

## Peal Secretary's Report 2012 to 2013

### General

238 peals were recorded for the Association this year, 3 fewer than last year. Fewer ringers took part as well – 212 compared with 233 last year. There were 41 different conductors. 78 peals were on secular rings, and 6 handbell peals were recorded. 39 peals were outside of the Association area including 3 rung in the United States. Another 7 peals were rung to celebrate the Queens' Diamond Jubilee in addition to the 35 recorded last year. 19 peals were rung to celebrate the royal birth.

Methods rung continue to be varied, with a healthy number of new methods rung. 51 peals of Spliced Surprise were rung, including 9 of 23 Surprise Major, and Spliced Surprise Minor up to 30 methods.

Three more resident members join the elite group of ringers who have rung 1000 peals for the Association – Adrian Beck, Margaret Chapman and Chris Field. Margaret is the first lady to reach this total.

(For the remainder of this report an '\*' denotes a non-resident life member)

### First Peal Congratulations

Sharon Bradley, Lily K Carswell, Thomas K Cook, Kaitland Jarvis, Peter Rogers, Jonathan Storey,

### Leading Towers

Pig-le-Tower Campanile Marston Bigot 24, Shepton Beauchamp 20, Little Orchard Tower East Huntspill 18, Chilcompton St John 17, The Bakery Wedmore 16, Doulling Beacon 15, Barrow Gurney 11.

### Leading Peal Ringers

Barrie Hendry 82, Jeffrey Knipe 78, \*Donald B Carter 77, \*Hilary A Beresford 74, Lesley A Knipe 73, Christopher R Field 72, Raymond Haines 67, Robert E Beck, Maryl R Chambers 48, Richard A M Newman 40, Clifford R Nicholls, Robert Perry 39, Andrew H Ball 38, Adrian P Beck, \*Nigel R Woodruff 35, Sheila C Matthews 34, Susan M Stott 32, Jenny M A Astridge 31, Margaret E L Chapman 29, Jane Hooker 28, Nicola J Williams 27, Andy Mead 26, Joseph St J Beaumont 25, Christine Andrew, \*Michael Hatchett 23, Anthony J Cox, Susan A Haines 22, Rebecca J Cox, \*Richard H Johnston 20

### Leading Conductors

\*Donald B Carter 60, Robert Perry 21, \*Timothy F Collins 18, Anthony J Cox, Richard A M Newman 16, Joseph St J Beaumont 10, Andrew H Ball, \*Brian J Woodruffe 9.

### Total Peals Rung for the Association

Barrie Hendry 1475, Robert E Beck 1125, Adrian P Beck 1025, Margaret E L Chapman, Christopher R Field 1000, Jenny M A Astridge 925, \*Timothy F Collins 725, \*Donald B Carter, Jeffrey Knipe 675, Lesley A Knipe, Brian V Mountjoy 650, Anthony J Cox, Sheila C Matthews, Richard A M Newman, Robert Perry 600, Raymond Haines 550, \*D John Hunt, Susan M Stott 500, Joseph St J Beaumont, Anna M P Piechna 400, \*Pauline C Champion, Rebecca J Cox, Clifford R Nicholls 350, \*Michael Hatchett 325, \*Hilary A Beresford 275, Leonard A England 253, Maryl R Chambers 200, Andrew H Ball, Lester J Yeo 175, \*Peter L Bill, Susan A Haines, \*Ian P Hill, David C J Marshall 125, Fredeerick J Sage, \*Nigel J Woodruff 100, \*Peter J Williamson 75, Melvyn J Freeman, Jane M Hooker, Teresa J Humphrey, \*Richard H Johnston \*Patricia D Spink, \*Fergus M S Stracey, Nicola J Williams 50, Tobias B Dando Andy Mead Marion Newman Sam Shead Jane C Spencer 25,

### Total as Conductor for the Association

Anthony J Cox 450, \*Donald B Carter 400, Brian V Mountjoy 350, Joseph St J Beaumont 200, Richard A M Newman 175 Andrew H Ball 50, \*John R Ridley 25

### Personal Milestones

Barrie Hendry 2,350, Jenny M A Astridge 1475, \*Richard L Thumwood 1,250, Jeffrey Knipe 1,200, Lesley A Knipe 1,100, Richard A M Newman 800, Robert Perry 750, Susan M Stott 500, \*Hilary A Beresford 400, \*Richard H Johnston 125, Roland C Backhurst 75, \*Jennifer E Elmes, Teresa J Humphrey, \*Stephanie J Rueff 50, Jane C Webster 25.

\*Michael E C Mears 2,500 peal as conductor, \*Donald B Carter 800 as conductor.

### New Methods Rung

Bovey Tracey Alliance Major (10477)  
Chester the Cat Alliance Major (10386)  
Dorchester Alliance Major (10414)  
Irchester Alliance Major (10361)  
Islay Alliance Major (10338)  
Avia Delight Major (10318)  
Hobbs Delight Major (10384)

Knapps Farm Delight Major (10485)  
Portishead Delight Major (10475)  
Xavier Delight Major (10490)  
Butleigh Surprise Major (10364)  
Yorkshire5 Surprise Major (10376)  
Christmas Time Delight Major (10324)

The place notation for each of these can be found in the peal footnotes. Numbers in brackets give the Bath and Wells peal reference number.

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