

QUARTER PEAL REPORT

The total number of quarter peals rung during the approximate period 1 November 2010 to 31 October 2011 and published in the Ringing World was 1098 - 50 more than in 2010; these were rung in 277 towers, 21 more than last year. For the first time since I've been compiling this report, the number of towers that 20% of the quarters were rung in has increased to 7 towers. There has been a decrease in both the number of members ringing their first quarter and conducting for the first time. The number of occasions on which someone either rang or conducted something new has however increased substantially. Of the 127 Surprise Minor quarters rung only 53 were of Cambridge, and of the 126 Surprise Major quarters rung only 27 were of Yorkshire or Cambridge. Considering that only 41% of Surprise Minor quarters and nearly 21% of Surprise Major quarters were of Cambridge or Yorkshire, this suggests that ringers have generally widened their repertoires compared with last year, although there has been a decrease in quarter peals on higher numbers of bells.

The top three towers were unchanged, Bathwick were again the leading tower ringing 49 quarters, followed by, Worle (40) and Durleigh (36).

There was 1 quarter peal of Singles, 1 of Minimus, 456 of Doubles (of which 67 were Grandsire, 47 Plain Bob and 10 Stedman), 292 of Minor (of which 127 were Surprise and 73 were Plain Bob), 137 of Triples (of which 91 were Grandsire, 15 Stedman & 15 Plain Bob), 165 of Major (of which 126 were Surprise and 26 were Plain Bob), 22 of Caters (of which 17 were Grandsire & 1 Stedman), 15 of Royal (of which 11 were Surprise), 3 of Cinques, 1 of Maximus (which was of Surprise).

As so many quarters are no longer published in the Ringing World it has been decided not to include individual tower totals in the Annual Report. I will however continue to record the details of the number of quarter peals published in the Ringing World for each tower which I will supply to anyone who requests them.

28 members rang their first quarter peal, 11 members rang their first inside and on 504 occasions someone rang something new. 3 members conducted their first quarter peal and 81 conducted a new method.

13 quarter peals were rung on handbells, eight at Piglet-in-the-wild, Marston Bigot (seven of Plain Bob Minor and one of Plain Bob Major), one at Northside, Bath (of Cambridge Surprise Minor), two at Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea (one of St.Clements Bob Major and one of Plain Bob Major) and two at Beaufort Avenue, Midsomer Norton (one of Plain Bob Minor and one of St.Clements Minor).

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

AXBRIDGE	142 quarter peals rung in 22 towers	DUNSTER	71 quarter peals rung in 29 towers
BATH	109 quarter peals rung in 17 towers	FROME	177 quarter peals rung in 33 towers
BRIDGWATER	104 quarter peals rung in 29 towers	GLASTON	57 quarter peals rung in 14 towers
CARY	82 quarter peals rung in 27 towers	ILCHESTER	88 quarter peals rung in 23 towers
CHEW	103 quarter peals rung in 29 towers	TAUNTON	90 quarter peals rung in 33 towers
CREWKERNE	75 quarter peals rung in 21 towers		

Overall, quarter peals were rung in 80% of ringable towers with 5 or more bells.

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

38 quarters were rung for the wedding of HRH Prince William to Catherine Middleton.

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

Jonathan Blake, Stephanie Blake, Pamela Boulton, Michael Dewar, Harry Dudden, John Dymock, Aaron Dyte, Peter Firmin, David Gibson, Jonathan Hambly, Gabriel Hardwick, M Hessey, T R House, Helen Jenkins, Sue Keirl, Robert Mitchell, Robin Peachy, Isaac Perry (age 9), Dominic Routley, Maureen Taylor, Michael Taylor, Sarah Thompson, Martin Valuks, Sarah Vine, Helen Weldon, Ashley Whitelock, Shona Wilson and Kate Woodthorpe

AND TO THE FOLLOWING WHO CONDUCTED THEIR FIRST QUARTER PEAL:

Tobias Dando, Margaret Furner and Kay Smith

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

Abbots Leigh - 70th Birthday of Brian Livings

Ashcott - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Keith and Freda Prime

Ashill - 60th Birthday of Jennifer Arscott

Banwell - 60th Birthday of Ken Baker and to mark Steve Davis's 40 years of ringing

Barton St.David - 70th Birthday of Robert Davis

Bath Abbey - 80th Birthday of Jim Cook

Bathwick - 80th Birthday of Ian Davison

Broadway - 90th Birthday of Preb. Henry Warren, 70th Birthday of Bob Caton and 60th Birthday of Jennifer Arscott

Bruton - 70th Birthday of Brian Shingler

Burnham-on-Sea - Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Richard and Marion Newman

Chew Stoke - 70th Birthday of Diana Wheatley-Price

Clutton - to mark John Fray and Monica Horseman's 60th anniversary of learning to ring

Doultling - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Jim and Ginnie Major

Drayton - 70th Birthdays of Robert Davis and Brian Shingler

Dundry - 80th Birthday of David Yeo

Durleigh - 50th Birthday of Hasu Watson and the wedding of Julian and Martine Stone

Ilminster - 90th Birthday of Preb. Henry Warren

Isle Abbots - 70th Birthday of Bob Caton

Kewstoke - Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Richard and Marion Newman
 Long Ashton - 80th Birthdays of John Gilbert and David Yeo
 Marston Bigot - 90th Birthday of George Wareham and 75th Birthday of Terry Nicholls
 Milverton - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Jane and Michael Brett and 50th Birthday of Timothy Payne
 North Barrow - 85th Birthday of Fred Durrant
 Pig-le-Tower - 90th Birthday of George Wareham
 Pilton - Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Maureen and Steve Tofts
 Pylle - 65th Birthday of Colin Elliott
 Queen Camel - 18th Birthday of Megan Davis
 Sampford Brett - 70th Birthday of Edgar Thomas
 Shepton Mallet - 70th Birthday of Robert Davis and Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Derek and Lynne Livsey
 Shipham - 80th Birthday of Trevor Gaddes, 65th Birthday of Geraldine Broadley ,60th Birthdays of Paul Ashmore and Paul Ebsworth and the wedding of Will Sanderson to Beth Mitchell
 Stogumber - 80th Birthday of Ron Penny
 Templecombe - 60th Birthday of Anthony Holbrook
 West Cranmore - 90th Birthday of George Wareham
 West Monkton - 70th Birthday of Bob Caton
 Weston-super-Mare - 65th Birthday of Marion Newman
 Wick St.Lawrence - 80th Birthday of Ted Cox
 Winford - wedding of Julian and Martine Stone
 Winscombe - 18th Birthday of Alex Hannam
 Wiveliscombe - 50th Birthday of Martin Valuks, Silver Wedding Anniversary of Esther and David Marshall and to mark Joan Hopwood's 60years of ringing
 Woolavington - 90th Birthday of Preb. Henry Warren
 Worle - 70th Birthday of Brian Cooper and Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Jenny Spence
 Wrington - wedding of Will Sanderson to Beth Mitchell

IN MEMORIAM

9 Quarter Peals were rung in memory of Anne Stenning, former ringer R.I.P.
 Ash - Len Pearse, former ringer R.I.P.
 Backwell - John Brain, former ringer R.I.P.
 Charlton Horethorne - Lloyd McCreadie, former ringer R.I.P.
 Clapton-in-Gordano - Cecil Knight, former tower captain R.I.P.
 Clevedon, St.Andrew - Victor James, former ringer R.I.P.
 Compton Bishop - Pam Brinson, former ringer R.I.P.
 Curry Rivel - Anthony Bowen, former ringer R.I.P.
 Durleigh - Bill Hallett, former ringer R.I.P.
 Holford - John Aldridge - former ringer R.I.P.
 Kingston Seymour - Ivor Read, one time ringer R.I.P.
 Langford Budville - Margaret Wrigley, former ringer R.I.P.
 Maperton - Hugh Matthews and Lloyd McCreadie, former ringers R.I.P.
 Marksbury - Christopher Stillman, former ringer and Harry Coombs, former tower captain R.I.P.
 Milverton - Ben Holt, former tower captain at West Monkton R.I.P.
 Minehead - Timothy Gibson, former ringer R.I.P.
 Portbury - Victor James, former ringer R.I.P.
 Portishead - Cecil Knight, former tower captain at Clapton-in-Gordano R.I.P.
 Shipham - Margaret Freeman, former ringer R.I.P.
 South Petherton - Len Pearse, former ringer R.I.P.
 Wedmore - Margaret Nicholls, former ringer R.I.P.
 West Lydford - Lloyd McCreadie, former ringer R.I.P.
 West Monkton - Ben Holt, former tower captain R.I.P.
 Weston-super-Mare - John Russell, former ringer R.I.P.
 Worle - Anne Scarisbrick, former ringer R.I.P.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Linda Drew 4400, Andrew Ball 3800, Valerie Stone 2400, Beverley Perry 1950, Sheila Matthews 1900, Leslie Perry 1550, Giles Morley 1500, Matthew Higby 1400, Clifford Nicholls and Chris Swatton 1350, John Ball 1250, John Boorman 1100, D E Cobb 1000, Denis Hawkings 925, Terry Nicholls 800, Teresa Humphrey 800, Martin Blazey 750, Alex Hunt 725, Tim Phillips 625, Peter Devrell, John Harrold and Paul Reeves 600, Thomas Garrett, John Parsons 400, Mark Drew, Ray Jones and Kay Smith 200, John Harris 150, Paul Treby 125, Alan Castell and Marianne Webb 100, Andrew Mead 75, Martin Pearson and Beth Sanderson 75, Tobias Dando 25.

AS CONDUCTOR

Andrew Ball 2000, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan 1200, David Kelly 1000, Clifford Nicholls 500, Giles Morley 125

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