

## QUARTER PEAL REPORT

The total number of quarter peals rung during the approximate period 1 November 2008 to 31 October 2009 and published in the Ringing World was 995 - 63 less than in 2008; these were rung in 242 towers, 8 less than last year. As in previous years nearly 20% of the quarters this year were rung in only 6 towers. It is good again to see an increase in the number of members ringing their first quarter. The number of occasions on which someone either rang or conducted something new has decreased for the fourth year in succession. Of the 154 Surprise Minor quarters rung only 47 were of Cambridge, and of the 126 Surprise Major quarters rung only 33 were of Yorkshire or Cambridge. Considering that only 36% of Surprise Minor quarters and 25% of Surprise Major quarters were of Cambridge or Yorkshire, this suggests that ringers generally are expanding their repertoires and ringing more varied methods but not necessarily bothering to highlight the fact.

The top two towers were unchanged, Bathwick were again the leading tower ringing 58 quarters, followed by Worle (45) and Durleigh regain third place with 30 quarters.

There was 1 quarter peal of Minimus, 447 of Doubles (of which 69 were Grandsire, 65 Plain Bob and 13 Stedman), 242 of Minor (of which 131 were Surprise and 66 were Plain Bob), 118 of Triples (of which 87 were Grandsire, 10 Stedman & 15 Plain Bob), 144 of Major (of which 130 were Surprise and 10 were Plain Bob), 26 of Caters (of which 25 were Grandsire & 1 Stedman), 14 of Royal (of which 10 were Surprise), 2 of Cinques, 1 of Maximus (which was of Surprise), 1 of mixed Doubles and Minor and 1 of mixed Caters and Royal.

37 members rang their first quarter peal; of particular note was one quarter rung at Priddy where 3 members succeeded in ringing their first quarter, 6 members rang their first inside and on 256 occasions someone rang something new. 5 members conducted their first quarter peal and 34 conducted a new method.

Seven quarter peals were rung on handbells, two at Piglet-in-the-Wild, Marston Bigot (one of Plain Bob Minor and one of St. Clement's Minor), three at Goose Street, Beckington (all of Plain Bob Minor), one at Oldford Farm, Oldford (of Plain Bob Minor) and one at Weston House, East Chinnock of Single Oxford Minor.

The position of the eleven branches in the Association is as follows:

AXBRIDGE	131 quarter peals rung in 21 towers
BATH	115 quarter peals rung in 14 towers
BRIDGWATER	89 quarter peals rung in 28 towers
CARY	56 quarter peals rung in 21 towers
CHEW	133 quarter peals rung in 29 towers
CREWKERNE	75 quarter peals rung in 20 towers
DUNSTER	58 quarter peals rung in 18 towers
FROME	98 quarter peals rung in 21 towers
GLASTON	58 quarter peals rung in 15 towers
ILCHESTER	83 quarter peals rung in 20 towers
TAUNTON	99 quarter peals rung in 35 towers

Overall, quarter peals were rung in 72% of ringable towers with 5 or more bells.

45 quarters were rung to celebrate the 1100 Anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

23 quarters were rung in Somerset during the Bridgwater Branch quarter peal fortnight.

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO RANG THEIR FIRST QUARTER PEAL:**

Richard Anderson, Nicky Barker, Jane Birch, Bruce Bower, Tom Charrington, Daniel Chidgey, Caroline Cooper, Matthew Davey, Gill Dennis, Paul Doble, Malcolm Doman, Stella Dugdale, A E Dyke, Pauline Elks, Nancy Farmer, Martin Fey, Rodney Gay, Claire Greenhill, Alex Hannam, Richard Harris, Sam Haynes, C I Hooper, John Hooper, Jade Longmoor, Larry Maxwell, Beth Mitchell, Barry Moyses, James Nurse (aged 16), Fred Payne, Patrick Rich, Rhys Robson-Edmunds (aged 12), Alex Thomson, Lauren Thrush, Avril Vickary, Richard Walker, Keith Wetherill, George Wyatt (aged 12).

### **AND TO THE FOLLOWING WHO CONDUCTED THEIR FIRST QUARTER PEAL:**

Geoff Batson, Dennis Brandrick, Mark Drew, Margaret James, Benomy Tutchter

### **Congratulations to the following members for whom special celebration quarter peals were rung:**

Ansford – Golden Wedding Anniversary of Tim & Rosemary Watt

Ash – 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Ros and Terry Thomas

Ashwick – 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Shirley Purchase and the wedding of Fern Banwell and David Knowles

Backwell – 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Rebecca Cox

Bath Abbey – Wedding of Mike Hurst and Gemma Weston

Bath, St. Michael – Wedding of Mike Hurst and Gemma Weston

Bleadon – 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of John Lance

Burnham-on-Sea – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of John Comer

Castle Cary – 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Jenny Alderson

Carhampton – 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Jonathan Greenhow

Chew Magna – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Bob Warden

Clevedon, St. John – 70<sup>th</sup> Birthdays of David and Margaret James, 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Nick Dixon, Silver Wedding Anniversary of David and Roberta Jones

Ditchat – 60<sup>th</sup> Birthdays of Johan Nash-Smith and Roy Shallish

Doultling – 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Keith Wetherill

Drayton – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of John Lock

Dunster – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthdays of Margaret and Peter Tudball

Durleigh – Golden Wedding Anniversary of Gerald & Muriel Brown

East Harptree – 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Jenny Poole

Glastonbury, St. Benedict – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of John Brunson  
 Haselbury Plucknett – 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Kerensa Harvey  
 Kilmersdon – Wedding of Gwyn Horler and Glyn Samways and to mark John Fowler's 75 years of ringing  
 Long Ashton – 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday of Norman Yeo  
 Marston Bigot – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Hugh Vennell, 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Helen Parkin and wedding of Ray and Sue Haines  
 Milborne Port – 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Tracey Diment  
 Milverton – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Alan Fouracre, 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mark Kent, 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Keith Beale  
 Nempnett Thrubwell – Engagement of Beth Mitchell and Will Sanderson  
 Penselwood - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Gerald & Muriel Brown  
 Pitminster – Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Jackie and Alan Sloley  
 Portishead – 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Lorna Swan  
 Sampford Brett – 65<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Robert Yandle  
 Shipham – Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Mike & Geraldine Broadley  
 Stowey – 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday of John Fray and 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Lorna Swan  
 West Camel – Golden Wedding Anniversary of David & Jane Hemingway  
 West Cranmore – 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Eunice Overend, 60<sup>th</sup> Birthdays of Roy Shallish and Paul Treby  
 West Quantoxhead – 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Keith Beale  
 Weston-in-Gordano – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthdays of John Lock and Bob Warden  
 Winscombe – 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday of Gareth Smart  
 Worle – 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Jim Lambard, 70<sup>th</sup> Birthdays of Chris Swatton and Jill Burtenshaw and Golden Wedding Anniversary of Brian and Greta Cooper  
 Wrington – 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Ken Collins  
 Yatton – 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mike Fairey and 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Rebecca Cox

### **IN MEMORIAM**

14 quarter peals were rung in memory of Harry Patch R.I.P.  
 16 quarter peals were rung in memory of Malcolm Butcher, former tower captain at Martock R.I.P.  
 11 quarter peals were rung in Somerset and 2 in the rest of the country in memory of Carol Hardwick R.I.P.  
 5 quarter peals were rung in memory of Ian Billinge, former vice chairman of the Dunster Branch and tower captain of Crowcombe R.I.P.  
 Aller – John Bentley, former tower captain at Norton sub Hamdon R.I.P.  
 Ash – Fred Sandy, former ringer R.I.P.  
 Ash Priors – Bert Knight, former long serving tower captain R.I.P.  
 Bath, St. Michael – John Hobbs, former ringer R.I.P.  
 Bathwick – John Hobbs, former ringer R.I.P.  
 Buckland St Mary – Frank Marker, former ringer R.I.P.  
 Chilcompton – Jim Target, ringer for over 50 years R.I.P.  
 Curry Rivel – Maurice Daly, former tower captain at Fivehead R.I.P.  
 Drayton – Maurice Daly, former tower captain at Fivehead R.I.P.  
 Easton-in-Gordano – Graham Watt, former tower captain R.I.P.  
 Fivehead – Maurice Daly, former tower captain R.I.P.  
 Litton – John Hobbs, former ringer R.I.P.  
 Marston Bigot – Henry Kirk, former ringer R.I.P.  
 Midsomer Norton – Robin Turner, former ringer R.I.P.  
 Milverton – Bert Knight, former tower captain at Ash Priors R.I.P.  
 Norton sub Hamdon – John Bentley, former tower captain R.I.P.  
 Old Cleeve – Vincent Hill, one time ringer at Bishop's Hull R.I.P.  
 Pitminster – Walter Champion, former ringer at East Brent R.I.P.  
 Portbury – Anthony Rogers, former tower captain at Clutton R.I.P.  
 Sampford Brett – Bert Knight, former tower captain at Ash Priors R.I.P.  
 Somerton – Malcolm Crothall, former ringer R.I.P.  
 Stoke sub Hamdon – John Bentley, former tower captain at Norton sub Hamdon R.I.P.  
 Stowey – Anthony Rogers, former tower captain at Clutton R.I.P.  
 Walton St Mary – Colin Parry, sometime ringer R.I.P.  
 Wanstrow – Robin Turner, former ringer R.I.P.  
 Wilton – Fred Mills, former ringer R.I.P.  
 Winford – Arthur Gould, former ringer at Portishead R.I.P.

### **PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

Andrew Ball and Donald Carter 3500, Alan Lee 3450, Bryan Williams 3000, Sally Lawrence and Valerie Stone 2100, Bob Caton 1750, Chris Swatton 1300, Robert Bell 1250, Giles Morley 1000, Denis Hawkings 900, Terry Nicholls 650, Martin Blazey 500, Aaron Moulder 425, Michael Blissett 300, John Parsons 250, Alison Wickson 175, Judy Aplin 150, Mark Drew and Mary Graham 100, Jane Anscombe, Lorna Swan and Thomas Wareing 50, Peter Gibbard and Philip Jago 25

### **AS CONDUCTOR**

Gerald Brown and Clifford Nicholls 400, Giles Morley 75

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