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THE RINGING WORLD





The Organiser's view

On the cover

Our cover photo by Neil Thomas takes in the teams crowded into Methodist Central Hall in York in anticipation of the results of the 2023 Ringing World Youth Contest. Above, by Richard Horton, and on the back cover by Roger Lawson, a mini-ring in the Chapter House in York Minster.

After a stunning day in York on 8th July, we have brought together in this issue the voices of organisers, judges and participants, with an abundance of good photographs, to give you a flavour of the most inspiring day of the year in ringing.

Particular thank-yous after another Contest to all the team leaders, the lead local organisers, Alison Edmonds and Elva Ainsworth, and to David Hull as he stands down from five successful years as lead organiser.

We look forward to working with Jo Cresshull on the future of the Contest, and we hope everyone came away buzzing. It is just the climax of what happens at home all year – thank you to everyone who works to promote youth ringing everywhere.

When I took over as RWNYC Organiser in 2018, I wanted to build on the excellent work that Linda Garton, Colin Parker and Adrian Udal had done before me – very much evolution rather than revolution. Attendance was strong and growing, but I saw an opportunity to help bands enter from areas of the country where they had previously not. It was great to see the Lancashire Lads and Lasses and the Durham and Newcastle Young Ringers come on board when we visited Liverpool in 2019, and a team from Cornwall enter at Exeter in 2022. This year, we have added the Nottinghamshire Young Ringers to a growing list of participants, with welcome returns for the Ely Fen Tigers and the Lincolnshire Poachers.

It is clear that some youth teams are still feeling the effects of the pandemic, but the decision to continue to allow bands to ring on either six or eight in the contests underlines my belief that the RWNYC is all about participation and inclusivity. One squad who have clearly come out of Covid kicking and screaming is the Yorkshire Tykes; 28 young ringers attended this year, with an additional eight or more unable to come. Yes, they were the “home” team with easier travel and lower costs, and other squads undoubtedly had more ringers who were unable to come to York for numerous different reasons; but, whatever Jane Lynch’s winning formula is for the Tykes, it would be good to bottle it and sell it.

The vast majority of ringing happens – peals, quarters, practices, outings – because enthusiastic individuals, almost all of them volunteers, organise it and encourage people to take part. The fact that we have people across the country prepared to give of their time to organise youth ringing is really important and, with the right marketing and recruitment, the numbers will come back. It is fantastic that more than 120 ringers from York and beyond put themselves forward to be stewards at this year’s RWNYC – a real show of support for our youngsters.

What I and those who came before me wanted to do was to create an event for and about young ringers, with equality of opportunity, consistent experience and a good quality day out, every aspect focused on the youngsters first and foremost. Have we achieved this? Yes, I think so. Can we do better in the future? Almost certainly - and that is a challenge for my successor, Jo Cresshull, to take on and to make her mark on the RWNYC. I learned early on in organising ringing that pleasing everyone is impossible – but that never stopped me trying.

A good example of “consistent experience” is the ringing we had at York Minster this year. Expertly run by Simon Linford and Simon Edwards, it was a supportive and inclusive environment where those reticent about ringing on 12 were encouraged to try a smaller number first, and those who aspired to ring the heavier bells were given the opportunity to do so, with appropriate coaching and advice as required. I only spent a short time in the Minster tower, but I was struck by the fearless way in which a number of young ringers made it up onto the tenor box and then rang the bell like they’d been ringing three-ton bells all of their short lives.

Individual itineraries for every squad hopefully enhance the quality of the day by avoiding overcrowding at towers. It’s a significant challenge, with the contest draw, tower availability and travel logistics to take into consideration, but Paula Horton did an amazing job putting these together this year, using a template I devised for Exeter in 2022. Thanks, Paula, and to all the towers who made themselves available for significant chunks of the day. The master spreadsheet is a work of art in itself.

None of these events would happen without a dedicated and hard-working local organising team, and Alison Edmonds and Elva Ainsworth did the bulk of the work this year – thank you both! It is an enormous amount of effort for one day, but the palpable excitement from the participants from start to finish makes it all very much





worthwhile. If anyone has any doubt about this, the sea of expectant faces and the feverish hubbub prior to and during the results provides ample evidence.

I now hand the baton of Organiser of the RWNYC to Jo and, as I reflect on five years at the helm, I think I leave the event in a good place. And I also think I leave it in very capable hands. Jo: you'll be great! Will I miss it? Yes, absolutely. It's a hugely satisfying event to organise and, when we got to the end of this year's results ceremony, I didn't want to give up any more. And then I remembered the sleepless nights...

Be grateful to The Ringing World that this event exists, and be grateful that we have so many young ringers wanting to take part. And be proud of our young ringers; they are the next generation of organisers, conductors, composers, judges and enthusiastic individuals – they are the future of ringing.

DAVID G HULL

Tigaki, Kos, Greece,
enjoying a well-earned rest

Opposite page: Mitchell takes two on a mini-ring, and the Coventry Spires and Young@Herts await the results (both Roger Lawson). All good! – some of the huge Yorkshire Tykes team awaiting the results (Richard Horton).

This page, clockwise from top left: Incoming RWNYC organiser Joanna Cresshull takes the stage with David Hull (Roger Lawson); ringers from Surrey, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire in the Minster (Roger Lawson); the Nottinghamshire band in action (Quinn Chen).



Corrections

In our haste to share the results of the RWNYC in last week's issue, we apologise for some errors. In the method ringing results table, the Gloucester and Bristol team score should have read 6.5 (still joint with the ODG). Our apologies to **Chris Wright** for failing to credit him with the cover photo (above) of the two trophies, and to **Neil Thomas** for failing to credit him for the picture of the winning Winchester & Portsmouth Youths team.

I honestly feel that the RWNYC event is the best publicity for bellringing that we have as a community (more than the National 12-Bell!) and should be shown to clergy across the land! Well done and thank you!

Caroline Prescott, Surrey Strikers

“Ringing in York for the RWNYC was an unforgettable experience, and we were all grateful for the opportunity to ring the bells at such a prestigious venue as the Minster. Being able to ring the tenor was great, although it was a challenge to try and stand it! It was great to be able to win the call change competition after lots of hard work practising under the guidance of our team leader Jack Hanlon. I would also like to thank David Hull for his years of dedication to organising the competition.”

Joel Cairns, Durham & Newcastle YR





From the judges

I hadn't been to York for a long time, so was very much looking forward to listening to some good ringing and being a small part of the buzz of the RWNYC. It didn't disappoint. Having raided the bread bin of the contest organiser for a morning pastry, the official part of the day started with meeting the judging team at St. Lawrence's. After a quick ring on the bells, I left Lucy and her team (Doug and Rachel) settled in their cubby-hole, ably

aided by the Hawkear team. I got to hear a confident pull off by the first band – all good so far, although it was the start of a long stint for the judging team at St Lawrence's. Molly, Thomas and I were whisked off to Huntington, where we had another quick ring. Both sets of bells are pretty light, and clear inside – which was reassuring as it would allow the teams to focus on their ringing.

There's often a discussion about having dedicated six and eight bell competitions, but I think the format works pretty well as it is – it's inclusive, and allows bands of various maturities to ring what they feel comfortable with. And from a personal judging perspective, I don't think there's any advantage to teams ringing on six rather than eight (or vice versa) – so it's a good contest! The variety is also good to listen to. At Huntington, we heard a mix of plain hunt, Plain Bob and



one team ringing Grandsire, with ringing on six and eight. The ringing ranged from "good" to "superb" – it really was a great effort all round.

After we had consumed our fill of tea and agreed on the order of the teams at Huntington, we checked in on the judging team at St Lawrence's, before all meeting in a local establishment to go through the logistics of the results. The results were in the Central Methodist Hall, which felt like a multi-tiered lecture theatre. The results themselves are always fun – a lot of excitement in the room, happy faces, with the frantic disentanglement of jangling medals before the teams came up to the front to receive them. Happily, it looked like everyone had had a great day. Well done to all who took part, and thanks to the other judges for making it a sociable and fun day!

CHRIS POOLE, Chief Judge

Above left: Chris Poole with Thomas Sherwood and Molly Smith at Huntington. Above right: Rachel Mahoney, Doug Vale and Lucy Warren at St Lawrence (both Roger Lawson). Below left: This year's medal (Chris Wright) Below right : The Oxford DG team waiting to ring in the

Minster (Richard Horton). Opposite, from top: the Essex Young Eagles (Quinn Chen); Worcester's Hattie Clayton (Neil Thomas); Durham & Newcastle Captain Robert Wallace (Richard Horton); 'Old Ed' Robert Lewis presents his trophy to the D&N team (Roger Lawson)



From the winners

The Ringing World National Youth Contest is an annual competition, run by the Ringing World, in which young bell ringers from across the country compete in their teams to win the Whitechapel trophy and the RW Editor's Trophy for Excellence. This year, there were 25 teams in total competing: eight in the change ringing and 17 in the call changes. This year, the Winchester and Portsmouth Youths decided to enter two bands, to give as many people as possible a chance to ring at this competition.

The weekend started on Friday afternoon as we began to set up camp in the village of Acaster Malbis. Much of the evening was spent eating fish and chips and chucking various sorts of balls around a field. Fortunately, the weather stayed dry and not too cold, enabling us to have a good night's sleep in preparation for the Saturday's 8am start. Our day kicked off early at Bishopthorpe, a 14cwt six, just a four-minute drive away from our campsite.

Our two bands were due to ring test pieces at the same time in different towers, so we couldn't listen to each other's competition ringing. However, each test piece was recorded and shared on our WhatsApp group.

The change ringing contest was held at All Saints, Huntington, a short bus ride from the centre of York. These bells were a bit lighter than we are used to, but they went quite nicely.

For our practice, we kept it short and sweet ringing a couple of plain courses of bob doubles to get a feel of the bells. Our competition piece went well with no major mistakes or crashes and we were very happy with it. After we rang, the team photos were taken where we were given a sign which we promptly signed.

The call-change contest was held at St Lawrence, Hull Road, a short walk from the city centre. Again, the bells were a bit lighter than we are used to, but



even those who usually ring on much heavier bells adapted well. Our band had a mix of experienced and less experienced ringers, with plenty of encouragement from the more established ringers. As with the method band, there were no major mistakes. Again, there were photos taken after ringing, following which we went back to the centre of York to rejoin the other squad members.

Another highlight for our band was to get a chance to ring on the twelve at York Minster and for some, to ring the 59cwt tenor. We rang lots of rounds and some call changes on the bells which gave a lot of our team to try their hand at ringing on more than the usual eight bells. We followed this by having a go on the mini rings inside the Minster which gave us the chance to ring with a couple of the other teams in the competition. While we were waiting for the results, we got a chance to ring at two other towers in the centre of York, St Olave and The Oratory.

The result ceremony started by giving all the organisers and all involved well deserved thanks before the results were revealed. Each group was given a score out of 10 as the results were read out in order from last to first. The teams were split into those who rang call changes and those who rang methods. Our call change band put in a stellar performance to come joint 12th in their competition with a score of 6.5/10. However, very unexpectedly, our method team scored 9.5/10 and won the Whitechapel Trophy!

The day finished with pizza, drinks and games held inside the Minster. This was nice as it gave us all a chance to catch up with old friends and to have a go at winning a selection of ducks. Unfortunately, our teams did not win the ducks, but it was great fun. After this, it was back to the campsite to pack up and head home after another fantastic competition and wonderful weekend in York.

ERIN INGRAM
Winchester & Portsmouth Youths

“It was great to have the competition close to home this year (coming from Newcastle) as we were able to get the train for the day with only an hour’s journey instead of the seven it took for Exeter! The organisers allowed us to get York Minster for all the young ringers to have a grab, which was amazing as it is one of the most prestigious towers in the country. I thought they were going to be difficult to ring because they are so heavy but I was surprised to find they were easier than I thought. I nearly pulled the 10th after the treble because it was so easy to ring! It was definitely better for the young ringers to have a good time as the adults were limited in going up to the ringing room which meant that we had more opportunities. The rest of the experience was great with lots of ground floor rings with long drafts, which can challenge how well people handle the bell – thankfully they had spare stays on standby! My favourite has got to be St Martin le Grand, which is only half a church. The bells at the competition tower were very nice to ring, even if it was like a boiler in the tower. They were a good weight, weren’t too heavy and rang well without being odd struck. The competition itself was great, the piece we rang went smoothly and it was a pleasant surprise to win, and like everyone else we will continue practising to improve even more.”

Isaac Cairns
Durham & Newcastle YR



“I, and I’m sure everyone involved, had a fantastic time, the organisers did a superb job at creating a great experience for all. I thought it was a brilliant day of ringing at various churches around the city. However ringing at York Minster really did it for me, it was quite special. I am of course already looking forward to next year in London at St Mary-le-Bow and what an amazing day that will be!”

Robert Wallace (left)
Durham & Newcastle YR





“It was great to ring at so many towers in York, particularly the Minster and I’m very pleased to have been part of the band that won.”
Joseph Stewart, Durham & Newcastle YR



It was a great day – incredible “clockwork” arrangements! Just mentioning York Minster (and ringing its tenor) puts a smile back on our young ringers’ faces...
In our troupe we had non-ringing parents for whom this was a first experience of a Ringers Day Out. They loved it, and said “everyone they saw had a smile on their face.” Can’t say fairer than that!
Howell Williams, Leicestershire Bellfounding Foxes Coach



RWNYC 2023 – Results

The Whitechapel Trophy

Method ringing at All Saints,
Huntington (8, 5-0-7)

1st	W&P Youths	9.5/10
2nd	Lancashire Lads & Lasses	9/10
3rd	Essex Young Eagles	8.5/10
4th	Surrey Strikers	8/10
5th	Yorkshire Tykes	7.5/10
6th	Leicester Bellfoundry Foxes	7/10
7th=	Oxford DG	6.5/10
7th=	Gloucester & Bristol	6.5/10

The Robert Lewis Trophy for Excellence

Call changes at St Lawrence,
Hull Road, York (8, 7-3-24)

1st	Durham & Newcastle	9.5/10
2nd	Sussex Young Ringers	9/10
3rd	Kent Young Ringers	8.5/10
4th=	Go Bellistic! (Salisbury DG)	8/10
4th=	Young@Herts	8/10
6th=	Bucks & Berks YR	7.5/10
6th=	Brumdingers	7.5/10
6th=	Worcester Cathedral	7.5/10
9th=	Yorkshire Tykes	7/10
9th=	Nottingham Young Ringers	7/10
9th=	Norfolk Young Ringers	7/10
12th=	W&P Youths	6.5/10
12th=	Derbyshire Young Ringers	6.5/10
12th=	Lincolnshire Poachers	6.5/10
15th	Coventry Spires	6/10
16th=	Bath & Wells	5.5/10
16th=	Ely Fen Tigers	5.5/10

Photos opposite:

Inside: Ringing in the Minster (Roger Lawson); a happy medallist (also sporting the Brumdingers' competitive team motto) (Roger Lawson)

Outer, clockwise from top left: The handbell workshop running all day in the Minster (Roger Lawson), catching hold with a competitor's wristband (Stuart Newton), Sussex Young Ringers (Quinn Chen), Pizza in the Minster at the end of the day (Roger Lawson), York Minster (Neil Thomas); Start them young! A Minster employee introduces a new learner to one of the mini-rings (Chris Wright)



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Concerto for the King

SIR, – Having experienced ringing first-hand in the Verona area of Italy some years ago, I read with interest of the rendering of the National Anthem concerto-style at Malvern Priory (p.656) and admire David Roskelly and his team for a 'job well done'. I watched and listened to the YouTube clip too, and (though not quite perfect) I thought it was VERY GOOD.

Congratulations to all who were involved!

HARRY GLOVER

Frensham, Surrey

First edition

SIR, – I wonder whether any of your readers can help me. I am trying to find a copy of the first edition Dove's Guide, dated 1950. I learnt to ring under R H Dove at Leeds Minster in the 1950s, along with his son Barrie. We went on many ringing outings together. I have always wished for a First Edition of his ringing guide. Barrie Dove has suggested that I put an appeal in The Ringing World. Please be in touch if you can help.

STUART CORSON

Shoreham-by-Sea

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Lena I van Dongen (Histon, Cambridgeshire)

A N Z A B

CITY OF LONDON,
St Michael, Cornhill
Sat 1 Jul 2023 3h28 (32)
5042 Cambridge S Major
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Janet E Archibald
2 David C Bath
3 Penelope J V Sharpe
4 Hannah M Campbell
5 Jack D Aylward
6 William T Perrins (C)
7 Murray-Luke Peard
8 Christopher D O'Mahony
9 James W Perrins
10 Christian M Peckham
11 Julia R Cater
12 Andrew B Mills
100th peal 7.
A special birthday treat for Penny and Christopher.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

EXETER, Devon,
Cathedral Church of St Peter
Sat 3 Jun 2023 4h13 (72)
5019 Stedman Cinques
Comp. R C Kippin
1 Robert C Kippin (C)
2 Susan L Apter
3 Michael A Williams
4 Richard B Pullin
5 David F Perkins
6 Henry D Coghill
7 Ryan S Noble
8 Andrew M Hills
9 David G Maynard
10 Stephen J Hall
11 Andrew P F Bradford
12 Robert W Lee

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BLACKBURN, Lancs,
St Jude
Tue 4 Jul 2023 2h40 (6)
5030 Anniversary D Major
Comp. D F Morrison (no. 8716)
1 Nina E Brannan
2 James E Andrews
3 Susan L Apter
4 Peter C Randall (C)
5 Peter H Gardner
6 Jeffrey Brannan
7 Derek J Thomas
8 Peter L Furniss
Rung to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the consecration of the current Church at St Jude's.

ST STEPHEN IN BRANNEL,
Corn,
St Stephen
Tue 4 Jul 2023 3h5 (13)
5040 Stedman Triples
Arr J Pladdys No 5
1 Gwen Rogers
2 Peter G Holden
3 John Pladdys (C)
4 Kathryn R Arkless
5 John H Napper
6 Fergus M S Stracey
7 Philip Rogers
8 William P Caw

BATH & WELLS D.A.

HOLCOMBE, Som,
The Potters Yard Ring
Fri 23 Jun 2023 2h30 (1)
5152 Michael Harvey D Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Maryl R Chambers
2 Barrie Hendry
3 Andrew H Ball
4 Matthew R T Higby
5 Adrian P Beck
6 Nigel R Woodruff
7 Anthony J Cox (C)
8 Rebecca J Cox
First peal in the method.
Rung in memory of Michael R Harvey of Northants who passed away on 17th May 2020 during the covid pandemic.
Michael Harvey Delight Major.
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12 16732854.

HUNTSHAM, Devon,

All Saints
Thu 29 Jun 2023 2h45 (8)
5152 Gainsborough S Major
Comp. Simon Humphrey
1 Michael Hatchett
2 Richard A M Newman
3 Lesley A Knipe
4 Richard H Johnston
5 Jane C Spencer
6 Mary A Gardner
7 Ian J Rees
8 Michael R Spencer (C)
Rung to mark the installation of the Revd. Matthew Renyard as Team Vicar of St. Barnabas, Adayfield, Hemel Hempstead. Chris Renyard wishes to be associated with this peal.
Also, rung as a 10th Wedding Anniversary compliment to 5 and 8.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

INVERARAY, Argyll and Bute,
All Saints
Sat 27 May 2023 3h35 (41)
5039 Grandsire Caters
Comp. Albert M Tyler
1 Ann Hughes
2 Nicholas D Soanes
3 Martin D Mellor
4 Neil Turner
5 Nicholas C Sturgess
6 James E Blackburn (C)
7 Neil Donovan
8 Christopher L D Munday
9 John M Goldthorpe
10 Paul S Andrews
Rung in celebration of the Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.
Also rung to celebrate the life of Valerie Blackburn, mother of the conductor. £10

BIRMINGHAM UNIV. SOCIETY

EDGBASTON, W Mids,
St Bartholomew
Wed 31 May 2023 2h53 (10)
5056 Bristol S Major
Comp. Mark B Davies
1 Kirsty Gifford
2 Jimmy L Yeoman (C)
3 Charlotte D Linford
4 James C Mundy
5 M Michael R Parker
6 Alex J Parsons
7 Catherine E Morley
8 Oliver C Bates
Circled the tower: 2.
First peal without another
Linford: 3. £1

CAMBRIDGE UNIV. GUILD

HISTON, Cambs,
St Andrew
Wed 26 Apr 2023 2h40 (9)
5040 Cambridge S Minor
1 Katherine P G Jennings (Selwyn)
2 Jadd Virji (Trinity) (C)
3 Lena I van Dongen (Pembroke)
4 Samuel J Spencer (Downing)
5 Andrew M Roberts (Gonville & Caius)
6 Kirsten J Hawkins (Downing)
First peal: 3.
First for the Guild: 4.
Rung by a band of current undergraduates.

COVENTRY D.G.

FILLONGLEY, Warks,
St Mary & All Saints
Sat 1 Jul 2023 2h47 (10)
5056 Cambridge S Major
Comp. Johnson's Var
1 Lucy J T Gwynne
2 Raymon A Sheasby
3 Neil J Garner
4 Robert Tregillus
5 Steve Bowley
6 Stephen W Horton
7 Roderic K Bickerton
8 Michael Chester (C)

BUTLERS MARSTON, Warks,
St Peter & St Paul
Sun 2 Jul 2023 2h52 (14)
5040 Minor
(3m: 3 extents Cambridge S., 2 extents each St Clement's CB, Plain Bob)
1 Steve Bowley
2 Nicholas K Allsopp
3 Sarah L Elliott
4 Robert Tregillus
5 Michael Chester (C)
6 Jonathan R Chester
Rung to mark the ordination today in Coventry Cathedral of Matthew Arnold, ringer at this tower. £3

ALLESLEY, W Mids,
All Saints
Mon 3 Jul 2023 2h47 (12)
5120 Martin S Major
Comp. P M Mason (No 327)
1 Stephen W Horton
2 Nicholas R Wilson
3 Michael Angrave
4 Raymon A Sheasby
5 Anthony J Rowan
6 Paul M Mason (C)
7 Michael Chester
8 Andrew F Aldrick
Rung as a farewell compliment to Revd Lizzie Holland, Rector of Allesley, as she leaves to become Rector of Woolton, St Peter.
Circled tower to peals: 3 & 6. £5

DORSET C.A.

STON EASTON, Som,
Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon 5 Jun 2023 2h26 (4)
5040 Surprise Minor
(14m: 1) Primrose, 2) Carlisle, 3) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, 4) London, Wells, 5) York, Durham, 6) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge, 7) Beverley, Surlfeet)
1 R Nicholas Lawrence
2 Jane C Spencer
3 Lesley A Knipe
4 Christopher Renyard
5 David P Hammonds
6 Michael R Spencer (C)
Most surprise methods inside: 4.

G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

HUNTSHAM, Devon,
All Saints
Thu 15 Jun 2023 2h42 (8)
5152 Jubilee Green D Major
Comp. D L Thomas, arr S W Edwards
1 Michael Hatchett
2 Lesley A Knipe
3 Ian J Rees
4 Richard H Johnston
5 R Nicholas Lawrence
6 Christopher Renyard
7 James Kirkcaldy
8 John R Martin (C)
Marking the end of service of the RAF Hercules.

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

TETBURY, Glos,
St Mary the Virgin & St Mary Magdalen
Sun 25 Jun 2023 3h6 (16)
5152 Gainsborough S Major
Comp. Simon Humphrey
1 Jonathan C Adkins
2 Julian N Ferrar
3 Jane C Spencer
4 Lesley A Knipe
5 Mark Edwards
6 David P Hammonds
7 Michael J Woodward
8 Michael R Spencer (C)
Following the priesting yesterday in Gloucester Cathedral for Rev. Dr. Steve Bullock, our curate at Tetbury. He celebrated his first Eucharist at this morning's service.
Circled the tower to peals - 1.
First in the method for all.

HEREFORD D.G.

BROMYARD, Herefs,
St Peter
Fri 30 Jun 2023 2h58 (13)
5152 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. Michael Maughan
1 Geoffrey M Brewin
2 Sue Robinson
3 J Anthony Ellis
4 William N Evans
5 Roger H Hunt
6 Paul R Smith
7 Keith P Tompsett
8 David Jenkins (C)
First of Surprise Major: 4.
Wishing a very happy birthday to David Parker and Catherine Ellis.
Also rung to congratulate Sarah Lupton who will be ordained as a Deacon at Hereford Cathedral on Saturday July 1st 2023.

LEOMINSTER, Herefs,
St Peter & St Paul
Sun 2 Jul 2023 2h41 (7)
5040 Doubles
(3m/22v: 12 extents of Grandsire, 4 extents each of Plain Bob & Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Place, 1 extent each of Litchurch, Hilmarton, April Day, Salwarpe, May Day, St Saviour, Seighford, Windrush, Monks habit, Kennington, Black Knight, St David, Alveley, Clifford's Pleasure, Wollaston, Royston, Aberteiff, Little Aston, Oldswinford, Twisted Spire, Southtrepps & Old Prickly)
1 Jessica C Pugh
2 Geoff Cowling
3 E Anne Hone
4 Rhiannon F Pugh
5 Mark Pugh (C)
6 Andrew G Wilson
Rung to congratulate Revd Jonathan Roberts on his ordination and first celebration of communion and to mark the 35th anniversary of the ordination of Rev Guy Cole, Team Rector. £6

HERTFORD C.A.

MELDRETH, Cambs,
Holy Trinity
Tue 4 Jul 2023 2h47 (10)
5184 Cornwall S Major
Comp. David B Wilson
1 Michael J Cowling
2 Susan E Marsden
3 June Mackay
4 Adrian P Sweeting
5 Jadd Virji
6 Nicholas A Elks
7 Graham R D Lay (C)
8 Alan Regan
Rung on the 400th anniversary of William Byrd's death.

KENT C.A.

ADDINGTON, London,
St Mary
Thu 29 Jun 2023 2h39 (6)
5040 Spiced S Minor
(41m: (1-3) Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Newcastle, Morpeth, Alnwick, Canterbury, Chester, Munden, London, Kelso, Lincoln, Coldstream, Cuneastre, Wells (4-7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, York, Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Surlfeet, Hexham, Norwich, Warkworth, Nethersale, Annable's London, Lightfoot, Rossendale, Wearmouth, Stamford, Westminster, Allendale, Bamborough, Bacup)
Comp. John S Warboys
SU0309 SU0403
1 John B Keeler (C)
2 Anne L Rueff
3 Shirley E McGill
4 David Kirkcaldy
5 Phillip R J Barnes
6 Alan Regan

LANCASHIRE ASSN

CLITHEROE, Lancs,
St Mary Magdalene
Sat 1 Jul 2023 3h3 (18)
5104 Double Norwich Court Bob Major
Comp. Ian Butters (no 135)
1 D Robert Pettifor
2 Simon D Wood
3 D Annabel Preston
4 Derek J Thomas
5 Jeffrey Brannan
6 Brian J Owen
7 Stuart J Heath
8 George H Campling (C)
Remembering Freddie Riley 15 July 2010 - 13 June 2023, rung on the day following his funeral service in this church.

HEYWOOD, Lancs,
St Luke
Wed 5 Jul 2023 3h10 (21)
5088 Cornwall S Major
Comp. A S Riley (no 1)
1 Jane Owen
2 Susan L Apter
3 Carol A Marchbank
4 Derek J Thomas
5 James E Andrews
6 Trevor W Marchbank
7 George H Campling (C)
8 Lenard J Mitchell
Rung to mark the 75th anniversary of the National Health Service.

LINCOLN D.G.

GEDNEY HILL, Lincs,
Holy Trinity
Thu 29 Jun 2023 2h42 (9)
5040 Doubles
(7m: 6 exts each. St Nicolas, Winchendon Pl, St Simons, St Martins, St Osmund, Eynesbury, Plain Bob)
1 James E Benner
2 Anthony D Walker
3 Robert Simpson
4 Luke Tobin
5 P Barry Jones (C)
Rung in memory of John Warner, past work colleague of ringer of 2, buried in this churchyard, RIP. First peal in 35 years: 3.

PETERBOROUGH D G

CREATON, Northants,
St Michael & All Angels
Wed 21 Jun 2023 2h39 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Alnwick, Newcastle, Wells, Chester, Carlisle, Northumberland, Ipswich)
1 Lewis D Benfield
2 Julie A Tarling
3 Michael J Dew
4 Nicholas R Wilson
5 Paul M Mason
6 Richard I Allton (C)
Circled tower: 5.
200th together: 4 & 5.

BURTON LATIMER,
Northants,
St Mary the Virgin
Tue 4 Jul 2023 2h55 (10)
5120 Juniper Green D Major
Comp. Benjamin D Constant
1 Michael H D O'Callaghan
2 Paul M Mason
3 Helena M Thorpe
4 Barbara A King
5 James M Bence
6 Julie A Tarling
7 James F Thorpe
8 Richard I Allton (C)
A compliment to Chris and Frances Pearson, Nich and Mrs Wilson, and Ian and Martine Butters, all celebrating their wedding anniversaries today.
First peal in the method, previously rung in spliced and a quarter peal.

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SAINT MARY ABBOTS GUILD

STAMFORD HILL, Inner London,
St Ann, South Tottenham
Sat 1 Jul 2023 2h52 (7)
5120 Spliced S Major
(8m: 640 each of Bristol, London, Pudsey, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Superlative and Rutland, with 129 com, and atw for bells 2-6)
Comp. J S Warboys
1 Caleb R D Saunders
2 James W Belshaw
3 Elizabeth A Hibbert
4 M Louise Booth
5 Laurence P J Bourton
6 Richard B Pullin (C)
7 Peter J Blight
8 Stephanie J Pattenden
First peal of 8-spliced - 5. The tenor ringer's previous peal here was exactly 45 years ago today, also on the tenor.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

NEWTON HALL, Northumb,
St James, Mowden Hall School
Wed 5 Jul 2023 2h50 (6)
5056 Bristol S Major
Comp. David G Hull (no 1)
1 Barbara Davies
2 Susan E Bryce
3 Karen P McCleave
4 Christopher M Mansfield
5 Simon H Aves
6 David A Horne
7 Peter J Williamson
8 Michael J Clay (C)
Rung as King Charles III was presented with Scotland's crown jewels in Edinburgh in a ceremony to mark his coronation.

SELBY & DISTRICT

YORK,
St Martin le Grand,
Coney Street
Sat 1 Jul 2023 2h50 (10)
5016 Spliced Triples and Major
(2m/p: 3072 Bristol S Major; 1944 Stedman Triples, 12 com)
Comp. P W J Deakin
1 Simon J Poole
2 Alex S Riley (C)
3 Peter J Sanderson
4 Patrick W J Deakin
5 Ryan E Mills
6 Luke S P Riley
7 David R Mitchell
8 William M Regan
18th birthday compliments to Zorah Rajput.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

HALIFAX, W Yorks,
Minster Church of St John the Baptist
Sat 27 May 2023 3h28 (28)
5088 Spliced TD Maximus
(4m: 1296 each Bristol S, Strathclyde S; 1248 Avon D, Rigol S. 82 com, atw)
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Eleanor C Mack
2 Jimmy L Yeoman
3 Margaret Whiteley
4 Alex S Riley (C)
5 Jennifer A Town
6 Matthew S Pearson
7 Daniel J Page
8 Ian Butters
9 Ewan G A Hull
10 Matthew D Hetherington
11 Daniel R Jarvis
12 Edward R Mack

WAKEFIELD, W Yorks,
Cathedral Church of All Saints
Mon 29 May 2023 3h43 (35)
5136 Spliced TD Maximus
(4m: 1440 Avon D; 1296 Zanussi S; 1248 Ariel S; 1152 Bristol S. 51 com, atw)
Comp. A S Riley
1 Wendy Bloom
2 Alex S Riley (C)
3 Eleanor C Mack
4 Jennifer A Town
5 Daniel J Page
6 Jack E Page
7 Edward R Mack
8 Ian S Pearson
9 Ian Butters
10 Jimmy L Yeoman
11 Julia R Cater
12 Ewan G A Hull

BRADFORD, W Yorks,
Cathedral Church of St Peter
Sat 3 Jun 2023 3h40 (25)
5136 Avon D Maximus
Comp. A G Reading
1 James P Town
2 Rachel L Mahoney
3 Simon D Ogier
4 Christian M Peckham
5 Ewan G A Hull
6 Alex S Riley (C)
7 Rachel C Wells
8 G Jessica Durham
9 Matthew J L Durham
10 Edward R Mack
11 Roger S Riley
12 Matthew D Hetherington

SOUTHWELL & NOTTINGHAM D.G.

WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts,
St Giles
Tue 4 Jul 2023 2h41 (9)
5056 Yate D Major
Comp. Ian Butters no 833
1 Denise Harden
2 Lynda M Lazzzerini
3 Alison J Molyneux
4 Ruth Curtis
5 Peter J England
6 Martin J Whiteley
7 Paul F Curtis
8 Ian Butters (C)
250th peal on the bell
(all Major) - 8. Rung as a 20th wedding anniversary compliment, today, for Ian & Martine Butters.

ST BLAISE SOCIETY

MILTON, Oxon,
St Blaise
Sun 4 Jun 2023 2h39 (6)
5130 Elford A Major
Comp. D F Morrison
1 Timothy G Pett
2 Nicola J Turner
3 Richard L Thumwood
4 Beryl R Norris
5 Charlotte A Boyce
6 Mark Edwards
7 John R Martin (C)
8 Colin M Turner

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SUFFOLK GUILD

IPSWICH, Suffolk,
St Matthew
Fri 23 Jun 2023 2h44 (10)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Ipswich S, Norwich S, St Clement's B, Kent TB, Oxford TB, Cambridge S, Plain B)
1 Amanda M Richmond
2 David I Stanford
3 Katharine J Salter
4 Stephen J Christian
5 Simon A Rudd
6 James A Smith (C)
A 105th birthday compliment to Freda Smith, a ringer at this church and the current oldest member of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers.

TRENT VALLEY ASSOCIATION

PETERBOROUGH, Cambs,
Cathedral Church of St Peter,
St Paul, & St Andrew
Sat 1 Jul 2023 3h17 (21)
5040 Cambridge S Royal
Comp. Paul M Mason (No.326)
1 Alison J Molyneux
2 Michael J Cowling
3 Simon J T Smith
4 June Mackay
5 Paul McNutt
6 Paul M Mason (C)
7 Graham R D Lay
8 Stephen H Stanford
9 Ian Roulstone
10 Claire F Roulstone
Rung for Peteride.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

AWBRIDGE, Hants,
Clock House Bells
Tue 4 Jul 2023 2h35 (3)
5184 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. DF Morrison (No 8345)
1 Mary-Kate Wells
2 Roy LeMarechal
3 John P Colliss
4 John A Dodd
5 Andrew J Nicol
6 Peter W Hill
7 James W G Twiney
8 Frank R Morton (C)

AWBRIDGE, Hants,
Clock House Bells
Sat 8 Jul 2023 2h22 (3)
5040 Minor
(5m: 1 Oxford TB, 2&3 Cambridge S, 4 Kent TB, 5 Plain B, 6 St Clement CB, 7 Plain B)
1 Pela Steadman Bee
2 Andrew J Nicol
3 E C Gareth Higgs
4 Mary-Kate Wells
5 John A Dodd
6 Frank R Morton (C)

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

HALESOWEN, W Mids,
St John the Baptist
Sat 24 Jun 2023 3h6 (16)
5088 Lincolnshire S Major
Comp. Harry Poyner
1 D Rose W Horton
2 Roger H Hunt
3 Hilda C Ridley
4 David C Parker
5 Richard J Clements
6 Paul R Smith
7 Darran Ricks (C)
8 Stephen W Horton
In memory of
Michael Lashford.

YORKSHIRE ASSN

LEEDS, W Yorks,
Cathedral Church of St Anne
Tue 27 Jun 2023 2h32 (9)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. A Johnson
1 Alex S Riley (C)
2 C Barrie Dove
3 Roger S Riley
4 Paul Brook
5 Nicholas D Soanes
6 Alan G Futers
7 John M Thurman
8 Cian J Tempest

£4

SILKSTONE, S Yorks,
All Saints
Thu 29 Jun 2023 2h52 (12)
5040 Treble Dodging Minor
(7m: 1 extent each of Cuneastre S, London Victory D, Beverley S, Kentish D, Newcastle S, College Bob IV D and Norwich S)
1 Ruth Curtis
2 Stephen J Hall
3 Ian Butters
4 John M Thurman
5 Paul F Curtis
6 George H Campling (C)

Peals unattributed to a guild, society or association

ILKLEY, W Yorks,
All Saints
Sun 28 May 2023 3h3 (18)
5024 Spliced S Major
(4m: 1280 each Cambridge, London and Superlative; 1184 Bristol. 110 com, atw)
Comp. A J Pitman
1 Joanna M Ainsworth
2 Andrew J Rawlinson
3 Patrick W J Deakin
4 Joseph E T Waters
5 Alex S Riley (C)
6 Katherine L Town
7 Jimmy L Yeoman
8 Daniel J Page

GUILDFORD, Surrey,
Holy Trinity
Sun 2 Jul 2023 3h17 (23)
5024 Bristol S Major
Comp. S J Ivin
1 Michael C Bryant
2 William T Perrins (C)
3 Adam A Brady
4 Julian Morgan
5 Ian D Harris
6 Toby A Bence
7 Christian M Peckham
8 James W Perrins
A compliment to Corinne Jones, parish secretary, ordained this morning in Guildford Cathedral.

Handbell Peals**CHESTER D.G.**

MACCLESFIELD, Ches,
33 Sandringham Road
Tue 4 Jul 2023 2h20 (11)
5090 Cambridge S Major
Comp. A N Tyler
1-2 J David Atkinson
3-4 Simon Humphrey
5-6 Peter C Randall (C)
7-8 Alan F Scholfield
100th peal of Cambridge Major in hand: 1-2.

£4

G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

WHIMPLE, Devon,
17 Bramley Gardens
Tue 20 Jun 2023 2h23 (15)
5088 Bristol S Major
Comp. Alan G Reading
1-2 Jill M Wigney
3-4 Peter M C Richards
5-6 Matthew J Hilling (C)
7-8 Michael J Wigney
First in the method in hand: 3-4.

GUILD OF ST CUILEÁIN

BROMLEY, Kent,
19b College Road
Sun 2 Jul 2023 2h31 (13)
5000 Rufus D Royal
Comp. T J Hinks
1-2 James S Croft
3-4 Katharine J Firman
5-6 Thomas J Hinks (C)
7-8 Graham G Firman
9-10 David G Maynard
First peal in the method.
Rung to welcome Rufus Tristan Mattingley-Hinks, born on 8th May
Rufus D Royal: 30-56-14-56-30-12-10-14-1470-56-70,12 (f).

READING, Berks,
26 Redlands Road
Tue 4 Jul 2023 2h15 (9)
5088 Spliced S Major
(5m: 1088 each London, Superlative; 992 Cambridge; 960 each Bristol, Buckfastleigh; 121 com, atw)
Comp. G A A Taylor
1-2 Janet E John
3-4 Jack E Page (C)
5-6 Graham A C John
7-8 David G Maynard

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH D.A.

CARDIFF,
5, Blenheim Road
Sun 7 May 2023 2h32 (15)
5152 Yorkshire S Major
Comp. C K Lewis
1-2 Helen Phillips (C)
3-4 David A Jones
5-6 David F Moore
7-8 Matthew J Tosh
With the very best wishes of the South Wales handbell ringers to Matthew as he begins his new adventures in the Midlands.
200th handbell peal together - 1-2 and 5-6. £3.50

LLANDAFF, Cardiff,
Cathedral Court
Sun 18 Jun 2023 2h43 (15)
5040 Yorkshire S Royal
Comp. D F Morrison
1-2 Helen Phillips (C)
3-4 Richard J Clements
5-6 David A Jones
7-8 Philip D Hopkins
9-10 David F Moore
Birthday Compliment to Bob Hardy and Peter Bennett. £3.75

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

SHOREDITCH, London,
St Leonard
Sun 2 Jul 2023 2h35 (12)
5152 Spliced S Major
(23m: 224 each Abaia, Basilisk, Cerberus, Djinn, Ettin, Fenrir, Gorgon, Hydra, Incubus, Kraken, Lessness, Marshwiggie, Naiad, Ouroboros, Panserbjorn, Roc, Sphinx, Titan, Ungoliant, Valkyrie, Wyvern, Yeti, Zombie. 156 com, atw, ELD)
Comp. M B Davies
1-2 Daniel J Page
3-4 Richard A Pearce
5-6 Alex S Riley (C)
7-8 Jack E Page

SUSSEX C.A.

BROADBRIDGE HEATH, W Sussex,
Slaughter Bridge House
Tue 4 Jul 2023 2h19 (5)
5056 Cambridge S Major
Comp. C Middleton, arr H Johnson
1-2 Karen White
3-4 Margaret L Sherwood
5-6 P Jonathan Franklin
7-8 Simon Alford (C)

£4

UNIV. OF BRISTOL SOC.

BRISTOL,
Christ Church
(Ringing Chamber)
Wed 5 Jul 2023 2h21 (12)
5120 Bristol S Major
Comp. A G Reading (No. 6)
1-2 Andrew J Mitchell
3-4 Alan G Reading (C)
5-6 Julian O Howes
7-8 Matthew D Dawson
Rung as a birthday compliment to Kathy Carter for 2nd July.

YORKSHIRE ASSN

NORTHALLERTON, N Yorks,
19 The Green, Romanby
Fri 23 Jun 2023 2h26 (11)
5120 Bristol S Major
Comp. A G Reading
1-2 Peter J Sanderson
3-4 Jennifer A Town
5-6 Alex S Riley (C)
7-8 Christopher H Enzor

NORTHALLERTON, N Yorks,
19 The Green, Romanby
Fri 30 Jun 2023 2h35 (11)
5056 Spliced S Major
(7m: 768 each Bristol, Cornwall, Superlative; 736 each Cambridge, Yorkshire; 704 Lessness; 576 London. 130 com, atw)
Comp. A G Reading & M B Davies
1-2 Katherine L Town
3-4 Jennifer A Town
5-6 Alex S Riley (C)
7-8 Peter C Randall

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Holwell Dorset 4 Jun (1h38) St Laurence 2720 Doubles

1 Sam Shead, 2 Esther M Perrins, 3 Tim E Rose, 4 Melissa G Hunt, 5 James W Perrins (C). Called round after 3 tucks loosened on the tenor rope tail-end.



Oswestry, Shrops. (1 Charles Parry Close) 7 Jul, 600 Plain and Little Bob Minor: Jan Snowball 1-2, Frances Major 3-4, Richard Major (C) 5-6. 1st Spl in hand for all. **£3**

Watford, Herts. (15 Harford Drive) 5 Jul, 720 PB Minor: S Kathleen M Baldwin 1-2, Roger Baldwin (C) 3-4, Stuart Brant 5-6. Rung as a Birthday compliment to Kath. **£2**



Aldbury, Herts. 9 Jul, 2023 Spl Bob Minor (2m): Dawn Milne 1, Sarah Wilson 2, Jane Markby 3, Michael Below 4, Ian Sawford 5, Lucas J Williams (C) 6. 1st date touch: 1, 2, 3, 4 & as C. Rung with appreciation & thanks to Jane for her years of ringing at Berkhamsted. **£3**



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First quarter congratulations

Bletchington, Oxon. 28 Jun, 1320 PB Doubles: Teresa Carter 1, Judy Kirby 2, Jeremy Adams 3, Hugh Deam 4, Steve Vickers (C) 5, Mandy Jones 6. 1st Q: 6. **£6**

Boston, MA. (Christ Church, Old North) 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): John E Schreiner 1, Kathryn Lesh 2, Elaine M Hansen 3, Joshua R Burson 4, Austin J Paul (C) 5, Kyle A MacKenzie II 6. An early celebration of Independence Day. 1st at first attempt: 6, on his Birthday. **£6**

Old Woking, Surrey. 2 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Talia R Johnson 1, Isaac W Johnson (C) 2, Simon J Kitchener 3, Eliot P Johnson 4, Ruth Blackwell 5, Rachel E Johnson 6. 1st at first attempt: 1. Rung by the local band to celebrate the ordination today of Rachel Johnson as deacon, mother to 1 & 2 & wife to 4. Also rung to celebrate the 80th Birthday today of Susan Holmes, mother to 6, grandmother to 1 & 2.

Pimlico, London. (S Saviour) 26 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ines Picchioni 1, James Belshaw 2, Patricia Murray Cox 3, James Ansell 4, Stephanie Pattenden (C) 5, Roberto Salvia 6. 1st Q: 6. **£6**

Preston Plucknett, Som. 2 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Jane E Parton 1, Margaret J Bignell 2, Susan E Cave 3, Lawrence C Bignell (C) 4, James S Chapman 5, David R C Bignell 6. 1st Q: 5. For St James @ 4-00 Service. **£4**

Shiplake, Oxon. 4 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ricky Knights 1, Geoff Harvey 2, Sue Portsmouth 3, David Sullivan 4, Robert Partridge (C) 5, Pam Elliston 6. 1st Q: 1. **£6**

Witney, Oxon. 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Andrew Goldthorpe 1, Michael Probert 2, Hannah Taylor 3, Peter Norman 4, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke (C) 5, Amy Thomas 6. Rung during Witney & Woodstock Branch Firsts Fortnight. 1st Q: 6. **£6**

In Memoriam

Bicknoller, Som. 5 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Andy Winter 1, Jane Grellier 2, Guy Morgan 3, Martin J Blazey (C) 4, Derek R Smith 5, Gary Sears 6. In loving memory of Pamela Kay Parfrey, a former nurse of Williton hospital, on the celebration of 75 years of the NHS. Daughter Jane (2) also a former nurse/midwife worked 36 years for the NHS. **£3**

Bluntisham, Cambs. 16 Jun, 1344 PB Major: Marion Robinson 1, Sally Mew 2, Marina Warner 3, Roderick Johnstone 4, Vanessa E Webster 5, Edith Robinson 6, Geoff Durrant 7, Philip D Bailey (C) 8. A Birthday compliment to Derrick Bailey, father of 8 for tomorrow & remembering Richard William Shaw (Bill) Grandad of 5, who was born 16/06/1923. **£4**

Burghill, Herts. 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m/2v): Mandy Welch 1, Caroline Priestley 2, Jason M Walker 3, Kris Perruzza (C) 4, Andrew Watkins 5, Fran Watkins 6. In Memory of Clive J Watkins 1933-2023. Father of 5 & former ringer at Burghill. 1st Q in nearly 40 years: 1. Most m/v: 2.

Crowland, Lincs. 3 Jul, 1260 St Guthlac Doubles: Elaine Wilkinson 1, David Banks (C) 2, Diana Street 3, Andrew Christie 4, Stuart Weston 5, Julian Burton 6. Rung after the memorial service of ringer Josephine Snow (27/8/1947 - 31/5/2023). Much loved by family, friends & the the ringing community at St Guthlac's. Also remembering Christine Posnett who died 25 years ago today. **£6**

Frensham, Surrey. (S Mary V) 3 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): Stuart J Marshall 1, Anne E Aitken 2, Brenda A Mayle 3, Harry S Glover (C) 4, Stuart A Aitken (C) 5, Paul R Marshall 6. Jointly conducted by 4 & 5. Rung in memory of Eric Headleand, a ringer & long-term supporter of ringing in Frensham & other nearby towers, on the day of his funeral. **£6**

Kirk Ella, ER Yorks. 2 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Michael J Hastings 1, Jenny M Hastings 2, Rosina M Baxter 3, Ann Hughes 4, Karen A Lane 5, Simon Plows 6, Michael J de C Henshaw (C) 7, James E Blackburn 8. To celebrate fifty years since Michael Henshaw's first bellringing lesson at Fyfield, Essex on 2nd July 1973. Remembering, with gratitude, Stan Clark (1903-1994) & Roger Burberry (1946-2005) who taught him to ring. Leaving church on Sunday morning, Mr Clark asked "how old are you, Michael?" "Twelve?" Then it is about time for you to learn to ring. Come to the bell tower tomorrow at 7:30". There was no question of not complying. It led to fifty years of meeting great people, attempting great challenges & having great fun. I am grateful that bellringing has shaped so much of my life & led to so many friendships. Michael was Ringing Master at Kirk Ella for sixteen years during the 1980s & 90s. **£16**

Netherbury, Dorset. 8 Jul, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Pl Doubles: Mark D Symonds 1, Roger V Smith 2, Andy Waring 3, Gareth R Evans 4, Harry Murley (C) 5, Gareth S Down 6. Rung in memory of Graham Hawkins, ringer here since the age of 9 & Tower Captain of 30+ years. 30/04/1950 - 05/06/2023. **£3**

Norwich, Norfolk. (S Giles-on-the-Hill) 8 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Clare Grant 1, Catherine Sturgess (C) 2, Belinda R Maas 3, Debbie Spinks 4, Ian Soe-Wright 5, John Marsters 6, Kaeko Tozawa 7, Kristopher Harper-Allison 8. Rung in memory of Caroline Corbould who passed away on 9 June this year. She was a ringer at St Giles & the Ladies Guild. Michael Sheldon & Mark Alexander would like to be associated with this performance. 'Remembering many happy times with Caroline & the band at St Giles. May she now rest in eternal peace.' - Mark Alexander. 'You will be missed & fondly remembered.' - Michael Sheldon. **£8**

Pickering, N Yorks. 2 Jul, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Karen Hindley 1, Jane Boyd 2, Gerry Bacon 3, Teresa M Jones 4, Alan Boyd 5, Ian Burrows (C) 6, Anne Deebank 7, Martin R Hall 8. For Evensong & in memory of Sarah Sissons, friend & ex-neighbour of 7 & neighbour of 2 & 5, who died tragically on 25 June. 1st as C. **£8**

Scarcliffe, Derbys. 7 Jul, 1280 Kent TB Major: Neil A Westman 1, Gillian E Hughes 2, Anne E Westman 3, Christopher J Idle 4, Jonathan Hallowes 5, Alec Humphrey (C) 6, Robert Radford 7, Chris Richards 8. 1st TB: 5. Rung in memory of Jonathan's grandmother, Norma Lettie Watkins. **£4**

Shanklin, IoW. (S Saviour on the Cliff) 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (6p/m): Caroline May 1, Rodney Downer 2, Barry Downer 3, Margaret Downer 4, Kieran Downer (C) 5, Jan Hookey 6. Rung in memory of Sandra Hoskins, former churchwarden, whose funeral was held here on Friday.

Toft, Cambs. 29 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Sharon Williams 1, Sarah Coogan 2, Rebecca Glazier 3, Elaine Woolward 4, Sally Mew 5, Janet Garnett (C) 6. Rung by members of the Ladies' Guild in memoriam Caroline Corbould, Guild member from Norwich, who died on 9th June 2023. **£3**

Tollesbury, Essex. 7 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: John E Steed 1, Hazel Steed 2, Vicki L Chapman 3, Yvonne A Towler 4, Andrew R C Kelso 5, David M Hengeli 6, Colin F Chapman 7, James L Towler (C) 8. In memory of Robert W Leavett, former Tower Captain, who died 30yrs ago today & of Kate Leavett who died 20yrs ago. A Birthday compliment today to their Son Arthur who, with his wife Diane, came & listened to the Q.

Waltham Abbey, Essex. 2 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Victoria Richards 1, Susan John 2, Jane Walters (C) 3, Ben Gaigher 4, Oliver C Lee 5, Hilary C Walls 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank MacNeill, Chairman of the Friends of Waltham Abbey Church, who died on Wednesday, 28th June. The ringers would like to express their gratitude for the support of the Friends, under Frank's leadership, in the recasting of 6 & 7 bells. **£6**

Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear. 2 Jul, 1320 PB Doubles: Vivienne Miller 1, E Alyson Kerr 2, Karen Dickinson (C) 3, David J Hamby 4, Howard E J Smith 5, Marie Dixon 6. 1st at first attempt: 1. In loving memory of Alan Barber who died 2 years ago & who is sadly missed. **£6**

Wymondham, Norfolk. (Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin & St Thomas a Becket) 8 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Caroline L Brown 1, David J Ward 2, Teresa Doggett 3, Hayden J Charles 4, Anthony G Sargent 5, David R Carter (C) 6. Rung in memory of James Quigley, on his Birthday. James died in tragic circumstances in Ipswich earlier this year. **£6**

Stanton Harcourt. (S Michael (Churchyard)) 2 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Toby Goss 1-2, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 3-4, Lorna Curtis (C) 5-6. Rung to celebrate the life of Nigel Eagle, who rang in Stanton Harcourt for over 50 years, nearly 40 of them as Tower Captain. 1st as C in hand. **£3**

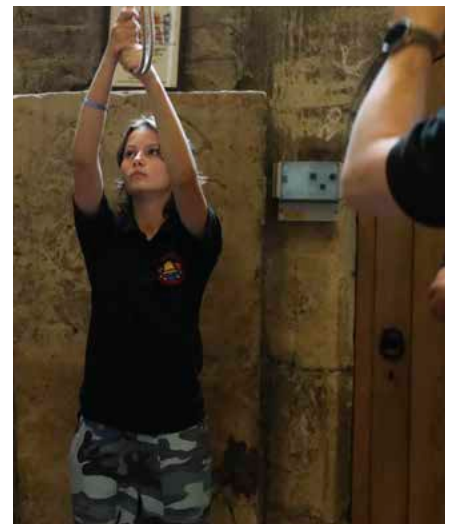
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Methods named

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

Ashbocking, Suffolk. 23 Jun, 1260 Anything Bob Minor: Stephen Christian 1, Jenny Scase 2, Robert Scase 3, Clem Day 4, Phil Day 5, Tom Scase (C) 6. 1st Q in m. Anything Bob Minor: x14x16x56x16x14x le 12 163425. 1st Minor: 4. Rung with the band's best wishes to Clem Day for his forthcoming 15th Birthday. **£6**

Rising to the challenge: We set our roving photographers a challenge to follow the teams around York and capture action shots of the ringing – never an easy task. Thank you to them for capturing such a variety, including some of the team reserves. In the centre, Worcester's Lizzy Tennant pulls off the Minster tenor (Neil Thomas); clockwise from top left: Sussex (Richard Horton), Surrey (Roger Lawson), Berks & Bucks (Quinn Chen), Norfolk (Neil Thomas), Durham & Newcastle (Quinn Chen), Winchester & Portsmouth (Quinn Chen), and finally a Lancashire Lad (Richard Horton) and a Maid of Kent (Richard Horton)



RWINNYC

Ringing World National Youth Contest

The 2023 York teams

Ringers named clockwise from front right.
Photographs presented in draw order.

Method ringing All Saints Huntington

Photographs by
Chris Wright



Oxford Diocesan Guild Plain Bob Doubles
1 Lewis Knowles, 2 Dominic Ellis, 3 Daniel Watson, 4 Simon Lee, 5 Sara Jones (C), 6 Isaac Davies



W&P Youths Plain Bob Doubles
1 Ellen Barber, 2 Erin Ingram, 3 Stephen Wise, 4 Isla Ingram, 5 Peter Maddams (C), 6 Mitchell Reeves



Leics Bellfoundry Foxes Plain Hunt on 5
1 Tom Bullock, 2 Kiera Boylan, 3 Dexter Deackes, 4 Lewis Benfield (C), 5 Morgan Williams, 6 Joe Green



Yorkshire Tykes Plain Bob Triples
1 Finlay Kemp, 2 Francis Town, 3 Alex Johnson, 4 Charlie Thorpe, 5 Francis Gilruth, 6 Harry Helyer, 7 Noah McDermott (C), 8 Rob Carr



The G&B Plain Hunt on 7
1 Daisy Judson, 2 Megan Dawson-Phillips, 3 Toby Hicks, 4 William Roberts, 5 Evelyn Smith, 6 Ivan Barritt (C), 7 Andrew Woods, 8 William Hunter



Lancs Lads and Lasses Plain Bob Doubles
1 Elle Buttery, 2 James Turner, 3 Jayden Milby, 4 Will James, 5 Ellis Hollows (C), 6 Alex Gardner



Surrey Strikers Grandsire Doubles
1 Luke Laphorn, 2 Fraser Storie (C), 3 Patrick Hughes, 4 Thomas Ashwin-Siejkowski, 5 Dominic Johnson, 6 Reuben Willoughby



Essex Young Eagles Plain Bob Doubles
1 Charlie Smith, 2 Sarah Robbins, 3 Ryan Faulkner-Hatt, 4 Hannah Brooks, 5 Lucas Owen (C), 6 Emily Willson

Call change ringing St Lawrence

Photographs by
Richard Horton
and Arthur Reeves



Sussex Young Ringers
1 Katherine Quigley, 2 Michael Shaw (C), 3 Jonathan Martin, 4 Samuel Canning, 5 Luca Greenslade, 6 Pippa Cooper, 7 Francesco Greenslade, 8 Moses Cooper



Bath and Wells
1 Finlay Totterdell, 2 Jack Higby, 3 Leanna Elton, 4 Melissa Hunt (C), 5 Igi Waugaman Reed, 6 Paddy Sowter, 7 Martha Allison, 8 Sam Elton



Bucks and Berks Young Ringers

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



Go Bellistic!

1 Conni Cottingham, 2 Ben van Alstede, 3 Oscar van Alstede, 4 Ben Avery, 5 Robert McGrane (C), 6 Pippa Humphries-Smith



W&P Youths

1 Erin Halder, 2 Lauren Kidd, 3 Oliver Maddams (C), 4 Evan Pearce, 5 Charlotte Mossop, 6 Emily Burslam, 7 Katherine Wilkins, 8 Sam Mariott



Kent Young Ringers

1 Callum Clark, 2 Charlotte Elvers, 3 Edward Steele, 4 Hannah Cargill Thompson, 5 James Steele, 6 Ellen Jones (C)



Yorkshire Tykes

1 Amelia Johnson, 2 Erin Swinton, 3 Jayden Newton, 4 Alfie Swinton, 5 Sophie McCoy, 6 George Rees (C), 7 Dylan Smith, 8 Isaac Bleything



Durham and Newcastle Young Ringers

1 Joseph Stewart, 2 Paisley Cater, 3 Abbie Englund, 4 Isaac Cairns, 5 Joel Cairns, 6 Robert Wallace (C)



Brumdingers

1 Elizabeth Wilby, 2 Charlie Linford (C), 3 Max Earthquake, 4 Sara Paulson, 5 James Ellis, 6 Thomas Healy, 7 Orson Gee, 8 Susan Webb



Nottinghamshire Young Ringers

1 Ethan Smith, 2 Lucy Wignell, 3 Samuel Wignell, 4 Harry Simmonds, 5 Hannah Garfoot, 6 Owen Peters (C)



Derbyshire Young Ringers

1 Edward Angrave, 2 Jennifer Peckham (C), 3 Toby Hughes, 4 Edward Cotton, 5 Freddie Robertson, 6 Isabella Dunworth, 7 Reece Johnstone, 8 Jayden Kerry



Lincolnshire Poachers

1 Suzanne Timms, 2 Mia Bradford, 3 Ella Broomhead, 4 Toby Walker, 5 Tom White, 6 Archie Randall Williams, 7 William Carter (C), 8 Elizabeth Cooleye



Ely Fen Tigers

1 Daisy Wilkes, 2 Hannah Probert, 3 Anna White, 4 John Mark McCrae, 5 Oliver Probert, 6 Brinley Wilkes (C)



Norfolk Young Ringers

1 Jamie Watson (C), 2 Arthur Pearce, 3 Morwenna Johns, 4 Benjamin Davies, 5 Brandon Warman, 6 Ben Curtis



Coventry Spires

1 Oliver Poulton, 2 Zack Poulton (C), 3 Henry Jones, 4 Barnaby McNeil, 5 Harriet Ward, 6 Ethan Smith, 7 Noah Poulton, 8 Oswald Bryan



Worcester Cathedral

1 Kelise Hamilton (C), 2 Rachel Bagley (C), 3 Hattie Bird, 4 Hattie Clayton (C), 5 Thomas Wedgwood Pound, 6 Sam Trigger, 7 Christopher Hartley, 8 Lizzy Tennant



Young@Herts

1 Thomas Groves, 2 Nicholas Groves, 3 Jack Sambridge, 4 Louisa Haynes, 5 Chris Gill, 6 Joseph Soden, 7 Lucas Williams (C), 8 Toby Hornberger

What makes a successful young ringers weekend?



The now annual W&P Youths ringers camping trip started in 2019 when RWNYC was held in Liverpool. As it was too far to complete the return journey in a day, one of the parents suggested that we should arrange to camp overnight. The W&P Youths were happy with the suggestion, and this has now become a part of the RWNYC weekend, with further weekends in Worcester, Exeter, and most recently York. I am not sure that all the accompanying parents are of the same mind about camping – but then this is a weekend for the Youth ringers.

The last few RWNYC weekends have served to cement the bonds between the W&P Youths, and word is spreading around the W&P Guild that our monthly youth practices are worth getting involved in. We have an established core of about 25 young ringers of varying abilities, from starting to ring call changes up to Spliced Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques. It is great to see the encouragement that the older ringers give to the newer members of the W&P Youth ringers, and to see them running practices themselves. All that the adult organisers need to do is to supply the flapjacks, cookies and brownies, and to be present to ensure no safety concerns arise.

Preparations for York started months ago. We realised in about September 2022 that we were likely to have enough ringers available to enter two bands in the 2023 contest in York, a huge achievement. Our more established youths decided early on that they would prefer to enter a six bell method ringing band, having been the only eight-bell method band at Exeter. However, there was a desire to also have an eight-bell band in preparation for RWNYC, possibly returning to an all eight-bell format in the future, and to get as many youth ringers involved as possible.

We tried to fit in one or two rings for potential competition bands at our monthly practices from September onwards, trying to work out the best band placing, in particular who was most likely to be steady on the tenor and treble, and who was most steady on bells that move around the most in the test piece. The call change band members come from six different towers across four districts of the W&P Guild, with ages ranging from 11 to 18.

The method ringing band mostly picked itself, with the band ringing together at least monthly, and often at other regular practices in between. Most of them have known each other for a number of years, and get on well as a group. Mitchell (in his first year at RWNYC) was a great addition to the method band, being a steady tenor ringer for the doubles band (although he has regularly demonstrated an ability to ring far more). The method ringing band members come from five different towers across four of the Guild's districts, including one from offshore (Isle of Wight), with ages ranging from 12 to 17.

In addition to regular practices, a number of the RWNYC squad went to the South East England Contest (SEECON) at the start of April. Although the band rang some well struck call changes, it was unfortunate that they rang too few changes, and were penalised. Still, a valuable lesson learnt for the future, and one that probably helped to contribute to the outcome at York.

The support from the W&P Guild in the lead-up to RWNYC has been fantastic. The Guild has provided sufficient funding for practices, and has provided funding to have HawkEar installed in a couple of additional towers used by the youth band – it's good to see the band staring at a computer screen working what small changes they can make to improve their overall score next time. The Guild has also been involved in fundraising for the youth team, with one district holding a dinner (with the W&P Youths waiting table) followed by dancing (with some of the Youths taking the lead) to music played by the Zig-Zag band from Selbourne. W&P Youths are rightly seen as the future in W&P. In the few weeks before RWNYC we were holding weekly practices, and it is credit to the dedication of the teams that they were happy to come along, and that parents were willing to bring them, in one case even having to use the Isle of Wight ferry for each practice.

And so to the weekend in York. Seven of the squad had rung in the competition at least once before, four had previously been reserves, and three were at RWNYC for the first time. Plus we had three recent retirees with the team to provide moral support, and even met up with another previous team member who was stewarding at the call change competition tower. A great turn out! It was fantastic to see how the relationships within the group developed over the weekend, and to see the newer members of the band becoming firmly established.

Our call change band achieved the best result we have ever had in that competition – well done to them. Oliver, conducting in his first competition in the band, ensured that the changes were called

accurately, and that there were enough changes rung. I was really proud of them, and with six of the band still able to ring next year we look forward to a bright future.

Our method band exceeded expectations. By their own admission, they didn't ring as well as they had done in practice a couple of weeks before. For me personally, the best part of the day was seeing the pleasure on the method band's faces when Lancashire Lads & Lasses were announced as coming second, meaning W&P Youths were first. And five of the six can come back next year!

As has become customary for this band since 2018, we repeated our annual photo spelling out the team name, but with less success than normal.

The camaraderie among the squad is evident in the traditional spelling out of W&P (left) and in their happy faces below.



By Sunday morning, I am not sure the previous day's result had really sunk in. The young ringers still had huge smiles on their faces. One member of the band commented that she had slept wearing her medal so she didn't lose it. The Whitechapel Trophy was placed on a table by one of our tents for all to see. The team were overjoyed at their unexpected success.

As anyone involved in youth ringing knows, the success of the youth ringers can't happen without massive support from parents, grandparents, ringing teachers, tower captains, retired youths who come back to help out, camp site bookers, and the wider Guild.

And so to London next year. Planning starts soon. Many of the young ringers have already expressed a desire to camp out before and after RWNYC 2024, even though we are close enough to London that we don't need to. I think we know someone with a big enough garden!

Youth Ringing is looking good in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Long may it continue.

ANDY INGRAM
W&P Youth Coordinator

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Overton, Hants. (Lordsfield Gardens) 3 Jul, **1268 Spl Major (16m):** Abel (C) 1-2-3-4-5-6, David A Holmes 7-8. Rung on real handbells 7-8 with Abel using recordings of our other handbells. Overton Little Place Major: x.18.x.18.78.16 LE:18. **£2**

Wootton Wawen, Warks. (NB Thistle) 2 Jul, **1296 Glauring Treble PI Minimus:** Elliot J Daniel (C) 1-2, Luke Daniel 3-4. Glauring Treble Place Minimus: -14-14-14-14-14.12.34.12.14-12. **£2**

York. (City Wall, by North Eastern Railways War Memorial) 8 Jul, **1296 Jörmungandr Treble PI Minimus:** Elliot J Daniel (C) 1-2, Luke Daniel 3-4. Good luck to everyone ringing in the RWNVC today. Jörmungandr Treble Place Minimus: 34.14-14-14-14-14-34.14.12. **£2**

Miscellaneous performances in Memoriam

Checkendon, Oxon. 20 Jun, 88 Tolling: Stephen S Russ 8. Tenor bell rung open prior to the interment of ashes in this churchyard of Ronald Keith Russ (20/6/34 - 25/1/23), just yards away from the tower where he learnt to ring. RIP Dad. **£1**

Miscellaneous performances

Morpeth, Northumb. 7 Jul, 552 Cambridge S Minor: Val Cowan 1, Monica Menis 2, Linda Perkins 3, Simon White 4, John Markham 5, Christopher Teasdale (C) 6. 1st TB at first attempt: 1.

General quarters

Acton, Middx. (S Mary) 2 Jul, 1260 Gainsborough Little Bob Major: Bjorn E Bradstock 1, Michael Leese 2, Bridget Campbell 3, Vikki E M Bulbeck 4, Caleb Saunders 5, Marc McDonald 6, Roderic Bickerton 7, James White (C) 8. After morning service. 1st in m: 3,4,5,6. 50th Q on this bell as C.

Alderney, Channel Is. (The Channel Islands Ringing Centre) 4 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Alexis Martin 1, Aileen Wilson 2, June Banister (C) 3, Helen M McGregor 4, Peter J R Bevis 5, Sally A Vos 6. **£3**

Appleton, Oxon. (S Laurence) 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara H Payne 1, Sarah J Ockwell 2, Michele Winter 3, Craig M Robertson 4, Peter H M Day 5, David C Ockwell (C) 6, Robin O Hall 7, Bernard J Stone 8. Farewell to Philip Parker on his last Sunday as Rector of Appleton.

Ashbocking, Suffolk. 26 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Elizabeth Cristian 1, Tracey Scase 2, Mervyn Scase 3, Robert Scase 4, Stephen Christian 5, Tom Scase (C) 6. **£6**

Awbridge, Hants. 7 Jul, 1312 Spl S Major (4m): Colin J Butler 1, Daniel Graham 2, Roy LeMarechal 3, John A Dodd 4, William T Perrins 5, Mary-Kate Wells 6, Alistair K C Brown (C) 7, Oliver B Chaloner 8. 100th on the bells: 7. **£4**

Bardwell, Suffolk. 5 Jul, 1280 Rutland S Major: Gareth Davies 1, David R Carter 2, Nikki R Thomas 3, Deborah Blumfield 4, Joshua M Watkins 5, Christine C L Seaman 6, Lesley H M Boyle (C) 7, Ruth Suggett 8. **£8**

Barnard Castle, Durham. 5 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Caroline Piercy 1, Davina Tomlinson 2, Helen L Scott 3, Robert Sinclair 4, John R Welch (C) 5, Simon Froom 6. Rung on the back 6 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the NHS. Also a 60th Birthday compliment to Debby Owen for tomorrow. **£6**

Barrow upon Humber, Lincs. 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Zena Robertson 1, Patricia A Donnelly 2, Catherine S Knight 3, Mark Giddings 4, Barry F Peachey (C) 5, Paul D Wilkinson 6. Rung after a Service of Holy Baptism. 200th Q on the bells since the augmentation project in 2007.

Barrow upon Humber, Lincs. 7 Jul, 1260 Half-Lead Spl Plain Minor (2m): Patricia A Donnelly 1, Rhona I H McEune 2, A Debbie Scarf 3, Charles W J Macrorie 4, Mark Giddings 5, Barry F Peachey (C) 6. 1st Half-Lead Spl: 3,4,5. Rung immediately following the wedding of Joshua & Kaisa Ross.

Biton, Warks. (S Mark) 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Gerry F H Allen 1, Sally A Idle 2, David Price 3, Andrew Barker 4, Christopher J Idle (C) 5, Charles Adams 6. Farewell compliment to Revd Tim Cockell as he takes up a new position as Associate Archdeacon in the Diocese of Coventry. **£3**

Blackburn, Lancs. (Cathedral) 2 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Charlotte Ferguson 1, Peter Booth 2, Andy Cope 3, Laura Robinson 4, Bob Moody (C) 5, Adrian N West 6. 1st inside: 2. Rung on the front six prior to Choral Evensong. **£3**

Bletchingham, Oxon. 5 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Bridget Taylor 1, Alison Lee 2, Julie Minch 3, Janet Bond 4, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke (C) 5, Heather Horner 6. Rung to mark 75 years of the National Health Service, with 5 of the band having worked in the NHS for a combined total of 130 years. 1st for the Ladies Guild: 2,3. **£6**

Bournemouth, Dorset. (Sacred Heart) 7 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Kim Matthews 1, Tim Martin 2, Richard Picker 3, Peter B Murdoch-Saint 4, Ross A Bradley (C) 5, Lester Buckley 6. Rung on the Eve of the Ordination of Brother Francisco Hintikka which is to take place at Portsmouth Cathedral tomorrow. Also to mark the 40th anniversary of the DCA. **£5**

Bromborough, Wirral. 5 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Joanne L Dowson 1, Tony Fox 2, Laura Lindley 3, S David Speechley 4, Gillian S Caulfield-Pleavin 5, Steven W Hughes (C) 6, Randle T J Tinkler 7, Carl B McCarthy 8. Rung to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the NHS. **£8**

Burton, Ches. (S Nicholas) 5 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Andrew Jobson 1, Helen S Mitchell 2, Jane E Davies 3, Gillian S Caulfield-Pleavin 4, Nicholas Thomson 5, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the NHS. All of the band are thankful for our health service & are only able to ring because of the superb service we all received. **£6**

Burwell, Cambs. 4 Jul, 1280 Bristol S Major: Sue Marsden 1, Patricia Cresshull 2, Dee F Smith 3, Lesley Boyle 4, Nick Elks 5, Joan Garrett 6, Alistair Donaldson 7, Ian Cresshull (C) 8. Rung on Golden Oldies QP Day (2/2). **£8**

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. 18 Jun, 1280 Bristol S Major: Brian E Whiting (C) 1, Andrew R Stone 2, Michael J Cowling 3, Clare L Veal 4, Joan Garrett 5, Thomas G Scase 6, Timothy P Hart 7, Rowan P Wilson 8. For Evensong. **£8**

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. 5 Jul, 1376 Suffolk S Major: Brian E Whiting 1, Joan Garrett 2, Clare L Veal 3, Timothy P Hart 4, Simon A Rudd (C) 5, Michael J Cowling 6, James S Croft 7, Rowan P Wilson 8. For Anita Rooney's first Eucharist as Celebrant. **£8**

Bushey, Herts. 7 Jul, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Nicky J Smith 1, Deirdre R Watson 2, Roger Baldwin (C) 3, Stuart Brant 4, Robert Tregillus 5, Andrew M Reeve 6, Brian C Watson 7, Brian D Crawley 8. Rung to celebrate Kath Baldwin's 91st Birthday. **£8**

Caverswall, Staffs. 3 Jul, 1320 S Minor (2m): Margaret Simpson 1, John W Pollard 2, David W Jack 3, Raymond H Daw 4, Malcolm Quimby (C) 5, Tim Ward 6. **£6**

Charton Kings, Glos. 2 Jul, 1282 Kent TB Major: Roy Williams 1, Sandra Alford 2, Will Bishop 3, Jeremy Alford 4, Ray Talbot 5, Hilda Ridley 6, Quentin Jackson (C) 7, Simon Ridley 8. 1st on 8: 3. Farewell to Will who will begin his University course in September.

Chester. (Cathedral) 2 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Valerie M Beecroft 1, Gillian S Caulfield-Pleavin 2, David T G Jones (C) 3, Joanne L Dowson 4, Carl McCarthy 5, S David Speechley 6, Tim Shorman 7, Randle T J Tinkler 8, Peter W Robson 9, Gavin E Price 10. Rung for Evensong & to wish Dawn Ferguson (née Tinkler) & Riley Ferguson a Happy Birthday for today. **£10**

Chester. (Cathedral) 3 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Helen S Mitchell 1, Helena E Barker 2, Lynda Hine 3, Randle T J Tinkler 4, J David Adams 5, Peter W H Barker (C) 6. 1st S: 2. Rung to celebrate the 95th Birthday of Joan K Jones, mother of Lynda. **£6**

Christchurch, Dorset. (Priory Church of the Holy Trinity) 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Stella James 1, Margaret Cobb 2, Rosemary Rogers (C) 3, Mary-Kate Wells 4, Tony Webster 5, Robert Skerten 6. Compliment to the Revd Samuel Duckhouse on his Ordination to the Priesthood at Winchester Cathedral on Saturday, 1st July 2023. 1st as cover: 6. **£5**

Church Hanborough, Oxon. 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): Michael Probert 1, Zoë White 2, Susan H Rhodes 3, Lorna Curtis 4, Richard E White (C) 5, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 6. Rung for Evensong. 100th together: 4,6. Congratulations to Zoe on completing her BSc in Social Work. **£6**

City of London. (S Mary le Bow) 8 Jul, 1257 Stedman Cinques: Adam A Brady 1, Elizabeth A Orme 2, George Unsworth 3, Jadd Virji 4, Catherine E Hampson 5, Jonathan J Nash 6, Michael A Williams 7, Thomas F Lawrence (C) 8, David I Bassford 9, Luke T W Smith 10, Phillip M Orme 11, David F Perkins 12. **£12**

Coaley, Glos. 30 Jun, 1280 Doubles (13m/v): Carole O'Donnell 1, Matthew Lorkin 2, Pam May 3, David Rayner 4, Terry Chivers (C) 5, Robin Screen 6. Rung to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary, this day, of Philip & Olga Downes. Olga is a long serving member of the church choir. Conducted with 50 calls, one for each year of marriage. Also to celebrate the 26th Wedding Anniversary of the treble ringer on the 28th of the month. **£6**

Coddenham, Suffolk. 26 Jun, 1280 Suffolk S Major: Brian E Whiting (C) 1, Gillian M Sparling 2, David L Sparling 3, Joan Garrett 4, Michael J Cowling 5, David I Stanford 6, Rowan P Wilson 7, Simon A Rudd 8. **£8**

Cranleigh, Surrey. 2 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Rachel Russell 1, Andrea Young 2, Margie Nursey 3, Peter Russell 4, Stephen Darvill (C) 5, Graham Lucas 6. Rung for the service of a Celebration of Ministries: The 30th anniversary of Roy Woodhams - Rector of Cranleigh - Ordination to the Priesthood, The Retirement of Revd Peter Poole & The Ordination of Revd Erik Heemskerck.

Derby. (S Luke) 6 Jul, 1280 Spl S Major (8m): Martin Whiteley 1, Evie Newton 2, Kit Bardsley 3, Roy Meads 4, Paul Jopp 5, Philip Graves (C) 6, Christian Peckham 7, James Perrins 8. Contrary to popular belief, the bells are ringable & available. **£8**

Derby. (S Peter) 7 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Tristan Lockheart 1, Lynda Greaves 2, Corinne Shelton 3, Steve Harpham 4, Alan Rowe (C) 5, Bernard Taylor 6. 1st away from cover: 1. Rung on the middle six using the simulator. **£3**

Dulverton, Som. 29 May, 1312 Bristol S Major: Alison D Orchard 1, Gillian Eastwood 2, Ruth Blackwell 3, Anne S Pratt 4, Jeremy R Pratt 5, Nigel R D Orchard 6, Paul E Biblo 7, Richard A Pearce (C) 8. **£8**

Earl Stanham, Suffolk. 2 Jun, 1260 Doubles (1p/4m): Mervyn Scase 1, Tracey Scase 2, Robert Scase 3, Stephen Christian 4, Tom Scase (C) 5, Claire Whiting 6. **£6**

Edith Weston, Rutland. 2 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Taliya Rubendran 1, David Banks 2, Deborah Bray 3, Andrew Christie 4, Stuart Weston (C) 5, Julian Burton 6. Rung to mark the 100th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells. The landlord of Wheatsheaf along with local blacksmith under took the re hanging of the (existing 3) bells in a new oak frame. John, the current landlord, joined us & had a quick lesson in bell handling. It was also the 300th anniversary of the installation of the tenor from the Henry Penn foundry in Peterborough. Following the Q we celebrated at Jean & Andrew's as it was the 78th Birthday of Andrew Tinsley. 1st in m inside: 3. **£6**

Enfield, London. (S Andrew) 6 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Eleanor Hunt 1, Ruth Jakeman 2, Lucas Owen 3, Cathryn Hunt 4, Martin Sutcliffe 5, Christopher Travin 6, Stephen Jakeman (C) 7, Craig Ward of Lundie 8. 1st Triples inside: 4. A 90th Birthday compliment to Tom Foard, a former Tower Captain & Steeple Keeper at this tower, rung on the day of his Birthday. **£8**

Exeter, Devon. (Cathedral) 4 Jun, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Charlotte A Boyce 1, Peter L Bill 2, Andrew P Digby 3, Kevin J Skillings 4, James Kirkcaldy 5, John R Martin (C) 6. Rung for Sunday service.

Exeter, Devon. (Cathedral) 29 Jun, 1265 Stedman Caters: Susan Sparling 1, Wendy Campbell 2, Sue Sawyer 3, Peter Bill 4, Phil Dunn 5, James Kirkcaldy 6, Ian Smith 7, David Hird 8, Matthew Hilling (C) 9, Ian Avery 10, Ian Campbell 10. Rung on the back ten for St Peter's Day. **£5.50**

Exeter, Devon. (Cathedral) 2 Jul, 1360 London No 3 S Royal: Patricia Slade 1, Peter Bill 2, Sue Sawyer 3, Jo Franklin 4, Kevin Skillings 5, Charlotte Boyce 6, Oliver Coldrick 7, James Kirkcaldy 8, John Martin 9, Matthew Hilling (C) 10. On the Jubilee 10 for Choral Eucharist. **£5**

Fordham, Cambs. 4 Jul, 1280 Cornwall S Major: Patricia Cresshull 1, Sue Marsden 2, Dee F Smith 3, Joan Garrett 4, Lesley Boyle 5, Alistair Donaldson 6, Ian Cresshull 7, Nick Elks (C) 8. 1st in m: 3. Rung on Golden Oldies QP Day (1/2) with the bands very best wishes to member Liz Griffith-Jones for a speedy recovery. **£8**

Frensham, Surrey. (S Mary V) 7 Jul, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Anne E Aitken 1, Brenda A Mayle 2, Harry S Glover 3, Stuart A Aitken 4, John G Young 5, Oliver R Hall (C) 6. Rung to mark the C's retirement from full-time teaching. **£6**

Frinted, Kent. 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Graham Cuthbert 1, Kate Bispham 2, Richard Bushell 3, Tim Ford 4, Barry Roberts (C) 5, Mike Eldrett 6. For Evensong. **£6**

Geddington, Northants. 29 Jun, 1296 Annable's London S Minor: Colin Ashworth 1, Liz Reading 2, Steve Millington 3, Andrew Gunstone 4, Thomas Coulter-Brophy 5, Alistair Donaldson (C) 6. 1st in m: 5. **£4.50**

Gloucester. (Cathedral) 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Caters: Karen Whyatt 1, Reg Hitchings 2, Isabel Hitchings 3, David Lord 4, John Simms 5, Andrew D Evans (C) 6, Tony Natt 7, John Gibson 8, Rachel Coates 9, Anthony Stick 10. Rung for Evensong.

Grappenhall, Ches. 2 Jul, 1260 PB Royal: Peter Wilkinson 1, Linda M Thomson 2, Michael Thomson 3, Alison K C Collins 4, Andrew M Roberts 5, Ealish M Green 6, Graeme A Littler 7, Iain D Scott 8, Simon Taylor 9, Nicholas Thomson (C) 10. To celebrate the ordination as Deacon of Kate Pwaisiho at Stockton Heath yesterday & to welcome her to Grappenhall as our curate. 1st Royal: 6. **£10**

Greatford, Lincs. 3 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Kay Maddison Green 1, Joan Payne 2, Lois M Webb 3, Julian van Geersdaele 4, James E Benner 5, Alan G Payne (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the 80th Birthday of Anne Maddison. **£6**

Hailsham, E Sussex. 2 Jul, 1260 1p/9m Doubles: Sandra M Titherly 1, Hilary F Smith 2, Ann F Wright 3, Samuel P R Canning (C) 4, Alan D Pink 5, John G Canning 6. For Evensong. **£4.50**

Halesworth, Suffolk. 2 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Philip Gorrod (C) 1, Erika Clarke 2, Hilary Stearn 3, Kate Gill 4, Chrissie Pickup 5, Mike Cowling 6, Nick Hughes 7, John Pardoe 8. 1st on 8 inside: 2.

Hawley, Hants. (Ss Peter & Paul) 5 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: Roger A Barber 1, Julia Brunt 2, Ellen R Barber 3, Anita A Regin 4, Luca G Greenlade 5, Neil M Thomas 6, Francesco P Greenlade (C) 7, John Regin 8. 1st Triples inside: 3. **£3**

Herriard, Hants. 4 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Betty Rice 1, Claire Allen 2, Pete Jordan 3, Greg Jordan (C) 4, Steve Lutener 5, Mike Rice 6. Rung to celebrate the ordination as priest of Ed Haycock, curate in the Basingstoke Team parish, at Winchester Cathedral on Saturday 1st July. **£6**

High Ercall, Shrops. 7 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Christopher W Hoare 1, Madeline J Harris 2, Sue Perry 3, Elizabeth S Menhinick 4, Cordelia Warr (C) 5, Anthony J Freemont 6. To celebrate the Birthday today of Diana Warr, mother of the C. **£6**

Hornchurch, Essex. 2 Jul, 1280 Spl S Major (12m): Colin Friend 1, Helen J Carter 2, M Louise Booth 3, Clive J Stephenson 4, Jonathan R Slack 5, Andrew P Barham 6, Adrian C Malton (C) 7, Matthew E Rayner 8. For Evening Prayer. Most methods: 2,4,5,6. **£4**

Horringer, Suffolk. 6 Jul, 1260 Doubles (4m): Martin J Kirk 1, Deborah A J Blumfield 2, Maurice J Rose 3, Sally E V Crouch 4, Joshua M Watkins (C) 5, Jane Watson 6. 1st as cover: 6. **£6**

Houghton, Cambs. (S Mary) 19 May, 1320 Bourne S Minor: Marion Robinson 1, Marina Warner 2, Sally Mew 3, Roderick Johnstone 4, Edith Robinson 5, Philip D Bailey (C) 6. Rung on St Dunstan's Day. **£3**

Isham, Northants. 15 Jun, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Janet Donaldson 1, Colin Ashworth 2, Mark Webb 3, Thomas Coulter-Brophy 4, David Dainty 5, Alistair Donaldson (C) 6. 1st in m: 5. **£4.50**

Keele, Staffs. (Woodlands) 5 Jul, 1440 S Minor (2m): Josie Martin 1, Harold Dowler 2, Phil Gay 3, Stefan Zientek 4, Steve Horton 5, Michael Wilshaw (C) 6. Rung to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the foundation of the National Health Service.

Kensington, London. (S Mary Abbots) 25 Jun, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: James Ansell 1, Stephanie Pattenden (C) 2, Catherine Hampson 3, Andrew Hodgson 4, Peter Blight 5, Caleb Saunders 6, Paul Daybell 7, David Holdridge 8, Laurence Bourton 9, Murray-Luke Peard 10. For Evensong. 1st Royal: 1.

Knowle, W Mids. (S John Bapt, St Lawrence, & St Anne) 2 Jul, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Rowena Shipley 1, Richard Andrew 2, Sand J Cooper 3, Charles Hayward 4, John Gwynne 5, Stephen Shipley (C) 6. For the evening service. 1st blows in m: 3. **£3**

Leckhampton, Glos. 2 Jul, 1296 Freshwater S Minor: Chris Hickey 1, Barbara Pettit 2, Mike Hartley 3, Mike Seagrave 4, Pat Hickey 5, Reg Hitchings (C) 6. 1st in m for all. **£3**

Leesfield, Lancs. 1 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Debra Holmes 1, Thomas Chapman 2, Helen Rigby 3, Mike Fishwick 4, Brian Hayes 5, Steve Kershaw (C) 6. Rung for the 175th Anniversary of this church, immediately before the opening of the celebrations by the Town Crier & the Rose Queen. **£6**

Leicester. (Cathedral) 1 Jul, 1296 PB Caters: Rebecca Bullingham 1, Nicky Carling 2, Francis Fisher 3, Garry Mason 4, Chris Robbins 5, John Davies 6, Dave Carling (C) 7, Andrew Higson 8, Terry Astill 9, Stephen Hamby 10. Rung to mark today's marriage of Sandra de Sousa Beleza & Will Norton. **£5**

Lindley, W Yorks. 2 Jul, 1344 Lincolnshire Surpri Major: Lorraine M Trebble 1, Carole Kirby 2, Oliver M Austin 3, Peter C Kirby 4, Edward Mallen 5, Sue J Wilkinson (C) 6, Peter Tiley 7, Alan Trebble 8. 1st in m: 5. For the St Stephen's Flower & Music Festival. 75th Anniversary of the NHS. 1st Q on the bells with the refurbished clappers. **£5**

Langollen, Denbighshire. 5 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): E Ruth Stevens 1, Beverley J Furniss 2, Richard Archer-Jones 3, Christopher D Parker 4, Peter L Furniss (C) 5, John A Clark 6. Rung to celebrate the 76th Annual Langollen International Eisteddfod & the first full one since the pandemic. **£6**

Llanishen, Cardiff. 19 Jun, 1280 Doubles (4m): Heather A Picton 1, Martin Batten 2, Frederick B Jackson 3, Roger S Harpole 4, Julian C Parker (C) 5, S Helen Giles 6. Birthday compliment to Bob Hardy - 80 years young! **£6**

Longstanton, Cambs. 26 May, 1260 PB Triples: Marion Robinson 1, Janet Garnett 2, Roderick Johnstone 3, Marina Warner 4, Jack Cooper 5, Jamie Males 6, Philip D Bailey (C) 7, Vanessa E Webster 8. 200th together: 1,8. **£4**

Ludgershall, Bucks. (S Mary V) 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (5m/1p): Sian Moorhouse 1, Jan Haseldine 2, Andrew Haseldine 3, Richard Haseldine 4, Kevin Haseldine (C) 5. Rung on Richard's 70th Birthday.

Ludlow, Shrops. 2 Jul, 1296 Little Bob Royal: Jan Greatrex 1, Helen Sharpe 2, Denise Fletcher 3, Helen Wells 4, Rosie Marshall 5, Tony Greatrex 6, Lynn Scales (C) 7, Alex Sharpe 8, Richard Bracher 9, Paul J Wells 10. 1st Little Bob Royal: 4,7,8. Wooden anniversary compliment to Richard & Helen Bracher. **£5**

Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs. 8 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Anne E Ogden 1, Gail K Lawrence 2, Daniel Munday 3, Scott Wheaver 4, Matthew Lawrence 5, Derek B Giddins 6, Stuart C W Hutchieson 7, Andrew C Ogden (C) 8. Rung for the Mavesyn Ridware Parish fete.

Mission, Canada. 2 Jul, 1280 Kent TB Major: Eric W R Bumstead 1, Frater Mattias Park 2, T J Marchello 3, Joshua 4, John Bihn 5, David S Phillips 6, John G Pusey 7, Tom Farthing (C) 8. 1st on tower bells, on tower bells outside Seattle & in m: 3. 1st in m on tower bells: 5. 1st in m: 6. **£8**

North Cerney, Glos. 5 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Judy Carter 1, Bridget Lazenby 2, Gemma Hurst 3, David James 4, Peter Harris 5, Andrew Wood (C) 6. Congratulations to Florence Lazenby on her graduation from University of Cambridge 29 June 2023 BA Law Class 1. **£6**

Norwich, Norfolk. (The Mancroft Ringing Discovery Centre) 3 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Jacob A Turk 1, Simon A Rudd 2, Richard A Turk 3, Stephen W Rabong 4, Jamie Watson 5, David R Carter (C) 6. For all those ordained deacon & priest at Norwich Cathedral at the weekend. 1st Minor: 1.

Nottingham. (S Peter) 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sophie M Middleton 1, Michael A Varney 2, Mary Stephens 3, Hannah L Garfoot 4, Martyn J Marriott (C) 5, Peter Hawcock 6, Peter J England 7, Michael P R H Woolley 8. 1st Grandsire Triples inside: 4. Rung for Evensong. Happy Birthday wishes to Joshua Telford. **£4**

Offton, Suffolk. 13 Jun, 1280 Spl S Major (5m): Caroline Goodchild 1, Janet R Sheldrake 2, Rowan P Wilson 3, Andrew R Stone 4, Doug R Perry 5, Ben F Keating 6, Maurice J Rose 7, Brian E Whiting (C) 8. **£8**

Old Marston, Oxon. 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (23m/v): Jane Hedges 1, Maarit Kivilo (C) 2, Colin P Taylor 3, Stephen Davies 4, Hugh Deam (C) 5, Michael Haynes 6. **£6**

Penzance, Corn. 8 Jul, 1280 Bristol S Major: Joanna Wenborne 1, David Ralls 2, Jonathan Young 3, George Stevens 4, Andrew G Smith 5, Toby Arkless (C) 6, Carolyn Howell 7, Hayley Young 8. 1st Bristol: 4. **£8**

Pettistree, Suffolk. 21 Jun, 1296 Spl S Minor (2m): Pippa Moss 1, Mary Garner 2, Kate Eagle 3, Mike Cowling 4, Richard Munnings 5, Mike Whitby (C) 6. To celebrate the summer equinox, rung on Suffolk Day.

Pettistree, Suffolk. 28 Jun, 1296 Spl S Minor (12m): Pippa Moss 1, Mary Garner 2, Mark Ogden 3, Ruth Munnings 4, Kate Eagle 5, Mike Whitby (C) 6.

Pettistree, Suffolk. 5 Jul, 1440 Doubles (5m/1p): Kate Eagle 1, Ruth Munnings 2, Mary Garner 3, Mark Ogden 4, Mike Whitby (C) 5, Chris Garner 6. To celebrate Chris & Mary Garners Ruby Wedding Anniversary & Chris's 81st Birthday, both on 2nd July. **£4.50**

Rushbury, Shrops. 5 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ali Palmer 1, E Anne Hone 2, Chris Slater 3, Ken Davis 4, Andy Wilson (C) 5, Geoff Lowe 6. To celebrate the Birthday of our friend Val Roberts (Tower Captain of Much Wenlock). **£3**

Shottesbrooke, Berks. 2 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Lesley S Cross 1, Charley Smith 2, Martha C Hazell 3, Jacqueline M Hazell 4, Simon D Smith (C) 5. Rung as a farewell compliment to our vicar, Revd Charles Mason & his wife Harsha, as they begin their retirement. Holy Communion this morning is Charles' last service at Shottesbrooke. **£4**

Sidmouth, Devon. 2 Jul, 1344 Grandsire Triples: Susan A King 1, Jonathan G Rose (C) 2, Anne E Bailey 3, Kathie Matthews 4, Paul V M Parkes 5, Jeff J Bailey 6, Ian J Rees 7, Tom Clarke 8. 1st Triples: 1. Rung to celebrate National Thank You Day - celebrating everything that makes our communities great. Also to mark Paul's recent 'special' Birthday. **£8**

St Buryan, Corn. 8 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Carolyn Howell 1, Hayley Young 2, Andrew G Smith 3, Joanna Wenborne 4, George Stevens 5, Jonathan Young (C) 6. **£6**

St Dominic, Corn. (S Dominica) 3 Jul, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Maire Warwick 1, Ruth Reeves 2, Jane Dunn 3, Richard Warwick 4, Fergus Tracey 5, Owen Borlase (C) 6. Rung to mark the forthcoming Birthday of Kevan Borlase, the last two digits of the composition length being significant! **£3**

Stanford on Soar, Notts. 27 Jun, 1312 Bristol S Major: Rodney Swallow 1, Denise Harden 2, Catherine Baker 3, Colin Lord 4, Richard J Chantler 5, John D Cooper 6, Robert P Watson 7, R Philip Graves (C) 8. To welcome Louie Anthony Charles Baker to the world - a new Grandson for 3. Happy 4th Birthday compliment to Abigail Knight - granddaughter of 6. **£8**

Stonebroom, Derbys. (The Campanile) 6 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Stephen B Queen 1, Andrew E Hall 2, Alec Humphrey 3, Anne E Westman 4, Neil A Westman (C) 5, Susan G Hall 6. **£3**

Stretton, Ches. (S Matthew) 3 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Michael Thomson 1, Linda M Thomson 2, Ealish M Green 3, Graeme A Littler 4, David J Pigg 5, Nicholas Thomson (C) 6. **£6**

Stretton, Ches. (S Matthew) 8 Jul, 1280 Bristol S Major: Linda M Thomson 1, Christine Broadley 2, Andrew Darling 3, Duncan M Matheson 4, Andrew M Roberts 5, Alastair E Roberts 6, Graeme A Littler 7, Nicholas Thomson (C) 8. 1st Bristol: 6. **£8**

Twickenham, Middx. (All Hallows) 3 Jul, 1274 PB Triples: Martha Hazell 1, Jacqueline M Hazell 2, Thomas G Ashwin-Siejkowski 3, Jackie Harrison 4, Vikki E M Bulbeck 5, John F Payne 6, James White (C) 7, Paul A Newton 8.

Ufford, Suffolk. (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) 4 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Pippa Moss 1, Elaine Townsend 2, Mark Ogden 3, Kate Eagle 4, Richard Rapor 5, Richard Munnings 6, Mike Whitby (C) 7, Peter Harper 8. Congratulations to Susanne Eddis & Peter Faircloth on the birth of their son, Jonathan Arthur Frank Eddis-Faircloth, born 29th June 2023, weighing 5lb 3oz. **£4**

Wellington, New Zealand. (The John David Ring) 4 Jul, 1260 Doubles (1p,4m,1v): Philippa Bowron 1, Colin Saxelby 2, Janet Grocott 3, Derek Williams 4, Christopher Jarman (C) 5. 200th Q: 2. **£2**

Wellington, New Zealand. (The John David Ring) 8 Jul, 1320 Ipswich S Minor: Derek Williams 1, Colin Saxelby 2, Janet Grocott 3, Philippa Bowron 4, Ruth Lightbourne 5, Christopher Jarman (C) 6. **£2**

Wimborne Minster, Dorset. 2 Jul, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Rosalind Martin 1, Trish Hitchins 2, Pip Dillistone (C) 3, Rosemary Duke 4, Graham Duke 5, Alan Bentley 6, Max Knight 7, Flick Warwick 8, Philip Rioch 9, David Warwick 10, Harry Blamire 11, Tim Martin 12. 1st as composer: 3. Rung prior to The Friends' Evensong. **£12**

Windsor, Berks. (Curfew Tower, HM Free Chapel of St George, Windsor Castle) 2 Jul, 1260 Middlesex Bob Triples: Marc McDonald 1, Claire C Nicholson 2, Michael Leese 3, Vikki E M Bulbeck 4, James White (C) 5, Roderic Bickerton 6, Bjorn E Bradstock 7, John F Payne 8. For the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. **£12**

Wissett, Suffolk. 30 Jun, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Erika Clarke 1, Sal Jenkinson 2, Chrissie Pickup 3, Keith Dennis 4, Peter Lock 5, Philip Gorrod (C) 6. 1st in m for all except 3. **£3**

Wistow, Leics. (S Wistan) 3 Jul, 1296 Lincoln S Minor: Alison Iliffe 1, Steve Millington 2, Terry Iliffe 3, Alistair Donaldson 4, Andrew Young 5, Chris Rudge (C) 6. Birthday compliment to Terry Iliffe. **£6**

Worcester. (Cathedral) 1 Jul, 1320 Little Bob Maximus: Paul R Smith 1, Robin J Walker 2, Caroline Pawley 3, Bridget Hartley 4, James P Mort 5, Clive Sheppard 6, James Clatworthy 7, Andrew J Hartley 8, Gideon A White 9, Mark A Wilson 10, Darran Ricks (C) 11, Craig P Homewood 12. Rung prior to the Ordination Service & as a farewell to Caroline, with the best wishes of the Guild. **£4**

Worcester. (S Stephen) 3 Jul, 1280 Pudsey S Major: Roy Williams 1, Robin J Walker 2, Martin Bluck 3, Paul R Smith 4, Hilda Ridley 5, Mike Seagrave 6, Mark A Wilson 7, Andrew D Evans (C) 8. **£4**

Aston on Clun, Shrops. (The Firs) 4 Jul, 1344 PB Major: Helen Sharpe 1-2, Paul J Wells (C) 3-4, Helen M Wells 5-6, Alex Sharpe 7-8. With the best wishes of the band to Helen & Richard Bracher for their Wedding Anniversary. **£2**

Aston Rowant, Oxon. (The White House) 3 Jul, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Angela Darvill 1-2, Patricia Newton 3-4, Robert Newton 5-6, Kenneth Darvill (C) 7-8. **£2**

Cambridge, MA, USA. (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) 12 Jun, 1320 Kent TB Minor: Pi Fisher 1-2, Abby Timmel 3-4, Edward J Futcher (C) 5-6. **£3**

Holmes Chapel, Ches. (10 Selkirk Drive) 3 Jul, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Graeme A Littler 1-2, Nicholas Thomson (C) 3-4, John F Murfin 5-6. **£3**

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

Loughborough, Leics. (80 Leconfield Road) 18 Jun, 1344 Yorkshire S Major: Tim Peverett (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Robert Watson 5-6, Judith Godfrey 7-8. **£3**

Loughborough, Leics. (80 Leconfield Road) 25 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Tim Peverett (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Robert Watson 5-6, Judith Godfrey 7-8. **£3**

Loughborough, Leics. (80 Leconfield Road) 25 Jun, 1272 Plain and Little Bob Major: Tim Peverett (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Robert Watson 5-6, Judith Godfrey 7-8. **£3**

Lynton, Devon. (Crown Hotel) 28 May, 1360 Kent TB Royal: Paul E Bibilo 1-2, Christine C Darby 3-4, Ruth Blackwell 5-6, Richard A Pearce (C) 7-8, Jeremy R Pratt 9-10. **£5**

Melbourne, Derbys. (S Michael) 29 Jun, 1280 Kent and Oxford TB Royal: Tim Peverett (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Christian Peckham 5-6, Robert Watson 7-8, Judith Godfrey 9-10. 1st Spl TB10 in hand for all. **£3.75**

Moats Tye, Suffolk. (Kimberley Hall) 26 Jun, 1312 Kent TB Royal: Rowan P Wilson 1-2, Jed Flatters 3-4, Alan P Mayle 5-6, David I Stanford 7-8, Brian E Whiting (C) 9-10. **£5**

Northallerton, N Yorks. (19 The Green, Romanby) 2 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Jennie Town (C) 1-2, Harry Helyer 3-4, David Town 5-6. **£3**

Northallerton, N Yorks. (The Oddfellows Arms) 2 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Jennie Town (C) 1-2, Harry Helyer 3-4, David Town 5-6. When nobody else comes to handbell practice. **£3**

Orleans, MA. (The Transfiguration, Joppa basement) 4 Jun, 1260 PB Minor: Olivia Tingley 1-2, Kira R Chase 3-4, Edward J Futcher (C) 5-6. 1st in hand at first attempt: 1-2. **£3**

Sheffield, S Yorks. (Cathedral Church of St Peter & St Paul) 24 Jun, 1280 Kent and Oxford TB Major: Tim Peverett (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Judith Godfrey 5-6, Robert Watson 7-8. 1st Spl TB in hand 3: 4, 7-8. Rung in a drain outside the Cathedral during the National Twelve Bell final. **£3**

Vancouver, WA, USA. (9109 NW Starkrest Ave) 30 May, 1272 Carlisle S Minor: Cally D Perry 1-2, David B Wilson 3-4, Elaine M Hansen (C) 5-6. 1st in m in hand: 3-4. **£3**

Westbrook, Ches. (86 Garwood Close) 6 Jul, 1344 PB Major: Raymond D Helliwell (C) 1-2, Nicholas Thomson 3-4, Graeme A Littler 5-6, Elizabeth A Helliwell 7-8. 1st in hand as C. A (belated) wedding compliment to Andrew Rawlinson & Carrie Hyde, married at Frodsham on Saturday 17th June. (It's taken us that long to get it!!). **£4**

Wokingham, Berks. (2 Murdoch Road) 25 Jun, 1260 PB Royal: Marcia L Dieppe 1-2, Nigel A L Mellor 3-4, W John Couperthwaite 5-6, John A Harrison (C) 7-8, James M Champion 9-10. **£5**

Wokingham, Berks. (2 Murdoch Road) 2 Jul, 1312 Oxford TB Major: Marcia L Dieppe 1-2, Janet E Menhinick 3-4, W John Couperthwaite (C) 5-6, John A Harrison 7-8. **£4**

Distributed quarters

Ringling Room, S Wales. 18 Jun, 1280 Erin Cinques: Wheatley (C) 1, Wheatley 2, Wheatley 3, Wheatley 4, Roger Masterman (Coed Ely) 5, Wheatley 6, Wheatley 7, Wheatley 8, Wheatley 9, Wheatley 10, Julian C Parker (Cardiff) 11, Wheatley 12. With best wishes to Bob Hardy who celebrated his 80th Birthday last Thursday. 1st Erin: 5. **£4**

Ringling Room, England. 23 Jun, 1250 Superlative S Major: Sue Portsmouth 1, Lynda Hine 2, Barbara D Murray 3, Robin A Daw 4, Simon J O Head 5, Catherine A Colman 6, Rosemary J Humphrey 7, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke (North Leigh) (C) 8. Rung by The Bellerophons to celebrate National Let It Go Day. 1st Superlative: 2. 20th Q together: 2.4. **£8**

Ringling Room, UK. 3 Jul, 1280 Stand S Major: Sue Portsmouth 1, Lynda Hine 2, Robin A Daw 3, Timothy J Billings 4, Rosemary J Humphrey 5, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke (North Leigh) 6, Barbara D Murray 7, Joseph A Sharp (C) 8. Rung by The Bellerophons for the virtual feast of St And. 310th tower bell Q together: 6.7. 310th virtual together: 1.8. 180th in Ringing Room: 3. **£8**

Ringling Room, UK. 4 Jul, 1250 Charmy Down TB Minimus: Barbara D Murray 1, Rosemary J Humphrey 2, Sue Portsmouth 3, Joseph A Sharp (C) 4. Rung by The Bellerophons for US Independence Day. 1st known Q in m. 500th virtual: 3. **£4**

Ringling Room, UK. 7 Jul, 1280 Havant S Major: Sue Portsmouth 1, Robin A Daw 2, Barbara D Murray 3, Lynda Hine 4, Rosemary J Humphrey 5, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke (North Leigh) 6, Simon J O Head 7, Joseph A Sharp (C) 8. Rung by The Bellerophons as a dedication to all the young ringers taking part in the RWNYC tomorrow, with thanks to their supporters. Birthday compliments to Tom Winter. 1st in m: 4 & as C. 575th for The Bellerophons: 3. 500th together: 3.5. 410th virtual together: 3.8. 320th together: 1.8. 230th virtual together: 6.8. 125th together this year: 3.5. 90th together: 1.2. 40th together: 3.4. 35th together: 2.7. **£8**

Ringling Room, UK. 8 Jul, 1296 Flagstaff Treble Pl Minimus: Rosemary J Humphrey (C) 1, Sue Portsmouth 2, Barbara D Murray 3, Joseph A Sharp 4. Rung by The Bellerophons as an Engagement Compliment to Lillian Halewood & Alex Fishburn. 420th virtual Q together: 2.3. 375th virtual Q together: 1.4. 360th virtual Q together: 1.2. 100th Q on Ringing Room this year: 4. Believed to be the first Q in m. **£4**



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Maurice Thurmott

15.12.1930 – 24.3.2023



In 2015 Maurice celebrated 70 years as a bell ringer and to mark the occasion he was asked about his ringing career. This obituary is based on the resulting article, which was published in two parts on the 'News From The Belfry' page of the parish magazine for Ramsey, Cambs, where Maurice lived.

Maurice was born, brought up and educated at Ely, where his family had been saddlers and harness makers. He trained as an architect and spent the bulk of his professional career in local government, ending it as the City Architect of Leeds.

Maurice was 13 years old when the ringing ban was lifted in 1944 and a year later he joined the newly formed band of Ely youngsters. At the same time as learning to ring tower bells, he also learned to ring methods on handbells. Access to other towers for practice was limited by travel opportunities. No one in Ely had a car and the cost of public transport was out of a youngster's reach except for special occasions, so Maurice resorted to cycling. He recalled pedalling from Ely to Newmarket to ring his first handbell peal and to many towers further afield to broaden his learning and gain experience in other methods.

One Saturday, Maurice and his friend Owen Needham went by train to Bury St Edmunds, intending to return home on the milk train at 9:30pm. Arriving at the station, they were told that "The milk train doesn't run on Saturdays!" So they started to walk home, not thinking to tell their parents. By midnight it was raining hard and they had reached Kentford, where they found a truckers' doss house, where for 2s 6d (12 1/2p) they had bed and breakfast and a fire in front of which to dry their socks. They did think in the morning to ring their parents, who were by now mad with worry. Maurice did

not elaborate on the reception they received on their arrival home!

Maurice's enthusiasm and dedication to ringing again led him to cycle with Owen 70 miles to ring a peal at St Giles' Church in Norwich. This time they sensibly stayed overnight at a youth hostel, rang the peal in the morning but had to travel home by train in the afternoon as the cycle ride took a full day. They must have been quite fit to ring a peal after cycling all the previous day!

In Maurice's own words: "I was in the Ely Cathedral choir for six years and it was then tradition that on leaving the choir you were taken up to the Octagon by the Head Verger and allowed to inscribe your name and date of leaving on the back of one of the Angel Doors – an act of gross vandalism unthinkable today!"

Maurice was always interested in the theory of ringing; he remembered his mother commenting that she wished he would spend as much time on his school work as he did on "those figures". Fifty-one of Maurice's own compositions are held on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers' website. This interest led him to be appointed the Ely Diocesan Association's first peal secretary at just 17 years old.

The role of peal secretary was not to record peal attempts but to check the compositions and validate them as true, no easy task! There had been occasions when ringers had claimed an existing composition as their own, but Maurice's knowledge enabled him to challenge the claim and prove it to be untrue.

In 1952, after National Service (in Harrogate), Maurice settled in Bradford, where he met his future wife, Jane, whom he married in 1955. Jane later learned to ring bells, and she said: "If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!" They moved to Reading in 1959 and rang at St Mary and St Lawrence. A move to Bicester in 1961 led to the opportunity of ringing one of the 12 bells of Christchurch Oxford, when the 1812 Overture was performed in the quadrangle with real cannon and the bells providing the cascade of sound for the finale.

Back to Yorkshire in 1964 for over 20 years, during which time Maurice composed and conducted a peal on the 12 bells at Bradford Cathedral on the occasion of Sir Winston Churchill's funeral and he and Jane started up a new band on the eight at Drighlington. Their fledgling band won the YACR Western Division's Striking Contest two years in succession. Maurice was a prolific peal ringer in the region and also served as ringing master and then chairman of the Western Division.

They retired to Rothwell in 1989 and in 1996 Maurice suffered a mini stroke after an attempt to get a band to ring a heavy ring of bells at the correct speed. Although he made a full recovery, he was forbidden to ring for a while by his doctor.

Sadly, Jane died in 2002, so Maurice moved back to Cambridgeshire to be closer to his sons and sister. Ramsey ringers write, "Out of that tragedy came good fortune for the ringers at Ramsey and throughout the Ely Association. We at St Thomas à Becket have been so very fortunate to have had Maurice ringing with us, teaching us and sharing his expertise."

Maurice became a much loved and respected member of the Ramsey band, who remember

him as a kind and gentle man who always gave encouragement and praise. "In Ramsey tower we still quote Maurice's adage of 'No post mortems' when a method had gone skew-whiff! He also refused to allow us to say sorry, saying you should only apologise if you have done it deliberately."

He was passionate about keeping handbell ringing going, and taught many people to ring and conduct in hand. Michael White remembers that he was very patient with handbell learners, corrected their mistakes immediately and helped them to complete the touch. Phillip George writes, "Michael White encouraged the three of us to get together shortly after Maurice returned from living in Yorkshire and we started practising Plain Bob Minor. Maurice and I had a few sortics with the Cambridge handbell group, when our ringing included major. This gave us the confidence in our own trio and our first quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung on 19th May 2005. We rang many quarters after that, including other plain methods. Initially, Maurice was the conductor, but he encouraged me to take on the role. One key occasion was in 2007 when we rang a handbell peal, the first by Hunts District ringers for 94 years."

Maurice also made an important contribution to the recently published centenary history of the Ely Diocesan Association, carrying out meticulous research and analysis of the Association's records to produce a comprehensive account of the peals rung up to 1945. As well as highlighting historical trends and landmark performances, it details the individual achievements of local bands, leading peal ringers and distinguished conductors.

Maurice's funeral took place at St Thomas à Becket Church, Ramsey on 21st April 2023. At his request the tower bells were rung open and in rounds and call changes until his coffin reached the church. One of his sons joined the band for a brief ring. The coffin was welcomed by handbell ringers from a group Maurice had taught each week. During the service his son Richard gave a eulogy about Maurice's ringing career and his younger son, Mark, told about his father's life and career as an architect. The coffin was bade farewell by more handbell ringing on Maurice's own bells, rung by a number of his close friends. The service was a joyful celebration of a life lived to the full.

Compiled by Phillip George and Naomi Laredo with contributions from Cathy Moulton, members of the Ramsey band and Michael V White.

Godmanchester, Cambs. 26 Mar, 1260 PB Triples: Melanie Farnham 1, Angela Gell 2, Andrew J Stevens 3, Nicholas T Smith 4, Edward B Groome 5, Christian K Burrell 6, Iain Hayden (C) 7, S Caroline M Stevens 8. In memory of Maurice Thurmott of Ramsey who died peacefully on Friday. Maurice was an honorary member of the Ely DA & was its first peal secretary. He rang handbells, was a composer of methods on higher numbers and a significant contributor to the recently published Association History. May he rest in peace. For Evensong. 1st Treble on 8.

Barley, Herts. 1 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Sally Mew 1, Angela Gell 2, Jez Bottley 3, Hannah Campbell 4, James Hayden 5, Iain Hayden (C) 6. In memory of Maurice Thurmott of Ramsey. 3/4. £6

Great Chishill, Cambs. 1 Apr, 1320 Doubles (1m/1v): James Hayden 1, Sally Mew 2, Hannah Campbell 3, Jez Bottley 4, Iain Hayden (C) 5, Angela Gell 6. In memory of Maurice Thurmott of Ramsey. 4/4. £6

Rushden, Herts. (S Mary) 1 Apr, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Hannah Campbell 1, Sally Mew 2, Jez Bottley 3, Angela Gell 4, Iain Hayden 5, James Hayden (C) 6. In memory of Maurice Thurmott of Ramsey. 1/4. £6

Wallington, Herts. (S Mary) 1 Apr, 1320 Doubles (3v): Angela Gell 1, Sally Mew 2, Hannah Campbell 3, James Hayden 4, Iain Hayden (C) 5, Jez Bottley 6. In memory of Maurice Thurmott of Ramsey. 2/4. £6

St Neots, Cambs. (S Mary) 2 Apr, 1280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Dave Griffiths 1, Catherina Griffiths 2, Phillip George 3, Hannah Campbell 4, Lesley Boyle 5, Russell Brown 6, Alban Forster (C) 7, Alan Winter 8. Rung for the Palm Sunday evening service & remembering John Bonham & Maurice Thurmott.

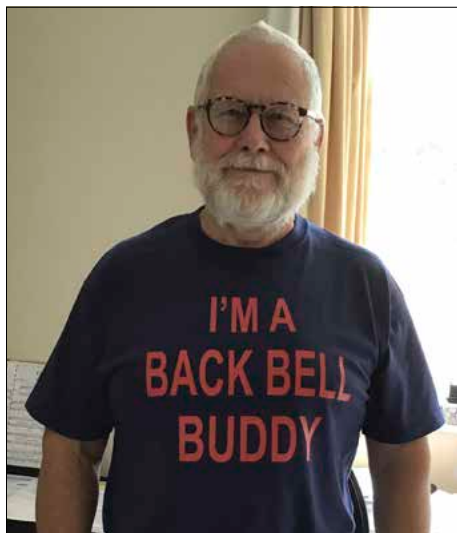
Peterborough, Cambs. (S Mary) 21 Apr, 1260 April Day Triples: Deborah Bray 1, Elaine Wilkinson 2, Sue Marsden 3, Diana Street 4, Stuart Weston 5, David Banks 6, Andrew Christie (C) 7, Ian Larter 8. Rung in memory of Maurice Thurmott, (12/12/1930 - 24/3/2023), whose funeral was this afternoon at Ramsey Church. Maurice gave great encouragement to many & this composition was one of many he shared. £8

Ramsey, Cambs. 7 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Joanne Calow 1, Cathy Moulton 2, Helen Greenleaves 3, John Boocock 4, David S Paynter (C) 5, Harry Palmer 6. Rung in memory of Maurice Thurmott. £6

Ramsey, Cambs. 14 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Martin Slough 1, Diana Mackley 2, Helen Greenleaves 3, Sue E Marsden 4, Nick Elks (C) 5, Paul R Barker 6. In thanksgiving for the lives of Maurice Thurmott, local ringer who died on 24th March 2023 aged 93 years & John Haas, ringer at Kimbolton who died on 8th June 2023 aged 97 years - RIP. £3

Little Gransden, Cambs. (Nutbells) 3 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: Sheila J George 1-2, Naomi A Laredo 3-4, Phillip S George (C) 5-6. In memory of Maurice Thurmott of Ramsey, Cambs.

Kippax; 194, Leeds Road, W Yorks. 26 May, 1360 PB Major: John S Leech 1-2, Penelope J Thorley 3-4, Philip R Brook - Comp/C 5-6, Susan M Webb 7-8. In memory of Maurice J. Thurmott.



Peter Sawyer 27.04.144 – 02.02.2023

Peter was born in Ipswich and learnt to ring at Maldon, Essex, in 1969, ringing his first peal – Plain Bob Minor at Maldon – in December that year. He immediately became involved in peal ringing, with nineteen the following year including several of Surprise Major – clearly he was a quick learner.

He moved to Exeter in 1972 and rang at Heavitree, St Mark's and the Cathedral. During this time, he served as Exeter Branch Ringing Master and Guild Peal Secretary. He also helped train a band at Cheriton Fitzpaine, and took part in the Guild's first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 1973 at Woodbury. Stories about Peter usually involve excess, such as for instance the famous potato eating contests with John Longridge and John 'Womble' Hutchings. On one occasion, they visited the Ganges Restaurant where Peter complained that the last curry that he ate there was not hot enough; needless to say the chef enjoyed a challenge.

Peter moved to Andover in 1976, to Reading in 1979, and Tilehurst in 1983, and came to ring at the Tuesday practice nights at St Peter's, Caversham soon after moving to Reading. In the pub afterwards Pete was always good company and entertained the ringers with his stories and conversation, telling us about the sort of activities that went on in his field of work in Quantity Surveying. He rang with the Liss Campanile Youths, including two peals on the tenor of the ceramic bells, one of Little Bob and one of Cinques.

He moved back to Devon in 1988, and bought a house in Shobrooke parish, from which he ran a business, Abbey Builders; the

name was chosen simply so that it would be at the beginning of alphabetical listings in the Yellow Pages. He rejoined the Cathedral band and encouraged it to take part in the National Twelve Bell Competition. He provided immeasurable support for the augmentation of Thorverton to ten, offering not only his practical skills but also his trailer when the bells were brought ceremoniously into the village for their blessing. He called the first peal on the ten bells (Cambridge Royal) in 1994, and they were by far his leading tower for peals. The augmentation also led to his foundation of the Whitechapel Friendly Society, which rang a collection of peals that more traditionalist members of the Guild might have frowned upon, such as Major on the middle eight at Thorverton, and a peal of Cambridge Minor at Bramford Speke in under two hours (the 'Goldfinger' peal).

David Brown remembers a peal at the Cathedral in 1993: "Peter asked me if I would call a peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral for him as he wanted to ring the tenor single-handed. Privately I was a bit sceptical about whether he would do it but I agreed. I couldn't have been more wrong! He not only rang it but rang it superbly well and with no signs of flagging energy. It was one of my best peals at Exeter. I vividly recall asking him after we came into rounds – half in jest – whether he wanted to go straight down in peal. He did and it was a memorable end to a fine peal."

He left Devon again in 1995, and lived on a narrowboat from 1997 to 2002, when he emigrated to Soucé in France, acquiring a dilapidated barn, which he converted to a home of a beautifully high standard and then installed a mini ring in the garage. Visitors were always welcome, and the first tower-bell peal of Grandsire Triples in mainland Europe was rung there by the Guild in 2008, with Peter on the tenor. Although he entered whole-heartedly into local life, his knowledge of French remained minimal, but the villagers seemed to enjoy – and understand – his attempts to speak English in a schoolboy French accent, straight out of 'Allo, 'allo.

He moved to Norfolk in 2010, together with the mini-ring which he later sold to Simon Rudd. He lived at Lyng, and then Norwich where he was steeple-keeper at Mancroft for a while. The mini ring was well used at Lyng, and Peter rang seven peals there, including a couple with the Devon ringers.

He moved back to Devon in 2015 and bought in a flat in Torquay with magnificent views over the bay. Once more he got heavily involved in the local ringing scene; he foolishly mentioned to Mike Mears that he had never rung fifty

peals in a year, such that in 2017 he rang 59. In his final year of ringing he achieved 115! In total he rang 819 peals, including 19 for the SRCY, 107 for the Norwich DA and 439 for the GDR. He called 19 peals and rang a range of methods, including 23-Spliced Surprise Major and Six-Spliced Surprise Maximus.

Peter suffered a cardiac arrest while attempting a peal at Shepton Beauchamp in early 2020 and was resuscitated thanks to the quick thinking of the other members of the band. He claimed that he had actually died then and been brought back to life; he never returned to ringing after that. At the beginning of this year he was diagnosed with oesophageal cancer from which he sadly died in the Rowcroft Hospice in Torquay in April.

David Brown writes, "My first impressions were of a man who didn't take life too seriously and was possessed of an impish sense of humour. I recall a discussion between Peter and Frank Mack about which were the best peals of bells in the country, and Frank maintained that a certain eight were the best from outside the tower of any ring of bells. Much to Peter's delight he became increasingly annoyed with Peter's ridiculing of this position on the basis that the sound outside the tower is pretty irrelevant if you are actually ringing the bells!"

I was always struck by what a capable and practical person Peter was. As a craftsman building or repairing things, his work was always meticulous and extremely competently done. He was a generous man who would always offer to help with practical jobs that those of us less blessed with DIY skills were not able to accomplish!

Seven performances have been rung in Peter's memory, including two of Sawyer Delight Major, specially composed and named for him. It was first pealed on Wobbly Bob's Campanile in Bovey Tracy on 11th April (p.378), and rung again at Sabarat in France on 12th May on the mini ring Peter previously owned (p.638). Also previously published were a peal of Surprise Minor (12m) at Ston Easton on 3rd April (p.352), a peal of Kimmeridge Surprise Major at Huntsham (p.401), a peal of Zeal Hill Alliance Major at Milton on 15th April (p.550), and a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at The Cubby Hole, Garvestone on 7th April (p.356), and one of mixed doubles on The Green Ring in Allestree (p.595).

Thanks to Doug and Joe Beaumont, Rebecca Cox, David Brown, Ian Smith, Graham Tucker, and Lester and Pat Yeo for sharing their memories. Everyone is very sorry to have heard of his death.

Doubles of the month

July – Plain Bob Doubles

Our July method is Plain Bob. It's a standard – the most popular doubles method for quarter peals and the first method learned by many ringers. If you're reading this you probably have a diagram or book in the tower for Plain Bob, so we're using these columns to offer material and ideas to spark discussion on teaching and learning. This week we look at some teaching tips. What else has helped you learn or teach?

Doug's Tips

A summary set of steps and tips for teaching Bob Doubles:

1. Ensure the student understands that Bob Doubles is mostly hunting.
2. Get the student to describe the line repeatedly using the agreed names for the pieces of work.
3. When explaining things, use the line rather than just words. (As the old adage has it "A picture is worth a thousand words.")
4. During preparation, wherever possible, get the student to work things out for themselves – it will help the student to focus and you'll soon find out if the student really understands or only think that they understand.
5. Correction of mistakes whilst ringing should be calm and brief – leave explanations for when ringing has stopped or at least until back in rounds.
6. Passing the treble is a useful tool but with some students it may be better to put this on the back burner for a while.
7. Ensure that the student is aware of the changes of speed that are required when hunting and dodging and how this affects the pull required.
8. Be prepared to adjust your teaching style according to the student's needs, but don't get trapped into using quick fixes.

Doug Boniface, 'Introducing methods to students' (RW 19 Feb 2021)

David's Tips

What makes a good teacher? There are dozens of answers to that question, but here are some of the skills that are particularly relevant to teaching ringing:

1. **Level of explanation** Always explain at a level appropriate to the student, not the teacher.
2. **Variety of approaches** If one way of getting a point across isn't working, try a different approach.
3. **Split into smaller steps** If the step you are asking your student to make is too big, split it into smaller steps.

David Smith, 'The Education Column', Series1/1
(RW 7th October 2016).

Arthur's Tips

- To learn, we must push ourselves out of what we already know. This feels uncomfortable, especially for adults, less used to doing this. Don't forget as a teacher how uncomfortable your student may be.
- Teachers should judge carefully how far a student can be pushed, help provide scaffolds, and be open to the student's thoughts
- The specific teaching techniques are not the key to learning success; how we deploy them is what matters.
- Feedback is important and frequent dialogue helps to avoid difficult and awkward conversations. Good feedback should be: constructive and specific; never personal (focus on the activity, not the person); followed up with action, guidance or specific methods for improvement; carried out as part of a two-way discussion; open and candid (and never gossiped about behind someone's back); delivered with the learner's best interest at heart (i.e. this is delivered in the belief that I, the teacher, think it will help you get better).
- The belief and confidence a teacher has in their student matters: it inspires the belief and confidence in the student themselves.
- Never underestimate how challenging learning is.

A selection of edited summary tips from 'Exploring the secrets of learning and applying them to ringing', an eight-part series by Arthur Reeves (RW 30th July – 24th September 2021).

Trio of the month

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

The July Trio is
Hunting the treble
Mexican Wave
Whitefield

Mexican Wave

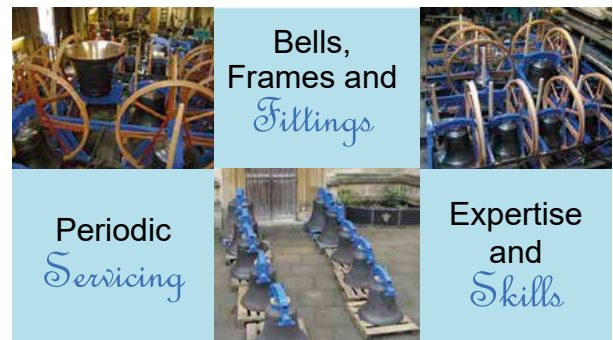
Mexican Wave is a training exercise for bell control and simple ropesight. It teaches you to watch the other bells and change places without being told every time.

Start by ringing rounds. The conductor says 'Go Mexican Wave!' At the next handstroke, the treble and 2 swap places, exactly as if at the call '1 to 2'. They ring handstroke and backstroke in this order, and then swap back to rounds at the next handstroke.

At the handstroke after returning to rounds, 2 and 3 swap places, and then return to rounds the following handstroke. This pattern continues until the 'wave' reaches the tenor. Once the tenor has returned to the back, the piece has finished.

Every change away from rounds lasts two blows, and then we return to rounds for two blows. Every bell other than the treble and tenor move down one place, back to rounds, up one place, and finally back to rounds. The treble and tenor only move away from rounds and back once. When you're comfortable, the conductor might start a second wave any time after the 2 has stopped moving.

Watch the bell in front of you. If you are ringing the 4, watch 3 (red in the diagram). When it moves out of its place, you know your turn is approaching. Two blows later, it moves back to rounds, and after two more blows, you must swap with that bell.



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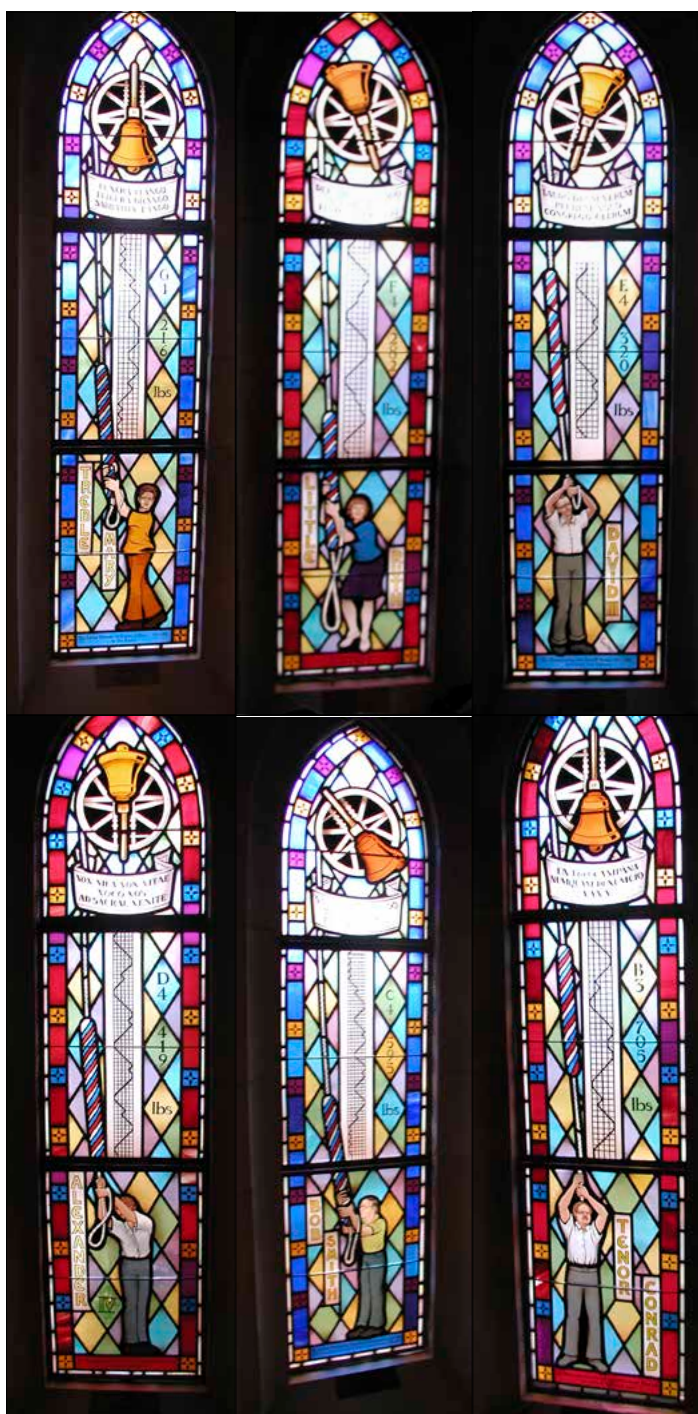


Bob Smith's legacy in stained glass

As mentioned in Bob Smith's obituary (p.689) he left a legacy of bells around the world. Bob and his wife Ruth engineered an installation at the Church of Heavenly Rest in Abilene, Texas in 1982. In total there are six bells hung for full circle ringing and 25 bells in a carillon. This was one of their many installations outside the UK.

In the tower are six stained glass windows, one for each bell, each with a name of one of the ringers who worked on the installation. One window features Bob Smith himself, and another Little Ruth. Conrad was the Church Warden. The three others are called Mary, Alexander and David.

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Mid Cheshire Young Ringers' event – 'Not the RWNYC!'



Following a good turnout of young ringers at the Mid Cheshire Branch Striking Competition in April, it was suggested by one of their number that an event should be organised for them. Although the Chester Guild didn't field a team in this year's RWNYC, it doesn't mean that there are no young ringers in the area! So a special practice for younger ringers was organised for Saturday 8th July, unintentionally coinciding with the RWNYC!

The event was held on the new ten at Grappenhall, known for the easy handling of its bells, tenor 10-3-17. Joining three of Grappenhall's young ringers were members of the towers at Daresbury, Little Budworth, Weaverham, and also Dunham Massey, which although in neighbouring East Branch is not far from Grappenhall. Of course, to assist the Youth team there were several "young at heart" members of the branch, including parents, trainers and some of the Grappenhall band. Nine young ringers took part, ranging in ability from rounds to Surprise. Unfortunately, some others could not attend due to other commitments. Several of the group had never rung on ten before, so it was also a new experience for them. An all-under-24 band rang some rounds and call changes on eight, whilst ten-bell ringing, with assistance from the oldies, included call changes on ten and Plain Hunt on 9, one ringer also practising Stedman Triples.

As it was the birthday of one of the young ringers, a break was taken to enjoy drinks and birthday cake in the new church annex. Thanks to our secretary, Pam, who organised the practice and provided the cake!

Hopefully we will be able to hold a follow-up event, and encourage more to attend. Some of the ringers have already said they would like to come back to Grappenhall!

NICK THOMSON

Alan Berry RIP

It is with great sadness that David Potter of John Taylor & Co reported the passing of Alan Berry, its former Managing Director. Alan passed away peacefully on Monday 10th July and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Our condolences go to Alan's wife Chris at this very sad time.





Members and friends of the North Wales Association

North Wales marks 120 years

The North Wales Association held its 120th anniversary dinner at the Lion Quays Resort, Oswestry, on Saturday 17th June 2023, having been founded at Llandudno on 14th February 1903.

Fifty one members, including our guest speakers, attended and the Association's Peal Record Books were on display.

Before proposing the toast to the church, Beverley Furniss referred to a letter from Kensington Palace. HRH the Prince of Wales warmly congratulated the Association, expressed his best wishes for the evening and the Association's future success.



Watch out for the Ringing World paps! Neil Thomas and Adrian Udal get snapping at the RWNYC, caught by Richard Horton as Neil took the below image of youth teams awaiting the results



Thought for the week Warning bells

During the last year we have rung both in mourning and celebration for royal occasions and of course week by week on Sundays celebrating our Lord's resurrection, as well as practices. Bells have had a prominent role and the publicity we have had can only be good.

There is a new bell at Par in Cornwall. It is the only one of its type in Cornwall but there are others in the country. It is not in a Church. The churches in Par Parish have only one bell in each. The nearest ring is at Tywardreath close to Par which has a pleasant ring of six. The bell I am writing about is on the beach between low and high tide and is operated by the flow of the water. It is there for a reason. It is a Time and Tide Bell that rings as a warning about the rising sea levels in the world. www.timeandtidebell.org

There are low lying islands in the Pacific Ocean that could be covered in the not-too-distant future because of ice melt at the poles. Wildlife like polar bears could lose their habitat and many other parts of the world are suffering in different ways from climate change.

We have rung our church bells in the past to draw attention to climate change. For example, we rang for the Cop 27 conference in November last year. I wonder how many churches rang for this compared with royal occasions? The situation is urgent and ringers should not only ring but publicise why we are ringing in parish magazines and the local and national press. This is God's world, and we are only stewards of it; we need to pass on a world to future generations where humans and all created things can flourish.

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Beverley next referred to the strong relationship between the clergy and Association and emphasised the importance of retaining it. Replying to the toast, Fr Jeremy Dussek affirmed how the church and ringers work together and how important ringing is in the life of the church.

The toast to the Association was made by Christopher Pickford, who mentioned his relationship with Knighton on the English/Welsh border. He referred to the history of

the bells throughout the Association and emphasised the importance of the fellowship of ringers.

Replying to the toast, the Ringing Master, Peter Furniss, thanked all the speakers. He talked about recent restorations at Ruthin and Bangor on Dee and stated the Association must continue to progress. He referred to the contributions made by previous masters and mentioned that, whilst large ringing organisations can have negatives, there

were many positives in the Association's achievements particularly in coronation ringing, recruitment and quarter peal week. In conclusion, Peter reminded everyone that the Association's future success is what the membership makes of it.

The evening concluded with some handbell ringing.

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The image of the week

The Carillon Tower in Loughborough is marking its 100th anniversary this year. There will be Information stalls, displays, musical entertainment, and family activities in Queen's Park for visitors to enjoy on Sat 22nd and Sunday 23rd. The Carillon Tower will be open for visitors over the weekend.
https://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/carillon_centenary
photo: Roger Lawson

