

Peals

A [peal](#) on six bells is a minimum of 5040 changes. This number of changes is determined by the maximum number possible on 7 bells ($7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 5040$). As we have six change ringing bells at Gt.Gransden a peal must conform to this rule in order for it to be recognised by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Peals are usually rung for territorial associations. As we are in the diocese of Ely most peals are rung for this local ringing association. Visting ringers from outside the diocese might choose to ring a peal for their own association and hence peals have been rung for the Bedfordshire and the Hertfordshire associations.

The method is the name of the sequence in which the changes are made. Where a number is displayed in brackets e.g. (7m) this means that seven different sequences were rung during the peal. The terms Surprise, or Plain indicate the complexity of the methods which are defined by the specific way in which the changes are made.

No	Date	Changes	Method	hrs/min	Conductor	Association
1	14/11/1908	5040	Minor (7m)	2.54	Charles R Lilley	Ely
2	26/04/1930	5040	Norwich S. Minor	2.50	Frank Warrington	Ely
3	17/09/1930	5040	Minor (7m)	3.00	Charles W Clarke	Beds
4	26/08/1961	5040	Plain Bob Minor	2.49	Mansfied Ginn	Ely
5	29/02/1964	5040	Minor (5m)	2.52	Harold S Peacock	Ely
6	02/10/1965	5040	Plain Bob Minor	2.47	Peter Woolven	Ely
7	28/10/1995	5040	Surprise minor (3m)	3.00	Phillip S George	Ely
8	31/10/1998	5040	Surprise minor (4m)	2.59	Phillip S George	Ely
9	09/10/1999	5040	Surprise minor (3m)	2.47	Alan Barber	Ely
10	08/12/2001	5040	Surprise minor (7m)	2.50	Phillip S George	Ely
11	07/12/2002	5040	Minor (2m)	2.52	Phillip S George	Beds
12	12/04/2003	5040	Surprise minor (11m)	2.55	Alan M Barber	Ely
13	13/12/2003	5040	Surprise minor (7m)	3.02	John P Loveless	Beds
14	06/03/2004	5040	Surprise minor (14m)	2.50	Peter G C Ellis	Herts
15	20/11/2004	5040	Minor (4m)	2.49	Phillip S George	Ely
16	30/04/2005	5040	Cambridge s. minor	2.50	Phillip S George	Ely
17	22/04/2006	5040	Surprise minor (7m)	2.56	Anthony H Smith	Ely
18	03/05/2008	5040	Surprise minor (7m)	2.50	Phillip S George	Ely
19	08/11/2008	5040	Minor (7m)	2.57	Phillip S George	Ely
20	16/05/2009	5040	Plain minor (6m)	2.54	Phillip S George	Ely
21	15/09/2012	5040	Surprise minor (7m)	3.00	John P Loveless	Ely
22	09/11/2013	5040	Surprise Minor (7m)	3.04	Phillip S George	Ely
23	28/11/2015	5040	Surprise minor (7m)	2.55	Anthony H Smith	Beds
24	26/02/2022	5040	Surprise Minor (7m)	2.52	Michael G Purday	Ely

Notable Peals

Peal No 7 on 28th October 1995.

This was to mark 100 years since the rehangings of the bells and the recasting of the 4th

Peal No 8 on 31st October 1998.

A compliment to the Revd Bruce Curry (Priest in Charge at this parish, & Rural Dean) on being installed as Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral.

Peal No 9 on 9th October 1999.

A compliment to Victor Hughes on completing 40 years as organist and choir master at this church.

Peal No 16 on 30th April 2005.

To celebrate the completion of the tower project, the peal being rung from the new ringing room.

Peal No 19 on 8th November 2008.

To mark the centenary of the first peal on the bells rung to the same methods and also conducted from the 3rd (although not the same bell!).