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## On the cover

Our cover photo was taken by **Matt Rabagliati**, who is Head of Policy, Research and Communications at UNESCO UK, and learning to ring at Ss Peter and Paul in Tring, Hertfordshire, seen here from the air. On the opposite page, Matt shares his passion for his new hobby, and gives us the inside story on why he agrees bellringing is an example of an intangible cultural heritage, worthy of protected status by the United Nations.

The tall tower has held eight bells since 1882. There were five bells as far back as 1552, a pivotal time during the English Reformation. The fate of

those bells is unknown, but three of their early seventeenth-century replacements remain. They were cast between 1622 and 1624 by local founder Robert Oldfield and include his largest bell still ringing, the 14cwt seventh. His tenor for Tring was recast by Richard III Chandler in 1695, and weighs 17-3-18. The bells were rehung on ball bearings in 1932.

Tower Captain Philip Dobson reports that the Tring Bellringing Society has twelve members who practice weekly on a Tuesday evening, and ring regularly on Sunday mornings and for other services. Access is through the west door at the base of the tower; visitors and learners are always welcome. The Tring ringers encompass a range of church traditions including Church of England (of course) and a growing number from one of the Baptist churches in the town. They also come from a variety of professions including civil Service, nursing, IT systems, engineering, stone masonry, archaeology, physiotherapy and teaching: a wide skills base from which to draw ideas and help in the tower. They are currently designing a new band logo: a front-runner incorporates the head of a zebra and they look forward to explaining the reason to many people! (Lord Rothschild lived in Tring and drove a carriage harnessed to zebras.)



Tring is in the Western District of the Hertford County Association, which was one of the founding members of the Central Council. The association now has over 600 members across its six districts.

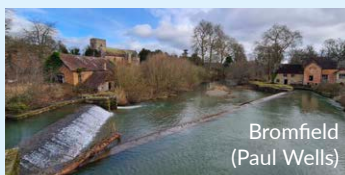
Tring is a very desirable market town in west Hertfordshire within easy commuting distance for London. There is evidence of prehistoric settlement in the area, followed by Roman, Saxon and Norman populations. Its market charter dates back over 700 years. The former livestock market place is now the site of a weekly Friday market and a fortnightly Saturday farmers' market. Some of the former livestock pens and the old livestock market office have been retained.

The Grade I listed church dedicated to St Peter and St Paul has some Norman stonework, with rebuilding over the centuries since. The tower itself was added in one of the earlier iterations, in the fourteenth century. It features an unusual external stair turret and a distinctive Hertfordshire spike – a short spire on the roof, its base concealed by a parapet.

The war memorial in the churchyard was funded by public subscription, and was dedicated in November 1918, just days after the armistice. It is thought to be the first in the country erected in memory of those who lost their lives in the First World War, and includes the names of 107 local people.

BBC Radio 4's **Bells on Sunday** is broadcast every Sunday at 05:43 and repeated the following Monday at 00:45. The March towers are:

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- 8th Bromfield**, Shrops, St Mary the Virgin – Cambridge Surprise Minor
- 15th Great Bedwyn**, Wilts, St Mary – Plain Bob Doubles
- 22nd Lavenham**, Suffolk, SS Peter and Paul – Double Norwich Court Bob Major
- 29th Woodchurch**, Merseyside, Holy Cross – Cambridge Surprise Major



Bromfield (Paul Wells)

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# Why bellringing matters to UNESCO: Living Heritage explained

by Matt Rabagliati, Head of Policy and Research, UK National Commission for UNESCO



Over the past few years, through my work at UNESCO UK, I've had the opportunity to spend time with communities around the world living with, practising, and passing on their traditions. This ranges from island communities in Estonia sharing local dances and songs, to Norway's fjord communities whose identities are closely tied to traditional salmon fishing and sheep farming, and rural parts of Scotland working to sustain and revitalise the Gaelic language.

Despite the differences in language, geography and history, the conversations I've encountered share a common thread. People speak about what these traditions mean to them, how they were learned, and why they still matter. They talk about the importance of participation, the sense of belonging they create, and the ways in which skills, knowledge and values are carried between generations.

Alongside this, many also reflect on the pressures these traditions face. Changing patterns of work and volunteering can leave less time to learn, practise and participate. Practices that once sat naturally at the centre of everyday life can begin to feel more marginal in a fast-moving, increasingly digital world.

These are not nostalgic conversations about preserving the past for its own sake. They are conversations about identity, belonging, and the relationship between people and place in a time of social, cultural and environmental change. It is these shared questions, about continuity, meaning and participation, that shaped, and continue to sit at the heart of, UNESCO's 2003 Convention on the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage, more simply known as living heritage.

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## the future of living traditions in a modern society

### 'Audible teamwork' - Matt's story

For the past seven months, I have entered the world of bell ringing in my local tower in Tring, Hertfordshire.

It began, as many good things do, by accident. A "have a go" session at the church fete last summer instantly hooked me. With the generous patience and encouragement of the Tring tower captain, Philip Dobson, and many others including the Berkhamsted tower captain, Mike Below, I soon found myself learning the rudiments of Plain Hunt, and taking part in service ringing and VJ Day commemorations.

That same sense of openness extended beyond my local tower. While walking over the hills in Wales last summer, I heard bells from a nearby church and decided to see if I could join the ringing. Having already learned how to handle a rope, I was welcomed in and went on to ring in both Welsh and English churches along the River Wye. *Diolch*.

Looking at bell ringing through a living heritage lens has sharpened what I notice about it. It is a deeply social and shared endeavour, built on trust, listening and collective rhythm. It takes place in the towers of our most beautiful medieval buildings. I enjoy making new friends and learning a new skill that requires simultaneous mental and physical agility. Above all, I find its all-encompassing nature offers a rare pause from modern life. For an hour or two every Tuesday, emails, headlines and screens fall away, replaced by rope, sound, timing, teamwork and a methods book that never quite seems to make sense.

Each week, ten to fifteen of us gather in Tring tower to practice. We come from different professions, backgrounds and generations, united by a shared commitment to making something work together. No one can ring alone. Each person depends on the others. Teamwork and cooperation become, quite literally, audible.

The intergenerational nature of the tradition is particularly striking. In many towers like Tring, the names of local ringers stretching back more than 150 years are recorded on boards lining the walls. Standing among them, you feel part of a long human chain, not of perfection (though ringing consistently for a three-hour peal is impressive), but of continuity. I hope that when my daughter is old enough to learn, she too might one day take hold of the rope.

In this way, bell ringing carries the accumulated effort of generations. People turn up week after week, teach newcomers like myself, maintain equipment, practice local methods, and keep a shared practice alive. As society changes, and as the religious symbolism of churches continues to evolve, bell ringing also reveals new forms of value. It offers non-screen time, physical coordination, mental focus, teamwork and connections. These are increasingly rare experiences, and important for wellbeing and community cohesion.

For all these reasons, bellringing feels a very worthy candidate for recognition as part of the UK's living heritage. Not because bellringing needs to be placed on a pedestal, but because recognising it helps articulate the quiet truth that traditions often endure not through obligation, but through community.

The first UK representative to UNESCO, the writer J B Priestley, wrote during his travels across England about the "Little England" – the small, local traditions quietly handed down, and deeply worth valuing.

Living heritage survives in the same way. Because people choose, again and again, to turn up.

And on a Tuesday night in Tring, that choice still rings loud.



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# Manchester takes home the NW 12-bell trophy

by Rebecca Davey

With the North West 12 Bell Striking Competition being successfully woken from its slumber in 2025, on Saturday 31st January we saw the seventh instalment take place at Chester Cathedral. Since the 1960s the cathedral tower itself has had only two bells hung dead, and the ringing nowadays takes place in the detached Dean Addleshaw Tower. A crematorium? An evil beehive? It's certainly a striking building, and improvements to the internal acoustics over the years have meant they are very clear in the ringing chamber, on top of sounding excellent outside.

Over the morning ringers from around the North West trickled into the cathedral's refectory, catching up and exchanging well-wishes. A lofty and historic hall off the cloister, the refectory proved to be a great hub for the day, and those of us who have been through the bureaucratic ordeal of registering as a cathedral volunteer even got a free tea or coffee for our troubles. We didn't have exclusive use of the space but I like to think that for the smattering of confused cathedral visitors enjoying a cream tea we added to their day rather than took away, with many politely clapping along at the appropriate points.

The driving force of the resurrected competition is Mark Humphreys, who gave the customary welcome and thanks. He outlined a day with tight timings, requiring military precision and organisation. Were we up to the challenge? Who even is 'we'? Well seven teams entered this year, made up of over 60 ringers, plus the Cheshire & North Staffs Young Ringers, led by Sam Martin. Although not ringing the test piece,



Judges with the author: Logan Anderson, David Hull, Rebecca Davey and Francis Gilruth

they have been practising together on twelve and are hoping to get some feedback from the judges all the same. With Birmingham absent, Chester's Sunday band were looking like the team to beat. An advanced repertoire, a number of National 12-Bell ringers, and the all-important home advantage – surely a well-struck plain course of Plain Bob Cinques would be a walk in the park?

Our judges for the day were David Hull from York and two young assistants, Francis Gilruth and Logan Anderson. This was Logan's first time judging and I'm not sure whether to hope we did or didn't make it difficult for him. Sequestered deep in the cathedral where the audibility of the bells is

	Score	Band	Rang	Peal speed
1	82%	Manchester	6th	3h37
2	80%	Chester (Sunday)	1st	3h37
3	73%	Liverpool	3rd	3h34
4	69%	Macclesfield	5th	3h29
5	61%	Stafford	7th	3h33
6=	55%	Chester (Monday)	2nd	3h24
	55%	Wirral	4th	3h24

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## Welcoming Bishop Hugh

Hundreds of people from across Worcestershire and Dudley gathered to welcome the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson as the 114th Bishop of Worcester. It was especially poignant to hear the Cathedral bells ring out across the city as the College Youths rang a peal, which had been arranged before the date of the Installation had been announced.

Bells rang out from churches across the diocese, from the villages of south Worcestershire to the more urbanised northern part, including the Dudley area, reflecting the diversity of the area over which the new bishop has pastoral care.

Before the service the Chapter house was full as clergy, fellow Bishops, ecumenical guests and other dignitaries robed for the service. There was a sense of anticipation within the cathedral as we looked forward to the next chapter in the life of the diocese under the guidance of Bishop Hugh.

ROSE HUMPHREY

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### What safeguarding really means

The 2003 UNESCO Convention on the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage is one of the most widely adopted cultural treaties in the world. It is established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, the body responsible for setting international standards in culture – from protecting heritage during armed conflict, to preventing the illicit trafficking of cultural objects, to the better-known World Heritage Convention.

In simple terms, the 2003 UNESCO convention refers to “safeguarding” as a means to help a tradition continue. It does not mean freezing practices in time or preserving them unchanged. UNESCO uses the term to describe something far more practical and human: supporting the conditions that allow a practice to remain viable. That might involve creating opportunities for learning and transmission, improving visibility or recognition, or it might simply mean giving communities the space to talk together about what they want a tradition to become.

At its heart, safeguarding is about conversation. It encourages communities to reflect on what matters, who is involved (and who may be missing), how a tradition connects to place, buildings and local life, and how it might continue to evolve in a changing world.

UNESCO also maintains an International Register of Good Safeguarding Practices as examples of how communities around the world have used recognition, research and dialogue to strengthen participation and pass traditions on in ways that feel meaningful to them.

### The UK Inventory of Living Heritage

In practical terms, the UK Government’s ratification of the Convention in 2024 means that living traditions can now be



One of the more “tangible” ways in which the culture of bellringing has changed over the past century is how ringers dressed. This smart band of gentleman rang at Berkhamstead in the 1920s

recognised through a new UK Inventory of Living Heritage ([www.livingheritage.unesco.org.uk](http://www.livingheritage.unesco.org.uk)). The inventory has been established as a core part of the UK’s commitment to the 2003 Convention, providing a

practical way to recognise traditions, raise awareness, and support conversations about their future.

Unlike many heritage lists, this inventory is community-led. It is not about experts deciding what counts, but about communities themselves identifying the practices that give meaning to their lives. Inclusion on the inventory does not come with funding or formal protection. Its value lies in providing visibility, recognition, and, perhaps most importantly, a shared national framework for conversation.

By bringing practices together on a UK-wide platform, the inventory creates space to ask wider questions about identity, continuity and change. It allows communities to connect with others facing similar challenges, to share experience, and to think collectively about the future of living traditions in a modern society.

The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers has been closely engaged with this process and will be nominating change ringing for inclusion on the England register (see the petition on their website). A number of Expressions of Interest relating to bell ringing are already published on the inventory, offering a shared starting point for connection across the ringing community.

What follows are two reflections on bell ringing. One from someone new to the ropes, and one from a ringer with a lifetime’s experience, offering different perspectives on why it feels such a powerful example of living heritage.

### Alison Smedley – ‘I will always come back’

*Alison is Policy Coordinator for the UK National Commission.*

I’ve been ringing since I was eight years old, when my father, David Struckett, taught me to handle a bell over several consecutive days outside of usual practice-night times. This started a tradition that continued with my younger sister, and then a good few years later, my nephews, my fiancé, Rupert (now husband) and, later still, our son. (There are also hundreds of other people that my Dad has taught to ring over the years.)

More than four decades later and I’m still ringing. I’ve lapsed a few times over the years, for various reasons, but I have always come back, and will always come back for as long as I am able, to the amazing world that is bellringing.

The key thing for me that makes ringing a perfect example of living heritage is that we are standing in the same place doing exactly the same thing with exactly the same equipment as people have been doing since the seventeenth century (notwithstanding new ropes, recast bells and the occasional floors replacing ground floor rings, obviously!). I love looking at old peal boards and imagining how if those ringers of old could see us today it would all look exactly the same - you probably can’t say that about many things we do in the twenty-first century.

Another key thing for me is the world-wide community of this peculiarly English-tradition. The fact that you can arrive in any place which has bells, on holiday, travelling for work or relocating to a new area, and turn up at the tower on practice night and immediately be made to feel welcome. I have done this on so many memorable occasions over the years, in the UK and in a handful of places around the world.

My parents met through bellringing, and three generations of our family can all ring (even if the younger ones seem to have currently

lapsed, as I did at their age – hopefully they will come back to it). Just recently we all rang together, some of the younger generation included, to celebrate the eightieth birthdays of my mother, Elizabeth Struckett, and her twin sister, Anne Newcombe.

The towers that I have called my home tower over the years have included Old Windsor, Winkfield, Inveraray, Greenwich and Leek. I am currently unattached (ringing-wise!) but at the moment I’m ringing more in Edinburgh than anywhere else, where I have yet again found a warm welcome.

I started working for the UK National Commission for UNESCO three years ago. Bellringing came up during the job interview (as I have it on my CV, naturally) and I heard about the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for the first time. This has made me see bellringing in a different light – rather than something I’ve just always been involved with, I have realised the importance of ensuring that it thrives and is handed on to future generations as a real example of living heritage.



Three generations of Alison’s family ringing for a recent family occasion – at St Michael’s, Horton, Staffordshire

# Mr Austin meets his match: Introducing A Allan Bennett

## Part 1 by Ian Bucknell

Whilst carrying out historical research it is not at all unusual to be tempted down a rabbit hole and come across a quite unexpected story. As part of a large research project regarding the ringers of Gloucester I have, for the last few weeks, been side-tracked by a story which I have found both fascinating and educational. I am going to share this with you and we will begin with an exchange of letters between two highly respectable men with very strong personalities.

Let us begin with the front page of *The Ringing World* of 17 October 1919 which has a leader column by the Editor entitled TOLERATION IN THE BELFRY. Here is its opening paragraph:

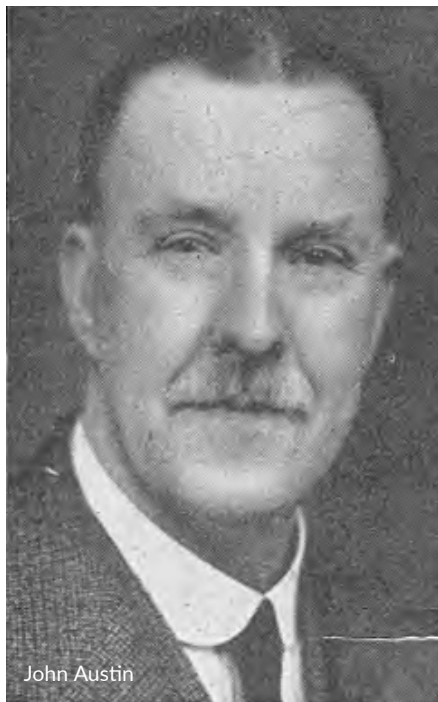
*A question not without interest and importance is raised by a correspondent who appeals for more tolerance in the belfry among competent ringers when dealing with novices or strangers. He complains that some ringers have no patience with beginners or with others who, finding themselves in difficulties when handling a strange bell, do not perform as well as they were expected to. Most members of the Exercise have come across the type of intolerant person referred to at some time or other, and there can be no doubt that the attitude they take-up is, to say the least, discouraging to those less accomplished than themselves.*

So, what was this correspondence and who wrote it? Well, it can be found on Page 446 of that issue and it is given in full below:

### A PLEA FOR TOLERATION

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, — In some of your leading articles of recent dates you have been dealing very efficiently indeed with the question of propaganda, combined practices and exchange of belfries, etc. with a view to attracting and encouraging recruits, also to stimulate interest, and to encourage ringers to fraternise more freely, to their mutual advantage both for progress and for fellowship. I am sure every reader will agree that the suggestions put forward in those articles have been excellent, and if acted upon, could not fail to bring about very beneficial results, but I would like to point out and emphasise very strongly that there is a real danger of these results being lost through lack of patience and toleration on the part of older and experienced ringers towards novices, and sometimes towards strangers who, being on strange ropes, are perhaps not at their best. I am speaking after 24 years' ringing experience in several parts of the country, under four different Associations, and to my mind there is not a more sorry spectacle, or one more calculated



John Austin

to damp the keenness of a novice, or so completely spoil the whole atmosphere of a ringing chamber than to see an experienced ringer so lose his patience as to set his bell, put on his coat and refuse to ring further, and in some case, walk out of the tower. It does incalculable mischief, and I have instances in mind where young and promising ringers have thrown it in and even proficient ringers have given up because of the lack of harmony and good feeling which means so much, and which every ringer ought to set himself to cultivate.

You rightly say in the current issue that ringing is getting back to something approaching its former stride and it will do so if your splendid suggestions are acted upon, and the danger I have pointed out be averted.

Yours faithfully, A. ALLAN BENNETT.  
Newton House, Gloucester.

This letter yielded a certain amount of comment in the subsequent issues of *The Ringing World*, until on 31 October 1919, (p.471) this letter is published:

### MR. JOHN AUSTIN 'OWNS UP'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,— As your correspondent's remarks on toleration applies to myself. I feel I ought to explain that for some weeks past I have been trying to get the ringing back to its old form at St. Michael's, Gloucester, and for several weeks we have been practising Stedman Caters. On this particular occasion we had tried three times to get a touch, each time coming to grief through someone getting lost in the slow.

*After the third attempt I put on my clothes and said I would not ring it again until they had learnt the slow work properly, but I was persuaded to have another start. We rang three courses successfully.*

Now, Sir, your correspondent says he has had 24 years' experience in four different associations; all I can say he has not made good use of his experience, or he would be able to ring Stedman Caters or anything else in that time, but there are certain classes of ringers who will never make good ringers if they had 50 years' experience: that is their misfortune.

In your article on the front page, you refer to the case of a teacher putting on his hat and leaving the class if a pupil failed to come up to his standard. I think instead of the teacher leaving, the pupil would be told to stand down till he made himself efficient and, to my mind, that would be the best way to serve ringers who come in the tower and attempt to ring methods they have not previously worked out at home.

At the present time young ringers have splendid opportunity for improvement, and it rests entirely with themselves. I can remember the time when it was a favour to sit and look on while the ringing was in progress, then ring the five minutes bell Sunday after Sunday: the only time you got a chance was when they were one short. Happily, all that is changed, and no young ringer need be disappointed: if he is determined to get on, he will always find someone willing to assist him, but his first thoughts must be learn to strike properly; then whatever method he wants to practice, get pencil and paper at work at home and make himself thoroughly acquainted with it before going to the tower.

In conclusion, I should just like to say it is the first time I have been accused of not having patience or tolerance for young ringers, and I leave it to the Exercise and those who have visited St. Michael's, Gloucester, whether they have not been made welcome, or whether I have not any tolerance.

Yours faithfully, JOHN AUSTIN

And so, an admission and a strong defence by a man of enormous status within the ringing community. To those unaware, John Austin was a ringer and conductor of great experience and reputation. Details of his long ringing career have featured in several articles published by *The Ringing World* and Dr John C Eisel included him as one of the notable ringers of the past in his second volume of *Giants Of The Exercise*.

It is interesting to note that whereas today, any response would include by default a word of apology, this was not the style of the day. Similarly, the follow-up response by Allan Bennett implied something of a



was not rung and that only during the war had I occasional opportunities of practising it. Previous to my coming here, I had not made more than four or five attempts to ring Stedman Caters, so that my recent performances of seven well-struck courses is to me a very encouraging sign of progress, and not a sign of having failed to make good use of past experience.

But to get right away from personal matters, which cannot possibly be of any interest to your readers, the very important question of home study has been touched upon, and I am sure all will agree that it would be impossible to emphasise too strongly the importance of thoroughly acquainting oneself with the method before attempting to ring it, but how many beginners, even after they have committed the whole of the plain course to memory, can straightway go and ring it? They invariably find that whereas at home they were able to concentrate the whole mind on committing certain phrases to memory, a good part of their attention has now to be centred on picking out their places and working in

conjunction with other bells. This is what is known as 'ropesight,' and I maintain that no matter how hard a beginner may study at home, or how expert he may become in theory, it is the practice and plenty of it that makes the ringer. So, in maintaining my plea for toleration, never mind occasional trips, start again, and still again, if necessary. I know it is very annoying sometimes to the experienced ringer, but never mind patience and plenty of good humour will win through until proficiency is attained.

Yours faithfully, A. ALLAN BENNETT,  
Gloucester

So that is the end of the exchange, but the outstanding question is, who was A. Allan Bennett? This question required hours of research to answer but the reward has been the discovery of a remarkable man who led an extremely full life, punctuated by irregular appearances in belfries in a variety of places. His biography, together with references to his family, will follow.

To be continued.

climb-down but he certainly wasn't about to surrender. On 14 November 1919 (p.499) this appeared:

### TOLERATION IN THE BELFRY

Dear Sir,— Kindly grant me a small space in your next issue in which to make a further comment on the above subject. Before doing so, I would like to state that my previous remarks (which were written with a general and not a personal application) had no reference to any special incident, and that the question of lack of welcome to strangers most certainly had no reference to the particular belfry mentioned in your issue of October 31st. As, however, the subject has been made personal by the remark that my 24 years' experience in change ringing 'had not been made good use of, or I should be able to ring Stedman Caters,' I would like to say in passing that for the greater part I was attached to six-bell towers, and later to an eight-bell tower, where Stedman

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## Defining Bobs and Singles

SIR, – If, after 300 years without one, we need a formal definition of the difference between bobs and singles then Graham John's suggestion (p.127) is a good place to begin. Unfortunately, not everything would fit. For example, the 'Old Bob Doubles' single would be classified as a bob, the bobs in Grandsire Minor, Major etc. as singles and 'in course' singles where, for instance, two pairs of bells make places, as in Holt's single in Grandsire or Oxford Bob Triples, as bobs.

I think that the definition of a single can be extended to cover Holt's singles etc. This requires identification of the Q-set for the call in question. The Q-set for a call, meeting Graham's criteria for a single, will automatically have an even number of members. So do the Q-sets for singles like Holt's. If a single is defined as a call with an even number of members in its Q-set and a bob as one with an odd number of members that would reclassify the 'in course' singles as singles while leaving everything else the same.

Calling the 'Old Bob' single a bob could lead to confusion as to which type of bob was meant. It is correctly named a single using the original use of the term. Old Doubles appears in *Tintinnalugia* and in Stedman's *Campanalugia*. They both refer to the 'Old Bob' single as an 'Extream' (their spelling). Perhaps we could revive this venerable term to distinguish between the Plain Bob bob and the Old Bob single.

I can't think of any way to deal with the calls in Grandsire on even bells except to note them as an exception. All that matters for practical purposes is that the conductor and ringers all agree on what happens when bob and single are called. The theorists can still classify the bob as a single if necessary.

COLIN J E WYLD

Chislehurst, Kent

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## Two cheers

SIR, – After a poorly performing winter, our local Royal Mail branch is getting back to normal, and it was pleasing to receive the latest *RW* issue on Saturday February 21st.

Two articles caught my attention.

Angela Wilkins's 'Hold Tight for Ringing 2030' is an excellent call for greater help for those, myself included, who find tower staircases increasingly difficult. Ringers familiar with Keele tower will be aware of how narrow the staircase is, and it has got narrower over the years. A fixed handrail is not possible as it would restrict the width even more, so we recently installed a 30mm Hempex rope, which provides a very good handhold. This has a further advantage that it is bound to be at a convenient height, unlike many fixed handrails which in my experience are often uncomfortably low when going down. A rope allows one to grip at whatever height is comfortable. A further advantage is that with only one point of attachment it is much easier and cheaper to install than a fixed handrail.

Steven Tibbetts's piece on technology is in line with my own experience of using a simulator. We installed an early Cummins machine, later replaced by Abel, at Keele in 1984, and it transformed what we were able to do. Steven mentions the ability to practise things which are otherwise not possible, which we did a lot of. My wife Rowena learnt Bristol on the simulator, and ahead of a peal of 23-spliced I was able to ring the whole peal two parts at a time. A further benefit is the flexibility it provides. For over thirty years I ran a second practice every week, at which the attendance was quite variable. For a while it attracted at least a dozen, for some of whom it was their only practice, and we had a conventional practice. Later on it became a practice for recent recruits, and there could be a mixture of conventional ringing and individual practice. The important thing was that it didn't matter how many people turned up, there was always something we could do. For over twenty years the Keele Ringing Course used Keele and neighbouring towers also equipped with simulators continuously for the whole course, giving students the benefit of minimal travelling and maximum familiarity with the bells.

PHIL GAY

Keele, Staffordshire

## Don't let AI into bellringing

SIR, – I was absolutely appalled recently to read in *The Ringing World* that there are bellringers promoting the use of Artificial Intelligence in bellringing spaces. "AI in bellringing: Game-changer or gimmick?" (p.129).

### Useless

The most apparent issue/problem that was even shown in the article itself it simply how useless it is. Initially in the article we are told that there is a hunger towards

having more tools in bellringing to help us in teaching and in leading our bands, we are then almost as quickly told that it is completely incapable of any amount of bellringing assistance. To quote the article itself, by "leaving musical judgement and teaching firmly in human hands," it does not provide any actual assistance to our bellringing practices; it does not understand bellringing fundamentally, nor can it act in the moment to assist with training. It cannot see what we as trained ringers see; the movement and the feel of the rope is what bellringing is. An AI chatbot will not be able to provide us anything grounded in reality.

We are repeatedly told that AI is a helpful assistant, but that it is only an assistant to drafting an email or "making artwork". For those unaware of the current situation, AI "art" is fed through the stolen work of hundreds of thousands of artists (as demonstrated in the actual article itself!).

Can we not simply draft our own emails or even reach out to see who in our communities is able to make real art for us, so that we may become tighter as a group who support and lift each other up?

The use of AI "art" is highly recognisable and if anything repels any new ringers who will either see it as a scam (due to the use of AI "art" being so prominent in scam work online) or a sign of poor judgement in leadership. We do not want to reduce the credibility of an already short-handed community led activity.

### Environment

AI is a known problem for the environment. It wastes tonnes of energy for computational power and water for cooling data centres. This cannot be overstated. According to researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, AI energy consumption will represent the total energy usage of either Japan or Russia by this year, and by 2030 will take up at least one tenth of the global demand for electricity, which is wholly unsustainable.

A single large data centre can consume up to five million gallons of water per day. By 2027 AI could consume 6.6bn cubic meters of water, which is equivalent to two thirds of England's annual water consumption. This is also unsustainable and leaves us in danger of water debt or bankruptcy, leaving us in a state of almost permanent drought. The UK Environment Agency says that future water shortages are becoming harder and harder to predict and that when they hit they may be much harsher than expected. The water that AI 'drinks' becomes no longer potable, either by evaporation when used for cooling, or by building up bacteria that then needs energy-intensive processing.

### Teaching

As a teacher, I have seen myself a lack of pupil resilience as AI is contributing to a growing problem of young people not being able to thoroughly develop their critical thinking skills because of overdependence on AI 'thinking tools'. We must make sure to encourage our young ringers' abilities.

Please, I implore my fellow ringers, we cannot let ourselves be taken over by AI; we cannot be part of this growing problem. I am aware this may seem so much bigger than us, but every part of our society must act together to make a better future for our young ones.

CARYS NORMINGTON

Great Malvern

## Memories of Bryan Pattison

SIR, – My late husband Andrew and I were involved in the early days of Durham University Society of Change Ringers which Bryan founded. It was a lively, well-run society which grew, ringing at the Cathedral as well as having midweek afternoon practices at Brancepeth. There were dinners, outings, and Northern Universities gatherings started to take place. Also The Universities Association with their week-long holidays and dinners attracted ringers from around the country. Andrew graduated in 1963, we married and moved to Australia in 1965, keeping up with news via *The Ringing World*.

By 1975 we were living in South Africa and Andrew was on a two-month course in England, after which he took leave and with our two young sons we toured Europe, including a stay at a family property in Anzere, Switzerland. We contacted Bryan and were invited to go over to Meyrin for the weekend. He also tried to arrange for two ladies to join us, who had been part of the Durham group in the 1960s and were working in Switzerland; however it did not happen. Bryan's wife Pat and their two children made us most welcome. It was quite a compact apartment, but we all fitted in and had a great weekend. Their eldest daughter Maxine did her best to cope with three boys while the adults caught up with news, and sampled wines. Late next morning we exercised the children in Geneva, then Bryan took the four of us into CERN, a great treat for Andrew the engineer and scientist. I was fascinated by the fact that we were now in France and that the Particle Accelerator ran under Geneva Airport runways. Multinational people, lots of machines and screens. Our seven-year-old took more interest than the four-year-old. Back at the apartment some CERN friends had arrived (Pat had a degree in English and taught new arrivals). We left after a wonderful weekend with this multi-talented friend.

Another memory of the early days is Bryan knitting Fair Isle type jumpers while waiting to ring out a service, or were they ringing methods?

I do not have a degree, thus I have remained in the friends and family category, with lots of wonderful memories over the decades, often catching up in faraway places.

SHIRLEY BOLTON

Surbiton, Surrey

PS I must compliment Richard Hillson for the Bedfordshire statistics etc., allowing for the fact that he never met Bryan.

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poor, they had the benefit of an audio feed from the tower, set up by Ben Kellett, Simon Christian and Peter Barker.

The draw began with the two Chester teams up first (suspicious...), followed by Liverpool, Wirral, Macclesfield, Manchester and Stafford. With only a handful of the North West's twelve bell towers having regular local ringing on twelve, the theme of these competitions is very much collaboration. Partial and scratch bands are welcomed, and ringers are often shared between bands for towers they support. The focus is solidly on development and opportunity, and for many ringers this was their first (and hopefully not last) time taking part in a twelve-bell competition.

From midday we were treated to ringing on and off for the next few hours, with people wandering between the refectory and tower to listen. A handful found spots under umbrellas outside Duke's Sports Bar, sacrificing good beer for being within heckling distance of the tower door. Test pieces ranged from the tentative to the confident, with peal speeds from 3h24 to 3h37 and the judges later noting the slower teams tended to do better. Comments overheard from ringers leaving the tower included "That was a nice surprise" and "Well it came round", reminding us that expectations can always be defied on the day, for better or worse.

By 3pm, the final team had rung their test piece and the Young Ringers took hold. After some initial acclimatising to the bells, the band rang some very solid rounds and call changes, with the judges noting that their confidence grew as they rang. The fact that such a band had been able to form, practice, and ring in the competition was a highlight

of the day for many people I spoke to, embodying the aims and spirit of the event.

At 3.45pm we were ready in the refectory for the judges' results, and impressively they were too. We did in fact all manage to keep to time well throughout the day and greatly appreciated the judges' equal diligence. Speaking on the themes of the day, chief judge David Hull noted that inconsistent leading at both strokes and a shaky pull-off were common issues across many bands. That said, he praised the overall standard of ringing and the participation of the Cheshire & North Staffs Young Ringers. Francis gave some helpful comments on the judges' impressions for each band, followed by Logan revealing the scores.

As the results table (p.172) shows, despite a tight margin with the Chester Sunday band, Manchester took the top spot. To say the band are thrilled is an understatement, especially given we placed joint last in 2025! Hard work pays off, and the Westminster Shield has taken its first ever trip to Manchester Cathedral. But can we keep it next year?

This will be determined on Saturday 30th January 2027, since the competition always falls on the last Saturday of January. But the competition can't happen at all without the many people whose time and effort make the day possible. In this case, thanks are due to Paul Hunter, Ben Kellett and Chester Cathedral for the use of their bells, as well as to our judges David Hull, Francis Gilruth and Logan Anderson, and to the organiser Mark Humphreys. Their hard work ensured a smooth and enjoyable day - thanks all!

Full information about this year's competition, past results and next year's competition can be found at [northwest12bell.com](http://northwest12bell.com).

## Bell pub crawler highlights plight of pubs

Chris Hutchinson, known to *RW* Christmas issue readers for his annual update on an ongoing 'Bell pub crawl', started at the Millennium, managed to reach the mainstream media with a *Telegraph* interview on 31st January: 'Bell ringer who tried to visit 1,000 pubs defeated by closures.'

Chris highlighted the plight of the British pub, stating that 150 "bell" pubs from his original list have closed.

He also managed to get some history into his interview with a mention of how pubs got their names from bells hung up as signs (or equipment like anchors or ploughs placed outside). He also got ringing in: "Of particular interest to Mr Hutchinson were the pubs that boasted of the numbers of bells a church tower had. It led to pub names such as The Five Bells or Eight Bells.

"Church towers were not necessarily religious buildings, they also had a civic purpose," he said, citing their use during the Millennium celebrations, not to mention their role during the plague.

"It was a matter of civic pride how many bells a church tower had."



# PEAL REPORTS

## First Peal Congratulations

Hannah Saudek (Wigton, Cumbria)  
Michelle A Stephenson (Hornchurch, Essex)  
Charlie Bates (St Mary Magdalen, Oxford)  
Glynis Llewelyn (St Florence, Pembrokeshire)

### ANZAB

**HOBBART, Tas,**  
Cathedral Church of St David  
Sun 14 Dec 2025 3h20 (21)  
**5000 Cambridge S Royal**  
Comp. trad  
1 Michelle C Harrison  
2 Jennifer C N Davies  
3 William T Perrins  
4 Esther M Perrins  
5 Andrew P J Davies  
6 James D Heyes  
7 Thomas M Perrins  
8 James W Perrins  
9 Philip R Goodyer  
10 Peter I Harrison (C)  
50th peal: 2. £10

### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

**PETERBOROUGH, Cambs,**  
Cathedral Church of St Peter, St Paul, & St Andrew  
Sat 17 Jan 2026 3h22 (21)  
**5042 Cambridge S Maximus**  
Comp. Christopher J Poole  
1 Stephanie J Warboys  
2 Patrick L H Brooke (C)  
3 M Michael R Parker  
4 Simon J L Linford  
5 Euan R M Thomas  
6 David G Carling  
7 Helena M Thorpe  
8 Richard I Allton  
9 A John Stanworth  
10 Jonathan B Townsend  
11 Eleanor J Linford  
12 John S Warboys  
First Peal of Maximus - 7.

**LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Beds,**  
All Saints  
Sat 7 Feb 2026 3h21 (35)  
**5069 Stedman Cinques**  
Comp. Paul N Mounsey  
1 Rosalind J Ashton  
2 Hannah L Taylor  
3 Stephen J Hall (C)  
4 Susan L Apter  
5 Ryan S Noble  
6 Malcolm H Joyce  
7 Emma J Southerington  
8 David Kemp  
9 Jonathan B Townsend  
10 Mark A Humphreys  
11 Thomas W Griffiths  
12 Paul L Carless  
Rung in memory of Paul N Mounsey.  
50th peal in the tower: 1.

**STOWMARKET, Suffolk,**  
St Peter & St Mary  
Sat 7 Feb 2026 3h8 (19)  
**5000 Bristol S Royal**  
Comp. S Percy  
1 Malcolm S Turner  
2 Stephanie J Warboys  
3 Christopher M Bennett  
4 Brian G Meads  
5 Graham M Bradshaw  
6 Richard I Allton  
7 Benjamin J Carey (C)  
8 Roy LeMarchal  
9 Andrew C Ogden  
10 Andrew B Mills

**ARDLEIGH, Essex,**  
St Mary the Virgin  
Sun 8 Feb 2026 2h56 (13)  
**5078 Cambridge S Royal**  
Comp. R I Allton  
1 Anthea S Edwards  
2 Stephanie J Warboys  
3 Philip A B Saddleton  
4 Benjamin J Carey  
5 Ian J Culham  
6 Graham M Bradshaw  
7 Roy LeMarchal  
8 Christopher M Bennett  
9 Richard I Allton (C)  
10 Andrew C Ogden  
Birthday compliment to Andrew Wilby, 78 today.

**BURNLEY, Lancs,**  
St Peter  
Sun 8 Feb 2026 2h59 (18)  
**5040 Cambridge S Royal**  
Comp. Donald F Morrison (No. 1914)  
1 Lenard J Mitchell  
2 James E Andrews  
3 Stephen J Hall (C)  
4 Paul B Hunter  
5 Elle G Buttery  
6 Henry J Stephenson  
7 Peter L Furniss  
8 Matthew D Warburton  
9 Luke D Marshall  
10 George H Campling  
First peal of Surprise Royal, and first with the society: 5.

**BISHOPS CANNINGS, Wilts,**  
St Mary the Virgin  
Sat 14 Feb 2026 3h5 (15)  
**5088 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. D F Morrison  
1 Julian J Hemper  
2 Nicki J Lang  
3 Robert J Purnell  
4 Graham A Nobbs  
5 James W G Twiney  
6 Robert Perry  
7 David P Hilling (C)  
8 Michael J Woodward  
Dedicated to the memory of Marian Dark mother of the treble ringer and rung on the first anniversary of her passing. RIP.

**CITY OF LONDON,**  
St Michael, Cornhill  
Sat 14 Feb 2026 3h26 (32)  
**5040 Spiced TD Maximus**  
(5m: 1008 each Ariel S, Avon D, Bristol S, Rigel S, Zanussi S; 37 comp. atw)  
Comp. M R Eccleston  
1 Mark R Eccleston  
2 John N Hughes-D'Aeth (C)  
3 Adam A Brady  
4 Christopher J Poole  
5 Henry J W Pipe  
6 Graham M Bradshaw  
7 Luke T W Smith  
8 Edward P D Colliss  
9 Alan G Reading  
10 Paul L Carless  
11 Robin O Hall  
12 Michael P A Wilby  
Rung as a compliment to Tony Kench on his retirement after 27 years as Tower Secretary at St Michael's.

### CARLISLE D.G.

**WIGTON, Cumbria,**  
St Mary  
Sat 14 Feb 2026 2h50 (8)  
**5088 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. Graham Bradshaw  
1 Sally Walker  
2 Ceri J Bicknell  
3 Kyle L Leaver  
4 Hannah Saudek  
5 Nicholas C Tithecott  
6 Simon Durrant  
7 Duncan G Walker (C)  
8 Julia R Cater  
First peal: 4. £8

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

**HORNCHURCH, Essex,**  
St Andrew  
Sun 8 Feb 2026 3h20 (18)  
**5039 Grand sire Caters**  
Comp. George F Williams  
1 Michelle A Stephenson  
2 Helen J Carter  
3 Clara M Waller  
4 Marianne R Hayward  
5 Lucas J Owen  
6 John M Church  
7 William J Stungo  
8 Roderic K Bickerton  
9 Clive J Stephenson (C)  
10 James P Riley  
Rung to celebrate the recent 50th birthday of Michelle Stephenson and 70th birthday of Andrew Barham. Also best wishes to Meng Bickerton for her birthday today.  
First peal: 1.  
First Grand sire - 3. £5

### G. DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

**KINGSTEIGNTON, Devon,**  
'LB' Campanile  
Tue 10 Feb 2026 2h6 (30lb)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(20m: (1) London, Wells (2) Chester, Carlisle, Munden, (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) York (5) Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)  
1 Robert D S Brown  
2 John R Martin  
3 David Hird  
4 John A Foster  
5 Charlotte A Boyce  
6 Michael E C Mears (C)  
Birthday compliment to "Jolly" Roger King.  
600th peal: 5.

**PITCOMBE, Som,**  
St Leonard  
Wed 11 Feb 2026 2h37 (9)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(12m: (1) London, Wells (2) Netherseale (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) York, Durham (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)  
1 James Kirkcaldy  
2 Jonathan G Rose  
3 Robert D Crighton  
4 Jill M Hansford  
5 Michael C Hansford  
6 Michael E C Mears (C)  
80th birthday compliment to David House, we know how much he loves peals of Minor.

**BISHOPSTEIGNTON, Devon,**  
Bishops-Ting-Tong  
Fri 13 Feb 2026 1h46 (10lb)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(18m: (1) Nigel (2) London, Wells (3) Westminster, Allendale (4) York (5) Durham, Beverley, Berwick, Hexham, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)  
1 Philip Stevens  
2 James Grant  
3 John R Martin  
4 Nigel G Birt  
5 Robert D S Brown  
6 Michael E C Mears (C)  
70th birthday compliment to Nigel Birt, first peal in his 8th decade.

### GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

**MANGOTSFIELD, Glos,**  
St James  
Sun 8 Feb 2026 2h43 (7)  
**5024 Jovium S Major**  
Comp. Ian Butters (no.801)  
1 Russell N Scudamore  
2 Jonathan D Storey  
3 Colin G Newman  
4 Sebastian C Small  
5 Thomas R Sherwood  
6 Ian P Hill  
7 Matthew D Dawson (C)  
8 Helen C Mansley  
50th together: 3 and 5.

### KENT C.A.

**NEWCHURCH, Kent,**  
St Peter & St Paul  
Mon 19 Jan 2026 3h2 (10)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(13m: 1 Carlisle 2 London, Wells 3 Westminster, Allendale 4 York, Durham 5 Beverley, Surfleet 6 Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne 7 Norwich)  
1 Dickon R Love  
2 Phillip R J Barnes  
3 Anne L Rueff  
4 Martin W Marshall  
5 John B Keeler (C)  
6 Alan Regin

**EASTBOURNE, E Sussex,**  
All Saints  
Mon 9 Feb 2026 2h57 (16)  
**5120 The Canaries D Major**  
Comp. Robert D S Brown  
1 David Kirkcaldy  
2 Anne L Rueff  
3 Phillip R J Barnes  
4 John B Keeler  
5 Robert J Crocker  
6 Alan Regin  
7 Peter G C Ellis (C)  
8 Claire F Roulstone  
First peal on the bells since retuning and rehanging in 2022.  
A birthday compliment to James Hedgcock, 80 today; and for the forthcoming 80th birthday of David House.

### LANCASHIRE ASSN

**MIDDLETON, Manchester,**  
St Leonard  
Fri 13 Feb 2026 2h46 (11)  
**5056 Ullesthorpe S Major**  
Comp. D G Hull  
1 Alyson E Blanchard  
2 Gail L Randall  
3 Derek J Thomas  
4 Peter C Randall (C)  
5 Andrew J Webster  
6 George H Campling  
7 Brian J Owen  
8 Taylor Wright £2

### NONSUCH ASSOCIATION

**ROTHERHITHE, London,**  
St Mary  
Mon 9 Feb 2026 3h1 (10)  
**5184 Cassiobury S Major**  
Comp. Donald F Morrison  
1 Ian G Campbell  
2 Peter W Emery  
3 Euan R M Thomas  
4 M Louise Booth  
5 Nicholas R Wilson  
6 Benjamin J Willets  
7 Stephen A Wheeler (C)  
8 Alan Regin

### OXFORD D.G.

**HUNGERFORD, Berks,**  
St Lawrence  
Fri 2 Jan 2026 2h54 (12)  
**5152 Lincolnshire S Major**  
Comp. Simon Humphrey  
1 Catherine M A Lane  
2 Joanne P Druce  
3 Timothy G Pett  
4 Richard E White  
5 Alison T Merryweather-Clarke  
6 Edward J W Manley  
7 Jon P Britcher  
8 Kelvin R Britton (C)  
Birthday compliment to Kelvin.

**CHOLSEY, Oxon,**  
St Mary  
Tue 3 Feb 2026 3h3 (10)  
**5152 Spiced S Major**  
(23m: 224 each Aldenham, Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Ealing, Ickleton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley & Yorkshire; 160 com: atw)  
Comp. Timothy G Pett  
1 D Giles Winter  
2 Cynthia E Howell  
3 Beryl R Norris  
4 Timothy G Pett (C)  
5 Ian G Campbell  
6 Martin J Turner  
7 Nigel A L Mellor  
8 Douglas J Beaumont

**HUGHENDEN, Bucks,**  
St Michael & All Angels  
Mon 9 Feb 2026 2h58 (14)  
**5088 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. Simon Humphrey  
1 Alison T Merryweather-Clarke  
2 Stephen J Crawley  
3 Catherine M A Lane  
4 Richard E White  
5 Timothy G Pett  
6 Christopher P Cole  
7 Christopher M Mundy  
8 Kelvin R Britton (C)  
Celebrating the life of Dr. Kathryn Robson. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Stuart Gibson and Jon Tutcher.

### OXFORD SOCIETY

**OXFORD,**  
St Ebbe  
Sat 7 Feb 2026 2h26 (4)  
**5088 Lessness S Major**  
Comp. S A Bond  
1 Robin O Hall  
2 David C Ockwell  
3 Millie C Gull  
4 David L Thomas (C)  
5 Jonathan Cresshull  
6 Harry M Turner  
7 Alan M Eyles  
8 Peter W Spain  
A compliment to the Oxford University Society on the occasion of their Anniversary Dinner.

### OXFORD UNIV. SOCIETY

**OXFORD,**  
St Mary Magdalen  
Sat 7 Feb 2026 2h46 (7)  
**5088 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. Donald F Morrison  
1 Craig M Robertson  
2 Christine C Darby  
3 Lester J Yeo  
4 Charlie Bates  
5 Dorothy G Hall  
6 Benjamin J Tozer  
7 Jacob C W Hubbard (C)  
8 Elizabeth A Barnes  
First peal: 4.  
First as conductor.  
For OUS Dinner Day.  
"It's my 888th peal of major, is that not worth a footnote?" - 3.

### PETERBOROUGH D G

**ROTHWELL, Northants,**  
Holy Trinity  
Fri 6 Feb 2026 3h9 (21)  
**5080 Scurr A' Chaorchain S Royal**  
Comp. Pip Dillistone  
1 Michael Chester  
2 Stephanie J Warboys  
3 Michael A Varney  
4 Paul McNutt  
5 Nicholas R Wilson  
6 David G Carling  
7 James F Thorpe  
8 Christopher N McCarthy  
9 Alan Regin  
10 Richard I Allton (C)  
With thanks to our last minute stand in.

### S. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SOC.

**WOMBOURNE, Staffs,**  
St Benedict Biscope  
Sat 7 Feb 2026 2h40 (9)  
**5088 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. D F Morrison  
1 Rosemary K Hemmings  
2 Nicholas K Allsopp  
3 Roderic K Bickerton  
4 Scott Wheeler  
5 Richard J Hurst  
6 Andrew J Ellis  
7 Stephen G Askew  
8 Michael Chester (C) £4

**SALISBURY D.G.**

**SOUTH WRAXALL**, Wilts,  
St James  
Sat 7 Feb 2026 2h43 (7)  
**5040 Minor**  
(5m: 720 of each: Norwich,  
Beverley and Surfleet. 1440 of  
each Cambridge and Plain Bob)  
Comp. Traditional  
1 Robert J Purnell  
2 David J Kelly  
3 David W Hacker  
4 Benjamin D Kipling  
5 Christopher Bush  
6 Matthew R T Higby (C)  
First peal on the bells. 100th  
Salisbury Guild tower for a  
peal: 1. Giving thanks for  
the restoration of the bells  
in 2022, each of the band  
was connected with the  
restoration in some way. **£6**

**SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION**

**GLASGOW**,  
Cathedral Church of St  
Mary the Virgin  
Sat 7 Feb 2026 3h35 (32)  
**5040 Bristol S Royal**  
Comp. Thomas J Hinks  
1 Simon J Gay (C)  
2 Tina R Stoeclein  
3 Judith L Frye  
4 Zoe A Bennett  
5 Angela H Deakin  
6 Christopher J Frye  
7 Jason R Hargreaves  
8 Ruth M Marshall  
9 Alexander P Frye  
10 Jonathan S Frye  
Celebrating the birthdays  
of Ruth (50) and  
Jonathan (40). **£10**

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL  
CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**

**WALWORTH**, London,  
St Peter  
Wed 11 Feb 2026 2h37 (3)  
**5184 Aquarius S Major**  
Comp. Marcus C W  
Sherwood  
1 Peter J Blight  
2 Anne L Rueff  
3 Russell A Brown  
4 Peter W Emery  
5 Geraldine R Forster  
6 Ian G Campbell  
7 Stephen A Wheeler (C)  
8 Richard A Pearce  
1200th peal for the Society  
- 6.

**SOUTHWARK  
CATHEDRAL SOCIETY**

**CITY OF LONDON**,  
St James Garlickhythe  
Sat 31 Jan 2026 2h52 (9)  
**5120 Spiced S Major**  
(8m: Contains 896 Rutland; 704  
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 640  
Cambridge; 576 London, Pudsey,  
Superlative; 448 Bristol; 87  
com; atw)  
Comp. Philip G K Davies  
1 Daniel J Smith (C)  
2 Bethan L Hensman  
3 Thomas L Nagel  
4 Caroline N Pawley  
5 Stephen J F Mitchell  
6 Isaac W Johnson  
7 Brian G Meads  
8 Andrew M Hills

**SOUTHWELL &  
NOTTINGHAM D.G.**

**CLIFTON**, Notts,  
St Mary the Virgin  
Tue 10 Feb 2026 2h32 (8)  
**5024 Anniversary D Major**  
Comp. Stanley Jenner  
1 Peter S Lacy  
2 Sally A Brown  
3 Ruth Curtis  
4 Philip R Wild  
5 Peter J England  
6 Michael A Varney  
7 Edward A S Walker  
8 Paul F Curtis (C)  
Rung to congratulate Peter  
& Corinna England on  
their forthcoming Golden  
Wedding on the 14th  
February 2026.

**ST DAVIDS D.G.**

**ST FLORENCE**, Pems,  
St Florencius  
Sat 14 Feb 2026 2h42 (8)  
**5040 Doubles**  
(11m: 4 extents each Reverse  
Canterbury, St Nicholas,  
Winchendon Place, St Remigius,  
Huntley, Eynesbury, St Osmund,  
St Martin, St Simon, Plain Bob  
and 2 extents Grandsire)  
1 Ian N Willgress  
2 Alison A Willgress  
3 Anne R Bunker  
4 Ian P Hastlow  
5 Peter L R Hayward (C)  
6 Glynis Llewellyn  
First peal 6. To mark  
the 80th Anniversary of  
the Guild. **£6**

**ST MARTIN'S GUILD**

**COSELEY**, W Mids,  
Christ Church  
Wed 31 Dec 2025 2h56 (11)  
**5088 Lincolnshire S Major**  
Comp. Harry Poyner  
1 Catherine R Taylor  
2 Timothy M Davis  
3 Stephen W Horton  
4 Paul M Mason (C)  
5 Michael J Dew  
6 Alex J Davies  
7 Gordon R Birks  
8 Andrew W Gordon  
Half Muffled for the end of  
year, remembering Margaret  
Birks and Susan Lisbeth  
Harper who passed away  
during this year.

**COSELEY**, W Mids,  
Christ Church  
Sun 8 Feb 2026 2h52 (11)  
**5152 Stanford D Major**  
Comp. Paul M Mason  
(No.412)  
1 Andrew W Gordon  
2 Jill D Walburn  
3 Michael Chester  
4 Stephen W Horton  
5 Richard J Hurst  
6 Stephen G Askew  
7 Paul M Mason (C)  
8 Gordon R Birks  
Circled the tower to peals:  
1 & 7.  
A compliment to Revd  
Emma Stanford, a much  
appreciated supporter of all  
ringing at Coseley. This is  
the 100th peal in this tower  
since her arrival in 2015.  
First peal in the method.  
Stanford Delight Major:  
d-3-4-256-36-234-1-2-7 lh2.

**ST MARY ABBOTS GUILD**

**CITY OF LONDON**,  
St Lawrence Jewry  
Sat 10 Jan 2026 3h15 (24)  
**5040 Grandsire Triples**  
Comp. J J Parker  
1 Stephanie J Pattenden  
2 Diane J Reynolds  
3 James W Belshaw  
4 Penelope J V Sharpe  
5 Janet E Archibald  
6 Ian G Mills (C)  
7 Peter W Emery  
8 Benjamin D Kipling

**SUFFOLK GUILD**

**TROSTON**, Suffolk,  
St Mary  
Wed 4 Feb 2026 2h25 (5)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: (1) Carlisle (2) London (3)  
York (4) Bourne (5) Beverley (6)  
Ipswich (7) Norwich)  
1 Neil M Thomas  
2 Jed Flatters  
3 Timothy P Hart  
4 Simon A Rudd  
5 Thomas G Scase  
6 Alan P Mayle (C)  
200th Suffolk tower for a  
peal and 1300th for the  
Guild - 6.

**ALDEBURGH**, Suffolk,  
St Peter & St Paul  
Sun 8 Feb 2026 2h54 (11)  
**5152 Old Chopper S Major**  
Comp. Simon Humphrey  
1 Mary S Garner  
2 Simon J T Smith  
3 Mary E Dunbavin  
4 Jed Flatters  
5 Thomas G Scase  
6 P Mark Ogden  
7 Richard T L Rapior  
8 Alan P Mayle (C)  
400th peal on the bells.  
First peal in the method by  
all and for the Guild.

**HORRINGER**, Suffolk,  
St Leonard  
Wed 11 Feb 2026 2h49 (8)  
**5184 Dordrecht D Major**  
Comp. Robert D S Brown  
1 Brian E Whiting  
2 Jed Flatters  
3 Joan Garrett  
4 Timothy P Hart  
5 Andrew R Stone  
6 Rowan P Wilson  
7 Alan P Mayle  
8 Simon A Rudd (C)  
50th peal on the new bells. **£3**

**UNIV. OF BRISTOL SOC.**

**YATTON**, Som,  
89 Wheatear Road  
Wed 4 Feb 2026 2h40 (12)  
**5002 Bristol S Royal**  
Comp. A G Reading (No. 11)  
1-2 Lucy A Warren  
3-4 Alan G Reading (C)  
5-6 Michael R A Shaw  
7-8 Julian O Howes  
9-10 Annie J Faulkner  
100th peal on  
handbells: 1-2.

**WINCHESTER &  
PORTSMOUTH D.G.**

**TWYFORD**, Hants,  
St Mary  
Sat 27 Dec 2025 3h (10)  
**5088 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. C. Adams  
1 Oliver G Maddams  
2 Roy LeMarechal (C)  
3 Rachael A Barber  
4 Ellen R Barber  
5 John S Croft  
6 Stephen T Wise  
7 Stephen S Russ  
8 Peter J Maddams  
Circled tower to peals - 2.  
First peal in the method - 4.  
For Christmas.

**SOUTH STONEHAM**,  
Hants,  
The Hartley Twelve  
Sat 31 Jan 2026 2h44 (15lb)  
**5042 Yorkshire S Maximus**  
Comp. J S Warboys  
1 James A Hodkin  
2 Mark B Place  
3 Benjamin J Carey  
4 Edward P D Colliss (C)  
5 Samuel M Senior  
6 Daniel Graham  
7 Clare M Merivale-Harris  
8 Josh L Merivale-Harris  
9 Jonathan C Mills  
10 Kristian D Scudamore  
11 Ewan Grant-Richardson  
12 Roy LeMarechal  
Rung belatedly for the 25th  
anniversary of in creation of  
this ring.  
First on 12 - 5.  
100th peal: 10.

**AWBRIDGE**, Hants,  
Clock House Bells  
Mon 9 Feb 2026 2h27 (3)  
**5152 Spiced S Major**  
(16m: 448 Ashtead, Cambridge,  
Ipswich, Lincolnshire, Rutland,  
Uxbridge, Yorkshire; 224 Bristol,  
Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double  
Dublin, Lindum, London, Pudsey,  
Superlative; 153 com; atw)  
Comp. N Smith  
1 John A Dodd  
2 Janet L Morris  
3 Samuel M Senior  
4 Daniel Graham  
5 Mary-Kate Wells  
6 Edward P D Colliss (C)  
7 Kristian D Scudamore  
8 Roy LeMarechal  
Rung as Birthday  
compliment to Dan  
for tomorrow.

**WORCESTERSHIRE &  
DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

**WORCESTER**,  
Cathedral Church of Christ  
& the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Sat 7 Feb 2026 3h58 (48)  
**5070 Stedman Cinques**  
Comp. B H Taylor  
1 Bernard H Taylor (C)  
2 David Jenkins  
3 Richard J Clements  
4 Malcolm P Taylor  
5 Darran Ricks  
6 Peter G C Ellis  
7 Martin J Whiteley  
8 Craig P Homewood  
9 Nicholas D Brown  
10 Tom R Jauncey-Childs  
11 Christopher J Pickford  
12 Ashley C Fortey  
Rung to celebrate the  
conductor's impending  
departure from his seventh  
decade (Feb 11) and also  
the Feast of St Agatha.  
200th together -1-3-4.

**WORCESTER**,  
St Martin in the Cornmarket  
Wed 11 Feb 2026 3h (6)  
**5093 Grandsire Caters**  
Comp. Darran Ricks  
1 James Clatworthy  
2 Mark A Wilson  
3 Craig P Homewood  
4 D Rose W Horton  
5 Christopher B Hartley  
6 Darran Ricks (C)  
7 Stephen W Horton  
8 Andrew J Hartley  
9 Ashley C Fortey  
10 Robin J Walker  
Rung in memory of Jonathan  
P Hughes on the 43rd  
anniversary of his birth.  
500th peal: 10.  
"Let the bells be rung!"

**YORKSHIRE ASSN**

**FEWSTON**, N Yorks,  
St Michael & St Lawrence  
Thu 5 Feb 2026 2h23 (5)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(15m: (1) Wearmouth, Lightfoot (2)  
Hexham, Primrose, Berwick (3) Wells,  
London (4) Westminster, Allendale  
(5) Bourne (6) Surfleet, Cambridge,  
Beverley (7) Durham, York)  
1 Christopher A Leese  
2 Roger S Riley  
3 C Barrie Dove (C)  
4 Neil R Aspland  
5 Maurice Calvert  
6 Kevin M Price  
Rung in Thanksgiving for  
the life of John R. Crouch of  
Barwick in Elmet. **£3**

**PONTEFRACHT**, W Yorks,  
St Giles  
Sat 7 Feb 2026 3h17 (18)  
**5040 Spiced S Royal**  
(4m: 1440 each Cambridge,  
Superlative(no2); 1280 Bristol; 880  
London(no3). 94 com. atw)  
Comp. Anthony J Cox  
1 Rosemary S Hall  
2 Simon W Edwards  
3 Adrian M Moreton  
4 James A Sanderson  
5 Alex P Johnson  
6 Peter J Sanderson (C)  
7 Andrew M Roberts  
8 Samuel M Austin  
9 Timothy P Bradley  
10 Graham Bloom  
First of Royal: 1.  
First of Spiced Royal: 2, 4.

**MIDDLEHAM**, N Yorks,  
St Mary & St Alkelda  
Sun 8 Feb 2026 2h52 (18)  
**5040 Grandsire Triples**  
Comp. J J Parker (12-part,  
7th obs)  
1 Paisley R C CATER  
2 Julia R CATER  
3 James D Austin  
4 John R Welch  
5 Jack Hanlon  
6 Jennifer A Town  
7 William M Regan (C)  
8 Nicholas C Titecott  
First peal on 8: 1.  
50th together: 6 & 8. **£8**

**ROTHERHAM**, S Yorks,  
Minster Church of All Saints  
Mon 9 Feb 2026 3h30 (34)  
**5031 Stedman Caters**  
Comp. AM Moreton  
1 Dinah M Donovan  
2 Adrian M Moreton (C)  
3 Chris Bostock  
4 Neil Donovan  
5 Christopher P Turner  
6 Malcolm S Turner  
7 Martin Jones  
8 Dylan M Smith  
9 Christopher M Bennett  
10 Michael J Clay  
1st Stedman - 8.

**LEEDS**, W Yorks,  
Cathedral Church of  
St Anne  
Tue 10 Feb 2026 2h39 (9)  
**5058 Lincolnshire S Major**  
Comp. DF Morrison No.  
3560  
1 Neil Donovan  
2 C Barrie Dove (C)  
3 Alyson E Blanchard  
4 Roger S Riley  
5 Simon Kemp  
6 Timothy G M Jones  
7 Alan G Futers  
8 Paul Brook  
2: 150th peal as Conductor  
on this Bell. **£4**

**THIRKLEBY**, N Yorks,  
All Saints  
Thu 12 Feb 2026 2h35 (4)  
**5040 Spiced S Minor**  
(18m: (1) Cambridge, Norfolk,  
Ipswich, Hull, Primrose,  
Bourne (2) Berwick, Hexham  
(3) Wearmouth, Lightfoot (4)  
Westminster, Allendale (5) Wells,  
London (6) Beverley, Surfleet (7)  
Durham, York)  
1 Philip R Wild  
2 Roger S Riley  
3 C Barrie Dove (C)  
4 Paul T Young  
5 Timothy G M Jones  
6 Neil R Aspland **£3**

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

**ELFORD**, Staffs,  
St Peter  
Fri 6 Feb 2026 2h28 (6)  
**5040 Minor**  
(8m: (1) London S.; (2) Carlisle S.;  
(3) Old Oxford D.; (4) Kent TB.; (5)  
Plain, St Clement's College B.; (6)  
Bourne S.; (7) Cambridge S)  
1 Sally A Brown  
2 Paul M Mason  
3 Martin J Whiteley  
4 Christopher J Pickford  
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)  
6 Robert J Crocker

**LICHFIELD**, Staffs,  
St Michael  
Fri 6 Feb 2026 2h50 (10)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(11m: (1) Wells; (2) Chester,  
Munden; (3) Westminster; (4)  
York, Durham; (5) Beverley,  
Surfleet; (6) Norwich; (7)  
Cambridge, Ipswich)  
1 Sally A Brown  
2 Paul M Mason  
3 Christopher J Pickford  
4 Michael J Dew  
5 Robert J Crocker  
6 Peter G C Ellis (C)  
200th together: 2 & 6.

**LYME REGIS**, Dorset,  
St Michael Archangel  
Mon 9 Feb 2026 2h51 (10)  
**5000 Bristol S Royal**  
Comp. Alan G Reading  
1 Barbara A King  
2 Ian V J Smith  
3 David P Hilling  
4 Ian P Hill  
5 Felicity S Warwick  
6 Louis P H Suggett (C)  
7 Timothy M Payne  
8 Pip Dillistone  
9 David A Warwick  
10 Michael E C Mears  
Circled tower: 2.

## Handbell Peals

### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

**PETERBOROUGH**, Cambs,  
5 Woodfield Road  
Sun 8 Feb 2026 2h18 (11)  
**5090 Cambridge S Major**  
Comp. B D Price  
1-2 John S Croft  
3-4 David Kemp  
5-6 William S Croft (C)  
7-8 Emma J Southerington

### CHESTER D.G.

**CHESTER (ADDESHAW TOWER)**, Ches  
Tue 3 Feb 2026 2h8 (9)  
**5040 Plain Bob Minor**  
(4 different extents)  
1-2 Paul B Hunter (C)  
3-4 David T G Jones  
5-6 Ben R M Kivi  
First handbell peal: 5-6.

**POYNTON**, Ches,  
2 Adlington Close  
Tue 10 Feb 2026 2h24 (11)  
**5152 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. W J Couperthwaite  
1-2 J David Atkinson  
3-4 Peter C Randall (C)  
5-6 Simon Humphrey  
7-8 David W Friend  
300th peal for the Guild: 5-6.  
£4

### GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

**TEWKESBURY**, Glos,  
23 Grayston Close  
Fri 9 Jan 2026 1h59 (11)  
**5040 Spiced TD Minor**  
(32m: (1) Carlisle S (2) Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn, Bakewell, Retford, Purleigh S (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, King Edward S (4) Norwich, Netherseale, Annables London, Westminster, Alledale, Fryerning, Luton, Ripley, Broomfield S (5) Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Ashbocking, Neasden, St Albans, Wragby D (6) Oxford TB (7) Kent TB)  
1-2 Richard J Clements  
3-4 Malcolm P Taylor  
5-6 Bernard H Taylor (C)

**TEWKESBURY**, Glos,  
23 Grayston Close  
Fri 30 Jan 2026 2h1 (11)  
**5040 Spiced TD Minor**  
(40m: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland, Lindley S (2) Surfleet, Hexham, Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York S (3) Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn, Bakewell, Retford, Purleigh S (4) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull, King Edward S (5) Norwich, Netherseale, Annables London, Westminster, Luton, Alledale, Ripley, Fryerning, Broomfield S (6) Neasden, Old Oxford, St Albans, College Bob IV, Wragby, Willesden, Ashbocking D (7) Sandal, Oxford TB)  
1-2 Richard J Clements  
3-4 Malcolm P Taylor  
5-6 Bernard H Taylor (C)

### GUILDFORD D.G.

**FLEET**, Hants,  
20, Burnside  
Thu 12 Feb 2026 2h16 (11)  
**5088 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. N J Pitstow  
1-2 Mike Pidd (C)  
3-4 June D Wells  
5-6 W John Couperthwaite  
7-8 E John Wells £3

**FLEET**, Hants,  
20, Burnside  
Fri 13 Feb 2026 2h19 (11)  
**5088 Kent TB Major**  
Comp. D F Morrison arr W J Couperthwaite (No 7502a)  
1-2 Karen M White  
3-4 Mike Pidd  
5-6 W John Couperthwaite (C)  
7-8 Ian M Redway  
150th handbell peal as conductor. £4

### LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH D.A.

**BASSALEG**,  
45 Laurel Road  
Sun 8 Feb 2026 2h28 (13)  
**5152 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. C K Lewis  
1-2 Helen Phillips (C)  
3-4 David F Moore  
5-6 Nicholas W Jones  
7-8 Mark C Bennett £4

### OXFORD D.G.

**TILEHURST**, Berks,  
15 Lytham End  
Mon 9 Feb 2026 2h18 (13)  
**5152 Lincolnshire S Major**  
Comp. S Humphrey  
1-2 W John Couperthwaite  
3-4 Mike Pidd  
5-6 Bernard F L Groves (C)  
7-8 E John Wells £2

### SALISBURY D.G.

**WIMBORNE MINSTER**, Dorset,  
45 Beaucroft Lane  
Wed 28 Jan 2026 2h55 (15)  
**5036 Spliced Cinques and Maximus**  
(2m: 2688 Bristol S Maximus, 2348 Stedman Cinques)  
Comp. Mark R Eccleston  
1-2 Katharine J Firman  
3-4 Ewan Grant-Richardson  
5-6 Pip Dillstone  
7-8 Graham G Firman  
9-10 Louis P H Suggett (C)  
11-12 David A Warwick

### UNIV. OF LONDON SOC.

**MAIDENHEAD**, Berks,  
1 Hargrave Road  
Sat 7 Feb 2026 2h25 (13)  
**5088 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. Donald F Morrison (no. 1619)  
1-2 Mark C Bennett (2001-2004)  
3-4 Nicholas W Jones (2004-2009)  
5-6 Oliver D Cross (2009-2011)  
7-8 Michael J Trimm (1994-2000) (C)  
Rung by a band of Past Presidents to mark the 80th anniversary of the Society.

## EIGHTH PEALS

**Horton, Staffs.** (S Michael & All Angels) 17 Jan, 800 Grandsire Doubles: Reuben G Chant 1, Alison M Smedley 2, Simon W Chant 3, Carole A Chant 4, David W Struckett (C) 5, Helen E Chang 6. Rung to mark the 80th Birthday of the ringing twins Elizabeth Struckett & Anne Newcombe (nee Smith, of Felpham, 1960s), by members of their respective families. £6  
**Lismore, NSW.** 8 Feb, 648 Lismore Minimus: Julia Stewart 1, Kevin Walsh 2, Pete Corlis 3, Robert Weatherby Snr (C) 4, Margaret Weatherby 5. For Sunday service ring. 1st performance after major heart surgery last year: 2. £2.50  
**Shottesbrooke, Berks.** 25 Jan, 720 PB Minor: Martha C Hazell 1, Charley Smith 2, Lesley S Cross 3, Jacqueline M Hazell 4, Vikki E M Bulbeck 5, Simon D Smith (C) 6. 1st performance of Minor inside: 3. £3

## QUARTER PEALS

### First quarter congratulations

**Elsam, Lincs.** 10 Feb, 1272 PB Minimus: Paul Wilkinson 1, Rose Lennon 2, Patricia A Donnelly 3, Andrew Lord (C) 4, Stephen Nutt 5, Chris Haslett 6. 1st Q: 6. 5th Birthday compliments to Myles Leo Christian for Thursday, youngest Great Nephew of the C.

**Great Casterton, Rutland.** 12 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Sam Ryder 1, Lois Webb 2, Ann Archer 3, Charlotte Peacock 4, Jim Bence (C) 5, Sarah Bence 6. 1st Q: 1. £6

**Heathfield, E Sussex.** (All Saints) 11 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Roger Seymour 1, Vicki Roche 2, James R W Barton 3, Ann F Wright 4, Hazel Anderson (C) 5, Richard Bell 6. 1st Grandsire Doubles as C. 1st Q: 6. £6

**Ledbury, Herefs.** (S Michael & All Angels) 8 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Friso 1, Neil Toussaint 2, Jane Mason (C) 3, Tim Keyes 4, Frank Seabright 5, Rachel Simpson 6. 1st Q: 6. £6

**Pitney, Som.** 14 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Helen Donnelly 1, Leslie E Perry 2, Jenny Alderson 3, Penelope I Hooper (C) 4, Beverley Perry 5, Lawrence C Bignell 6. 1st at first attempt: 1. Circled tower: 2. £6

**St Dominic, Corn.** (S Dominica) 8 Feb, 1309 Doubles (3m/4v): Neil A T Clements 1, Bryony P H Dorrington 2, Maire E Warwick 3, Richard M Warwick 4, Owen J Borlase (C) 5, Kevan J Borlase 6. 1st at first attempt: 1. 275th as C. £3

## In Memoriam

**Backford, Ches.** 11 Feb, 1320 Minor (2m): S David Speechley 1, Michael J Allen 2, Janet M Jones 3, Lenard J Mitchell 4, Bryan J McCahey 5, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 6. Rung as a Thanksgiving for the life of Tinkler Adams who passed away earlier today. The band send condolences to the family. R.I.P. Kathy. £6

## NOTICES

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## CORRECTION

5074 Stedman Caters in hand rung on 8 Jan 2026 and printed on p.57 as unattributed – rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths.

**Cawthorne, S Yorks.** 5 Feb, 1320 TB Minor (5m): John P Barden 1, Helen C Turner 2, Trevor C Ledger 3, Alan M Shelbourn 4, Melanie Newman (C) 5, Brian A Sanders 6. Rung in affectionate memory of John D Nutbrown, former ringer at All Saints', Rotherham & St John the Baptist, Penistone, who passed away on Thursday 29th January 2026, aged 94 years. £3

**Darton, S Yorks.** 5 Feb, 1320 Treble Dodging Minor (5m): Helen C Turner 1, Trevor C Ledger 2, Alan M Shelbourn 3, Melanie Newman 4, Mark S Everett 5, Brian A Sanders (C) 6. Rung in affectionate memory of John D Nutbrown, former ringer at All Saints', Rotherham & St John the Baptist, Penistone, who passed away on Thursday 29th January 2026, aged 94 years. £3

**Davenham, Ches.** 10 Feb, 1272 Minimus (5m): Geraldine Pickup 1, Jane S Baylis 2, Helen Knight 3, Stephen R Knight (C) 4. In memory of Harold Ward (10th February 1940 to 15th January 2023), father of Helen. £4

**Narborough, Leics.** 8 Feb, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Angela S Preston 1, Andrew J Preston 2, Tessa I A Preston 3, Charlie F Worger 4, Michael Angrave (C) 5, Lewis D Benfield 6. Arranged & rung in affectionate memory of Anthony R (Tony) Mann, former ringer at All Saints Narborough. RIP.

**Norton Canes, Staffs.** 9 Feb, 1296 Oakhill Hybrid Major: Margaret Simpson 1, Matthew D Hardy 2, Raymond H Daw 3, Tim Ward 4, Selwyn G Jones 5, John W Pollard 6, Samantha J Martin 7, Malcolm Quimby (C) 8. This is a new Method, we would like to name it Oakhill Hybrid Major after an area of Stoke on Trent near the Minster. Rung in loving memory of Joe Ward (father of Tim) who died on Saturday 7 February aged 88. £8

**Rotherwick, Hants.** 8 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Daniel W Holmes à Court 1, Eleanor A Collins 2, Nicola J Collins 3, Martin A J Barnes 4, Benjamin D Constant (C) 5, Adam S Greenley 6. For Evensong. In memory of Keith Frederick White, former tower captain of Rotherwick & Heckfield.

**Sandon, Essex.** (S Andrew) 8 Feb, 1280 PB Doubles: Sandra Murphy 1, Wendy Godden 2, John Steed 3, Philip Saunders 4, Colin Chapman (C) 5, Mike Worboys 6. In memory of John Wood, 8 February 1942 - 18 January 2026, ringer at Sandon. Rung on what would have been his 84th Birthday. £20

**Staunton on Wye, Herefs.** 10 Feb, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Lesley Meredith 1, Andrew Watkins 2, Vicky Rees 3, Kris Perruzza 4, Fran Watkins 5, Jason M Walker (C) 6. In memory of Val Andrews & Jill Valentine, long standing association with Staunton on Wye Primary School with Vicky.

**Stoulton, Worcs.** 8 Feb, 1256 Plain Minor (2m): Caroline Hallam 1, Kath Cocks 2, Stuart D Piper 3, Jennie Kimberley 4, Roy Williams (C) 5, Tony Cocks 6. In celebration of the life of our friend Peter J. Moreton, long-time ringer at Pershore, Eckington & Stoulton, rung by representatives of each band. Enjoyed by Peter's wife Christine, listening outside. £3

**Upper Sheringham, Norfolk.** 14 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Sue Morton 1, Lorraine Marks 2, Dave Miller 3, Steve Upton 4, Guy W Morton (C) 5, Steve Bryant 6. 1st at first attempt: 6. 1st for 36 years: 3. 50th Anniversary of the C's 1st Q. 75th Birthday Compliments to 2 & 4. In loving memory of Fred Lambert a dedicated & dignified Church Celebrant at Weybourne & Upper Sheringham. £6

**Walberton, W Sussex.** 7 Feb, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Laura Parker 1, Tim Wright 2, Chris Etherington 3, Luca G Greenslade 4, Harry Bickers 5, Ewan Grant-Richardson (C) 6. 1st in Sussex: 1. 1st S inside: 5. Dedicated to the memory of Brenda Cox of West Tarring. £6

**Waltham Abbey, Essex.** 8 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Caroline Moores 1, Hilary C Walls 2, Jane Walters (C) 3, Ben Gaigher 4, Victoria J Richards 5, Oliver C Lee 6. Rung after Evensong in memory of Brenda Cox of West Tarring. £6

**Wykeham, N Yorks.** 9 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Sophie Rogers 1, Janet Bate 2, Anne Deebank 3, Robert Turner 4, Martin G Tubbs (C) 5. In memoriam The Revd Peter Jaram, sometime Vicar of this parish. £5

**Leeds, W Yorks.** (Spenneth Lane) 15 Jan, 1264 Yorkshire S and PB Major: Elaine M Scott 1-2, Penelope J Thorley 3-4, Peter J Scott (C) 5-6, John S Leech 7-8. In memory of John Thorley who died on 12 January 2026. £4

**Market Weighton, E Yorkshire.** (26 Sancton Rd) 13 Feb, 1260 Plain Minor (3m): James R Startin 1-2, Karen A Lane 3-4, Peter Church (C) 5-6. In Memoriam Ronald S Barclay on the day of his funeral. "Ron" was an active member of the Hull Handbells Project until the Covid Pandemic. A Hull Handbells Project performance. £3

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## Methods named

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

**Penarth, Vale of Glam.** 8 Feb, 1440 Finley D Minor: Matthew D Greenaway 1, Martin Batten 2, Helen C Kerbey 3, Peter J Giles 4, Alex G Saunders 5, Julian C Parker (C) 6. Rung & named as a belated celebration of the 1st Birthday of Finley Lewis Evans, grandson of the 2. 1st Q in m. Finley Delight Minor. x36x16x1256x36x14x36-16 group I. £6

## Miscellaneous performances

**Bentley Common, Essex.** 12 Feb, Mixed Ringing and Call Changes: Barbara Leigh 1, Rowena L Marshall 2, John Cousins 3, Alwyn Brock 4, Margaret French 5, John Harpole (C) 6, Janet Jones 7. Rung before the service of collation of the Revd Julie Anne Hardy rector of Bentley Common, Navestock & Kelvedon Hatch by the the Bishop of Bradwell the Rt Revd Adam Atkinson & the installation by the Archdeacon of Chelmsford the Venerable Jonathan Croucher. £6

**Stretham, Cambs.** 8 Feb, General Ringing: Rowan Braam, Georgina Campbell, Catherine J Simcock, Conrad Braam, Matthew Webb (C), Stephen J Setter. In celebration of the birth of Sofia Harata Moira Campbell, grand-daughter of Georgina Campbell. £3

## General quarters

**Ashford in the Water, Derbys.** 7 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Cheryl van Burgh 1, Christopher M Hopper 2, Linda M Pelc (C) 3, Martin Ellis 4, Glen G Fiddy 5, Judith Ward 6. 1st Grandsire inside: 4. 60th Birthday Compliments to Robert Ellis (6.2.66). £6

**Awbridge, Hants.** 13 Feb, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Colin J Butler 1, Roy LeMarchal 2, Daniel Graham 3, Mary-Kate Wells (C) 4, Janet L Morris 5, Andrew J Nicol 6, Julie A Hodkin 7, John A Dodd 8, Martin V Crick 9, Kristian D Scudamore 10. 1st Cambridge Royal: 7. 100th together: 3,5. £5

**Barford St Martin, Wilts.** 11 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Vicki Rowse 1, Patricia Davidson 2, Chris Caryer (C) 3, Tilly Cooper 4, Michael J Golden 5, Dunstan Vavasour 6. The annual Birthday Q for 1, 4 & 5. £6

**Barkby, Leics.** 11 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: Angie Dilkes 1, Sophia A M Stonehouse 2, Marion L Pegge 3, Maurice Kirk 4, R Ian Stonehouse (C) 5, Eric Leeson 6. Rung for Maurice Kirks 70th ringing anniversary at the tower he learnt at & where for many years he was the tower captain. Ringing & socialising afterwards enjoyed by many of the villagers.

**Barton St David, Som.** 11 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Trevor Lewis 1, Jenny Alderson 2, Cathy Civill 3, Lawrence C Bignell (C) 4, Penelope I Hooper 5, Beverley Perry 6. 1st on Treble: 1. Birthday Compliment to Cathy. Circled the tower 9 times: 6. £3

**Basingstoke, Hants.** (All Saints) 9 Nov, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Rosie E Barrett 1, Alison D Smith 2, Lucy S Taylor-Warwick 3, Rosalind S Turrell 4, Esther J Gao 5, Benjamin D Constant (C) 6, Stephen J Turrell 7, Philip A Turrell 8, Adam S Greenley 9, Christopher J Veel 10. Half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday. By members of the Sunday service band. £5

**Basingstoke, Hants.** (All Saints) 1 Feb, 1280 Spl S Major (4m): Adam S Greenley 1, Jonathan A Soar 2, Beryl R Norris 3, Gregory M Jordan 4, Joseph A Sharp 5, Kathryn L Carter 6, Benjamin D Constant (C) 7, Michael Hurst 8. On the eve of Candelmas. £8

**Basingstoke, Hants.** (S Michael) 8 Feb, 1260 PB Triples: Steve Lutener 1, Pete Jordan 2, Betty Rice 3, Alison Smith 4, Patricia Murray Cox 5, Jon Soar 6, Lynne Jordan (C) 7, Mike Rice 8. Remembering Miss R Alice White, 130 years after her achievement as the first lady to ring a peal. Rung in this tower on 12 feb 1896. £8

**Bath, Som.** (S Matthew, Widcombe) 7 Feb, 1284 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Matthew W Goodship (C) 1, Patrick C Bridges 2, Sonia G Field 3, Nicholas C Field 4, Josh D P Jones 5, William M Beech 6. 1st in m: 3. 200th Q: 1,3. 250th Q: 6.

**Bolsover, Derbys.** 8 Feb, 1312 Spl S Major (3m): Sandra Clay 1, Susan G Hall 2, John Hawes 3, Andrew E Hall 4, Claire Roe 5, Ben East 6, Michael J Clay 7, Dylan M Smith (C) 8. £4

**Brindle, Lancs.** 29 Jan, 1260 PB Doubles: Tom Hickson 1, Jake Thackwray 2, Stuart Newton (C) 3, Monica Hollows 4, Ken Jagger 5, Rob A Chapman 6. £6

**Bromley, Kent.** 8 Feb, 1312 Glasgow S Major: Gwen Rogers 1, Thomas J Hinks (C) 2, Nigel Pointer 3, Caroline N Pawley 4, Dickon R Love 5, David P Macey 6, Ian G Mills 7, Philip Rogers 8. Rung for Choral Evensong.

**Broughton, Lancs.** (S John Bapt) 8 Feb, 1272 Primrose S Minor: Barbara D Murray 1, Joanne E Diamond 2, Rob A Chapman 3, Melissa Villiers 4, L Martin Daniels 5, Robin A Daw (C) 6. 1st Primrose: 2,3,4. £6

**Broughton, Staffs.** (S Peter) 10 Feb, 1250 Spl S Major (2m): Josie Martin 1, Mark Adams 2, Gareth B R Jones 3, Craig A Chaplow 4, Chris Adams 5, Greg J Pearce 6, Samantha J Martin (C) 7, Malcolm Quimby 8. Thank you to the band for staying right & to Malcolm for making sure I put the calls in the right place. 1st Spl S Major as C. £8

**Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.** 8 Feb, 1275 Grandsire Cinques: Brian E Whiting 1, Joan Garrett 2, Julian Colman 3, Martin J Kirk 4, June Mackay 5, Isaac W Johnson (C) 6, Katie E Abraham 7, Barry J Dixon 8, James S Croft 9, Rowan P Wilson 10, Simon A Rudd 11, Ben F Keating 12. For Evensong. £12

**Canewdon, Essex.** 8 Feb, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Charles K Chikuruwo (C) 1, Sarah Chin-a-Loy 2, Cecile Cross 3, James R Dunhill 4, Richard M Dunhill 5, David A Buckley 6. 1st in m: 2. Rung specially to wish the C & his family well in their new home! £6

**Canterbury, Kent.** (S Stephen, Hackington) 8 Feb, 1300 Doubles (4m/p): Jane E Huxley 1, Toby Huitson 2, Andrew M Hills (C) 3, Leonard A Huckstep 4, Charles J Maggs 5, Andrew C Brett 6. For Sung Eucharist on the Second Sunday before Lent.

**Carbis Bay, Corn.** 9 Feb, 1260 Erin Triples: Joanna Wenborne 1, Jane M Hitchens 2, Chris Barnes 3, Kathryn Arkless 4, Andrew G Smith 5, Christopher Davis 6, Toby Arkless (C) 7, T Neil Hitchens 8. Birthday compliment to 1. 1st in m as C. £8

**Chellaston, Derbys.** 8 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Gareth B R Jones 1, Samuel I Weaver 2, Greg J Pearce 3, Andrew R Aspland 4, Eden Turner 5, Charlie Ernest (C) 6. 1st Minor inside: 2. £6

**Cheltenham, Glos.** (Minster Church of St Mary) 8 Feb, 1252 Bastow Little Bob Major: Jo Boulton 1, Lucy Hennessy 2, Isabel Hitchings 3, Barbara Pettit 4, Andrew L Haynes 5, Stuart Tomlinson 6, Anthony P Foster 7, Reg Hitchings (C) 8. For Evensong. 1st in m for all. £4

**Chester.** (Cathedral) 8 Feb, 1344 Spl S Major (4m): Kathryn L Lloyd 1, Diana M Anderson 2, Simon Christian 3, Randle T J Tinkler 4, Ben R M Kivi 5, George T Basford 6, Peter W H Barker (C) 7, Peter Wilkinson 8. 100th Q: 5. 1st 4-Spl S Major: 5,6. For Evensong. £5

**Chichester, W Sussex.** 7 Feb, 1344 Spl S Major (6m): Katharine Firman 1, Gill Roberts 2, David Roberts 3, Graham Firman 4, Luca G Greenslade 5, Andrew McNaughton 6, Mike Smith 7, Ewan Grant-Richardson (C) 8. 1st 6-Spl: 6. £4

**Childswickham, Worcs.** (S Mary V) 10 Feb, 1260 Kemerton Bob Minor: Reg Hitchings 1, Isabel Hitchings 2, Alison Lee 3, Ben Gooch 4, John Gibson 5, Tony Natt (C) 6. 150th together: 1,2,4,5,6. 1/4. £3

**Chippenham, Wilts.** (S Paul) 8 Feb, 1280 Pudsey S Major: Jenny Hancock 1, Emma Douglas 2, Debbie Stott 3, John Stott 4, Tim Hawkings 5, Richard Iles 6, Jonathan Adkins 7, Julian Ferrar (C) 8. 1st in m: 3,4. £8

**Chirk, Wrexham.** 12 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Clare Morris 1, Annette Broughton 2, Beverley J Furniss 3, Pauline J D Goring 4, Peter L Furniss (C) 5, Andy Burgess 6. Rung by members of the Sunday service band as a farewell to Gary Arderton; to thank him for his time as curate at this church & to wish him well in his new post as Pioneer Priest. Most methods: 4. £6

**City of London.** (The Royal Jubilee Bells at St James Garlickhythe) 2 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: Samuel L Haste 1, Rachel A Leitch-Devlin 2, Linda Aldroish 3, Brooks Hayes 4, Dickon R Love (C) 5, Oliver B Barker 6. 1st for almost 6 years: 2. £6

**City of London.** (S Magnus M, London Bridge) 30 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: Andrew Crosbie 1, Mary Ruth (Em) Mayo 2, James H Chisnell 3, Rosemary J E Campbell 4, Dickon R Love (C) 5, Jacqueline A Miller 6. 1st for 31 years: 6. £6

**City of London.** (S Magnus M, London Bridge) 9 Nov, 1260 PB Doubles: Andrew Crosbie 1, Stuart G Bates 2, Helen Udal 3, James H Chisnell 4, Dickon R Love (C) 5, Adrian R Udal 6. Rung half-muffled on bells 4,5,7,8,9,11 after High Mass for Remembrance Sunday. £6

**City of London.** (S Magnus M, London Bridge) 13 Nov, 1260 PB Doubles: Graham L Crook 1, Stuart G Bates 2, Neal T Dodge 3, Emma F Bruce 4, Dickon R Love (C) 5, J William Thornett 6. 1st away from cover: 1. Rung to congratulate 2 on receiving his permission to officiate in this diocese & joining the St Magnus clergy team. £6

**City of London.** (S Dunstan-in-the-West) 1 Dec, 1260 PB Triples: Mary Ruth (Em) Mayo 1, Samuel L Haste 2, Emily Thompson 3, James H Chisnell 4, Hugo L Tracey 5, Ryan J Faulkner-Hatt 6, Dickon R Love (C) 7, Guy Wells 8. 1st in m: 4. 100th Q this year: 8. Rung prior to the Worshipful Company of Carmen Carol Service, by arrangement of 4 who is a newly admitted Freeman of the Company. £8

**City of London.** (S Michael, Cornhill) 2 Dec, 1287 Stedman Caters: Simon S Meyer (C) 1, Julie A Bloomfield 2, Dickon R Love 3, Daniel J Smith 4, Graham M Bradshaw 5, Anthony J Bloomfield 6, Neal T Dodge 7, Alex W Tatlow 8, Benjamin J Meyer 9, Samuel L Haste 10. 1st Stedman Caters: 7. 450th Q: 4. Rung prior to the Parish Advent Carols by Candlelight Service held jointly with The Guild of Young Freemen, of which 7 is a member.

**City of London.** (Holy Sepulchre without Newgate, Holborn Viaduct) 9 Dec, 1298 Spl S Maximus (3m): Adam A Brady (C) 1, Alison L Brooke 2, Heather A Rayner 3, Gwen Rogers 4, Jillian E Parker 5, Michael A Williams 6, Simon S Meyer 7, Henry D Coggill 8, Euan R M Thomas 9, Philip Rogers 10, Andrew P F Bradford 11, James C Marchbank 12. A College Youths Special Practice.

**City of London.** (S Magnus M, London Bridge) 14 Dec, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Henry D Coggill 1, Rebecca L Sugden 2, Adam A Brady (C) 3, James J Watkins 4, Charlotte D Linford 5, Bethan L Hensman 6, David I Bassford 7, Ryan S Noble 8, Martin J Cansdale 9, David G Maynard 10, Eleanor J Linford 11, Toby A Bence 12.

**City of London.** (S Magnus M, London Bridge) 8 Feb, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Rebecca L Sugden 1, Heather A Rayner 2, Ryan Noble 3, Josie Rapley Mende 4, Mark C Liebenrood (C) 5, Bethan L Hensman 6, Simon D Roberts 7, Vanessa V Mitchell 8, Emma J Southerington 9, Luke D Perkins 10, Toby A Bence 11, Lucinda J Woodward 12. 1st Bristol Maximus: 4.

**City of London.** (S Vedast) 13 Feb, 1272 Wearnmouth S Minor: Thomas F Lawrance (C) 1, Rachel C Billing 2, Paul J R Daybell 3, Guy R Wells 4, Araminta C M Huitson 5, Jamie O Singleton 6. £6

**Clapton in Gordano, Som.** 9 Feb, 1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles: Lisa G Parker 1, Alison Pemble 2, Lionel D Smith 3, Janet K Wyatt 4, Elizabeth A Smith (C) 5, Les Curwood 6. 1st in m: 2. 75th Q: 6. £6

**Clifford, Herefs.** 14 Feb, 1320 Doubles (1m/3v): Kris Perruzza 1, Fran Watkins 2, Chris Brackston 3, Jason M Walker (C) 4, Tyler J J Edwards 5, Andrew Watkins 6. 200th tower: 3. Most m/v: 3. Birthday compliments to Lewis Ashton.

**Darlington, Durham.** (Holy Trinity) 8 Feb, 1299 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Jackson 1, Nick White 2, Chris Enzor (C) 3, Anthea Enzor 4, Bob Sinclair 5, Ruth Berry 6. 1st Grandsire: 2. For Wendy, cherishing memories of Mike & Sam. £6

**Derby.** (S Peter) 13 Feb, 1296 Bentley Bob Major: Anne E Westman 1, Alec Humphrey 2, Deborah L Blagden 3, Jenny Ansell 4, Neil A Westman 5, John R Booth 6, Nick Daines 7, Alan Rowe (C) 8. **£4**

**Dumfries, Dumfries & Galloway.** 8 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Linda M Thomson 1, Heather Barrington 2, Debbie Johnson 3, Emma Westmancott 4, Guy Beaumont 5, Nicholas Thomson (C) 6. For morning service. **£6**

**Dunham Massey, Manchester.** 9 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: David A B Thomas 1, Carol A Marchbank 2, Maria Mykytiuk 3, Trevor W Marchbank 4, Simon Taylor (C) 5, Andrew J Darling 6. 1st in m: 3. **£6**

**Elveden, Suffolk.** 11 Feb, 1280 Glasgow S Major: Joan Garrett 1, Katie E Abraham 2, Clare L Veal 3, Simon A Rudd (C) 4, Frank W Rivett 5, Julian Colman 6, Hal J Meakin 7, Isaac W Johnson 8. 1st in m: 7. **£8**

**Eyrewell Forest, New Zealand.** 4 Feb, 1260 Minor (2m): Harold Bartlett 1, Mary Sluter 2, Nick Elks 3, Frank Sluter 4, Deryn Griffiths 5, Peter Harrison (C) 6. 1st in NZ: 1.

**Frodsham, Ches.** 13 Feb, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Merlyn Gilddaley 1, Gabriele S Wagner 2, Andrew J Rawlinson 3, Peter Wilkinson 4, Diana M Anderson 5, Geoffrey Parting 6, Simon Taylor 7, Duncan L C Hyde (C) 8.

**Gloucester.** (Cathedral) 8 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Derek Harbottle 1, Peter J Harris 2, Karen Whyatt 3, Anne Stewart 4, John Simms 5, Anthony Stick 6, John Gibson (C) 7, Alfie Stick 8. Rung for Evensong.

**Goosnargh, Lancs.** 14 Feb, 1320 Norwich S Minor: Ken E Jagger 1, Barbara D Murray 2, Morgan T Snape 3, Melissa Villiers 4, Bob Moody 5, Rob A Chapman (C) 6. Wishing Stella Ramsden, sister of the C, a speedy recovery from a hip replacement operation yesterday. **£6**

**Great Totham, Essex.** 9 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Mandy Mickelsen 1, Phillip Spalding 2, John Elliott 3, John Keeble 4, Janice Spalding (C) 5, David Blake 6. To celebrate the birth of Hazel Eleanor Mickelsen on 23/01/26, granddaughter for Mandy. Also, Rupert Clark, 1st great grandson for Chris & David Kemsley. **£6**

**Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.** 14 Feb, 1341 Grandsire Cinques: Alban D Forster 1, Clare L Veal 2, Rosalind J Burrough 3, Joan Garrett 4, Brian E Whiting 5, Ben F Keating 6, Jed Flatters 7, Thomas G Scase 8, Julian Colman 9, Andrew R Stone 10, Simon A Rudd (C) 11, Rowan P Wilson 12. **£12**

**Gressenhall, Norfolk.** 13 Feb, 1280 Cambridge S Royal: Teresa J Doggett 1, Philippa M Whittington 2, Nikki R Thomas 3, Guy W Morton 4, Catherine Sturgess 5, Martin J Kirk 6, Joseph Dillon 7, Richard A Turk (C) 8, David R Carter 9, Frank W Rivett 10. 75th Birthday wishes to Steve Upton for this week. 1st in m: 7. **£10**

**Guildford, Surrey.** (Cathedral) 8 Feb, 1320 Bristol S Royal: Caroline A Prescott 1, Elizabeth A Burton 2, Christopher H Rogers 3, Anne M Anthony 4, Oliver R Hall 5, Neil Buswell 6, Glenn J Poyntz 7, Matthew E Beadman 8, Matthew A Child 9, Richard H Burton (C) 10. For Evensong.

**Hasketon, Suffolk.** 13 Feb, 1296 Minor (2m): Rosalind J Burrough 1, James A Smith (C) 2, Gillian M Sparling 3, Simon A Rudd 4, David I Stanford 5, David L Sparling 6. With best wishes to Roger Palmer on the weekend of his 89th Birthday. **£6**

**Heptonstall, W Yorks.** 8 Feb, 1250 Cambridge S Minor: Pauline Camping 1, Christine Silkstone 2, Garry D Peel 3, Rachel Arnold 4, Andrew D Sibson 5, George H Camping (C) 6. For morning service.

**High Wycombe, Bucks.** 8 Feb, 1280 Cambridge S Major: John Hearn 1, Verity Nicholls 2, Nikki O'Halloran 3, Ann Davies 4, Patricia Newton (C) 5, Mark O'Halloran 6, George Pickwell 7, Robert Newton 8. **£8**

**Hobart, Tas.** (Cathedral) 26 Jan, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Lynne Sydes 1, Kate Webb 2, Douglas Nichols 3, Cassandra Olive 4, Marion Brown 5, James Perrins (C) 6. Welcoming Lynne to Tasmania.

**Hobart, Tas.** (Holy Trinity) 9 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Marion Brown 1, Douglas Nichols 2, James Perrins (C) 3, Colin Sweet 4, Cassandra Olive 5, Molly Taplin 6. Rung for Regatta Day.

**Huntsham, Devon.** 14 Feb, 1260 Doubles (4m): Richard Barker 1, Mandy Burnett 2, Leslie Boyce 3, Sheila Scofield (C) 4, John Buckley 5, Chris Bolt 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Prairie Moat & Oliver Jones which took place today at Huntsham Court. **£6**

**Iffley, Oxon.** 8 Feb, 1260 Doubles (8m/v): Mary Carroll 1, Elizabeth Mullett 2, Keith Godfrey 3, Steve Bardsley (C) 4, Stephen Davies (C) 5, Andrew Honey 6. For Choral Evensong.

**Kegworth, Leics.** 11 Feb, 1312 Spl S Major (5m): Peter J Rayns 1, Philip R Wild 2, J Stuart Brown 3, Richard A M Thomas 4, John D Cooper 5, John P Ottaway 6, Christopher B Richards 7, R Philip Graves (C) 8. **£6**

**Kenninghall, Norfolk.** 10 Feb, 1344 Black Five D Major: Michael G Clements 1, Nikki R Thomas 2, Ruth Suggest 3, Simon A Rudd (C) 4, Martin J Kirk 5, David R Carter 6, Guy W Morton 7, Timothy P Hart 8. With best wishes to Stephen High. **£8**

**Kidderminster, Worcs.** 25 Jan, 1260 PB Minor: Judy Mountain 1, Pamela Hill 2, Sue Geens 3, Diane Awkati 4, Andrew R Gray 5, David W Struckett (C) 6. Rung to mark the 80th Birthday of the ringing twins Elizabeth Struckett (of this tower) & Anne Newcombe (of Dilwyn) on the 17th January (nee Smith, of Felpham 1960s) by Kidderminster & district ringers. **£6**

**Kimpton, Herts.** 11 Feb, 1344 Orleans S Major: Graham R D Lay 1, Vicky LeFèvre 2, Ann Evans 3, Julie R Grimwade 4, Richard Sales 5, Fred Bone 6, Claire C Nicholson 7, Bjørn E Bradstock (C) 8. **£8**

**Kirkham, Lancs.** (S Michael) 12 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jake Thackwray 1, Ken Jagger 2, Monica Hollows 3, Victoria Boardman 4, Stuart Newton (C) 5, Martin Lovatt 6. Rung prior to the Kirkham Grammar School Christmas Carol Service. **£4**

**Launton, Oxon.** 4 Feb, 1440 S Minor (2m): Stuart Aitken 1, Jackie Roberts 2, Dickon Love 3, Martin Turner 4, Tim Pett (C) 5, Chris Pickford 6. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary, on Feb 7th, of the death of Frederick Sharpe by a band containing 5 of the current Sharpe Trustees.

**Leckhampton, Glos.** 8 Feb, 1260 Stedman Triples: Reg Hitchings 1, Isabel Hitchings 2, Quentin S A Jackson 3, Barbara Pettit 4, Andrew Haynes 5, Anthony P Foster 6, Stuart Tomlinson (C) 7, Keith Reading 8. **£4**

**Leeds, W Yorks.** (Minster Church of St Peter) 2 Feb, 1320 Stedman Cinques: Matthew S Pearson 1, Joanna M Ainsworth 2, David G Hull 3, Simon J Poole 4, Alison L Edmonds 5, Suzanne E Timms 6, Patrick W J Deakin 7, Ryan Mills 8, Matthew W Thewsey (C) 9, Ewan G A Hull 10, Graham Bloom 11, Joseph E T Waters 12. Bells on Monday - Season 03, Episode 05. 1st on 12 for The Company. 1st on 12 & 1st blows of Stedman Cinques: 6. 1st on 12 & of Stedman as a C. 1st successful touch of Stedman Cinques: 9. 300th Q: 9.

**Leeds, W Yorks.** (Cathedral) 8 Feb, 1260 PB Triples: RacheL E Hill 1, Jake A Burns 2, Janine H Jones 3, C Barrie Dove (Comp and Cond) 4, Matthew Whitwood 5, Peter S Oldfield 6, Francis J Gilruth 7, Connor Blakey 8. 1st on 8: 1,2. **£8**

**Lightcliffe, W Yorks.** 8 Feb, 1260 Pinehurst Bob Minor: Jean V Murphy 1, Carole Kirby 2, Peter J Tiley 3, David J Townend 4, Peter C Kirby (C) 5, Rachel Arnold 6. 1st in m for all. 125th Q on the bells: 2. Rung as a 50th Birthday compliment to Elizabeth Townend - former Lightcliffe ringer & wife of 4. **£5**

**Lincoln.** (S Giles) 6 Feb, 1280 I Can't Believe It's Not Cambridge S Major: Luke B Marsden 1, Sandra Underwood 2, Graham J N Colborne 3, Heather B Shaw 4, Melanie Newman 5, Robert J Hancock 6, Matthew Burton 7, Owen G Peters (C) 8. 1st TB: 1. Rung to wish Matthew all the best as he leaves Lincolnshire, heading for Sheffield. **£8**

**Liss, Hants.** (The Rotherbank Campanile) 14 Feb, 1260 Doubles (2m): Rebecca J Restall 1, Nicholas A M James 2, Julia Brunt 3, R Alan Barber 4, Francesco P Greenslade (C) 5, James A Wedley 6. A belated 63rd Birthday compliment to Roger. **£1**

**Longcot, Oxon.** 13 Feb, 1260 St Mary The Virgin Bob Triples: Tracey Cooper 1, Cheryl A Watson 2, Julian T Watson 3, Tony Crabtree 4, Jonathan Wright 5, Kit Margey 6, Daniel J Watson (C) 7, Laura Cooper 8. 1st blows in m for all. **£8**

**Macclesfield, Ches.** (S Michael & All Angels) 8 Feb, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Ellen M Brown 1, Sarah Jacot 2, Kathleen M Matheson 3, W J Charles Seddon 4, Steven Stoker 5, Duncan M Matheson (C) 6. Rung for Choral Evensong. A Birthday compliment to Ben Curwen. **£6**

**Marden, Kent.** (S Michael & All Angels) 28 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Clementine P Young 1, James R S Sawle 2, Lucy J Harvey 3, Adam Wright 4, Christopher J Bassett 5, J Susan Bassett 6, Adam A Brady (C) 7, Richard E Steele 8. 1st away from cover: 1. In celebration of the treble ringer's 19th Birthday today.

**Mathern, Mon.** 10 Feb, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Vic Duke 1, Sally Utting 2, Simon Lockhart 3, Leighton Cooke 4, Andrew J Mead (C) 5, Alex Osley 6. **£6**

**Morville, Shrops.** 12 Feb, 1344 Spl S Major (4m): Sue Robinson 1, Paul J Wells (C) 2, Helen M Wells 3, Stella C Smith 4, D Rose W Horton 5, Janet A Horton 6, Martin Bluck 7, Stephen W Horton 8. Most Spl S Major & 1st including Bristol: 3. 1st Spl S as C. **£4**

**New Alresford, Hants.** (S John Bapt) 8 Feb, 1264 PB Major: Elizabeth Johnson 1, Jessica Hay 2, Susan J Smith 3, Frances Warwick 4, Ian M Redway 5, Andrew G Craddock 6, Janet Morris 7, Roger G Booth (C) 8. For Sundays@six. Best wishes to Wendy Ling & Cathy Booth who are both recovering from hip replacement operations. 1st Major inside: 2 & shortly before the third anniversary of Jessica's first lesson (18.02.2023). **£8**

**Newton St Cyres, Devon.** 14 Feb, 1344 Spl S Major (4m): Rosalind Martin 1, James Kirkcaldy 2, Oliver Coldrick 3, Carolyn Howell 4, Tim Martin 5, Hayley Young 6, Fergus Stracey 7, David Hird (C) 8. Rung prior to SW regional practice.

**Nocton, Lincs.** 7 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Owen G Peters (C) 1, Nathaniel Y Flint 2, Abigail C E Brown 3, Luke B Marsden 4, David J Curtis 5, Benjamin Rothwell 6. 1st Grandsire: 3.

**North Wootton, Som.** (Great Orchard Campanile) 12 Feb, 1250 60th Birthday D Major: Patricia Tucker 1, Margaret J Bignell 2, A C John Davis 3, Beverley Perry 4, Patrick C Tucker 5, Leslie E Perry 6, Lawrence C Bignell 7, Penelope I Hooper (C) 8. 1st in m for all. 225th together: 1,4. Belated Birthday compliment to the C. **£8**

**North Wootton, Som.** (Great Orchard Campanile) 12 Feb, 1260 Stedman Triples: Leslie E Perry 1, Margaret J Bignell 2, Penelope I Hooper 3, A C John Davis 4, Patricia Tucker 5, Lawrence C Bignell 6, Patrick C Tucker (C) 7, Beverley Perry 8. 300th together: 6,8. 275th together: 1,2. **£4**

**Offenham, Worcs.** 10 Feb, 1260 Doubles (4m/7v): Reg Hitchings (C) 1, Isabel Hitchings 2, Barbara Pettit 3, Stuart Tomlinson 4, Alison Lee 5, Mike Seagrave 6. 4/4. **£3**

**Old Marston, Oxon.** 8 Feb, 1260 Doubles (15m/v): Jane Hedges 1, Ailsa Reid 2, Andrea Rowley 3, Maarit Kivilo (C) 4, Hugh Deam (C) 5, Judith Kirby 6. Rung prior to morning service. **£6**

**Orlbury, Northants.** 8 Feb, 1260 Doubles (4m): Jenny A Ball 1, Jayne M Horne 2, Simon H Sweeney 3, Timothy F W Samson 4, Joshua A Horne (C) 5, Tim D Hawkins 6. For Choral Evensong. **£6**

**Over, Cambs.** (S Mary) 29 Jan, 1260 PB Doubles: Phil Burgess 1, Trish Rowland 2, Edith Robinson (C) 3, Geoff Grayton 4, Vanessa E Webster 5, Andy Marshall 6. 1st on Treble: 1 & to celebrate her Birthday earlier this week. **£3**

**Over, Cambs.** (S Mary) 5 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Phil Burgess 1, Trish Rowland 2, Geoff Grayton 3, Andy Marshall 4, Edith Robinson (C) 5. On a very quiet practice night. 1st without a cover: 1. **£2.50**

**Packington, Leics.** 9 Feb, 1260 Doubles (5m): Karen Allen 1, Moira Johnson (C) 2, Mary Hale 3, Stuart Hale 4, David Gammon 5, Sarah Hale 6. **£6**

**Pebworth, Worcs.** 10 Feb, 1260 St Simon's Bob Triples: Mike Seagrave 1, Reg Hitchings 2, Barbara Pettit 3, Ben Gooch 4, Alison Lee 5, Tony Natt 6, Stuart Tomlinson (C) 7, John Gibson 8. 100th together: 2,6,7,8. 3/4. **£4**

**Penarth, Vale of Glam.** 23 Jan, 1280 Kent TB Major: Christopher Ball 1, Martin Batten 2, Helen C Kerby 3, Alex G Saunders 4, Matthew D Greenaway 5, Christopher E Saunders 6, Roger S Harpole 7, Julian C Parker (C) 8. A late compliment to Roger Harpole on completing 60 years of ringing, the method being rung at his request. 1st Kent TB Major for all except 8. **£8**

**Peterborough, Cambs.** (S Mary) 8 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Deborah Bray 1, David Banks 2, Diana Street 3, Hilary Hardie 4, Andrew Christie (C) 5, Stuart Weston 6, Joseph P D Booker 7, Julian Burton 8. Rung for Autism Sunday & recognising the diverse gifts we've been given. 1st Grandsire Triples: 4. **£8**

**Petersfield, Hants.** 8 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Francesco P Greenslade (C) 1, Erin R Halder 2, Rachael A Barber 3, James A Wedley 4, Nicholas A M James 5, George Whiteside 6, R Alan Barber 7, Nicholas M Halder 8. Rung for Choral Evensong. **£2**

**Pettistree, Suffolk.** 11 Feb, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Mary Garner 1, Steve Elliott 2, Elaine Townsend 3, Rhonda Murkin 4, Richard J Munnings 5, Mark Ogden (C) 6. Birthday compliments to John Horsnell for today. **£4.50**

**Prior's Norton, Glos.** 8 Feb, 1280 Jersey D Major: Jeremy D Alford 1, Sandra Y Alford 2, Rupert Howes 3, Francesca Cinderey 4, Ian D Bucknell 5, Rachel Coates 6, Mike Seagrave 7, Roy Williams (C) 8. **£4**

**Retford, Notts.** (S Swithun) 14 Feb, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Helen Fuller-Whelan 1, Alan D H Bird 2, Sylvia M Bird 3, Caitlin A Meyer 4, Philip R Wild 5, Graham J N Colborne 6, Melanie Newman 7, Jeremy Wheeldon 8, David I Braunton 9, Owen G Peters (C) 10. 1st S Royal as C. **£1**

**Reymerston, Norfolk.** 14 Feb, 1260 Spl Bob Doubles (3m): Christopher Denmark 1, Teresa J Doggett 2, Deborah Allen 3, Mark Utting 4, David R Carter (C) 5, Jill Tinsey 6. Happy 70th Birthday Anthony! **£6**

**Rogate, W Sussex.** 14 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Simon H Longlands 1, Francesco P Greenslade (C) 2, Julia Brunt 3, James A Wedley 4, Nicholas A M James 5, R Alan Barber 6. Rung for the love of ringing. **£1**

**Rothwell, Northants.** (Holy Trinity) 8 Feb, 1282 Swindon S Royal: Simon Dixon (C) 1, Pam Bailey 2, Sarah Bence 3, Nicholas Wilson 4, Edward Groome 5, Andrew Gunstone 6, Robert Lane 7, Murray Coleman 8, Nicholas Churchman 9, Jim Bence 10. For Evensong. 1st blows in m: 5. **£10**

**Royal Hillsborough, Down.** 13 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Gillian Barry 1, Catherine Beattie 2, Jonathan Barry 3, Billy Chapman 4, Simon Walker (C) 5, Carson McMullan 6. 1st away from cover: 1. **£1**

**Saintbury, Glos.** 10 Feb, 1260 St Clement's CB Triples: Ben Gooch 1, Isabel Hitchings 2, Barbara Pettit 3, Tony Natt 4, Stuart Tomlinson 5, Mike Seagrave 6, John Gibson (C) 7, Reg Hitchings 8. Best wishes to Mike Hartley for a speedy recovery. 500th together: 2,7,8. 400th together: 3,7,8. 250th together: 1,3,7,8. 2/4. **£4**

**Shaftord, Surrey.** (S Mary V) 12 Feb, 1344 Spl S Major (6m): Stuart A Aitken 1, Sally A Schupke 2, Julian Morgan 3, Simon P A Wilmot 4, Timothy M W Stansfeld 5, Joseph A Sharp (C) 6, Oliver R Hall 7, David R Beadman 8. Most Spl as C. **£4**

**Shiplake, Oxon.** 10 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Townsend 1, Martha Hazell 2, Jacqueline Hazell 3, Lavinia Sullivan 4, Robert Partridge (C) 5, Stephen Smith II 6. 1st Q for 45 years: 1. **£5**

**Shiplake, Oxon.** 12 Feb, 1280 Lessness S Major: Robert Partridge (C) 1, Jacqueline Hazell 2, Chris Tuckett 3, Jenny Page 4, Mary Friskney 5, Lavinia Sullivan 6, Giles Winter 7, Kelvin Britton 8. **£6**

**Shottesbrooke, Berks.** 11 Jan, 1260 PB Minor: Lesley S Cross 1, Martha C Hazell 2, Jacqueline M Hazell 3, Charley Smith 4, Vikki E M Bulbeck 5, Simon D Smith (C) 6. On Plough Sunday. **£6**

**Shottesbrooke, Berks.** 18 Jan, 1260 PB Minor: Lesley S Cross 1, Charley Smith 2, Martha C Hazell 3, Jacqueline M Hazell 4, Vikki E M Bulbeck 5, Simon D Smith (C) 6. Rung before our early service of Morning Prayer. **£6**

**Shottesbrooke, Berks.** 22 Jan, 1272 Warkworth and Annable's London S Minor: Martha C Hazell 1, Vikki E M Bulbeck 2, Jacqueline M Hazell 3, Simon D Smith 4, James White 5, Edward C Westlake (C) 6. 1st in methods as C. **£6**

**Shottesbrooke, Berks.** 29 Jan, 1296 Spl S Minor (3m): Martha C Hazell 1, Edward C Westlake 2, Jacqueline M Hazell 3, Vikki E M Bulbeck 4, Simon D Smith 5, James White (C) 6. **£6**

**Shottesbrooke, Berks.** 8 Feb, 1260 Doubles (5m): Martha C Hazell 1, Edward C Westlake (C) 2, Jacqueline M Hazell 3, Vikki E M Bulbeck 4, Simon D Smith 5, Lesley S Cross 6. Rung to celebrate the Birth of Clara Elizabeth (b.13th December 2025), daughter of our fellow ringers Katherine & Nic Holland. Many congratulations! **£6**

**Somerton, Som.** (Tara's Orchard) 10 Feb, 1272 Netherseale S Minor: Martyn R Cave 1, Margaret J Bignell 2, Leslie E Perry 3, Susan E Cave 4, Beverley Perry 5, Lawrence C Bignell (C) 6. 1st in m: 4. **£3**

**Somerton, Som.** (Tara's Orchard) 10 Feb, 1296 Norfolk S Minor: Martyn R Cave 1, Susan E Cave 2, Beverley Perry 3, Margaret J Bignell 4, Lawrence C Bignell 5, Leslie E Perry (C) 6. 1st in m: 2 & as C. Circled the ring 3 times: 3. **£3**

**South Petherton, Som.** 14 Feb, 1260 Doubles (4m): Walter J Sinclair 1, David P Hammonds 2, Patricia Tucker 3, A C John Davis (C) 4, Richard O Gibson 5, Patrick C Tucker 6. Well done Walter. Belated Birthday compliment to Jacqueline Davis. **£1**

**St Annes on the Sea, Lancs.** (S Anne) 21 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: John Preston 1, Michael Hodgkinson 2, James E Andrews 3, Ellis Hollows 4, Stuart Newton (C) 5, Shaun Elsander 6, Monica Hollows 7, Martin Lovatt 8. For the Nine Lessons & Carols Service. **£8**

**St Buryan, Corn.** 28 Aug, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Joanna Wenborne 1, Andrew G Smith 2, T Neil Hitchens 3, Sam Nankervis 4, George W K Stevens 5, G Nigel Williams (C) 6. A 69th Birthday compliment to the C. **£6**

**St Buryan, Corn.** 12 Feb, 1296 S Minor (2m): Jo Wenborne 1, Kathryn Arkless 2, Andrew G Smith 3, Carolyn J Howell 4, Toby Arkless (C) 5, G Nigel Williams 6. **£6**

**Stamford Hill, London.** 10 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Samuel Quartey 1, Angela J Elliott 2, Guy Wells 3, Lucy Chandhial 4, Owen P Jones 5, Stephen Jakeman (C) 6. Rung before the service for the Haringey Deanery Synod. 1st Minor inside: 2. **£6**

**Standish, Glos.** (Alta Kabano) 13 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Minor: Anthony Stick 1, Melanie Gibson 2, Pam May 3, Alfie Stick 4, Robin Screen 5, John Gibson (C) 6. **£6**

**Stanford on Soar, Notts.** 7 Feb, 1260 Doubles (6m): Helen L Kimberley 1, Annette C Boden 2, Anna M Marsden 3, John D Cooper 4, Jamie Taylor (C) 5, Jeremy Rushton 6. **£6**

**Stisted, Essex.** 11 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Janice Spalding 1, Penny J Lowen 2, Wendy Godden (C) 3, Marina Warner 4, Sandra Murphy (C) 5, Sally Freeman 6. Rung by Eastern District members of the Ladies Guild. Jointly conducted by 3 & 5. Birthday compliment (13 February) to Mike Worboys, popular District Master of the Essex Association's SE District. **£6**

**Stockton on the Forest, N Yorks.** 10 Feb, 1296 Ipswich S Minor: Ann Hughes 1, Martin R Hall 2, Teresa M Jones 3, Juliet R Lawrance 4, Jane I Boyd 5, Anne Deebank (C) 6. **£6**

**Stonebroom, Derbys.** 8 Feb, 1272 St Clement's CB Minor: Christopher J Idle 1, Alec Humphrey 2, Sally A Idle 3, Anne E Westman 4, Simon J Westman 5, Neil A Westman (C) 6. **£3**

**Stonebroom, Derbys.** 12 Feb, 1296 St Clement's CB Minor: Jane E Boden 1, Deborah L Blagden 2, Lynne Newton 3, Neil A Westman 4, John Hawes (C) 5, Anne E Westman 6. **£3**

**Stretton on Dunsmore, Warks.** 8 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Sahib Singh Bhamra 1, Natalie E Brett 2, Decos Devonish 3, Nicholas H Brett 4, Lyndsey B Brett (C) 5, Katie Waterworth 6. 1st on Treble: 1. 1st as cover: 6. For Sunday Service. **£6**

**Stroud, Glos.** 14 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Steve Coleman (C) 1, Sue Pouncey 2, Rebecca Coleman 3, Madeleine Lindley 4, Ian Cooper 5, Lewis Rooke 6, David Pouncey 7, Sue Coleman 8. 1st Grandsire Triples inside: 6. **£8**

**Sunningwell, Oxon.** 14 Feb, 1260 Doubles (13m/v): Tertia Softley 1, Andrea Rowley (C) 2, Steve Bardsley 3, Paul C Lucas (C) 4, Hugh Deam (C) 5, Christine Redford 6. Rung on St Valentine's Day. 1st on these bells: 1,6. **£6**

**Swavesey, Cambs.** 23 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: Laura Velilla 1, Trish Rowland 2, Thomas W Green 3, Andy Marshall 4, Edith Robinson (C) 5. For Christmas. 750th as C. 50th together: 2,3. **£3**

**Swavesey, Cambs.** 11 Jan, 1260 PB Minor: Andy Marshall 1, Trish Rowland 2, Jack Cooper 3, Roderick Johnstone 4, Edith Robinson (C) 5, Jamie Males 6. Rung for Sunday Service & our fabulous Churchwarden (Jacqui Fuller's) special Birthday. 100th together: 3,5. **£3**

**Sydney, NSW.** (S Philip, Church Hill) 16 Nov, 1280 Bristol S Major: Lindsay Small 1, Bill Perrins 2, Taihei Baker 3, Terry Astill 4, Esther Perrins 5, Murray-Luke Peard 6, Andrew Davies 7, Peter Harrison (C) 8. 1st in m: 3. Rung to farewell Taihei on his trip to the UK. **£1**

**Thriplow, Cambs.** 10 Feb, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Tom Ridgman 1, Rebecca Glazier 2, Benjamin J Willetts 3, Mark G Lloyd 4, Victoria J Richards (C) 5, Vanessa E Webster 6. **£3**

**Thriplow, Cambs.** 10 Feb, 1272 Ipswich S Minor: Rebecca Glazier 1, Tom Ridgman 2, Victoria J Richards 3, Vanessa E Webster 4, Mark G Lloyd 5, Benjamin J Willetts (C) 6. 1st in m: 3. **£3**

**Thriplow, Cambs.** 10 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mark G Lloyd 1, Victoria J Richards 2, Tom Ridgman 3, Benjamin J Willetts 4, Vanessa E Webster (C) 5, Rebecca Glazier 6. 100th Q: 2. **£3**

**Thriplow, Cambs.** 10 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Rebecca Glazier 1, Vanessa E Webster 2, Benjamin J Willetts 3, Tom Ridgman 4, Victoria J Richards (C) 5, Mark G Lloyd 6. **£3**

**Titchfield, Hants.** 8 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Gill Richards 1, Moya Hills 2, H Lyndon Hatfield 3, Graham E Brown 4, Stephen S Russ (C) 5, James C Peal 6. Rung after parish communion taken by the newly installed Revd Penny Thatcher as Vicar of the Benefice of Titchfield. **£6**

**Tostock, Suffolk.** 30 Jan, 1272 S Minor (3m): Sally E V Crouch 1, Juliet Griffiths 2, Stephen Dawson 3, Isaac W Johnson 4, Katie E Abraham 5, Joshua M Watkins (C) 6. **£6**

**Wahroonga, NSW.** 20 Jan, 1320 London S Minor: Jeffrey Price 1, Andrew Davies 2, Cassandra Olive 3, Esther Perrins 4, Colin Sweet 5, James Perrins (C) 6. **£1**

**Wellington, New Zealand.** (Cathedral) 14 Feb, 1260 PB Triples: Katie Ben 1, Jamie Ben 2, Dylan Thomas 3, Ruth Lightbourne 4, Peter Bill 5, Christopher Jarman 6, Andrew Dicks (C) 7, Steve Dean 8. 1st inside on tower bells: 2. 1st Triples as C. **£2**

**Welwyn, Herts.** 11 Feb, 1344 Spl S Major (6m): Ann Evans 1, Bjorn E Bradstock 2, Vicky LeFèvre 3, Julie R Grimwade 4, Claire C Nicholson (C) 5, Fred Bone 6, Richard Sales 7, Graham R D Lay 8. **£8**

**West Clandon, Surrey.** 8 Feb, 1260 PB Triples: A Jane Beadman 1, Michael C Bryant 2, Lynn Boniface 3, Iain Robertson 4, Mark A Shepherd 5, Katy L Shepherd (C) 6, Richard H Burton 7, David R Beadman 8. 1st inside as C. **£8**

**West Kirby, Wirral.** 10 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Michael J Allen 1, S David Speechley 2, David C Denson 3, Alix Campbell 4, Randle T J Tinkler (C) 5, Gail H Leeming 6. The band send best wishes & congratulations on the safe arrival of Alexander George Quinn. Born 11.10am on 10/02/26 to proud parents Emily & Alistair Quinn, family friends of David & Jan Speechley. **£6**

**Wimborne Minster, Dorset.** 8 Feb, 1346 Cambridge S Maximus: Hilary Child 1, Rosalind Martin 2, Trish Hitchins 3, Flick Warwick 4, Barbara King 5, Graham Duke 6, John Riley 7, Philip Rioch 8, Tim Martin 9, Mariko Whyte 10, David Warwick 11, Harry Blamire (C) 12. For Choral Evensong. Birthday compliments to 6 (8/2), 11 (2/2) & 12 (6/2). **£12**

**Woolton Hill, Hants.** 11 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lin Rogers 1, Helen J Piper 2, Ros Brandwood 3, Tim Pink (C) 4, Kevin Rogers 5, Chris Pack 6. **£6**

**Hasketon, Suffolk.** (Laurel House) 13 Feb, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: David L Sparling 1-2, David I Stanford 3-4, Simon A Rudd (C) 5-6, James A Smith 7-8. **£4**

**Melbourne, Derbys.** (S Michaels Church House) 12 Feb, 1256 Spl Royal (5m): Christopher J Field (C) 1-2, Alison Godfrey 3-4, Adam Wilmott 5-6, Robert Watson 7-8, Judith Godfrey 9-10. **£5**

**Oxford.** (40 Western Road) 10 Feb, 1280 Kent TB Royal: Millie C Gall 1-2, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 3-4, David L Thomas (C) 5-6, Christopher Mundy 7-8, John G Pusey 9-10. **£10**

**Wardy Hill, Cambs.** (Toads Acre) 10 Feb, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Sheila J George 1-2, Phillip S George (C) 3-4, Naomi A Laredo 5-6. **£6**

**Wybunbury, Ches.** (44 Church Way Garden) 12 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Christine M Johnson 1-2, Samantha J Martin 3-4, C Paul Cheshire (C) 5-6. **£6**

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## Distributed quarters

**Ringling Room, UK.** 9 Feb, 1272 Beverley S Minor: Sue Portsmouth 1, Simon J O Head 2, Lynda Hine 3, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 4, Rosemary J Humphrey 5, Joseph A Sharp (C) 6. Rung by The Bellerophons for National Clean Out Your Computer Day. 200th together: 2.4. 70th together: 2.3. **£6**

**Ringling Room, UK & USA.** (Oldham, Vancouver (WA), South Walsham) 23 Jan, 1296 Spl S Minor (12m): Peter C Randall 1-2, David B Wilson (C) 3-4, Richard P J Carter 5-6.

**Ringling Room, USA.** (Vancouver (WA), Foxborough (MA), Nantucket (MA)) 5 Feb, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: David B Wilson (C) 1-2, Cally D Perry 3-4, Elaine M Hansen 5-6, Michael R Harrison 7-8.

**Ringling Room, UK, USA, & France.** (Cheltenham, Naperville (IL), Vancouver (WA), Vernet-les-Bains) 9 Feb, 1344 Spl S Major (2m): Cara Capewell 1-2, Tom Farthing 3-4, David B Wilson (C) 5-6, Jeffrey P Ladd 7-8. **£4**

**Ringling Room, USA.** (Lexington (MA), Noisy Oyster (MA), Vancouver (WA)) 11 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Laura Dickerson 1-2, Sarah Moriarty 3-4, David B Wilson (C) 5-6. 1st on an inside pair: 3-4. **£3**

**Ringling Room, UK, USA.** (Fortrose, Oldham, Vancouver (WA)) 12 Feb, 1440 Sandiacre S Minor: Marcus A Wheel 1-2, Peter C Randall 3-4, David B Wilson (C) 5-6.

**Ringling Room (Bromley, Abbots Langley, Hull).** 8 Feb, 1272 Oxford TB Minor: Timothy J Billings 1-2, Sue Carpenter 3-4, Peter Church (C) 5-6. **£3**

**Sonneur, France & USA & UK.** (Vernet-les-Bains, Naperville (IL), Glasgow, Vancouver (WA)) 22 Jan, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Jeffrey P Ladd 1-2, Tom Farthing 3-4, Simon J Gay 5-6, David B Wilson (C) 7-8. 1st on 8 in Sonneur with an all-human band. **£4**

**Sonneur, France, USA, UK.** (Vernet-les-Bains, Vancouver (WA), Oldham, South Walsham) 4 Feb, 1280 Bristol S Major: Jeffrey P Ladd 1-2, David B Wilson (C) 3-4, Peter C Randall 5-6, Richard P J Carter 7-8.

## Chiltern Midweek Group – February Quarters

**Aldenhams, Herts.** 11 Feb, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Susan V Gambling 1, Christine M Carter 2, Carolyn J Crawley 3, Ian P Sawford 4, Stephen Jakeman 5, Stephen J Crawley (C) 6, James W S Crawley 7. Arranged & rung as an 80th Birthday compliment to Deirdre Watson. **£12**

**Bushey, Herts.** 11 Feb, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Ian P Sawford 1, Carolyn J Crawley 2, Stuart Brant 3, Deirdre R Watson 4, Roger Powell 5, Susan V Gambling 6, Brian C Watson (C) 7, James W S Crawley 8. Arranged & rung as an 80th Birthday compliment to Deirdre Watson. **£14**

**Bushey Heath, Herts.** 11 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C Valerie Mills 1, Penny Watson 2, Dorothea M Mayne 3, Christine M Carter 4, Stephen Jakeman 5, Mike Below 6, Brian D Crawley (C) 7, Liz Middleton 8. Rung in memory of Jean Croxall. **£14**

## Deirdre's 80th Quarters

**St Albans, Herts.** (Cathedral) 1 Feb, 1320 Little Bob Maximus: Carolyn J Crawley 1, Andrew M Reeve 2, Dorothea M Mayne 3, Claire C Nicholson 4, Bjørn E Bradstock (C) 5, James W S Crawley 6, Jennifer V Johnson 7, Angela Blackburn 8, Brian D Crawley 9, Stephen J Crawley 10, Andrew P F Bradford 11, Jonathan P Humbert 12. For Evensong. Forthcoming 'significant' Birthday compliments to Deirdre Watson.

**Aldenhams, Herts.** 6 Feb, 1280 Rutland S Major: C Valerie Mills 1, Susan V Gambling 2, Penny Watson 3, Dorothea M Mayne 4, Liz Middleton 5, Brian D Crawley 6, Brian C Watson (C) 7, James W S Crawley 8. Arranged & rung as an 80th Birthday compliment to Deirdre Watson. **£8**

**Bushey, Herts.** 8 Feb, 1344 Superlative S Major: Stuart Brant 1, Dorothea M Mayne 2, Deirdre R Watson 3, Carolyn J Crawley 4, Liz Middleton 5, Brian C Watson 6, Brian D Crawley 7, Stephen J Crawley (C) 8. Rung to celebrate Deirdre's 80th Birthday. **£8**

**Aldbury, Herts.** 12 Feb, 1272 Carlisle S Minor: C Valerie Mills 1, Roger Baldwin 2, Deirdre R Watson 3, Liz Middleton 4, Susan V Gambling 5, Brian C Watson (C) 6. Arranged & rung as an 80th Birthday compliment to Deirdre Watson. **£6**

**Bushey, Herts.** 12 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Theo J T White 1, Dorothea M Mayne 2, Roger Baldwin (C) 3, Sue Carpenter 4, Roderic K Bickerton 5, Stuart Brant 6. 1 - first Q at first attempt. Compliments to Deirdre Watson on her 80th Birthday. **£6**

**Little Gaddesden, Herts.** 12 Feb, 1320 Ipswich S Minor: Susan V Gambling 1, C Valerie Mills 2, Deirdre R Watson 3, Carolyn J Crawley 4, Penny Watson (C) 5, Brian C Watson 6. Arranged & rung as an 80th Birthday compliment to Deirdre Watson. **£6**

**Aston Clinton, Bucks.** 13 Feb, 1296 Erin Caters: Dorothea M Mayne 1, Susan V Gambling 2, Carolyn J Crawley 3, Deirdre R Watson 4, Roger Baldwin 5, Liz Middleton 6, Brian D Crawley 7, Stephen J Crawley 8, Brian C Watson (C) 9, David M Gambling 10. Arranged & rung as an 80th Birthday compliment to Deirdre Watson. **£10**

Also two quarters rung by the Chiltern Midweek Group on 11th February.

## Durham & Newcastle DA – 10&12 bell QP weekend

The D&N Annual 10&12 Bell QP weekend took place on the third weekend in January. 17 quarter peals were scored from 21 attempts, with at least one scored in every ringable tower in the Association with 10 or more bells.

On the Friday there was a sociable evening at the Black Bull at Frosterley, where 23 of us met for beer, pizza and the mini-ring. A smaller group managed beer and a curry in Durham on the Saturday night, too. A total of 66 people took part in the weekend, with many firsts and lots of consolidation.

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**Frosterley, Durham.** 16 Jan, 1347 Stedman Cinques: Matthew Durham (C) 1, Matthew Hetherington 2, Jessica Durham 3, Alexander Pym 4, Luke Riley 5, Duncan Davis 6, James Morgan 7, James Blackburn 8, Jack Hanlon 9, Jennifer Ellis 10, Oliver Rice 11, Hayley Messenger 12.

**Gosforth, Tyne & Wear.** (All Saints) 16 Jan, 1260 PB Royal: Helen L Scott 1, Andrew S Cooke (C) 2, Alec W Bell 3, Christine Richardson 4, Julia Lee 5, Christopher Teasdale 6, Stephen B Bell 7, Howard E J Smith 8, Christopher King 9, Stephen J Bean 10. 1st Royal: 3, 5 & as C. For the Annual D&N 10&12 Bell QP Weekend.

**Sunderland, Tyne & Wear.** (Minster Church of St Michael & All Angels & St Benedict Biscop, Bishopwearmouth) 16 Jan, 1296 Little Bob Royal: Chris Mansfield (C) 1, Alex Pym 2, Jack Hanlon 3, Ross Weddell 4, Christine Richardson 5, John Markham 6, Susie Mansfield 7, Jacob Rudd 8, Stephen Bell 9, Chris Rudd 10. For the Annual D&N 10&12 Bell QP Weekend. 1st Little Bob: 6. In memory of The Revd Canon Neville P. Vine, President of this Association 1995-1998.

**Roker, Tyne & Wear.** 17 Jan, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Christine Richardson 1, Stephen T Wise 2, Duncan Walker 3, James Morgan 4, Christopher J Crabtree (C) 5, Malcolm Evans 6, Rachel Wells 7, James E Blackburn 8, Oliver E Rice 9, Matt Hetherington 10.

**Stockton on Tees, Durham.** 17 Jan, 1294 Yorkshire S Maximus: Jessica Durham 1, Andrew Cooke 2, Jack Hanlon 3, Jennifer Ellis 4, Ross Weddell 5, Kris King (C) 6, Alex Pym 7, Hayley Messenger 8, Chris Rudd 9, Chris Mansfield 10, Stephen Bean 11, Matthew Durham 12. 1st S. Max: 4&5. 1st Yorkshire S Max: 2.

**Stockton on Tees, Durham.** 17 Jan, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Matthew Durham 1, Oliver Rice 2, Gillian Appleby 3, Stephen Bean 4, James Morgan 5, Jessica Durham 6, Duncan Walker 7, Karen McCleave 8, Chris Mansfield (C) 9, Luke Riley 10, Matt Hetherington 11, James Blackburn 12. For

D&N 10&12 Bell QP weekend. 1st touch of Stedman Cinques as C.

**Stockton on Tees, Durham.** 17 Jan, 1320 Sgurr 'A' Chaorachain S Royal: Matthew Durham (C) 1, Jeremy Housden 2, Stephen Bean 3, Christopher Mansfield 4, James Morgan 5, Oliver Rice 6, Christopher Rudd 7, Jessica Durham 8, Matthew Hetherington 9, Luke Riley 10.

**Stockton on Tees, Durham.** 17 Jan, 1320 PB Cinques: Alex Pym 1, Kris King 2, Andrew Cooke 3, Jennifer Ellis (C) 4, Isaac Cairns 5, Jacob Rudd 6, Ross Weddell 7, David Horne 8, Max Crinson 9, Chris Rudd 10, Jack Hanlon 11, Hayley Messenger 12. 1st on 12 as C. 1st on 12: 5, 6, 9. 250th Q: 4. Rung for the D&N 10 & 12 bell weekend.

**Tanfield, Durham.** 17 Jan, 1260 PB Royal: Alex Pym 1, Stephen T Wise 2, Isaac Cairns 3, Ophelia Cornell 4, Jack Hanlon (C) 5, Freddie Robertson 6, Matthew P Black 7, Jacob Rudd 8, Stephen B Bell 9, Rachel Wells 10. 1st Royal: 6 & 7.

**Tanfield, Durham.** 17 Jan, 1287 Stedman Caters: C Duncan Davis 1, Jack Hanlon 2, Sonia Thompson 3, Rachel C Wells 4, Helen Scott 5, David A Horne 6, Stephen B Bell (C) 7, Alexander T G Pym 8, Howard E J Smith 9, John L Markham 10.

**Alnwick, Northumb.** 18 Jan, 1296 PB Caters: Elisa Liptrot 1, Luke Riley 2, Helena-Katie Scholes 3, Mina Corso 4, Kris King 5, Clair Crowther 6, James Thacker 7, Jim Crowther 8, Robert Wallace (C) 9, Ruth Darby 10. Rang to celebrate the birth of Henry Crowther. 1st on 10: 10.

**Durham.** (Cathedral) 18 Jan, 1280 Bristol S Royal: Gillian Appleby 1, James A Blackburn 2, J James G Morgan 3, Rachel C Wells 4, G Jessica Durham (C) 5, Matthew J L Durham 6, Stephen B Bell 7, Jack Hanlon 8, Matthew Hetherington 9, Christopher M Mansfield 10. 1st in m: 8.

**Hartlepool, Durham.** (S Oswald) 18 Jan, 1260 PB Royal: Jennifer Ellis 1, Lily Collis 2, Rachael Sanderson 3, Sam Chapman 4, Max Crinson 5, Matt Durham 6, Rachel Wells (C) 7, Oliver Hughes 8, Jack Hanlon 9, Jessica Durham 10. 1st blows of Royal inside: 4. 1st on 10: 2. 1st Royal: 5.

**Hexham, Northumb.** 18 Jan, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Karen McCleave 1, Sonia Thompson 2, Andrew Cooke 3, Jacob Rudd 4, Ross Weddell 5, Chris Rudd 6, Duncan Walker (C) 7, Jeremy Housden 8, Howard Smith 9, Alex Pym 10. 1st S Royal: 4.

**Hexham, Northumb.** 18 Jan, 1296 PB Caters: Eleanor Adams 1, Jeremy Housden (C) 2, Sally Hewitt 3, Clair Crowther 4, Pat Sewell 5, Neil Darracott 6, Karen McCleave 7, Duncan Davis 8, Jim Crowther 9, Luke Riley 10. 1st on 10: 1. To celebrate the birth of Henry Crowther, a first grandchild for Clair & Jim.

**North Shields, Tyne & Wear.** 18 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Caters: Duncan Walker 1, James Morgan 2, Janet Jackson 3, Hayley Messenger 4, Alec Bell 5, Stephen Bell 6, Kris King 7, James Blackburn (C) 8, Matt Hetherington 9, Julia Lee 10.

**North Shields, Tyne & Wear.** 18 Jan, 1260 PB Royal: Hayley Messenger 1, Christine Richardson 2, Judith Horne 3, John Markham 4, Karen McCleave 5, Duncan Walker (C) 6, David Horne 7, Alex Pym 8, Alec Bell 9, Howard Smith 10. 1st on 10: 3.

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## Brenda Redfearn 09.08.1937 – 15.12.2025



Brenda Pauline Redfearn, née Ashby, was born in Hemel Hempstead and grew up in Abbots Langley, in the house that would be her home, on and off, for over seventy years. After attending Hemel Hempstead Grammar School, she worked for British Railways before joining the Building Research Establishment in Garston, Hertfordshire. It was here that she met her husband David and many other people who would become lifelong friends.

Always active, Brenda inherited a great enthusiasm for walking from her father and set a pace akin to a route march, with David trailing behind looking forward to respite and drink at the next public house. Brenda took part in local groups and the book club, always fascinated by learning about the world. Her own person, she was curious but determined. When she decided she no longer wanted to eat meat she was clear on the point that she was not a vegetarian; she just didn't eat meat. Labels didn't matter, only the actions and the decision did.

Brenda and David learned to ring church bells in 1965, after looking for a low cost hobby they could do together. Always sociable, a practice night often ended up with them both in the pub with a glass of beer and chatting to friends. Their work at the Building Research Centre in Garston had brought them into contact with John Mayne (a prolific and experienced bellringer), who offered to teach them both to ring at his tower – All Saints, Harrow Weald in Middlesex. Progressing quickly, they both rang their first peal on 29th January 1966 – Cambridge Surprise Minor. By this time, Brenda and David were living in Caddington, Bedfordshire and supported their local band of ringers both there and in Luton with Brenda quickly becoming a very good ringer. In 1971, she was elected to the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths along

with husband David. Bellringing became a lifelong passion for them both.

By that time, Brenda and David had moved back to Abbots Langley and Brenda joined the band of ringers at St Lawrence Abbots Langley, whilst she and David also attended practice nights at St James's Bushey. Brenda had now trained as a teacher and put her skills to good use at St Lawrence, teaching many people, young and old to ring bells; some of whom continue to ring at Abbots Langley and beyond to this day. Records show that Brenda rang 33 full peals between 1966 and 2003 with Stedman Triples being her lead method. In addition she rang over 320 quarter peals, conducting some of these herself.

As a keen walker and traveller, Brenda undertook many holidays and outings across the British Isles and the globe. As ringing was ever present in these excursions, Brenda rang bells in three continents, in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States of America. But her main dedication was to the parish where she had been christened, confirmed, married and finally, entrusted to God in – St. Lawrence Abbots Langley. A diligent member of the church, she would walk across the fields to attend Sunday Service at 8am before ringing the bells for the 9.30 service as well as practice nights on Monday evenings, a routine she kept up year on year.

Brenda suffered a stroke on 9th December 2025 and passed away in hospital six days later on 15th December 2025, surrounded by friends and family. Her funeral on 16th January 2026 was attended by over two dozen bell ringers who had been taught by her or rang with her over the years. She was a valued member of The Hertford County Association of Change Ringers and will be much missed by those who knew her.

JAMES TUCK, Tower Secretary,  
St Lawrence, Abbots Langley.

In addition to the following performances, there was a quarter peal of Gairsire Triples at Bushey and one of Stedman Cinques at Wimborne Minster, both on 21st December and printed in *RW5986*, p.38, and two handbell quarter peals of Minor in two methods on 8th January in Watford, both printed in *RW5987*, p.59.

**Harrow Weald, London.** 26 Dec, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Nicholas C Field 1, Christopher J Field 2, Sonia Field 3, Richard J Chandler 4, Roderic K Bickerton 5, Emily E Hall (C) 6. Rung in celebration of the life of Brenda Redfearn. Also remembering Elizabeth Bowen.

**St Albans, Herts.** (Cathedral) 28 Dec, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Dorothea M Mayne 1, Susan V Gambling 2, Roger Baldwin 3, Jennifer V Johnson 4, Bjorn E Bradstock (C) 5, Stephen Haynes 6, Andrew M Reeve 7, James W S Crawley 8, Roderic K Bickerton 9, Claire C Nicholson 10. Rung in thanksgiving for the life of Brenda Redfearn.

**Watford.** (15 Harford Drive) 19 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: Stuart Brant 1-2, Roger Baldwin (C) 3-4, Dorothea M Mayne 5-6. Rung in Thanksgiving for the life of Brenda Redfearn.

**Watford, Herts.** (15 Harford Drive) 23 Dec, 1260 St Clement's CB Minor: Sue Carpenter 1-2, Roger Baldwin (C) 3-4, Stephen J Crawley 5-6. In thanksgiving for the life of Brenda Redfearn.

**Watford, Herts.** (15 Harford Drive) 23 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: Sue Carpenter 1-2, Roger Baldwin 3-4, Stephen J Crawley (C) 5-6. In thanksgiving for the life of Brenda Redfearn.

## Carol Girling 30.07.1946 – 01.04.2025



Carol Girling was born and brought up in Stowupland, Suffolk, moving later down the road to Stowmarket, where she lived out the rest of her very active life. She was educated at Stowmarket Grammar School, completing her A-levels there. In 1965, she married and raised her three children – Roderick, Catherine and Samantha.

Carol took up bell ringing as an adult in the early 1980s after following Catherine into the art. Samantha was the third family member to learn to ring, but sadly didn't catch the ringing bug. Carol remained a loyal member of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers for 40 years. During that time, she rang 92 peals, of which 84 were for the Suffolk Guild. In 1995, Carol married again, to Winston Girling, a fellow ringer. Both were very involved in bell maintenance activities across Suffolk, keeping many rings of bells going with effective and timely work being undertaken. She greatly enjoyed this work and was well known across the county and beyond because of it. She also undertook many other roles, including District Secretary and a very successful partnership of Guild Newsletter Joint Editor along with Catherine.

Bell ringing and bell maintenance formed a large part of Carol's life. However, it was by no means her only interest. Carol was an excellent gardener with a great talent for it and an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of the subject. A particular love of hers was roses, many gifts of which are spread across the family in various forms. She had also spent many years beekeeping and had formerly been a Foulbrood Inspector for the Ministry of Agriculture. Most will not know that Carol was musical; she had played the piano to a high standard as a teenager into adulthood and was a member of the local choral society for many years. She passed on the musical talent she had inherited to children and in turn grandchildren, who prospered, too. She was very supportive of her grandchildren's musical achievements and attended many of their performances over the years. (Those who attended her funeral heard two of her granddaughters sing a final farewell for her.)

Carol was also an avid reader and particularly loved poetry. She passed this

love onto her children, particularly her daughters, who themselves have houses far too full of books. She loved a good discussion about just about anything, particularly what was happening in the world and general information – she never wanted to stop learning new things. Catherine was her ‘go-to’ person to talk to – both in person and via phone calls that went on so long that Winston often commented that Carol had run her mobile phone virtually flat. Never have long phone conversations been so missed.

Carol’s passing was unexpected. She died peacefully in her sleep – just the way she would have wanted, but far too early, so it was a massive shock. Her funeral was very much a celebration of her life where attendees were requested to wear bright coloured clothing. She would have loved to attend her own funeral had it been possible and would have given a hearty thumbs-up. She wasn’t one for dark and dismal, rather irreverent impishness and a bit of tongue in cheek at the very least. From her family she got beautiful music, poetry written and chosen especially for her, given freely with humour, laughter and so much love. She’d have been there, sitting on our shoulders egging us on for more, whilst threatening the odd head slap, all whilst grinning widely at the send-off we were giving her.

As with anyone worth knowing, so much more could be said about our mother and mother-in-law. Her unique personality and her zest for life are etched in the plethora of our memories. She is gone, but she still leaves her presence!

Although a number of quarters and a peal were rung, two peals were especially organised to mark Carol’s passing. The first was at her home in Stowmarket, where she started her ringing journey. The second was rung at Bacton, one of Carol’s favourite rings where the Suffolk Seven minor methods were rung, again her favourite methods. Both were tributes to Carol and a celebration of a life well lived. May she rest in peace.

CATHERINE and JULIAN COLMAN

#### SUFFOLK GUILD

**FELIXSTOWE**, Suffolk,  
St John the Baptist  
Fri 25 Apr 2025 2h41 (7)  
**5152 Cooktown Orchid**  
**D Major**  
1 James A Smith (C)  
2 Christine A Knight  
3 P Mark Ogden  
4 Richard A Knight  
5 Michael J Cowling  
6 Brian G Meads  
7 Thomas G Scase  
8 Simon A Rudd  
On the 110th anniversary  
of the ANZAC landings  
at Gallipoli.  
The band wish to associate  
this peal with the memory of  
Carol Girling of Stowmarket.

**BACTON**, Suffolk,  
St Mary the Virgin  
Fri 8 Aug 2025 2h50 (8)  
**5040 Minor**  
(7m: (1) Double Court (2) Oxford  
TB (3) Kent TB (4) Cambridge S  
(5) Double Oxford (6) St Clements  
(7) Plain Bob)  
1 Richard A Knight  
2 Christine A Knight  
3 Joan Garrett  
4 Simon A Rudd  
5 Julian Colman  
6 Alan P Mayle (C)  
Specially arranged and rung  
in celebration of the life  
of Carol Ann Girling (July  
1946 to April 2025). Her  
husband, Winston Girling  
and daughter Cath Colman  
wish to be associated  
with this peal and listened  
throughout. Carol had  
a particular love for the  
‘Suffolk Seven’ rung today’.

**STOWMARKET**, Suffolk,  
St Peter & St Mary  
Fri 4 Jul 2025 3h16 (19)  
**5040 Cambridge S Royal**  
Comp. John R Ketteringham  
op. 100

1 Joan Garrett  
2 Elizabeth A Orme  
3 Christine A Knight  
4 James P Hollins  
5 Julian Colman  
6 Nathan B Colman  
7 Simon A Rudd (C)  
8 Andrew R Stone  
9 Timothy P Hart  
10 Phillip M Orme  
Celebrating the life of Carol  
Girling, 30/7/46 - 1/4/25;  
Julian’s Mother-in-Law and  
Nathan’s Grandmother.  
Winston Girling, Carol’s  
husband and Cath Colman,  
her daughter, are to be  
associated with this peal  
and listened throughout. £10  
Reprinted from RW5961,  
p.674

**Offton**, Suffolk. 1 Apr 2025, 1260 PB Triples:  
Elizabeth I R Goodchild 1, Rowan P Wilson 2, David  
I Stanford 3, Andrew R Stone 4, Abby L Antrobus 5,  
Caroline Goodchild 6, Brian E Whiting (C) 7, Joanna  
M Gray 8. In memory of Carol Girling. £8

**Elveden**, Suffolk. 2 Apr 2025, 1280 London S  
Major: Andrew R Stone 1, Joan Garrett 2, Simon A  
Rudd (C) 3, Clare L Veal 4, Nigel F C Gale 5, Michael  
J Cowling 6, Rowan P Wilson 7, Frank W Rivett  
8. Rung in memory of Carol Girling, our organiser  
Julian’s mother-in-law. A well-known bell-ringer &  
bee-keeper. £8

**Norton**, Suffolk. (The Barn Owl Ring) 2 Apr 2025,  
1250 Cambridge S Major: Brian E Whiting (C) 1, Ruth  
Suggett 2, Joan Garrett 3, Jed Flatters 4, Andrew R  
Stone 5, David I Stanford 6, Rowan P Wilson 7, Janet  
R Sheldrake 8. In memory of Carol Girling. £8

**Tostock**, Suffolk. 4 Apr 2025, 1320 London S  
Minor: Sally E V Crouch 1, Andrea Alderton 2, David  
Steed 3, Lesley Steed 4, Stephen Dawson 5, David  
Howe (C) 6. In memory of Carol Girling. 1st in m: 2.  
£6

**Euston**, Suffolk. 5 Apr, 1272 Spl S Minor (6m):  
Sally E V Crouch 1, Ruth Suggett 2, David Steed  
3, Lesley Steed 4, Thomas G Scase 5, Joshua M  
Watkins (C) 6. In memory of Carol Girling. 1st Spl as  
C. 75th together - 4 & 6. £5

**Stowmarket**, Suffolk. 6 Apr, 1260 Grandsire  
Triples: Maurice J Rose 1, Lesley Steed 2, Josephine  
Beever 3, Colin F Salter (C) 4, David Steed 5, Alan C  
Moult 6, James P Hollins 7, Mark Steggle 8. Rung  
in Thanksgiving for the life of Carol Girling, a long  
time member of the Stowmarket band, who died  
unexpectedly on 1st April. Carol’s husband Winston  
was until recently Tower Captain at Stowmarket.

**Tostock**, Suffolk. 6 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: Sally J  
Veal 1, Sally E V Crouch 2, Maurice J Rose (C) 3,  
Serena Steggle 4, Mark Steggle 5, Simon L Veal 6.  
Rung in memory of Carol Girling. £3

**Bury St Edmunds**, Suffolk. 13 Apr, 1282  
Cambridge S Royal: Brian E Whiting 1, Joan Garrett  
2, Nigel F C Gale 3, Elizabeth A Orme 4, Julian  
Colman 5, Mark Ingledew 6, James S Croft 7,  
Timothy P Hart (C) 8, Rowan P Wilson 9, Phillip M  
Orme 10. For Evensong & in memory of Carol Girling.  
£10

**Stowmarket**, Suffolk. 25 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m):  
Serena Steggle 1, Chris Davies 2, Mark Steggle 3,  
Alan C Mout 4, Timothy P Hart (C) 5, Chris McArthur  
6. Rung by the Suffolk Guild Bell Advisory Committee  
in memory of Carol Girling, in recognition of the many  
hours she spent helping in maintenance & re-hanging  
work within the Guild. £6

**Hethersett**, Norfolk. 7 Jun, 1296 Spl Major (2m):  
Catherine R Sturgess 1, David J Ward 2, Deborah  
Allen 3, Mark Utting 4, Teresa J Doggett 5, Hayden J  
Charles 6, Jeremy W Warren 7, David R Carter (C) 8.  
Rung in memory of Carol Girling of Stowmarket. 1st  
Spl Major: 2, 3 & 4. £8

**Moats Tye**, Suffolk. (Kimberley Hall) 7 Apr, 1296  
Little Bob Royal: Rowan P Wilson 1-2, Jed Flatters  
3-4, Alan P Mayle (C) 5-6, David I Stanford 7-8, Brian  
E Whiting 9-10. In memory of Carol Girling. £5



Malcolm Robert Cedric Hensher  
05.01.1945 – 05.01.2026

Malcolm was born in Cambridge, son of the Reverend Robert Hensher. He learnt to ring in Cambridge at the age of 11. The family moved to the Nether Heyford area of Northamptonshire when his father took up the living there. Malcolm rang the first of his nine peals in the near by village of Braunston in 1960.

Malcolm was a devoted Christian; he was deeply involved in the church. His faith guided both his beliefs and his actions. He studied at Newcastle University and trained as a language teacher. For 56 years he was married to Joan. In the early years of their marriage, he swept her away on a government teaching post to Zambia for six years. While in Zambia their daughter Caroline was born. They then moved to Germany to work. In 1978 they returned to the UK, settling in the Oxfordshire village of Souldern.

Malcolm soon got involved with the church there and started teaching a band from scratch, which included Joan and Caroline. From there they moved to Yarnton near Oxford, and he joined the local ringers there and rang at Saint Giles in Oxford.

He had a playful, curious mind. He was a keen and brilliant writer making up limericks, poems, jokes and puns and he delighted in playing with English. As a teacher of German and French, he sought to inspire his pupils to learn a foreign language and to appreciate the importance of good communication.

He loved travel and when Easy Jet started cheap flights to Europe, he was always jetting off for short breaks to all the capital cities of Europe. He was always home again for weekends to ring and serve the church.

In 1993 he and Joan made their last move, settling in Steeple Aston. Again he quickly joined the local ringers and church. He served on the PCC for many years and as Churchwarden for seven years. If there was no organist available for Sunday Service, he would step in and play the piano. He also organised the Christian Aid collections round the village every year.

Malcolm and Joan enjoyed a party and would welcome the handbell ringers to their house every Christmas. There would be food and drink a-plenty and of course lots of

stories, jokes and monologues to entertain us. It was especially pleasing to have been able to ring for them just before this last Christmas.

Sadly, Malcolm's health had started to fail, and he was admitted to hospital just after Christmas with organ failure and passed away on his 81st birthday.

Malcolm had left very detailed instruction for his funeral service, including the hymns, readings and music. He also specified what ringing he would like: a half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples finishing 15 minutes before the service. Then the tenor to be tolled for eight minutes followed by Chopin's Raindrop Prelude on the piano. At the end of the service the congregation listened to St Mary Redcliffe bells ringing Erin Caters followed by the tenor tolling as the coffin left the church.

He will be sadly missed by Steeple Aston Church. May he rest in peace.

#### GRAHAM CLIFTON

**Oxford.** (S Giles) 18 Jan, 1344 Yorkshire S Major: Craig M Robertson (C) 1, Alison Felton 2, Catherine M A Lane 3, Simon L Edwards 4, Lindsay Powell 5, Stuart J Flockton 6, Peter Felton 7, Christopher M Mundy 8. In thanksgiving for the life of Malcolm Hensher, who once rang here regularly.

**Steeple Aston, Oxon.** 28 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Lawrence A White 1, Catherine M A Lane 2, Sue McCouaig 3, Lewis S Knowles 4, Heather Bletchly 5, Jack A Knowles 6, Graham J Clifton (C) 7, Keith Thomas 8. Half-muffled before the funeral of Malcolm Hensher, local ringer. Died 5/1/26 aged 81 years. **£6**

**Shilton, Oxon.** (Holy Rood) 30 Jan, 1260 Doubles (2p/m): Daniel J Austin 1, Michael J Austin 2, Jack A Knowles 3, Graham J Clifton (C) 4, Sally A Austin 5, Lewis S Knowles 6. Remembering Malcolm Hensher of Steeple Aston. **£3**

#### In memoriam – Jane Singleton

Jane Singleton started ringing in London and moved to Islip where she rang her first quarter peal for Remembrance Service in 1968 and was a very regular ringer until 2022, supporting Islip, Bicester and Caversfield for several decades, after which ill health prevented her from ringing.

Jane encouraged many to ring, with medical friends in the early days in Islip. Records show the peal of Grandsire Triples on 4th July 1998 to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the NHS and the first peal in the method for the Guild of Medical Ringers. Jane's close friend Fay Harris said, "You could always rely on Jane: somehow she was just there."

In addition to these two quarter peals, Jane was remembered in ringing for Michael Haynes, whose obituary was printed in RW5988, 30th January, on page 90.

**Bicester, Oxon.** 23 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles: August Deeming 1, Steve Walker 2, Finian Bassford 3, Jeremy Adams 4, Steve Vickars (C) 5, Celia Luzar 6. 1st Q away from cover: 1. Rung in memory of Jane Singleton, former ringer at Islip & Bicester for many years. **£6**

**Bletchinghamdon, Oxon.** 1 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: Barbara Summers 1, Michael Probert 2, Judith Vickars 3, Steve Vickars 4, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke (C) 5, Christine Redford 6. Our ringing was dedicated to the memory of Jane Singleton, Bicester Branch ringer, whose funeral was today. With immense thanks to Judith for ringing at very short notice. 1st away from cover: 8 years after her only other Q: 1. 10th Q: 3. **£6**

## Welcoming the Bishop of Worcester

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### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

**WORCESTER,**  
Cathedral Church of Christ & the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Sat 17 Jan 2026 4h6 (48)  
**5040 Spliced Maximus**  
(6m: 1152 each Ariel, Phobos and Zanussi S; 864 Deimos A; 576 Glasgow Little S; 144 Lynx Diff; 119 com, atw for all 12 bells)  
Comp. D J Pipe  
1 Henry J W Pipe  
2 Oliver C Bates (C)  
3 Lucy A Warren  
4 David J Pipe  
5 Graham M Bradshaw  
6 Alistair J Cherry  
7 Christopher J Poole  
8 Robin O Hall  
9 Luke T W Smith  
10 Oliver D Cross  
11 Alan G Reading  
12 Matthew J Hilling  
Rung prior to the service of Installation of the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, as 114th Bishop of Worcester.

### WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

**UPTON SNODSBURY,**  
Worcs,  
St Kenelm  
Sun 18 Jan 2026 3h1 (14)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(9m: London, Chester & Munden, Westminster, Bourne, Beverley & Surfleet, Norwich, Cambridge)  
1 Mark A Wilson  
2 Paul R Smith  
3 Christopher B Hartley  
4 Ashley C Fortey  
5 Craig P Homewood (C)  
6 Peter G C Ellis  
Rung celebrating the Installation of the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson as 114th Bishop of Worcester.

**Ringling Room, UK.** 16 Jan, 1272 Lightfoot S Minor: Barbara D Murray 1, Simon J O Head 2, Rosemary J Humphrey 3, Alison T Merryweather-Clarke 4, Peter E S Nicholas 5, Joseph A Sharp (C) 6. Rung by The Bellerophons to mark the installation of Bishop Hugh Nelson as Bishop of Worcester tomorrow. Also rung as a Birthday compliment to Peter Nicholas. 1st in m: 5. 790th together: 1 & 3. **£6**

**Offenham, Worcs.** 17 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ray Nicholson 1, Claire Penny 2, Neil Garner 3, Graham Lee 4, Martin Penny (C) 5, Stef Whittle 6. Rung to welcome Hugh Nelson as the 114th Bishop of Worcester. 1st Q: 1.

**Croome D'Abitot, Worcs.** 18 Jan, 1260 PB Minor: Sarah Haynes 1, Martyn Hills 2, Keith Anderson 3, Nigel Davis 4, Paul Smith 5, Roy Williams (C) 6. Rung to mark the enthronement of Rt Revd Hugh Nelson, 114th Bishop of Worcester & to entertain the visitors to Croome Park.

**Ipsley, Worcs.** 18 Jan, 1260 Doubles (1p/5m): Barry D Humphrey 1, Isla Casserley 2, Rosemary J Humphrey 3, Christopher W Tennant 4, Peter E S Nicholas (C) 5, Lucy H Tennant 6. Rung by the local band to welcome the new Bishop of Worcester, Hugh Nelson, who was installed at Worcester Cathedral yesterday. Most Doubles - 2 & 5. 1st blows in St Martin's - 2. 30th together - 3 & 5. Thanks to Lucy for stepping in at last moment. **£4**

**Stoulton, Worcs.** 22 Jan, 1296 Newcastle S Minor: Clive Sheppard 1, Di Sheppard 2, Jennie Kimberley 3, Paul R Smith 4, Roy Williams (C) 5, James Kinnersley 6. To mark the installation of Rt Revd Hugh Nelson as 114th Bishop of Worcester on Saturday 17th January. **£3**

**Belbroughton, Worcs.** 17 Jan, General Ringing: Andreina Benigno-Thomas, Philippa Dolphin, Lynn Hadley, Robin Lambe, Andrew Casserley, Richard Davies. To welcome the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson as the 114th Bishop of Worcester.

**Cradley.** (S Peter) 17 Jan, General Ringing: Christine Ashmore, Rebecca Horton, Laura Homer, Samuel Homer, William Homer, Michael Brown, Jayne Funnell, Lee Homer, Elizabeth Cope, Patrick Horton. To welcome the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson as the 114th Bishop of Worcester.

**Great Malvern, Worcs.** 17 Jan, General Ringing: Kevin Poole, Bill Evans, Peter Key, Steve Littlewood, Terry Oram, John Radford, Paul X Lewis, Steve Procter, Sarah Haynes, Helen Normington, Ioan Normington, Carys Normington, James Normington. Rung to celebrate the installation this afternoon of The Right Revd Hugh Nelson as the 114th Bishop of Worcester. **£5**

**Hagley, Worcs.** 17 Jan, General Ringing: Pam Cragg (C) 1, Linda Evans 2, Paula Adams 3, Jean Wooldridge 4, Dee Mawdsley 5, Richard Scarth 6. Part of W&DCRA commemoration of the enthronement of Rt. Revd Hugh Nelson as the 114th Bishop of Worcester.

**Halesowen.** 17 Jan, General Ringing: Michael Brown, Ivor Shilvock, Jayne Funnell, Christine Ashmore, Rebecca Horton, Judith Pearson, Karen Eason, Elizabeth Cope, Lee Homer, Clare Johnson, Joy Blackburn, Laura Homer, William Homer, Samuel Homer, Patrick Horton. To welcome the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson as the 114th Bishop of Worcester.

**Hanbury, Worcs.** (S Mary V) 17 Jan, General Ringing: Neville Sheldrick, Jeanetta Blake, Rosemary Clive, Elizabeth Baker, Jenny Walton, Alan Blake (C), Steve Townsend (C). To welcome the Rt Revd Hugh Nelson as the 114th Bishop of Worcester.

**Harvington, Worcs.** 17 Jan, Plain Hunt/ Call Changes. Ringing for the formal welcoming of the new Bishop of Worcester, Rt Revd Hugh Nelson.

**Kempsey, Worcs.** 17 Jan, General Ringing: Paul B Mills (C), Mike Harrison, Carole A Hobby, Emma Garrett, Steve L Hall, Freya Mills, Shelia Hampton. As part of the Associations Ringing. Welcoming the new 114th Bishop of Worcester, Rt Revd Hugh Nelson.

**Martley, Worcs.** 17 Jan, 360 Rev Canterbury Doubles: Lyn Wheeler 1, Alan Gosling 2, Sue Crocker 3, John Haydon 4, Martin Curren (C) 5, Dave Cropp 6. Rung to celebrate the new Bishop of Worcester.

**St Stephen, Worcester.** 17 Jan, Call Changes: Christine Hurst (C), Paddy Clear, Kate Moxey, Jan Forrest, Sue Kington, Mike Harwood, Linda Trow-Poole, Pippa Curtis, Lynne Burton, Gordon Smith.

**Stoke Prior, Worcs.** (S Michael) 17 Jan, Rounds and Called Changes: Tracy Chester, Katie Hancox, Geraldine Hayes, Helen Hancox, Sam Trigger, Kim Macdonald, Dave Franklin (C). Rung to celebrate the installation of the new Bishop of Worcester, Hugh Nelson, this day. The longest spell of non-stop ringing by Geraldine, Helen & Katie.

**Wyche, Worcs.** 17 Jan, General Ringing: Sarah Marshall (C), Andrew Casserley, Margaret Evans, Paul Evans, Dave Franklin, Helen Hancox, Katie Hancox, Paula Landon, Sam Trigger. Rung to celebrate the installation of the new Bishop of Worcester, Hugh Nelson, this day.

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### Quasimodo – a double dactyl by Andrew Aspland

Dingely! Dongely!  
Notre Dame bellringer  
Loved Esmerelda,  
Though all went awry.

Campanalogical  
Girlfriend was hanged.  
He got the hump  
And lay down to die.

# NOTICES

## Deaths

**HARRIS**, Cdr William A (Bill) died on 1st February after a long battle with asbestosis. In recent years Bill had been ringing regularly at Catherington, and had a long association with Portsmouth Cathedral and East Meon. Bill's funeral will be on Tuesday 24th March at The Sustainability Centre, Droxford Rd, East Meon, GU32 1HR at 11.30, with refreshments afterwards at The Hampshire Hog (formerly The Hog's Lodge) London Road, Waterlooville PO8 0QD. For catering purposes, please let me know if you expect to be there. [mark.esbester@ntlworld.com](mailto:mark.esbester@ntlworld.com) 1116

**SALMON**, Gwilym, died of frailty of old age on the 10th February 2026 at home in Wells aged 96. His funeral will be on Wednesday 4th March at 12noon at St Cuthbert's Church in Wells. The wake, following Crematorium at Shepton Mallet is at The Crown Hotel, Market Place, Wells. Family flowers only. 1117

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## UBSCR dinner weekend

### GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

**COALPIT HEATH**, Glos, St Saviour  
Sat 24 Jan 2026 2h46 (10)  
**5088 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. Donald F Morrison (Op. 1947)

- 1 Colin G Newman
  - 2 Russell N Scudamore
  - 3 Jonathan D Storey
  - 4 Will Le Ray
  - 5 Philip D Moyses
  - 6 Benjamin D Kipling
  - 7 Cameron A Waters (C)
  - 8 Gareth L M Lawson
- First eight-bell peal: 4.  
A compliment to Helen C Mansley on her birthday.  
A UBSCR hangers-on peal, rung on the day of the society's annual dinner.

### SAINT MICHAEL'S SOCIETY

**CHEW MAGNA**, Som, St Andrew  
Sat 24 Jan 2026 3h23 (28)  
**5024 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. J F Young (no.2)

- 1 Helen C Mansley
  - 2 Alison E Leach
  - 3 Sebastian C Small
  - 4 Annabelle F Frost
  - 5 Matthew D Dawson (C)
  - 6 David L Richards
  - 7 Matthew C Frost
  - 8 Edward R Mack
- Rung on UBSCR dinner day to celebrate Helen's birthday.

### ST MICHAEL'S SOCIETY

**NEWPORT**, Newport, Cathedral Church of St Woolos  
Sat 24 Jan 2026 3h31 (21)  
**5090 Spliced S Maximus**  
(3m: 1728 Yorkshire; 1682 Bristol; 1680 Cambridge; 37 com; atw)  
Comp. Alan G Reading

- 1 Colin M Lee
  - 2 Mark R Eccleston
  - 3 Katharine J Firman
  - 4 Nicholas C Field
  - 5 Matthew W Goodship
  - 6 Simon A Percy (C)
  - 7 Thomas R Sherwood
  - 8 Alan G Reading
  - 9 Josh D P Jones
  - 10 David M W Threlfall
  - 11 Edward P D Colliss
  - 12 Lucy A Warren
- Rung in anticipation of the 82nd UBSCR dinner day.

### UNIV. OF BRISTOL SOC.

**BARROW GURNEY**, Som, Blessed Virgin Mary & St Edward King & Martyr  
Fri 23 Jan 2026 2h45 (11)  
**5056 Cornwall S Major**  
Comp. A G Reading (No.6)

- 1 Helen C Mansley
- 2 Edward P D Colliss (C)
- 3 Stephanie J Barclay
- 4 David J Spencer
- 5 Richard J Barclay
- 6 Matthew D Dawson
- 7 Lucy A Warren
- 8 Alan G Reading

Circled the tower - 5.  
500th peal together - 6 & 8.

**CLAPTON IN GORDANO**, Som, St Michael  
Fri 23 Jan 2026 2h40 (6)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**

- (7m: London, Norwich, Primrose, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich and Cambridge)
- 1 Iwan Cotgreave
  - 2 Matthew O Hall
  - 3 Ryan E Venn
  - 4 Benjamin Quigley
  - 5 Michael R A Shaw
  - 6 Annie J Faulkner (C)
- First seven minor: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.  
Rung by a resident student band in eager anticipation of the UBSCR Dinner Weekend.

**BRISTOL**, Cathedral Church of the Holy & Undivided Trinity  
Sat 24 Jan 2026 3h11 (21)  
**5056 Cambridge S Major**  
Comp. C Middleton

- 1 Tristan J Shaw
  - 2 Thomas R Groves
  - 3 Matthew O Hall
  - 4 Finlay D Totterdell
  - 5 Iwan Cotgreave
  - 6 Annie J Faulkner
  - 7 Benjamin Quigley
  - 8 Michael R A Shaw (C)
- First on eight: 1.  
Rung by a resident band in indescribable anticipation for the UBSCR Dinner tonight. The first resident UBSCR peal of Surprise Major since Covid.  
Congratulating Iwan on putting on a matching pair of shoes this morning.

**BRISTOL**, St Stephen the Martyr  
Sat 24 Jan 2026 3h15 (19)  
**5000 Bristol S Royal**  
Comp. A G Reading (No. 13)

- 1 David I Bassford
  - 2 Louisa A Holt
  - 3 Linnet R C Tutcher
  - 4 Andrew J Rodliffe
  - 5 Adam J Bennett
  - 6 Julian O Howes (C)
  - 7 Anthony J Cox
  - 8 Jack D Aylward
  - 9 David J Spencer
  - 10 Andrew J Mitchell
- Rung in the most anticipation of this Society's Dinner this evening.  
First peal of Bristol S Royal: 4.  
First Dinner Day peal together for 30 years: 1, 2 and 4.  
First Dinner Day peal together for one year: 5, 6 and 9.

**HAWKESBURY**, Glos, St Mary  
Sun 25 Jan 2026 2h47 (11)  
**5056 Dereham S Major**  
Comp. A G Reading

- 1 Lucy A Warren
  - 2 Helen C Mansley
  - 3 Alan G Reading (C)
  - 4 Matthew D Dawson
  - 5 Oliver J Hyde
  - 6 Annabelle F Frost
  - 7 Matthew C Frost
  - 8 Edward P D Colliss
- For UBSCR dinner weekend.  
Best wishes to Robert Beavis who organised this peal but was unable to ring.

## BRISTOL,

Christ Church (Ringing Chamber)  
Thu 22 Jan 2026 2h8 (8)  
**5760 Spliced TD Minor**

(147m: Balmoral, Barham, Beeston, Belvoir, Berkeley, Bogedone, Bucknall, Caernarvon, Cambridge, Carisbrooke, Castleton, Chelsea, Chepstow, Conisborough, Conway, Coventry, Disley, Donnotar, Dover, Dunedin, Edinburgh, Ely, Evening Star, Fotheringay, Francis Genius, Kentish, Knutsford, Leasowe, Ludlow, Melandra, Oswald, Pembroke, Pevensey, Peveril, Pontefract, Richborough, Rostherne, Skipton, Stirling, Warwick, Wath, Wilmslow Thirds Place D; Abbeyville, Bedford, Braintree, Burnaby, Burslem, Canterbury, Charlwood, Clarence, College Bob IV, Combermere, Crowland, Elston, Evesham, Fountains, Glastonbury, Humber, Kirkstall, London Victory, Marple, Melrose, Merton, Neasden, Newdigate, Old Oxford, Sherborne, Southwark, St Albans, St Werburgh, Taxal, Tewkesbury, Tintern, Vale Royal, Waltham, Willesden, Wragby Fourth's Place D; Allendale, Alnwick, Annable's London, Bacup, Bamfborough, Berwick, Beverley, Bourne, Cambridge, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Durham, Hexham, Hull, Ipswich, Kelso, Lightfoot, Lincoln, London, Morpeth, Munden, Netherseale, Newcastle, Norfolk, Northumberland, Norwich, Primrose, Rossendale, Sandiacre, Stamford, Surfleet, Warkworth, Wearmouth, Wells, Westminster, Whitley, Wooler, York S; Benwyn, British Scholars' Pleasure, Burton, Capel, Chadkirk, Cheviot, Chiltern, College Exercise, Colswold, Duke of Norfolk, Kent, Killamarsh, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Mendip, Morning Star, Nelson, Norbury, Norton-le-Moors, Ockley, Oxford, Pennine, Quancock, Rochester, Sandal, Snowdon, Trinity Sunday, Waterford, Woodcock's Victory TB)  
Comp. John S Warboys (TD0801)  
1-2 Matthew D Dawson  
3-4 Alan G Reading  
5-6 Julian O Howes (C)  
Rung for UBSCR Dinner Weekend.  
Completes the handbell pairs as conductor to this composition, the first person to do so: 5-6.

**Bristol.** (The Mount Without) 19 Jan, 1260 Doubles (3m): Rachel Hill 1, Annie Faulkner 2, Ryan Venn 3, Imogen McAra 4, William Stafford (C) 5, Otto Hall 6. 1st plain hunting: 1. Rung with growing anticipation for UBSCR Dinner Weekend.

**Bristol.** (The Mount Without) 19 Jan, 1320 S Minor (2m): Ivan W Sproats 1, Ryan E Venn 2, Thomas R Groves 3, Iwan Cotgreave 4, Michael R A Shaw 5, Annie J Faulkner (C) 6. 1st in methods: 2 & as C. Rung in anticipation of the UBSCR Annual Dinner.

**Bristol.** (S John on the Wall) 24 Jan, 1260 Doubles (3m): Christopher D Woodgate 1, Matthew J Tosh 2, Imogen McAra 3, Ryan Venn 4, Daniel Watson (C) 5, Julian Watson 6. 1st including Stedman: 3. 1st without slider: 6. £6

**Bristol.** (S Matthew) 24 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Roger Trewick 1, Catherine White-Horne 2, Jodie Hill 3, Patricia Newton 4, Joshua Hutchinson (C) 5, Marcus Booth 6, Robert Newton 7, Chris Shepherd 8. On UBSCR Annual Dinner day. £8

**Bristol.** (Ss Philip & Jacob) 24 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Helen Scott 1, Susan Crennell 2, Christine F Homer 3, Janine H Jones 4, C Barrie Dove (comp and cond) 5, Patrick Wheeler 6, Alex Bickley 7, Benomy Tutcher 8. Rung on UBSCR Annual Dinner Day. £8

**Bristol.** (S John on the Wall) 24 Jan, 1320 London S Minor: Alex Bickley 1, Christine F Homer (C) 2, Helen Scott 3, Janine H Jones 4, C Barrie Dove 5, Patrick Wheeler 6. Rung on UBSCR Dinner Day. £6

**Henbury, Bristol.** 24 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Marcus Booth 1, Rebecca Tozer 2, Susan C Tomlinson 3, Kathryn H Lucas 4, Josephine Leggett 5, Simon J Tomlinson (C) 6, Jeff Tozer 7, Roger Trewick 8. On UBSCR Dinner Day. £8

**Southville, Bristol.** 24 Jan, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Imogen McAra 1, Christopher D Woodgate 2, Matthew J Tosh 3, Julian Watson 4, Ryan Venn 5, Daniel Watson (C) 6. 1st treble bob: 1. £6

**Stoke Bishop, Bristol.** 24 Jan, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Kathryn H Lucas 1, Susan C Tomlinson 2, Iain Scott 3, Martin V Crick 4, Simon J Tomlinson 5, Robert M Wood (C) 6. On UBSCR Dinner Day. 1st in m: 4. £6

**Westbury on Trym, Bristol.** 24 Jan, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Patricia Newton 1, Catherine White-Horne 2, Robert Wood 3, Martin Crick 4, Robert Newton (C) 5, Iain Scott 6. On UBSCR Dinner Day. £6

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## UBSCR dinner weekend by Lillie Buckley

Over the weekend of 23rd–25th January 2026, the 82nd Anniversary dinner for the University of Bristol Society of Change Ringers (UBSCR) took place. About 170 people were in attendance, which is a remarkable number! In the lead-up to the main event, 10 peals and 10 quarter peals were rung to commemorate UBSCR's dinner week. This included two residents' peals and two residents' quarters. One particular member was so eager to ring his peal that he wore odd shoes!

In true Bristol style, on the evening of the 23rd, some of the society headed over to one of the many pubs to kick off the weekend. The dinner day tower tour followed the next day, which was organised by the current secretary of the residents' society, Micheal Shaw. As The Mount Without was out of action due to a broken clapper, this consisted of St Mary Redcliffe, St John on the Wall and a small ring at St Stephen's, before the annual service and SGM, where Patrick Wheeler was elected as the new President.

Dinner was organised by the General Secretary, William Stafford, and was held at the Grand Hotel in the city centre. The food was splendid, and many drinks were consumed, including port provided by Colin Newman to the residents.

Then it was onto the speeches. First up was the resident secretary, Michael Shaw, who introduced the

visiting speakers, Carys Hughes Blagden and Robert Newton. They in turn gave us inspiring words on how they got into bellringing and how it has impacted their lives. The other speech was given by this year's master, Annie Faulkner, who gave wonderful insight into how she got into bellringing and the achievements of the UBSCR. After dinner, there was a handbell touch of a plain course of Plain Bob Major, rung by residents and alumni.

A little excitement was added by the sweepstakes, where members and alumni could place bets on the length of the master's speech. The winner, with 10 minutes and 40 seconds, decided to donate his winnings to the residents, so we took the liberty of ordering ourselves shots!

One of the members had brought thousands of tiny 3D printed coloured ducks to give to people. We all had a lot of fun with this throughout the dinner, trying to find the sparkling ones and seeing if any of the alumni noticed them hidden around. As chatting and drinking continued late into the night, a chaotic EGM was held among the residents, to elect the new Cupid. Cupid is a joke role within the society, along with Shark, Spoon and Twig, which is awarded to a member who is single that year. The



requirement is to wear wings and a halo at the dinner; and although that sounds mean, it is taken very light heartedly, and the new member, Otto Hall, was delighted to take on the role.

The event finished in the early hours of the morning. After being kicked out of the Grand when it closed, we headed over to St Nicholas Street for the after-party at the The Mothers' Ruin bar. Some then danced the night away at a local club, Mr Wolf's. Many then attended ringing at St Mary Redcliffe and the Cathedral the morning after, with breakfast following that at the Ritorno Lounge.

The society has grown a lot over this year, with up to 22 members coming to practices at St Matthew's Church, Kingsdown. In addition, we had a massive hit at the Freshers' Fair and four fully booked Give-it-a-Go sessions, welcoming new members into our society. Many opportunities have been handed to us, including weekly and monthly quarter peal slots, allowing many ringers to progress with their ringing. I would like to thank Annie, Michael and anyone else involved in organising these events, as these have been very beneficial to all of us. We have made lots of memories this year,

Top: Current (2026) members of the society  
Left: The first resident UBSCR peal of Surprise Major since Covid.

Above: Head table at dinner including Master Annie Faulkner

attending many social outings and tower tours across the country.

To conclude, it was a lovely fun weekend with friends old and new. Dinner weekends are an amazing way to bring the bell ringing community together, and I can't wait for next year's!

### BATH & WELLS D.A.

BACKWELL, Som,  
St Andrew  
Sat 24 Jan 2026 3h5 (17)  
**5056 Deva S Major**  
Comp. D F Morrison  
1 Ian P Hill  
2 Peter W Hill  
3 Andrea B Beaumont  
4 Ally Grieveson  
5 Rebecca J Cox  
6 Richard O Humphries  
7 Joseph St J Beaumont (C)  
8 Timothy E H Waller  
Rung for UBSCR dinner weekend  
by a band of hangers on.  
250th peal together 1 & 7.

## Minor jottings on minor surgery

Earlier this year I underwent surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS). CTS is a repetitive stress injury resulting from repeating the same action over a long period of time. Excessive keyboard use is a common culprit (*mea culpa*), but it can also be caused by other repetitive motions. Any activity that involves repeated flexion or extension of the hand and wrist can put pressure on the median nerve as it passes through the palm-side of the wrist. It results in numbness, tingling, weakness and, sometimes, pain in the hand. It is possible to be genetically pre-disposed to developing a problem. If you naturally have narrow carpal tunnels, then you are more likely to suffer.

I knew that I had CTS years before I started to learn to ring. Perhaps someone should have warned me that using my hands and wrists in a repetitive action was probably not a very good choice of activity. Vibrations transferred to wrists and hands from ringing hand bells are possibly more damaging than handling tower bells. I have always demanded light hand bells because my hands and wrists are weak but, even so, I suspect that I aggravated a pre-existing condition to the point that something had to be done. I tried splints, exercises and regular corticosteroid injections, but eventually opted for the surgical release of the pinched nerve. The procedure is straightforward, although the pain immediately afterwards was more intense than I had expected. Taking a few Paracetamol for the first 48 hours as suggested did not touch the sides.

Six weeks in and it is all healed up, although my hand does not yet feel normal and my wrist lacks the necessary "flickability" to wield hand bells correctly. The thought of ringing a tower bell makes me



nervous. I have managed to bang around on a training bell, albeit at a peal speed of astounding slowness, but the reward for my effort was to open up a little gap in the seam of my scar so it was probably not a wise move. Anecdotally, it does seem that bellringers are particularly vulnerable to CTS. Perhaps it is because ringing involves repetitive movements, often performed over a lengthy period. Women are 3 times more likely to develop CTS and perhaps we should all be more aware of the condition.

To reduce the risk, ringers should focus on good technique, particularly ringing with a light grip. Aim for frequent breaks during long practices to minimise inflammation, and perform wrist stretches and hand exercises to relieve pressure on the median nerve. If symptoms are getting

worse, consult a specialist because the longer you leave it, the less likely that surgery will be totally successful.

As for the ringer who recently posted that he rang a quarter peal of Cambridge a scarce two weeks after CTS surgery – I can only ask "why?" At that stage of healing I was still struggling to use cutlery and to squeeze a tube of toothpaste. No doubt he rang largely one-handed but why take the risk? What was so important that it could not wait a few more weeks for the hand to heal internally? I fear that often ringers take unnecessary risks with their health and it can make the rest of us feel bad that we are so cautiously wimpy we are still ducking Sunday ringing a few months after the procedure.

MARY JONES

## Ladies get down to business

On Saturday, 7th February the Ladies' Guild South East District held their ADM at Bletchingley, Surrey. Unlike the lovely weather we usually seem to attract, it was a very wet day but our spirits were not dampened! We had a very good turnout of 19 members, and we started things off with an excellent pub lunch.

We then crossed the road to the church where we enjoyed ringing on the ten bells – this was a new experience for some of our members.

The Business Meeting followed in the ringing room, and Kate Felce took the Chair. We elected one new member and welcomed her to the guild. All the Officers were re-elected *en bloc*. Plans for



the coming year were discussed, and our next meeting will be held on Saturday, 30th May in the Sevenoaks area; details to be confirmed later.

The Secretary reminded everyone that in June, 2028 we will be hosting the whole country at the AGM, and that this will need a lot of help from all our members.

After a vote of thanks to the church for the use

of the bells and the ringing room for the business meeting, and to the Secretary for her organisation, the meeting closed around 5.00pm.

ISABEL PEARCE Secretary, SE District



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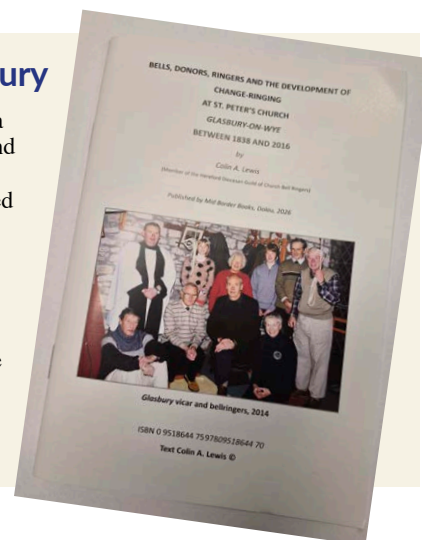
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## Methods of the month

### Minor

If you've been working on St Clement's Minor this month then you can take a small or medium step onwards next month.

Our March method is **Pinehurst**, which is Double Oxford with a place-dodge-place frontwork instead of the triple dodge. If you're following our calmer six-method plan for the year, skip straight to our April method, **Buxton**, which is St Clement's with just that same place-dodge-place frontwork. Just like in our Doubles of the Month, there's a family of frontworks you could explore if you'd like – even bigger for minor.

### Major

The March method in our surprise major series is **Kenninghall**. It's a slightly trickier version of Cornwall, highly endorsed in Project Pickled Egg as an introduction to wrong-place major methods.

**Ashtead** is April's choice, and may be the one to jump to if one method a month is too fast, to spend two months on it. It's a simple double method, not too hard for conductors to keep right, with a quite easily remembered order of work. But although it has no very different pieces of work from Cambridge, Yorkshire or Superlative, the order of work and 'feel' of the method is quite different, including a different lead end order (a.k.a. place bell order).

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Sound advice for all of us

The Anglican Church designates 27th February as the Feast Day in commemoration of the pastor and poet George Herbert, who was born on 3rd April 1593 and died on 1st March 1633.

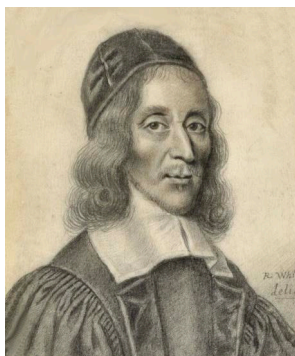
I understand that he only published one piece of prose – a work usually known as *The Country Parson* in which he offers practical advice to Clergy ministering in rural communities. Herbert's collection of poems entitled *The Temple* was published in 1633 after his death. His writings include hymns, the words of which will be well-known to many readers of *The Ringing World*. These include the hymn, "Teach me my God and King, in all things Thee to see; and what I do in anything to do it as for Thee." Sound advice for all of us.

George Herbert wrote that "Good words are worth much and cost little." There are perhaps ringers who look back to their early days as learners in the art who may feel that they could have benefitted at times from a few more "good words". These words are perhaps a reminder to those of us who engage in teaching learners that words of encouragement produce much better results than criticism.

There are other words of George Herbert which perhaps stay in one's memory and are used by many of us (perhaps updated to current language) including, "Wouldst thou both eat thy cake and have it?" A hymn which is known and loved by many people begins with the words "The God of love my Shepherd is and he that doth me feed: while he is mine and I am His, what can I want or need."

The Revd George Herbert was buried in the churchyard at Bemerton, Salisbury, where he had been Rector. His words can still be an inspiration to us.

TREVOR KIRKMAN



**Winchendon Place Doubles** is a simple doubles method with no dodging at all. It's one of the St Simon's group. If you've cracked it this month, there are at least three different directions you could go in for your next method.

The first is changing the **frontwork**.

That just means the short section

where two bells lead and make seconds. The frontwork in Winchendon Place is called the St Martin's frontwork. It's one of a set of four. The other straightforward one is the St Simon's frontwork, and the method which is Winchendon with this frontwork is called *St Nicholas*. There are two slightly trickier frontworks, called St Osmund and Eynesbury, and the methods with these frontworks are *St Remigius* and *Huntley*.

The second direction is to try some different **calls**. We've mentioned in past weeks that you can ring Winchendon with Plain Bob Bobs instead of the normal Reverse Canterbury Bobs, giving a doubles variation called *St Miles*. *Neptune* uses Reverse Canterbury Bobs with Plain Bob Plains as a second call; use the latter instead of any plain lead except the last one. If you're a little more adventurous you can use the Grandsire Single with the Reverse Canterbury Bob (120: bpsp x 3), or any of the family of Grandsire Singles (Wallflower, Antelope or Pink's).

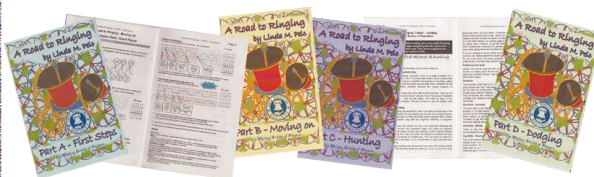
For a bigger challenge (but also a bigger doorway to method variety), you could change the **backwork**. If you were with us last February then you might have rung Twineham; with the St Martin's frontwork it's called *Bampton*. Another option is the Westminster II backwork, giving *Blackburn* (you might like to ring Shipway Place first to practise); or for a pointer challenge try the New Bob backwork, giving *Huntspill*.

Doubles  
of the  
month

February –  
Winchendon Place

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# The image of the week



It's summer Down Under and the ringers are enjoying life in shorts, posing for band photos as if they were rock stars putting out a new album. This one by Luka Sostarko was taken after a quarter peal at the light six of St Bartholomew, Burnley, in Melbourne Australia.

Burnley, Vic. (S Bartholomew) 15 Jan, 1250 S Minor (2m): Sarah Stancombe 1, Luka Sostarko 2, Thomas Read 3, Douglas Nichols 4, Cassandra Olive 5, James Perrins (C) 6.

## 75 years of bellringing

The ringers at St Giles, Thurloxton, Somerset. Edwin Quick is celebrating his 90th birthday and still ringing, having learnt to ring over 75 years ago. Edwin is a double coronation ringer, a rare achievement. L-R: Steve Hasell, Kate Smart, Val House, Peter Merson, Sarah Jervis, Shona Gilmour-White, Edwin Quick.



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## Washbrook got around

Many thanks to Simon Walker for his excellent article about James Washbrook in *the Ringing World* of the 16th January (page 28).

We've always had an interest in JWW here in Oswestry, as we have a peal board from 1896, recording a peal of Stedman in which he assisted the Oswestry band.

We were fortunate that a couple of years ago, a ringers' register was found in the church archives dating from 1888 and covering this period. The register tells us that the Oswestry band rang a half peal of Stedman on the Wednesday before the peal, in honour of the marriage of Princess Maud of Wales (daughter of the future King Edward VII) to Prince Carl of Denmark (who later became King Haakon VII of Norway). The register doesn't tell us if JWW was in this half peal but does record a 252 of Stedman on the 23rd of July, conducted by David Davies of Oswestry while JWW rang the tenor. Presumably he was sizing up the potential peal band! On the 24th the register records "Singles for peal tomorrow" followed by a 504 of Stedman with JWW on the third and five of the seven Oswestry ringers that would ring in the peal. The register then records details of the peal on the 25th including that "JW Washbrook returned to Oxford by 5.43pm".

A cutting from the local paper tells us that: "This is probably the first peal that has been rung to Stedman's method on the Parish Church Bells. The system is much more difficult and intricate than the grandsire-triples method, and is also more musical. The completion of the peal is a performance upon which the ringers may congratulate themselves. The ringers were subsequently entertained to luncheon by the master, Mr Griffith Whitfield."

What the register lacks is information about how the Oswestry band managed to secure the services of JWW and whether there was any fee for his services. Who knows, the luncheon provided by the master may have sufficed!

It is also interesting (coincidental?) that we have the remains of silent ringing apparatus in our ringing room that is the same as that at Kidlington, where our secretary, Jan Snowball, learned to ring.

BRIAN ROTHERA

