

QUARTER PEAL REPORT

The total number of quarter peals rung during the approximate period 1 November 2009 to 31 October 2010 and published in the Ringing World was 1048 - 53 more than in 2009; these were rung in 256 towers, 14 more than last year. As in previous years nearly 20% of the quarters this year were rung in only 6 towers. It is good to see a continuing increase in the number of members both ringing their first quarter and conducting for the first time. The number of occasions on which someone either rang or conducted something new has also increased for the first time in five years which together with more people having rung their first quarter inside suggests that the standard of ringing is progressing well in the Diocese. Of the 121 Surprise Minor quarters rung only 60 were of Cambridge, and of the 124 Surprise Major quarters rung only 37 were of Yorkshire or Cambridge. Considering that over 50% of Surprise Minor quarters and nearly 30% of Surprise Major quarters were of Cambridge or Yorkshire, this suggests that ringers have generally reduced their repertoires compared with last year, although there has been an increase in quarter peals on higher numbers of bells.

The top three towers were unchanged, Bathwick were again the leading tower ringing 56 quarters, followed by Worle and Durleigh both with 38 quarters.

There were 4 quarter peals of Singles, 4 of Minimus, 445 of Doubles (of which 54 were Grandsire, 38 Plain Bob and 9 Stedman), 270 of Minor (of which 121 were Surprise and 77 were Plain Bob), 136 of Triples (of which 84 were Grandsire, 21 Stedman & 13 Plain Bob), 146 of Major (of which 124 were Surprise and 12 were Plain Bob), 21 of Caters (of which 19 were Grandsire & 2 Stedman), 16 of Royal (of which 11 were Surprise), 3 of Cinques, 3 of Maximus (2 of which were of Surprise).

47 members rang their first quarter peal, of particular note was one quarter rung at Yeovil where 3 members succeeded in ringing their first quarter, 12 members rang their first inside and on 317 occasions someone rang something new. 6 members conducted their first quarter peal and 46 conducted a new method.

Six quarter peals were rung on handbells, three at Piglet-in-the-Wild, Marston Bigot (one of Norwich Surprise Minor and two of Plain Bob Minor), one at The Laurels, Wedmore (of St. Clement's Bob Major), one at Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea (of St. Clement's Bob Major) and one at Thurlbear Church Porch (of Plain Bob Major).

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

AXBRIDGE	135 quarter peals rung in 19 towers	DUNSTER	72 quarter peals rung in 27 towers
BATH	110 quarter peals rung in 17 towers	FROME	135 quarter peals rung in 24 towers
BRIDGWATER	67 quarter peals rung in 16 towers	GLASTON	51 quarter peals rung in 14 towers
CARY	79 quarter peals rung in 28 towers	ILCHESTER	100 quarter peals rung in 25 towers
CHEW	154 quarter peals rung in 31 towers	TAUNTON	81 quarter peals rung in 32 towers
CREWKERNE	74 quarter peals rung in 23 towers		

Overall, quarter peals were rung in 74% of ringable towers with 5 or more bells.

25 quarters were rung in Somerset during the Chew Branch quarter peal fortnight.

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

Andrew Bawden, Steve Beck, Jim Bennett, Ben Bond, Andrew Brown, Mary Butler, Jono Chapman, Toby Clempson, Tobias Dando, Andrew Davey, Christopher Davey, Peter Davies (age 12), Alfie Drewer, Elaine Drewer, Helen Gamester, Bob Green, Megan Hatt, Brian Hinder, C Johnson, Jane Jones, Jade Longmoore, Catherine Lowe, Mike Marshall, Krystyna Masny (age 14), Nick May, Chris Mitchell, Tom Mitchell, Stuart Moore, Sharon Murphy, Lele Nairne (age 12), Nina Perry, Lester Quance, Edward Reeves, Eloise Reeves, Craig Rendell (age 10), John Riches, Andrew Rubin, Nigel Sommerville, Kevin Spratling, Robin Stone, James Stosiek, Jean Stosiek, Jennie Toze, Terry Webb, Rosie Wheeler (age 12), Brian White and Bert Whitehead

AND TO THE FOLLOWING WHO CONDUCTED THEIR FIRST QUARTER PEAL:

Carolyn Drew, Jim McGibbon, Matthew Martin, William Sanderson, Julie Slocombe and Derek Vowles

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

Ashwick – Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Caroline and George Stevens

Banwell – 60th Birthday of Ken Baker

Bathwick – 10th Wedding Anniversary of Rebecca and Michael Day and 80th Birthday of Betty Parfrey

Blagdon – Golden Wedding Anniversary of Marion and Chris Ball

Chaffcombe – 60th Birthday of Robin Hooper

Chilcompton – 60th Birthday of Jane Hooker

Clevedon, St. John – 80th Birthday of Ray Luxton

Clutton – 80th Birthday of Nick Church

Drayton – 60th Birthday of Mervyn Arscott

Durleigh – 70th Birthdays of Terry Hargreaves and Valerie Stone

East Harptree – 70th Birthday of Valerie Stone

Glastonbury, St. Benedict – 60th Birthday of Leslie Perry

High Littleton – 70th Birthday of Valerie Stone

Ilton – 70th Birthday of John Parsons

Langford Budville – 80th Birthday of Frank Morris

Litton – 60th Birthday of Mervyn Arscott
 Mark – 50th Birthday of Mark Philipson
 Marston Bigot – 30th Wedding Anniversary of Maryl and Alan Chambers
 Midsomer Norton – 60th Birthday of Jane Hooker
 Nunney – 50th Birthday of Vicki Rowse
 Old Cleeve - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Tony and Jan Allen
 Pilton - Silver Wedding Anniversary of Jackie and Richard Bowditch
 Sampford Brett – Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Liz and Martin Blazey
 Shipham – Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Pam and Paul Ebsworth and 60th Birthday of Patrick Rendell
 South Cadbury – 70th Birthday of Jean Mills-Smith
 South Petherton – 70th Birthday of David Purnell
 Staplegrove – Golden Wedding Anniversary of Alison and Martin Cursham
 Taunton, St. James – 80th Birthday of John Lock
 Wells, St. Cuthbert – 75th Birthday of Brian Winter
 West Cranmore – 80th Birthday of Bryan Stirland
 Weston-in-Gordano – 80th Birthday of Mike Callow
 Wookey – 50th Birthday of Jenny Darke
 Worle – 70th Birthday of John Parsons
 Yatton – 80th Birthday of Mike Callow

IN MEMORIAM

14 Quarter Peals were rung in memory of Gilbert Davis, former ringer R.I.P.
 13 Quarter Peals were rung in memory of John Brain, former ringer R.I.P.
 7 Quarter peals were rung in Somerset and 4 in the rest of the country in memory of George Massey R.I.P.
 7 Quarter peals were rung in Somerset and 1 in the rest of the country in memory of Tim Watt R.I.P.
 Ashwick – Wilf Roberts, former ringer R.I.P.
 Bathwick – Valerie Clewett, ringer since 1993 R.I.P.
 Bruton – Mary Johnson, former tower captain at Penselwood R.I.P.
 Carhampton – Dick Pearse, former tower captain and member of the association for over 60 years R.I.P.
 Dunster – Joyce Lloyd, member of the association for over 60 years R.I.P.
 Glastonbury, St. John – Elizabeth Gane, former tower captain R.I.P.
 Hemington – Ted Green, former ringer R.I.P.
 Meare – Hubert Baker, former tower captain R.I.P.
 Minehead - Dick Pearse, former tower captain at Carhampton and member of the association for over 60 years R.I.P.
 Nailsea – Norman Yeo, former ringer R.I.P.
 North Wootton, Great Orchard Campanile - Norman Yeo, former ringer R.I.P.
 Penselwood - Mary Johnson, former tower captain R.I.P.
 Queen Camel – Elizabeth Hewlett, former ringer R.I.P.
 South Cadbury - Mary Johnson, former tower captain at Penselwood R.I.P.
 Stoke sub Hamdon –Valerie Clewett, ringer at Bathwick since 1993 R.I.P.
 Wells Cathedral - Norman Yeo, former ringer R.I.P.
 West Camel - Mary Johnson, former tower captain at Penselwood R.I.P.
 Westonzoyland – Rev'd Roger O Fry, former ringer R.I.P.
 Weston- in-Gordano - Norman Yeo, former ringer R.I.P.
 Winford – Rev'd Roger O Fry and Norman Yeo, former ringers R.I.P.
 Wiveliscombe - Mary Johnson, former tower captain at Penselwood R.I.P.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Linda Drew 4300, G P Tucker 3600, Gerald Skelly 3300, Beverley Perry 1900, Rob Bell 1500, Leslie Perry 1475, Giles Morley and Clifford Nicholls 1200, John Ball 1150, John Boorman 1075, Alan Edwards 1050, Jay Bunyan 850, Terry Nicholls 750, Teresa Humphrey 600, Tim Phillips 550, Peter Devrell and Mark Philipson 500, Jenny Spence and Chris Swatton 350, John Parsons 300, Alison Wickson and Bill Wilkinson 200, Mark Drew 150, Fiona Slade 125, Jane Hooker, Ray Jones, Robert Perry and Paul Treby 100, Terry Foy and Jan Swan 50,

AS CONDUCTOR

Beverley Perry 750, John Boorman 350, Tim Phillips 200, Pam Ebsworth 125.

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