson, 4 Timothy J. Peverett, 5 John R. Fisher, 6 Anthony P. Cotton, 7 Terry M. Astill, 8 Simon Humphrey, 9 Christian M. Peckham (C), 10 Alistair J. E. Smith, 11 Stuart C. W. Hutchieson, 12 Paul Jopp



(7th) Cambridge, 1 George Unsworth, 2 David J. Pipe (C), 3 Alison L. Brooke, 4 Cecilia E. C. Pipe, 5 Elizabeth A. Orme, 6 William T. Bosworth, 7 Jonathan A. Agg, 8 Patrick L. H. Brooke, 9 Stephen A. Croxall, 10 Barry R. M. Johnson, 11 Phillip J. Wilding, 12 Phillip M. Orme



(8th) Norwich, 1 Gillian H. Knox, 2 Janet House, 3 Simon J. T. Smith, 4 Faith J. Pearce, 5 James Hughes, 6 Ben Trent, 7 Richard A. Turk, 8 Michael G. Clements, 9 David C. Brown (C), 10 Jon Spreadbury, 11 Richard P. J. Carter, 12 Simon A. Rudd



(9th) Leeds, 1 L. Gillian Moreton, 2 Rachel S. Robinson, 3 Wendy Bloom, 4 Adrian M. Moreton, 5 Lucy Crowder, 6 Hannah R. Martin, 7 Simon Kemp, 8 Stephen J. A. Ollerton (C), 9 Edward G. L. Brightman, 10 Paul D. Bennett, 11 Graham Bloom, 12 Matthew J. Young



(10th) Towcester, 1 Barry E. Saunders, 2 Catherine M. Stanworth, 3 Susan M. Ferrie, 4 Barbara A. King, 5 Joanne C. Wilby, 6 Andrew J. Dodd, 7 Brett C. Masters, 8 Christopher E. Bulleid, 9 Graham C. Paul, 10 A. John Stanworth, 11 Richard I. Allton (C), 12 Andrew W. R. Wilby



ASCY Master Katie Town with the trophy

week which was that we should award the trophy to Birmingham at the Draw then tell them to go to the bar and leave the rest of us to get on with it! In the end, the Colledge Youths ended Birmingham's astonishing five-year run of wins by narrowly beating them to the top place. There was almost as much rejoicing at that result as there was with Exeter making a welcome return to the fold by achieving their highest-ever ranking (4th) and Norwich feeling very happy to have very very very nearly beaten Cambridge. (The rivalry's not quite as extreme as the Canaries v the Tractor Boys you understand, but if they keep on like this we – Cambridge – will clearly have to sharpen our cattle prods!) We were pleased to welcome Andrew Wilby representing John Taylor & Co. as sponsors and supporters of the contest for 39 of its 40 years and Charles, Marquess Townshend, who presented the Taylor trophy to Katie Town and Rob Lee who, deservedly, basked in the cheers of a very large crowd for a very long time. Bravo. Encore!



Mike Trimm, Alex Byrne and Julia Cater deliver the results (Photo by David Hull)



Andrew Wilby ("I thought he was only allowed one word George") (Photo by George Unsworth)

Dispelling the gloom

With all the doom and gloom surrounding the Exercise at the moment, it's good to be able to report that this end of the operation seems to be going from strength to strength. Someone asked me on Saturday what it was that made a good contest tower. The bells? The beer? No. For me it's the people that put so much effort into making the day a good one. The cake-makers, the stewards, the cleaners-up-afterwards, the PR front men, the publicity printers, the organisers of practice slots, those that weed their graveyards and clean the tower, those that are there at 07:30 the next day to get everything back to where it should be ...

Mancroft was my sixteenth contest and last as Contest Secretary. I can honestly say that I've had a ball, but I should use this opportunity to apologise to all those that have suffered some control-freakery from me along the way. My excuse is that, being a professional event manager, that's how I have to be at work but I recognise that it's not always fun for those on the other end of it. Having been so well-thanked myself at the results, there are a few people to whom I'd like to return the favour. The technical team, particularly Derek Carr and latterly Dave Richards, have pulled me out of more holes than I dare admit to here. David Hull, who does a shed-load of work for the contest but doesn't complain when I mess up his website or forget his email address. (Sorry David!) Lastly, and most importantly, Pete Sanderson and David Pipe who, as Chairmen, both put up with my early-morning emails with astonishingly good grace. (Only 3,000 a year, guys, honest!)

GEORGE UNSWORTH

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NWA Striking Competition

The North Wales Association annual striking competition was held at St Mary's, Ruabon on Saturday, 13th June in typical Welsh weather! Nine bands representing three out of the four Branches took part, equating to, as pointed out by the Association Ringing Master Peter Furniss, 20% of the membership of the Association.

The competition was judged by Len and Claire Mitchell from Liverpool. The Ringing Master was keen to point out that Len had been invited to judge by the previous Master, Jill Danby, and therefore his 40+ year friendship with Len would have no bearing on the results.

After a ringers' sung Evensong taken by the vicar of Ruabon, Kate Tiltman, with worship led by Audrey Powell and the organ played by Kevin Whitley, an excellent tea was provided by the ladies of St Mary's, Ruabon, all of whom were thanked by the Master on behalf of those present. The judges then announced the results.

Len commented briefly on each band's performance and explained the marking system. In particular he noted that all bands had completed the test piece and that every band had rung to a good Sunday Service standard. Claire then announced the results in reverse order

Hawarden	19¼ faults
Buckley "B"	17½ faults
Chirk	13¼ faults
Buckley "A"	7½ faults
Ruabon	6½ faults
Wrexham	5¾ faults
Welshpool	5¼ faults
Montgomery Branch	4½ faults
Llangollen	3¼ faults



The Llangollen band

Therefore Ruabon were declared winners of the Call Change Trophy and Llangollen winners of the Striking Competition Trophy. Representatives from both bands received there awards from Len with the assembled ringers showing their congratulations in the usual way. Peter then thanked Len and Claire for their time and announced that general ringing followed.

BEVERLEY FURNISS



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Steadman's visit to Leicester in 1669

SIR, – When Ernest Morris was researching for his volume, *History and Art of Change Ringing* (published some 83 years ago) he came across the diary of William Barrow, a well-known Leicester historian, and known as the St Martins MSS. This I give below, as it appears in Morris, pp.320 and 321. "Ye" has been rendered as "the" to assist in the understanding of the passage, but all the other old-style spellings have been left intact.

1668, May 11th, Whit Monday.—Mr Fabian Steadman, printer, of Cambridge, sent his letter to the bell ringers of the town (Leicester) settinge forth that having discovered the "artes or mysteries" of performing the sweete musick of change-ringing on church-bells, to the great edifying of youthe, and the publishing of his "booke" called "Tintinnologiae, or the Artes, Mysteries, and Fancie of Diffusing Sweet Musick", explaining to the bell ringers the desirabilitie of establishinge a societie of scholars for setting forth the "artes and mysteries" of change-ringing not onlie for the edifying of their minds, but also for their enjoyment, and the healthfull exercise of their bodies. And desiring, with Almighty God permitting, to visit their cittie at a time appointed, and hoping the pleasure of their good will and companie.

1669, September 30th Thursday.—Mr Fabian Steadman came on a visit to the town for several days, for to introduce his "New Book on the Artes and Mysteries of Tintinnologia" (campanology), and being the fayer time, and manye strangers coming in, Mr Steadman was entertained by the gentlemen ringers to sweete musick at the churches, expressinge joye with the late newe ringe of heavie bells that bee at St Margaret's, which discoursed sweete music

nightlie. Saturday being the 2nd day (Oct.) young ringers did entertayne Mr Steadman with musicke at St Marie's. And in the night tyme gentlemen and young ringers entertained Mr Steadman sumptouslie at Master Baker's at the "Angell", £1 16s 8d being spent for meates, wines, beere, tobacco and pipes, &c, as appears by bill. Sunday being the 3rd daye (Oct.) after the morning service at St Martin's, Mr Steadman entertained them all at his inn neere the High Cross, and afterwards gave forthe his orations on the "artes and Mysteries" in the Great Chamber, or gallerie of his quarters, wherewith the gentle'n and youth, with many others, clergic, and gentle'n, were mightily pleased, all departinge to their homes neere seven of the clocke. Munday the 4th daye, Mr Steadman departed his quarters at ye Red Lyon by ten of the clocke, when the gentlemen and youths companied his horse a mile beyond the conduite springe hill, and so gave him their farewell on his journie towards Harborough.—Nath'l Baker, filius, St Martin's MSS. W B, per W Thirlby, clerk.

Barrow added: "It would appear that Mr Steadman was a person of good repute in those times, and the circumstances of his visit to Leicester to diffuse his "artes and mysteries" of campanology or change-ringing, was probably the first origin of the Society of Leicester Scholars, and from the fact that Mr Nath'l Baker, son of mine host of the "Angell" – how else would he have known the details of the bill – wrote an account of Mr Steadman's visit, he was one of the "gentleman ringers" who "discoursed sweet musick nightlie". And the Angel, in the Sheepshide (Cheapside) would be the rendezvous of the gentlemen ringers and youths, and it is only to be expected that the "sumptuous entertainment" got up in honour of Mr Steadman's coming to the town, would likewise take place at the Angel Inn, the site in aftertimes being occupied by Messrs Morley."

Conduit-street is still there – on the left, just past the Midland Station. A mile further on, up the hill, would be somewhere beyond the Victoria Park, well beyond the town boundary. According to Wikipedia, the Angel Inn was in Tudor times the most important coaching inn in the town. There was a very strong tradition that Mary Queen of Scots spent the night there on her way between one place of imprisonment or another.

And as for the "Sweet musick" – in 1669 there were just three active towers in Leicester; rings of six at St Margaret's and St Martin's, and a ring of five at St Mary's. St Margaret's were fine-sounding heavy bells, about which much has been written, with a tenor of 30cwt or thereabouts; the tenor of the six at St Martin's weighed 19cwt 1qr 16lb when it was recast in 1740; however, guessing the weight of the tenor of the old five at St Mary's presents rather a problem. When they were made into six in 1830, according to North, this was done by retaining the existing fourth bell to use as the tenor, and recasting the others to make five lighter bells. As the old fourth at St Mary's (now the tenor) is in the key of F and weighs 18cwt, it follows that the old tenor must have

been in the key of E flat, and would have weighed around 23cwt or so. Hard work to ring Doubles on bells of this weight! Perhaps this explains why the ringers at St Mary's were described not just as "youths" but "young."

Look again at the first paragraph. For Steadman and his contemporaries there were just three reasons to promote change-ringing; to edify the mind, for enjoyment, and for the healthy exercise of the body. Could we put that any better today?

HARRY POYNER

Whissendine, Rutland

Stick at it!

SIR, – What a shame that the "demoralised ringer from Buckinghamshire" does not live within the Tonbridge District in Kent. It is very active with teaching and always has been, with specialised training days each year – like many other districts I'm sure.

However, a social life is not immediately forthcoming on joining any organisation and *The Ringing World* not specifically aimed at learners. But the longer you ring, the more it becomes relevant.

Do try again!

Mrs TESSA WORTHINGTON
Sevenoaks, Kent

Short measure

SIR, – Prudence Fay (26th June, p.647) rightly points out that the cost of an issue of the *RW* is "much less than a round in the pub". But unless she drinks somewhere very different from the rest of us, her price comparison is wide of the mark. By my reckoning, the weekly cost of a subscription is significantly less than that of just one half-pint of beer!

Prudence also wrote "there is only one solution [for the future of the *RW*], which is never mentioned: that every ringer should subscribe to it". For the record, I previously made the latter point (in more subtle terms) in the final paragraph of my letter on p.503 (15th May).

BRIAN HARRIS

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Bells on Sunday

SIR, – Having just sent off the August schedule for *Bells on Sunday*, together with an edited CD to be broadcast in that month, imagine my interest in the letters this week on Firing (p.669).

The CD in question, to be broadcast on the 16th (VJ weekend), is of a local band, which managed to record some pretty decent firing, so readers set your recorder to hear how it can be done.

On the wobbling towers front, the brick chimney of Christ Church, Macclesfield, has a tendency to move around a bit. A number of bells can give you an interesting time depending on the change. The seventh can at times be a handful when the tenor is second's place bell in Bristol Royal, this bell (the tenor) has always had a mind of its own, but in call

changes it can give you a really hard time, especially, if nine, seven and eight in that order are involved for any length of time with the little bells. The treble, third, six and seven will also at times catch the unwary at any time. Great fun!

MICHAEL ORME

Congleton, Cheshire

Non publication of quarter peal performances

SIR, – I would like to echo Alistair Donaldson's comments in a letter on the future of *The Ringing World* published recently (*RW* 5432, p.575). The quarter peal columns in your journal serve a dual role in both recording – in an easy to digest format – what has been rung around the world, and publishing ringers' names.

Currently the majority of active ringers can engage with the journal by seeing their names in print following their band's quarter peal performances. Surely this will cease to be the case if the QP columns are relegated to the category of a few paid notices (at a suggested rate per ringer of 50p + VAT)?

I would be very disappointed to see the journal adopting a selective publication policy towards ringers' performance achievements and feel that the *RW* would lose the future support of the general ringer were this to happen. However an increase in donations (at the 50p level) is to be applauded. It is not too late for content considerations to take a front-seat.

ADRIAN UDAL

London W6

From the 'unofficial recorder'

SIR, – Being the unofficial recorder of quarter peals there are a couple of observations to which I would like to mention. The first is to Block donations (£BD). Is this a donation made by a tower or by an individual? The reason I ask is that lately quarters have appeared where the tower making the BD has rung few quarters and is unlikely to ring more in the immediate future. Therefore it seems that the BD must be from an individual and not a tower.

Secondly, I feel that *The Ringing World* is being treated with contempt by certain ringers. This week (July 3rd) eleven quarters were published as having been rung between December 2014 and April this year, all with the same conductor and with no donation. Does it take that long to send in reports? Is this really good enough? An apology for lateness and a donation might have been more acceptable. There are other groups of ringers that store their performances for mass publication. Lateness is not news. Quarters rung over three months ago are checked for duplication. This year there have been just over 60. At present 12% of quarters are being published within one month with a further 61% within 5 to 8 weeks. This is how it should be.

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL

Denmead, Hampshire

'The 70% Challenge'

SIR, – I am disappointed at the *RW* decision. You are putting pressure on everyone to make donations with their peals and quarters and as long as 70% comply you are happy; I am not happy. Why should I subsidise the mean, tight-fisted ringers who do not donate.

I cannot understand any objection to paying for the process of nationally recognizing a ringing performance. Many if not most guilds charge for peals to be recorded in their peal books, this is no different.

However I do think the *RW* should take the same approach as they did about the Central Council supplement.

It is the CC which requires a peal to be published in the *RW* for it to be recognized and they should pay for the publishing. I cannot see any reason why it should not / could not require a fee from the band to cover the publishing costs and any other administrative cost.

As far as quarters and other lengths are concerned, then I see no reason not to charge for publishing.

Please make it fair on everyone and charge 50p per ringer.

Perhaps the CC will pay a lump sum to the *RW* to collect peal fees on their behalf!

FRANK SEABRIGHT

Ledbury, Herefordshire

SIR, – Sorry to be writing again so soon, but the 3rd July cover article by the *RW* Chairman, saying the Board rejects an *RW* price increase as 'not fair', and claiming 'majority support' for introducing charges for publishing peals in the current format, deserves immediate comment.

Evidence of 'majority support' is unclear; it seems more like a bias against peal ringers, even though I understand they form at least around half the *RW* subscribers.

In the business world, where there are different communities of interest, a deliberate decision to alienate half the paying customers does not often turn out well. A sensibly-run business listens to all its main customer communities, and does its best to serve them all.

Moreover, the proposals for itemised charging come with the side effect of higher administrative costs; again, not usually seen as a desirable business strategy.

A simple solution remains on the table: **raise the subscription.** Just a £3 annual increase in the subscription would cover the current annual loss, and it is hard to see how a £3 (or even £5) annual increase would cause much of a problem.

TONY KENCH

London EC1

25 Years Ago

The Ringing World, 13 July, 1990

Selected by the Editor

THE RINGING WORLD LIMITED

Chairman's Report

Very few major changes have occurred in 1989 and the year is perhaps best described as one of consolidation. A satisfactory financial position is recorded with a very close correlation to the year's budget.

The setting of quarter peals by our team of outworkers continues and has now been extended inasmuch as some pages of peals are being set in this manner. Our thanks go to Frank Price for his work in getting this system under way. A remark made in my verbal report at last year's AGM led to a mutually successful co-production of the 1990 calendar between the Bath and Wells Association and *The Ringing World*. At the time of writing this report discussions are taking place with other Guilds regarding a similar venture in 1991.

The numbers of peals and quarter peals submitted for publication continue to rise. This entails a considerable effort on the part of our staff to keep the paper up-to-date, and our thanks and appreciation are due to David and Anne for their hard work throughout the year.

In its third year the Ringing World Diary settled down as a regular feature. Sales have levelled out at just under 5,000 copies, and whilst no dramatic changes are envisaged we continue to review the features within the Diary and update and change as required.

Towards the end of the year there were indications that a harsher economic climate was beginning to affect some of our readers and that a potential saving was their

subscription to the paper. We are extremely conscious of our need to keep costs to a minimum. We remain convinced that a weekly, 24-page, specialist journal with little recourse to profitable advertising copy is still, by the standard ringer's yardstick of well under the cost of a pint of beer, remarkably good value. Our request to you, the members of the company, is to get this message over to our potential readership and actively encourage support for *The Ringing World*.

H. W. EGGLESTONE

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50 Years Ago

The Ringing World, 9 July, 1965

Selected by the Editor

GROTON BOYS COMPETE

Among the nine teams competing in the Famham District Striking Competition on the six bells at Seale on June 26th were two teams from Groton School, Massachusetts, U.S.A. who are participating in a ringing programme devised by Frank Price and John Chilcott. They enjoyed to the full the experience of competition ringing, their "B" team being placed fifth.

When the sixth team was "doing its stuff" two small aeroplanes decided to perform aerobatics and dive bombing almost immediately overhead. The judges, Messrs. W. J. Parker and D. A. R. May, had to abandon their post in the Church Hall, being unable to hear the bells. Their task was completed sitting in the choir stalls. Farnborough were winners with 15 faults and Aldershot "A" and Grayshott runners-up with 28 faults.

School ringing day



The quarter peal band: Simon, Rob, Marg, Tony, Si and Nicki

During a chance conversation with my head teacher some months back, I let slip that I was a ringer in my free time. This went down well, and I was asked if “the bells could come to school.” Where there’s a will there’s a way; I couldn’t have a full sized ring but there is a perfect alternative ...

So it was on Tuesday, 24th March, Tony Crabtree arrived at Seven Fields Primary School bright and early with the Stallpits Mini Ring in his car. Once assembled in the school hall, along with the other ringers (Rob, Nicki, Joe, Si,) we did a very brief whole school assembly, and a quick demonstration, to explain the aspect of the day, and what this ringing lark was about! Some of the children’s faces were pictures; many didn’t anticipate how big the mini ring would be, and none knew that we rang full circle!

Once assembly was done, the children came back to us year group by year group, starting with Year 1 and working up. All the children had a go at backstroke during the day, coming up three at a time to have a lesson, the teaching being split between us.

There are many beauties of a portable mini ring in these circumstances; no stays, and no problem if a rope is let go off! The step-ladder was well used during the day to retrieve ropes, but no damage was done. Another pro is small children, who would be too little for tower bells, can have a go and get involved. It’s also quick to teach on a mini ring; many non-ringers pick up mini ringing quicker than tower bell ringers!

Later than planned, Margaret Chapman rolled up complete with pudding, handbells, and a barrel of laughs; this also enabled us to give a quick go on handbells to Years 3 and 4, although this never was the main focus of the

day. After Year 4 had been in, we broke for lunch as the school hall was needed. Undeterred, we rang a handbell quarter in the foyer just outside the hall, although Bob Minor had to be demoted to Grandsire Doubles! Concentration levels were high with a lot of background noise from the lunch hall and various pupils and staff walking by but we achieved some nice ringing and got lots of favourable comments!

After lunch we had Years 5 and 6 in for their go, the older children in particular showing some real talent with many putting handstroke and backstroke together in the 5 minute training session they had! We also had time to show how change ringing (or “bell music”) works, with a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, getting them to listen to the 5 bells changing with the tenor keeping a steady rhythm at the back (well done Rob!) Before dismantling the Stallpits, we even had energy left to ring a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor, well struck and entertainment for a few staff who stayed back and listened to some of it! (The first few minutes can be found on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9SgU8FfcBQ>)

During the day, we had somewhere in the region of 200 children “having a go” on the ring, and a goodly number of staff too. Many were very talented and a lot more showed a real interest in ringing; a very positive outcome.

Overall, a really enjoyable day, and worthwhile. We had nothing but positive comments and the children took a real interest in something “different.” Thanks to my helpers for the huge amount of work they put in during the day, and in particular to Tony for the use of the mini ring.

Swindon, Wiltshire

SIMON EDWARDS

Swindon, Wilts. (Seven Fields Primary School) 24 Mar, 1299 Grandsire Doubles: Joe D R Norton 1-2, Simon W Edwards (C) 3-4, Simon E Lipscombe 5-6. A lunchtime quarter peal on the School Bell Ringing Day.

Swindon, Wilts. (Seven Fields Primary School, Stallpits Mini Ring) 24 Mar, 1260 PB Minor: Margaret E L Chapman 1, Robert Perry 2, Nicki J Lang 3, Tony Crabtree 4, Simon W Edwards (C) 5, Simon E Lipscombe 6. Rung at the end of a hugely enjoyable School Bell Ringing Day. The band would also like to associate Joe Norton with this quarter peal.

100 Years Ago

The Ringing World, 9 July, 1915

Selected by the Editor

SUNBURY RINGER KILLED AT THE FRONT

By the death of Lance-Corpl. Lionel Alford, who has been killed at the front, the Exercise has lost another promising young ringer. Serving with the 5th Middlesex Regiment, he was shot through the head by a sniper, and was buried by his comrades about a mile from the trenches.

Joining the Sunbury-on-Thames band of ringers, which his father has been connected with for many years, he soon mastered the treble to Grandsire Doubles and then to Triples, but as with many more bands of ringers, progress at Sunbury was slow owing to many difficulties, and this hampered him as well as others. However, he succeeded in scoring one peal of Grandsire Triples, the last peal rung on the bells. The adjutant informing his parents by letter of the death of their son, said the regiment were sorry to lose so good a soldier and so true a comrade.

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A “STRAWBERRY” MEETING MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION AT HARLINGTON

Strawberries and ringing are not often closely associated, but members of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association usually arrange one of their meetings to coincide with the strawberry season, for there seems to be a standing invitation to Harlington for the joint purpose of ringing and feasting on the luscious fruit. Such a gathering took place last Saturday, and ringers from far and near assembled. After two hours’ ringing, the party adjourned for tea, and were cordially welcomed by the Vicar. Tea was served in splendid style, and, needless to say, the strawberries were first favourites.

There was but little business to be transacted. Sunbury was chosen for the next meeting.—A vote of sympathy was passed to Mr. and Mrs. Alford on the sad loss they have sustained by the death of their son, who was killed at the front. This was moved by Mr. W. Shepherd, seconded by Mr. G. Woodiss, and accorded in silence by all standing.

Mr. T. Beadle (Master) ably voiced the thanks of those present to the Vicar and the ladies for their many kindnesses that day, to which the Vicar responded. A stroll through the Vicarage gardens brought the party back to the church again, where more ringing concluded a meeting that will linger long in the thoughts of all who were able to be present.



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AMERSHAM GUILD

STOKE POGES, Bucks, St Giles
Wed Jun 24 2015 2h46 (15)
5056 Kingsley D Major
Comp. C Middleton
(arr. R Baldwin)
1 Catherine M A Lane
2 Kenneth R Davenport
3 Roger Baldwin (C)
4 Maurice F Edwards
5 Susan L Apter
6 Peter H Mackie
7 J Alan Ainsworth
8 John B Keeler
First peal in the method.
Kingsley D Major:
b-38-14-12-18-14-18-56.34.78

BATH & WELLS D.A.

MARSTON BIGOT, Som,
St Leonard
Sat Jun 27 2015 3h (7)
5056 Cambridge S Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Mervyn C Way
2 Patricia M Garrett
3 Michael Hatchett
4 Sheila C Matthews
5 R Nicholas Lawrence
6 Richard W Ellis
7 Robert J Purnell
8 Timothy F Collins (C)
Part of Margaret Chapman's
80th birthday celebrations.

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP,
Som, St Michael
Sat Jun 27 2015 3h8 (11)
5042 Yorkshire S Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Maryl R Chambers
2 Jeffrey Knipe
3 Jane D Bull
4 Hilary A Beresford
5 Lesley A Knipe
6 Deborah M Talbott
7 Thomas R Garrett
8 Nigel R Woodruff
9 James W G Twiney
10 Stuart P B Talbott
11 Andrew M Bull
12 Donald B Carter (C)
For St Petroc's Village Fayre
and Street Party.
100th together: 10 & 12.
75th together: 4 & 10.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

BEVERLEY, E Yorks, St Mary
Sat Jun 27 2015 3h37 (34)
5040 Yorkshire S Royal
Comp. Richard B Pullin
1 James A Smith
2 Christopher L D Munday (C)
3 Anne E Deebank
4 Angela H Deakin
5 Simon J Reading
6 Simon A Percy
7 Ruth M Marshall
8 Jonathan S Frye
9 Robert H Jordan
10 Clyde W Wallbanks
A wedding compliment to
James E Blackburn and Sarah
E T Dawson, married today.

NORTH CAVE, ER Yorks,
All Saints
Sat Jun 27 2015 2h41 (11)
5040 Minor
(3m: (1,4) Cambridge S (2,5) Kent TB
(3,6,7) Plain B)
1 David Wilson
2 Simon Plows
3 Rosina M Baxter
4 Gwynneth C Moffatt
5 Nicholas D Soanes
6 Neil Donovan (C)
Wedding compliment to Sarah
ET Dawson and James E
Blackburn, married this day.

COVENTRY D.G.

SAINTBURY, Glos, St Nicholas
Sat Jun 27 2015 2h52 (11)
5184 Vale of Evesham S Major
Gen. BYROC
1 Jonathon R Chester
2 Nicholas K Allsopp
3 Stephen J Bedford
4 Richard Lewis-Skeath
5 Robert Tregillus
6 Raymon A Sheasby
7 Andrew F Alldrick
8 Michael Chester (C)
An engagement compliment to
Jonathon Chester and Amelia
Corry.
Circled the tower: 3.

G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

NEWTON ST CYRES, Devon,
St Cyr & St Julitta
Sat Jun 13 2015 2h50 (13)
5152 Spliced S Major
(10m: 672 each Claybrooke, London,
Northampton, Richmond; 448 each
Chesterfield, Huddersfield,
Newcastle, Pudsey, Whalley; 224
Newlyn; 132 com, atw)
Comp. R D S Brown
1 Alison C Waterson
2 Susan D Sparling
3 Pauline Champion
4 Timothy M Bayton
5 Ian V J Smith
6 John R Martin (C)
7 Thomas J Waterson
8 Michael E C Mears

THORVERTON, Devon,
St Thomas of Canterbury
Wed Jun 24 2015 3h2 (15)
5148 Chester A Royal
Comp. R D S Brown
1 Lynne P Hughes
2 Susan D Sparling
3 Peter L Bill
4 Pauline Champion
5 Ian V J Smith
6 Graham P Tucker
7 Roger King
8 Robert D S Brown
9 David Hird
10 Michael E C Mears (C)
With best wishes to Margaret
Chapman, celebrating her 80th
birthday today.
Also remembering
Chester Cat-Chapman.

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

PINHOE, Devon,
St Michael & All Angels
Thu Jun 25 2015 2h48 (10)
5090 Cambridge S Major
Comp. C Middleton
& R D S Brown
1 Mervyn C Way
2 Alison C Waterson
3 Roger King
4 Richard H Johnston
5 Pauline Champion
6 Ian W Avery
7 Ian V J Smith
8 Michael E C Mears (C)

DORSET C.A.

LANGTREE, Devon, All Saints
Mon Jun 1 2015 3h3 (11)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: London, York, Beverley, Norwich,
Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge)
1 Mervyn C Way
2 Sheila C Matthews
3 Graham W Elmes
4 R Nicholas Lawrence
5 Thomas R Garrett
6 Timothy F Collins (C)

CONGRESBURY, Som,
St Andrew
Tue Jun 9 2015 3h38 (34)
5056 Cambridge S Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Jane C Spencer
2 Graham W Elmes
3 Lesley A Knipe
4 Michael R Spencer
5 Richard H Johnston
6 Jeffrey Knipe
7 Robert D S Brown
8 Timothy F Collins (C)

MORTEHOE, Devon,
St Mary Magdalene
Wed Jun 10 2015 2h45 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: London, York, Beverley, Norwich,
Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge)
1 Richard W Ellis
2 Mervyn C Way
3 Sheila C Matthews
4 Richard H Johnston
5 Jeffrey Knipe
6 Timothy F Collins (C)

WESTLEIGH, Devon, St Peter
Mon Jun 22 2015 2h54 (11)
5040 Cambridge S Minor
(2x1440; 3x720: all diff)
1 Jennifer E Elmes
2 Sheila C Matthews
3 Mervyn C Way
4 R Nicholas Lawrence
5 Graham W Elmes
6 Timothy F Collins (C)

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

NORTH OCKENDON,
Gtr London, St Mary Magdalene
Sat Jun 27 2015 2h27 (10)
5040 Doubles
(25m: 2 exts Grand sire; 1 ext eacj
Chevasse, Malby, Montgomeryshire,
Callender, Bampton, Twineham, St
Ouen, Field; 2 exts Blackburn,
Westminster II, Dragon, St Hilary,
Huntspill, New, Blaisdon, St Vedast,
Winchendon, St Nicholas, Huntley, St
Remigius, St Martin, St Simon,
Eynesbury, St Osmund)
1 Vicki L Chapman
2 Ian J Culham
3 Colin F Chapman
4 Nigel S D Taylor
5 Stephen J Nash (C)
6 John G Harpole
Silver Wedding anniversary
compliment to Alison and
Stephen Nash married in this
church on 30 June 1990.
Most Doubles: 2,4,5.

FREEHOLD SOCIETY

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics,
Bell Foundry Tower
Mon Jun 22 2015 2h22 (7)
5040 Cambridge S Minor
Comp. R Bailey (No.3)
1 Reginald J Stretton
2 Clive J Mobbs
3 Francis W Fisher
4 Raymon A Sheasby
5 Brian E Mozley
6 Andrew F Alldrick (C)
With thanks to Foundry staff
for their "while you wait"
clapper repair service.

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

BARROW GURNEY, Som,
Blessed Virgin Mary
& St Edward King & Martyr
Mon Jun 22 2015 2h47 (11)
5024 Bristol S Major
Comp. A G Reading (No.13)
1 Lucy A Warren
2 Shirley E McGill
3 Alan G Reading (C)
4 Alex W Tatlow
5 Anthony J Cox
6 Rebecca J Cox
7 Joseph St J Beaumont
8 Ian R Fielding
Completes the calendar to
peals: 8.

WINFORD, Som, The Blessed
Virgin Mary & St Peter
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h52 (14)
5024 Regil S Major
Comp. A G Reading
1 Shirley E McGill
2 Ian R Fielding
3 Lucy A Warren
4 Stephen J Bateman
5 Alex W Tatlow
6 Anthony J Cox
7 Rebecca J Cox
8 Alan G Reading (C)
Completes the calendar to
peals: 8.
First peal in the method.
Regil S Major:
-34-14-12-38-14-58.14-14.58.
lh. 18 14683725

BRISTOL, St John on the Wall
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h52 (11)
5040 Spliced S Minor
(14m: 720 Norwich; 360 each
Annabel's London, Cambridge,
Carlisle, Chester, Cuneacastro,
Durham, London, Morpeth, Norfolk,
Northumberland, Rossendale; 240
Suffret; 120 Beverley: atw)
Comp. P G C Ellis (arr. from)
1 Ian R Fielding
2 Lucy A Warren
3 Shirley E McGill
4 Matthew D Dawson
5 Alan G Reading (C)
6 Ian P Hill
A farewell to Alex Tatlow,
leaving Bristol and returning to
Suffolk (at least temporarily).
Most methods: 2.

BRISTOL, All Saints
Wed Jun 24 2015 3h9 (16)
5040 Double Norwich CB Major
Comp. A G Reading (No.2)
1 Jonathan D Storey
2 Ian P Hill
3 Lucy A Warren
4 Edward R Mack
5 Andrew H Ball
6 Alan G Reading (C)
7 Stephen J Bateman
8 Ian R Fielding
Circled the tower as conductor.
50th together: 2 & 8.

STRATTON ST MARGARET,
Wilts, St Margaret of Antioch
Fri Jun 26 2015 2h34 (8)
5056 Cambridge S Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Jane D Bull
2 John R Ridley (C)
3 Cynthia E Howell
4 Julian O Howes
5 Brian Bladon
6 John C Sheppard
7 Simon J Ridley
8 Peter G Holden
A Diamond Wedding anniversary
compliment to Anthony and
Pamela Peake who will be
celebrating that event on 2 July.

GUILDFORD D.G.

GUILDFORD, Surrey, St Nicolas
Thu Jun 25 2015 3h1 (21)
5021 Stedman Caters
Comp. Robert C Kippin
1 Beryl R Norris
2 Martin J Turner
3 Sally A Schupke
4 Maurice F Edwards
5 W John Couperthwaite
6 Julian Morgan (C)
7 Vernon B Bedford
8 Claire F Roulstone
9 John B Keeler
10 David Kirkcaldy

HEREFORD D.G.

BREDWARDINE, Herefords,
St Andrew
Sat May 16 2015 2h32 (10)
5040 Spliced Doubles
(168v: (1) St Laud, Wroughton,
Susanmead, Kirby Bellars (2) St
Keneil, Simpsom, Spindlebury, St
Peter (3) St Firmin, Aspley, St
Eadburga, Gonerby (4) Rev Union,
Rev St Julian, Rev St Faith, St Owen
(5) Wyre Piddle, Pudleston, Waterfall,
Waterbeach (6) Downlad, St Michael,
St Aloysius, Llanwern (7) Hadham, St
Merryn, Saville, Chingham (8) Oake,
St Samson, Queens Park, Stowey (9)
Bradden, St Clether, Tring, Kelmarsch
(10) Hundred, Radlett, Ludgershall,
South Broadwood (11) Fairfield, St
Modwen, S.U.G.C.R, Gradwand (12)
Carlton, Winshill, Twnbarlwm, Lenton
(13) Nuffield, Wadhams, Palmer, St
Richard (14) Nest Hill, Durnford,
Alternative, Delight (15) St Thomas,
St Luke, Scorpio, St Chrysostom (16)
Baldon, Boar Hill, Daphne, Aslacton
(17) Thelnetham, Westhorpe,
Vennington, Market Weston (18) St
Melanias, St Mawgan, St Odolph, St
Nonna (19) Hunston, Watisfield,
Great Ashfield, Hepworth (20) St
Materiana, St Denera, St Willow, St
Wendrona (21) St Crispin, St Mary,
Laverstoke, St Cecilia (22) Hordle, St
Nicolas, Bishops Sutton, Stoneham
(23) Chilton, Heyford, Dummer,
Sarratt (24) Lyndhurst, Brockenhurst,
Mottisfont, Uphill (25) St John, Lopley,
Obediah, Horsley (26) Lockerley,
Lonsdale, Rye, Over Wallop (27) St
Miles, St Giles, Ezneih, Church
Greasley (28) Somerville, Magdalen,
St Deborah, St Werburgh (29) St
Winifred, Cliff Hill, Smeeton Hill,
Holloway Hill (30) Haughley, Old
Newton, Zizania, Forham All Saints
(31) St Bruerodus, St Anta, St
Carantoc, St Uny (32) Pakenham,
Great Livermore, Thurston, Ingham
(33) St Uvelus, St Hermes, St Lalluwyl,
St Issey (34) Elford, Austrey, St
Wenceslas, St Felix (35) St Katherine,
St Magnus, Sexagesima, Kent (36) St
Jude, St Laurence, St Stephen, St
Austell (37) Southampton, Romsay,
Ember, Hampshire (38) St Ignatius,
Churchill, St John Divine, Amersham
(39) Winchester, Wykeham,
Quinquagesima, Vectis (40)
Eynsham, St Leonard, St John
Baptist, St Ninian (41) St Wilfrid, St
Oswald, Septuagesima, Sussex (42)
St Alban, St Paul, St John Evangelist,
St Ambrose)

1 Alison C Alcock
2 Colin A Lewis
3 C Martin Foster
4 Andrew L Mainwaring (C)
5 Martin J Kirk
6 John W Hope
Birthday compliments of the
day: 1.

WORCESTER,
St Martin in the Cornmarket
Thu Jun 4 2015 2h46 (7)
5056 Spliced S Major
(6m: 896 Lincolnshire; 864
Cambridge; 800 Yorkshire; 640
Superlative; 608 each Bristol,
Rutland; 416 London; 224 Pudsey;
150 com, atw, cyclical)
Comp. R W Lee
1 Martin J Kirk
2 Ashley C Fortey
3 Andrew L Mainwaring (C)
4 James Clatworthy
5 Neil Bennett
6 Craig P Homewood
7 Roman E Sadowski
8 Darran Radows

LUDLOW, Shrops, St Laurence
Sat Jun 13 2015 3h4 (17)
5056 Spliced S Major
(8m: 896 Lincolnshire; 864 Cambridge;
800 Yorkshire; 640 Superlative; 608
each Bristol, Rutland; 416 London; 224
Pudsey; 150 com, atw, cyclical)
Comp. R W Lee
1 Penny J Salisbury
2 Robert C Kippin
3 Richard J Clements
4 Andrew L Mainwaring (C)
5 Peter R Elliott
6 Daniel Jones
7 Roman E Sadowski
8 Ashley C Fortey
To mark the start of the 2015
Ludlow Fringe Festival.
300th tower bell peal for the
Illustrious HDGB: 6.
Many thanks to Heather Kippin
for standing down after turning
up with 9 ringers.

BRECON, Breckknocks,
Cathedral Church of
St John the Evangelist
Sat Jun 20 2015 3h15 (17)
5003 Grand sire Caters
Comp. R B Pullin
1 J Anthony Ellis
2 Richard B Pullin (C)
3 Jo Hall
4 Richard L Jones
5 David C Parker
6 Karen Parker
7 Andrew C John
8 Andrew D Hodgson
9 Alwyn R Lewis
10 Mark Pugh
To congratulate David Parker
on recently being awarded an
OBE for his services to higher
education. £5
First peal on ten: 6.

KENT C.A.

EAST FARLEIGH, Kent,
The Parish Church
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h43 (7)
5024 Spliced S Major
(4m: 1280 Cambridge, London,
Superlative; 1184 Bristol: 110 com, atw)
Comp. A J Pitman
1 Phillip R J Barnes
2 Diana R Wright
3 Anne L Rueff
4 Elizabeth A Barnes
5 David E Rothera
6 Michael A Birkbeck
7 John B Keeler (C)
8 David W Grimwood
With best wishes to TMB.

AYLESFORD, Kent,
SS Peter & Paul
Sat Jun 20 2015 2h58 (14)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. J J Parker (12-part)
1 Tina D Bastow
2 Shona Clark
3 Terence V Barnard
4 Darren W Elphick
5 William J Stungo
6 Alan J Phipps
7 Neil W Jones (C)
8 Paul G Bastow
To celebrate the significant wedding anniversaries this year of Paul & Tina Bastow, Silver; Revd Christopher & Cathy van Straaten, Pearl; Robert & Joy Halliday, Golden.
First peal: 1, 8.
First inside: 2.
First in the method: 6.

CANTERBURY, Kent, St Dunstan
Sat Jun 27 2015 2h41 (14)
5040 Doubles
(3m/2v: 1440 Grandsire; 1200 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Pt; 600 Cliffsides' Pleasure; 1200 Plain B; 600 April Day)
1 John E Haimes
2 Jamie J Carmichael
3 MRFS
4 Thomas A Winter
5 Leonard A Huckstep (C)
6 Andrew C Brett
Rung open to celebrate the life of Danny Scott, a ringer at St Dunstons.
First peal: 1, 2, 6. £6

LEICESTER D.G.

LEICESTER, Leics,
St Mary de Castro
Thu Jun 25 2015 2h55 (15)
5080 London No.3 S Royal
Comp. Ian Butters (No. 188)
1 George A Dawson
2 Graham R Hayward (C)
3 Christopher C P Woodcock
4 Paul M Mason
5 Paul McNutt
6 Colin Aked
7 Andrew I Blacklock
8 Nicholas A Churchman
9 Ian Butters
10 R Kingsley Mason

LICHFIELD & WALSALL ARCHDEACONRIES SOC.

COSELEY, W Mids,
Christ Church
Sat Jun 27 2015 2h45 (12)
5056 Dereham S Major
Comp. D G Hull (No. 1a)
1 Jill D Walburn
2 R Jean Nixon
3 Anne E Ogden
4 Richard J Hurst
5 Lee Southall
6 Timothy M Davis
7 Andrew C Ogden
8 Gordon R Birks (C)

LINCOLN D.G.

DUNHOLME, Lincs, St Chad
Thu Jun 25 2015 2h40 (9)
5040 Minor
(7m: Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet S, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St Clements College, Plain B)
1 Hannah L Watt
2 Susan A Faul
3 Graham J N Colborne
4 Philip H Dawson
5 Christopher P Turner
6 P Ian Till (C)
In celebration of the forthcoming ordination of Cameron Watt (Hannah's father) and Paul Levins, both being members of this benefice.
First peal: 1.

LUNDY ISLAND SOCIETY

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon,
St Helen
Sat Jun 20 2015 3h (13)
5040 Cambridge S Royal
Comp. Paul M Mason
1 Colin M Turner
2 Ian Roulstone
3 Adam R Crocker
4 Paul M Mason (C)
5 Robert J Crocker
6 Claire F Roulstone
7 Thomas W Griffiths
8 Ian G Campbell
9 Alan Regin
10 R Kingsley Mason
To welcome the wedding party to Lundy Island for the marriage of Gary Cann & Kim Welsh on Sunday 21st June.
Kim is the daughter of Kevin & Julie Welsh, Island residents.
Circled tower to peals: 2.

WINDSOR, Berks,
St John the Baptist
Sun Jun 28 2015 2h58 (18)
5040 Plain B Major
Comp. Cornelius Charge
1 David A Cornwall
2 Christopher Hill
3 Robert J Crocker (C)
4 Malcolm S Loveday
5 Martin B Sutcliffe
6 Richard D Blagrove
7 Mark C Instone
8 L Roy Woodruff

NON-ASSOCIATION

ORLEANS, MA,
Church of the Transfiguration
Thu Jun 4 2015 3h19 (22)
5040 Plain Bob Triples
Comp. Donald F Morrison
1 Rachel Titmuss
2 Michael R Harrison
3 Sarah Hale
4 Matthew Gillis
5 Anthony Kanaga
6 Christopher J Pickford
7 Edward J Futcher (C)
8 Andrew Mitchell
Birthday compliments this day to 3, 8.
First peal: 3, 5, 8.

WEDMORE, Som,
The Bakery Tower, The Laurels
Tue Jun 23 2015 1h45 (8lb)
5040 Spliced S Minor
(30m: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre (2) Alnwick, Newcastle, Chester, Munden (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London (5) London, Wells, Cuneacrae (6) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull (7) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, York, Durham)
1 Maryl R Chambers
2 Nigel R Woodruff
3 Barrie Hendry
4 Clifford R Nicholls
5 Hilary A Beresford
6 Donald B Carter (C)

TANNINGTON, Suffolk,
St Ethelbert
Sat Jun 27 2015 2h43 (10)
5040 Minor
(7m: London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, Cambridge)
1 Mary E Dunbavin
2 Andrew J Davey
3 Colin F Salter
4 David G Salter
5 Colin M Turner
6 Robert J Crocker (C)

GREAT HAMPTON, Worsc,
St Andrew
Thu Jun 25 2015 3h1 (13)
5088 Cambridge S Major
Comp. C H Kippin
1 Heather A Kippin
2 Jennifer M Taylor
3 Elizabeth A Coke
4 Peter J Joyce
5 Robert A Partridge
6 Anthony J Cox
7 Rebecca J Cox
8 Robert C Kippin (C)
Specially arranged and rung to mark the 50th anniversary of Heather's first peal, Plain Bob Major at New Alresford, Hants, on 26 June 1965, conducted by Peter Joyce.

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

PITTSBURGH, PA,
Southminster Presbyterian
Sat Jun 27 2015 2h43 (8)
5040 Doubles & Minor
(10m: 3 exts each Stedman, Grandsire, St Simon's, Plain B Doubles; 2 exts each St Osmund, Eynesbury, St Martin's B Doubles; 2 exts Plain B Minor; 1 ext each Cambridge S, St Clement's College B Minor)
1 Donald F Morrison (C)
2 Mary Bragdon
3 Meredith A Morris
4 Elizabeth Sinclair
5 Robert Bannister
6 Ross J Finbow
Prior to the wedding this afternoon at this church of Jessica Hreha and Adam Nelson, both of whom learned to ring here.
Most methods: 2, 3, 5.

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

BURTON LATIMER,
Northants, St Mary the Virgin
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h51 (10)
5024 Barrow-upon-Soar D Major
Comp. R I Allton
1 James M Hills
2 Anne P Cook
3 Christine M Carter
4 Christopher M Pearson
5 E Jane Sibson
6 Derek E Sibson (C)
7 Tony Sansom
8 Richard I Allton

BARTON SEAGRAVE,
Northants, St Botolph
Wed Jun 24 2015 2h50 (9)
5010 Vitznau A Major
Comp. D W Beard
1 Jane K A Hough
2 Anne P Cook
3 J Richard Hough
4 Richard C L Brown
5 E Jane Sibson
6 Derek E Sibson (C)
7 James M Hills
8 Richard I Allton
A birthday compliment to Richard Brown.

S. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SOCIETY

COSGROVE, Northants,
SS Peter & Paul
Sat Jun 27 2015 2h46 (11)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: Beverley, Bourne, Ipswich, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Westminster, Norwich)
1 Raymond A Vickers
2 Julie A Haseldine
3 Andrew Haseldine
4 Ruth Stokes
5 Peter M Fleckney
6 Christopher C Stokes (C) £6

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G.

SALTBY, Leics, St Peter
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h54 (12)
5040 Evedon A Royal
Comp. Ian Butters (No. 541)
1 Graham R Hayward
2 Christopher C P Woodcock
3 Christopher N McCarthy
4 Peter J England
5 Peter W Dickinson
6 James E Benner
7 Andrew I Blacklock
8 Adrian P Sweeting
9 Christopher P Turner
10 Ian Butters (C)
In memoriam Revd Graham Sillis, vicar of St Luke's Derby 2003-2012, ringer & family friend of the England's, whose funeral was earlier today at St Luke's.
750th peal: 2.
First peal in the method.
Evedon A Royal:
-30-14-50-16-12-38-14-14.70.14.90, Group C1.

SUFFOLK GUILD

OLD STOKE, IPSWICH,
Suffolk, The Wolery
Wed Jun 24 2015 1h53 (9lb)
5040 Minor
(7m: Single Oxford B, Cambridge S, Double Oxford B, Oxford TB, St Clement's College B, Kent TB, Plain B)
1 Michael J Edwards
2 Katharine J Salter
3 Clare L Veal
4 Mary E Dunbavin
5 Jonathan J Stevens
6 David G Salter (C)
Birthday compliment to Margaret Chapman.
1,500th peal: 4.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

OTTERHAM, Corn, St Denis
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h43 (7)
5040 Minor
(7m: Surfleet S, Beverley S, Cambridge S, Oxford TB, Kent TB, St Clement's College B, Plain B)
1 Robert J Corney
2 Ruth E Reeves
3 Norman R Mattingley
4 Peter A Sharp
5 A C John Davis
6 Robert J Perry (C)
First peal on the bells.

VALE OF EVESHAM SOCIETY

SALFORD PRIORS,
Warwicks, St Matthew
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h50 (15)
5058 Attard D Major
Comp. C Adams
1 Geoffrey W Randall
2 Stuart P B Talbot
3 Richard J Hurst
4 Raymon A Sheasby
5 Alison R Williams
6 Stephen J Bedford
7 Darran Ricks
8 Andrew F Aldrick (C)

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants,
St Agatha
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h34 (3)
5088 Glasgow S Major
Comp. C K Lewis & J R Mayne
1 John A Dodd
2 Paul T Young
3 Graham A Nobbs
4 Kathryne R Arkless
5 Andrew D Barnsdale
6 James A Hodkin
7 Toby Arkless (C)
8 Malcolm M Powell
100th together: 6 & 8.

PORTSMOUTH, Hants,
St Agatha
Mon Jun 29 2015 2h28 (3)
5088 Odyssey D Major
Comp. Donald F Morrison (No. 6494)
1 Ian J Carey
2 James A Hodkin
3 Malcolm M Powell
4 Kathryne R Arkless
5 James W G Winey
6 Benjamin J Carey (C)
7 John P Colliss
8 Edward P D Colliss

YORKSHIRE ASSN

INVERARAY, Argyll, All Saints
Sat Jun 20 2015 3h38 (42)
5039 Grandsire Caters
Comp. A M Tyler
1 Jennifer A Town
2 Emma L Coles
3 Tina A Walker
4 Sophie E Palmer
5 Nathan C Cox
6 James W Holdsworth
7 Peter D Hughes (C)
8 James A Sanderson
9 Peter J Sanderson
10 Simon A Percy
First Grandsire Caters: 5.

LEEDS, W Yorks, Cathedral
Church of St Anne (RC)
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h37 (9)
5088 Ozone S Major
Gen. BYROC
1 Katharine M Thorley
2 Penelope J Thorley
3 Janine H Jones
4 C Barrie Dove (C)
5 Alan G Futers
6 Andrew R Aspland
7 Jeffrey P Ladd
8 Robert H Jordan

FARNWORTH, Gtr Man, St John
Fri Jun 26 2015 2h50 (12)
5088 Unnilpentium S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No. 7088)
1 Ian Smith
2 Anne C Orme
3 Simon J Reading
4 Jeffrey Brannan
5 Peter C Randall (C)
6 James E Andrews
7 Derek J Thomas
8 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
1,750th peal: 1.

BRAMLEY, W Yorks, St Peter
Sun Jun 28 2015 2h48 (12)
5120 Bristol S Major
Comp. James W Holdsworth
1 Robert H Childs
2 James W Holdsworth (C)
3 Janine H Jones
4 Neil R Aspland
5 C Barrie Dove
6 Paul Brook
7 Simon D Ogier
8 Andrew R Aspland
For St Peter's day, the patronal festival.

ROTHERHAM, S Yorks,
Minster Church of All Saints
Mon Jun 29 2015 2h54 (11)
5184 Spliced S Major
(8m: 768 each Bristol, London, Rutland; 576 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire; 144 com)
Comp. N Smith
1 Michael Sheeran
2 Adrian M Moreton
3 Cindy Maude
4 Colin Aked
5 Christopher P Wilton
6 Robert H Jordan
7 Neil Donovan (C)
8 Malcolm S Turner

Handbell Peals**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS**

HITCHIN, Herts, 2 Orchard Road
Thu Jun 11 2015 2h25 (15)
5056 Spliced S Major
(8m: 832 Rutland; 768 Pudsey; 640 Superlative; 576 each Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London; 512 Yorkshire; 122 com)
Comp. D F Morrison (No. 3)
1-2 Adam R Crocker
3-4 Alan T Winter
5-6 David Kemp
7-8 Michael G Purday (C)

GODMANCHESTER, Hunts,
The Old Post Office
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h25 (11)
5088 Bristol S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No. 55)
1-2 Phillip S George
3-4 Paul S Seaman
5-6 David Kemp
7-8 Michael G Purday (C)
First Bristol in hand: 1-2.

ALDENHAM, Herfords,
Aldenhams School
Sun Jun 28 2015 2h15 (8)
5040 Little Bob Major
Comp. P M Wilkinson
1-2 David Kemp
3-4 David G Maynard
5-6 Samuel M Austin (C)
7-8 Stephen W Penney

CHESTER D.G.

MACCLESFIELD, Ches,
33 Sandringham Road
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h34 (15)
5040 Yorkshire S Royal
Comp. P C Randall
1-2 J David Atkinson
3-4 Colin Woods
5-6 Peter C Randall (C)
7-8 James S Croft
9-10 Martin J E Daniels
To mark the graduation of Jonathan P Daniels BA (Hons), MEng.

WILLASTON, Ches,
14 Park Road
Sun Jun 28 2015 1h52 (11)
5040 Plain B Minor
(7 diff exts)
1-2 Geoffrey A Edwards
3-4 Ian W Taylor
5-6 Frank R Morton (C)

DERBY D.A.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, Leics,
106 Beaumont Road
Mon Jun 29 2015 2h31 (11)
5040 Lincolnshire S Royal
Comp. Peter Border
1-2 Rupert A Clarke
3-4 Paul Jopp
5-6 John M Jelley
7-8 Simon Humphrey (C)
9-10 Simon Melen

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

BACTON, Suffolk,
2 Petyman Avenue
Wed Jun 24 2015 1h46 (12)
5040 Cambridge S Minor
(7 exis)
1-2 Cherril C Spiller
3-4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
5-6 George J Vant
First peal in-hand: 5-6.

HERTFORD C.A.

WATFORD, Herts,
15 Harford Drive
Wed Jun 24 2015 1h50 (10)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: (1) Rossendale (2) York (3) Primrose (4) Norfolk (5) Cambridge (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)
1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3-4 Roger Baldwin (C)
5-6 David Kemp

LEICESTER D.G.

LONG CLAWSON, Leics,
Harwill House
Wed Jun 24 2015 1h46 (11)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: Carlisle, Beverley, Durham, Hexham, Cambridge, Norwich, Netherseale)
1-2 Garry W Mason
3-4 John Adcock
5-6 Emma J Southerington (C)
100th peal on the bells.

LINCOLN D.G.

LONDONTORPE, Lincs,
Woodcote House
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h52 (12)
5007 Stedman Cinques
Comp. D F Morrison (No.3)
1-2 A Robin Heppenstall
3-4 William S Croft
5-6 Trevor H Kirkman (C)
7-8 Christopher J Sharp
9-10 Emma J Southerington
11-12 Susan A Faull

LONGTHORPE, Peterborough,
Cams, The Vicarage
Sun Jun 28 2015 2h23 (12)
5120 London S Major
Comp. D F Morrison (No.3165)
1-2 David Kemp
3-4 Emma J Southerington
5-6 William S Croft (C)
7-8 Christopher J Sharp

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

LLANDAFF, Cardiff,
34 Triscombe Drive
Sun Jun 21 2015 2h23 (15)
5056 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. C Middleton
1-2 Helen Phillips (C)
3-4 David F Moore
5-6 Richard J Clements
7-8 Robert E Hardy

MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.

SOUTHWARK, Surrey,
Guy's Hospital
Wed Jun 24 2015 2h18 (11)
5056 Spiced S Major
(4m: 1344 Lincolnshire, 1280 Cambridge, Yorkshire; 1152 Rutland; 74 com, atw)
Comp. J S Warboys
1-2 Katherine L Town
3-4 Caroline Oglivie
5-6 Adam R Crocker
7-8 David G Maynard (C)
Remembering Roger Bailey.

ISLINGTON, Middx,
3 Milner Place
Mon Jun 22 2015 2h23 (8)
5120 Spiced S Major
(4m: 1280 each Cambridge, Yorkshire; 1440 Lincolnshire; 1120 Rutland; 74 com, atw)
Comp. John S Warboys
1-2 James A Smith
3-4 Peter J Blight
5-6 Mark J Herbert
7-8 David G Maynard (C)
First peal in the tower.
17th birthday compliment to Wellington and Bubble.

ISLINGTON, Middx,
9G Highbury Crescent
Thu Jun 25 2015 2h22 (11)
5056 Spiced S Major
(4m: 1344 Lincolnshire; 1280 Cambridge, Yorkshire; 1152 Rutland; 74 com, atw)
Comp. J S Warboys
1-2 Mark J Herbert
3-4 Jill M Wigney
5-6 Christopher D O'Mahony
7-8 David G Maynard (C)
On the 69th anniversary of the birth of Roger Bailey.

OXFORD D.G.

TILEHURST, Berks,
15 Lytham End
Wed Jun 24 2015 3h1 (15)
5088 Xylophone S Maximus
Comp. A G Reading
1-2 John S Croft
3-4 June D Wells
5-6 Jack Page
7-8 Elizabeth C Frye
9-10 Graham A C John (C)
11-12 E John Wells

ASTON ROWANT, Oxon,
The White House
Thu Jun 25 2015 2h13 (14)
5056 Bristol S Major
Comp. M B Davies
1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3-4 Graham G Firman
5-6 Roger Baldwin (C)
7-8 Robert H Newton

READING, Berks,
15 Lytham End Tilehurst
Mon Jun 29 2015 2h20 (15)
5088 Leatherhead S Major
Comp. G Mariner
1-2 Jack Page
3-4 June D Wells
5-6 Bernard F L Groves (C)
7-8 E John Wells
To welcome Eliza Lily, granddaughter to Valerie and Bernard Groves.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD

BIRMINGHAM, W Mids,
R.C. Cathedral of St Chad
(The Ullathorne Room)
Thu May 21 2015 2h17 (11)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. Andrew Johnson (10-part containing 10 singles, based on bobs only block)
1-2 Alistair J Cherry
3-4 Charles A S Webb
5-6 Mark R Eccleston
7-8 Alan S Burbidge (C)

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SOCIETY OF STOWMARKET YOUTHS

BACTON, Suffolk,
2 Petyman Avenue
Sun Jun 28 2015 1h39 (12)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(25m: (1) Lightfoot, Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth, Annable's London, Netherseale (2) Bacup, Bamboorough, (3) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham, Durham, York (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne, Hull, Norfolk, Primrose (5-6) Warkworth, Norwich (7) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning)
1-2 Cherril C Spiller
3-4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
5-6 Peter J Waterfield

Norman Leslie 85th birthday celebration peal

OXFORD D.G.

HINTON WALDRIST, Oxon,
St Margaret of Antioch
Wed May 27 2015 2h37 (7)
5040 Grandsire Doubles
(1 x 240; 5 x 120) x 6
1 Jacqueline A O'Hagan
2 Jon Chamberlain (C)
3 Andrew J Dyer
4 Valia E Battat
5 Stephen H Stanford
6 Stephen J Smith
Specially arranged to celebrate the 85th Birthday of Norman Leslie (today), a ringer at this tower for 63 years.
Also fondly remembering his twin brother Dennis.
First in method as conductor. £3

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

FAWLEY, Hants, All Saints
Fri Jun 5 2015 2h38 (7)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
1 Michael J Martin
2 Rosalind A Martin
3 Timothy M Martin
4 Graham H J Hounslow
5 Colin J Butler
6 Simon W Edwards (C)
First peal at first attempt: 1, 4.
First peal inside: 2.
'FirstPeal2015'.

More 'firsts' in the C&S District!



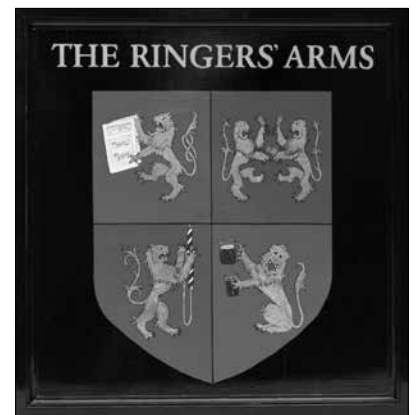
Left to right: Ros, Tim, Colin, Mike, Simon and Graham

Congratulations to Graham Hounslow and Mike Martin who rang their first peal at first attempt at Fawley on Friday, 5th June; this was also Ros Martin's first peal inside. They all rang very well and it was a very enjoyable peal, the first peal on the bells for seven years!

Also congratulations to Daniel Scott of Bournemouth who rang a quarter peal of Cambridge Major (without putting a foot wrong!) at Ringwood the previous evening; his first of both Surprise and Major! A sterling effort by everyone in both performances, and as ever it was a privilege to travel down to the glorious south coast to ring in these and achieve yet more firsts in the C&S District!

Ringwood, Hants. 4 Jun, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Rosalind A Martin 1, Rosemary Rogers 2, Kristian D Scudamore 3, Daniel R C Scott 4, Tim Martin 5, Daniel Graham 6, James A Hoodkin 7, Simon W Edwards (C) 8. First of Major and of Surprise: 4.

The Ringers' Arms – 18



Ethel: So, how are you two getting on with the plans for The National Ringing Museum?

Bill: I have located a fair amount of material. I have got some 25,000 books from individual ringers on their way. Many of those are the results of legacies. Then there are the individuals' ringing records and other items. From closed churches we have 8,293 bells, 723 frames with attendant fittings and over 5,000 old ropes. From the ringing rooms we have over 10,000 books along with ringing records, peal boards, ringing mats and carpets. Of course this is just from the Phase One closures. We have Phases Two and Three to go yet.

Ethel: Harry, how are you doing with accommodation?

Harry: I have made a decent start. I have located a 6' x 4' shed.

Ethel: I think we need a planning meeting.

Peals rung in memory of George Wareham

BATH & WELLS D.A.

MARSTON BIGOT, Som,
St Leonard
Wed Jan 14 2015 2h43 (7)
5120 Wareham S Major
Comp. Donald F Morrison (No.4746)
1 Terry Nicholls
2 David G Massey
3 Andrew H Ball
4 Jane Hooker
5 Claire O'Mahony
6 Robert Perry
7 Julian N Ferrar
8 Matthew R T Higby (C)
With the greatest respect for the life and work of George Wareham, former tower captain here and stalwart of the local ringing scene.

WANSTROW, Som,
Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat Feb 21 2015 2h41 (8)
5040 Surprise Minor
(4m: (1,3,5,7) Cambridge (2) Beverley (4) Surfleet (6) Bourne)
1 Adrian P Beck
2 Claire O'Mahony
3 Terry Nicholls
4 Robert E Beck
5 Andy Mead
6 Tim Phillips (C)
To celebrate the life of George Wareham.

CASTLE CARY, Som, All Saints
Sat Jan 17 2015 3h (15)
5152 Spiced S Major
(8m: 896 each Bristol, Superlative; 672 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey; 448 each London, Rutland, Yorkshire; 132 com, atw)
Comp. D F Morrison (No.3879)
1 Anna M P Piechna
2 Claire O'Mahony
3 Tobias B Dando (C)
4 David G Massey
5 Christopher R Field
6 Robert E Beck
7 Barrie Hendry
8 Andy Mead
Remembering George Wareham.
First of 8-spliced: 8.
First of spliced as conductor: 3.

See also the following:

BATH & WELLS D.A.
Shepton Beauchamp, Som,
Jan 6 2015
5040 Spliced S Royal,
published on p.81.
Marston Bigot, Som,
Pig-le-Tower, Jan 6 2015
5024 Vectis S Major,
published on p.81.
SALISBURY D.G.
Westwood, Wilts, Mar 23 2015
5040 Plain Bob Minor,
published on p.459.
See obituary and quarter peal reports on p.708.

Jane Bull's 50th birthday pealfest



The band that rang in the final peal at Painswick (l-r): Jeff Knipe, Jane Bull, Hilary Beresford, Lesley Knipe, Donald Carter, Hilda Ridley, John Ridley, Barrie Hendry, Philip Pope and Andrew Bull

Being a keen peal ringer, my wife Jane decided that she would like to mark her half-century by spending a long weekend ringing peals. An ambitious program was formulated, though inevitably as the date approached, some changes were forced by illness and injury.

All five peal attempts were successful, including one of Jane's particular favourites, Smith's 23-Spiced. We are particularly glad that many of our West Country friends were able to join us, many staying for a curry at the Dil Raj in Dursley on the Saturday night. The great day itself was marked with a peal on the grand old Rudhall back ten at Painswick; the conductor wishes it to be noted that he had nothing to do with the choice of method!

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BATH & WELLS D.A.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, Glos, St Mary-the-Virgin
Sat May 30 2015 3h8 (18)
5152 Spiced S Major
(23m: 224 each Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cray, Cornwall, 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 Hilda C Ridley
2 Jane D Bull
3 Hilary A Beresford
4 Andrew M Bull
5 Barrie Hendry
6 Joseph St J Beaumont
7 John R Ridley
8 Donald B Carter (C)
Rung to demonstrate that dementia has not quite set in yet for 2.
2,600th peal: 5.

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

TETBURY, Glos, St Mary
Sat May 30 2015 3h4 (15)
5120 Bristol S Major
Comp. J R Ridley
1 Lesley A Knipe
2 Hilary A Beresford
3 Barrie Hendry
4 Sarah B Ewbank
5 Jane D Bull
6 Jeffrey Knipe
7 Jonathan C Adkins
8 John R Ridley (C)
Jane's final peal as a 40-something.

PAINSWICK, Glos, St Mary V
Sun May 31 2015 3h26 (26)
5040 Old Dragon S Royal
(10-cse block extended)
1 Jane D Bull
2 Hilary A Beresford
3 Lesley A Knipe
4 Hilda C Ridley
5 Barrie Hendry
6 Jeffrey Knipe
7 John R Ridley
8 Donald B Carter
9 Philip F Pope
10 Andrew M Bull (C)
To mark the 50th birthday of 1.
"Growing old may be compulsory but growing up is not."
Rung on the Rudhall back ten of 1731.
888th tower for a peal and
2,000th of Surprise: 8.
150th together: 6 & 8.

WINFORD, Som, Blessed Virgin Mary & St Peter
Fri May 29 2015 3h7 (14)
5056 Spiced S Major
(8m: 1120 Rutland; 896 Yorkshire; 672 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 576 Bristol; 448 each Superlative, Pudsey; 224 London; 108 com, atw)
Comp. R J Parker
1 Hilary A Beresford
2 Jane D Bull
3 Lesley A Knipe
4 Andrew M Bull
5 Barrie Hendry
6 Hilda C Ridley
7 Jeffrey Knipe
8 Donald B Carter (C)
In preparation for the inevitable for 2.

NON-ASSOCIATION

WRAXALL, Som, All Saints
Fri May 29 2015 3h13 (23)
5152 Xerxes S Major
(27-course block reduced)
1 Lesley A Knipe
2 Jane D Bull
3 Sheila C Matthews
4 Hilary A Beresford
5 Barrie Hendry
6 Richard A M Newman
7 Jeffrey Knipe
8 Andrew M Bull (C)
To mark the beginning of the end for 2.

EAST MEETS WEST

STOW BARDOLPH, Norfolk, Holy Trinity
Sat May 2 2015 2h51 (10)
5024 Bristol S Major
Comp. Anthony J Cox
1 Peter J Waterfield
2 Emma J Southerington
3 Rebecca J Cox
4 Yvonne A Towler
5 David R Mitchell
6 James L Towler
7 Anthony J Cox (C)
8 Ian G Campbell

To mark the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth Diana, to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

EAST DEREHAM, Norfolk, St Nicholas
Mon May 4 2015 3h13 (23)
5056 Dereham S Major
Comp. James W Holdsworth
1 Linda M Garton
2 John P Loveless
3 Andrea B Beaumont
4 Claire F Roulstone
5 Peter J Sanderson (C)
6 David R Mitchell
7 Joseph St J Beaumont
8 Thomas J Waterson

GRESSENHALL, Norfolk, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon May 4 2015 2h54 (10)
5000 Spiced S Royal
(4m: 1280 Superlative No.2; 1240 each Bristol, Cambridge, London No.3; 101 com, atw)
Comp. R C Kippin
1 Yvonne A Towler
2 Peter J Sanderson
3 Pauline Champion
4 Margaret Whiteley
5 Anthony J Cox
6 Ian Roulstone (C)
7 James L Towler
8 Martin J Whiteley
9 Rebecca J Cox
10 Ian G Campbell

ASHILL, Norfolk, St Nicholas
Tue May 5 2015 2h56 (10)
5040 Double Norwich CB Major
Comp. Alan G Reading
1 Anthony J Cox
2 Margaret Whiteley
3 Yvonne A Towler
4 John P Loveless
5 James L Towler
6 John M Thurman
7 Martin J Whiteley
8 Peter J Sanderson (C)
250th together: 1 & 7.

East Meets West

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk, St Mary the Virgin
Tue May 5 2015 2h40 (8)
5152 Norfolk S Major
Comp. D R Finch
1 Ian G Campbell
2 Pauline Champion
3 Thomas J Waterson
4 Rebecca J Cox
5 Joseph St J Beaumont
6 Andrea B Beaumont
7 Ian Roulstone
8 Claire F Roulstone (C)

EAST RAYNHAM, Norfolk, St Mary the Virgin
Wed May 6 2015 2h55 (10)
5088 Spiced S Major
(3m: 2208 Bristol; 1536 Uxbridge; 1344 Cornwall; 85 com, atw)
Comp. Anthony J Cox
1 Thomas J Waterson
2 Ian P Hill
3 John P Loveless
4 Margaret Whiteley
5 Rebecca J Cox
6 Pauline Champion
7 Anthony J Cox (C)
8 Martin J Whiteley

NORTH ELMHAM, Norfolk, St Mary
Wed May 6 2015 3h5 (14)
5088 Magna Carta D Major
Comp. D W Beard
1 Peter J Sanderson
2 John M Thurman
3 Andrea B Beaumont
4 Thomas J Waterson
5 Joseph St J Beaumont
6 Claire F Roulstone
7 Ian G Campbell
8 Ian Roulstone (C)

AYLSHAM, Norfolk, St Michael
Thu May 7 2015 3h8 (17)
5040 London No.3 S Royal
Comp. James Clatworthy
1 Joseph St J Beaumont
2 Claire F Roulstone
3 Andrea B Beaumont
4 Pauline Champion
5 Ian Roulstone
6 John P Loveless (C)
7 Ian P Hill
8 George H Campling
9 Thomas J Waterson
10 John M Thurman
In fond memory of the tour's founder, Howard Egglestone.

CROMER, Norfolk, SS Peter & Paul
Thu May 7 2015 2h59 (11)
5120 Superlative S Major
Comp. Brian D Price
1 Simon A Rudd
2 George H Campling
3 Rebecca J Cox
4 Ian G Campbell
5 Anthony J Cox
6 John P Loveless
7 Peter J Sanderson (C)
8 Ian P Hill
The first peal on the augmented bells.

HETHERSETT, Norfolk, St Remigius
Fri May 8 2015 2h43 (10)
5024 London S Major
Comp. S J Ivin (No.43)
1 Thomas J Waterson
2 Simon A Rudd
3 John P Loveless
4 Anthony J Cox
5 Ian Roulstone (C)
6 Pauline Champion
7 Peter J Sanderson
8 Claire F Roulstone
To mark the 70th anniversary of VE Day.

WYMONDHAM, Norfolk, Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin & St Thomas a Becket
Fri May 8 2015 3h6 (27)
5002 Bristol S Royal
Comp. John H Fielden
1 Ian Roulstone
2 Pauline Champion
3 Rebecca J Cox
4 Andrea B Beaumont
5 Joseph St J Beaumont
6 Claire F Roulstone
7 Ian P Hill
8 Thomas J Waterson
9 Ian G Campbell
10 George H Campling (C)
To mark the 70th anniversary of VE Day.

WISBECH, Cambs, SS Peter & Paul
Sat May 9 2015 3h18 (21)
5024 Lundy A Royal
Comp. Anthony J Cox
1 John P Loveless
2 Ian P Hill
3 Pauline Champion
4 Rebecca J Cox
5 Ian G Campbell
6 Claire F Roulstone
7 Anthony J Cox (C)
8 Ian Roulstone
9 Peter J Sanderson
10 George H Campling

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First quarter congratulations

Alderney, Channel Is. 22 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Aileen Wilson 1, Philippa Arditti 2, Helen M McGregor 3, John Mackey 4, Peter J R Bevis (C) 5, Daniela Hill (1st Q) 6. **£2**

Carrickfergus, Antrim. 22 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Alex T Nelson (1st Q) 1, Maud Lindsay 2, Jean Jeffery 3, Alan J Ladd (C) 4, Gaurang Patel 5, William Chapman 6. **£3**

Cople, Beds. 21 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Lucy M Croucher (1st Q) 1, John P Loveless (C) 2, Susan M Silver 3, Linda M Garton 4, Dean De-Matteis 5, Christine A Williams 6. For Fathers' Day. **£3**

Harrow Weald, London. 27 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D Tigg (1st Q) 1, C O'Mahoney 2, C Baker 3, G McLean 4, J J Mercer (C) 5, K J Samson (1st Q) 6. Rung to mark the 12th anniversary of James Mercer's ordination as priest. **£6**

Pimlico, London SW1. (S Saviour) 27 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: James Belshaw 1, Ruth Simon 2, Sam Cave (C) 3, Stephanie Pattenden 4, Nicholas Simon 5, Stephanie Mather (1st Q) 6.

Ruardean, Glos. 21 Jun, 1260 Call Changes: Chris Arscott 1, Shirley Parsloe 2, Paul Avent (1st Q) 3, Lucas Reade (1st Q) 4, Will Ruck (C) 5, Norman Morris 6. Rung to congratulate the Revd Philip Avery on being ordained priest at Gloucester Cathedral, Sat 20 Jun 2015. **£3**

South Cerney, Glos. 24 Jun, 1320 PB Doubles: Michelle Waymont-Palmer (1st Q) 1, Rob Clive 2, Judy Carter 3, Peter Harris 4, Peter Holden (C) 5, Philip Twentyman 6.

Sweffling, Suffolk. 26 Jun, 1320 PB Doubles: John Tesh 1, Richard Stevens 2, Suzanne Stevens 3, Ian Wright 4, Jonathan Stevens (C) 5, John Massey (1st Q) 6.

In Memoriam

Brede, E Sussex. 18 Jun, 1320 St Martin's B Doubles: Louise G Pink 1, Alan D Pink (C) 2, Julie D Harrison 3, Jenny Parker 4, Daniel J Morgan 5, Stephen J Harvey 6. Half-muffled in memory of Mary McDonnell.

Bromyard, Herefs. 14 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Nick Cronin 1, Karen Parker 2, Jo Hall 3, Jason Fisher 4, Linda Taylor 5, Richard Pullin (C) 6, David Parker 7, Andrew Hodgson 8. Rung prior to the Evening Service & in memory of David Wilkinson (1950–2015), Godfather of the 8. 1st in m: 4 & 5.

Dunkeswell, Devon. 2 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Beverley Perry 1, Phillip A Butler 2, Mervyn A Arscott 3, D Robert C Sworder 4, Brian V Mountjoy 5, Stephen J Bateman (C) 6. Rung immediately prior to the service of thanksgiving for the life of Geoffrey Norman Sworder, grandfather of 4. **£3**

Godshill, IOW. 17 Jun, 1260 PB & Grandsire Doubles: Angela Marlow (Daughter) 1, Barry Downer 2, Rodney Downer 3, Margaret Downer 4, Michael Marlow (Son in Law) (C) 5, Patricia Lilley (Niece) 6. Rung to celebrate the life & mark the passing of Robert Loughlin, 1926–2015. **£6**

Great Bardfield, Essex. 24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (1p/3m): Peter Wood (C) 1, Esther Pilgrim 2, Marian Wood 3, Sarah Holland 4, David Learmonth 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Len Horsnell, former Churchwarden & Treasurer of this church.

Irchester, Northants. 21 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: Alan J Marks 1, Pam M Bailey 2, Brenda M Dixon 3, Kevan J Chapman 4, Simon H Sweeney 5, Simon J Dixon (C) 6, Harry E Curtis 7, Harvey J Welch 8. 1st on eight: 8. Rung in memory of George Whiting who was a regular supporter of Irchester practice night.

Keymer, W Sussex. 21 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Jeremy Wakeham 1, Frances Gilbert (C) uctor 2, Sandra Miller 3, Patsy Whiteside 4, Rachel Mahoney 5, Clare Boyling 6. 1st on treble: 1. 1st inside in m: 4. Rung in memoriam for Father Richard Clarke, former Rector of this parish for many years. **£3**

Kingstone, Herefs. 22 Jun, 1344 Rutland S Major: Andrew Watkins 1, Karen M Powell 2, David R Carter 3, Fran Watkins 4, David C Powell 5, David J Thompson 6, Nicky Aubrey 7, Nicholas C Fisher (C) 8. Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Stewart Thomson. 1st in m: 5. 25th together: 5 & 6. **£4**

Knaresborough, N Yorks. 24 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: John T Burnup 1, Andrea Morton 2, Penelope J Thorley 3, John S Leech (C) 4, Alan V Carter 5, William Todd 6. 1st inside: 2. Rung for the patronal festival of St John the Baptist. Also remembering John Bendelow, father of Dianne, a Knaresborough ringer, whose funeral took place on the same day.

Leckhampton, Glos. 20 Jun, 1287 Grandsire Triples: Carole Bucknell 1, Brian Hall 2, Carole Wood 3, Rob Clive 4, Eric Roberts 5, Ian Bucknell 6, Peter Holden (C) 7, John Sheppard 8. Remembering Barbara Holden. Rung by her friends & family for the annual thanksgiving service at the Sue Ryder Hospice Leckhampton Court, where Barbara spent her last days. **£4**

Meisey Hampton, Glos. 26 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Alison R Williams 1, Jo Dawson 2, Simon D G Webb 3, Mike Seagrave 4, Roy Williams 5, Steve Bowley (C) 6. First S as C. In memory of David Cook, cousin of 6, whose funeral was yesterday.

Minsterworth, Glos. 26 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sue Sterry 1, Will Ruck 2, Jack Long 3, Chris Meads 4, John Simms (C) 5, Neil Tappin 6. Rung half-muffled following the interment of Howard Mogg's ashes. Howard sponsored the muffles so that they could be used on this occasion. **£3**

Silverdale, Lancs. 20 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: Christopher M Fletcher 1, Brenda D F Rockall 2, - 3, Nicola A Fletcher 4, Peter L Rivet 5, Robin A Daw (C) 6. Rung in memory of Jenny Peet, a ringer at this church, who died one year ago today. **£5**

Somerleyton, Suffolk. 17 Jun, 1260 Kent TB & PB Minor: Jenny Brunger 1, Vanessa Crawford 2, Liz Sutherland 3, Norman Cossey 4, David McLean 5, Tony Crawford (C) 6. In memoriam following the service of thanksgiving for John Robbins, former organist, aged 92. **£3**

Vale, Guernsey, Channel Is. 26 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Robbie Sherwood 1, Nicky David 2, Sue Park 3, John David 4, Michael Bubb (C) 5, Sue Le Feuvre 6. Rung half-muffled immediately after the funeral of Sybil Roberts. May she Rest in Peace & Rise in Glory.

Washington, DC. (Cathedral) 10 May, 1299 Stedman Caters: Susan M O'Neill 1, Ann G Martin 2, Mary Clark 3, Katharine S Emmons 4, Meredith A Morris 5, Robert G Gibson 6, Frederick DuPuy 7, Cecily W Rock 8, Alexander T Taft III (C) 9, Philip Merrill 10. For Sunday service & in celebration of the life of Mary Ann Ormes, 10 Jun 1925 – 6 May 2015.

Willesden, Middx. 25 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susie Daniels 1, Stephen Mitchell 2, Margaret Pratt 3, Mary Gow 4, James White (C) 5, David Wilson 6. Remembering Roger Bailey on the 69th anniversary of his birth.

Methods named

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

Birchington, Kent. (All Saints) 21 Jun, 1260 **John & Ann Gurr Doubles:** Michael Little (C) 1, Tim Attridge 2, David Sheekey 3, Emma Tapsell 4, Douglas Neve 5, Stuart Willmott 6. Rung for John & Ann Gurr, long-time loyal members of the church who are leaving for pastures new. The band would like to name the method John & Ann Gurr in their honour: Huntspill with a That'll Do Nicely Bob.

St Buryan, Corn. 26 Jun, 1440 **It's Trystan's Birthday Tomorrow S Minor:** Debbie Spittle 1, Claire Sowden 2, Jane Hitchens 3, Sam Nankervis 4, Neil Hitchens 5, Chris Venn (C) 6. Believed to be the first Q in m: 36x56.14.56x12.36x14x16-12.

Shirland, Derbys. 26 Jun, 1440 **Fauld Crater B Minor:** Jana Pavova 1, Anne E Westman 2, Mike Redfern 3, Linda Pelc 4, Alec Humphrey 5, Neil A Westman (C) 6. First round block in m, Fauld Crater B Minor: pmm 3066, -1-1-5-1-4-4. **£2**

General quarters

Acton, Middx. 7 Jun, 1260 Spl Major (3m): Martin Crick 1, Louise Booth 2, Vernon Bedford 3, Roderic Bickerton 4, John Payne 5, Helen Porter 6, Colin Friend 7, James White (C) 8.

Addingham, W Yorks. 7 Jun, 1260 PB & Little B Minor: Gill Cooper 1, Andrew Drury 2, Roger Waddington 3, Sue Green 4, Stuart Holtam 5, Andy Sutherland (C) 6. 1st Spl inside: 2. **£3**

Adelaide, SA. (S Peter's Cathedral) 7 Jun, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Rusty Walters 1, Kate Webb 2, Mike Stone 3, Edward Gosden 4, Michelle Harrison 5, Roger Lubbock 6, Ian McCulloch 7, Matthew Sorell (C) 8. For the ANZAB Festival.

Adelaide, SA. (Town Hall) 6 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel Aland 1, Mary Sluter 2, David Pacey 3, Frank Sluter 4, Ed Gosden 5, Simon McMillan 6, Adam Beer (C) 7, Roger Lubbock 8. Rung as part of ANZABelaide 2015.

Ashbocking, Suffolk. 22 May, 1260 PB Minor: Jenny Scase 1, Elizabeth Christian 2, Felicity Brasier 3, Robert Scase 4, Stephen Christian 5, Tom Scase (C) 6. **£1.80**

Ashby de la Zouch, Leics. 7 Jun, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Sally Brown 1, Richard Bimson 2, Izabelle Bimson 3, Mary Hale 4, Colin Lord 5, Richard Brown 6, Stuart Hale 7, Michael Davidson (C) 8. For Evensong. Congratulations to Sir Bradley Wiggins on breaking the hour record. **£4**

Ashford in the Water, Derbys. 12 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Geoff Goodall 1, Emma St John Smith (C) 2, Eileen Goodall 3, Giles Lacey 4, Linda Pelc 5, John Boyle 6.

Ashtead, Surrey. 7 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sarah J Huck 1, Linda A Armitage 2, Harriet J M A Armitage 3, Sarah Jones 4, Michael J Todd 5, P Quentin Armitage 6, Richard M Trueman (C) 7, Peter A Huck 8. For Evensong & for Jenny Heyworth on her Birthday. **£4**

Aston, W Mids. 10 Jun, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: D Rose W Horton 1, Arthur J Reeves 2, Gillian Eastwood 3, Janet A Horton 4, Tony Daw 5, David B Flint 6, Stephen W Horton 7, Alistair J Cherry (C) 8, Michael P A Wilby 9, Phil Ramsbottom 10. 1st TB Royal: 1. **£5**

Awbridge, Hants. (Clock House Bells) 12 Jun, 1280 London S Major: Polly Osborne 1, Daniel Graham 2, Andrew J B Ingram 3, James A Hodkin (C) 4, Kristian D Scudamore 5, John A Dodd 6, Sallie-Louise Ingram 7, Colin J Butler 8.

Awbridge, Hants. (Clock House Bells) 12 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (8m): Polly Osborne 1, Andrew J B Ingram 2, Sallie-Louise Ingram 3, James A Hodkin (C) 4, John A Dodd 5, Colin J Butler 6, Daniel Graham 7, Kristian D Scudamore 8. To celebrate the first anniversary of 7 becoming a doctor.

Balga, WA. (The Alphabet Ring) 30 Mar, 1280 PB Major: Kate Thomson 1, Andrew Baxter 2, Lloyd Cartwright 3, Brenda Davies 4, Mary Townsend 5, Corinne Duncan 6, Adam Beer (C) 7, Richard Offen 8. Birthday Compliment to 4 (for tomorrow).

Barrow upon Humber, Lincs. 7 Jun, 1320 Crazy Horse B Cinques: Patricia A Donnelly 1, Sally A Hewitt 2, Rosina M Baxter 3, Heather L E Peachey 4, Christine H Hasman 5, Janet M Clarke 6, Barry K Baxter 7, Barry F Peachey (C) 8, Stephen L Clarke 9, David E Hibbert 10, James E Hibbert 11, Ian Hasman 12. First in m by all except 4 & 8. Rung for the parish church Gift Day & the Better Barrow weekend festival event.

Batcombe, Som. 10 Jun, 1260 Single Oxford B Minor: David Rake 1, Maryan Jenner 2, Judith Williamson 3, Malcolm Penney 4, Robert Wellen 5, Tom Garrett (C) 6. A Second Wednesday Group Q. 1st in m: 2.

Bath, Som. (Christ Church) 7 Jun, 1260 PB & Grandsire Doubles: Julie Perkins 1, Hazel G L Spence 2, William Willans (C) 3, Michael W Day 4, Maggie Willans 5, Lord Cope of Berkeley 6. Rung before a Choral Evensong that in the event was cancelled – 'Any Plan is a Basis for Change' – a contribution to the Bath & Wells DA QP Month.

Belper, Derbys. (The Campanile) 7 Jun, 1260 Cambridge S Minor: Cathy E Potter 1, Emily E Hall 2, Gill E Hughes 3, John R Booth 4, Richard S Westman 5, Alec Humphrey (C) 6. Originally planned to be his 100th, the 98th Q for 5 a few days prior to the 10th anniversary of his first (10 Jun 2005), where he rang the treble at this 'tower'. 1st on a mini-ring: 2. **£3**



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Warnham, W Sussex. (Bell Meadow) 9 Jun, 1250 Superlative S Major: George Francis 1, Richard Hutchings 2, Mike Foster 3, John Norris 4, Simon Alford (C) 5, Tom White 6, Ian Wiltshire 7, Sandra Alford 8. 1st in m: 6. **£4**

Weedon Bec, Northants. 8 Jun, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Richard Waddy 1, Michael Haynes 2, Robert Jones 3, Rosemary Hemmings 4, Keith Abbott 5, Robert Tregillus 6, Michael Chester (C) 7, Roderic Bickerton 8. **£4**

Westminster, Middx. (S Margaret of Antioch) 1 Jun, 1368 Grandsire Caters: James Belshaw 1, Sheila Cheesman 2, Roderic Bickerton 3, Helen Porter 4, Linda Foddering (C) 5, James White 6, Martin Sutcliffe 7, Matthew Webb 8, Phillip Ridley 9, John Manley 10. First Caters as C.

Whitchurch Canoniconum, Dorset. 8 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles & Minor: David Barrance 1, Sue Barrance 2, Mark D Symonds 3, Andy Waring 4, Nick Baker 5, Harry Murley (C) 6. 1st Minor inside: 2. First Minor & Doubles for all.

Withycombe, Som. 14 May, 1272 Single Court Minimus: Phill Butler 1, Mark Drew 2, Mervyn A Arscott 3, Roderic K Bickerton (C) 4. First in m on four for all. First on four as C. 4/4.

Wombourne, Staffs. 8 Jun, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Raymond H Daw 1, Clare Coleman 2, John W Pollard 3, Margaret Simpson 4, Matthew D Hardy 5, Nicholas R I White 6, John P Burton 7, David C H Simpson (C) 8. **£BD**

Worcester. (Cathedral) 4 Jun, 1280 Bristol S Major: Jim Clatworthy (C) 1, Alex Hajok 2, Paul R Smith 3, Neil Bennett 4, Craig P Homewood 5, Bernard Taylor 6, Darran Ricks 7, Ashley Fortey 8. For Corpus Christi on the C# Eight. Bernard Taylor has now rung Qs on all 15 ringing bells in the tower.

York. (S Lawrence) 10 Jun, 1260 PB Triples: Iain R J Milne 1, Nathan Cox (C) 2, Lucy Williamson 3, Charlotte Alford 4, Emma Coles 5, Charlotte Elkington 6, Kevin Atkinson 7, William D Ellis 8. Rung on the eve of the feast of St Barnabas. Marking the occasion of the 94th anniversary of the birth of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. Also to mark the Licensing & Installation of the Revd Elizabeth Jane Natrass MA as Priest in Charge to the Benefice of St Lawrence with St Nicholas & New Fulford. 1st on eight: 1 & 8.

York. (S Wilfrid) 11 Jun, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Alison L Edmonds 1, Judith R Moreton 2, Charlotte Elkington 3, Helen M Beaumont 4, David G Hull (C) 5, Eric W S Wolever 6, Judith M Hartley 7, Nathan C Cox 8, Simon P Hartley 9, Timothy P Bradley 10. 1st Royal: 6. Prior to Confirmation Mass celebrated by the Bishop of Middlesbrough.

The day was to kick off fundraising for the rehang of the bells at Runcorn, Parish Church of All Saints.

Lymm, Ches. 25 Apr, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Emily Waters 1, Rich Westman 2, Mark Hall 3, Iain Scott 4, Andrew Tyler 5, Simon Taylor 6, Louis Suggett 7, Laura M Davies (C) 8.

Grappenhall, Ches. 25 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Emily Waters 1, Laura M Davies 2, Louis Suggett (C) 3, Mark Hall 4, Rich Westman 5, Iain Scott 6, Andrew Tyler 7, Simon Taylor 8.

Stretton, Ches. 25 Apr, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Emily Waters 1, Louis Suggett 2, Mark Hall 3, Andrew Tyler 4, Laura M Davies 5, Simon Taylor 6, Iain Scott 7, Rich Westman (C) 8. First Major as C. Rung after the wedding of one of the local ringers' daughters, method chosen as both bride & groom grew up in Yorkshire.

Daresbury, Ches. 25 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: Laura M Davies 1, Emily Waters 2, Rich Westman 3, Mark Hall 4, Iain Scott 5, Louis Suggett (C) 6, Andrew Tyler 7, Simon Taylor 8.

Garston, Mers. 25 Apr, 1260 St Clement's CB Major: Emily Waters 1, Iain Scott 2, Mark Hall 3, Rich Westman 4, Simon Taylor 5, Laura M Davies 6, Andrew Tyler 7, Louis Suggett (C) 8. In celebration of the 100% success rate of the QP Day!

Uxbridge celebration

On Saturday, 1st May, St Andrew's Church in Uxbridge celebrated its 150th anniversary.

On Sunday, 3rd May, thirteen past and present clergy came to a celebratory service presided over by Bishop Martyn Jarrett who was vicar from 1981 to 1985. Normal service ringing preceded the service which was followed by a 'hot fork buffet' in the school hall. A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in the afternoon to complete the celebrations.

ALAN RIX

Uxbridge, London. (S Andrew) 3 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: John Manley 1, Alan Rix 2, Monica Trow 3, John Davidge 4, Peter Kemp 5, Linda Foddering 6, Michael Palmer (C) 7, Peter Ward 8. For the 150th anniversary of St Andrew's Church & the birth of Princess Charlotte to the Duke & Duchess of Cambridge.



The ringers (l-r): Alan Rix, John Davidge, John Manley, Monica Trow, Peter Kemp, Linda Foddering, Michael Palmer and Peter Ward

Runcorn quarter peal day



At Garston after the final quarter (l-r): Louis Suggett, Rich Westman, Andrew Tyler, Emily Waters, Simon Taylor, Laura Davies, Mark Hall and Iain Scott

Meltham, Yorkshire

by John Eisel

As work continues on searching nineteenth century newspapers for references to change ringing, a much clearer picture is emerging of its development during that period. Previously unrecorded peals are, of course, of interest, but so are reports of prize ringing, visits, obituaries of ringers, in fact anything that gives a more rounded picture. The type of material that can be found is exemplified by the story of Meltham, some of the history of which in the nineteenth is given below.

Meltham chapel was built in 1651 as a chapel of ease to Almondbury, possibly the only Anglican church to be built during the Interregnum. It was rebuilt in the eighteenth century. In the early 1830s there was a dispute about the presentation to the curacy, which was happily resolved, and a decision was then made to enlarge the chapel (now, of course, a parish in its own right). A new transept was to be built to house 300 scholars, with a room for the Sunday Schools beneath, and a new tower with a ring of six bells and a clock was also to be added to the chapel. A meeting held on 23rd February 1835 decided that, since subscriptions, together with a town rate and a grant, were adequate, the project should go ahead. The meeting was told that, although he did not have any property in the locality, Edmund Shaw Esq., of Lingards (near Huddersfield), had promised to donate the new tenor bell. Although the meeting was also told that the foundation stone would be laid on 28th February 1835, the ceremony actually took place on 5th March 1835, with full masonic honours, and was reported at length.

The bells had been ordered from Messrs. Taylor of Oxford, and the tenor bell was inscribed with the name of Edmund Shaw. According to the Revd Joseph Hughes, in his *History of the Township of Meltham* (1866), the bells arrived at Meltham on 1st February 1836, and by 20th February 1836 were ready for use. So far no report of either event has been traced in the local press. On 27th February 1836, a week after the bells were ready, the *Leeds Mercury* carried an advertisement for six good change ringers for Meltham, placed by three local manufacturers, listing various trades in which employment could be offered and stating that ‘A good Salary will be allowed for Ringing, besides Employment.’

The bells at Meltham were opened on 6th April 1836, when a prize-ringing took place, with prizes advertised as totalling 20 guineas. This competition had been widely advertised (*Leeds Intelligencer* and *Leeds Mercury*, Saturday 12th March 1835, and *Bell's Life in London*, Sunday, 13th March 1836) but the publicity did not mention what was to be rung as a test piece: this was likely to have been three 720s, which was the usual length for six-bell competitions in the area at the time. From a report that appeared in *Jackson's Oxford Journal* on 23rd April 1836—no doubt

submitted by Messrs. Taylor—we learn that fourteen sets of ringers entered, and that Almondbury old set won first prize (£8), Saddleworth the second (£6), Kirkheaton old set the third (£4), and Mirfield the fourth (£2). In addition, £1 was given to the bands from Darfield and South Kirkby who had come the greatest distance. The report concluded that ‘The whole passed off with the greatest hilarity and good feeling.’

However, despite what was claimed, there was an undercurrent of ill will at this prize ringing. There was an odd item in the *Halifax Guardian* of Saturday, 6th August 1836 which reported that ‘We are informed that the Huddersfield ringers intend to challenge the Meltham ringers, to ring three treble peals for any sum from £50 to £500.’ Nothing seems to have come of this, which presumably was either an error, or related to the band that was recruited earlier in the year. More likely it related to a match that took place at Meltham on 14th September 1836. From the report that appeared in the *Leeds Intelligencer* three days later, it appears that the Kirkheaton ringers were dissatisfied with the result of the ringing match at the opening of Meltham bells, and another match was arranged there, for a prize of £6 6s. Six bands were invited to ring, Almondbury, Kirkheaton, Holmfirth, Mirfield, Saddleworth and Huddersfield, and subsequently the Almondbury juniors (known as the ‘bobbin-winders’) were included. As was not unusual the number of faults for each band was reported, and Almondbury seniors beat Kirkheaton by having 440 fewer faults, with Holmfirth having the same number of faults as Almondbury, and so were joint first. But there had been foul play, and the report went on to say:

‘The Almondbury men met with a serious interruption from some miscreant throwing a stone through the belfry window; which so startled them at the moment, that in justice they ought to have had at least 100 faults deducted. The Holmfirth ringers honourably acknowledged that the Almondbury men were superior, and declined ringing the peal again, leaving the palm of victory with Almondbury. Notwithstanding the shameful interruption the latter suffered, they most generously divided the prize with the Holmfirth men.’

This was not the end of the bad feeling between the ringers of Almondbury and those of Kirkheaton, and the *Leeds Times* of 16th September 1837 published a challenge from the Kirkheaton band to the Almondbury band to ring for a bet of £20, the test piece to be from four to seven ‘peals’ (720s). The dispute rumbled on for a long time, and a match was held at Rothwell on 6 November 1837, when the Kirkheaton band was successful. But the dispute continued, and the last communication in the series was not published in the *Leeds Times* until 28th January 1838. What is

relevant to the second prize ringing at Meltham is an allegation that appeared in a lengthy letter supporting the Almondbury ringers, written by John Lodge, one of that band, which appeared in the *Leeds Times* on 30th December 1837:

‘We again state that the Ringers who attended the Second Prize Ringing at that place [*sic*], believed that the Ringers of Kirkheaton had engaged some low characters who accompanied them to do the mischief. The people of Meltham believe the same until this day.’

This ongoing dispute is really peripheral to ringing at Meltham, and while it was going on, a band was being taught at Meltham, possibly by the ringers engaged after the bells were installed. Excellent progress was made, and on 24th May 1837 the *Blackburn Standard* reported:

BELL RINGING. —The junior set of ringers of Meltham, near Huddersfield, who commenced learning only five months ago, have been able to complete 5040 changes on the bells of Meltham church in two hours and fifty-five minutes.

It is possible that this report was copied from elsewhere, but if so, the primary report has not been traced, and the exact date of the peal is not known, nor what was rung.

Over the succeeding years there was a connection between Meltham and prize ringing, and in August 1848 a prize-ringing match took place there, which was stated to be ‘open to all England.’ The only participating bands that are mentioned in the press reports were relatively local, though, and the test piece was not mentioned. Another prize ringing ‘open to all England’ took place at Meltham on 22nd April 1862, when eleven bands took part, and the test piece was ‘three treble peals’—i.e. three 720s of treble bob.

Meltham ringers was not recorded as taking part in the second of the two above ringing matches, nor would they have taken part in the first, being excluded as the home band. However, from time to time the band did take part in such matches elsewhere, but without any outstanding success. This may only have been because there was such a high standard of ringing in the area, as the band at Meltham was evidently capable; on Saturday, 6th May 1871 a report of a second peal rung on the bells at Meltham by the local band appeared in the *Huddersfield Chronicle*.

BELL RINGING. —On Saturday afternoon, six Meltham ringers ascended the tower of Meltham Church, and rung 5,040 changes in three hours and six minutes. So many changes have not been rung on these bells before for 33 years, and Mr. Abram Woodhead then, as now, took part in the ringing. The peals rung were “London scholars,” “College pleasure,” “City delight,” “Duke of York,” “Oxford,” “Violet,” and “New London.” The ringers were Jonas Chappell, treble; B. Woodhead, 2nd; John Hardcastle, 3rd; Wm. Haigh, 4th; Abram Woodhead, 5th; and Ammon Broadbent, tenor; the weight of the tenor being 13cwt. The peals were conducted by

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Please remember to include the fundamental facts for **EVERY** story – long or short. As Rudyard Kipling put it in his poem *The Elephant's Child*:

"I keep six honest serving-men
(They taught me all I knew);

Their names are **What** and **Why** and **When**
And How and **Where** and **Who** ..."

If you submit a group photo, please include the Names (left to right).

PRESS DEADLINES

The *RW* usually goes to press at **Noon** every Tuesday.

John Hardcastle. At the close, the ringers were treated by a few friends to a supper, at the Swan Inn, and afterwards spent the evening in a very jovial manner.

Thus of the band that took part on this occasion, Abram Woodhead was the only member who had rung in the earlier peal.

With the discovery of these two nineteenth-century peals at Meltham the number of known peals at Meltham has been tripled, for there is only one other known peal!

This is a convenient point at which to leave the story of Meltham band, but it makes the point that in recent years a considerable number of previously unrecorded peals have been found, mainly dating from the nineteenth century but a number from the century before, and a few for the twentieth century. If your tower was active in the nineteenth century, it might be worth checking the Felstead records to see if anything has been added recently!



Ringing World National Youth Contest

Saturday, 11th July 2015

The Judges

We promised that we would bring you more news about the judges for the contest this weekend:

David Pipe – Chief Judge

David really needs no introduction to many of you. He comes from a family with a long tradition of ringing stretching back over 200 years. He started his ringing career in Birmingham and first rang in the 12 bell contest in 1982, aged 14, as part of the winning team. He helped install the ring of 16 at the Bull Ring in 1991 and became conductor of the band at that time. In 2004 he and his family moved to Cambridge where they joined the band at Great St Mary's. David enjoys ringing handbells and since being in Cambridge has discovered the wonderful world of treble dodging Minor. In 2007 he rang in the longest peal ever – 72,000 changes comprising one extent each of 100 different TD Minor methods, taking 24 hours and 9 minutes. He is delighted to be involved in the Youth contest and is very much looking forward to a good day's ringing. His young assistant judges this year are:

Rosemary Hill

Rosemary learnt to ring in 2000 at Hursley, Hampshire and was a regular band member there for the next eleven years including one year as deputy tower captain. She has been a member of the Hursley 12-Bell team on several occasions. Rosemary rang her first peal in 2003. She says "I decided it wasn't much fun, and didn't ring another for about two years. However, I got keener, and in 2008 I joined the Society of Cumberland Youths, much to my parents' approval. In 2011 I started university in London, and quickly became quite involved with the ULSCR. Over the four years I spent as a student member I was Librarian and then Master of the Society. Ringing in London provided me with many opportunities, and this year I was very happy to ring for the UL in the 12 Bell eliminator in Shrewsbury." Now that she has graduated Rosemary is planning on staying in London for a little while yet and says she is hoping to do lots more exciting ringing in the future.

Laura Davies

Laura learnt to ring age 12, on a light ring of eight in rural mid Wales, and was introduced to change ringing soon after by Neil Bennett. Just over a year later she rang her first peal, which was Cambridge Surprise Major inside. She says "I started University in Birmingham in 2013, and for two academic years had an amazing time ringing at St Martin's and St Philip's

where I rang my first peals of some complex methods on 12 bells, including Orion, Rigel and Avon. I did far too much ringing, but somehow managed to pass my first two years! I also took on the role of the University Society ringing master earlier this year."

Laura says she has been very lucky to have had a lot of opportunities and encouragement over the last few years, and feels it is very important to push yourself if you are keen: "because I found that I was able to ring things I never thought possible with a lot of effort and interest in learning. People will recognise your potential, and encourage you by giving you opportunities, so grab them while you can!" She is proud to have rung in all four previous RW Youth Competitions and says she is delighted to have been asked to judge it this year.

Tim Holmes

Tim started ringing in 2009, at the age of 14. He learnt to ring at Richmond, North Yorkshire, ringing his first peal there in 2010. Two years ago he started at university in London, where he rings with the University of London Society. He was elected as a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths while still in Yorkshire, and now rings a variety of methods at their 12-bell practices in London towers. These towers include St Paul's Cathedral, where he also frequently rings for Sunday services. He has rung for the UL and College Youths in the London 12-bell competition, and for the UL in the last two National 12-bell Contest eliminators.

For more information about the contest see: <http://rwnyc.ringingworld.co.uk/>

Child Protection & Bell Ringing

New legislation requires registration for certain face-to-face training and transport of young persons. Seek advice from your Parish, Diocese, local ringing society or visit the Central Council website www.cccbr.org.uk/towerstewardship

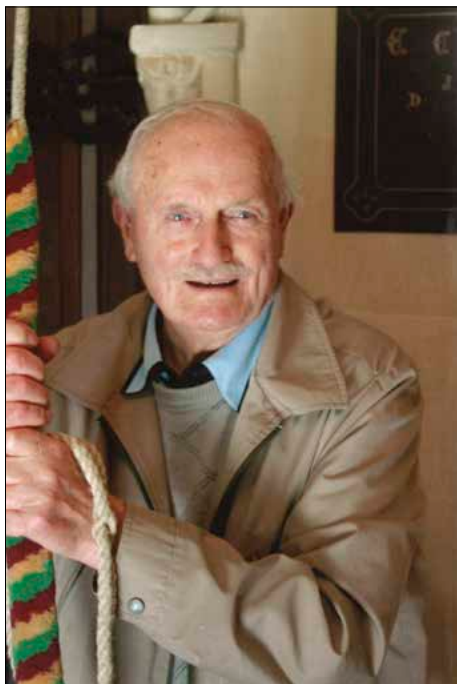
- Always have two adults present when children are being taught
- Invite parents of young trainees to come and watch a training session before allowing their child to start to learn. Require a parent to attend the first training session and ensure that the parent fully understands what is involved in learning to ring
- Make sure a parent has agreed to any transport arrangements for young people travelling to and from ringing activities
- Ask parents to sign a 'permission to learn to ring' form
- Keep an attendance register
- Be aware of the insurance position for children
- Do not allow young people into a potentially hazardous situation without appropriate adult supervision
- For tower outings get parents to sign a detailed permission form. Organisers should be aware of Health & Safety and other issues: for example, it is inadvisable for a child to travel alone in a car with an adult



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George Wareham

19th June 1921 – 4th January 2015



For his 80th birthday George Wareham announced that he was going to have his wake so he could see who turned up, and on 19th June 2001 160 people came to St Leonard's, Marston Bigot for ringing, a service including Grandsire Triples on handbells and a sumptuous ringers' tea. He would have chuckled to know that 13 years later over 200 people attended his funeral and six peals and 25 quarter peals were dedicated to him.

George arrived in Trudoxhill when he was 10 years old, the family having moved from Chewton Mendip, where he had been born to the sound of the bells in June 1921, as he often said "sealing his fate". His father was a dairy farmer and George's childhood was spent on the farm helping out and learning how to manage a farm. He won many awards for thatched hayricks and often told of learning methods while perched on a three-legged stool milking with his head against a cow's flank. George was introduced to ringing by chaperoning his elder sister Ida and her beau Jim Luker, who was a ringer at St Leonard's Marston Bigot, once the 10-year-old George went up the tower he was hooked. He learned to ring under the tutelage of Mr Mills from Frome Tower, and quickly became a valued member of the band. When the war intervened George was prevented from enlisting due to the need for farm produce. But he did his bit for the war effort on the farm and in the Home Guard, where he reached the rank of Sergeant, and told stories

that the writers of 'Dads Army' would have loved to have written. He wasted no time returning to ringing after the war and continued until he was over 90. In 2012 he went into a care home due to failing health, but continued to enjoy hearing of progress by his band.

In May 1945 ringing introduced him to his wife Hilda, who was sitting on the wall outside the church one evening, and in 1947 they were married at St Leonard's. Two children, Helen and Paul followed and were introduced to the bells as early as possible. Ringing became a part of family life around milking, the milk round and managing the farm. A number of family quarters were rung, including in-laws, children and grandchildren as the years progressed. Hilda suffered bad health and sadly died suddenly in 1999, at which point George threw himself into ringing, and was rarely home any evening. He declared that the six at Marston were the best bells in England (after Chewton Mendip) and was very doubtful about suggestions of augmentation to eight when it became clear work was needed on them. However a 7th bell was donated in memory of Tom Chapman, so the decision was made, and, once the work was completed by Matthew Higby, George agreed that far from being ruined they were now a very fine eight.

George was tower captain at Marston Bigot for 45 years, and handed over to Helen in 1990 declaring that he was getting too old to organise it all, but didn't really let go of the reins for another 20 years. George rang a few full peals, but was a doubles ringer first and foremost and loved ringing quarter peals (over 100 one year when he was in his 80s). He was passionate about recruiting ringers and helping others learn. There are far too many people to mention that George introduced to ringing, but he was very proud of those who went on to be high flyers, tower captains, or teachers of ringing. Most nights of the week and twice (or more) on Sundays, he would travel around the Frome branch helping out at practice, service, wedding and funeral ringing. He arranged regular outings, and mustered groups to go on open days, ensuring a good lunch was featured, with pudding of course. In his later years he instigated regular practices for retired people, which were fondly known as George's Playgroup. He initiated the Bath and Wells Young Ringer Award, and donated a trophy for this, but never wanted to be in the limelight. However he briefly held the post of Frome Branch Chairman, was elected an honorary life member and had over 80 years' service to Bath and Wells Diocesan Association at the time of his death.

One morning in January 2015 he didn't wake up, and left behind two children, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. His funeral service at St Leonards was a true celebration of his life and he achieved his wish of being carried out to the sound of Stedman triples on his beloved Marston Bigot bells. He often said "any time not ringing is time wasted"

VICKI ROWSE

Ringing and family friend

See peal reports on p.699.

Quarter peals rung in memory of George Wareham

Wanstrom, Som. 7 Jan, 1269 Cambridge S Minor: Matthew R T Higby (C) 1, Jane Hooker 2, Terry Nicholls 3, Claire O'Mahony 4, David Massey 5, Andy Mead 6. Arranged and rung to celebrate the life of our dear friend George Wareham

Ston Easton, Som. 8 Jan, 1269 Cambridge S Minor: George E Wyatt 1, Andrew H Ball 2, Lorna E Swan 3, Matthew Higby (C) 4, A Roy Shallish 5, Gerald V Skelly 6. In memory of George Wareham. 600th together 2&4.

Chewton Mendip, Som. 10 Jan, 1280 **Capricorn D Major:** R Ian Stonehouse (18 Jan) 1, Claire O'Mahony (26 Dec) 2, Tobias B Dando (6 Jan) 3, Andrea B Beaumont (8 Jan) 4, David Marshall (27 Dec) 5, Nicholas S Hartley (8 Jan) 6, George M Salter (9 Jan) (C) 7, Andy Mead (10 Jan) 8. Susan Stott in our original Capricorn band sending her our very best wishes. Remembering George Wareham (born in Chewton Mendip). 900th quarter: 8. 1st quarter in the method – rung by Capricorns. Capricorn D Major: x3x4x2x1x4x1.56.34.2.7

Chilcompton, Som. 11 Jan, 1296 Carlisle S Minor: Raymond Haines (C) 1, Jane Hooker 2, Susan A Haines 3, Robert E Beck 4, Mervyn G Buckley 5, David C J Marshall 6. For Evening Service. In memoriam of George Wareham of Marston Bigot.

Marston Bigot, Som. (S Leonard) 15 Jan, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Lorna E Swan 1, Mervyn A Arscott 2, Matthew Higby (C) 3, Janet K Wyatt 4, George E Wyatt 5, A Roy Shallish 6, Gerald V Skelly 7, Andrew H Ball 8. Remembering George Wareham.

Marston Bigot, Som. (Piglet-in-the-Wilde) 28 Jan, 360 PB Minor: Georgina Barratt 1-2, Margaret E L Chapman 3-4, Stephen Bateman (C) 5-6. In memory of George Wareham of Marston Bigot.

Mells, Som. 5 Feb, 1260 Stedman Triples: Andrew H Ball 1, Lorna E Swan 2, Janet K Wyatt 3, A Roy Shallish 4, Gerald V Skelly 5, George E Wyatt 6, Matthew R T Higby (C) 7, Mervyn A Arscott 8. Remembering George Wareham of Marston Bigot

Marston Bigot, Som. (S Leonard) 11 Mar, 1320 PB Minor: Terry Nicholls 1, Margaret Glasgow 2, Susan A Haines 3, Robert E Beck 4, Adrian P Beck 5, Raymond Haines (C) 6. Remembering George Wareham.

See also the following.

Oswestry, Shrops. 4 Jan, 1250 Yorkshire S Major, published on p.62.

Winford, Som. 7 Jan, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major, published on p.117.

West Cranmore, Som. 9 Jan, 1320 Aloo Gobi S Minor, published on p.85.

Leigh on Mendip, Som. 11 Jan, 1260 Doubles (4m), published on p.85.

Nunney, Som. 13 Jan, 1260 Doubles (3m/3v), published on p.117.

Bradford on Tone, Som. 15 Jan, 1260 PB Minor, published on p.117.

Marston Bigot, Som. 19 Jan, 1260 Stedman Triples, published on p.141.

Chilcompton, Som. 20 Jan, 1440 London No.3 S Royal, published on p.141.

Fivehead, Som. 21 Jan, 1260 Hull Botanic Gardens B Minor, published on p.141.

West Cranmore, Som. 22 Jan, 1260 Doubles (3m), published on p.141.

Ashwick, Som. 28 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, published on p.165.

Marston Bigot, Som. (S Leonard) 7 Feb, 1288 Grandsire Triples, published on p.189.

Wanstrom, Som. 7 Feb, 1296 Cambridge S Minor, published on p.190.

Marston Bigot, Som. (Piglet in the Wilde) 8 Feb, 1260 PB Minor, published on p.189.

Whatley, Som. 7 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, published on p.286.

Rode, Som. 15 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, published on p.309.

Wanstrom, Som. 7 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, published on p.405.

See peal reports on p.699.

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Worcestershire wedding



The Worcestershire countryside was abuzz with people and bellringing on Saturday, 19th April 2014, for the beautiful wedding of Tracey Aplin and Christopher Phillips at St Edburga's church in Leigh.

Chris is well known to many ringers both locally and nationally, for his love of bells both very large and very small. He is the meticulous steeple keeper to the fine peal of Worcester Cathedral together with his tower captaincy at Leigh itself. Whilst Tracey is a non-ringer, she regularly joins Chris in the more social side of our art.

Prior to the big day, Tracey enjoyed a hen weekend in Liverpool whilst Chris, determined to do things in style, enjoyed two 'Stag' quarter peals, with him turning in the tenors at Wells and Exeter Cathedrals, both arranged and conducted by the best man.

More ringing friends joined Chris in a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach to sample the rollercoasters. This was followed by a night out and Sunday morning ringing at Liverpool Cathedral. Many thanks to the locals for making us so welcome.

The wedding day started with a successful quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on Chris's own (24oz tenor) mini-ring at Lower House Farm. The band included the groom, best man, an usher, the organist and two close ringing friends. This being, arguably, the most stressful part of the proceedings, we changed and posed for photos before adjourning to the church to hear members of The Worcester Cathedral Guild, score another fine quarter of Cambridge Minor prior to the service.

The beautiful spring day saw people gathering from all over the country and indeed

further afield, with large contingencies from the local area and also from Tracey's native Staffordshire.

The bride looked stunning and was ably supported by her bridesmaids, all close relatives and friends of the couple. The male members of the wedding party all scrubbed up well, and looked splendid in top hat and tails.

The beautiful service was led by The Revd Andrew Bullock, this being his last service at Leigh before his retirement. Hymns and wedding marches were accompanied by the organ (ably played by Robin Walker) and trumpet.

The newly married couple emerged to more ringing courtesy of The Worcester Cathedral Guild for the traditional photographs to be taken.

Guests then proceeded to The Bank House Hotel in Bransford for a sumptuous wedding breakfast, followed by evening reception and dancing until the early hours. Early the next week, the couple continued on to an enjoyable honeymoon near Lake Vyrnwy.

I am sure everyone will be pleased to join with me and wish Chris and Tracey all the best for their future life together.

M.R.T.H.

Wells, Som. (Cathedral) 9 Feb, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Nick Bowden 1, Andy Mead 2, Claire O'Mahony 3, Andrew H Ball 4, George E Wyatt 5, Gerald V Skelly 6, Matthew Higby (C) 7, Chris Phillips 8. Stag do warm up for 8. For evensong.

Exeter, Devon. (Cathedral) 9 Mar, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Nicki J Lang 1, Claire O'Mahony 2, Nicholas W Bowden 3, Robert Pery 4, Ian L C Campbell 5, Andy Mead 6, Andrew H Ball 7, David P Bagley 8, Matthew R T Higby (C) 9, Chris D Phillips 10. On the back 10 for Evensong. A Stag quarter for Chris. First Surprise Royal inside – 3. Remembering Renate Ritchie.

Leigh Sinton, Worcs. (Lower House) 19 Apr, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Christopher D Phillips (Groom) 1, Mark A Wilson 2, Matthew R T Higby (Best Man) 3, Robin J Walker (Organist) 4, Michael G Clements (Reader) 5, David P Bagley (Usher) (C) 6. Rung on the morning of the marriage of Tracey Aplin to Christopher Phillips. On the back 6.

Leigh, Worcs. 19 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Alex Hajok 1, Jim Clatworthy 2, Mark Regan (C) 3, Bernard Taylor 4, Dan Jones 5, Ashley Fortey 6. Rung before the wedding of Tracey Aplin and Chris Phillips by Worcester Cathedral ringers with our best wishes.



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Meetings on Saturday July 11

LACR. Liverpool Branch. The July meeting will be held at St Anne Rainhill on the 11th July 2015. It will take the usual format of a training day for our not so experienced ringers with the help of our experienced ringers, and be from 10am to 12noon. My apologies to St Annes and everyone else for my mistake, in that I thought that the 6 bell striking competition would be the next meeting after the cancellation in May, the 6 bell striking competition will be held at our meeting in September at Woolton. 3019

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G. Bingham District. Afternoon ringing at Cropwell Bishop from 3.15pm followed by service, tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Colston Bassett from 6.30pm approx. Names for tea to Godfrey Allison on 01159 89927. 3006

Meetings on Saturday July 18

BISHOPS STORTFORD DISTRICT. Ringing: 19:00-18:30 Brent Pelham (6-bell). 3009

DERBY D.A. Peak District. Ringing at Holmfirth 6.30-8pm. All welcome. 3010

KCACR. Rochester District. Quarterly Meeting at Milton Regis (6). Ringing from 10am, followed by refreshments and business meeting. Names for refreshments to Doug Davis doug_kcacr@outlook.com by Wednesday 15th July. All welcome. 3011

KCACR. Tonbridge District. Evening Practice, East Peckham (6), ringing 7-9pm. All welcome. 3013

LADIES GUILD. South Eastern District. All Day Outing. Saturday 18th July 2015. Details from Helen Webb (helenwebb93@hotmail.co.uk) or Isabel Pearce (01732 742218). Everyone welcome. 3008

LDG. Harborough District. Practice will be held at Gaulby (6) from 3-5pm. Tea and biscuits will be provided. All welcome. 3017

LDG. West Lindsey Branch. Ring, walk & picnic Springthorpe (4) 2.30-3.30pm. Walk & picnic Upton (6) 6-7pm. 3018

PDG. Wellingborough Branch Meeting at Irchester from 3-6pm with a short business meeting at 4.30pm. The Surprise Minor meeting will be at Oringbury from 10am. 3015

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM DIOCESAN GUILD. Newark District. Meeting Saturday 18th July at Rolleston. Bells 3pm. Tea 4.45pm in the church followed by the meeting. Further ringing until 7.15pm. Names for tea to Bryan Northcote Tel: 01636 812579 by Wednesday 15th July. 3012



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THE RINGING FOUNDATION LIMITED NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the eighth Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Saturday 8th August 2015 at St Botolph Without, Aldgate, London EC3N 1AB at 2pm for the following purposes:

1. To approve the minutes of the Company's seventh Annual General Meeting.
2. To receive the Company's statutory accounts for the year ended 31 December 2014
3. To note the intention of the Board significantly to alter the emphasis of activity within the charity's objects.
4. To appoint Directors. Duncan Walker retires by rotation and is eligible for re-election.
5. To transact any other business of the Company.

By Order of the Board
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Date: 24th May 2015

To be a member of the Company you should enrol before the meeting and membership forms and signing in sheets will be available at the entrance to the meeting, and to avoid congestion and assist any latecomers, will also be circulated during the meeting. It is expected that the meeting will be completed by 4pm. The documents and papers relating to the meeting are available to download at www.ringingfoundation.co.uk 3016

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Tail Ends

One of the most popular management fashions of recent times is networking. This may be defined as ‘interacting with others to exchange information and professional or social contacts.’

Or it can be said to be organized, structured socializing to gain advantage. For some people, the skill comes naturally. But for many, it is an attribute that needs to be developed, nurtured and, above all, practiced.

In the last job I had before I retired, my boss was a woman who suddenly and enthusiastically embraced the concept of networking. Maybe, just maybe, that was because it had been espoused by the national head of the organization who had adopted it after attending a symposium on the subject and apparently had read about it in the *Harvard Business Review*.

As training manager, I was given the task of arranging workshops for middle managers, introducing them to networking and the benefits it would bring. The first challenge was finding suitable professionals to deliver a two-day programme. That condition, two days, eliminated most of the top executive development consultants who told me quite firmly that to grasp the fundamentals of networking would require a week at least, and be off-site and residential, away from the interruptions and lack of continuity that would occur in the workplace.

Out of the question, said boss, who regarded the training budget as something not to be used, but to be preserved so that, later in the year, when money was being clawed back by Finance & Administration, she could demonstrate what a responsible, thrifty and loyal department head she was. So we got a cheap, truncated, programme. I could sense the outcome when the facilitator started the first workshop in a time-honoured way: he picked the audience’s brains with a question. “What do you think networking is?”

Silence. I knew this group well. They had spent their entire working life in the public sector and they volunteered nothing.

“Oh come on, now. Surely you’ve got some ideas.” I could predict the reply.

“No, you tell us. That’s what you’re being paid to do.”

From then on, for the facilitator it was a struggle. For the situations described in the HBR and the sheaf of handouts he distributed hardly applied in this workshop. The participants did not consider themselves to be in such a vulgar pursuit as business requiring schmoozing clients. In their own environment I had found that middle managers had very well developed networking skills. The bush telegraph functioned extremely well: the grapevine was reliable. Although their horizons tended to be limited. They worked in a state office of a national government agency. To reach the highest ranks one needed to serve time, usually several years, in Central Office in Canberra. For a family living in Sydney, that was a high price to pay. For it was like being exiled temporarily from London to, say, York: you could never afford to buy back into what you had left in the Sydney housing market.

In business, theatre, the professions and in politics networking is a serious matter. One must develop contacts to advance and succeed. Gaining networking skills has become an integral part of management development; whole programmes are devoted to it.

Many bellringers are superb networkers. If you wish to rise to the heights of the art, who you know (and who knows you) is at least as important as what you know. I suspect that one of the reasons for the value of networking for ringers is that the social structure of ringing is fluid. Unlike, say, many church choirs, we don’t all ring in the same band all the time. So contacts are needed. How else would we be likely to be invited to ring in a peal?

A couple of hints to develop networking skills. First, be visible. Attend every tower, meeting, function you possibly can and be conspicuous. Volunteer for, be appointed to, committees – taking care not to be lumbered with any position that demands a lot of work. Ideally, be a co-ordinator: that means the people you are co-ordinating will do all the hard graft (assuming the English meaning of the term). Become prominent, so that you are recognized and stand out among the herd. Get to know all the important people by name and meet and greet them at every opportunity. As they used to say: press the flesh. Bonhomie is vital.

Give praise to the powerful (and those on the way up) constantly. Be aware of their accomplishments and shower them with compliments. Ask them to recount their achievements: we all like to have our successes recognized and, although we might protest, we all love a bit of flattery. [In fact, most really important people relish all flattery bestowed upon them because so often their positions and reputations are fragile.]

Be supportive of those whom you wish to impress. Discover their preferences and endorse them. Subscribe to their opinions, seek their advice, admire their wisdom. I read recently that “The aim is to fit in by saying the right things, not to challenge the received wisdom.” O that I had been told that in my youth! And that I had followed such sound advice.

Above all, be organized and be persistent. Maintain diaries, address books, and develop a routine. It is so much easier these days with e-mails, *Facebook*, *Twitter* and it costs next to nothing. You can always find something of interest for members of your network as long as it is focused on them, not you. However, don’t overdo the frequency of communication: be subtle.

Most important is to make it all seem spontaneous. However much each contact has been planned, it must appear to be almost accidental. “Fancy seeing you! What a pleasant surprise!” Practice it, and you won’t appear to be a hypocrite.

So what happened to the networking workshops? Abandoned after the first one. Coincidentally, middle managers were instructed not to congregate near the tea-making facilities. We claimed we were only networking, but my boss suspected we were conspiring against her. Moi?

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Thought for the week

To be a pilgrim

I have recently returned from a most enjoyable holiday on the new P&O cruise ship ‘Britannia’. We called at two ports in Spain including La Coruna, where I joined a trip visiting the city of Santiago de Compostela with its ancient Cathedral of St. James which is said to house the relics of St. James the Apostle.

Because of this association with the Apostle James Santiago de Compostela was a great centre of pilgrimage in medieval times along with Rome and Jerusalem. People would travel from all over the world to pray at the shrine of the saint. And still today pilgrims can be recognised on the pilgrim route that leads to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, stepping out with a staff in their hands which has scallop shells attached as the traditional symbol of pilgrimage.

Like many of the medieval cities of England there are numerous churches built within the old city walls. Along with the sound of the large old bell in the Cathedral clock tower chiming out the hours other bells could be heard chiming throughout the city calling pilgrims to mid-day worship.

I was reminded that this is also how Scripture regards the Christian life. We are travelling on the journey of faith as strangers and pilgrims on the earth because this world is not our final destination. We are looking forward to an eternal city whose builder and maker is God. When we reach our destination we will see our Saviour Jesus Christ face to face and rejoice in his loving presence for all eternity. Have you set out on the journey of faith? The pilgrimage begins when you come to Christ and accept him as your Lord and Saviour. In the words of John Bunyan, from his famous story of Christian’s journey in *The Pilgrims Progress*:

Who would true valour see, let him
come hither;
one here will constant be, come wind,
come weather;
there’s no discouragement shall make
him once relent
his first avowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Revd GEORGE CRINGLES
Member of
the Guild of Clerical Ringers

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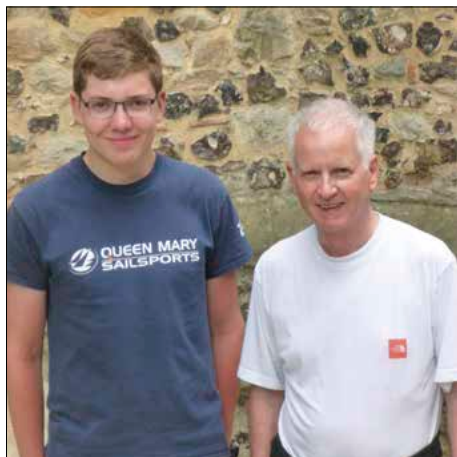
Prolific Peal Ringers article on p.672:

Peter Border passed away at **Tanworth** in Arden (not “Tamworth”) and the sentence “He achieved over 1,000 peals on more than twelve bells.” should read **“He achieved 1,000 peals on 12 bells or more”**. We apologise for the errors – although they were as submitted with the original copy.



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DofE Silver Award 'Skill': Bellingringing



Edward Benz and Stephen Mitchell

On 23rd June Edward Benz (16) rang the tenor at St Dunstan's, Cranford to his first peal, having cycled there from Twickenham, the day after completing multiple GCSE exams! In so doing he achieved the target I had set for him in March (as his 'assessor') for the 'skill' element of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme 'Silver' award.

Edward's father, Otto, has been tower captain of All Hallows, Twickenham since 2000, so Edward has been a regular visitor to our belfry since he was a small child. After some introductory ringing sessions when at primary school, Edward learnt to handle a bell in the early years of secondary school. There are many other distractions for teenage boys, not all of them academic, so ringing has always had to compete for his spare time with such things as school drama productions, dinghy sailing, yacht racing, fencing, cycling and swimming. Progress was consequently a bit slow, until last winter, when he decided on bellingringing as his 'skill' for the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. As Edward's chosen instructor and assessor, I proposed the objective of ringing a peal by the summer in the context of the 'First Peals 2015' campaign, and he signed up to this with alacrity.

At the outset, Edward could ring rounds. In regular ringing sessions between March and May, we worked on developing Edward's competence in ringing bells up and down (singly and then in peal), simple call changes, covering on 6, 8 and 10, and plain hunting on 4 and 5. Having an Abel simulator at Twickenham helped with this programme, at least until one of the sensors stopped working!

By May, Edward was ready for a quarter peal as a build up to a peal. Unfortunately the one quarter peal attempt that we could fit into Edward's packed revision and exam schedule

was lost after 40 minutes. As he was heading off to sail round the Isle of Wight two days after his last exam, we had to go straight for the peal. I duly assembled a band of experienced peal ringers, and Edward covered a well-rung, problem-free peal in five Doubles methods. Cranford Park is an award winning green oasis, in spite of the nearby M4 and the main flight path to Heathrow overhead, and it attracts a lot of visitors on a sunny, summer afternoon. Dorothy Barker listened to the whole peal from the park, and received positive comments about the bells from numerous people.

Modest as ever about his achievements, Edward's response to congratulatory messages was: "I'm now on my way to becoming a bellingringer"!

Next year he aims to tackle the Gold award. What would you propose as a bellingringing target for that? Not wanting to aim low, my opening bid is a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Meanwhile we need to keep him ringing, in the face of more alluring attractions!

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MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.

CRANFORD, Middx, St Dunstan
Tue Jun 23 2015 2h41 (7)

5040 Doubles

(5m: 2 exts Stedman; 10 exts each
Grandsire, St Simon's, St Martin's,
Plain B)

- 1 Martin J Turner
- 2 Mary E Gow
- 3 Peter J Blight
- 4 Edward J W Manley
- 5 Stephen J F Mitchell (C)
- 6 Edward Benz

With thanks to Dorothy Barker,
who let the band in and out,
and listened to the whole peal
in Cranford Park.

First peal: 6.



enjoyed the social side of ringing and was well-known at a large number of pubs where his "they never feed me" look always earned him crisps, even on the eve of his death.

He sat through about 100 quarter peals, and was walked through many more quarters and a number of peals: his leading non-ringing quarter peal walkers were Ed Proffitt and Nic Hammonds. Perhaps his greatest ringing achievement was when David Brown invited him to umpire a quarter peal of Horton's 4-spliced Surprise Major at Lowestoft in 2013. Bertie checked none of the calls or lead ends, but was very enthusiastic when the quarter came round and he was able to lead the way to the Triangle Tavern.

Apart from ringing, Bertie's other hobbies were walking, swimming and going to the pub. He walked at least four miles every day whatever the weather. In recent weeks he had slowed down noticeably, and he died of a barbiturates overdose following a short illness while staying with a friend in Sheffield. After cremation his ashes will be returned to Suffolk.

The following quarter peal was rung in celebration of Bertie's life by his closest ringing friends and family.

P.G.

Wenhaston, Suffolk. 25 May 1260, PB Minor: Philip Gorrod (950th Q, (C)) 1, Ambrin Williams 2, Chrissie Pickup 3, Maggie Ross 4, Jason Busby 5, Tim Palmer 6.

Sir Peter Heywood



*Sir Peter (centre) with Will Willans (left) and Richard Sweet, Tower Master (right)
(Photo by Helen Udal)*

At the Bath Abbey practice on Monday, 15th June, there was a most welcome non-ringing visitor – Sir Peter Heywood, great-grandson of Sir Arthur, founder and first President of the Central Council.

Sir Peter was delighted that the work of his great-grandfather was remembered, and although he has visited the belfry at Duffield – and sounded a bell – this was the first time he had seen ringers at work.

WILL WILLANS

Albert (Bertie) Ross 17.4.04 – 16.5.15

Ringers, particularly in Suffolk, will have been saddened to hear of the death, four weeks after his eleventh birthday, of Wigeoncreek Cloud, better known as Albert Ross or just Bertie. Bertie was not a great ringer – he could never quite get the hang of call changes – but he was a great supporter of ringers, and had been the unofficial mascot of the Suffolk Guild since the death of his friend Major Whiting. His placid nature as a Black Labrador endeared himself to everyone he met, and he acquired a new best friend most days. He was especially good with those who were not keen on dogs, and very tolerant of small children treading on his tail.

His home tower was Halesworth (Suffolk) where, in addition to keeping an eye on the Sunday morning ringing, he used to entertain the sidesmen by getting in their way and tripping them up. He enjoyed tower grabbing, especially where there were rabbits in the churchyard, but he had a strong preference for ground floor rings. Like most ringers he always