

QUARTER PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The total number of quarter peals rung during the approximate period 1 November 2011 to 31 October 2012 and published in the Ringing World was 1187 - 92 more than in 2011; these were rung in 272 towers, 4 fewer than last year. 20% of the quarters were rung in 5 towers. The increase is largely down to three factors, extra ringing for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics plus Andy Mead's challenge to ring more quarters in a year than anyone else. There has been a small decrease in the number of members ringing their first quarter but an increase in the number conducting for the first time. The number of occasions on which someone either rang or conducted something new has however increased substantially. Of the 114 Surprise Minor quarters rung only 59 were of Cambridge, and of the 98 Surprise Major quarters rung only 29 were of Yorkshire or Cambridge. 50% of Surprise Minor quarters and nearly 29% of Surprise Major quarters were of Cambridge or Yorkshire, this suggests a slight narrowing of ringing repertoires compared with last year, although there has also been an increase in quarter peals on higher numbers of bells.

There has been a dramatic change to this year's leading towers. For the first time Knapp's Farm Campanile is the leading tower ringing 82 quarters, followed by Worle (42) and West Cranmore and Pig-le-Tower (39).

There was 1 quarter peal of Singles, 9 of Minimus, 514 of Doubles (of which 79 were Grandsire, 54 Plain Bob and 7 Stedman), 1 of Doubles and Triples, 328 of Minor (of which 116 were Surprise and 60 were Plain Bob), 158 of Triples (of which 85 were Grandsire, 17 Stedman and 21 Plain Bob), 129 of Major (of which 99 were Surprise and 26 were Plain Bob), 23 of Caters (of which 17 were Grandsire and 5 Stedman), 18 of Royal (of which 15 were Surprise), 1 of Cinques, 5 of Maximus (of which 2 were Surprise).

25 members rang their first quarter peal, 12 members rang their first inside and on 626 occasions someone rang something new. 6 members conducted their first quarter peal and 93 conducted a new method.

8 quarter peals were rung on handbells two at Piglet-in-the-wild, Marston Bigot (one of Plain Bob Minor and one of Plain Bob Minimus), one at Home Mead, Marston Magna (of Kent TB Major), one at Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea (of Kent Treble Bob Major), one at The Laurels, Wedmore (of Double Bob Major), two at Knapps Farm, Douling Beacon (both of St.Clements CB Minor) and one at Beaufort Avenue, Midsomer Norton (of Plain Bob Minor).

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

AXBRIDGE	143 quarter peals rung in 25 towers	DUNSTER	76 quarter peals rung in 22 towers
BATH	99 quarter peals rung in 17 towers	FROME	314 quarter peals rung in 32 towers
BRIDGWATER	94 quarter peals rung in 24 towers	GLASTON	35 quarter peals rung in 16 towers
CARY	82 quarter peals rung in 27 towers	ILCHESTER	61 quarter peals rung in 20 towers
CHEW	122 quarter peals rung in 29 towers	TAUNTON	101 quarter peals rung in 38 towers
CREWKERNE	50 quarter peals rung in 21 towers		

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

15 quarters were rung to celebrate the start of the Olympic Games in London.

88 quarters were rung to celebrate the HM Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee.

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

Laura Amor, Sheila Ballard, Nathan Bartin, Grant Bolton, Martin Booth, Bob Boulton, Lily Carswell, Jane Cooke, Richard Cottis, Melanie Higgs, Nikki Ivory, Kaitlin Jarvis, Tracey Mead, Mike Mildon, Julie Oliver, Linda Robertson, Rosalind Shepherd, Caroline Shipsey, Donna Simmons, Colin Snow, Chris Stone, Fiona Taylor, Neil Thomas, Connor Thrush and John Whybrow.

AND TO THE FOLLOWING WHO CONDUCTED THEIR FIRST QUARTER PEAL:

Julian Back, Jane Hooker, David Ledger, Krystyna Masny, Liz McConnell and Tom Mitchell

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

Ashill - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Terry & Jean Mockridge

Bathwick - 40th Birthday of Molly Waterson

Berrow - 80th Birthday of Alex Freeman

Bishops Lydeard - wedding of Dora Westlake to Ben Allen

Blagdon - Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Enid & John Creber

Bridgwater - 60th Birthday of Richard Lee

Camerton - 65th Birthday of Charles Pipe-Wolferstan

Castle Cary - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Jenny & Peter Alderson

Chilton Trinity - Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Mervyn & Jennifer Arscott

Clapton in Gordano - 70th Birthday of David Colston

Clevedon, St.John - Golden Wedding Anniversary of David & Margaret James

Compton Bishop - 70th Birthday of Gloria Wilshire

Ditcheat - Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Mervyn & Jennifer Arscott

Dowlish Wake - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Terry & Jean Mockridge
 Durleigh - Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Terry & Sue Warman and 75th Birthday of Gerald Brown
 Farmborough - 80th Birthday of Michael Horseman
 Lydeard St.Lawrence - 60th Birthday of Gillian Hartnell
 Milborne Port - 50th Birthday of Tone Higgins
 Milverton - Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Isabel and Jock Lock, Golden Wedding Anniversary of Judith & Jonathan Banton and 80th Birthday of Preb. Chris Marshall
 Nailsea - 70th Birthday of James McGibbon
 Pitminster - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Reg & Pat Lee
 Portbury - 16th Birthday of George Wyatt
 Portishead - 60th Birthday of Veronica Johnstone
 Preston Plucknett - 60th Birthday of Lawrence Bignell
 Sampford Brett - 80th Birthday of Preb. Chris Marshall
 Shepton Beauchamp - 50th Birthday of Bob Boulton
 Shipham - 70th Birthday of Gloria Wilshire
 Stoke St.Mary - 30th Wedding Anniversary of Teresa & Adam Humphrey
 Stoke sub Hamdon - 70th Birthday of Mary Graham
 Stowey - Golden Wedding Anniversary of John & Peggy Fray
 Taunton, St.Mary - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Irene & Alan Pendlebury
 Timberscombe - 70th Birthday of John Palk
 Wedmore - 80th Birthday of Preb. Chris Marshall
 Wells Cathedral - Silver Wedding Anniversary of Mervyn & Sarah Buckley and 80th Birthday of Preb. Chris Marshall
 West Cranmore - Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Chris & Gloria Cawood
 West Lydford - wedding of Emma Croobs to Ian Howard
 Wiveliscombe - 80th Birthday of Preb. Chris Marshall and 75th Birthday of Joan Hopwood
 Worle - 75th Birthday of Greta Cooper, Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Denis & Vera Hawkings and Golden Wedding Anniversary of Judy & Michael Aplin
 Wrington - 80th Birthdays of Laurence Croucher and Colin Hobbs
 Yeovil - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mary & Brian Hinder

IN MEMORIAM

8 Quarter Peals were rung in memory of Jeremy Dugdale, former tower captain at Corfe R.I.P.
 Bathampton - Charles Jones, former Bath Branch ringing master R.I.P.
 Bathwick - Ted Chivers, former ringer R.I.P.
 Chaffcombe - Norma Holland, former ringer R.I.P.
 Chilcompton - Ted Chivers, former ringer R.I.P.
 Clutton - Mike Williams, former ringer R.I.P.
 Curry Rivel - Fred Hollard, former tower captain R.I.P.
 Dowlish Wake - Fred Hollard, former ringer R.I.P.
 Ilton - Bob Spiller, one time ringer R.I.P.
 Isle Abbotts - Norma Holland, former ringer R.I.P.
 Lydeard St.Lawrence - Phil Sayers, former ringer R.I.P.
 Old Cleeve - Cyril Miller, former ringer R.I.P.
 Porlock - Maxine Garner, former ringer R.I.P.
 Shepton Mallet - Ted Chivers, former ringer R.I.P.
 Wiveliscombe - Cyril Miller and Ted Chivers, former ringers R.I.P.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Andrew Ball 4000, Valerie Stone 2600, Beverley Perry and Sheila Matthews 2000, Leslie Perry 1575, Giles Morley 1700, Robert Perry 1500, Matthew Higby and Clifford Nicholls 1450, Chris Swatton 1400, Susan Bateman 1250, John Boorman and Robert Davis 1150, Gerald Brown 1100, Teresa Humphrey and Terry Nicholls 1000, Denis Hawkings 950, Jay Bunyan 900, Cathy Civill and Tim Phillips 700, John Harrold 650, Nicholas Kingdon and John Parsons 500, John Cornelius 425, Mark Drew 400, Ray Jones, Andy Mead and Alison Wickson 300, Eric Dyer and John Hallett 250, Tricia Cox and Jane Hooker 200, Jill Burtenshaw 150, Susan Mew 100, Paul Ashmore and David Ledger 50, Krystyna Masny and Liz Maunder 25.

AS CONDUCTOR

Clifford Nicholls 550, Keith Beale 500, Tim Phillips 300, Martin Blazey and Michael Day 200, Giles Morley 175, Paul Ebsworth 50

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