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## St Anne's Limehouse – A “new” ring of bells for London

### Limehouse

We shall probably never know what led chalk-burners in the 14th-century to set up their kilns in the sparse riverside hamlet to the West of the Isle of Dogs. Outside the boundaries of the City of London, they processed lime which was used principally as plaster in the construction of wooden buildings; from it Limehouse appears to have derived its name.

The place also offered a convenient anchorage to vessels bound for the city awaiting discharging, loading or sailing orders; so the hamlet became increasingly involved in maritime activities.

During the 15th- and 16th-centuries the population grew not only from its developing riverside activities but because its open spaces offered a pleasant and convenient location for the better off ships' captains, maritime officials and other public servants who wished to be away from the noise and smells of the city, but near enough to their place of work.

There are indications of disorderly conduct and unruly elements during this time, but it was also an age of adventure. The inns and taverns along the waterfront must have echoed with the stories of the hardships and conflicts in which local seamen were involved.

With this growing community, it seemed that a local church was needed. In 1714 the building of Limehouse Parish Church was begun and in 1730 it was consecrated, its well-known tower has been a landmark for seamen using the river for more than two and a half centuries.

In the 19th-century, enclosed docks were opened and controlled wharves established along the river partly because the East India Company's frigates were sitting targets for smugglers and pilferers when lying awaiting discharge.

It was mainly towards the end of the century that the Chinese began to appear in Limehouse in numbers. It became the original “Chinatown”, with restaurants, provision shops, clubs, a Christian mission, and even a temple. On the whole the Chinese lived peacefully and stories of opium dens and warring factions were grossly exaggerated, to the detriment of Limehouse, but to the advantage of those who organised visits for tourists from the West End!

In 1939, the outbreak of the Second World War necessitated the evacuation of the area. Bombing raids caused extensive damage, and after the war many of its original inhabitants did not return. In the next two decades, much of the area was replanned and rebuilt, but with the changes in shipping and transport industries, its maritime character began to disappear and the docks fell idle.

Now, various new developments such as the Canary Wharf complex – including the



St Anne's, Limehouse

country's tallest building – are in differing stages of completion and transport links have improved considerably.

So the old is now being swept away or reborn in a new guise. Not everyone will like the “New look” to Limehouse, but no one can say it is dead.

### Fifty new churches

The 1711 Act, prolonging a coal tax to pay for 50 new churches in and around London and Westminster, was the reaction of the new Tory Government to the discovery that 340,000 of the inhabitants were not provided with Anglican churches, and to the alarming spread of non-conformity.

It was something of a political manifesto, since the Tory party was High Church, they were not just to be places of worship, but also monuments. The Commission was composed of churchmen and officers of the Government and included the architects Sir Christopher Wren and John Vanbrugh. Nicholas Hawksmoor and William Dickinson were appointed Surveyors, whose prime duties were to seek out suitable sites and assess the plans for the new buildings.

Wren, nearly 80 years old, took a grandfatherly interest in the Commission and promptly set out, in an open letter, the principles that he had learned in nearly 50 years of

designing churches. They should be built among the inhabitants, not on the fringes of the cities. No burials should be allowed in them. They should be prominently situated and adorned with porticoes “both for beauty and for convenience ... together with handsome spires and lanterns rising in good portions above the neighbouring houses”. Portland stone would be the best material with good bricks and roofs of oak.

### Three new churches in Stepney

In a flurry of enthusiasm the plans were drawn up and models made. Hawksmoor's designs for three new churches in Stepney soon followed – Stepney parish had become far too big for the church of St Dunstan's – they were to be Christ Church, Spitalfields, St George-in-the-East, and St Anne's, Limehouse. In 1714, the land was purchased for Limehouse parish church and the designs could become reality. However, in the same year the Whigs again gained power, dismissed the Commission and set up another without any architect members.

Lacking political and missionary impetus, the work became routine and the artistic zeal of the early years died. Much time was spent in assessing the achievements of the first Commission, and in 1718, it was discovered that their predecessors had committed themselves to £161,000, a sum far beyond their means. Thereafter, the annual allowance was reduced to £21,000.

Fortunately, building was by then well under way in Limehouse. By 1718, the church was roofed and in 1719, the tower was finished. The encroaching shortage of money then began to pinch, and pilfering interfered too; work slowed down. By 1725, however, the church was finished, the whole cost having risen to £32,232.8s.6d.

By 1733, the Commission was virtually wound up. Only 12 new churches had been built – six designed by Hawksmoor. The tower of St Michael Cornhill had been rebuilt, the west towers of Westminster Abbey had been finished and three new chapels had been embellished.

### St Anne's lays unused

For four years the fine new church of St Anne's lay unused because there were no funds to pay for the minister's salary, but on 14th May 1729, Limehouse was constituted a separate parish and, in response to a petition from the parish, Parliament provided a capital sum of £3,500 for the minister. On 12th September 1730, the church was consecrated by Bishop Gibson of London.

### The great fire of 1850

At seven in the morning of Good Friday, 29th March 1850, a fire was discovered in the church. Although the bells were rung immediately, they

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**LIMEHOUSE - continued**

attracted onlookers rather than helpers and within three hours the church was gutted.

The decision to restore the building was presumably dictated by the terms of the insurance policy, but was also an act of homage towards Hawksmoor, whose vigorous classical architecture was greatly admired by a number of mid-Victorians.

Fortunately only three months previously the fabric had been insured at £5,000 at the request of Joseph Adams, a dissenting but prudent churchwarden, so that funds were not entirely lacking. But £15,000 was needed and the remainder was raised over a number of years by voluntary effort.

The reconstruction was entrusted to Philip Charles Hardwick, the son and grandson of distinguished classical architects. He was 38 when he received the commission to restore St Anne's. He made an excellent, self-effacing job of it. The new roof, of very wide span, was constructed on an identical pattern to that over Hardwick's Great Hall at Euston Station.

The restored church was re-dedicated on 26th April 1857, after all debts had been paid. Altogether the restoration of St Anne's was one of the most sensitive and careful of the mid-19th-century; it shows how good Victorian restoration could be and how excellent was the quality of English craftsmanship at that time.

**The current repair work**

Fifteen years ago, St Anne's was a sorry sight. Blackened with age and vandals' fires, surrounded with corrugated iron, its windows were regularly broken and the tower was full of dead pigeons.

Funding and launching a restoration scheme takes time and energy. As long ago as 1962, John Betjeman was encouraging funds to repair the Hawksmoor churches, but work accelerated in the last decade, following the founding of Care for St Anne's in 1980. Generous funding from the London Docklands Development Corporation enabled repairs to begin on the first of four restoration phases.

In Phase I, the outside of the east end was cleaned and repaired, and a parish room was formed in the crypt. In Phase II, the north and south walls were cleaned. The roof also needed extensive repair.

Phase III (1987-92) was devoted to works on the west tower. Again, the stone was badly damaged by pollution, weather erosion and cracking and spalling from rusting iron cramps. The clock was also restored. Meanwhile, down below, repairs were undertaken to the interior and exterior of the Great West Porch and the first stage of a much needed heating system was installed.

Unfortunately insufficient money was raised to pay for a new ring of bells to be installed, although the tower was prepared ready to receive them, including forming a ringing room and inserting a sound control floor. The aim is now to install the bells in the next 18 months, before Phase IV gets underway. Phase IV will focus on the interior. The plaster and joinery of the nave and ancillary rooms will be repaired, the organ will be overhauled, the pews re-ordered, the heating system completed, and the lighting improved.

In essence the aim from the commencement of Phase I, has been to carry out the repairs with as little interference to the historic fabric as possible. The work thus far has been so impressive that in 1990 the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings chose the restoration of the Tower of St Anne's as the first



St Mary's, Rotherhithe

recipient of the Sir John Betjeman Memorial Award for conservative repairs to churches and chapels.

**The bells**

Unlike the other two Hawksmoor churches in Stepney, St. Anne's was never provided with a change-ringing peal of bells. St. George-in-the-East had a 32cwt ring of eight and Spitalfields had a 44cwt ring of twelve.

Those at St. George-in-the-East were destroyed by enemy action during the war and have since been replaced by a new 6cwt ring of eight, cast from the metal of a redundant ring of six from a church in Hornsey, North London.

At Spitalfields, the original twelve were lost during a fire on February 17 1836, and were replaced by a 33½ cwt ring of eight. After the war, these were in a derelict state and were sold to pay for a new 17½ cwt ring of eight, transferred for the redundant church of St Stephen, Clapham Park.

Thus the bells from other churches hang in Hawksmoor's other two Stepney churches. Curiously, if all goes according to plan, something similar will happen at St Anne's.

**St Anne's original bells**

Before the Good Friday fire, St Anne's had a single 38cwt bell inscribed:

*"At proper times my voice I'll raise  
and sing to my subscribers praise"*

It was replaced after the 1850 fire by two bells weighing 5 cwt and 17 cwt and a third was added in 1872 to enable the clock to strike the quarters.

**St Paul, Homerton**

Meanwhile in 1870 the church of All Hallows, Staining, Mark Lane, EC3 had been demolished, all except the tower which still remains standing. The bells were removed and five were recast in 1890 to form a new ring of six with a tenor of 8cwt in A.

They were transferred and hung in the tower of the new church of St Paul, Homerton, at the expense of the Grocers' Livery Company, the patrons of the living. The Grocers' company kept the sixth bell, dated 1458, replacing it with a new one. The old bell, cast by a Belgian founder, is the oldest dated bell in London and

still hangs at the entrance to the Grocers' Hall in Princes Street.

In 1982, the church of St Paul Homerton became redundant and its Rector, John Pearce, offered the bells to Limehouse if St Anne's could pay for the cost of removal. With help from the London County Association of Church Bell Ringers, a team of volunteers led by Roger Booth, Richard Harris and Roger Bailey dismantled the bells, lowered them to the ground and took them to the Whitechapel Bellfoundry for safe keeping.

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**Birthday Barbecue Bash**

The annual Birthday Party for the Bells of St. Martin's, Philadelphia was held Saturday, 10th June coinciding with the mid-Atlantic Area meeting. More than 40 people enjoyed the grilling talents of David Mills. Every mid-Atlantic Area was represented, Tish and Carroll Lentz from Princess Anne, Theresa Rice, Meredith Morris, Joe Fickus with new learner Nancy from DC, Will Harwin, Jill Kirby, Sue Clopper and Connie King from New Castle and Barbara Knight, Dave Gilbert and new learner Bob from Burlington. We missed Bob Mead who couldn't attend but he still supplied us with his homemade vanilla ice-cream. Lynn Kodrich, Brewster, with broken hand, couldn't ring but came to socialize, Tom Holcombe from Kent, Chris Haller and Roger Savory who along with Margaret Hughes from Ireland and Duncan Wallace from Newcastle on Tyne were additional visitors. We were also pleased to welcome Ed Godden the ringing rector at New Castle and Chris Agnew who is the interim rector at a nearby church in Wyncote. Additionally, Eric Jacobsen and Elaine, Linda Rankin, David Mills, Carol Heinsdorf, the Butlers, the Meloscias, Don Trumpler and Brian Meadows. Helen Owen joined us and E. Wein and Tim Gatland, from Marlow also were there. The others were spouses, various children, and ringing friends including our new rector Bob Tate and his family.

Ringling commenced at 10.00 and we rang until 12.00 when we adjourned for some lunch and tapped the keg of Tuengling Black and Tan. We continued ringing in the afternoon until 4.00 and then a quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung. The weather cooperated this year and we were able to set up tables and eat outside. David, with the help of Elaine, did another fine job of cooking the food, a salad was prepared by Mary and a great birthday cake was baked by Carol to go along with Bob's ice cream. Many of us stayed talking until the late hours of the evening. The big question was who switched the pictures on Sue Clopper's NAG display?

The next day a quarter of Plain Bob Major was rung for service. Some went to the service to hear Bob Tate's first sermon at St Martins (which contained a flattering reference to "the cacophony of the bells") and other went for a bite to eat before the peal attempt. Success was had - we rang a peal of Grandsire Triples, with Bruce conducting and dedicated it to the 15th anniversary of the bells and the arrival of our new rector. Please plan to join us next year.

**EILEEN BUTLER**

**Philadelphia, St Martin's U.S.A.** 10 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Rankin 1, Duncan R Wallace 2, Meredith A Morris 3, Christian J Haller 4, Eric T Jacobsen 5, Thomas W Holcombe 6, Roger Savory 7, Donald Trumpler 8.

**Philadelphia, St Martin's U.S.A.** 11 June, 1264 P.B. Major: Brian Meadows 1, Christian J Haller 2, David Mills 3, Donald Trumpler (C) 4, Elizabeth E Wein 5, Meredith A Morris 6, Theresa M Rice 7, Roger Savory 8.





## Bellfounders' Gift Page



### Psittacosis

The death recently of a member of the Lewisham District (K.C.A.C.R.) from psittacosis, apparently contracted from pigeon droppings encountered while working in a bell tower, set alarm bells ringing in many quarters. What is psittacosis? How common is it? How serious is it? - clearly in this case it was fatal, but is this an exceptional case? What are the symptoms? How is it contracted? Most of all, what should we, as ringers, be doing about it?

Enquiries of the local authority Environmental Health Department (Bexley Borough) failed to provide the answers to these questions. However, Dr Richard Morgan, a consultant physician specialising in thoracic and respiratory medicine at Charing Cross and Westminster Hospital, London, and a member of the Guild of Medical Ringers, was able to provide specialist information on psittacosis and its treatment.

#### The Facts

Psittacosis (recently renamed ornithosis) is caused by a sub-bacterial organism (it has many characteristics in common with both bacteria and viruses). The organism is carried by many species of bird, but primarily parrots, budgies and poultry and less commonly by pigeons. Infection is probably acquired by inhaling dried particles of infected excreta. Transmission from man to man is rare.

The clinical illness varies in its intensity, but is worse in older people and those with chronic heart or lung diseases, particularly smokers. There is an incubation period of one to two weeks, and the symptoms are flu-like in nature: high fever, headache, muscle pains, chills and coughs. This may progress to pneumonia or a generalised septic condition. The illness usually subsides in the second week but in some cases it can be prolonged with relapses.

The condition responds well to treatment with certain antibiotics, but these are **not necessarily the first choice agents to treat other bacterial pneumonia.**

Psittacosis is not generally fatal. Indeed it is possible that many of us have had the condition without realising it. **However it can cause pneumonia which is an extremely dangerous condition, even in young and otherwise fit individuals.**

#### So What Is The Bottom Line?

Psittacosis is rare, even among bird fanciers and not usually too serious, nevertheless as we saw last year it does occur and it can be very serious. The risk of infection can be minimised, but not totally eliminated, by wearing a face mask. This is good practice in any case as dust inhalation is irritant and can in itself evoke an allergic reaction.

Even if you have taken these precautions, be aware of the possibility of infection. If you develop symptoms such as those described above, do inform your G.P. that you have been in contact with birds and bird droppings.

#### So remember

##### PREVENTION

Keep your tower bird proof and clean.

##### PROTECTION

Wear a face mask when working in the tower.

##### AWARENESS

Be aware that the disease exists, and what the symptoms are.

**Be safe but not paranoid. Psittacosis is a serious condition, but a rare condition.**

Dr ANDREW M. J. YOUNG  
(Lecturer in Neurochemistry, University of London)

Dr RICHARD MORGAN  
(Consultant Physician, Charing Cross and Westminster Hospital)



*Pictured at the Salisbury Guild AGM earlier this year, the presentation to retiring General Secretary Judith Robertson. Judith is shown here with Teddy Barnett (President), Ivan Andrews (President elect) and Guild Master Bob Purnell.*

Referring to the peal at Narborough, Leicestershire (RW 691/95), I was under the impression that it was being rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities in Europe not the result of activities which may have gone on during or at the conclusion of that day in 1945. We do see some strange footnotes from time to time ... I must speak to the conductor.... G.W.M.



The Inveraray Bell Tower has opened its doors to the public for another summer season, when visitors can ascend the tower and admire the bells and the view of Loch Fyne and the town. The ground floor exhibition has a magnificent new addition in a portrait gifted by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother to be the centrepiece of the plaques recording the ringing in her honour at the Bell Tower. Ringing interest remains high and visiting bands this year include the National Cathedral School Washington DC and a ringers cycling tour. Five peal attempts have been booked and the 23rd annual ringing festival will take place over the last weekend in July.

### Veterinary Bell Ringers

If you have a Veterinary connection of any sort and would be interested in joining a Veterinary Guild of Bell Ringers, please contact me at the address below. I will try to arrange ringing meetings, and investigate the possibility of ringing outings in various parts of the country.

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Wagonway Road, Alnwick, Northumberland.  
Tel: 01665 510999.

### First peal congratulations

Janet Richards, Celia M. Acland, Christopher Spencer, and to Andrew C. Ogden who completed his first peal as conductor. Complimentary copies of the RW for first pealers and first quarter pealers will be sent on demand.

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*"The suggestion at the Central Council Open Meeting that curtains would help with sound control was good Mildred, but..."*



## Letters

### Harrisons of Barton on Humber

The correspondence on the subject of the Harrisons of Barton on Humber was most interesting. Obviously, having their business only just across the river, they carried out a fair amount of work here in Yorkshire, so I thought I'd add my bit to the sum of knowledge.

Last Friday, I was helping with the preparations for our annual tower Open Day at St Mary's, Beverley (again, a highly successful P.R. event with over 400 visitors) when the Church caretaker offered to open up the priests' rooms (14th century accommodation for a chantry priest). So Paul and I went up to have a look. All sorts of ancient relics including the top half of a bell dated 1599. But also - part of the 1744 bell frame installed by James Harrison and having this carved inscription -

Saml. Johnfton Ver 1744

Robt. Appleton Thos Berriman } Churchwds  
Walter Wride Willm. Nelfon }

Jas. Harrison of Barrow in Lincolnshire Bellhanger and with it this article on the Harrisons by Brian Pearson of Driffield - "with his renowned brother, John, famed for their clocks it is unusual to find James referred to, as he is here as a 'bellhanger'." While the Harrison brother were trained as carpenters, these remarkable men made in the 1720's, the most accurate clocks in the world using an improved equation of time tables, i.e. the difference between true and apparent sun time and using 'clock stars' to check the time keeping of all their grandfather clocks, which, including bearings, wheels and plates were constructed entirely of wood. John went to London to make steel and brass clocks while James continued to make tower and house clocks in Barrow. His training as a carpenter would enable him to make bellframes. His grandson made the church clock in Driffield and two in Hull."

David Potter's book *The bells and bellringers of York Minster* reports that in 1733, the whole installation of 12 bells was rehung by Harrison on one level, making them easier to ring. In 1760, when the 11th bell was broken, Harrison wrote to the Dean of York from Skipton, where he was working, recommending consultation with Lesert and Pack of Whitechapel, eventually resulting in them casting the new ring of ten in 1765.

In 1756, Harrison installed a chiming apparatus in Beverley Minster, the winding mechanism of which can still be seen bear the belfry door at the west end of the Minster.

The Beverley and District Ringing Society booklet *The Churches of the East Riding of Yorkshire* has an article on the bells of Cottingham Church by the Tower Captain, Ian Booth. In it, he states "The bells were rehung in 1752 by James Harrison who was the grandfather of the James Harrison who cast the tenor bell in 1795. Paul Taylor of Loughborough, did not regard James Harrison II of Barton as a particularly good bellfounder, and Cottingham Tenor is probably the best bell he ever cast".

DEREK WATSON.

\* I think Mr Pearson was not quite accurate here as James did a considerable amount of bellhanging.

### What a day!

In reply to C. S. Dixon (p.660) Tuesday 8th May was VE Day. My father went to work as normal at 4.15am, to help hand-milk 84 cows. He came home to breakfast at 8am.

At 9am, he said to me, "We need one more to ring the bells in celebration of the end of the war in Europe."

I had never rung a bell, but was given almost three whole minutes of instructions, such as, "pull on that fluffy bit and leave go of it, let it go up, keeping hold of the double bit - then pull it down catching the fluffy bit."

I was then put into rounds - no one standing with me - I know now that the stay took some heavy knocks.

Being a ground floor ring, (5 @ 5½cwt) several people came to say thankyou and to watch the ringing between their festivities and soon after the opening time at the "Five Bells", up came a one gallon stone bottle full of best bitter paid for and brought to us by the local Blacksmith, who was also Church Warden.

We would ring for 10-15 minutes (call changes) followed by about 10 minutes break.

At about noon the bottle was replenished, this time by the vicar who had a drink with us. Soon afterwards some-one brought us some sandwiches and hot tea. before the pub closed, the landlord sent us another bottle and some sandwiches.

At four o'clock, two of the ringers being cowmen had to attend the afternoon milking, but then returned just about 6pm, when some home-made wine was produced and 10 pint bottles of ale, which we cleared before we stopped ringing at 9pm, to join in family celebrations almost until the dawn. What a day.

It was a privilege to ring at the tower again on VE Day 1995.

DICK FURMINGER.

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In answer to Mr Dixon (p.660), I rang on VE Day 1945 in a quarter peal, and also VJ Day in August 1945. In fact, I am the sole survivor from the band at Melksham, Wilts.

I also rang this year, but not in a quarter.

(Mrs) R. L. EYLES.

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As a 14 year old I rang at Aldershot and Crondall on 8th May 1945. On 8th May 1945 I was privileged to ring in a peal of Double Norwich at Aldershot (detailed in the VE Day bumper issue).

G.K.W.

### Ivan, Great or Terrible?

One thing in the article quoted on p.661 (RW 4391, 23rd June, 1995) from *The Moscow Times* puzzles me, namely the reference to the bell tower of Ivan the Terrible.

The largest bell tower in the Kremlin is normally called the bell tower of Ivan the Great, and was started in 1505 in the reign of Ivan the Great (1462-1505), although work continued through the reigns of several of his successors, including that of his grandson Ivan the Terrible (1533-1584) to completion in 1600 under Boris Godunov (1598-1605).

Incidentally, Theodore I (1584-98) is said to have been "weak minded", "excessively interested in church ritual" or in some accounts interested in bell-ringing. I have never seen further details. Does any reader know anything else about Theodore I's interest in bell ringing?

ANTHONY SMITH.

Cheltenham

### First by a camper?

Some time ago I had a phone call at 1.30am. I thought, not another emergency call out, please no, but was then surprised to hear my neighbour, very irate, asking me if I could do anything to stop the bells ringing out from Much Hadham church. He told me he had tried to contact the vicar without success so could I ring my mate Charlie to switch the bells off as the ringing was keeping him awake. I thought this must be some kind of joke, but I'd better check. I opened the bedroom window and much to my surprise the sound of half muffled Stedman Triples came from the front drive in which my VW camper was parked. It was then I realized I had been listening to a quarter peal of Stedman, rung at Rotherfield, Sussex for the funeral of Arthur Lewry, when driving home from work, and had forgotten to switch my stereo off. It somehow had turned itself up to full volume and it was this my neighbour was hearing. It had been on for over three hours and when I got to the van to switch it off, the quarter was just coming round for the fourth time. Can this be claimed the first peal rung unconduted by a VW caper.

S. D. UPTON.

Little Hadham, Herts

### R.C. rings

You have indeed left yourself wide open re. R.C. Rings of Bells (front page, 25th May) and you may well await one at least correction with some trepidation and I myself with some glee, as I have a 50 Dollar wager, that a certain gentleman from Adelaide will doubtless be lecturing us all yet again.

However, could we be spared the inevitable two pages on the bells of St Mary's Sydney. We have already had a special issue this year and the topic has long ago lost any news value, in short is becoming tiresome.

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Villawood, N.S.W.

### A Worthwhile Method

Denis Mottershead's letter in the RW for 9 June about method names including the word 'Victory', reminds me that my grandfather, William Spice, took part in a peal of 'Victory Major' at Gillingham, Kent, on Saturday 12th July, 1919. The report appeared in *The Ringing World* for 18th July 1919, among a number of 'Peace Peals', and the method was attributed to Bankes James.

The next week E. H. Lewis wrote to say that a quarter-peal of the same method under the name 'Little Court Major', had been rung at Pulford in 1914, and that a peal attempt at Chester on 23rd June, 1919 had come to grief after 18 courses. In the 1920 peals analysis, the method was referred to as 'Victory Major'.

However, in the 1926 collection of Plain Major and Cater methods (produced by H. Law James, E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope) the preface contains the following: 'The names of four methods are given somewhat differently from those under which they were first rung ... No. 78, rung as Victory Major, is slightly altered to Victoria Little Court Major'. It is not clear whether or not this was an arbitrary decision by the Committee. It may well have been, since the name of another method is said to have been altered by 'the band who rang it'.

Traditionally, the band which first rings a method to a peal has the ring to christen it, so perhaps the name of the method in question should now revert to 'Victory Major', and be rung as such for the VJ Day celebrations.

JOHN SPICE.



## Learning to Ring

About a year ago I decided to learn to ring. I had been to an Open Garden Day in a local village during which there was a flower display in the church and the tower was open to visitors. A couple of ringers were in the belfry to show off the bells and to let people have a go. I had always been intrigued by campanology since reading *The Nine Taylors* in my youth and I can't resist a challenge so I grasped the offered rope firmly with both hands.

In conversation it transpired that the tower and indeed the district was short of ringers and being semi-retired it seemed like an excellent opportunity to get involved in an interesting and worthwhile activity. I should say that I am a Physicist and Teacher Trainer by profession so I could claim to understand the mechanics of ringing the bells and to be able to assess the method of teaching novices to ring. It proved to be a very interesting and illuminating experience.

Firstly I was told how difficult it was to learn. One local tower captain 'had his pupils pulling off the backstroke for months before he would let them do anything else'. It would take months or even years before I could hope to be even moderately good. It was an 'ancient craft' and therefore shrouded in mysteries which would take me even longer to understand and there were some things that could not be explained. One ringer insisted that a bell is an animate object - and he was an engineer by profession!

My common sense told me that this was probably not the best way to recruit new people and the teacher trainer in me rebelled at the negative way in which it was being presented. In schools we teach pupils all sorts of psychomotor

skills in relatively short periods of time and I couldn't see why ringing should be any different. As for that tower captain's approach to his pupils, it seemed like a case of petty tyranny. Ringers were certainly appearing to be an odd bunch. However I bit my tongue and pressed on.

I was then put in touch with a tower captain who did a lot of teaching in the area. He had many years of experience and had taught many people to ring and I must say that throughout he was a perfect gentleman. He taught me strictly according to the book and his patience and kindness were exemplary - but it did not work.

The reason was that I could not accept that the method in the book was the only way to learn or even the best way to learn, especially for people like me. I did try to follow his advice but it contradicted some of the most fundamental principles that I had been following throughout my professional life. It was difficult for me as a novice to challenge the method and it seemed discourteous in the light of the effort he was making on my behalf so eventually I gave it up. In thinking about it since I began to wonder what the response of the ringing fraternity would be to my suggestions, hence this article.

In my first lesson I was shown the bells and the way they were set. The dangers which could arise from the movement of the massive bell and its effect on the rope were explained. The physics of it is simple and so presented no problem.

However, back in the ringing chamber. The first surprise I received was that I did not start on the lightest bell. If large mass is a potential danger then it would seem logical to start with the smallest bell where the danger would be a minimum. But the next surprise was greater. The bell was rung up first and set and I had to pull it off the top and learn to set it on the other side. The teacher held the rope as well to control it and be ready if anything went wrong.

This seemed to me to be the wrong way to start. When the bell is up it is in its most dangerous position. At the top it has maximum potential energy so it moves fastest as it goes through the bottom of the swing. As it falls the rope produces the maximum amount of slack and it moves fastest into reverse. This combination is the most difficult to control and can do the most damage. The great dangers of breaking a stay were emphasised constantly. It was like learning to drive a car with an instructor who insisted on starting off in top gear and full throttle.

As lessons went on I was given more and more of the stroke until I was trying to do the whole cycle myself. The problem throughout was that I never knew how hard the teacher was pulling on the rope at any point. It was like learning to drive with the instructor holding the steering wheel and having his feet on the accelerator and the brake alongside mine. It was impossible to judge the effect of what he was doing and so work out what I needed to do. In addition the whole operation was aiming at setting the bell which is a very small target and a difficult one to hit. Moreover this method gave me no opportunity to get the feel of the bell in its intermediate positions.

But the worst feature was that I was never shown how to control the bell and rope so as to allow it to come to its safest rest position at the bottom of its cycle. Once having pulled it off the top the only outcome allowed was to set the bell back at the top. If it began to come down the instruction was to pull harder and to continue to try until it was set again at the top.

In short the book method seems to start from the most dangerous position, set the most difficult task straight away and give the least

opportunity to get the feel of the bell and build confidence in being able to bring it safely back to rest. This contradicts everything we do in teaching where we would start from the safest position build up the feel of the thing through all the intermediate stages and finally achieve the most difficult bit at the end. I asked if I might try a different method but my teacher insisted that he was teaching me the right way and that what I proposed would only be 'donging it' and not learning to ring.

So why this article? Well, I am still convinced that there must be other methods of learning to ring. In teaching we find that there are always several methods which suit the different personality types. The most important teaching skill is in choosing the method that best suits the pupil.

In my case this is what I needed. In Stage One I wanted to start with the lightest bell because it was the safest. I wanted to start with the bell down because that is the safest position. I wanted to start by swinging the bell through a small arc so that I could feel the pulling force required to do this and the effect of the retarding force that I was able to exert to bring it to rest. This way I would find out how the rope moved during this sequence and what I needed to do to control it. It was a small task with minimum risk and I would soon get the feel of the whole thing at that level.

In Stage Two I wanted to ring the bell up to about a quarter of a turn and bring it back to rest. Then I would take it up again and bring it down part way and take it up again and continue this until I was confident that I had complete control of the bell and the rope at all stages of this cycle.

Stage three would be the same as Stage Two except that I would take the bell up half a turn. First I would learn to bring it down to rest under control. Then I would learn how to take it up or down from all intermediate positions in this arc. Since I was now working with a bigger arc there would be more energy in the bell. It would take more effort to bring it to rest and the rope would be moving faster and further.

Stage Four would be the same as Stage Three except that the swing is three quarters of a turn.

Stage Five would be the same as Stage Four but with an arc of a full turn but without aiming to set the bell.

Stage Six would involve taking the bell right over the top and setting it. It would follow naturally from stage 5 and present no difficulty at all.

The essence of my method is to teach control at all stages from the bottom up and to develop the ability to take the bell further up or down at will. The point of this method is that each stage would be a small increase over the previous stage and therefore easier to achieve. This type of learning structure is the one which builds confidence most surely.

So where do you go from here? Firstly I would be interested in the response of your readers to my analysis. Secondly I would like to discuss with a sympathetic tower captain the possibility of testing my ideas and writing an alternative method of learning to ring.

I would still like to ring myself but more importantly I would like to think that we had a system to which more people were able to respond. Who knows, we might even have a surfeit of ringers in towers across the land. I look forward to further correspondence either directly or through your columns.

GEOFF BERRIMAN

Wakefield, West Yorks

## Leave it alone

I cannot agree with D. Mottershead's suggestion that "London Victory Delight" be renamed "Victory Delight". This is one of the many Treble Bob methods including Woodbine, Violet, College Pleasure, Imperial, City Delight, New London Pleasure and many more practised by the South Yorkshire bands early this century until the Central Council in their wisdom deemed them illegitimate, but now thankfully restored to the repertoire. There are still plenty of un-named Treble Bob methods available to be named whatever you like by simply ringing a 720. As for associations with the boxer Jack London - I doubt it. Woodcock's Victory was another Treble Bob method rung and named long before Bruce Woodcock emerged as a heavyweight just after the war.

E. PRESTON.

Retford, Notts.

## Pay up, or give up

I read with amazement the catty little note from a P. R. Johnson concerning peal fees. Whether or not this person thinks that a £1 fee is sufficient is neither here nor there, but what is important is that he should abide by the peal fee which is charged by any tower. Frankly for three hours entertainment on a very expensive piece of equipment £1 is a derisory amount. In all honesty I would have thought that a peal fee of £5 per rope was not unreasonable. Finally to P. R. Johnson I would say that if you seriously feel out of pocket by ringing peals then stop doing so - no one forces you to, take up a cheaper form of entertainment such as collecting car numbers or counting clouds.

JIM SHEPARD.

Kingston





Retiring President Theo Crowder (centre) with Elizabeth Chapman (Treasurer) and Jacqueline King (Secretary) with their presentation bells.

### Youngest ever for President

On 17th June, the Ladies Guild held a very enjoyable Annual General Meeting in Somerset. All Districts of the Guild were represented and ringing enjoyed at seven towers.

The Service, excellent high-tea and lively business meeting were held at Chilcompton - with its 'best ever' church hall!

The Rev. Clare Pipe-Wolferston took the service and her address produced many smiles and some deep thoughts. Yet another Clare - Clare Higby played the organ. During the business, the 'youngest-ever' President, Alison Willgress, was elected to office. Elizabeth Chapman and Jacqueline King were presented with engraved crystal bells to mark their 25 years service to the Guild as Treasurer and Secretary. It is hoped to hold the 1996 A.G.M. in Bexley, Kent.

After the meeting, members, families and friends eagerly visited the garage at Jasmine Cottage, Chilcompton, to try their skills on Matthew Higby's ring of eight bells - with a variety of results! Altogether a memorable day with sincere thanks to the Western District members whose organisation was appreciated by all.

JACQUELINE KING.

### False or true

It has been pointed out by Ian Fielding that the peal of 6-spliced Surprise Major by Marcus Sherwood in the 1981 CC "Collection of Compositions in Major Methods" (peal no 131) is false as printed. The rubric wrongly states that the peal must be called AABBB, and should read AAABB. It should be noted that the same peal also appears in "Composition 500", with the correct rubric.

I would appeal to conductors who have called this peal to check their records and ascertain which version they used. They are distinguishable by the different number of changes rung in each method: the true version has 768 each C, N, and Y and 896 S, whilst the false one has 832 each of C, N, Y and 704 S.

ROGER BAILEY,  
CC Compositions Committee Chair

If ringing is like cricket (A.J.B. p.680) do I get to be Darren Gough: capable of engineering a total collapse in the strongest of teams? I could also say that I am young, energetic and immensely popular but I don't know what my chances are of getting such claims printed.

C.M.L.

### Induction at Leicester

That well-known ringing cleric, David L. Cawley, F.S.A., has now left Bristol for the city centre parish of St Mary-de-Castro, Leicester. The huge mediaeval building was packed with worshippers for his induction on St Alban's Day, 17th June, 1995.

The legal proceedings took place within the context of a Sung Eucharist, conducted in the old-style Anglo-Catholic fashion. The choir sang beautiful music, and the thurifer produced such clouds of incense that at times it was difficult to see from one side of the chancel to the other!

Father David had, rather typically, secured the attendance of four mitred bishops, the diocesan and his assistant, with those of Ebbsfleet and Guyana. Many other clergy, including the Provost and Archdeacon of Leicester, were robed, wearing red copes or stoles in honour of St Alban. Lay canons and civic dignitaries in their appropriate garb added splashes of colour to the processions.

The Clerical Guild was represented by Stanley Evans, having travelled all the way from Kent, and David Sansum, who had slipped across the county boundary from Derbyshire.

In his sermon the Bishop of Leicester likened the forthcoming ministry of the new Vicar to that of St Alban, the first British martyr, expressing the hope that the fate of that saint, who was beheaded, would not befall the incumbent of St Mary. He reminded us that the leg of the new priest was, beneath his cassock, encased in plaster, the result of a tumble when playing rounders with his Bristol youth club. He hoped that David would play rounders with the youth club of his new parish. This produced a titter; we gathered that there is not one.

At the end of the 1½ hour service the melodious eight of St Mary-de-Castro sounded out across the city. All ringers will from now on be watching developments within the Church in central Leicester.

D.H.S.

### Mucking, Ugley and sweet Margaretting

When George Eve, Life Vice-President and past Hon. Secretary of the Essex Association, died in December 1991, money then donated was set aside for the purpose of providing a bell. Since that time the Officers and Executive Committee of the Association have been looking for a suitable tower in which such a bell could be hung.

The first possibility was at Basildon, legendary home of Essex Man, but the projected new tower is still at ground level. Next came Steeple Bumpstead, away to the North of the county but repairs to the fabric have exhausted funds so that the proposed renovation and augmentation has been deferred.

It was early this year that Margaretting came into the frame. A pretty name in a county which includes Messing, Mucking and Ugley in its list of villages. Arthur Mee, in the King's England series, said "The timber belfry with four bells four centuries old, and a rare Jesse window, give renown to this little village on the Roman road. No lover of beauty passes it by."

It is the first village wholly outside the modern spread of the county town, Chelmsford, on the road from Colchester to London. The church is not in the village proper but is down a turning half-way to the next village, Ingatestone. Approaching the church the phrase 'the quick and the dead' comes rapidly to mind because right in front of the path into the churchyard lies

the Great Eastern Railway. One is advised to leave one's car and hotfoot it across the rails before a train from Liverpool Street to Harwich (for the Continent), Clacton, Frinton (for you-know-who), Ipswich or Norwich comes hurtling by.

The tower is a gem, being mainly constructed of stout timbers with a smaller shingle covered upper section and capped with a typical Essex timber spire. The four medieval bells were tuned and rehung in 1931 in a wooden frame with five bellpits. Margaretting had had an active band of ringers for many years and the current Association report lists seven members, which is more than that of many a six or eight bell band.

When George Eve was Hon. Secretary he worked hard to establish and maintain good relations with clergy and in particular with the staff of the Cathedral. Canon John Brown, incumbent of Margaretting, Ingatestone and Mountnessing, was Precentor of Chelmsford Cathedral during much of George's term of office so it is fitting that it is his parish that should be approached by the Association.

A meeting was held on 12th May between representatives of the Parish of Margaretting and the Essex Association, led by Canon Brown and the Master, David Sparling. The proposal to provide a bell in memory of George Eve was well-received and the parish announced that a sum of money in memory of Les Catterwell, a former tower captain, could be used to supply fixtures and fittings. The total cost is believed to be in excess of £5,000 which will include work on the fittings of the existing bells.

The Association is mindful that many from Essex and elsewhere have already given generously towards the £800 currently earmarked for this project but feels that some, possibly many, would like to give more. Others may have missed out first time around and would welcome this opportunity to give.

It is fitting that this appeal falls shortly after the VE Day commemoration. We know that George, who was at the Battle of Monte Casino, and his generation have given us the freedom to enjoy our ringing in the Post-war era. Whatever the reason, a donation however large or small will be greatly appreciated.

Donations can be made to the Hon. Treasurer of the Essex Association (who would appreciate an S.A.E. if a receipt is required):

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Neil and Celia Deem

## Roving ringers wed

Ringers gathered from around the Country on 20th May in Exmouth to celebrate the marriage of the popular couple Neil Deem and Celia Acland. Neil and Celia met about three years ago when Celia turned up one Tuesday evening at the Littleham (Exmouth) practice night with a friend and announced that they would like to have a go at ringing - Neil became Celia's instructor (as it says in the Little Ringers' Handbook!). Whether (as the saying goes) it was because of Neil's teaching skills or in spite of them, Celia made rapid progress as did their relationship until they started to become a couple rather than individuals. Celia joined the Society of Roving Ringers last year when she completed a tour of Hampshire with Neil, as "stoker" for him on the back of a tandem. There is no better way to get to know your partner than on a tandem so it was not a huge surprise when they announced their intention to get married.

The ringing celebrations started a week before the wedding on 13th May when a good peal of Grandsire Caters was scored at Withycombe Raleigh. This was especially significant as it was Celia's first peal and at the first attempt - she rang extremely well only making two small trips throughout. A quarter of Plain Bob Royal was rung on the following Thursday by the "Thursday Night" quarter peal band conducted by Neil. Some time ago, we had arranged a peal attempt on the morning of the wedding which seemed a good idea at the time. The 2.00 pm wedding time meant an early start however and so the Bridegroom and his Best Man joined six other members of the Society of Roving Ringers at 9.00 for a rare peal for the Society and Bristol was duly scored at Neil and Celia's local tower, Littleham. We were all sat in the local pub for Neil to have his final bachelor pint before 12.00 - it seemed like a very busy morning.

The wedding was a traditional service in the local Roman Catholic church with the blessing of rings and the lighting of candles by the couple to signify their union and that of their two families. Celia was given away by one of her elder brothers as her father has recently passed away. She was dressed in white and cream and attended by three bridesmaids, your scribe attended to the Bridegroom as his Best Man. An excellent reception was held at the Exmouth Banqueting Suite which was followed by a Barn Dance.

Neil and Celia left at about 10.00 pm for their 2 week honeymoon in Antigua. Neil's car was well and truly decorated and once someone

Thus St Anne's had a collection of nine bells, some awaiting hanging in their third tower. The plan was to recast some of the bells to form a new peal of eight, the heaviest being the 17cwt clock bell, and to hang them in a new frame.

### St Mary, Rotherhithe

Although this scheme did not proceed because of a lack of funds, an opportunity has since arisen to acquire a second-hand metal bellframe from St Mary's Rotherhithe, which will substantially reduce the overall cost.

We now intend to install this frame in the tower and then to install the bells one by one as funds permit. This does, however, mean that the scheme cannot proceed until St Mary's Rotherhithe have raised sufficient money to commence their project, although they have already raised or been promised £13,500 of the £58,000 needed.

### St Peter, Walworth

We were always conscious that remodelling the Homerton bells was not the most efficient way of achieving our objective of a 17cwt eight. A second opportunity has recently arisen, with the decision of the Parish of St Peter, Walworth, SE17 to restore their bells.

The have a 16cwt eight by Thomas Mears, dated 1824, hung in a cramped two tier timber frame, in a tower measuring 10' 6" x 10' 6". Ideally they would like a ring with a tenor of about 8cwt and the parish has agreed in principle to exchange their bells for the Homerton six. These they intend to hang in a new frame for eight.

Both the Southwark and London DAC's have considered the scheme, and discussions are currently taking place with English Heritage in order to seek their approval.

(who shall remain nameless) had opened up the sun-roof while Neil's back was turned, well filled up with rice, confetti pot pourri and party poppers - sweet revenge for the many there who had experienced Neil's hand in car decoration in the past!

Sincere wishes from everyone to the happy couple and note that the Best Man didn't make a single reference to BR in his speech.

C.W.K.

**Withycombe Rayleigh, Devon.** 18 May 1995, 1260 P B Royal: F. W. Williams 1, Celia M. Acland 2, Maureen L. Hawkins 3, A. J. Morris 4, C. C. Deem 5, B. Morrell 6, R. T. Perry 7, R. J. Quick 8, D. J. Hawkins 9, N. E. Deem (C) 10. First of Royal For Treble Wedding compliments to Celia M. Acland and Neil E. Deem. For 20th May 1995.

This summer saw the 11th annual Horton Ringing Weekend, on 23/25 June. This year's venue was Herefordshire.

The standard of ringing was very good, including, for the first time on a Horton Weekend, a touch of Stedman Triples, providing a first for several local Horton ringers, some of whom had never rung on eight bells before.

Five towers were visited: Sellack, Foy, Bridstow, Llangarron and Goodrich.

Handbell instruction was provided on Saturday and Sunday on the picturesque banks of the River Wye, again with several firsts for many ringers.

The Horton band would like to thank members of the MCALDG, Windsor Youths and Reading Handbell Society for their help and instruction throughout the weekend that helped to make it such a success.

I.S.G.B



St Peter's, Walworth

## Operation SWOD

This three way swap of bells and frames will result in a significant saving for two of the parishes concerned. However, the key to getting work underway does lie with starting the Rotherhithe project. St Anne's already has almost enough money to pay for the installation of the frame, and to pay Walworth the difference in value between the two rings of bells. As soon as the Rotherhithe order is placed, work could commence installing the frame at Limehouse and removing the bells from Walworth. The problem would then be finding sufficient volunteer labour to carry out so much work!

With the need to raise funds foremost in our minds, the Docklands ringing Centre is organising a sponsored walk and open day on 15th July, details of which were published in last week's issue. Already, significant sponsor money has been pledged, and we are hoping that the publicity gained by the event will also speed us on our way!

Although no bells will be recast at Limehouse or Walworth, four bells will need to be recast at Rotherhithe. These cost from £3,500 and we are actively seeking donors for these bells. If you would like to contribute to any of the schemes please contact Roger Booth, 18 Friars Mead, Isle of Dogs, London E14 3JZ. Tel: 0171-515 9255 who would be happy to forward further details.

LYNDEN HANSFORD  
and ROGER BOOTH

I read, with interest, Will Davies' article "Faraday in Cardiff and The Vale" (RW, 23rd June, 1995, p.674). There seemed to me to be a word missing. May I suggest that, in the third line of the penultimate paragraph, readers should insert, between the word "only" and the word "ring", the missing word, "worthwhile".

MIKE THOMAS.

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L-R. Roger Kendrick, Sylvia Kendrick, Sylvia Mackenzie, Sylvia Davies and Peter, Sylvia Davies, Sylvia Furzey, Michael Semken, Sylvia Blackburn.

## Sylvia, Sylvia

Once upon a time, in fact on 30th October 1983, Sylvia Powell – soon to become Sylvia Davies – rang her first quarter peal at Wimbledon. Exactly 10 years later and 100 miles further west her namesake also rang her first quarter, at Dymock in the Forest of Dean. Sylvia s being a fairly hard to come by it seemed a shame to let such an unlikely coincidence pass unnoticed and so the idea of an all-Sylvia quarter peal was born.

Six months later, by March 1994, careful scrutiny of the quarter peal columns had revealed that Sylvias were not as rare a commodity as originally feared and six willing volunteers had been contacted. The project was then shelved for a while as the Davies household collapsed into chaos following the birth of baby Peter and it was not until 3rd June 1995 that the attempt finally took place. Assisted by two honorary Sylvias, normally known as Roger and Michael, the band scored a good quarter of Grandsire and Plain Bob doubles with 7, 6, 8 covering.

So what next? Two of the original volunteers were unavailable to ring on the date chosen and there are at least another 20 Sylvias out there somewhere. Could it be Grandsire and Plain Bob doubles with 6-16 covering? The Bull Ring had better beware?

**Carshalton.** 3 June, 1995 1260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles. Sylvia Mackenzie 1, Sylvia Blackburn 2, Sylvia Davies (C) 3, Sylvia Kendrick 4, Sylvia Furzey 5, Sylvia Davies 6, Roger Kendrick 7, Michael Semken 8.

Moral support provided by Lawrence Davies, Sarah and John Kendrick.

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Standlake was the venue for this year's Witney & Woodstock Branch competition held on 10th June and there was a very encouraging increase in entries from previous events. Indeed with eight teams taking part it was probably the largest gathering of branch members for some years.

The competition divided into two sections, method and call-changes and the Judges heard a range of standards as they sat outside in the drizzle. The winners of the method section were Stonesfield ringing Grandsire Doubles.

Bampton took the Langford Challenge Trophy for call-changes. Particular congratulations should go to the bands from Standlake, South Leigh and North Leigh/Combe many of whom were ringing in their first striking competition.

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If *The Sun* is known as a newspaper why is *The Ringing World* known as a comic?

## An Index of Obituaries

An old parson once told me that an index was the work of someone who loved his fellow men – on the basis, I suppose, that once an index is compiled it saves hours of work and frustration. As one who regularly uses indexes, I am sure that this is so!

Of course, the labour of making an index has been reduced by the advent of computers, and the utility of these is amply illustrated by a cautionary tale that I will now relate.

Discussions between Chris Ridley and myself, as members of the Central Council Biographies Committee (the what?), showed that the very narrow remit of the Committee – members of the Central Council only – was felt by us to be too narrow, and that we considered the basis should be widened. Of course the more information that is collected, the greater the need to hold it on some sort of database. As a trial in forming such a database, we decided to index obituaries that appeared in the *Ringing World* over a period, and see how we got on. Chris had the computing facilities (how I wish the promised computer for the Library would arrive!) and I had the information to hand – at least, it was there but had to be looked for.

This is where the slog started. I took an old exercise book, divided it into sections for surnames beginning with A, B etc. and began with the 1911 volume, noting, in the appropriate section, surname, first names (if given, initials if not), title or rank, tower, and reference. I gradually speeded up, and eventually got up to 1945 before space ran out. Then a photocopy was sent to Chris, and he processed it, and after proof correction by me (my writing is not very legible), the information was sorted alphabetically. A touch of a button, and it was sorted into date order; so much for my sort by initial letter! And finally it was sorted alphabetically by tower. If I had been able to input the date myself, this would have cut out the need for proof reading and speeded up the whole procedure.

After all the effort, was it worth it? No doubt I am biased, but the answer must be yes. Certainly I have used it several times in my work with the Central Council Library and on each occasion it has saved me time. The database can be expanded to hold other references to the subject and become a more general database and not just an index of obituaries.

Looking at the different versions of the index, various things stand out. In the index in date order, the heavy loss of life in the First World War is immediately apparent from the lists of military ranks, including three of James Washbrook's talented sons and three of the sons of John W. Taylor, of Loughborough: the loss of life in the Second World War was not so heavy and is reflected in the reduced number of military ranks appearing in the index.

I have also noted in the list of titles or rank those who were bell founders or bell hangers. Bell founders, of course, are well known, but not so well known are those bell hangers who worked for the foundries or indeed worked on their own account, and the index gives a ready reference to these. Noted also in the title section is the title Miss or Mrs. for a lady ringer (no Ms in those days), and it is very obvious how few of these appear in the period covered by the index, a reflection of the slow change in the make-up of the Exercise, beginning at the start of the century and accelerated by the First World War. Of course, with young persons being taught, this would not have much effect on the obituary column until after the period of the index!



John Butler has been ringing at St. Andrew's Church, Bradfield, Berks since 1920, and for 68 of those years has been tower captain.

To celebrate his 90th birthday on Friday 21st April ringers who ring regularly with him, or have rung with him in the past, rang one peal and three quarter peals as follows:

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Reading Branch)

BRADFIELD, Berks, S Andrew  
Fri Apr 21 1995 2h43 (12)

#### 5040 Minor

(3m: 2 extents each Cambridge S, St Clement's;  
3 extents Plain Bob)

- 1 Ian Roulstone
- 2 Cathy M Martin
- 3 Lennard F Palfrey
- 5 Roy T Harris
- 6 Stephen A Rossiter (C)

Specially arranged and rung on the actual day of John Butler's 90th birthday.

### QUARTER PEALS

**Bradfield, Berks.** 22 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): Keri-Jane Morgan\*\* 1, John Butler 2, Rosemary Morgan\* 3, M Allum 4, R Allum (C) 5, Stephanie Harris 6. \*Daughter and \*\*grand-daughter of John Butler.

*Congratulations John, on ringing this quarter a day after your 90th birthday.*

**Beenham Valence, Berks.** 22 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): Stephanie Harris 1, Josephine Butterfield 2, J Allum 3, R Allum 4, M Allum (C) 5, S Whitcombe 6. John taught all the Allum family, i.e. ringers of 2,3,4,5 to ring. Also 2 May 1260 PB Minor: J Allum 1, R Allum 2, A Woodville 3, J Durham 4, P Brown 5, M Till (C) 6.

The index sorted by tower should be useful to those researching individual towers and the ringers connected with them. Because of difficulties of counties, it was decided to omit these. Where a name is ambiguous (e.g. Newcastle) it is qualified to enable it to be identified. The index has the snag that it only indexes the tower or place with which the person was connected at the time of death, and it may be that the person's ringing career had mainly been elsewhere and he/she had moved to the final place of domicile not long before his/her death. This, of course, is an argument for extending the database to include more information!

At present the index only covers the period 1911-45, but work is in progress to bring it up to date, and it is hoped that this will be done by the end of the year. However, I have learnt from our previous experience, and am certainly not doing any sorting – the computer can do that. Then, of course, there is *Bell News*! JOHN EISEL.



# Peal Reports

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

BRISTOL, Avon  
S Mary Redcliffe  
Mon May 29 1995 3h42 (50)  
**5004 Stedman Cinques**  
Comp. R W Pipe  
Cond. J N Hughes-D'Aeth  
1 John N Hughes-D'Aeth  
2 Alan D Flood  
3 David P Hilling  
4 Matthew J Hilling  
5 Simon M Alford  
6 Timothy J Barnes  
7 Ian P Hill  
8 Andrew I Blacklock  
9 Michael P Moreton  
10 D Paul Smith  
11 Robert C Kippin  
12 Martin C Faulkes

## A.N.Z.A.B.

DARLING POINT, NSW.  
S Mark  
Sat May 27 1995 2h46 (8)  
**5040 Grandsire Minor**  
(7 extents: Standardx3, H Johnsonx4, Robert Walters)  
1 Natalie A Shea  
2 Margaret L McEvoy  
3 Penelope J V Sharpe  
4 Basil E Potts  
5 John R Sibbald  
6 Robert J Walters(C)  
For the 30th anniversary of Robert's first ringing lesson in this tower on 6/5/65.

Annual

## BATH & WELLS D.A.

MELLS, Som, S Andrew  
Sat Jun 10 1995 3h17 (27)  
**5024 Spliced S. Major**  
(8m: 640 each Yorkshire, Superlative, Pudsey, London, Bristol: 608 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Rutland: 120 com.atw.)  
Comp. N J Diserens  
1 Emma St. John-Smith  
2 Deborah L Blagden  
3 Christopher H Rogers  
4 Stephen A Coaker(C)  
5 Michael J Uphill  
6 Michael E C Mears  
7 D Paul Smith  
8 Alan Regin £5

STOCKLAND BRISTOL, Som, S Mary  
Sun Jun 11 1995 2h39 (11)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each Sandiacre, Rossendale, Northumberland, Wells, Ipswich, Norwich, Primrose)  
1 Vivienne M Rigby  
2 Michael J Stone  
3 Barrie Hendry  
4 Sally A Mason  
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
6 Colin M Turner  
850th peal: 3.

BROOMFIELD, Som.  
All Saints  
Sun Jun 11 1995 2h43 (13)  
**5040 Spliced S. Minor**  
(30m: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Netherseale, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London (2) Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre (3) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle (4) London, Wells, Cunecastre (5) Westminster, Allendale (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York, Durham (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne, Hull, Norfolk, Primrose)  
1 Michael J Stone  
2 Nicola J Crichton  
3 Sally A Mason  
4 Barrie Hendry  
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
6 Colin M Turner

HALSE, Som, S James  
Wed May 17 1995 2h40 (10)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(11m: (1) London, Wells (2) Annable's London (3) York, Durham (4) Bourne (5) Beverley, Surfleet (6) Norwich (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)  
1 Mervyn C Way  
2 Keith E Beale  
3 Jill M Hansford  
4 Michael J Stone  
5 Brian V Mountjoy  
6 Michael E C Mears(C)  
In memory of Mansel Jaquet, former churchwarden.

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.

RISELEY, Beds, All Saints  
Sat Jun 10 1995 2h53 (13)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: 1 different extent each York, Wells, Beverley, London, Surfleet, Norwich, Cambridge)  
1 Charlotte M Smith  
2 Rosalind J Keech  
3 Rosemary Pickford  
4 David A Potts  
5 Andrew M Keech  
6 Christopher J Pickford(C)  
In memory of Andrew Keech's grandfather, Albert Denton, who died earlier in the week. First of Surprise minor in seven methods: 4.

ODELL, Beds, All Saints  
Sat Jun 10 1995 2h59 (13)  
**5040 Cambridge S. Minor**  
(Seven different extents)  
1 Rosalind J Keech  
2 Rosemary Pickford  
3 Joanne L White  
4 David A Potts  
5 Christopher J Pickford(C)  
6 Andrew M Keech  
For the Odell Fete.  
25th peal: 4.

## BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

NUNBURNHOLME, E Yorks.  
S James  
Sun Jun 11 1995 2h55 (12)  
**5040 Plain Bob Minor**  
Cond. M J de C Henshaw  
1 Janet Richards  
2 Mandy L C Bartlett  
3 Michael J de C Henshaw  
4 David S Johnson  
5 Simon P Hartley  
6 Mark J Lane  
First peal: 1. £1.60

## CHESTER D.G.

GRESFORD, Clwyd  
All Saints  
Mon May 29 1995 3h12 (24)  
**5056 Yorkshire S. Major**  
Comp. A J Cox  
1 Rev David H Sansum  
2 Ivor R Nichols  
3 Alan J Wootton  
4 Clive Calton  
5 Peter Wilkinson  
6 Ian Friend  
7 Denis Mottershead(C)  
8 Simon Humphrey

WISTASTON, Cheshire  
S Mary  
Sat Jun 3 1995 2h34 (6)  
**5088 Pudsey S. Major**  
Comp. R J Parker  
1 Christopher J Henshall  
2 C Paul Cheshire  
3 Malcolm Clarke  
4 Norman Sherratt  
5 Harold Dowler  
6 Jonathan A Howell  
7 Roland W Morant  
8 Frank R Morton(C)  
300th peal: 2. First peal in the method: 3. 1,150th peal as conductor for the Chester Guild.

BIDDULPH, N Staffs.  
S Lawrence  
Wed Jun 7 1995 2h45 (9)  
**5040 Spliced Minor**  
(26m: (1) Werburgh, Vale Royal, Combermere & Abbeyville D. (2) Wragby, St Albans, Neasden, Charlwood & Baintree D. (3) Willesden, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Newdigate & Marple D. (4) Kingston, London Scholars, Sandal, Capel & Oxford T B. (5) Norbury, College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Ockley & Morning Star T B. (6) Cambridge S. (7) Norwich S.)  
1 Richard S Starkie  
2 Christine Pinnington  
3 Neil D Lomas  
4 Barry Corbishley  
5 Roger Bugler  
6 Raymond H Daw(C)  
Most methods and first of spliced as conductor.

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## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

SHOREDITCH, London E1  
S Leonard  
Thu Jun 8 1995 2h42 (9)  
**5088 Callisto S. Major**  
Comp. S Jenner  
1 Simon J Davies  
2 Ian K Bushell  
3 Ian G Campbell  
4 Graham A Duke  
5 Paul A Cammiade  
6 Alan Regin  
7 Stephen A Wheeler(C)  
8 Ian R Fielding  
1,100th peal and 300th for the Society: 1. First peal in the method.  
Callisto S. Major:  
34-5.6-56-3-34-5.4-4.58 le.12 'a'  
GOSFIELD, Essex  
S Catherine  
Sat Jun 10 1995 2h27 (10)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each Carlisle, Bourne, Lightfoot, London, Westminster, Cambridge, Norwich)  
1 Michael A Bishop  
2 Simon J Davies  
3 Catherine N Merlane  
4 Paul A Cammiade  
5 Stephen A Wheeler(C)  
6 Richard A Pearce

DOWNHAM, Essex  
S Margaret  
Sat Jun 10 1995 2h30 (8)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(41m: (1-5) Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler, Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Canterbury, Newcastle, Morpeth, Lightfoot, Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth, Netherseale, Westminster, Allendale, Norwich, Bamborough, Bacup, London, Wells, Cunecastre, Lincoln, Coldstream, Kelso, Cambridge, Ipswich, Norfolk, Primrose, Hull, Bourne, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham (6) Annable's London (7) Warkworth)  
1 Paul A Cammiade  
2 Simon J Davies  
3 Richard A Pearce  
4 Catherine N Merlane  
5 Ian R Fielding(C)  
6 Stephen A Wheeler

TERLING, Essex, All Saints  
Sun Jun 11 1995 2h40 (11)  
**5040 Grandsire Triples**  
Comp. J J Parker (12-part)  
1 Heather B Horn  
2 Susan Page  
3 Simon J Davies  
4 Paul A Cammiade  
5 David L Sparling  
6 Alan Regin  
7 Stephen A Wheeler(C)  
8 Roger H Dorking  
A compliment to Frank B Lufkin on completing 50 years as a C.C. representative for the Essex Association.

## DERBY D.A.

BUXTON, Derbys.  
S Peter, Fairfield  
Sun May 28 1995 2h39 (12)  
**5024 Plain Bob Major**  
Comp. B H Taylor  
1 Richard A M Turner  
2 Stephen L Nicholson  
3 Richard Castledine  
4 Brian Schofield  
5 Peter Broadbent  
6 Jim Heading  
7 Frank Osbaldiston  
8 Matthew Durham (C)  
Rung as a thanksgiving for the life and works of Alex Richardson.

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter  
Thu Jun 1 1995 2h47 (14)  
**5120 Glasgow S. Major**  
Comp. C Forster  
1 Brian A Tomlinson  
2 Neil J Morgan  
3 Jane E Boden  
4 Ian Duff  
5 W Arnold Morley  
6 Robert J Marchbank  
7 F Gordon Faulks  
8 John V Chadwick(C)

## GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, Devon, S John Evangelist  
Sat May 13 1995 3h4 (17)  
**5039 Grandsire Caters**  
Comp. A M Tyler  
1 Joy E Kipling  
2 Celia M Acland  
3 Frank D Mack  
4 Graham P Tucker  
5 Derek J Hawkins  
6 Alan J Sinden(C)  
7 Neil E Deem  
8 Derek G Conway  
9 Christopher W Kipling  
10 James Kirkcaldy  
A pre-wedding compliment to Celia Acland & Neil Deem. First peal: 2. First peal in the method: 5. First peal of caters as conductor. 200th peal: 9. £5

NEWTON ST. CYRES, Devon  
SS Cyr & Julitta  
Thu May 18 1995 2h44 (13)  
**5088 Kneesworth S. Major**  
Comp. G Lindoff  
1 Frank D Mack  
2 Mervyn C Way  
3 Richard C Shere  
4 Matthew H Weighell  
5 David P Macey  
6 Timothy E Barnaby  
7 John A Foster  
8 Michael E C Mears(C)  
For the birth of Andrew Edward Cardwell (yet another grandchild for Mary & 'Old greybeard' Mack). Completes the Surprise major alphabet: 7.

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**THORVERTON, Devon**  
S Thomas

Thu May 25 1995 2h51 (15)

**5021 Grandshire S. Royal**

Comp. B V Mountjoy

- 1 Michael R Rose
- 2 Frank D Mack
- 3 David P Macey
- 4 Peter L Bill
- 5 Richard C Shere
- 6 E William Ford
- 7 Timothy E Barnaby
- 8 Terry R Hampton
- 9 Michael E C Mears(C)
- 10 Mervyn C Way

EXETER, Devon, S Mark  
Thu Jun 1 1995 2h48 (12)**5056 Turramurra S. Major**

Comp. A J Pitman

- 1 Donald G Lawson
- 2 Mervyn C Way
- 3 Matthew H Weighell
- 4 Jill M Hansford
- 5 Michael R Rose
- 6 Timothy E Barnaby
- 7 Robert D S Brown
- 8 Michael E C Mears(C)

**THORVERTON, Devon**  
S Thomas

Mon Jun 5 1995 2h53 (15)

**5082 Bristol S. Royal**

Comp. J Clatworthy

- 1 E William Ford
  - 2 Fr Lester J Yeo
  - 3 Peter L Bill
  - 4 Howard W Egglestone
  - 5 Brian V Mountjoy
  - 6 John Hill
  - 7 James Grant
  - 8 Terry R Hampton
  - 9 Peter J Sawyer
  - 10 Michael E C Mears(C)
- First Bristol S.royal: 5.  
1,800th peal: 10. A belated birthday compliment to Peter Sawyer.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.****BRANCEPETH, Durham**  
S Brandon

Sat Jun 17 1995 3h (14)

**5088 Plain Bob Major**

Comp. J Morgan

- 1 Kelvin Appleby
  - 2 Albert F Bokma
  - 3 Joanne M Gardner
  - 4 Kristopher King
  - 5 Stephen L Nicholson
  - 6 Matthew Durham (C)
  - 7 George S Deas
  - 8 Duncan G Walker
- 1st inside on 8: 3.

**NEWCASTLE-upon-TYNE,**  
S George, Jesmond

Thu Jun 22 1995 3h (18)

**5088 Yorkshire S. Major**

Comp. N J Pitstow

- 1 Simon J H White
  - 2 Becky Cubitt
  - 3 Helen C Murray
  - 4 Ronald R Warford
  - 5 Richard M Grainger
  - 6 Rachael H Dyson
  - 7 Elizabeth Dunford(C)
  - 8 David Hird
- 1st Surprise: 3.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex

S Michael

Sat May 27 1995 2h50 (9)

**5088 Yorkshire S. Major**

Comp. S Humphries

- 1 David L Sparling
- 2 Ann F Chapman
- 3 Peter J Eves
- 4 Bernard W Fairhead
- 5 Andrew C Taylor
- 6 Patrick W Saltmarsh
- 7 David A Childs
- 8 Joe E G Roast(C)

To mark the retirement of Frank B Lufkin after 50 years continuous service as a C.C. representative of the Essex Assn. – by a band of past and present officers comprising: 2 Masters, 2 Secretaries, 3 Treasurers, 2 CC Reps. and 4 Life vice-Presidents.

**GREAT HOLLAND, Essex**  
All Saints

Sat May 27 1995 2h49 (15)

**5056 Holland Bob Major**

Comp. J H Parker

- 1 Liz Humphrey
- 2 Michael J Semken
- 3 D Annabel Preston
- 4 Neil V Avis
- 5 Paul A J Bray
- 6 Christopher Lamb
- 7 James L Towler
- 8 Adrian C Malton(C)

First in the method by all. A compliment to Frank Lufkin on completing 50 years as Assn. CC representative.

**TENDRING, Essex**

S Edmund, King &amp; Martyr

Sun May 28 1995 2h37 (7)

**5040 Minor**

(7m: 1 extent each Double Oxford B, Kent T B, S Clements B, Cambridge S, Single Oxford B, Oxford T B, Plain B.)

- 1 Adrian C Malton(C)
- 2 Janet A Edwards
- 3 D Annabel Preston
- 4 Michael J Edwards
- 5 Paul A J Bray
- 6 George E Thoday

Most minor methods: 3.  
For the Flower Festival.

**GREAT EASTON, Essex**

SS John &amp; Giles

Tue Jun 6 1995 2h54 (11)

**5040 Spliced S. Minor**

(31m: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle (3) Lincoln, Coldstream, Redbourn (4) London, Wells, Dearne Valley, Cuneastre (5) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Annable's London, Stamford, Netherseale (6) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne)

- 1 Vicki L Patmore
- 2 Rowena L Marshall
- 3 Andrew J Dickinson
- 4 Alan M Barber
- 5 Adrian C Malton(C)
- 6 Colin F Chapman

**ELY D.A.**

CHATTERIS, Cambs.

SS Peter &amp; Paul

Mon May 8 1995 2h40 (11)

**5040 Surprise Minor**

(7m: 1 extent each Westminster, Wells, Hull, Chester, Netherseale, Lightfoot, Durham)

1 David J Woor  
2 Colin A Johnson  
3 Marion R Robinson  
4 Andrew J Stevens  
5 Jeremy W Spiller(C)  
6 Jeremy W Warren

For the 50th anniversary of VE-Day.

**TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.**

SS Mary &amp; Michael

Tue May 30 1995 3h4 (11)

**5152 Glasgow S. Major**

Comp. J R Mayne

- 1 Walter Hunt
  - 2 John G Gipson
  - 3 Thomas W Griffiths
  - 4 Geoffrey Pearson
  - 5 Ian K Bushell
  - 6 John P Lovells
  - 7 David C Brown
  - 8 Michael G Purday(C)
- 25th peal as conductor.

**ST. NEOTS, Cambs.**

S Mary Virgin

Sat Jun 3 1995 3h13 (29)

**5040 Yorkshire S. Royal**

Comp. J Clatworthy

- 1 Mary E Hall
  - 2 Catherine E Griffiths
  - 3 Elizabeth M Griffiths
  - 4 D Graham Hall
  - 5 Wendy Piercy
  - 6 Timothy W Griffiths
  - 7 David Gill
  - 8 Phillip S George
  - 9 George E Bonham(C)
  - 10 Thomas W Griffiths
- The youngest person (aged 17) to have rung a peal on this bell: 10. To welcome Fr Roger Arguile who was licensed as Priest-in-Charge of this Parish the previous day.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD,**

Herts, S Michael

Sat Jun 10 1995 3h10 (17)

**5039 Grandshire S. Major**

Comp. Mostly A M Tyler's

- 1 Alan M Barber(C)
- 2 Catherine E Griffiths
- 3 David J Hawkins
- 4 Jack S Dear
- 5 Adam S Greenley
- 6 Wendy Piercy
- 7 Maurice A Collings
- 8 Francis P G Flack
- 9 Timothy W Griffiths
- 10 Richard F Prime

**TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.**

SS Mary &amp; Michael

Mon Jun 12 1995 2h48 (10)

**5120 Brereton S. Major**

Comp. D W Beard

- 1 John R Mayne(C)
- 2 Dorothea M Robotham
- 3 Andrew J W Tibbetts
- 4 Walter Hunt
- 5 Frank C Price
- 6 Ian W Davies
- 7 Richard J W Tibbetts
- 8 Murray A Coleman

First peal in the method by all the band and for the Association.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL D.A.**

BARROW GURNEY, Avon

SS Mary &amp; Edward

Wed Jun 7 1995 2h35 (12)

**5152 Rhinestone S. Major**

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Simon L Ward
- 2 Joseph St J Beaumont
- 3 Jenny M A Astridge
- 4 Robert E Beck
- 5 Ian P Hill
- 6 Brian P Diserens
- 7 Anthony J Cox(C)
- 8 Adrian P Beck

First peal in the method.  
Rhinestone S. Major:

d -36-456-5-36-4-25-4-7

**BURY ST. EDMUNDS,**

Suffolk, S James' Cathedral

The Norman Tower

Sat Jun 10 1995 3h35 (27)

**5040 Verulamium S. Royal**

Comp. K W Scudamore

- 1 Dorothea M Robotham
- 2 Anita D Sherriff
- 3 Patricia D Taeuber
- 4 Andrew J Palk
- 5 Pauline Champion
- 6 Robert W Sherriff
- 7 Anthony R Peake(C)
- 8 Ian J Carey
- 9 Maurice A New
- 10 John R Mayne

First in the method by all and for the Assn. A wedding anniversary compliment to Cynthia & Graham Howell.

**BRISTOL, Avon, S Stephen**

Sun Jun 11 1995 3h25 (19)

**5280 Newgate S. Maximus**

Comp. (not given)

- 1 Rebecca J Cox
  - 2 Jenny M A Astridge
  - 3 Stephen J Bateman
  - 4 James R Taylor
  - 5 Jennifer M Taylor
  - 6 Graham L Sparey
  - 7 Joseph St J Beaumont
  - 8 Charles H P Pipe-Wolferstan
  - 9 Derek J Carr
  - 10 Robert E Beck
  - 11 Anthony J Cox(C)
  - 12 Adrian P Beck
- Circled the tower: 4.

**GUILDFORD D.G.****GUILDFORD, Surrey**

Cathedral

Sun May 21 1995 3h29 (30)

**5042 Yorkshire S. Maximus**

Arr. R H Burton

- 1 Martin J Turner
- 2 Glenn J Poyntz
- 3 Margaret A Romano
- 4 Linda Armitage
- 5 P Quentin Armitage
- 6 Anne M Anthony
- 7 William A M Barter
- 8 Richard H Burton
- 9 Graham L Nayler
- 10 Peter J Munday
- 11 Timothy J Wellen
- 12 David J Tubbs

A wedding compliment to Sarah Tubbs, daughter of David & Carolyn, and Colin Woolgar, married in Guildford Cathedral on 20/5/95.

**HERTFORD C.A.**

HARPENDEN, Herts.

S Nicholas

Sat Jun 10 1995 2h51 (15)

**5040 Stedman Triples**

Comp. I J B Lates (1850)

- 1 Eric Edmondson
- 2 Richard J W Tibbetts
- 3 Bernard H Taylor(C)
- 4 Sheila Edmondson
- 5 Charles F Pocock
- 6 Claire F Edwards
- 7 Alan R Patterson
- 8 John K Harper

ILFORD, Essex, S Mary  
Sun Jun 11 1995 2h48 (7)

**5152 Spliced S. Major**

(23m: 224 each Yorkshire, Uxbridge, Cornwall, Double Dublin, Bristol, Whalley, Watford, London, Tavistock, Glasgow, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lindum, Superlative, Wembley, Rutland, Jersey, Preston, Ipswich, Cray, Ashted, Lincolnshire, Pudsey: 160 com.atw.)

Comp. N Smith

- 1 Roger Durrant
  - 2 Bjorn E Bradstock
  - 3 Richard Sales
  - 4 Nich R Wilson
  - 5 Ian J Bushell
  - 6 Antony J Crowther
  - 7 Adrian C Malton
  - 8 Colin G Newman(C)
- Most spliced Surprise major: 6.

**KENT C.A.****MAIDSTONE, Kent**

S Michael &amp; All Angels

Tue May 23 1995 2h25 (6)

**5024 Spliced S. Major**

(4m: 1280 each London, Cambridge, Superlative; 1184 Bristol: 110 com.atw.)

Comp. A J Pitman

- 1 Thomas M Barlow
- 2 Catherine N Merlane
- 3 Vanessa J Martin
- 4 Thomas Cullingworth
- 5 Rev David W Grimwood
- 6 Philip H Larter
- 7 John B Keeler(C)
- 8 Fr David A Gibbons

**LEEDS, Kent, S Nicholas**

Tue May 30 1995 3h (17)

**5040 Tong S. Royal**

Comp. J A Ainsworth

- 1 Thomas Cullingworth
  - 2 Michael A Birkbeck
  - 3 Catherine N Merlane
  - 4 Vanessa J Martin
  - 5 Rev David W Grimwood
  - 6 John B Keeler(C)
  - 7 J Alan Ainsworth
  - 8 Peter F Windley
  - 9 Thomas M Barlow
  - 10 Mark P Gilham
- First peal in the method.  
Tong S. Royal:  
-5-6-7-38-2-4-5-4-36-7-6-58-9  
le.12

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MAIDSTONE, Kent  
All Saints  
Tue Jun 6 1995 3h14 (32)  
**5080 Spliced S. Royal**  
(6m: 920 Cambridge, 880 Bristol, 840 each London, Superlative No. 2; 800 each Rutland, Yorkshire: 117 com.atw.)  
Comp. R C Kippin  
1 Thomas Cullingworth  
2 David J Dearnley  
3 Catherine N Merlane  
4 Vanessa J Martin  
5 Michael A Birkbeck  
6 John B Keeler(C)  
7 Philip H Larter  
8 J Alan Ainsworth  
9 Mark P Gilham  
10 Thomas M Barlow  
In thanksgiving for the life and witness of Dennis G Newman, Priest, who died on 26/5/95.

## LANCASHIRE ASSN.

ST.HELENS, Lancs, S Helen  
Sat May 20 1995 2h52 (22)  
**5039 Grandsire Caters**  
Comp. T Hooley  
1 Lindsay F Smith  
2 Frank N G Anderton  
3 Jean Barnes  
4 Keith M Taylor  
5 Raymond J Clayton  
6 Jeffery P Cooper  
7 James E Andrews(C)  
8 Keith E Forrester  
9 Barry Hale  
10 Geoffrey H Smith  
First of caters: 8. For the wedding of Lisa Marie Ashcroft & Matthew Perry.

HEYWOOD, Lancs, S Luke  
Wed May 31 1995 3h13 (22)  
**5056 Alvington S. Major**  
Comp. J Brannan  
1 Joseph Thornley  
2 Geoffrey Fothergill  
3 Cyril Crossthwaite  
4 John P Partington  
5 Walter E Wilinson  
6 Peter G Bellamy-Knights  
7 Paul McNutt  
8 Jeffrey Brannan(C)  
In memory of Godfrey Partington, formerly of this church, and brother of the 4th ringer. He moved to Alvington, Glos., 20 years ago and was involved in the restoration of their bells. First peal in the method. Alvington S. Major: jx -56-4-56-3-4-4-5-4-236-7 le.18

MIDDLETON, Lancs.  
S Leonard  
Fri Jun 9 1995 2h44 (11)  
**5152 Actinouranium S. Major**  
Comp. A J Cox  
1 Joseph Thornley  
2 John P Partington  
3 Gail L Randall  
4 Peter C Randall(C)  
5 Geoffrey E Waite  
6 Geoffrey Fothergill  
7 Andrew J Webster  
8 Peter G Bellamy-Knights  
With best wishes to John Wilkinson & Anne Maria Schnitter, to be married in Zurich on 10/6/95.

HEPTONSTALL, W Yorks.  
S Thomas  
Sat Jun 10 1995 2h58 (18)  
**5152 Glasgow S. Major**  
Comp. A J Cox  
1 J Colin Ashworth  
2 Pauline Campling  
3 Connie A Rayner  
4 Neil J Murray  
5 Jeffrey Kershaw  
6 C James Hustler  
7 Paul Male  
8 George H Campling(C)  
First peal of Glasgow: 4 & 6. For the Heptonstall Village Festival.

WALKDEN, Lancs, S Paul  
Sat Jun 10 1995 2h57 (18)  
**5040 Grandsire Triples**  
Comp. J J Parker's 12-part  
1 David R Forsythe  
2 F Jane Dey  
3 Lindsay F Smith  
4 Jean Barnes  
5 Joseph Thornley  
6 John Ashcroft  
7 James E Andrews(C)  
8 Geoffrey H Smith  
First odd-bell peal and in the method: 2. In celebration of the life of John T Parsons, past Treasurer of the Assn., who died the previous day.

MANCHESTER,  
Gtr Manchester, Cathedral  
Sat Jun 10 1995 3h13 (28)  
**5080 Strangeways S. Royal**  
Comp. P J Sanderson  
1 Jeffrey Brannan  
2 Gail L Randall  
3 D Robert Pettifor  
4 John Cornock  
5 Michael H Tompsett  
6 Peter C Randall(C)  
7 Richard J Parker  
8 George H Campling  
9 Richard S Starkie  
10 Jeffrey P Ladd  
First peal in the method. Strangeways S. Royal: -78-4-78-7-38-4-78-45-2.34.5.4-4.9 le.10

## LEICESTER D.G.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.  
Bellfoundry  
Wed May 31 1995 2h26 (6)  
**5040 Hermitagebrook S. Royal**  
Comp. G Lindoff  
1 Brian G Warwick(C)  
2 Elizabeth A Betts  
3 Winifred M Warwick  
4 Gail L Wade  
5 Timothy Wylie  
6 Roland W Morant  
7 David Kingman  
8 Brian E Mozley  
9 Philip J H Hudson  
10 George Pluckrose  
Completes the Surprise royal alphabet: 2. First peal in the method. Hermitagebrook S. Royal: -3-45-56-36-4-3-6-347-58-9 le.12 1573 fce (in) cps (out) B E c d

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.  
Bellfoundry  
Mon Jun 5 1995 2h22 (6)  
**5040 Spliced S. Royal**  
(3m: 1680 each Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire: 42 com.atw.)  
Comp. M Maughan  
1 Brian G Warwick(C)  
2 Elizabeth A Betts  
3 Rosemary R A Ross  
4 Winifred M Warwick  
5 Rev Reginald J Stretton  
6 Burley P Morris  
7 Brian S Chapman  
8 G Barry Brown  
9 Philip J H Hudson  
10 Canon Frederick Ross

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.  
Bellfoundry  
Wed Jun 7 1995 2h23 (6)  
**5040 Notrub S. Royal**  
Comp. C J Sedgley  
1 Brian G Warwick(C)  
2 Elizabeth A Betts  
3 Winifred M Warwick  
4 Ian R Robinson  
5 Timothy Wylie  
6 Roland W Morant  
7 Gail L Wade  
8 Brian E Mozley  
9 Philip J H Hudson  
10 David Kingman  
First peal in the method. Notrub S. Royal: -3-4-5-6-7-8-4-5-36.278.9 le.10 1352 fce (in) cps (out) B a1 c

KIRBY MALLORY, Leics.  
All Saints  
Thu Jun 8 1995 2h34 (7)  
**5040 Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each S Clements B, Beverley S, Surfleet S, Kent T B, Oxford T B, Cambridge S, Plain B.)  
1 Elizabeth A Betts  
2 Philip J H Hudson  
3 Brian S Chapman  
4 Burley P Morris  
5 Rev Reginald J Stretton  
6 Brian G Warwick(C)

## LICHFIELD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

RYTON, Salop, S Andrew  
Thu May 25 1995 2h32 (4)  
**5040 Plain Bob Minor**  
(7 different extents)  
1 John P Williams  
2 Andrew W Gordon(C)  
3 Christopher Spencer  
4 Rachel D Carter  
5 Zoe A P Rook  
6 Andrew C Ogden  
First attempt, aged 14: 3. A get-well compliment to Reg Pooter (ms unclear).

KINVER, Staffs, S Peter  
Sat Jun 3 1995 2h57 (14)  
**5040 Grandsire Triples**  
Comp. Parker's 12-part  
1 Fr John C Greatbatch  
2 Rachel D Carter  
3 David Bateman  
4 Matthew Laurence  
5 Andrew C Ogden  
6 Richard J Hartnell  
7 Andrew W Gordon(C)  
8 John Williams

KINGSBURY, Warks.  
SS Peter & Paul  
Tue Jun 6 1995 2h50 (17)  
**5088 Yorkshire S. Major**  
Comp. N J Pitstow  
1 Amanda E Chaddock  
2 Jacqui T Bates  
3 Leslie Brown  
4 Andrew E Else  
5 Matthew Lawrence  
6 Maurice Edwards  
7 Andrew C Ogden(C)  
8 Andrew W Gordon  
First peal as conductor. First blows in the method: 2.

RYTON, Salop, S Andrew  
Thu Jun 8 1995 2h22 (4)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(8m: (1) London, Wells (2) Beverley, Surfleet (3) Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne (4) Norwich (5) Ipswich, Cambridge (6,7) Cambridge)  
1 John P Williams  
2 Zoe A P Rook  
3 Paul J Lewis  
4 Andrew C Ogden  
5 Gail K Baggott  
6 Andrew W Gordon(C)  
150th and circled the tower: 5. Most Surprise minor methods: 3. 25th peal on the six bells.

## LINCOLN D.G.

BASSINGHAM, Lincs.  
S Michael  
Wed May 17 1995 2h38 (10)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each York, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne, Norwich)  
1 Barbara Clipsham  
2 Geoffrey Pepper  
3 Michael J Smith  
4 Robert Sutton  
5 Judith J Williamson(C)  
6 Geoffrey R Parker

WRAGBY, Lincs, All Saints  
Mon Jun 5 1995 2h37 (8)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(10m: (1) Cunicastre (2) Coldstream (3) Allendale (4) Netherseale (5) York, Durham (6) Beverley, Cambridge, Surfleet (7) Norwich)  
1 Geoffrey R Parker  
2 Ruth Richardson  
3 John F Underwood  
4 Martin F Mitchell  
5 Paul F Curtis  
6 Christopher P Turner(C)

TIMBERLAND, Lincs.  
S Andrew  
Sat Jun 10 1995 2h51 (13)  
**5040 Minor**  
(5m: (1) Oxford T B (2) Kent T B (3,4) Cambridge S (5) S Clements B (6,7) Plain B.)  
1 Michael J Smith(C)  
2 Judith J Williamson  
3 Peter A Limage  
4 Philip H Reynolds  
5 Donald F Hare  
6 Keith N Buckingham  
An 80th birthday compliment to Edna Bennett on 8/6/95, a loyal member of the Horncastle ringers.

## LLANDAFF &amp; MONMOUTH D.A.

NASH, Gwent, S Mary  
Sat Jun 3 1995 2h33 (8)  
**5040 Grandsire Doubles**  
(Comprising 1xMorris's 240, 4x10 extents - all 10 callings)  
1 Matthew S Turner(C)  
2 Barbara A Jones  
3 Monica Williams  
4 Sheila Denison  
5 Christopher D V Jones  
6 Canon Keith Denison  
To celebrate the marriage of Clare Denison to Robert Pruden on 29/5/95. First peal of doubles: 2. First in the method as conductor. £3

MARSHFIELD, Gwent  
S Mary Virgin  
Tue Jun 13 1995 2h41 (10)  
**5024 Bristol S. Major**  
Comp. S J Ivin  
1 Philip M Saunders  
2 Neil J Sheard  
3 Andrew C John  
4 William E Thompsett  
5 Peter S Bennett(C)  
6 Jonathan W Lewis  
7 Tudor P Edwards  
8 Alwyn R Lewis

PENHOW, Gwent  
S John Baptist  
Tue Jun 13 1995 2h24 (5)  
**5040 Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each Lightfoot S, Oxford T B, Cambridge S, Kent T B, Double Oxford B, Plain B, S Clements B.)  
1 Christopher D V Jones  
2 Catherine A Hayman  
3 Alwyn R Lewis  
4 Peter S Bennett(C)  
5 Andrew C John  
6 Tudor P Edwards £1

## LONDON C.A.

ISLEWORTH, Middx.  
All Saints  
Thu May 25 1995 2h52 (16)  
**5003 Grandsire Caters**  
Comp. J Pladdys  
1 David J Dearnley  
2 Michael J Palmer  
3 Alan Regin  
4 Stephen S Russ  
5 David C Brown  
6 Stephen A Wheeler(C)  
7 Stephen A Coaker  
8 Ian G Campbell  
9 Harold W Rogers  
10 Peter N Felton  
On Ascension Day, as a thanksgiving for victory in Europe 50 years ago. Also as a thanksgiving for the life of Jeanne Felton, wife and mother of Isleworth bell-ringers. Olive Rogers, who was ringing here 50 years ago and often rang with the Felton family, would like to be associated with this peal.

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**STREATHAM, London SW16**  
S Leonard

Sat Jun 10 1995 2h53 (13)  
**5024 Stockport S.Major**  
 Comp. M Hodgson  
 1 Stephanie J Pattenden  
 2 Lucinda J C Reeve  
 3 Simon J Gay  
 4 Juliet R Lawrence  
 5 David Holdridge  
 6 Edward G Mould  
 7 James W Belshaw(C)  
 8 Howard E J Smith

**N.STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.****BROUGHTON, Staffs.**  
S Peter

Fri Jun 9 1995 2h50 (15)  
**5088 Cassiobury S.Major**  
 Comp. H G Cashmore  
 1 Philip W Gay  
 2 Geoffrey A Edwards  
 3 David J Baskerville  
 4 Jeffrey G Pearson  
 5 Margaret Jones  
 6 Brian L Burrows  
 7 Selwyn G Jones(C)  
 8 Michael Wilshaw  
 A 21st birthday compliment  
 to David Baskerville.

**ECCLESHELL, Staffs.**

Holy Trinity  
 Sat Jun 10 1995 2h51 (10)  
**5152 Osbourneby S.Major**  
 (27 course block reduced)  
 1 Elizabeth C Day  
 2 Timothy M Davis  
 3 Margaret Jones  
 4 Jennifer M Beech  
 5 Geoffrey A Edwards  
 6 John R Scott  
 7 Selwyn G Jones(C)  
 8 David J Baskerville  
 First in the method for all  
 and for the Assn..

**NORWICH D.A.****GT.YARMOUTH, Norfolk**

S Nicholas  
 Sat May 20 1995 2h29 (9)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
 (2m: (1-3) London  
 (4-7) Cambridge)  
 1 E Sybil M McLean  
 2 David R McLean  
 3 Michael J Stokes  
 4 Philip Down  
 5 Jeremy W Warren  
 6 Jeremy W Spiller(C)  
 For the wedding of Carolyn  
 Mercer & David Storer in  
 this church later this day.

**BUXTON, Norfolk, S Andrew**

Wed May 24 1995 2h32 (13)  
**5040 Spliced S.Minor**  
 (33m: (1,2) 1440 Carlisle 11,  
 Carlisle, Chester, Munden,  
 Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth,  
 Canterbury, Northumberland,  
 Whitley, Wooler, Sandiacre (3)  
 Allendale, Fryerning, West-  
 minster, Norwich, King  
 Edward, Queen Mary (4)  
 Lightfoot, Wearmouth (5)  
 Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick,  
 Hexham, Durham, York (6)  
 London, Wells (7) Cambridge,  
 Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk,  
 Bourne, Hull)  
 1 Shirley M Drew  
 2 Jeremy W Warren  
 3 Paul Cattermole  
 4 David R McLean  
 5 David Kingman  
 6 Jeremy W Spiller(C)  
 Most methods- 5.

**OXFORD D.G.****WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS,**

Leics, S Mary  
 Thu May 25 1995 2h25 (6)  
**5040 Doubles**  
 (23m: 1 extent each  
 Twineham, Bampton, Fifield,  
 St Ouen; 2 extents each New,  
 Huntspill, St Vedast,  
 Blaisdon, Plain, St Simons,  
 St Martins, St Osmund,  
 Eynesbury, St Nicholas,  
 Winchendon, St Remigius,  
 Huntley, Reverse Canterbury,  
 Shipways, Westminster,  
 Blackburn, St Hilary, Dragon)  
 1 Sally A Mason  
 2 Colin M Turner  
 3 Andrew M Farmer  
 4 Robert J Crocker  
 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
 For Ascension Day.

**ROMANSLEIGH, Devon**

S Rumon  
 Mon May 29 1995 2h40 (10)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
 (7m: 1 extent each Beverley,  
 Norfolk, Annable's London,  
 Norwich, Bourne, Ipswich,  
 Cambridge)  
 1 D John Knight  
 2 Mervyn C Way  
 3 Nicola J Crichton  
 4 Martin J Turner  
 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
 6 Colin M Turner

**CHAWLEIGH, Devon**  
S James

Mon May 29 1995 2h50 (16)  
**5040 Cambridge S.Minor**  
 (Comprising: 3x720,  
 1x2880)  
 1 D John Knight  
 2 Mervyn C Way  
 3 Nicola J Crichton  
 4 Martin J Turner  
 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
 6 Colin M Turner

**SWITHLAND, Leics.**

S Leonard  
 Sun Jun 4 1995 2h44 (12)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
 (45m: (1-5) Carlisle, Chester,  
 Munden, Northumberland,  
 Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler,  
 Canterbury, Morpeth,  
 Alnwick, Newcastle, Lincoln,  
 Coldstream, Redbourne,  
 London, Wells, Kelso,  
 Cunecastre, Cambridge,  
 Ipswich, Bourne, Primrose,  
 Norfolk, Hull, Beverley,  
 Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham,  
 York, Durham, Norwich,  
 Bacup, Rossendale,  
 Stamford, Bamfborough,  
 Netherseale, Wearmouth,  
 Lightfoot, Westminster,  
 Allendale, Fryerning (6)  
 Netherseale, Annable's  
 London, King Edward,  
 Queen Mary (7) Warkworth)  
 1 Ruth Richardson  
 2 Sally A Mason  
 3 Andrew M Farmer  
 4 Paul F Curtis  
 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
 6 Colin M Turner  
 1,500th peal: 2.

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**WELLOW, Avon, S Julian**  
Sat Jun 3 1995 3h13 (21)

**5040 Surprise Minor**  
 (7m: 1 extent each London,  
 Beverley, Durham, Norwich,  
 Annable's London, Ipswich,  
 Cambridge)  
 1 Mervyn C Way  
 2 Michael J Stone  
 3 Brian V Mountjoy  
 4 Andrew M Farmer  
 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
 6 Colin M Turner

**ALVESCOT, Oxon, S Peter**

Wed Jun 7 1995 2h22 (9)  
**5040 Spliced S.Minor**  
 (26m: (1) Carlisle,  
 Northumberland, Whitley (2)  
 Chester, Munden, Alnwick,  
 Newcastle (3) Lincoln,  
 Coldstream (4) London,  
 Wells, Cunecastre (5)  
 Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne,  
 Primrose, Norfolk, Hull (6)  
 Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick,  
 Hexham, York, Durham (7)  
 Westminster, Allendale)  
 1 Andrew L Utting  
 2 Brian Bladon  
 3 Richard L Thumwood  
 4 Colin M Turner  
 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
 6 Bernard F L Groves  
 Most minor methods: 3.

**DITCHEAT, Som.**

S Mary Magdalene  
 Sat Jun 10 1995 3h3 (24)  
**5024 Bristol S.Major**  
 Comp. S J Ivlin  
 1 J Alan Ainsworth(C)  
 2 Richard J W Tibbetts  
 3 Diana J Handley  
 4 Maurice F Edwards  
 5 Lawrence J Haines  
 6 Claire F Edwards  
 7 Michael Maughan  
 8 Richard C Stevens

**EAST ILSLEY, Berks, S Mary**

Thu Jun 22 1995 2h44 (9)  
**5056 Joliotium S.Major**  
 Comp. A J Cox  
 1 Bernard J Stone  
 2 Peter Bridle  
 3 Brian Bladon  
 4 Colin M Turner  
 5 Peter Border  
 6 Anthony R Peake  
 7 Claire F Edwards  
 8 Timothy G Pett (C)

**PETERBOROUGH D.G.****SADDINGTON, Leics.**

S Helen  
 Thu May 25 1995 2h25 (8)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
 (28m: (1) Canterbury,  
 Morpeth (2) Lightfoot,  
 Wearmouth, Netherseale,  
 Rossendale, Stamford,  
 Annable's London (3)  
 London, Wells, Cunecastre  
 (4) Alnwick, Newcastle,  
 Chester, Munden (5)  
 Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne,  
 Hull, Norfolk, Primrose (6)  
 Beverley, Surfleet, York,  
 Durham, Berwick, Hexham  
 (7) Norwich)  
 1 Garry W Mason  
 2 Sally A Mason  
 3 Andrew M Farmer  
 4 Robert J Crocker  
 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
 6 Colin M Turner  
 On Ascension Day.

**HARDINGSTONE, Northants**  
S Edmund

Wed May 17 1995 2h50 (12)  
**5040 Doubles**  
 (63m: (1) Maltby, Chevasse  
 (2) Callender, Montgomery-  
 shire (3) Twineham,  
 Londonthorpe, Bedfont (4)  
 Bampton, Casthorpe,  
 Boveney (5) Fifield,  
 Manthorpe, Eton (6) St Ouen,  
 Nunthorpe (7) Westminster,  
 Knapton, Chesham (8)  
 Blackburn, Lyng, Broughton  
 (9) St Hilary, Intwood,  
 Ockham (10) Dragon,  
 Strelley (11) New, Fornsett,  
 Itchingfield (12) Huntspill,  
 Ellingham, Oakley (13) St  
 Vedast, Bedingham,  
 Chipstead (14) Blaisdon,  
 Screveton (15) St Nicholas,  
 Longford, Fundenhall (16)  
 Winchendon, Haddiscoe,  
 Thornborough (17) St  
 Remigius, Harpley,  
 Hascombe (18) Huntley,  
 Ossington (19) St Simons,  
 Braywood, Rugby (20) St  
 Martins, Welford, Slapton  
 (21) St Osmund, Longworth,  
 Merton (22) Eynesbury,  
 Sutton-upon-Trent (23,24)  
 Grandsire (25-30) Shipways  
 (31-36) Reverse Canterbury  
 (37-42) Plain B.)  
 1 Michael D Fiander  
 2 Andrew M Farmer  
 3 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
 4 Robert J Crocker  
 5 Colin M Turner

For the re-opening of the  
 church following two and a  
 half years of restoration  
 work.

**BRINKLOW, Warks, S John**

Thu May 25 1995 2h30 (8)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
 (14m: (1) Carlisle (2) Durham,  
 Beverley (3) Norwich (4)  
 London, Wells (5) West-  
 minster, Allendale (6)  
 Berwick, Hexham, Primrose  
 (7) Cambridge, Ipswich,  
 Bourne)  
 1 Sally A Mason  
 2 M J Bill Blowfield  
 3 Andrew M Farmer  
 4 Robert J Crocker  
 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
 6 Colin M Turner  
 For Ascension Day.

**KING'S CLIFFE, Northants.**

All Saints  
 Wed May 31 1995 2h47 (12)  
**5040 Minor**  
 (20m: (1) Carlisle S,  
 Northumberland S (2)  
 Cunecastre S, London S (3)  
 Westminster S, Allendale S (4)  
 Plain B (5) Beverley S, Surfleet  
 S, Berwick S, Hexham S, York  
 S, Durham S (6) Cambridge S,  
 Ipswich S, Bourne S, Primrose  
 S, Norfolk S, Hull S, (7)  
 Norwich S.)  
 1 Michael D Fiander  
 2 Sally A Mason  
 3 M J Bill Blowfield  
 4 Robert J Crocker  
 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
 6 Colin M Turner

**RUSHDEN, Northants.**

S Mary  
 Sun Jun 11 1995 2h55 (18)  
**5120 Spliced S.Major**  
 (4m: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280  
 each Cambridge,  
 Lincolnshire; 1120 Rutland;  
 69 com.atw.)  
 Comp. P G K Davies  
 1 Matthew C Whitworth  
 2 Pam M Bailey  
 3 Brenda M Dixon  
 4 Alan J Marks  
 5 John E Skerritt  
 6 Bob Whitworth  
 7 Robert Dennis(C)  
 8 James M Bence  
 100th peal: 3. First peal of  
 spliced: 5. First 4-spliced: 6.  
 The annual Les Priestley  
 memorial peal.

**BENEFIELD, Northants.**

S Mary  
 Wed Jun 14 1995 2h30  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
 (15m: (1) Norwich (2)  
 London, Wells (3) Chester,  
 Munden (4) Beverley,  
 Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham,  
 Durham (5) Cambridge,  
 Ipswich, Bourne (6)  
 Westminster, Allendale (7)  
 Cambridge)  
 1 Michael D Fiander  
 2 Sally A Mason  
 3 M J Bill Blowfield  
 4 Andrew M Farmer  
 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)  
 6 Colin M Turner

**SOCIETY OF ROVING  
RINGERS****LITTLEHAM, Exmouth,**

Devon  
 SS Margaret & Andrew  
 Sat May 20 1995 2h40 (7)  
**5024 Bristol S.Major**  
 Comp. S J Ivlin  
 1 Simon M Alford(C)  
 2 Judith A Baldwin  
 3 Naomi C Lewis  
 4 Timothy P Bradley  
 5 Helen P Bradley  
 6 Rupert M Burgess  
 7 Neil E Deem  
 8 Christopher W Kipling  
 50th peal: 2  
 A wedding compliment to  
 two of the Society's  
 members, Celia M Acland &  
 Neil E Deem, on the day of  
 their marriage. £5

**ST.MARTIN'S GUILD,  
BIRMINGHAM****CITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

Cathedral of S Philip  
 Thu May 18 1995 3h14 (31)  
**5080 Maypole A.Maximus**  
 Comp. R W Pipe  
 1 Cecilia E C Lansberry  
 2 Roderick W Pipe(C)  
 3 David G Hull  
 4 Stephen J Mills  
 5 Paul E Bibilo  
 6 Paul Needham  
 7 John Harrold  
 8 Robert Havard  
 9 David J Pipe  
 10 Stuart C W Hutchieson  
 11 Michael P A Wilby  
 12 Frederick Shallcross  
 300th peal for the Guild and  
 250th on 12: 3.

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**S. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SOCIETY**

WEST HUNSBURY, Northants, S Benedict  
Sat May 20 1995 2h14 (3)  
**5040 Plain Minor**  
(7m: Plain Bob, Double Bob, S Clements, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Single Oxford)  
1 Barry E Saunders  
2 R Owen Battye (C)  
3 John M Thurman  
4 Jennie Paul  
5 Richard Haseldine  
6 Graham C Paul  
Circled tower, believed to be the first person to do so: 4

GAYTON, Northants.  
S Mary  
Fri Jun 2 1995 2h55 (13)  
**5040 Minor**  
(9m: (1) Kentish (2) Berkeley (3) Edinburgh (4) Pembroke (5) Oswald (6) Barham (7) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet)  
1 Raymond A Vickers  
2 Jennie Paul  
3 Stanley M Ruddlesden  
4 Graham C Paul  
5 John M Thurman  
6 R Owen Battye (C)

STAVERTON, Northants.  
S Mary Virgin  
Fri Jun 9 1995 2h40 (11)  
**5040 Spliced Minor**  
(19m: (1) Carlisle, Chester, Munden (2) London, Wells (3) York, Durham (4) Oswald, Kentish, Edinburgh (5) Barham, Berkeley, Pembroke (6) Primrose, Berwick, Hexham (7) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet)  
1 Raymond A Vickers  
2 Jennie Paul  
3 Barry E Saunders  
4 Graham C Paul  
5 John M Thurman (C)  
6 R Owen Battye

**SOUTHWELL D.G.**

KINGS NORTON, Leics.  
S John Baptist  
Thu Jun 1 1995 3h3 (19)  
**5024 Bristol S.Major**  
Comp. M A Coleman  
1 Murray A Coleman  
2 John Cornock  
3 R Brian Mills  
4 Sally A Mason  
5 Maurice F Edwards  
6 Andrew D Higson  
7 Michael Maughan (C)  
8 R Kingsley Mason  
Through the good offices of Sally Mason, Murray Coleman has, at last, circled the tower. In memory of Denis Bromham, bellringer at Saddington, Leics., who died suddenly on 31/5/95. R.I.P.

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AULT HUCKNALL, Derbys.  
S John Baptist  
Sat Jun 3 1995 2h28 (7)  
**5088 London S.Major**  
Comp. R Baldwin  
1 Sally A Mason (C)  
2 Ruth Richardson  
3 Peter S Lacy  
4 John Cornock  
5 Richard C L Brown  
6 Maurice F Edwards  
7 Paul F Curtis  
8 R Kingsley Mason  
250th peal: 3.

DAYBROOK, Notts, S Paul  
Sun Jun 4 1995 2h47 (10)  
**5040 Plain Bob Triples**  
Comp. R I Allton  
1 Anna L Webb  
2 Nicola L Eves  
3 Elizabeth Beardsley  
4 Robin E H Woolley  
5 David J T Wilson  
6 David Stainsby  
7 Richard I Allton (C)  
8 Peter S Lacy  
First peal of Plain Bob triples by all except treble & 7th ringers. Specially arranged to mark the 80th birthday of Reuben Carlisle of Basford. Also to congratulate Steve & Christine Greedy on the birth of their son, Peter James on 20/5/95. £4

ELSTON, Notts, All Saints  
Mon Jun 12 1995 2h27 (9)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(29m: (1) Lincoln, Coldstream (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Netherseale, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London (3) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York, Durham (5) Carlisle, Munden, Chester (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Bourne, Hull (7) London, Wells, Cunecastle)  
1 Bryan Birkett  
2 Ruth Richardson  
3 David J T Wilson  
4 Peter S Lacy  
5 H Geoffrey Wells  
6 Paul F Curtis (C)  
100th peal together: 2 & 4.

**SUFFOLK GUILD**

WICKHAM SKEITH, Suffolk  
S Andrew  
Sun Jun 11 1995 2h32 (10)  
**5040 Kent T.B.Minor**  
(Comprising 2x2160 & 1x720)  
1 Carol A Hall  
2 Mary E Mitchell  
3 David F Webb  
4 Roger L K Whittell  
5 Julian Colman  
6 Winston S Girling (C)  
For Trinity Sunday. Rung during the Festival of Faith for Wickham Skeith Open Gardens Day, and to mark the completion of Just over 100 years since the bells were rehung. Also as a birthday compliment to Alan Munnings.

**SUSSEX C.A.**

HENFIELD, Sussex, S Peter  
Sat Jun 10 1995 2h59 (16)  
**5120 Spliced S.Major**  
(9m: 736 Rutland, 640 London, 608 each Bristol, Lincolnshire, Pudsey; 512 Yorkshire, 416 Glasgow: 123 com.atw.)  
Comp. G A C John  
1 Jennifer A Smith  
2 Ann Jenner  
3 Ann Smith  
4 Margaret E Oram  
5 Peter W Dickinson  
6 David D Smith  
7 Ian V J Smith  
8 Stanley Jenner (C)

**ST.THOMAS' SOCIETY**

CITY OF OXFORD  
S Thomas Martyr  
Mon Jun 5 1995 2h52 (11)  
**5040 Cambridge S.Royal**  
Comp. R O Hall  
1 Peter Border  
2 Charlotte Everett  
3 Dorothy G Barton  
4 Robin O Hall (C)  
5 Mark H Ainsworth  
6 Sonia C Tucker  
7 Timothy M Martin  
8 Andrew J Graham  
9 Bernard J Stone  
10 Clive Holloway  
First peal on ten bells: 3.

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.**

BROCKENHURST, Hants.  
S Nicholas  
Fri May 26 1995 2h37 (4)  
**5152 Hythe S.Major**  
(27 course block reduced)  
1 Stuart J Heath  
2 Dennis A Chapman  
3 David J Baverstock  
4 Emma J Southerington  
5 Stephen J Donovan  
6 Derek C Jackson  
7 Christine R Hill  
8 George E Evenden (C)  
First peal in the method.  
Hythe S.Major:  
-5-4-56-36-4-4-5-2-34-5 le.12

CRANBORNE, Dorset  
SS Mary & Bartholomew  
Sat Jun 3 1995 2h55 (17)  
**5088 Queen Adelaide S.Major**  
Comp. G E Evenden  
1 Stephen J Donovan  
2 Nicholas J Kimber  
3 Emma J Southerington  
4 Patricia D Tæuber  
5 Brian J Woodruffe  
6 David J Baverstock  
7 Steve Castle  
8 George E Evenden (C)  
First in the method by all.

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSN.**

HAGLEY, Worcs.  
S John Baptist  
Tue Jun 6 1995 2h38 (7)  
**5050 Rutland S.Major**  
Comp. P G K Davies  
1 Marie J Pennington  
2 Simon J T Wilmshurst  
3 Alan Roberts  
4 H T Keith Haslam  
5 Andrew N Stubbs  
6 John P Williams  
7 David A Chiswell  
8 Martin D Fellows (C)  
A wedding compliment to Jayne Foley & Stephen Brown, who are ringers at St.John's Church, Halesowen.

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**

BURLEY, Leeds, Yorks.  
S Matthias  
Sat Jun 3 1995 2h40 (8)  
**5152 Spliced S.Major**  
(15m: 448 each Cambridge, Edenbridge, Ipswich, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Sussex, Yorkshire; 224 each Bristol, Cricklewood, Fowlmere, Jersey, Lincolnshire, London, Ospringe: 147 com.atw.)  
Comp. J P Ladd  
1 Gordon J Yarnold  
2 Diana J Handley  
3 Geoffrey Fothergill  
4 Paul McNutt  
5 Chris Bostock  
6 Peter H Gardner  
7 Angela Beardow  
8 Jeffrey P Ladd (C)

NORTHALLERTON, N Yorks.  
All Saints  
Sat Jun 4 1995 3h1 (17)  
**5040 Bristol S.Royal**  
Comp. B T Bexhill  
1 Nina E Howard  
2 Jennifer Town  
3 David A Town  
4 John Limbach  
5 Wendy Winter  
6 Martin Davies  
7 Andrew J Slade  
8 Peter F Town  
9 C Barrie Dove (C)  
10 David I Smith

WETHERBY, W Yorks.  
S James  
Sat Jun 10 1995 2h41 (11)  
**5088 Yorkshire S.Major**  
Comp. S Humphrey  
1 Philip G Clark  
2 R Pauline Holland  
3 Robert D C Richards  
4 Julian Hollingshurst  
5 John S Leech  
6 Peter J Stretton  
7 H David Holland (C)  
8 Roger S Riley  
First peal of Surprise: 3 & 4.  
First peal of Yorkshire: 2 & 6.

ROTHERHAM, S Yorks.  
All Saints  
Mon Jun 12 1995 3h20 (34)  
**5088 Yorkshire S.Maximus**  
Comp. R LeMarechal  
1 Trevor C Ledger  
2 John Robinson  
3 Dinah M Rhymmer  
4 Simon J T Smith  
5 Chris Bostock  
6 Judith M Reading  
7 Simon P Hartley  
8 Ian Lloyd  
9 Michael J de C Henshaw  
10 Neil Donovan  
11 Roger S Riley  
12 Malcolm S Turner (C)

**HANDBELL PEALS****CHESTER D.G.**

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire  
28 Mardale Court  
Tue Jun 6 1995 2h14 (11)  
**5088 Kent T.B.Major**  
Comp. J Reeves  
1-2 William F Gibbons  
3-4 Michael C E Hodge  
5-6 David N Young  
7-8 Frank R Morton (C)

WILMSLOW, Cheshire  
9 Hawthorn Lane  
Tue Jun 13 1995 2h39 (15)  
**5040 Spliced S.Royal**  
(4m: 1320 Rutland, 1240 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire: 62 com.atw.)  
Comp. P C Randall  
1-2 Neil D Lomas  
3-4 Peter C Randall (C)  
5-6 J David Atkinson  
7-8 David W Friend  
9-10 John Cornock

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire  
28 Mardale Court  
Tue Jun 13 1995 2h15 (11)  
**5088 Oxford T.B.Major**  
Comp. J Reeves  
1-2 William F Gibbons  
3-4 Michael C E Hodge  
5-6 David N Young  
7-8 Frank R Morton (C)

**HEREFORD D.G.**

WORCESTER, Worcs.  
Chez Alex  
Thu Jun 8 1995 2h21 (15)  
**5088 London S.Major**  
Comp. J E Harrold  
Cond. F Shallcross  
1-2 Michael G Clements  
3-4 John E Harrold  
5-6 Alex F Byrne  
7-8 Frederick Shallcross  
An engagement compliment to David Hull & Alison Edmonds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**

OLDHAM, Lancs.  
2 Croadsdale Close, Royton  
Sun Jun 4 1995 2h15 (10)  
**5088 Kent T.B.Major**  
Comp. A J Corrigan  
1-2 Philip S Woods  
3-4 John Cornock  
5-6 Peter C Randall (C)  
7-8 Gail L Randall

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**MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.**

**KNIGHTSBRIDGE, Middx.**  
Imperial College  
(Huxley Building)  
Mon Jun 19 1995 2h23 (15)  
**5088 Oxford T B Major**  
Comp. A J Corrigan (CCC 31)  
1-2 Prudence Fay  
3-4 Stuart M Cox  
5-6 Simon J Gay  
7-8 Roger Bailey (C)  
First peal in hand: 1-2.

**KNIGHTSBRIDGE, Middx.**  
Imperial College  
(Huxley Building)  
Wed Jun 21 1995, 2h25 (15)  
**5058 Yorkshire S Major**  
Comp. W J Couperthwaite  
(Comp 500 p33)  
1-2 Prudence Fay  
3-4 Simon J Gay  
5-6 Michael J Trimm  
7-8 Roger Bailey (C)  
First peal of Surprise in hand: 1-2.

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**NORTH AMERICAN GUILD**

**CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts**  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Thu Jun 15 1995 2h54 (13)  
**5040 Kent Treble Bob Royal**  
Comp. D F Morrison  
1-2 Elaine M Hansen  
3-4 Cally D Perry  
5-6 Mary V Burke  
7-8 Donald F Morrison (C)  
9-10 Kenneth R Ballou

**SHARON, Massachusetts,**  
156 Massapoag Ave  
Fri Jun 16 1995 3h25 (14)  
**5184 Kent Treble Bob Maximus**  
Comp. R Bailey  
1-2 Cally D Perry  
3-4 Keith Ramsay  
5-6 Kenneth R Ballou  
7-8 Mary V Burke  
9-10 Elaine M Hansen  
11-12 Donald F Morrison (C)  
First on twelve: 3-4, 9-10.  
First on the new refurbished bells.  
A graduation compliment to Norma E Henderson on the award of her J.D.

**NORWICH D.A.**

**HINGHAM, Norfolk**  
6 Hallmoor Road  
Mon May 15 1995 2h7 (12)  
**5040 Spliced Major**  
(6m: 2376 Plain B, 896 S Clements B, 560 Double B, 252 Gainsborough, 336 Little B, 384 Reverse B: 42 com.)  
Comp. S H Wood  
Arr. J W Spiller  
1-2 Shirley M Drew  
3-4 Jeremy W Warren  
5-6 Jeremy W Spiller (C)  
7-8 Geoffrey R Drew

**SWARDESTON, Norfolk**  
31 Main Road  
Sun May 21 1995 2h3 (12)  
**5016 Spliced Major**  
(5m: 2016 Plain B, 672 Little B, 1152 Reverse B, 504 Gainsborough, 672 Double B: 53 com.)  
Comp. J W Spiller  
1-2 Shirley M Drew  
3-4 Jeremy Warren  
5-6 Jeremy W Spiller (C)  
7-8 Geoffrey R Drew

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**NORWICH, Norfolk**  
S George, Colegate  
Sat May 27 1995 2h8 (12)  
**5056 Plain Bob Major**  
Comp. H Poyner  
1-2 Shirley M Drew  
3-4 Jeremy W Warren  
5-6 Jeremy W Spiller (C)  
7-8 Geoffrey R Drew  
Sponsored in aid of St. George Colegate Roof Fund.

**NORWICH, Norfolk**  
S George, Colegate  
Sat May 27 1995 2h8 (12)  
**5056 Plain Bob Major**  
Comp. H Poyner  
1-2 Shirley M Drew  
3-4 Jeremy W Warren  
5-6 Jeremy W Spiller (C)  
7-8 Geoffrey R Drew  
Sponsored in aid of St. George Colegate Roof Fund.

**READING UNIVERSITY & DISTRICT HANDBELL SOC**

**READING, Berks**  
61 Amity Road  
Fri Jun 23 1995 1h54 (15)  
**5040 Plain Bob Major**  
1-2 Matthew D May  
3-4 Joe Norton  
5-6 Ian S G Blagrove (C)  
First peal: 1-2. First on an inside pair: 3-4.

**LATE PEALS****PETERBOROUGH D.G.**

**HIGHAM FERRERS,**  
Northants, S Mary Virgin  
Sun Jan 8 1995 3h9 (23)  
**5024 Bristol S. Major**  
Comp. W E Critchley  
1 Timothy Samson  
2 W Eric Critchley (C)  
3 Robin H Rogers  
4 Frank E Coales  
5 John E Skerritt  
6 Jeremy Piron  
7 Ian N Willgress  
8 James M Bence  
First in the method: 5.  
To celebrate 50 years of ringing by John E Skerritt. £2

**LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH D.A.**

**PONTYPRIDD, Mid Glam.**  
S Catherine  
Mon Feb 6 1995 2h34 (12)  
**5056 Plain Bob Major**  
Comp. J R Pritchard  
1 Peter S Bennett  
2 Barbara A Jones  
3 David J Llewellyn  
4 Anthony J Oldershaw  
5 Peter E R Brennan  
6 Jonathan W Lewis  
7 Tudor P Edwards  
8 Christopher D V Jones (C)  
First peal as conductor. £1

# Quarter Peals

**Street, Som.** 25 Apr, 1260 PB Triples: P Walter 1, W E Dunn 2, Anne Stenning 3, B Horrell 4, B G Williams 5, R Perry 6, J M Levin (C) 7, A V Edwards 8. £1

**Sutton-on-the-Hill, Derbys.** 28 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T Ridgman 1, D P Jones (C) 2, J A Cater 3, A Rowe 4, S Peers 5, C R Peck 6. For Flower Festival Songs of Praise. £1

**Swindon, Wilts (St Mark).** 25 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Williams 1, John Simpson 2, Natalie Williams 3, Hilary Blake 4, Mark Edwards (C) 5, Eric Sutton 6, Richard Thumwood 7, Simon Barnes 8. On St Mark's Day before a service to celebrate the 150th anniversary of this church. £1

**Tacolneston, Norfolk.** 27 Apr, 1440 Spliced S Minor (Carlisle 11): Alice Cattermole 1, Shirley Drew 2, Paul Cattermole 3, Jeremy Spiller (C) 4, David McLean 5, Jeremy Warren 6. 1st spliced minor on the bells. 60p

**Tonbridge, Kent.** 7 May, 1260 Doubles (Stedman & Grandsire): Sue Blade 1, Rachel Lewis 2, Jacqui Fletcher 3, Nicholas Avis 4, Timothy Lynch (C) 5, Hamilton Woods 6. For Confirmation Service. Also Golden Wedding compliment to Don and Selina McArthur. £1.20

**Ufford, Suffolk.** 15 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gill Waterson 1, Mary Garner 2, M Whitby 3, P Borris 4, R C Wilson (C) 5, I Mitchell 6, S Pettman 7, Ian Imrie 8. Prior to Confirmation Service by the Rt Revd John Dennis. £1.60

**Warsop, Notts.** 7 May, 1272 Oxford TB Minor: Richard Hind 1, Mandy Freeman 2, Frederick Flint 3, Brynley Richards 4, Colin Aled 5, Christopher Richards (C) 6, Nicholas Parkes (cover) 7. For Evensong. £1

**Whitechurch Canonorum, Dorset.** 8 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra Haines 1, Ivan Andrews 2, David Ellery 3, Robert Wellen 4, Raymond Haines (C) 5, Colin Haines 6, Gareth Evans 7, Eddie Hancock 8. £1

**Wigan, Gtr Man.** 22 May, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Celia Hughes-D'Aeth 1, S N Whittleton 2, Christine Hassard-Jones 3, Susan Meyer 4, B Hale 5, B J McCahey 6, S S Meyer (C) 7, L J Mitchell 8, P M Fleckney 9. £1

**Ware, Herts.** 21 May, 1260 PB Triples: Bernard Barnaby 1, David Iloft 2, Paul Lloyd 3, Nich Wilson (C) 4, Richard Wilsher 5, Ian Munro 6, Roy Hornby 7, Denis Wager 8. To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Confirmation of Michael Waller, Churchwarden at St Mary's. £2

**Winsham, Som.** 8 Apr, 1260 PB Triples: Yvonne Nichols 1, Sandra Haines 2, Colin Haines 3, Raymond Haines (C) 4, David Ellery 5, Gareth Evans 6, Ivan Andrews 7, Robert Wellen 8. £1

**Withyham, E Sussex.** 30 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Caroline Harris 1, Robert Harris 2, Linda Moores 3, Bryan Reeves 4, Philip Sadler 5, Keith Player 6, David Featherstone (C) 7, John Stevenson 8. Half-muffled to remember Terry Perrolls who learnt to ring at Withyham and who died recently at Wareham, Dorset. £2

**Wolverhampton, W Mids (St Peter's Collegiate Church).** 17 Apr, 1260 PB Triples: Anne-Marie Neenan (1st Triples) 1, Victor Clarke 2, Rachel Carter 3, David Jackson 4, Harry Griffiths 5, John Rollason 6, Paul Martin (C) 7, Arthur Elliot 8. The band dedicate this wedding tribute to Kathryn Huyton. £2

**Aberdare, Mid Glam.** 23 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): Rhian Elias 1, Patricia Spragg 2, Kathryn Williams 3, David Morgan 4, Douglas Davison (C) 5, Philip Evans 6. For the Confirmation of Susan Osborne by the Bishop of Llandaff. £1.20

**Allendale, Northumb.** 21 May, 1260 Doubles (7,6,8 cover): Daniel Ashman 1, Lynda McGregor 2, Adam Ashman 3, Diana Hydlemann 4, David Horne (C) 5, Ben Wood 6, Marjorie Milburn 7, Peter Wood 8. To wish our Tower Captain Bert Bradbury a rapid recovery. £2

**Ash, Som.** 2 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Patrick Tucker 1, Jan Sapiezynski 2, Patricia Tucker 3, John Hayter 4, Terry Thomas 5, Matthew Hillyard (C) 6. Also: on 9 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): Leonard Pearce 1, Matthew Hillyard 2, Terry Thomas 3, Jan Sapiezynski 4, Patrick Tucker (C) 5, Patricia Tucker 6. Also: on 20 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Leonard Pearce 1, Jan Sapiezynski 2, Terry Thomas 3, Patricia Tucker 4, Patrick Tucker (C) 5, Matthew Hillyard 6. £2

**Ashbourne, Derbys.** 25 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): Keith Woolley 1, Jackie Burns 2, Maurice Starkey 3, Revd. David Sansum 4, Andrew Burns (C) 5, Peter Marples 6. For Sung Eucharist on Ascension Day. £1.50

**Ashbrittle, Som.** 27 May, 1260 P B Minor: A F Lee 1, W E Dunn 2, Anne S Stenning 3, B G Williams 4, B G Williams 5, N A Williams 6, J M Levin (C) 7. 275th together; 1 and 3. Prior to the official opening. £1

**Benenden, Kent.** 27 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Davies 1, Frank Wenham 2, Peter Sims 3, Simon Sims 4, David Wilkinson 5, David Chesson 6, Nick Davies (C) 7, M Gwynne-Patrick 8. A compliment and congratulations to Kerry and John on this their wedding day, God bless them both and very best wishes from us all. 60p

**Benhall, Suffolk.** 26 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sharon J Bantoft 1, Roger Peters 2, Jane S Gibbons 3, Michael Peters 4, Michael Rolph (C) 5, Tim Whiting 6. 1st Q for over 20 years; 1. 1st Grandsire; 3. In memory of Mr David Hughes, father of the former Captain of the tower, who died yesterday. £2

**Bexley, Kent.** 25 May, 1260 P B Triples: Alan Hall 1, Margaret Bellinger 2, Peter Beresford 3, Colin Jeal 4, Philip Jarvis 5, Percy Hicks 6, Mary Andrews (C) 7, Derek Lamb 8. For Parish Communion on Ascension Day. 80p

**Bishopstone, Wilts.** 27 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Esme Weaver 1, Helen M Weaver 2, Carole Hurst 3, N A Weaver (C) 4, Kevin H Musty 5, D L Jones 6, M Hart 7, N Fisher 8. Also: on 27 May, 1260 P B Triples: C R James 1, Claire Adams (1st att. on 8) 2, Nicola E Pullan 3, R P Cox 4, R C Christopher 5, R C New 6, A G Pullan (C) 7, P Tilling 8. Both Q's were rung at the "Cathedral" on Bishopstone Independence Day, a fund raising event for the Church, School and Village Hall. £3.20

**Bradpole, Dorset.** 25 May, 1260 P B Minor: Timothy Andrews 1, Kenneth Abel 2, Raymond Haines (C) 3, Ivan Andrews 4, Gareth Evans 5, Bernard Gildersleve 6. Also: on 28 May, 1308 P B Minor: Ivan Andrews 1, Kenneth Abel 2, Raymond Haines (C) 3, Sandra Haines 4, Timothy Andrews 5, Gareth Evans 6. £2.40

**Brighton, E Sussex.** (S Peter). 21 May, 1260 Stedman Triples: D E House 1, L D Perkins (1st Stedman) 2, L J Etherington 3, C C House 4, P Nancarrow 5, R B Green 6, J E Hawes (C) 7, D Kirkcaldy 8. For Evensong. £1.60

**Bristol, Avon.** (S Michael). 28 May, 1274 York S Minor: Dave Spencer 1, Adam Jenkins 2, Nathan Jones 3, Adam Beaumont 4, Mick Priestley 5, Catherine Watson (C) 6. 1st in m; 2, 3, 4. £1.20



**Burgess Hill, W Sussex.** 26 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B Green 1, L D Perkins (1st Grandsire triples) 2, F Gilbert 3, T Holroyd (1st on 8) 4, L Perkins 5, J E Hawes 6, I V J Smith(C) 7, M E Huang 8. £1.60

**Burwood, NSW, Australia.** 12 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Penny Campbell 1, Kay Alonzo 2, Hannah Campbell 3, Pam Brock 4, Andrew Davies(C) 5, Michael Lorber 6. For Evensong. Also: on 9 Apr, 1260 P B Doubles: Penny Campbell 1, Hannah Campbell 2, Kay Alonzo 3, Walter Knight 4, Andrew Davies(C) 5, Michael Lorber 6. For Evensong on Palm Sunday and to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the National Trust, celebrated during Heritage Week, April 2-9. Also: on 14 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Adam Yardley 1, David Yardley (1st inside) 2, Hannah Campbell 3, Pam Brock 4, Andrew Davies(C) 5, Walter Knight 6. Before Evensong on Mother's Day.

**Cardiff, S Glam.** (S John). 14 May, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Alison Briggs 1, Caroline Lisk (1st in m) 2, Zoe Barker 3, Karen Williams 4, Katherine M A Wright 5, Matthew S Turner (C, and 150th Q) 6, Debbie J Barnes 7, Evan Chapman 8. 21st Birthday compliment to Suzanne Vines. 50p

**Cassington, Oxon.** 28 May, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles (8 callings): Gwyneth Adams 1, R Goodwin 2, G Adams(C) 3, R Jones 4, S Zvegintzov 5, R Hagger 6.

**Chipstable, Som.** 20 May, 1320 Morpeth S Minor: Anne S Stenning 1, Sally K Wheeler 2, M H Weighell 3, W E Dunn 4, J M Levin 5, A F Lee (1st in m as C) 6. 1st in m by all except 2 and 6. In memoriam Frank Branchflower, Cecil Clarke and Bob Somerfield - all passed away this week. £1

**Chiswick, Middx.** 8 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gill How 1, Jill M Hupman 2, M J Wigney(C) 3, Penny Bradsell 4, E J R Hartley 5, I C Church 6, Jennifer M Bunyan 7, M How 8. For the Feast of the Translation of St Nicholas. Also: on 29 May, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Jennifer M Bunyan 1, E J R Hartley 2, Jill M Hupman 3, Penny Bradsell 4, Maryanne Roach 5, N F Edwards 6, M J Wigney 7, S J F Mitchell(C) 8. To welcome Samuel Thomas Gosden born 24.5.95 and a birthday compliment to C. £3.20

**Clapham Common, London SW4.** (Holy Trinity). 30 May, 1440 Single Oxford B Minor: James Ingham 1, Stella Shell 2, David Beamish 3, Jane Kostelnik 4, Irene Rich 5, Francis Milner(C) 6. For the 1st birthday, on 31/5/95, of Amelia May Tudor Beamish, daughter of 3rd ringer. 1st blows in m; 3, 5. Circ. twr; 1. £1.20

**Clevedon, Som.** (S Andrew). 29 May, 1264 P B Major: J M England (1st major) 1, Margaret James 2, Ann England 3, Margaret Reed 4, Corinna England 5, M W Baker 6, J Brain 7, P J England(C) 8. £1.60

**Coddensham, Suffolk.** 23 Apr, 1280 Spl. S Major (NCYSR): Mary Garner 1, Gill Watson 2, R Coley 3, D Price 4, R Rapier 5, S Bedford 6, D Stanford 7, M Whitby(C) 8. £1

**Coggeshall, Essex.** 28 May, 1280 P B Major: Adrian Semken 1, Michael Bishop 2, Andrew Dickinson 3, Andrew Beckwith 4, Simon Ward 5, Alistair Donaldson 6, Andrew Taylor(C) 7, Michael Semken 8. £1.60

**Coleshill, Warwicks.** 28 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Anne Jackson 1, Hazel Whiskens 2, David Jackson (joint C) 3, Jane Gilbert 4, Nick Allsopp (joint C) 5, Eddie Connington 6. Evensong and to celebrate the birth of James William Flemming. £1.20

**Constantine, Cornwall.** 13 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Claire Sweetman 1, Alison Garrard 2, Ian Self 3, Dominic Beer 4, Adam Beer 5, Vanessa Climo-Thompson (1st as C) 6. 80p

**Cowley, Oxon.** 28 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Gwyneth Adams 1, G Adams 2, R Goodwin(C) 3, Mary Joseph (1st in 2m inside) 4, R Jones 5, S Davies 6.

**Cradley, W Mids.** (S Peter). (date not given), 1260 P B Doubles: Margaret Hensman 1, Barbara Bolter 2, Stuart Brydges 3, Michael Gordon 4, Colin Cooksey(C) 5, Harold White 6. In recognition of 40 years a ringer - Barbara Bolter (2nd). £1

**Crewkerne, Som.** 21 May, 1300 P B Doubles: Raymond Haines 1, John Coleshill 2, Mark Harris(C) 3, Derek Ballard 4, Graham Button 5, Irvin Johns 6. £1.20

**Cropwell Bishop, Notts.** 23 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Francis Taylor (1st on treble) 1, Liz Harrison 2, Margaret Left 3, David Left 4, John Rigby(C) 5, Fiona Walters 6. Also: on 23 May, 1260 P B Minor: Alex Taylor (1st on treble) 1, Liz Harrison 2, Richard Bates 3, Stephen Smith (1st minor inside) 4, Peter Hawcock 5, John Rigby(C) 6. Also: on 28 May, 1260 P B Minor: Joseph Archer (1st on treble) 1, Margaret Left 2, Janet Betton 3, David Left 4, Liz Harrison 5, Eric Jones(C) 6. £2.70

**Dalham, Suffolk.** 19 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sheila Price (1st away from cover) 1, Deborah Blumfield 2, Cherill Thompson 3, Jonathan Hardy 4, Adrian Blumfield(C) 5, John Hulyer 6. Also: on 26 May, 1260 Doubles (5m incl. Stedman): Benjamin Boss 1, Frank Price 2, Cherill Thompson 3, Jonathan Hardy 4, Adrian Blumfield(C) 5, John Hulyer 6.

**Desborough, Northants.** 28 May, 1280 Cambridge S Major: N M Toseland 1, A R Wignell 2, Elizabeth Betts 3, Susan Riley 4, E R Berryman 5, B Yeomans 6, M A Coleman(C) 7, D Kingman 8. Farewell to Revd. David Jackson, Curate, leaving for Eastham, Wirral. 80p

**Dunham Massey, Ches.** 29 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: R J Warrilow 1, Julia Davies 2, Elspeth J Stein 3, Cynthia Warrilow 4, P J Crossthwaite 5, K G Lee(C) 6, G Birks (cover) 7. £2

**Ealing, Middx.** (Christ the Saviour). 25 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Jan McHugh 1, Jo Langford 2, Janice Higgins 3, Mark Vincent 4, Michael Sprackling(C) 5, Edward Mould 6. For the Mass for Ascension Day. £1.50

**Embleton, Northumb.** 28 May, 1260 Doubles (3m incl. Stedman): Mark Phillipson 1, Deborah Bearder 2, Ros Markham 3, Sue Hanson 4, David Barraclough(C) 5, John Markham 6. For Deanery Evensong Service. £1.20

**Euston, Suffolk.** 24 May, 1280 Doubles (2m): Kay Nunn 1, Winifred Iivings 2, Christopher Nunn 3, Richard Stannard 4, Paul Stannard(C) 5, Henry Iivings 6. To welcome Barrie and Zoe Baker from Australia and a 77th birthday. £1

**Fallowfield, Manchester, Gtr. Man.** 29 May, 1260 P B Minor: Martyn Owen 1, Marjorie Taylor 2, Betty Ormrod 3, Jill Bartlett 4, Edward Gorton 5, Clive Smith(C) 6. A farewell compliment to the Curate, Gisela Raines, leaving to become Priest in Charge at S Christopher, Withington, Manchester. £3

**Fobbing, Essex.** 30 Apr, 1260 P Doubles (11m): Peter Craggs 1, Gordon Lucas 2, Clive Garraway 3, Dennis Stott 4, David Belcham (C, 1575th Q) 5. Also on 14 May, 1272 Double Canterbury Minimus: P Craggs 1, G Lucas(C) 2, C Garraway 3, D Stott 4. Also on 21 May, 1260 Doubles (11m): P Craggs 1, Richard Dunhill 2, C Garraway 3, D Stott 4, G Lucas(C) 5. Also on 28 May, 1296 T B Minimus (4m): Andrew Martin (1st T B minimus) 1, G Lucas(C) 2, R Dunhill (most T B) 3, D Stott 4. £3

**Frenchay, Bristol, Avon.** (S John Baptist). 11 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Didge Freke 1, Alan Freke 2, Nicholas Bowden (C, Grandsire) 3, Paul Grainger-Allen 4, David Cawley (C, P B) 5, Peter Hawkins 6. To celebrate the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of The Honary Curate of Frenchay Church, The Revd. Norman Spencer and his wife Grace. Also: on 30 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Rachel Osborne 1, Didge Freke 2, Chris Greef 3, Gill Greef 4, Bryan Hardwick 5, Richard Fox(C) 6. To celebrate the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Trish and Barry Haskins. £6

**Glasgow, Strathclyde.** 7 May, 1260 P B Minor: S Letters 1, J Kemp 2, H Preece 3, K Weston 4, J Tomkinson 5, B Ouzman(C) 6. For Evensong. Also: on 14 May, 1260 P B Royal: R Hancock 1, H Preece 2, R Webb 3, K Weston 4, B Ouzman 5, J Kemp 6, J Tomkinson 7, M Williams 8, M Wheel(C) 9, R Hancock 10. For Evensong. Also: on 23 May, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: K Weston 1, J Kemp 2, B Ouzman 3, L York 4, T Williams 5, S Taylor 6, M Wheel(C) 7, O Coldrick 8. Also: on 25 May, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: R Lay 1, K Weston 2, B Ouzman 3, M Williams 4, J Tomkinson 5, H Peterson 6, O Coldrick(C) 7, M Wheel 8. For Ascension Day. £6.40

**Great Totham, Essex.** 21 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Roger Clark 1, Nan Gibson 2, Bernard Taplin 3, David Barclay 4, Edwin Parsons(C) 5, Frank Delderfield 6. For Evensong. £1

**Gt. Amwell, Herts.** 26 May, 1296 Burslem D Minor: D Kemp (Sen.) 1, Heather A Lloyd 2, J M Kemp 3, R Hornby 4, D S Harris 5, S A Saunders(C) 6. £1

**Guildford, Surrey.** (Cathedral). (date not given), 1259 Grandsire Caters: Matthew Beadman (1st caters) 1, Linda Armitage 2, Vanessa Taylor 3, Susan Agg 4, Quentin Armitage 5, William Barter 6, David Beadman(C) 7, Mark Taylor 8, Graham Naylor 9, David Tubbs 10. To mark the Christening of Matthew Burton. £2

**Hailsham, Sussex.** 25 May, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Evelyn Evenden 1, Sandra Titherly 2, Roy Fuller (1st Stedman doubles) 3, Christopher Slade 4, Alan Baldock(C) 5, Godfrey Fitzhugh 6. For Ascension Day Evening Communion. Also: on 28 May, 1260 P B Minor: Evelyn M Evenden 1, Carolina M Bienfait 2, N J Goodship 3, C E Slade 4, S J Lamb 5, R J Wallis(C) 6. For Evensong, and a birthday compliment to Rachel Baldock. £1.60

**Harrogate, N Yorks.** (S Wilfrid). 17 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Kath M Day 1, Jean V Hopper 2, E Hannah Beck(C) 3, Penny M Bell 4, Susan E Laycock 5, Pam Shaftoe 6. Half-muffled to celebrate the life of Peter Day, a ringer at S Wilfrid's. £1.20

**Havant, Hants.** 25 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: William Skilleter 1, Barbara Skilleter 2, Graham Brown 3, William Harris 4, James Ingham(C) 5, John Holliss 6. By members of the Royal Naval Guild in memory of the men and HMS Coventry lost on 25/5/82. £1.50

**Hawkrigge, Som.** 29 May, 1260 P B Minor: A F Lee(C) 1, Anne S Stenning 2, W E Dunn 3, Sue Green 4, J A S Green 5, J M Levin 6. £1

**Heswall, Mers.** 25 Apr, 1260 P B Triples: Gillian Devall 1, E T Carvell 2, Susan Costello 3, S Hughes 4, P Newton 5, G E Price 6, J S T Willasey(C) 7, C Brown 8. A birthday compliment to Ralph G Edwards, whose 81st birthday was on this day, from his Wirral friends. Also: on 2 May, 1320 Minor (St Clements C B and C): Gillian Devall 1, C B Pemberton 2, S Hughes 3, E T Carvell 4, P M S Newton 5, J S T Willasey(C) 6. Also: on 9 May, 1250 Rutland S Major: Valerie M Beechroft 1, Susan Costello 2, E T Carvell 3, S Hughes 4, G E Price 5, Margaret K S Allin 6, P M S Newton 7, J S T Willasey(C) 8. £4.40

**Hill Farrance, Som.** 30 May, 1260 Scrumpy Doubles: A F Lee(C) 1, Anne S Stenning 2, W E Dunn 3, B G Williams 4, J M Levin 5, Jane F Beveridge 6. 1st in v. by all the band. C completes circle 6 times. £1.20

**Histon, Cambs.** 14 May, 1260 P B Doubles: D A Upchurch 1, M B Davies 2, C R F Muncey(C) 3, Janet Coleby 4, I F Coleby 5, T J English 6. For Evensong. Also: on 21 May, 1260 P B Minor: Chris Clare 1, Mavis L Driver 2, D A Upchurch 3, Evelyn Kirby 4, C R F Muncey 5, R F Walker(C) 6. For Evensong and in celebration of the confirmation of Emily Walker of this tower. Also: on 25 May, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Mavis L Driver 1, Chris North-East 2, Chris Clare 3, M B Davies 4, D E Rydeheard 5, D A Upchurch 6, R F Walker 7, M G Purday(C) 8. For Ascension Day. £3

**Horham, Suffolk.** (S Mary). 22 May, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: R D Allum 1, Joanne G Mills 2, Michelle W Chapman 3, Mary Allum 4, Hannah M Kidger (1st in m) 5, Katherine J Salter(C) 6, Josephine M Beever 7, D G Salter 8. £1.60

**Horspath, Oxon.** 28 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): Gwyneth Adams 1, R Goodwin 2, R Jones 3, S Davies 4, G Adams(C) 5. For United Churches Family Service.

**Huish Champflower, Som.** 27 May, 1260 Oxwich College B Minor: Jane F Beveridge 1, W E Dunn 2, Sally K Wheeler 3, B G Williams 4, J M Levin(C) 5, A F Lee 6. 1st in m by all the band. £1.20

**Iffley, Oxon.** 28 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): R Goodwin(C) 1, S Zvegintzov 2, R Jones 3, S Davies 4, R Day 5. For Service marking end of the refurbishment of the Church. £2

**Isleham, Cambs.** 28 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Joan Lonsdale 1, Ruth E Ogden 2, L H Harvey 3, J P Hardy 4, D Gilbert(C) 5, W M Gunston 6. For the Ruby Wedding Anniversary of Morris and Irene Gunston. £1.50

**Jesmond, Tyne and Wear.** 25 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Helen Murray 1, Ian Murray 2, Gill Thompson 3, Elizabeth Dunford(C) 4, Geoff White 5, Becky Cubitt 6. For the Confirmation of Ian Murray. £2



**Kendal, Cumbria.** 21 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ken Foster 1, Lucie Mitchell 2, Diana Handley 3, Norman Chaddock 4, Eileen Jackson 5, Brian Inglesfield 6, Kevin Mayfield(C) 7, Hugh Pettifer 8. Silver Wedding Anniversary compliment to Ken and Pauline Foster and also 6th birthday compliment to Helen Mayfield. £1.60

**Knowle, W Mids.** 23 Apr, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Laura Mackay 1, Brian Chase 2, Jill Erskine 3, Jayne Shipley 4, Ruth Shepherd 5, Stephen Shipley(C) 6. For Evensong, 1st in m; 2, 4. Also: on 14 May, 1250 Rutland S Major: Jayne Shipley 1, Jill Erskine 2, Jane Wilkins 3, Anthea Tinline 4, Ann Smart 5, Ruth Shepherd 6, John Anderson 7, Stephen Shipley(C) 8. For Confirmation Service at which Neil Mackay was confirmed. £2.80

**Langdon Hills, Essex.** 6 May, 1320 Allendale S Minor: Michael Hallett 1, Richard Dunhill 2, Clive Garraway 3, Dennis Stott 4, Gordon Lucas 5, David Belcham(C) 6. 1st in m; 2, 6. For the marriage of Sarah Morter and Andy Dalton. Also: on 7 May, 1296 T B Minimus (4m): G Lucas(C) 1, D Belcham 2, C Garraway 3, D Stott 4. Most T B Minimus by all. Also: on 20 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Peter Craggs 1, R Dunhill 2, C Garraway 3, D Stott(C) 4, Andrew Martin 5. Also: on 28 May, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Shiela Matthews 1, R Dunhill 2, D Belcham 3, D Stott 4, G Lucas(C) 5. The 1300th Q on the bells. £1.25

**Langford Budville, Som.** 30 May, 1260 Minor (2m): Jane F Beveridge 1, Anne S Stenning 2, W E Dunn 3, J M Levin 4, B G Williams 5, A F Lee(C) 6. 720 St Clements contained a call every lead. £1.20

**Lyminge, Kent.** 29 May, 1260 Mixed Doubles (2m): Karen Hudson 1, Wendy King 2, Maureen Popple 3, Charlotte Edmond 4, Steve Popple(C) 5, Edward Osborne 6. A Birthday compliment to absent friends, John Criddle, Arthur King and Karen's mum, Margret (60). £1.20

**Lytchett Matravers, Dorset.** 20 May, 1320 Hull S Minor: Nancy Bramley 1, Angie Jasper 2, Hilary Child 3, Mary Ganard 4, Felicity Warwick 5, Judith Robertson(C) 6. By East Dorset Branch Ladies. £1.20

**Martley, Worcs.** 28 May, (no. of changes not given) P B Minor: Mary Westwood 1, Clive Brook 2, Monica Wood 3, John Haydon 4, John Westwood 5, Martin Curren(C) 6. For Evensong. £1.20

**Middleton (Milton Keynes Village), Bucks.** 14 May, 1260 Minor (2m): Meg Rodrick 1, Freda Willgress 2, Shirley Waterhouse 3, Rosemary Hemmings 4, Janet Wilkins 5, Alison Willgress(C) 6. By the Northampton and District Branch of the Ladies Guild. To celebrate the forthcoming marriage of Jane Rhymes to David Rodrick (son of 1) on 20/5/95. £1.20

**Milton Keynes, Bucks.** (16, Wandsworth Place). 15 May, 1260 P B Minor: R Snack 1-2, J V Lonsborough 3-4, G L Foat(C) 5-6. A Birthday compliment to Jacqueline Foat, niece of 5-6. Also: on 22 May, 2520 P B Minor: A J Marchbank 1-2, R Snack 3-4, G L Foat(C) 5-6. 1st half peal for all and longest length in hand for 1-2.

**Morebath, Devon.** 27 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Anne S Stenning 1, Jane F Beveridge 2, W E Dunn(C) 3, J M Levin 4, A F Lee (2150th Q) 5, B E Samuels 6. Also: on 28 May, 1260 Rev. Canterbury B Doubles: A F Lee 1, Anne S Stenning (1200th Q) 2, Audrey J Westall 3, W E Dunn 4, J M Levin(C) 5, A W Wilson 6. Also: on 29 May, 1260 Southrepps Doubles: Anne S Stenning 1, Sue Green 2, W E Dunn(C) 3, J M Levin 4, A F Lee 5, J A S Green 6. Also: on 29 May, 1260 P B Minor: M Roocroft (1st minor) 1, W R Trickey 2, Sheila Scofield 3, T Hargreaves 4, L E Boyce (1st minor as C) 5, M Weighell 6. For Morebath Flower Festival. £5

**Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear.** (S John). 25 May, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Barbara M Wheeler 1, Julia A Williamson 2, Barbara Davies 3, D Brauntton (1st S) 4, R M Grainger 5, I Tilling 6, H E J Smith 7, D Hird(C) 8. For Ascension Day Service.

**Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear.** (S Matthew). 30 Apr, 1250 Superlative S Major: R M Grainger 1, K King 2, A J Cairns 3, Elizabeth Dunford 4, C D Warford 5, Rachael H Dyson 6, R R Warford 7, D Hird(C) 8. For Evensong at which the new Priest in Charge, Fr. Ian Falconer was inducted. £1

**Northallerton, N Yorks.** 27 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Rachel Town 1, David Town(C) 2, Jennifer Town 3, Brian Linscott 4, Ian Johnson 5, Katie Town 6. £2

**Old Swinford, W Mids.** 27 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S Brown(C) 1, J Lynne Williams 2, Rosie Thorns 3, J Williams 4, M Brown 5, L J Cox 6, R Dunn 7, G Foley 8. To celebrate the marriage of Jayne Foley and Stephen Brown, later this day. 50p

**Ormskirk, Lancs.** 23 May, 1280 P B Major: Betty Roebuck 1, Judith Richardson 2, Richard Mason 3, Joanne Jones 4, John Roebuck 5, Peter Rothwell 6, John Owens 7, Peter Fleckney(C) 8. To celebrate the 70th birthday of the treble ringer. £3

**Paisley, Strathclyde.** 17 Mar, 1260 P B Major: K Weston 1, S Dick 2, H Preece 3, R Williams 4, R Webb 5, S Taylor 6, M Gillie 7, O Coldrick(C) 8. £1.60

**Perth, W Australia.** (Cathedral). 28 May, 1260 Oxford B Triples: David Knewstubb 1, Devena Haggis 2, Laura Ivey 3, Glyn Geen 4, Mary Townsend 5, Timothy Dean 6, Eric White(C) 7, John Townsend 8. 1st in WA and 1st in m for all except 7. For Evensong.

**Pettistree, Suffolk.** 7 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M Whitby(C) 1, Mary Garner 2, Sue Williamson 3, J Williamson 4, D Stanford 5, Kate Eagle 6. For Evensong. £1

**Poughill, Cornwall.** 22 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M Prouse 1, H Stacey 2, W H Trewin 3, I Miles(C) 4, B G D Vince 5, D Prouse 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr Bert Prouse, father and grandfather of tenor and treble ringers. 76p

**Redcliffe, Bristol, Avon.** (S Mary). 25 May, 1346 Cambridge S Maximus: Charles Pipe-Wolferstan 1, Kathryn Carter 2, Margaret James 3, Simon Ward 4, Andrew Climo-Thompson(C) 5, John Brain 6, Ian Hill 7, Graham Sparey 8, Christopher Cooper 9, John Gilbert 10, Steven Bateman 11, Keith Scudamore 12. For Ascension Day. 80p

**Redditch, Worcs.** (S Stephen). 28 May, 1260 Winchendon Pl. Doubles: Anthony Freeman 1, Karen Rowland (1st in m) 2, Sara Freeman 3, Ian Clarke 4, A J Barnfield(C) 5, Jennifer Freeman 6. Also: on 29 May, 1260 Doubles (5m): Anthony Freeman 1, Roger Clarke (most m's) 2, Sara Freeman 3, Jennifer Freeman 4, A J Barnfield (C, and 50th on the bell) 5, Karen Rowland 6. £2

**Romanby, N Yorks.** (19, The Green). 20 May, 1260 P B Minor: Wendy Winter 1-2, David Town 3-4, Harry Winter(C) 5-6. £1

**Rothbury, Northumb.** 14 May, 1260 P B Minor: Mary Quick 1, U Quick 2, Deborah Bearder 3, Anne M Hunter 4, D Barraclough 5, M Philipson(C) 6. 1st inside; 2. 1st minor; 1. For Confirmation Service.

**Rothwell, Northants.** 28 May, 1272 S Minor (Ipswich, C): Jane Prentice 1, Elizabeth Betts 2, M A Coleman(C) 3, M J Hawkins 4, Susan Riley 5, D Kingman 6. For Evensong. Birthday compliment to Mrs Phyllis Prentice. 60p

**Royston, Herts.** 21 May, 1260 P B Minor: J R Turnock 1, Rosemary E Dean 2, Jane E Wadkin (1st minor) 3, D J Hawkins 4, A P Curtis 5, Teresa L M Adams(C) 6. Also: on 25 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Cheryl Allen 1, J R Turnock 2, D Coleman 3, G T Horritt 4, Teresa L M Adams(C) 5, A P Curtis 6. For Ascension Day. £2

**Seaford, E Sussex.** 23 May, 1280 P B Major: S L Stocker 1, L Perkins 2, P F Bradford 3, C Stevens 4, M Stewart (1st major) 5, Revd. J D E Smith 6, S C Lucas 7, J E Hawes(C) 8. For confirmation by the Bishop of Lewes. £1.60

**Selby, N Yorks.** 30 Apr, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: John Wright 1, Neil Turner 2, Victoria Turner 3, Philip Clark 4, Alan Sheppard 5, Terry Crossley 6, John Potts 7, Andrew Wood 8, Simon Hartley 9, Roger Riley(C) 10. £2

**Shoreditch, London E1.** 21 May, 1260 P B Royal: Poppy Chambers 1, M C Bennett 2, M J Trimm(C) 3, Rosalind Palfrey 4, W Thomas 5, Jessica Abraham 6, M J Townsend 7, R Cheeseman 8, R A Pearce 9, N Green 10. 1st royal; 1, 4, 5. Birthday compliment to Nick Green.

**Smithfield, London EC1.** (S Bartholomew). 21 May, 1260 P B Doubles: J R S Sawle(C) 1, Diane Banks (1st doubles inside) 2, S Warren 3, E J Webb 4, P Bennett 5. Birthday compliment to Nick Green.

**Southwark, London SE1.** (Cathedral). 17 May, 1346 Cambridge S Maximus: N Green 1, M C

Bennett 2, P Bennett 3, M J Townsend 4, J R S Sawle 5, E J Webb 6, S Robertson 7, Clare Larter 8, P Larter 9, D R Love 10, Vanessa Powell(C) 11, M J Trimm 12. 1st maximus; 3, 4. 1st maximus inside; 6.

**Southwell, Notts.** 14 May, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Sylvia J Blackburn 1, D J T Wilson 2, Caroline E Peverett 3, Beryl N Reed 4, D Stainsby 5, C W Reed 6, R E H Woolley 7, P J Hawcock 8, P S Lacy 9, R I Allton(C) 10. By a Quasi-Nottingham District band for Evensong. £2

**Stepney, London E1.** (S Dunstan). 21 May, 1296 L B Royal: Irene Rich 1, Valerie Payne 2, Tony Faulkner 3, Michael Sprackling(C) 4, James Ingham 5, Donald Heath 6, Harold Rogers 7, Dennis Hewitt 8, William Stungo 9, Keith Wakefield 10. 1st L B Royal; 5, 9. 1st inside; 2. For Evensong. £2

**Stoke Ash, Suffolk.** 25 May, 1260 Doubles (5m inc. Stedman): Josephine Beever 1, Hannah Kidger 2, Carol Hall 3, David Webb 4, Winston Girling(C) 5. Birthday compliments to Val and Penny Shoebridge, of Stoke Ash. £1

**Swindon, Wilts.** (S Mark). 14 May, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Jane Williams 1, Natalie Williams 2, Simon Barnes 3, Richard Thumwood 4, John Simpson 5, David Craggs(C) 6, Eric Sutton 7, Mark Edwards 8. 1st S; 1, 2. For the Dunkirk Veterans Service. £1

**Thrumpton, Notts.** 28 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Tony Lees 1, Mary Stephens 2, Jill Danby 3, Richard Danby(C) 4, Peter Hawcock 5, Sue Simonds 6. For the Christening of Geoffrey Nicholas Nattrass, son of Leonora and Mark Nattrass, ringers at this tower. £1.20

**Twywell, Northants.** 23 May, 1320 S Minor (Norwich and C): Freda Willgress 1, Pam Bailey 2, Alison Willgress 3, Paul Mason 4, Stephen Harrell 5, Frank Coales(C) 6. 60p

**Welcombe, Devon.** 27 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P Slater 1, Pat Dorrington 2, Norah Muffet 3, H Pankhurst 4, W H Trewin(C) 5, D Conway 6. A Silver Wedding compliment to David and Christine Conway. 76p

**Wells, Som.** (S Cuthbert). 28 May, 1260 P B Triples: Janet Smith 1, Judy Gay 2, Gwilym Salmon 3, Brian Livings 4, Graham Darke 5, David Cheeseman 6, Roger Gay(C) 7, Edward Smith 8. A farewell to Revd. David Randell moving to the combined parishes of West Buckland and Langford Budville, and to Gwilym Salmon moving to Dunedin NZ. £1.60

**Wendron, Cornwall.** 13 May, 1320 Warkworth S Minor: Ian Self 1, Vanessa Climo-Thompson 2, Claire Sweetman 3, Dominic Beer 4, Andrew Climo-Thompson 5, Adam Beer(C) 6. 80p

**Westminster, London WC2.** (S Clement Danes). 14 May, 1275 Stedman Caters: P S Bennett(C) 1, N Green 2, Samantha Hovey 3, R A Pearce 4, P J Bennett 5, E J Webb 6, J R S Sawle 7, M J Trimm 8, M C Bennett 9, Jessica Abraham 10.

**Wetherden, Suffolk.** 28 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Judy Frost 1, Tim Jones (1st inside) 2, Martin Steele 3, Annabelle Jones 4, Gordon Slack(C) 5, Ken Mulley 6. £1

**Winsford, Som.** 29 May, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): Anne S Stenning 1, Sue Green (most m/v inside) 2, W E Dunn 3, J M Levin 4, A F Lee(C) 5, J A S Green 6. 200th together; 3 and 5. £1

**Withycombe Raleigh, Devon.** 28 May, 1260 P B Minor: Mary Mack 1, F Williams 2, B Horrell 3, D A Wills 4, P Woodcock 5, F D Mack(C) 6, C C Deem (cover) 7. For Parish Eucharist. £2

**Wiveliscombe, Som.** 21 May, 1250 Jersey S Major: Anne S Stenning 1, Rosemary H Tuhey 2, Jenny M A Astridge 3, Sally K Wheeler 4, A F Lee 5, Preb. C J B Marshall 6, K E Beale 7, D B Carter(C) 8. 1st in m by all except C. Half-muffled in memoriam Bob Somerfield, Dunster Branch; Cecil Clarke, Bridgewater Branch; Frank Branch-flower, Taunton Branch. £1.50

**Worcester, Worcs.** (S John-in-Bedwardine). 24 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T W Lewis 1, T Sparkes 2, Revd. E Wood 3, N G Davis 4, P R Smith(C) 5, C H Ward 6. Half-muffled in memory of Geoffrey J Lewis, former Tower Captain at Powick, whose funeral took place there today. £1

**Worth, W Sussex.** 25 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Charlie Stoner 1, Heather Church 2, Sally Scott 3, Stephanie Cole 4, Neil Dobson(C) 5, Graham Beaumont 6. For Ascension Day. 1st inside in more than 1m; 3. £1



**Yatton, Som.** 28 May, 1259 Grandsire Triples: Ann England 1, J M England (1st inside) 2, Pat Stokes 3, Corinna England 4, S Baker 5, B G North 6, P J England(C) 7, M W Baker 8. £1.60

**York, Yorks.** (The Arts Centre). 28 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Michelle Simmonds 1, Helen Cocker 2, Anthony Allen 3, Judith Burbidge (1st in m) 4, David Potter 5, David Ball (C) 6. 50p

**York, Yorks.** (The Minster). 21 May, 1272 P B Major: Michelle Simmonds (1st major) 1, Lynne Stretton 2, Tina Stoecklin 3, Angela Nix 4, Trevor Elliott 5, Christine Potter 6, David Hull 7, David Potter(C) 8. On the middle 8 for Evensong. 50p

### First Quarter Congratulations

*The following quarter-peals have been specially sorted for early publication as they contain details of those ringers who have rung or conducted their first quarter-peal.*  
*Our congratulations to them.*

**Adderbury, Oxon.** 18 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Ian Rodrick 1, Cliff Whiteman 2, Chris Holmes 3, Andrew Hobbs 4, Charlotte Holmes 5, Nicky Baugh 6, Trevor Trivett (1st as C.) 7, Peter McDonald 8. To celebrate the Millennium of Adderbury village. £2

**Bath, Som.** (S Michael with S Paul). 11 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Karla Osborne (1st Q.) 1, Jody Hillier(C) 2, James Hillier 3, David Kelly 4, Rob Bell 5, Will Willans 6. For Evensong. £2

**Black Notley, Essex.** 13 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Diane Ashdown (1st Q.) 1, Clare Ould 2, Laura Childs 3, Graham Ranby 4, David Childs(C) 5. £1.50

**Bosbury, Herefs.** 11 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Helen Evans (1st att.) 1, Andrew Seabright 2, Felicity Goldrick 3, Nicky Seabright 4, Frank Seabright(C) 5, Max Williams 6. £2

**Clapham Common, London SW4.** (Holy Trinity). 11 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Matthew Hosking (1st att.) 1, Stella Shell 2, Peter Jefferson Smith 3, David Beamish 4, James Ingham(C) 5, Madelaine Johnston 6. For Evensong on our Patronal Festival, and to mark the dedication earlier today of a new font given in gratitude for the lives and work of Norah Archer and Dorothy Brennan. £1.20

**Kirkheaton, W Yorks.** 4 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Mary Dixon 1, D Hamby 2, S E Hamby (1st att.) 3, E A Kellett 4, W R Weston 5, J R Senior(C) 6. For United Service at Pentecost. £1.20

**Maidstone, Kent.** (SS Michael & All Angels). 11 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Shona Colebrook 1, Jason Williams (1st as C.) 2, Darren Elphick 3, Malcolm Hitchcock 4, Darren Williams 5, Malwyn Williams 6. For Evensong. £1.20

**Minety, Wilts.** 20 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Hannah L Best (1st att.) 1, Kay M Exell 2, Ruth E Birkett 3, I Best 4, J C Sheppard(C) 5, D J M Sheppard 6. Hal-muffled as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Rodney Stratford, whose funeral took place at Brinkworth Church earlier in the day. Rodney was Group Scout Leader of 1st Brinkworth Scout Troop, and the tenor and treble ringers are Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leaders there. £5

**Offton, Suffolk.** 6 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: S Thorne (1st att.) 1, B E Whiting(C) 2, Janet Hohl 3, K S Hohl 4, R N Earey 5, Christine C Jennings 6. 90p

**Parramatta, NSW.** 11 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Annette Snars (1st Q.) 1, Pat Lubbock 2, William Perrins(C) 3, Roger Lubbock 4, Peter Parker 5, Ian Hoskins 6. For Evening Service. £5

**Pettistree, Suffolk.** 31 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Hilary Talbot 1, Sue Sharples 2, Gill Waterson 3, Kate Eagle 4, M Whitby(C) 5, A Gull (1st Q.) 6. £1

**Pillaton, Cornwall.** 13 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Margaret A Haward (1st Q.) 1, J Mary Burn 2, Maire Warwick 3, M A Foster 4, R M Warwick(C) 5, P H C Burn 6. £1.20

**Ropley, Hants.** 11 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Lucy Clements (1st Q.) 1, Sue Clements 2, Fiona Pazzoni 3, Emma Clements(C) 4, R Skinner 5, J Clements 6. For Evensong on Trinity Sunday. Lucy is the fourth member of the Clements family to ring a Q. - there is only Mary to go then they can ring a family Q. of doubles. £3

**Sandal Magna, W Yorks.** 20 May, 1320 Oxford: E Margot Cutt (1st Q.) 1, G Scrivener 2, J Holloway 3, R Townend 4, B Heppenstall 5, J Cutt(C) 6. After the Service of induction and institution for Revd Rupert Martin. (No other mthd.info. given). £3

**Stevenage, Herts.** 16 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Alban Forster (1st Q. aged 11) 1, Julia Forster 2, Jen Hill 3, Alan Jackson 4, Philip Barron 5, Jack Dear 6, Chris Forster(C) 7, Simon Wilmott 8. £1

**Towersey, Oxon.** 14 Jun, 1272 P B Mimimus: Rebecca Favell (1st att.) 1, Sara Favell 2, Keith Thomas(C) 3, Andrew Gillard 4. A birthday compliment to the twins on 1 & 2. £1

**Walsgrave-on-Sowe, W Mids.** 12 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: J P Hughes (1st Q. - aged 12) 1, Janice E Sheasby 2, M G Cole 3, R Abbott 4, R A Sheasby(C) 5, P Craig 6. £1

**Waltham Abbey, Essex.** 4 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Mary Fisher 1, Jane Walters 2, D E Cobb(C) 3, S P Ricketts 4, B Fisher 5, Vivien Cave (1st Q.) 6. For Pentecost. £1

**Weston, Bath, Som.** 11 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Karen Moody (1st Q.) 1, Giles Wood(C) 2, Lizzy Slade 3, Sophie Chuter 4, Keith Wilkinson 5, Tom Filer (1st Q.) 6. For Evensong. £1

**Woodford, Essex.** 11 Jun, 1320 P B Doubles: Mia Forrest (1st Q.) 1, Sue Blows 2, Amanda Wright 3, Adam Redgwell 4, Ian Blows(C) 5, J Laken 6. £1

**York, N Yorks.** (All Saints, North St). 16 Jun, 1320 Doubles (8m): A J M Kaye 1, J M Goldthorpe 2, D Larter 3, R D C Richards 4, J Hollingshurst(C) 5, Angela R Welford (1st Q.) 6. £1

**Abbots Bromley, Staffs.** 3 May, 1260 P B Triples: Jonathan Jackson 1, Sandra Fearnett 2, Karen Atkin 3, Elizabeth Hutchieson 4, Simon Ferguson 5, David James 6, Stuart Hutchieson(C) 7, Roy Farrington 8. £1.60

**Ambrosden, Oxon.** 4 Jun, 1260 P B Minor (with cover): W Haynes 1, R Goodwin 2, R Jones 3, R Stevens(C) 4, S Davies 5, S R Wells 6, N Pugh 7. For Whit Sunday Evensong (after meeting short for major). £1

**Anstey, Leics.** 31 May, 1260 Minor (3m): D Akers 1, M Pendery 2, K Hudson 3, C Robbins 4, F Fisher 5, G B Brown(C) 6. £1.20

**Ashbourne, Derbys.** 4 Jun, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Janet Beloe 1, Kath Brown 2, Andrew Burns 3, Jacqui Burns (1st in m) 4, Mary Cox 5, Revd. David Sansom(C) 6, Maurice Starkey 7, Keith Woolley 8. For Whit Sunday. £2

**Basford, Notts.** 4 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: R Carlisle 1, Anna Webb(C) 2, Elizabeth Beardsley 3, D Stacy 4, B Hinchliffe 5, D Wilson 6. For Whit Sunday, also 80th birthday compliment to Reuben Carlisle. £1.20

**Beoley, Worcs.** 4 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Lisa Tapsell 1, K Hawkesford 2, R Simmons 3, Ann L Simmons 4, A J Barnfield(C) 5, M Barlow 6. For Whit Sunday. £1.40

**Bishops Sutton, Hants.** 22 Feb, 1260 Doubles (5m): Emma Clements 1, Ben Constant 2, Raymond Walsh 3, Jason Clements 4, Simon Longlands(C) 5. For District Quarter Peal Week. £1

**Blythburgh, Suffolk.** 27 May, 1260 Single Canterbury Pl. B Minor: Sybil McLean 1, Trudie Bradnam 2, Linda Vickers 3, Richard Vickers 4, Peter Bradnam 5, David McLean(C) 6. An engagement compliment to Paul Vickers, second son of 3 & 4, and Donna White. 1st in m; 3, 4. £1.20

**Bodicote, Oxon.** 30 Apr, 1320 P B Minor: Ian Rodrick 1, Martin Saunders 2, Andrew Hobbs 3, Chris Davis (1st minor) 4, Ian Smith 5, Rosemary Hemmings(C) 6. For Evening Service. £1

**Bramshott, Hants.** 3 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m inc. Stedman): R A Barber(C) 1, Di Hart (1st Stedman) 2, Rachael Seamons 3, J E Cripps 4, D M Hughes 5, D Hart 6. Birthday compliment to the ringers of 3 & 4. 60p

**Brightstone, IoW.** 4 Jun, 1320 P B Doubles: Ann Morris 1, Stephen Noyes 2, Debbie Morris 3, Beccy Noyes(C) 4, June Mitchell 5, Katy Davis (1st as cover) 6. For Evensong. £1

**Buckland, Oxon.** 3 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F A White 1, Sylvia M Harrison 2, Lindsay C Cutler 3, Jacques F Harrison 4, Judy F Venn 5, B C Curtis 6, E F Venn(C) 7, G W Land 8. £1

**Canterbury, Kent.** (Cathedral). 14 May, 1299 Stedman Caters: Ruth S Niblett 1, Catherine M Dixon 2, D H Niblett 3, P H Larter(C) 4, Vanessa J Martin 5, E C Westlake 6, Fr. N D L De Keyser 7, Clare J Larter 8, M P Gilham 9, S J Dixon 10. For Evensong. Also in memory of Margaret Hodgson, mother of treble ringer. £1

**Canterbury, Kent.** (S Stephen). 21 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Dickinson 1, Rebecca M Hornsby 2, Jane E Kennet 3, Ruth S Niblett 4, M N Wetherill 5, P O Elderton (1st in m) 6, D H Niblett(C) 7, J R Whittlesea 8. For Evensong. Also in memory of Margaret Hodgson, mother of 4. Also: on 4 Jun, 1280 London S Major: Jane E Kennet 1, Clare J Larter 2, Ruth S Niblett 3, P T Dale 4, E C Westlake (1st in m) 5, S C Palin 6, D H Niblett(C) 7, P H Larter 8. For Whit Sunday Evensong. £1.60

**Carlton Colville, Suffolk.** 21 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): Rachel Allen 1, Trudie Bradnam 2, Elizabeth Allen 3, Sybil McLean 4, David McLean(C) 5, Peter Bradnam 6. For St Peter's Carlton Colville Into Life - a flower festival, exhibition and sale of arts and crafts. £1

**Caversfield, Oxon.** 4 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m/7v): N Pugh 1, R Stevens 2, R Goodwin(C) 3, S Davies 4, R Jones 5. For Whitsuntide. £1

**Chesterton, Cambs.** 14 May, 1260 St Clements College B Minor: J E Allen 1, A W Payne 2, R Green 3, R W Gant 4, J D Sherwood 5, J D Shanklin(C) 6. For the Celebration of Faith '95 Service. £1.20

**Chiddingfold, E Sussex.** 25 May, 1272 Minimus (2m): Sue Andrews 1, Margaret Bennett 2, Dr. R Harrison 3, T D Waterman(C) 4, H Bailey 5. 1st minimus; 1, 2, 3. Also: on 3 Jun, 1260 Doubles (9m): Sue Andrews 1, M S Cotgrove 2, Mary Rice 3, Margaret Bennett 4, T D Waterman(C) 5, H Bailey 6. After the wedding of Anne Whitehead and Paul Angear. £1.20

**Chipstable, Som.** 29 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F G Gardner 1, S J Smith 2, Audrey Westall 3, Anne Stenning 4, W R Trickey(C) 5, J M Levin 6. For Matins & as a thanksgiving for the life of R J (Bob) Somerfield. £1

**Clenchwarton, Norfolk.** 8 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Eileen Johnson 1, H T Greenacre 2, W J White 3, P A Church 4, P R Meyer(C) 5. For VE-Day. £1

**Countesthorpe, Leics.** 3 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: D Lee 1, A Chapman 2, B S Chapman 3, G T Dudley 4, T Shillabeer 5, M E Brown(C) 6. Wedding Bells. 60p

**Cowbridge, S Glam.** (Holy Cross). 28 May, 1260 Doubles (11m): A W Thomas 1, Cordelia Welsby 2, B D Morgan 3, P G Mayle(C) 4, M R Thomas 5, M Legrove 6. For the baptism of Rhodri Charles Corner, grandson of Alf and Val Charles. Also as a 40th Wedding Anniversary compliment to Arthur and Barbara Morgan of Coity. £1

**Cullompton, Devon.** 31 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brian Samuels 1, Anne Stenning 2, Dean Bowden 3, Brian Horrell 4, Wilf Dunn(C) 5, John Levin 6, Ron Trickey 7, Fred Gardner 8. Birthday greetings to Glenis Samuels. £1.11

**Ditchingham, Norfolk.** 29 May, 1260 Single Oxford B Minor: Catherin Allen 1, Rachel Allen 2, Sybil McLean 3, Elizabeth Allen 4, Andrew Crowe 5, David McLean(C) 6. 300th Q together; 5 & 6. NGEF Q. £1.20

**Downham Market, Norfolk.** 2 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P R Meyer(C) 1, Rhoda Reynolds 2, P H Reynolds 3, W N Ansell 4, I D G B Ansell 5, N F Greenacre 6, B B Hullah 7, Caitlin A Meyer 8. Circ. twr; 1, 8 & as C. 3rd birthday compliment to Benjamin J Meyer, son of 1 & 8. £1.50

**Dunstable Priory, Beds.** 27 May, 1264 P B Major: David Adams 1, Jad Bienek 2, Gemma Raikes 3, Sarah Ward 4, Michael Barker 5, Robert Tegillus 6, Richard Horne 7, Alan Shepherd(C) 8. In thanksgiving for the life of Councillor Bob Walker. £1.50

**East Farleigh, Kent.** 6 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: M Williams 1, Diana R Wraight 2, M N Pring 3, T S Wraight 4, D Williams 5, M A Birkbeck(C) 6. For VE-Day. £1.20

**East Sutton, Kent.** 10 May, 1260 St Clements B Minor: Linda Borton 1, Pamela Manger 2, Simon Sims 3, Peter Sims 4, Alan Bourne 5, David Manger(C) 6. 1st in m; 3, 4. 60p

**Framlingham, Suffolk.** 29 Apr, 1360 P B Minor: Pat Ward 1, Philip Day 2, David Ward 3, Phil Barrett 4, George Pipe 5, Rodney French(C) 6. To mark the 64th wedding anniversary of George & Elsie Collis, of Framlingham, grandparents of 4, and also as a wedding compliment to Victoria Collis & Andrew Nankivell. £1.50



## Centenary of Guild Districts in the W. & P.

13th July 1996

The Annual Guild Festival, held at Christchurch on 1st July 1895, marks two momentous changes in the history of the Winchester Diocesan Guild (Now the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, following reorganisation of diocesan boundaries in 1928). The first was the proposition by Mr. John J. Jones of Guildford that Rule 2 be changed to permit the creation of the office of "Master". This was seconded by Mr. George Williams of Brighton, and this motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Jones then proposed the election of the first ever Guild Master, the Revd. R. C. M. Harvey of Eastleigh, and this was seconded by Mr. Hilton of Yateley. This followed several years when he acted as Guild Secretary and Treasurer while the Guild was headed by a non-ringing President, usually an important gentleman of substantial means, from one of the "big houses" of Hampshire or Surrey. Following this, Revd. C. E. Matthews of Hursley was elected as the fifth Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Guild.

The second important item was a proposition by Henry White, tower captain at St. Michael's, Basingstoke, one of George Williams' regular peal band, and father of Alice White who, on 12th February 1896, was to ring the Basingstoke treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples conducted by her father, thus becoming the first lady to ring a peal on church bells. Mr. White was clearly the modern day equivalent of "an angry young man", since he rose to his feet to speak without receiving prior instruction so to do by the Guild Officers, and, having broken with tradition, he then had the temerity to suggest a change to the organisation of the Guild. He proposed that the Committee of Management set up a sub-committee to investigate the abandonment of administration via a secretary for Hampshire (Revd. H. A. Spyers of Purbrook) and another for Surrey (Revd. C. E. Matthews, then of Shere), the division of the two counties into seven districts, and the attunement of the historical, 14 Guild Rules to this new arrangement. Perhaps his audacity paid off since, the following year, during elections for Central Council representatives, he came a commendable second, after the new Guild Master, amongst the seven candidates for the four positions. It is also possible that his increase in votes, from 133 in 1890, to 216 in 1896, can be attributed to his effrontery in speaking at the 1895 meeting without prior approval of the Guild Officers. The report of this festival in the pages of "The Bell News", the predecessor of our current "Ringing World", occupies one and a half columns of the issue for 20th July 1895, but Mr. White's proposal is covered in five lines, with no mention of Mr. White! Almost one complete column summarises the sermon preached by Revd. F. E. Robinson (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), and the report is rounded off with the comment "... The weather, except for one or two showers, was pleasant throughout the day, and contributed in no small degree to a thoroughly successful festival." Surprisingly the proposal was carried, and the Committee of Management (An unwieldy organisation consisting of President, Secretary/Treasurer, both county secretaries, five of the Honorary Members, the Bishop, all the Archdeacons, and one representative from every band in the Guild) not only effected all Mr. White's suggestions, but put forward job specifications for the new district officials (See details from the 1896

Guild Report), and sub-divided Guild towers between the seven proposed districts.

During the Annual Guild Festival held on 13th July 1896, at Dorking, discussion of this revolutionary idea prolonged the morning business meeting from 1030 to mid-day. The decision to adopt the proposed division into districts, and the terms of reference (See 1896 Guild Report) received so much acclaim that Guild records list this as "... one of the most useful and practical meetings in the annals of the Society. ..." It is true that the independent organisation of districts as we know them in 1995 did not come about until the equally revolutionary changes put forward in 1903, when the contents of the Annual Guild Report were abandoned in order to print the unbelievable 18 new rules, which were described by the Revd. E. W. Carpenter, Guild Secretary, as "... Home Rule for the Districts, subject to a certain amount of central control. ..." However, it does mean that 13th July 1996 is the centenary of the formation of Guild Districts, with original member bands as listed below. It should be mentioned that "The Bell News", reporting on this meeting in the issue for 25th July 1896, records on page 142 that this momentous meeting took place in Dorking, fails to mention the formation of districts, but concentrates on the details of the ringing after the meeting, when a complete band would visit the one tower allocated to them, listing details of any touches brought round in the eight towers used. Pride of place was given to Alton, Capel, Portsea and Petersfield bands who were allocated to Ashstead Tower, where the Vicar of Alton AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS rang in touches of Grandsire Triples. Not only were we at the forefront of district organisation, but 1996 marks the centenary of ladies into ringing!

### DEREK JACKSON

District 1 – **Winchester**. St. Lawrence, Alton [8]; All Saints, Hursley [6]; Ss. Mary and Ethelfleda, Romsey [8]; St. Mary, Twyford [6]; Winchester Cathedral [10].

District 2 – **Christchurch**. St. Peter, Bournemouth [8]; Christchurch Priory [8].

District 3 – **Portsmouth**. St. Mary, Brading [8]; Ss. Peter and Paul, Fareham [8]; Holy Trinity, Gosport [8]; Ss. Peter and Paul, Hambledon [6]; St. Faith, Havant [8]; St. Mary, Portsea [8]; All Saints, Ryde [8]; St. John the Baptist, Shedfield [6]; St. Barnabas, Swanmore [6]; St. Nicholas Wickham [6].

District 4 – **Petersfield**. All Saints, East Meon [8]; St. Peter, Petersfield [8]; Holy Trinity, Privett [8].

District 5 – **Basingstoke**. St. Mary, Amport [6]; St. Michael, Basingstoke [8]; Holy Trinity, Hawley [8]; St. Leonard, Oakley [6]; All Saints, Odiham [6]; St. Peter, Yateley [8].

District 6 – **Guildford**. St. Anne, Bagshot [6]; St. Mary, Chiddingfold [8]; St. Nicholas, Cranleigh [6]; Ss. Peter and Paul, Ewhurst [6]; St. Andrew, Farnham [8]; Ss. Peter and Paul, Godalming [8]; St. Nicholas, Guildford [10]; St. Mary, Shalford [6]; St. James, Shere [8]; St. Mary, Walton-on-Thames [8]; St. James, Weybridge [8]; St. Michael, Yorktown [8].

District 7 – **Dorking**. St. Giles, Ashted [8]; St. John the Baptist, Capel [6]; St. Martin, Dorking [8]; Ss. Mary and Nicholas, Leatherhead [10].

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## Obituary

### Bob Somerfield

1913-1995

It is with deep regret that I have to report the death of Robert John Somerfield (Bob), on Thursday 18th May 1995 aged 81 years.

Bob, my Grandfather, spent all his life in West Somerset working on the land, on or around the Brendon and Quantock Hills until his retirement in 1982 when he moved to his beloved village of Stogumber. From then until his illness in 1993, he took an active and prominent role in the village's affairs through his many roles and offices.

Perhaps his greatest love after the land he worked on for so long was Bellringing. Bob was a ringer for over sixty years and was one of those rare persons amongst us who learnt to ring before the Second World War, on the bells of St Mary, Stogumber. It was not until 11th June 1949 however, that he was proposed a member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, probably due to his regular movement from one farm to another and his service in the Home Guard during the War. Although Dad's Army's loss, it was the Association's, and in particular Dunster Branch, gain, for from that moment he worked enthusiastically and tirelessly to improve and teach ringing in the area.

My Grandfather's zeal to introduce new people to ringing, particularly the young, never let up and he would travel far and wide to put this ideal into practice. This evangelist approach took an unusual turn one evening in 1963 when, along with his youngest son, Adrian, he visited the local ringers of Holford. One young lady by the name of Ann Platt was present and not only did he get her hooked on our great art but six years later managed to gain her as a daughter-in-law as well and thus continue the family interest in ringing (I am the unfortunate result!).

It was only natural that sooner or later such a dominant character would be proposed by his peers as their Ringing Master of the Branch and for many years during the eighties he fulfilled that role with as much vigour as his other responsibilities. His efforts were probably doubled after the loss of his wife Christabel in 1981 (he never remarried) and the need to channel his love and energies elsewhere. There was many an evening when the barking commands of Bob and Single would reverberate around a lonely ringing chamber in West Somerset to touches of his favourite method, Grandsire.

The deterioration in Bob's hearing probably endeared him even more to the ringing fraternity, especially when he misheard conversation and reduced a ringing chamber to hysterics. One such occasion was one of his last Branch meetings in 1993 which was reported in the RW at the time. After a successful touch of Steadman Doubles, he was heard saying to his neighbour, "I didn't hear that silent single being called!"

The love and affection he gained from his fellow members was shown in an unprecedented way in 1993 when many of Bob's friends and family turned up as a surprise to the Stogumber practice nearest to his 80th Birthday (one of the few secrets he didn't find out about!). This I know was a touching moment for my Grandfather and recognition of his popularity in the area.



An ambition that he, my parents and myself all shared came to fruition as part of those birthday celebrations as all four of us rang a quarter peal together at St George, Brompton Regis (the location of Bob's first quarter peal) and his last before his hospitalisation.

Apart from ringing Bob was heavily involved in all aspects of community life. He was Area representative of the Agricultural Workers' Union, a role he continued in after retirement, in which his fair-mindedness and his insistence to listen to both sides of an argument gained him respect from both employers and his fellow workers.

He was also a great support of Meals on Wheels and with his close friend, Barbara Trundle would be regularly seen driving down the lanes in and around Stogumber bringing comfort and company to many.

Yet his service to the Church was also prevalent in his twenty one years as churchwarden of Stogumber. He was never one to dismiss new ideas and he acknowledged the need of change in the Church to gain the young and retain their interest. His unswerving loyalty made the life of the rector of the united benefice a great deal easier. For this total commitment to church and community he was honoured with being presented the Maundy royal gift by HM The Queen in 1993 at Wells Cathedral.

After his illness in the autumn of 1993, Bob was unable to carry on with ringing or his parochial duties. However, this did not mean that he didn't take an active interest in all the going-ons of the area and with the constant visitors in hospital and later in the Old Cleeve nursing home he was kept well informed of events. He was nominally still Tower Captain of Stogumber and his very last act was to make sure a party from the States could ring on the bells as part of their tour. It was also a pleasure for him to see the bells of Old Cleeve re hung and dedicated before his death.

The Service of Thanksgiving held at Stogumber on Friday 26th May was another sign of the love and affection that the local community felt for Bob. The church was filled full with nearly 300 people present, including his large and close family, ex-work colleagues, and of course many of his ringing friends, six of whom rung a half-muffled quarter peal after the service in memory of Bob.

Bob will be very much missed by all. My final thought of him comes from when I was four years old and my very first memory of a Bell tower. One Saturday afternoon he took me to Stogumber and I was mesmerised by the sight of my Grandfather ringing, thinking I wanted to be like him when I grew up. I know I could never fill his shoes, but I hope that in some way I have emulated him in carrying on with the art he so loved. I can now imagine him in the Celestial tower in the sky alongside some of his contemporaries, Bill Middleton, Sid Bryant and his two dear friends Cyril Locke and Bill Nurncombe and the words "Catch Hold!" sounding loud and clear as he directs the ringing. He is survived by four children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

IAIN SOMERFIELD (TB)

Wiveliscombe, Somerset

**Stogumber, Somerset.** 26th May, 1260 Grandshire Doubles: Jane Whitfield 1, Margaret Tudball 2, Anne Stemming 3, Preb C J B Marshall 4, J M Levin (C) 5, G May 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral, as a thanksgiving for the life of Robert John (Bob) Somerfield.

## Dennis Lionel Bromham

Dennis was a son of West Harrow and first set foot on the soil of Leicestershire when he was sent with a detachment of the Royal Artillery to the village of Gumley on searchlight duties in the early part of the war. It was around this time that he met his wife Kath. They married some years later, living throughout their married life in the neighbouring village of Saddington. His whole working life was spent with various breweries as a representative, his last employer being Bass PLC.

Unsure how to fill his time in retirement he was speaking to the Saddington Ringing Master of the time, Chris Deacon, who noticed that Dennis had much interest in the church, liked music and had worked for a brewery. Essential qualities for a potential ringer so, without any delay, Dennis was taught to ring by Chris and Gwenyth Tyler. At the same time Dennis threw himself into village life. He became a member of the P.C.C., local correspondent for the parish magazine, deputy organist and helped at any of the church and village activities which required him.



Dennis Bromham (left) with Chris Deacon, the friend who introduced him to ringing.

Dennis became a proficient treble ringer in any plain method. However he particularly enjoyed ringing the tenor at Saddington which he did to many quarter peals and one peal, on 20th June 1990. A significant day because not only was it the ruby wedding of Chris and Lilian Deacon, but also the hottest day in Leicestershire this century; 99 degrees F in the shade and a fair bit warmer inside. Dennis stood there for 2 hours and 40 minutes sweating and tired but determined that he would ring what proved to be his first and last peal.

Dennis was a sociable character and could tell a good tale. Always willing to lend a hand, like the time he offered to help with the washing up at a district meeting he picked up a plastic cup and whispered to those helping, 'I feel much safer with one like this', as he put his hand in to dry it, the cup disintegrated. Fits of laughter drowned the meeting. But that was Dennis. Whether it was welcoming new people to the village or just listening to someone who wanted to talk. A gentleman of the old school who never failed to raise his cap to a lady. Dennis went through life as he went to the bar to get a round of drinks, slowly, gently and stopping to talk to everyone on the way.

During the afternoon of 7th June family and friends filled Saddington church for the funeral service, following which Dennis was interred in the church cemetery and a half muffled quarter peal was rung.

Dennis, 74 years old at the time of his passing will long be remembered as follow A Christian gentleman, helpful, thoughtful and kind. These are the memories you leave behind.

GARRY MASON.

**Saddington, Leics.** 2 June, 1260 Doubles 5m/4v: Suzanne Biddles 1, Gwenyth M Tyler 2, Sue Mason 3, G W Mason (C) 4, Mary Hall 5, C. Hall 6. Rung half muffled in thanksgiving for the life of Dennis Bromham who was to have rung in this quarter peal.

**Saddington, Leics.** 7 June, 1260 Doubles 2m: C Deacon 1, R White 2, Sue Mason 3, G W Mason (C) 4, E A Jacques 5, C Hall. Immediately after the funeral service and during the internment of Dennis Bromham.

## Harold Denman

1903-1995

The death of Harold Denman on 20th May 1995 severs one of the last remaining links with pre-war ringing in North Nottinghamshire. Harold was born in the hamlet of Rockley, near Retford, on 6th April 1903 and lived there all his life. In the early twenties he went into farm service at North Muskenham. This was the system, still common at the time, whereby a man contracted to work for a year and generally living in at the farm. It was here he learnt to ring in 1924 and also to swim in the gravel pits, something he continued to do whilst on holiday into his eighties. In 1927 he returned home, working on various farms until 1937 when he started work for the Highways Dept of the County Council ending his working days in the position of foreman in 1968. It was in 1927 he became a member of Gamston tower where he continued to ring for the rest of his life, a total of 68 years. He cycled without fail each Sunday evening, regardless of the weather or how many ringers were present (and many times he was the only one) always staying for services and sitting in the same seat in the south aisle. He joined North Notts Association on May 28th 1927 and served as a committee member from 1931 to 1939. He was also a life member of many adjoining societies and was highly thought of over a wide area. When the North Notts Association became part of the new Southwell Diocesan Guild he was elected district secretary, a post he held for twenty years. He then became chairman for a number of years. Harold was an excellent minor ringer and enjoyed his ringing be it Plain Bob or multi method. His first peal was at Gamston on March 23rd 1929 in three methods conducted by the late R. W. Stockdall and his first as conductor in the same tower on August 13th 1932. His peal total was 477, 407 of which were of minor 201 of these being at his home tower of Gamston. A Competent conductor on six he called 120 peals of minor, 30 of these being for first pealers. He rang in a peal of Bob Major on Coronation Day 1936 at Sutton-on-Trent starting at 6.00 am, and a peal of Trinity Sunday at Warsop on Coronation Day in 1953. It was during the war I first got to know Harold. After the ban on ringing had been lifted Harold was organizing unofficial practice meetings in North Notts as the then secretary. Roy Fowler was on active service overseas and the Association was in limbo. I had learnt to ring at East Markham in 1939 where no change ringing took place and heard of one of these meetings at Tuxford. I walked there after work but the black-out was in force with no late

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Harold Denman prior to ringing a quarter for his 90th birthday

transport and I arrived just as the meeting was ending. Harold said "If you want to learn change ringing come to our practice at Gamston on Monday night". This began a friendship lasting almost 52 years. He conducted my first peal in Sept 1944 prior to my going in the army and I rang a total of 65 with him. He thoroughly enjoyed ringing outings and his records show he rang in 554 different towers. His last peal was at Gamston in July 1988 at the age of 85 years. He range in a quarter peal of Killamarsh, one of his favourite methods, for his 90th birthday and his last practical ringing was as a helper at the Guild ringing school just over a year ago. He subsequently went on one or two outings without actually ringing. His other hobbies were football and gardening and as a supporter of Notts County he was thrilled to receive a surprise visit from Tommy Lawton on his 85th birthday. His garden was immaculate right up to the end. The death of his wife Rene in December 1993, (they had been married 56 years) was a severe blow but he continued to live alone by choice. He enjoyed good health right up to the end of his life except for deafness which didn't seem to affect his ringing, and the onset of asthma in recent years. He was taken ill with respiratory problems and died in hospital on 20th May. The funeral service was at Gamston on 26th May attended by family, many friends and ringing colleagues and he was laid to rest in the churchyard he tended so well in the shadow of the tower he loved so much. To my great regret I was unable to attend his funeral but ringing friends rang the bells as the cortege came to church and a quarter peal was rung during the interment with the bells half muffled. On Wed 7th June we rang a half muffled peal in his memory, the method again being Killamarsh. All the participants had rung a number of peals with Harold. Our sympathies go to his son Ken and daughter Margaret and their families. As one of my friends remarked, "One of nature's gentlemen." May he rest in peace.

Ernest Preston  
**Gamston, Notts.** Fri 26 May 1995. 1260 Plain  
 Bob Minor: Paul Blatherwick 1, Beryl Reed 2,  
 Bryan Birkett 3, Brian Freeman 4, Ray Fanthorpe  
 5, Colin Reed (C) 6. Half muffled for the funeral of  
 Harold Denman.

## Charles John Blain

1913-1995

Charlie was born and brought up in Sandy. He was Christened at St Swithun's and sang in the choir until his voice broke, when he moved to the other end of the church and took up bellringing.

He was apprenticed with George Seamer, a carpenter and joiner across the road from the church and was successful in his City and Guild's certificate. He worked for the Berkley Coach firm in Biggleswade for some years until his skills were required in the war by the aircraft firm Vickers in Surrey. After he war he resumed work in Bedfordshire and was for many years Clerk of Works at County Hall until he took early retirement.

But all along his great enthusiasm was for the church bells and bellringing. Where other people in Bedfordshire talk about brussel sprouts, Charlie would talk about bells. He taught very many people to ring and was the driving force and expert hand in the construction of the ringing floor and balcony which overlooks the church. The money was raised by sponsored walks and other efforts but much of the actual work, including making the ladder up to the ringing chamber, was done by Charlie himself.

His prowess as a ringer and some of the successful peals he shared in achieving will be known and remembered by ringers in the local area and further afield. He was an enthusiastic teacher and enjoyed good ringing.

His other interests included working in his shed and garden, listening to classical music and he was a keen supporter of the local history society.

The funeral service was held at St Swithun's Sandy on Friday 5th June, with a church full of friends, colleagues and ringers. Half muffled ringing before and after the service included representatives from the local tower, district and from further afield, ringing friends from the past.

Although ill health had prevented Charlie from joining us in the ringing chamber for several years, he was always interested in our progress and activities. His handiwork in the ringing chamber provides a fitting memorial to a ringer who for so long was at the heart of ringing in Sandy.

PHILIPPA WHITTINGTON

## Ralph Chapman

1913-1995

Ralph Chapman died on 27th February 1995, he was born on 22nd May 1913 at Leighton Bromswold, Huntingdonshire where he was to spend the rest of his life. He was the son of the village carpenter, wheelwright and undertaker. He attended the village school which like so many no longer exists. On leaving school he worked for a local farmer until he joined his father, learning his father's trade. One of the things he excelled in was as a grave digger, where he had the reputation of being the finest grave digger in the country. During the war he was in the Home Guard.

He had two main interests, one being cricket which he played for his local team. He went to many of the big cricket matches meeting some of the well known cricketers. His other interest was bellringing. Like his father he learnt to sing at Leighton Bromswold, where they only had a call change band. At this time method ringing was nearly non-existent in the country, but on the border of Northamptonshire there was a team of

method ringers led by Harry Chapman (no relative of Ralph's) of Keyston who, with Eunice and Billy Whitmore, encouraged Ralph to take up method ringing.

Although for many years there has not been a band of ringers at Leighton Bromswold, Ralph managed to keep the bells ringing with help from other towers. He was associated with many towers in the area teaching a band to ring at Spaldwick. He joined the association in 1937 and was a regular attendee at the meetings. Although he rang many quarter peals he only rang 5 peals including the coronation peal for the Queen at Godmanchester.

Ralph was a very outspoken person, spending many an evening in the pub putting the world to rights, innkeepers and parsons at the top of his list, even so he was a very likeable person with many people visiting him when he became ill during the last few years of his life either at his home or while he was in hospital. Ralph never got married, but he never wanted for anything during his illness right until the time of his death, he was very well looked after by his friends and neighbours.

His funeral service was on a bright, sunny day on 9th March at Leighton Bromswold Church where members of the Huntingdonshire Church Bell Restoration Society, which Ralph also belonged to, helped to dig his grave by the side of his parents. The death knell had been rung the week before and as was the custom at Leighton Bromswold on the day of the funeral, the funeral invitation bell was rung an hour before the Service and the tenor tolled at minute intervals for half an hour.

When the hearse arrived in the village it stopped at the other end of the Church. The bearers walked by the side of the hearse with the undertaker (Ralph's bellringing friend Chris Higgins of Higgins Funeral Service) walking in front to the Church gates. Ralph's coffin, which had been specially made in solid oak, was carried into Church by four members of the local cricket club. The Church was full of his many friends and the Service was conducted by the Rev. George North and another bellringing friend, Mr Michael Keck, played the organ. While Ralph's coffin was carried from the Church to the grave the bells rang half muffled for a few minutes.

After the Service the bells were rung again by many of his bellringing friends. Everyone was invited to the Green Man pub to join the locals where a splendid spread of food and drink had been provided. To the villagers of Leighton Bromswold we extend our sympathy and our thanks.

RUTH BALL

**Spaldwick, Hunts.** 8th March, 1260 PB  
 Doubles: Kate Zardin 1, A. Greenley 2, Juliet Mervit 3, C. J. Higgins 4, J. Haas (C) 5, Pauline Robinson 6. 1st 4 Treble. Rung half muffled. The quarter peal was preceded by 81 whole Pulls and Stand.

**Leighton Bromswold, Hunts.** 9th March, 1260  
 Whole Pull PB Doubles: Ester Bates 1, Susan Maisden (C) 2, C. J. Higgins 3, J. Haas 4, D. Larke 5. Rung half muffled in the evening after the funeral. The quarter peal was preceded by 81 Whole Pulls and Stand.

**Great Gatworth, Hunts.** 11th March, 1272 PB  
 Singles and Bastow Little Court Singles: Dean Jarvis 1, J. Haas 2, C. J. Higgins (C) 3, R. Jarvis 4. Rung half muffled.

**Great Staughton, Hunts.** 12th March, 1260 PB  
 Doubles: Kate Zardin 1, Juliet Mervit 2, R. Noble 3, S. Harrel 4, C. J. Higgins (C) 5, D. Horsford 6. Rung half muffled.



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**WRIGHT/FLETCHER.** Tim and Marilyn (St Mary's, Portsea) are pleased to announce their engagement 3153

### Silver Wedding

**DALE.** Peter and Barbara married on 4th July 1970 at St John the Evangelist, Sidcup, now living at 9 Chisnall Road, River, Dover. 3154

### Change of Address

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**EVENDEN.** George and Janet are now at 36 Elmsleigh Gardens, Bassett, Southampton SO16 3GF. Tel 01703 677112. Ad No 3152

**HAMBY.** Richard has moved to 8 Grayling Street, Derby DE23 8FS. Tel 01332 207437. It's got a doorbell too! 3157

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### Midweek Meetings and Practices

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** S/E District Practice at Galleywood on Mon 17th July. Ringing from 7.45pm. Special method Plain Bob Doubles/Minor. Everyone welcome. 0892

**ESSEX ACR.** N/W District: Fri 14th July, 7.45pm District Practice at Stansted (Special methods Oxford Bob Triples, Stansted Mountfitchet S. Major). Wed 19th July, 7.45pm. Visit Harlow Common practice. Fri 28th July, 7.45pm Learners' Practice at Moreton (note change of venue). 1030

**LEICESTER D.G.** Loughborough District, evening meeting on Tues 25th July at Stanford-on-Soor (8) 7-9pm. All welcome. 1024

**OXFORD D.G.** North Bucks Branch. Practice at Clifton Reynes (6), Friday July 21, 7.30-9pm. Special method: Kent Minor. 0977

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** Scarborough and District Branch Meeting, Mon 19th July at 7.30pm., at Helmsley 0339

### Saturday Meetings and Practices

**DERBY D.A.** Chesterfield District, Barbecue and Meeting at Staveley, Sat 15th July from 6.30pm. All welcome. 1029

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** Guildford District. 15th July, Ringing at Dunsfold, 7-8.30pm. 1019

**HERTFORD C.A.** Bishop's Stortford District. Sat 15th July. Much Hadham (8.11cwt). Business meeting 7pm, ringing to follow until 9pm. Everyone welcome. 1027

**K.C.A.C.R.** Rochester District. Evening Meeting, Saturday July 15, 6.30-8.30pm at Swanscombe. All welcome. 1016

**LINCOLN D.G.** Elloe Deaneries. Pinchbeck (8)., Sat 15th July, 7-9pm 1021

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** Southern Division, Sat 15th July. Basic 10 Bell evening practice, Southover Lewes (10), 6-8pm. All welcome. 1020

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** Western Branch. Saturday July 15, Evening ringing at Heptonstall, 6.30-8.30pm. Special method: Heptonstall Surprise Major. 0963

**BATH & WELLS D.A.** Cary Branch. Summer Quarterly Meeting at Penselwood (6) on Saturday July 22. Bells 5.30pm, Service 6.30pm, Tea and Meeting 7.15pm, ringing until 9pm. Names for tea to R W Davis 01963/220220, NNNT. Future practices: South Cadbury August 12, 7pm; Branch Outing, September 16 to mid Devon 0831

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** Luton District. Quarterly meeting, Sat 22nd July. Afternoon rining, 3.30-4.45pm, at Kensworth (6). Picnic team business meeting and evening ringing from 5pm at Whipsnade (6). Special methods: Kent, Single Oxford. 0894

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** NE District Barbecue on Saturday July 22 at the Crown Inn Garden, Wormingford, nr Colchester from 7pm onwards. Names to Evelyn Reave (01787 228014) by July 19 please. Proceeds to BRF. Ad No 0982

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.** Aylesbury Branch, Sat 22nd July. Monthly practice, Littleham, 7-9pm. All welcome. 0126

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** Hereford District Summer Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sat 22nd July. Ringing at Tyberton from 3-4.30pm, followed by Service. Tea, meeting and evening ringing at Preston on Wye. Names for tea please to Edna Fowler.(01981 500219). Ad No 1018

**PETERBOROUGH D.G.** Northampton Branch Evening Meeting, Sat 22nd July, 7pm, Courteenhall. Practice month at Rothersthorpe on Fri 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th August, 7-8pm 1003

**PETERBOROUGH D.G.** Peterborough Branch, Sat 22nd July. Quarterly meeting at Kings Cliffe. Note changed date. Ringing 3pm, followed by service, tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Bulwick. Names for tea to Vernon Perrin (01780 470597) by Wed 19th July. 1025

**RINGERS RAMBLE** in aid of Norwich DA Bell Restoration Fund on Saturday July 22. Train ride, ringing and walking in Bure Valley. For more details and to book your place phone Betty Baines 01379 643293. Ad No 0987

**SOUTHWELL D.G.** Mansfield District, Sat 22nd July, Edwinstowe (6), 7-9pm. All most welcome. 1017

**SALISBURY D.G.** Dorchester Branch. Practices at 7pm on Sat 22nd July at Charminster and Sat 29th July at Milton Abbey and not as previously advertised. Note also that due to the Milton Abbas Street Fair, access to Milton Abbey will be via Hilton only. 4166

**S.D.G.R.** West Dorset. Quarterly meeting in Melbury Osmond, Sat 30th Sept from 3pm. Picnic tea, (bring your own food), drinks provided and Hall open. Visitors welcome. Good walking area. Branch discussion: If Structure of Guild can be Developed to Further Aims of Guild. 1010

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10.00	Church Gresley (6-8cwt)	SK293181
10.30	Newall (6-11cwt)	SK292206
10.50	Winshill (6-17cwt)	SK267235
11.10	Stretton (6-8cwt)	SK253264
11.40	Ticknall (10-9 cwt) TN	SK351241
12.00	Foremark (4-8cwt)	SK329226
12.20	Repton (8-18cwt)	SK303272
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15.10	Doveridge (5-10cwt) T, R	SK114341
15.30	Cubley (4-10cwt)	SK165377
15.50	Longford (6-15cwt)	SK215383
16.10	Brailsford (6-10cwt)	SK244412
16.30	Osmaston (6-14cwt)	SK199440
16.50	Mayfield (6-12cwt)	SK154448
17.10	Snelston (3-5cwt)	SK155434
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17.50	Bradbourne (6-9cwt)	SK208527

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Day tickets, price £6, available from the first four towers, otherwise 50p per tower.

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The Maidstone District Annual Striking Competition was held at Chart Sutton on a typical June day - cold and grey. Fortunately the morning rain had stopped, which meant that at least those bands awaiting their turn to ring didn't get wet. Chart Sutton being a ground floor ring, we were barred from the nave lest the bands were distracted during their test piece.

Our judge this year was Keith Wakefield of the neighbouring Tonbridge District. He made the interesting observation that the first four bands rang at exactly the same pace (3 hours 6 minutes peal speed) whilst the fifth band rang faster (3 hours). This was clearly a better speed for the bells, as Keith declared them winners with only 31 faults. No prizes for guessing the identity of the winning band - All Saints Maidstone! A scratch band came second with 47 faults followed by last year's victors Linton with 55.

For the second successive year only four bands, plus a scratch band, entered. This is disappointing for a competition that used to attract double that number only a few years ago before the eligibility rules were tightened. Let us hope for a better response next year.

R. A. BARCLAY

# DORSET COUNTY ASSOCIATION

## COUNTY RINGING DAY

SATURDAY 22nd JULY 1995

With an emphasis on Instruction and Practice - two Tours are being arranged for the benefit of all Bell Ringers. Our Ringing Masters will be available at each Tower to offer advice and instruction as required. A donation of 50p per Ringer will be levied at each Tower, any surplus funds put to our Bell Restoration Fund.

### Tour 1.

10.00-11.00 Martinstown (6) St. Martins 647889

11.30-12.30 Wool (6) Holy Rood 847864

### Lunch

14.45-15.45 Puddletown (6) St Mary the Virgin 758943

16.15-17.15 Hilton (6) All Saints 781029

To include:

Rounds; Call Changes; Grandsire Doubles;  
Plain Bob Minor; Little Bob Minor;  
London Surprise Minor.

### Tour 2.

09.30-10.30 Corfe Mullen (6) St. Hubert 976983

11.30-12.30 Bere Regis (6) St John the Baptist 847974

### Lunch

14.45-15.45 Milborne St Andrew (6) 801974

16.15-17.15 Piddlehinton (6) St Mary the Virgin 715971

To include:

Plain Hunt; Plain Bob Doubles;  
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### BOTH TOURS CONVERGING ON TO

18.00-19.30 Blandford Forum (8) St Peter & St Paul 885063

Ringers from both Tours will then assist those wishing to practice the art of Calling Touches as Conductors.

All Ringers will be made very welcome

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# Hertford County Association - Western District

A slight misunderstanding between two of the organisers caused a fifty-ninth minute change of plan, necessitating several Thursday night telephone calls and a switch of venues for the District meeting planned for June. Nothing could be done to alert non-local ringers, although one pair of visitors, having found a big wedding in progress at Chenies, came on to Sarratt and joined us there instead. Apologies to anyone who did not manage to locate us!

In spite of the fact that it was supposed to be flaming June, the weather was not particularly warm, and so the Ringing Master was not troubled by ringers wandering off outside, as they tend to do at ground-floor Sarratt when it is sunny. This month they remained well and truly within his reach. Another problem with Sarratt is that it is the only five-bell tower in our District, and consequently District members as a whole (with apologies to Chris Tough) tend not to know many Doubles methods. Consequently, Winchendon came to grief in the places and the spliced went rather spectacularly astray, forcing us to stick to the more usual Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire, with a smattering of St Simon's and St Martin's. Perhaps a few resolutions should be made on the Doubles front for next year.

The service was taken for us by the rector, the Rev David Dredge, officiating at his last ringers'



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service before retiring next month to a canalside haunt where he can indulge in his passion for narrow-boating. Unfortunately, this also means that his wife will be unable to continue to learn to ring at Sarratt. However, there are plenty of bells in the Midlands, so our loss will perhaps be somebody else's gain. After the last hymn we returned to our cars to drive the short distance to the Baptist chapel where tea was laid out for us. An interesting change of denomination, made necessary by the lack of suitable venues in the village, but the sandwiches and cakes were none the less delicious for that.

Association President Len Luck, making his second visit to the Western District (and grabbing a tower as well!) was called upon to take the chair for the business meeting, which did not differ too greatly from last month's. We have promised to try to find something contentious for the agenda when he next appears! Several new members were elected, including Debbie Catchpole, which means that Little Gaddesden, a relatively new tower in ringing terms, has now had three generations of one family ringing its bells. All new members elected during Len Luck's year of office are to receive a handsome certificate of membership with colour pictures of six Association towers, so we look forward to a surge in numbers this year!

Evening ringing was at Chenies, a tower not in Hertfordshire, but traditionally associated in our District with Sarratt, and here the special methods of Double Oxford, Bourne and Sandiacre were all successfully rung. The touch

of Spliced at the end was enlivened by the unravelling of the rope on the fourth during the last few leads, causing some speculation as to which would finish first - fortunately it was the touch, not the hemp. More splicing necessary! We returned to Sarratt to sample the beer in the newly reopened Cock, crowded but friendly, before heading our cars in the direction of home. A special mention must go to Charles Shepherd of West Grinstead, who, by visiting two new towers, collected some more pennies on his sponsor form for his Association Bell Fund. We hope to see him several more times during the year. Indeed, our doors are always open to visitors, and usually the notice in the Ringing World is right!

PENNY WATSON

This year the Andover District Striking Competition was held at Stockbridge with only two teams entering the change ringing and three teams for the rounds. This was a disappointing turn out for the district but made life easy for the judge Graham Grant of Winchester Cathedral. Barton Stacey came first in the rounds with Whitchurch second. Nether Wallop won the change ringing with Highclere runners up. Geoff Dodd awarded the chairmans cup to Longparish for entering, so every team went home with cups. After further ringing at Stockbridge we then went back to Ken and Carol Waller's house for a successful barbecue.

HELEN PIPER.

## Midsummer madness in Kent

The arrival of Saturday 24th June saw "Murphys Law" as regards the weather come into being. The day before, and the day after saw gorgeous hot fine wether, but alas this day was windy, no sun, and very cold for the time of year.

The days events started with the Inter-District Eight Bell Striking Competition, hosted by the Rochester District, at Cliffe, a very fine and basically even struck ring of eight on the Hoo Peninsular. Our judges for the day were Adrian and Heather Semken of the Essex Association. Where to sit for the judging process outside was decided whilst the local band rang after a wedding, and, as regards the weather this was a "cold" mistake for the judges! Yorkshire Major was then rung with the judges enabling them to get the feel and go of the bells. Into the competition proper, and the test piece was a plain course of Rutland Surprise Major. All six districts of Kent had entered bands. The results of the following Midsummer Madness events during the evening. First was Tonbridge, followed by Lewisham, Rochester, Maidstone, Canterbury and Ashford. Some 3½ points separated the first three bands. The judges commented that the ringing was generally of a very high standard. The main problems seemed to be the sixth, slow at backstroke, and the trebles ringing too close to the larger bells, with the occasional lack of open handstroke leading. Tonbridge duly received their trophy, a brass bell, along with its tin of Brasso polish and polishing rag (a long standing joke in Kent), and alas Ashford received the "Booby" Prize, a plastic bell filled with some sort of liquid (supposedly drinkable!)

Onto the evenings events, proceeded by a few Open Towers, which was arranged around a Barbeque and Pig Roast (Quex Park Chefs in attendance), and people certainly made the most of getting warm food inside them. The usual bar, with that well known Kentish beer (at least by Kentish ringers), Goachers was on sale. Whilst all this was going on, there was a "Rounders" match, with two of the largest sides imaginable playing. If you could not hit the ball through the infield, it was no good trying to hit it over the top, as the infield extended out very deep. Still everybody thoroughly enjoyed this most warming of activities. Running in parallel there was an outdoor Barn Dance (people dancing in Winter Anoraks!), but everybody put a brave face on it all, and really made the most of the occasion. During the course of these events, people were persuaded to part with their money for a large raffle.

All this "Midsummer Madness" as it was advertised as, was for the Association to raise money for the Bell Restoration Fund. Some £200 plus went into the kitty, though the weather probably put off a few more attending.

Our Judges, all who organised and helped with the various activities are gratefully thanked, and we look forward to next years event, this time hopefully held on a day of fine hot sunshine!

TIM WRIGHT

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## Around and about

Many of Ralph Elkington's friends know he was seriously hurt in a road traffic accident on 2nd May. He was cycling home from Melton Mowbray when he was in collision with a lorry. He was taken to The Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham with multiple injuries and has been there ever since. Although he has improved considerably he is still in a critical condition, and full recovery will take a long time. Jackie is with Ralph most of the time and we hope and pray that she is given the strength and stamina needed to help Ralph pull through. We are thinking of them all the time especially their friends from the R.A.C.

J.J.P.

Several readers have drawn our attention to an excellent article in *The Times* magazine of 1st July. "Lords of the Ring" was a full two-page spread complete with large colour photographs of Philip Saddleton, Andrew Johnson and Colin Wyld (twice) which described the solution of the bobs-only peal composition of Stedman Triples. The article was extremely well written and interesting even for a reader not entirely familiar with the technicalities of the subject. David House loved the statement that the ringers at Great St Mary's, Cambridge wore anoraks (a bunch of train spotters?) and we enjoyed the Sheldrake theory of a web of inherited memory and an invisible system of information transmission as a possible reason for simultaneous solution of a complex problem. It was also good to see Andrew Johnson pictured reading a copy of *The Ringing World*.

John Marshall-Evans, Rector of Yoxall, died suddenly aged 62 on the 23rd June. His death is a great loss to the parish and he was also extremely supportive during the installation of the new bell frame last year. A half muffled quarter peal was rung after the funeral on the first of July.

**Yoxall, Staffs.** 1 July, 1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Ruth Buxton 1, Richard Hamby (C) 2, Rosemary Payne 3, Cheryl Dodge 4, Michael Payne 5, Kevin Ryder 6.

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"They knew a man who could" - Christine Harbott drew our attention to an article in *Fanum News* the AA newsletter. A Bristol tower was about to attempt a quarter peal for VE Day when it was discovered that bolts holding the stay on one bell had dropped out and were badly bent. A nearby patrolman was asked to help (he turned out to have learnt to ring in the past), he contacted another patrol and together they replaced the bolts. The quarter was rung and the AA man has joined the band (and taken over tower maintenance!).

The report on p.539 is inaccurate regarding the quarter peal at Stotfold. Details should be:

**Stotfold, Beds.** 8 April, 1259 Grandsire Triples: Rebecca Kirk (1st Q) 1, Sheila Ashton 2, S H Ashton 3, A Tuffnell (1st on 8) 4, A H Smith (C) 5, Charlotte Smith 6, R V Webb 7, R Werrett 8.

I am tower captain of St. Teilo's Church, Llandeilo, Dyfed. Our fourth bell is in an unringable condition at the moment following a fall from its Victorian bearings in February.

We have been working hard to raise money for repairs and are making good progress and we would like to make an appeal through the pages of *The Ringing World* for donations from ringers who have visited us in the past, or those who may have had wedding bells rung here. If we can raise the funds we would like to rehang the other five bells, as well as repairing the fourth.

Cheques made payable to "Llandeilo Church Bells M/F" and sent to me at: Cwmgerwn, Penny-Banc, Llandeilo, Dyfed SA19 7ST would be much appreciated.

CHRISTINE MOSES (Mrs.)

Ringing for VJ Day. As already mentioned, it is hoped that as many towers as possible will ring at 12 noon on Sunday 20th August, or over the weekend 19/20th August. Please let us know if you have anything special planned as we are already receiving enquiries from the national media.

Surely the ever modest R.C.O. would never lay claim to "20 outstanding compositions" (RW p.704). Perhaps even he means "compositions outstanding"?

Br. A.

Glasshampton

Beaconsfield bells rang out as part of the town's celebrations of 50 years of peace on Saturday 8th July. The ringers watched a fireworks display from the roof of the tower before concluding the day by ringing at midnight. As the bells came into rounds applause and cheering could be heard from a crowd gathered in the churchyard.

We were pleased to hear that Andrew Warboys is recovering well after his major operation and has been seen back ringing in moderation.

So, there was no Surprise Major in last week's election! However for Major improvement perhaps Norma is a ringer for the job.

### Any just impediment?

I like ringing for weddings - humming the familiar hymns, receiving payment for ringing. However, in 20 years ringing for them the only unusual occurrences have been a couple of occasions when the wedding was "off" at short notice - never has a bride simply not appeared, never has a page boy stepped onto the bride's train which then fell to the ground, and never have the familiar words of the invitation for those "knowing any just impediment why these two persons may not be joined in Holy Matrimony" to disclose this information met with any response. I am sure that over the years these situations must have taken place - I wonder whether perhaps members of the Clerical Guild or others might have some amusing tales of such events they could regale?

OWEN DAVIS

Henlow

## Marsworth Bells are ringing again!

Marsworth PCC and bell ringers are very pleased to announce that the work of rehangng and augmentation of our bells has now been completed (6; 10-3-10 in G). A "Bell Celebration Weekend" has therefore been arranged for 28-30th July to commemorate this event, as follows:

Friday 28th July, Dedication Service, followed by 8pm ringing.  
Saturday 29th July, "Open invitation" to ring; 10am-5pm all welcome.  
Sunday 30th July, Normal Sunday Eucharist, ringing 10.15am before and after.

Visiting ringers will be most welcome, and are invited to make a donation towards the Bell Fund; suggested donation £2/rope. Refreshments will also be available. All funds raised during this weekend will be directed towards our next project, which is to install a ringing gallery.

Marsworth, Bucks, is situated on the B489 Aston Clinton to Dunstable road. There is good access from the M1 J11 via A505 to Dunstable, and from M25 J20 via A41 to Aston Clinton. Please direct any enquiries to either myself, Tel. (01296) 662520, or the Tower Captain, Harvey Hodgkiss, Tel (01296) 668462.

RICHARD BOOTH.

(Marsworth PCC)

All Saints Gosforth bells are out of action for three weeks or so as work is carried out on the clappers and pulley blocks.

A Cambridge University Guild peal rung at Moulton on 3rd June was rung as a compliment to Philip Agg (Magdalene) and Tracy Bennett on their recently announced engagement.

A special length of 2222 changes of P.B. Minor was rung at Parktown, Johannesburg on 8th July by: Bob Woodhead 1, Matthew Roberts 2, Maureen Roberts 3, Ian Knox 4, Richard Roberts 5, Bob Dennis (C) 6. It was a first inside, and longest length for 2, and was arranged specially to celebrate the birth of twin boys to Nick and Randa Twynham on 22nd June; also a farewell to Beryl Tucker, moving to Cape Town.

A little bird tells me that for the last three years, TV's "Stars in their Eyes" has been won by the person singing last. Do its judges also suffer from alleged post-lunch tiredness?

SIMON LINFORD.

## MORE NOTICES

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** Wirral Branch. Meeting at West Kirby, Saturday 22nd July. Bells (8) 3pm, Service 5pm followed by rounders and barbecue. Numbers for barbecue to Martin (0151-652 5192) by Wednesday 19th July at latest. 1032

**L.A.C.R.** Bolton Branch meeting 22nd July. 3-5pm. Ringing at All Souls, 5.15-6.30pm tea and meeting followed by ringing at Bolton Parish 6.30-8.30pm. Names for tea to Anthea (01204 650962). All welcome. 1034

**NORWICH D.A.** Royal practice at Wymondham on 22nd July, 7.30-9pm. Special methods, Plain Hunt and Lincolnshire. All Welcome. 1037

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