

Ringling History and Future Trends

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Introduction

- A Comparison of ringing issues in the past and today
- Historiography of ringing history and its place in academic history
- A mixture of theory and examples

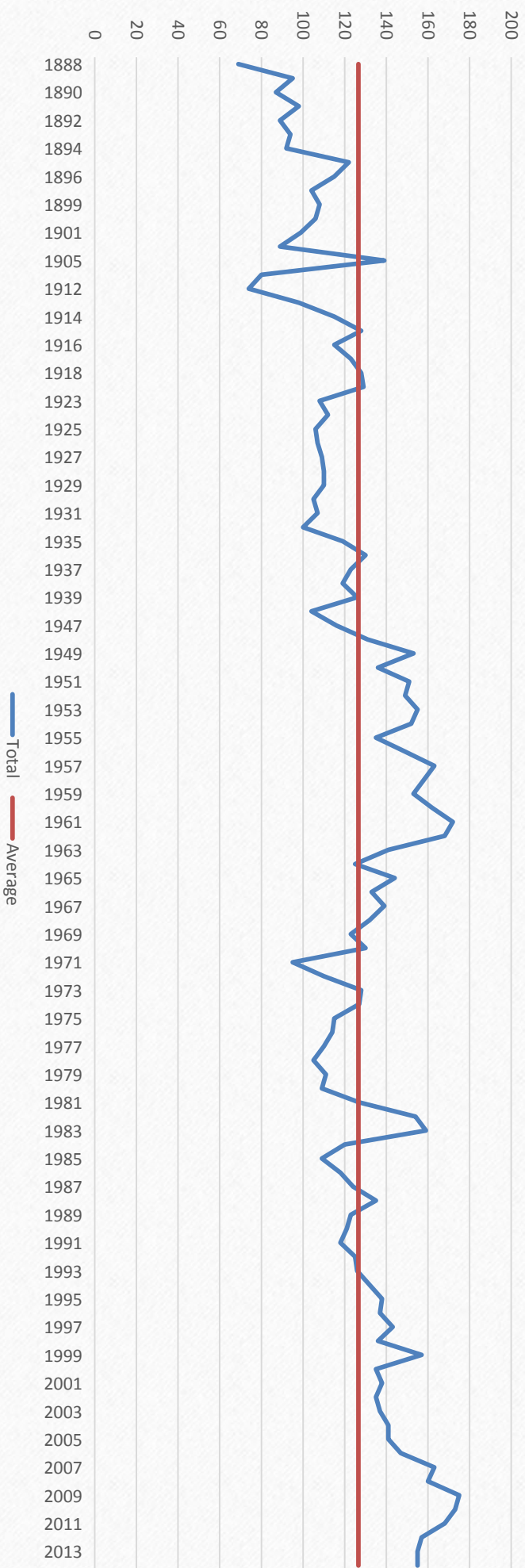
Who is David T G Jones? Why am I Here?

- Master of Chester Diocesan Guild
- A Ringer at Neston (Cheshire) since the age of 13 (1995)
- Studied Geography and History at Keele University
- Studied for Masters in History with Open University
- Final Dissertation – a study of the development of Change Ringing in Wirral
- Member of the Biography Committee

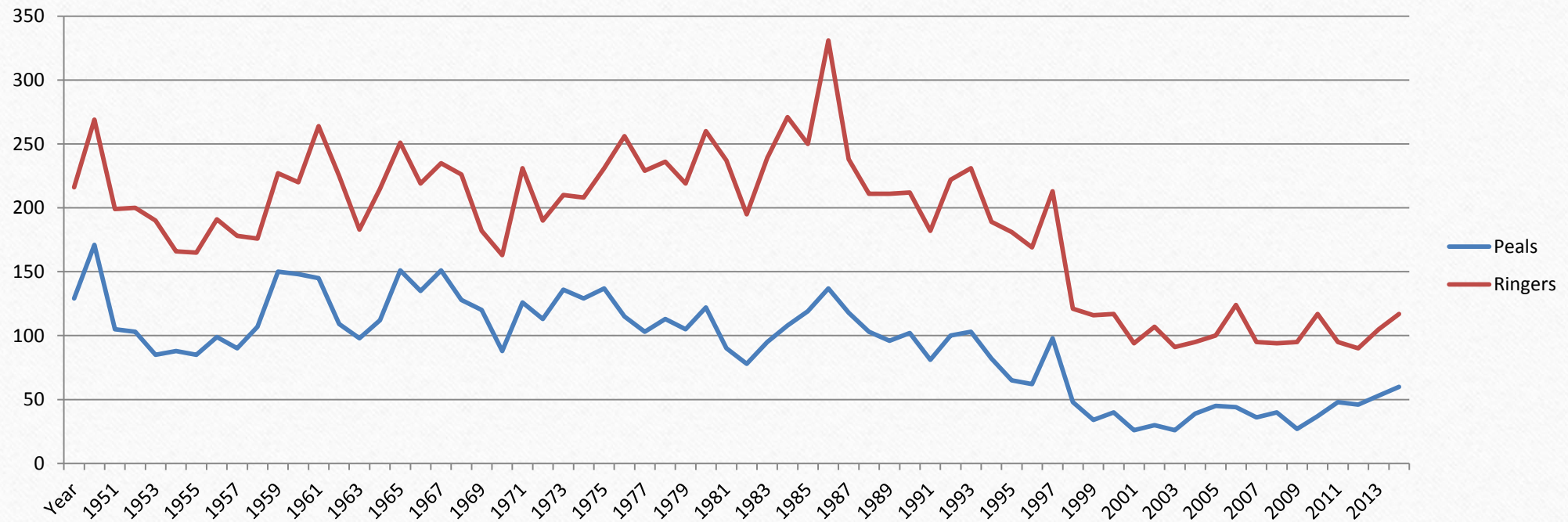
Section 1 – Comparison of Past and Present

- Are the problems we face today new issues?
- Can we look at the past to see if trends are more long term than we think?
- Can the past offer some solutions?
- Can history be misused?
- Does Ringing History matter?

Wirral Branch Membership 1888 - 2014



Chester Diocesan Guild Peals 1950 - 2015



Section 2 – Historiography of Ringing History

- Who has written the history of ringing?
- Who has it been written for?
- How has the historiography of ringing history developed and can/should this be challenged?
- Can/should history have a place in academic/popular history?
- Can an interest in ringing history attract people to the exercise?