Peal Secretary's Report 1.11.2008 - 31.10.2009

208 ringers took part in 190 peals; this includes one peal from last year. These peals were rung in 92 different locations with 38 different conductors. 31 peals were rung outside the Association territory; 38 peals were rung on mini-rings, and 11 hand bell peals were recorded.

13 peals were rung to mark the 1100th anniversary of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Leading towers were Pig-le-Tower Campanile 25, Chilcompton, Shepton Beauchamp 12, East Huntspill, St Leonard Marston Bigot, Winford 7.

A new mini-ring has emerged in the peal lists - Great Orchard Campanile at North Wootton.

A peal rung by resident members who have each rung over 1000 peals was recorded.

The peal year ended on a high note with a peal of 23 Spliced Surprise Major at Winford.

First Peal Congratulations

Martin Blazey, Mark Drew, Mark Kent, Susan V Mew, Kevin Newport, Vicki L Rowse, William J Sanderson, Sam Shead.

From the Footnotes

First peal on the augmented bells - Chilcompton

First peal on the bells since restoration - Baltonsborough, Charlton Horethorne

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

Leading Peal Ringers

Christopher R Field 67, Jeffrey Knipe 59, Raymond Haines 57, Lesley A Knipe 52, Margaret E L Chapman 51, Barrie Hendry 48, Sheila C Matthews 47, *Paul J Pascoe 45, Robert E Beck 43, Adrian P Beck, Jenny M A Astridge 40, Christine Andrew 39, *D John Hunt 38, *James a Hodkin, 37, Robert D S Brown 29, *Michael Hatchett 25

Leading Conductors

*Timothy F Collins 24, *Paul J Pascoe, *Brian J Woodruffe 17, *Donald B Carter, Brian V Mountjoy 13, Timothy M Payne 11.

Total peals rung for the Association

Barrie Hendry 1175, Robert E Beck 950, Adrian P Beck 925, Jenny M A Astridge, Margaret E L Chapman 825, Christopher R Field 750, *Elisabeth A G Bowden 575, *Timothy F Collins, Brian V Mountjoy 550, Robert Perry 500, *Peter Bridle, Sheila C Matthews 475, *Donald B Carter 450, *D John Hunt 400, Joseph St J Beaumont, Susan M Stott 325, Alex Hunt, *Jane D Johnston, Jeffrey Knipe 300, Raymond Haines, Lesley A Knipe 275, Andrea B Beaumont, *Brian J Woodruffe 250, Leonard A England, *Michael Hatchett 225, Clifford Nicholls 200, *Robert D S Brown, *Paul J Pascoe 175, Christine Andrew 150, Mervyn A Arscott, *James A Hodkin, Bernard G North 125, Andrew H Ball, *Peter L Bill 100, Paul Balmer, *Graham W Elmes, *Richard O Humphries 75, Penelope I Hooper, Michael R Spencer 50, Marilyn A Backhurst, Robert D Bell, Maryl R Chambers, *Andrew J Dodd, Susan A Haines, Teresa J Humphrey, Luke D Marshall, David J Orledge 25.

Totals as conductor for the Association

*Timothy F Collins 500, Barrie Hendry 375, *Donald B Carter 200, Joseph St J Beaumont 175.

Personal Milestones

400th peal as conductor – Brian V Mountjoy Barrie Hendry 2050 Christine Andrew, Christopher R Field 800 Lesley A Knipe 600 Mathew R T Higby, Michael R Spencer 500 Preb Christopher J B Marshall 375 Robert Caton 150 Robert D Bell 25

New Methods Rung

Hukeley Bridge Surprise Major (9563) Madrid Surprise Major (9576) Monaco Surprise Major (9535) Riga Surprise Major (9449) Shepton Beauchamp Surprise Major (9513) Shepton Beauchamp Surprise Maximus (9588) Stockholm Surprise Major (9411) Tallinn Surprise Major (9507) Vilnius Surprise Major (9467)

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 for the peal.