

QUARTER PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

The total number of quarter peals rung during the approximate period 1 November 2012 to 31 October 2013 and published in the Ringing World was 972 - 215 less than in 2012; these were rung in 246 towers, 26 fewer than last year. 20% of the quarters were rung in 5 towers. The decrease would seem to be down to fewer national occasions to celebrate plus Andy Mead, having achieved his aim to ring more quarters in a year than anyone else didn't need to attempt so many this year! There has been a small decrease in the number of members ringing their first quarter and only two members conducting for the first time. The number of occasions on which someone either rang or conducted something new has however not changed by very much. Of the 116 Surprise Minor quarters rung 55 were of Cambridge, and of the 133 Surprise Major quarters rung only 41 were of Yorkshire or Cambridge. 47% of Surprise Minor quarters and nearly 31% of Surprise Major quarters were of Cambridge or Yorkshire. This suggests little change in ringing repertoires compared with last year.

Normal service has been resumed for this year's leading towers, Bathwick reclaiming top spot as leading tower ringing 47 quarters, followed by Knapp's Farm Campanile (43) and Worle (39).

There were 7 quarters of Minimus, 345 of Doubles (of which 46 were Grandsire, 45 Plain Bob and 10 Stedman), 1 of Doubles and Minor, 328 of Minor (of which 116 were Surprise and 51 were Plain Bob), 128 of Triples (of which 73 were Grandsire, 20 Stedman & 11 Plain Bob), 166 of Major (of which 133 were Surprise and 17 were Plain Bob), 16 of Caters (of which 11 were Grandsire & 3 Stedman), 21 of Royal (of which 19 were Surprise), 2 of Cinques, 3 of Maximus (all of which were Surprise).

20 members rang their first quarter peal, 17 members rang their first inside and on 307 occasions someone rang something new. 2 members conducted their first quarter peal and 29 conducted a new method.

14 quarter peals were rung on handbells - five at Piglet-in-the-Wylde, Marston Bigot (3 of Plain Bob Minor 1 of Plain Bob Major and 1 of Plain Bob Minimus), 1 at Little Orchard, East Huntspill (of St.Clements Minor), 2 at Jaycroft Road, Burnham-on-Sea (1 of Plain Bob Minor and 1 of St.Clements Minor), 2 at The Meads, Milborne Port (of Plain Bob & St.Clements Minor), and 4 at Knapp Hill Close, South Horrington (3 of Plain Bob Minor and 1 of Plain Bob Major)

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

Axbridge	130 quarter peals in 26 towers	Dunster	50 quarter peals in 18 towers
Bath	103 quarter peals in 20 towers	Frome	223 quarter peals in 29 towers
Bridgwater	63 quarter peals in 20 towers	Glaston	32 quarter peals in 12 towers
Cary	63 quarter peals in 22 towers	Ilchester	58 quarter peals in 20 towers
Chew	124 quarter peals in 27 towers	Taunton	65 quarter peals in 28 towers
Crewkerne	61 quarter peals in 23 towers		

Overall, quarter peals were rung in 71% of ringable towers with 5 or more bells.

7 quarters were rung to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of HM Queen's coronation.

7 quarters were rung in memory of Margaret Thatcher.

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

Daniel Anderson, Ben Brain, Poppy Butler, Thomas Cook, The Lord Cope, Hayley Dorrington, Elhana Edmondson, George Gill, Mark Griffiths, Timothy Hatrey, Luke Houghton, Christopher Illing, Ian Jones, Richard Lennox, Philip Long, Michael Palmer, Katy Pritchard, Graham Veitch and Frances Zagni

AND TO THE FOLLOWING WHO CONDUCTED THEIR FIRST QUARTER PEAL:

Bill Dredge and Chris Mitchell

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR WHOM A CELEBRATION QUARTER PEAL WERE RUNG:

Bath Abbey - 21st Birthday of Emma-Jane Nichols

Bathwick - Engagement of Emma Pym to Steve Douglas

Beckington - 60th Birthday of Brian Wilkes

Bishops Lydeard - wedding of Dora Westlake to Ben Allen

Carhampton - 18th Birthday of Tom Mitchell

Castle Cary - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Jenny & Peter Alderson

Clapton in Gordano - 70th Birthday of Carolyn Dawson

Dunster - Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Margaret and Peter Tudball

Durleigh - 50 years membership of the Bath & Wells DACR and 65th Birthday of Derek Hurley

East Huntspill, Little Orchard Campanile - wedding of Allyson Newman to Victor Grieveson

Farmborough - 80th Birthday of Rose Smith

Horsington - 16th Birthday of Lily Carswell

Keynsham - 70th Birthday of George Colborne

Kingston Seymour - 65th Birthday of Mervyn Baker

Maperton - 16th Birthday of Eloise Reeves

Marksbury - 60th Birthday of Alan Coombs and 21st Birthday of Emma-Jane Nichols

Milverton - 50th Birthday of Rachel Rossiter

Nailsea – Golden Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Meg Caton
Pitminster – 90th Birthday of Dennis Whatmore
Portishead – 70th Birthday of Carolyn Dawson
Queen Camel – 21st Birthday of Frederick Reeves
Rode – 70th Birthday of Janice Scull
Seavington St.Mary – 50th Birthday of Toby Doar
Shipham – 40 years membership of the Bath & Wells DACR for Paul & Pam Ebsworth,
Stoke sub Hamdon – 60th Birthday of Yvonne Nicholls and 50th Birthday of Toby Doar
Timberscombe – 30th Birthday of Jennie Toze
Wedmore – 80th Birthday of Preb. Chris Marshall
Walton St.Mary – 30 years membership of the Bath & Wells DACR for Giles Morley
West Cranmore – 50th Birthday of Alison Wickson
Wilton – 90th Birthday of Dennis Whatmore
Winford - Golden Wedding Anniversary of Barrie & Pat Hendry
Winscombe – 65th Birthday of Andy Rains
Wiveliscombe – 40 years membership of the Bath & Wells DACR for Jay Bunyan
Wraxall – Golden Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Meg Caton

IN MEMORIAM

12 Quarter Peals were rung in memory of Margaret Astridge, former ringer R.I.P.
14 Quarter Peals were rung in memory of Leonard England, former ringer R.I.P.
Combe St.Nicholas – Lesley Griffiths, former ringer R.I.P.
Doulting Beacon (Knapps Farm) –Christopher Stillman and Suzanne Withers, former ringers R.I.P.
Fitzhead – Jessica Vale, former ringer R.I.P.
Locking – Rosemary Thurston, former ringer R.I.P.
Martock –John Barwood, former ringer R.I.P.
Milborne Port –David Alecock and John Barwood, former ringers R.I.P.
North Wootton, Great Orchard Campanile – Suzanne Withers, former ringer R.I.P.
Portishead – Suzanne Withers, former ringer R.I.P.
Winscombe – Joyce Lacey, former ringer R.I.P.
Wrington –M M Collins, former ringer R.I.P.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Linda Drew 4500, Gerald Skelly 3600, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan 3000, Valerie Stone 2700, Clifford Nicholls 1550,
Chris Swatton 1425, John Boorman 1175, Martin Blazey 1000, Andy Mead 650, John Parsons 600, Jane Hooker and
Ray Jones 400, Daniel Graham and Alison Wickson 350, Judy Aplin and Bill Wilkinson 250, Simon Edwards 150,
Jonathan Storey 50, Thomas Cook and Derek Hurley 25,

AS CONDUCTOR

Clifford Nicholls 600, Ken Brown 500, Pam Ebsworth 150, Simon Edwards 50

CLIFFORD NICHOLLS

2014 Annual General Meeting Bath Branch

Easter Monday - 21st April

Service at St Peter Freshford,

Annual Meeting and tea in Freshford Village Hall

Please refer to The Ringing World or the B&W website for details of towers open during the day