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Stowmarket are ringing again!

Following a silence of three years the bells of St Peter and St Mary's, Stowmarket, Suffolk are back in action. During this time the tower has been restored, the spire replaced and the bell frame secured at a total cost of well over £600,000.

The 14 century tower contains a peal of eight bells, tenor 20cwt, and over the centuries the spire structure has been replaced three times. Because of the unusual addition of an open gallery to the spire rainwater has tended to enter at the gallery level causing eventual rotting of the timbers. The first spire was taken down in 1674; the next crashed through the church roof in a great storm in 1703 causing unbelievable damage. The third, already much repaired, had by 1975 got in such a state that a decision was taken to remove the top section to prevent that falling off. Unfortunately the remaining lower section looked for all the world like an upturned dustbin, and the townspeople asked almost daily, "when will they put the spire back"?

Many problems

The spire, though, was only one of many problems associated with the tower. Massive cracks extended downwards from the bell frame through the clock chamber and down into the ringing chamber, where they had already begun to disrupt the masonry over the large window openings. These cracks had been present for many years and the tower structure had been steadily getting worse for probably at least a



The South Porch under repair in 1989

century. The roof was leaking like a sieve, the remaining 'Stump' of the spire was extremely unstable and by 1991 occasional small masonry falls indicated that the problems were accelerating rapidly. However, the true picture was not apparent at that time and it was not until work actually started on the tower that the devastating truth became apparent.

During 1991 ringing of the two back bells was stopped to reduce the stress on the tower somewhat. In June of that year a Tower and Spire appeal was launched and a tower and Spire committee formed. In February, 1992, the architects, Andrew Anderson, of Norwich supplied specifications and drawings and with the Faculty to hand scaffolding the tower commenced in May. Ringing of the front six bells stopped in July and by then the massive scale of the work ahead was becoming all too apparent. Exploratory excavations into the walls found that the tower, apart from having separated into nine different sections, each moving independently, was also quite hollow in extensive areas at the level beneath the bell frame. The Victorians had also introduced iron in various forms into the masonry in an effort to hold it together, and this had rusted and forced great areas apart, causing instability, and because of this the entire parapet had lifted from the top of the tower. This was not all, however, and further investigation of the oak beams supporting the tower roof indicated that death watch beetle had all but removed the wood where it entered the walls. Had not the Victorians had the presence of mind to put two large steel joists across the tower under the roof, then the roof and spire would have crashed down into the tower under the roof, then the roof

and spire would have crashed down into the tower. Needless to say, the original estimate of £250,000 to complete all the work rapidly increased and soon doubled and continued to climb.

A positive attitude

At this time much doubt entered the minds of those involved and we wondered if in fact we would have to spend vast amounts just making the tower safe and I had grave doubts as to whether we would ever again be able to ring the bells, which were in excellent order following a 1966/67 restoration. Without any doubt whatsoever there were reservations in those days but it was decided to take a positive attitude and to forge ahead whatever the problems and just at this moment we heard that a legacy had been left to the church and almost £100,000 was available. There is no doubt whatsoever that this heartened all concerned and together with grants from English Heritage and other organisations, much hard work by the church and townspeople to raise money, including concerts and functions given by musicians and others for the appeal, and many donations from near and far, we are happily closer to the final sum than we thought we would be.

Endless problems

The work caused endless problems throughout and as it progressed additional defects came to light one after the other, each one having to be re-evaluated and resolved before work could go on. So much of the tower was taken down and re-built completely that the



Massive re-construction required

builders were forced to continually take away skips full of the masonry, which was too heavy for the scaffolding and could not be stored on site, and to bring it back when needed. The new top section for the spire had to be built from scratch as no plans existed for the old one and only the odd piece of railing existed. By far the biggest headache though was the problem of how to secure the heavy 17.5m upper section of the spire to the stump and tower, and to improve on the previous structures if at all possible so

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St Peter and St Mary's, Stowmarket

STOWMARKET - continued

that the water could be kept out and decay prevented.

A modern solution to this very old problem was eventually decided upon and a steel ring beam inserted in the tower just above the level of the bells. The spire is tensioned to the stump of and the tower by eight 9.5mm diameter stainless steel rods which are fixed to the upper spire and descend through the stump and via a spacer ring fitted with stemballs (Normally used in nautical applications) to the steel ring beam. The rods are tensioned by turnbuckles and cannot be seen outside the tower, and all the exposed woodwork in the gallery has been covered to prevent weather damage, including fitting the copper and lead in such a way that water is unable to enter, especially at the gallery floor level, where previous problems occurred. The result is a very well secured spire on which it is possible to occasionally check the tensions of the rods to ensure they are all correct.

Massive frame

One further problem involved the securing of the massive oak bell frame, installed in 1894 by Bowells of Ipswich, and which is designed so that the bells all swing the same way, and the cills of which had been moving slightly with the swing of the bells for some years. A large steel joist already existed immediately under the frame centrally across the swing of the bells and right across the tower. This beam was well secured into the tower walls during the work and a new steel ring beam inserted into the tower just below the old beam. The new beam was connected to the tower in the corners and angled girders were then lifted from the old beam down to the new ring beam to transfer any thrust. Each of the five main cills of the bell frame were then securely bolted down to the old beam. This has now stopped all movement of the cills.

All well

On Wednesday, 7th June, 1995, Ranauld Clouston MBE, the architect Arthur Paxton and a large gathering of ringers attended and the bells were rung up and tried gradually as specified by Ranauld until eventually all eight were rung. Monitoring of the tower, frame and spire indicated that all was well and those magic words were eventually given, 'all is well and you can now once again ring the bells'. What a glorious moment that was after such a long wait! Because of the length of time that the bells have been silent it is considered that perhaps we should build up to normal ringing gradually and the first peal will therefore be left until people are used to the bells again, but first signs indicate that they are being well received and in fact much appreciated by all who hear them.

Grateful thanks are due to all who have been involved in this project in whatever form, whether in raising or donating money, being involved in the actual work or taking decisions concerning it, giving valuable time for a multitude of things which needed to be done. So many people have been so very kind to us and the glorious sight of the gilded cross, orb and weather vane on top of the new spire shining both in the sun and when the church is lit at night, can be seen for miles around and on all the approaches to Stowmarket.

Practice nights have resumed on Tuesdays (except August) and we ring on the first, third and fourth Sundays at 10.0am. Do join us if you would like to come and ring, you will be most welcome. WINSTON S. GIRLING

Nicola Redshaw and Jon Solesbury were married at the Church of St. Nicholas, Marston, on Saturday 1st July.

Nicola joined the St. Nicholas band in 1983 at the age of 12 years after having been taught to ring at St. Peter's, Wolvercote.

Together with her younger sister, Barbara, Nicola contributed much to the St. Nicholas' band achievements in recent years in the Under-18 striking contests.

Recently Nicola participated in a bellringing documentary video shot for the British Video History Library.

Unfortunately Jon is not a ringer but he has taken interest in his wife to be's hobby so who knows...

The excessive temperatures of the heat-wave abated somewhat on Nicola's wedding day to produce a pleasantly warm day with lots of sunshine which matched the serenity of the bride.

The bride was rung into church and the bride and groom out of church by a band of local ringers.

In the morning three quarter peals were rung as wedding compliments to Jon and Nicola.

HUGH DEAM

Marston, Oxford. 1260 Doubles (3m): Roy Jones 1, Neville Whittell 2, Roy Goodwin (C) 3, Serge Zvengintzov 4, Hugh Deam 5.

Horspath, Oxford. 1260 Doubles (4m 7v): Brian Lowe 1, Roy Goodwin 2, Roy Jones (C) 3, Hugh Deam 4, Neville Whittell 5.

Woodeaton, Oxford. 1260 Doubles (4m 11v): John Beale 1, Roy Jones 2, Roy Goodwin (C) 3, Hugh Deam 4, Neville Whittell 5.

All the ringers who took part in the quarters and in the ringing before and after the wedding wish Jon and Nicola a long and happy marriage.

When she first came into St. Oswald's tower, she was barely as high as my shoulder, all big dark eyes full of eagerness. "I want to learn to ring", she said. "Oh, good", I said. "well, you'd better watch for a bit; make sure you're strong enough..." "But I want you to teach me now", she said. So I taught her.

That was, what, ten, eleven years ago; now she has long passed my shoulder, though the eyes are still as big and as dark and as full of the eagerness of life. In all those years she has been the truest and most loyal of ringers, coming to every practice and Sunday ringing without fail, supporting the team on every occasion. Now, as she starts the next chapter of her life, first in America and then back to University in this

THE BELLS

Treble: Weight 6-0-10

"William Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, Founder 1810"

2: Weight 7-1-0

"Tho: Osborn fecit 1791"

Recast 1966, John Taylor, Loughborough

3: Weight 7-1-4

"John Darbie made me 1691"

"Thomas: Godard MP. John: Keeble: Richard: Osbvrmd:"

4: Weight 8-0-25

"+22(shield)20 Sit Nomen Domini Benedictum"

c1450 John Danyell, a Londoner

5: Weight 10-0-22

"Charles Newman made mee 1699"

Recast 1966, John Taylor, Loughborough

6: Weight 13-0-24

"T. Mears of London, fecit 1823"

7: Weight 17-1-23

"John Darbie made me, 1672"

Recast 1966, John Taylor, Loughborough

Tenor: Weight 20-0-27

"Miles Graye made me 1622"

(in D)

Also Sanctus bell, probably the old clock bell - "+ Ave Maria Gracia Plena" (this bell is hung above the others and weighs about 2 cwt.)

country, we give her all our good wishes.

Au revoir, Sue - don't forget us for we shall never forget you.

'Tis well! We hold your memory here

In pledge of steadfastness and truth!

Mrs. K. DANIEL.

Ninfield, Battle, E. Sussex.

Assuming that the proposed augmentation at Margaretting goes ahead, sooner or later a quarter of Doubles will be rung on the augmented ring. But will it be the first of Doubles on the bells?

There has never been a ring of more than four bells at Margaretting - but a quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung there more than 30 years ago.

The following details were published on page 481 of *The Ringing World* of 14 July 1961:

"Margaretting, Essex. On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. Norma Jeffrey 2, Sylvia A Hayward 3, P Bedford (cond) 4, F J Wood 5. Assisted by Donald A Bedford hunting an imaginary treble with arm movements only..."

whatever one might think of the circumstances, the fact remains that the existing four bells have been rung to 1,260 changes in a Doubles method, and the next time will not be the first time!

WILLIAM WILLANS.

P.S. - Perhaps "margaretting" - I leave the declension (conjugating) of the verb to A.J.B. and Brother A. - can become the expression for ringing more bells to changes than there are in the ring, with or without simulators.



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Bellfounders' Gift Page



*Some are born Tower Captains,
Some achieve Tower Captaincy,
and some have Tower Captaincy thrust upon them!*

New Course from the Education Committee

Most of us would agree that the ability of the Tower Captain can make, or break, a band and that the responsibility for much of the organisation within the tower must fall on his or her shoulders. But how many of us find ourselves in that position, or in another position of responsibility in the tower, with little or even no guidance? The success of the band and sustaining the band rely on someone being able to teach new recruits (and attract them), someone being able to maintain the bells, and someone being able to lead the group. The new Central Council Education Committee course will concentrate on these issues.

Who is it aimed at?

The course is aimed at Tower Captains, those who are newly appointed, those who have assumed the position reluctantly, those who may become a Tower Captain in the future, and those who have been a Tower Captain for some time and wish to exchange ideas with other Tower Captains. This latter is very important as we can all learn something from others in the same position, and we would like to encourage the more experienced to pass on their experience.

The course is aimed at Steeple Keepers, or those who have responsibility for maintaining the bells.

The course is aimed at those who are responsible for teaching within the tower, both bell handling and elementary change ringing.

Numbers will be strictly limited to ensure that all students receive maximum benefit from the course.

When and Where?

The course will be held twice yearly, once in the South and once in the North. In the South the course will be held in Cirencester over the first weekend in February, and the Northern course will be held in Sheffield on the fourth weekend

in November. The accommodation is hotel or conference centre based, and will cost approximately £100.

We realise that people attending this course will be doing so not only to benefit themselves, but to benefit the rest of the band to which they belong, for this reason we shall hold teaching sessions only on Saturday and Sunday so that it should not be necessary for most people to have to take time off work or school.

Programme

The course is modular, with all students attending a session on general tower management, and then selecting two out of the four possible options:

- Teaching bell handling
- Belfry Maintenance
- Teaching Elementary change ringing - call changes
- Teaching Elementary change ringing - method ringing.

The Belfry Maintenance course will be run by the Towers and Belfries committee who are collaborating with the Education Committee on this venture

All modules include practical experience in aspects of the skills being dealt with.

A service and opportunity to ring locally will be available to all students.

What should you do if you are interested?

If you would like more information about the course please contact Michael J deC Henshaw, 12, Aston Road, Willerby, Hull HU10 6SD (01482 656270).

What should Association Officers do?

We ask all Association Officers to bring this course to the attention of their members, and to seriously consider offering sponsorship to those who would benefit from this course.

First peal congratulations

James K. Eggleston.

St. Mary's, Masham:
Headstone of George Thornberry
Died 18th Sept 1810 Aged 80
Here lies an old ringer
Beneath this cold clay
Who has rung many peals
Both to serious and gay
Thro' Grand Sires and Triples
With ease he could range
Till death called this Bob
And brought round his last change.
(detail sent to us by C. Ladd).

Puzzle Corner

No.138 A FAMILY AFFAIR

by Angela Newing

In a particular tower nine of the ringers are fairly closely related. The nine included four who are husbands of ringers, four who are sons or daughters, four who are parents of ringers and four who are brothers or sisters. There are three sons-in-law, two fathers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, two grandparents and two grandchildren. There is also one aunt and one uncle.

Can you construct the family tree consistent with these facts?

Send your solution to Angela Newing, The Rectory, Brimpsfield, Gloucester GL4 8LD to arrive by 25 August 1995. The first correct solution picked out of the hat will earn its sender a small prize.

Solution to Puzzle Corner No.137

This fairly simple exercise in numbers produced a big postbag of almost totally correct entries. The hymn numbers were:

163
489
257

First drawn for the prize came from Elizabeth Gwynne from Braunston, Northants.

Second initials

I am always (no, on second thoughts make that usually!) mindful of the sensitivities of others, even including ringers. Especially so since they may cut me out from future ringing plans if I upset their sensitivities in this direction.

Imagine my distress therefore to see that that a recent batch of quarter-peal submissions, in which I had taken great care to ensure that second initials were not only included but were correct, had had the said initials carefull excised.

Is this merely down to individual typesetter's preferences or is there some new editorial policy of which I remain blissfully unaware?

TIM (no middle initial) MUNSLOW
General rule is that if full Christian name is printed no middle initial is included. Some ringers still prefer to send men's initials only and ladies full Christian name - their wishes are respected - Ed.

BELL CLUB AWARDS

We congratulate the following ringers who have earned badges in the Sherbourne Teaching Aids "Bell Club" as follows:

Gold

Awen Kimmis (Mells) and John Cole (Fawley).

Red

Rachel Chadwick (Fawley).

Green

Katharine Price (Kings Bromley); Rachel Chadwick and Matthew Hand (Fawley).

Blue

Rachel Chadwick, Matthew Hand and Robert Dowding (all from Fawley).



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Letters

A flexible approach

I am pleased that Mr. Berriman's letter/article has produced some correspondence as it is interesting to the *ordinary* ringer and to teachers.

Mr. Berriman refers to "the book". The implication is that there is just *one* recognised authority on teaching. There is no such book. I can think of several which deal with the subject. He cannot mean the only, I think, Central's Council's book which deals with the subject, *The Tutor's Handbook*, as that does not start with pulling a bell off from backstroke.

He could, alternatively, mean the generally recognised system of teaching, but with no previous experience he would not know if there were one.

A wild guess is that 80% of teachers use the bell up way. I have used that and the bell down way, both with satisfactory results. Each has its merits. A teacher will use the way which *he/she* has through experience found preferable. The learner, having tacitly accepted the teacher, must accept the teacher's way of teaching.

But the way used by the teacher, as long as it is safe and systematic, is irrelevant. It is *HOW* the teaching is done that matters: patience and an understanding of each learner's particular needs and problems if there are any.

I think the good teacher in any subject is one who is prepared to experiment safely with different approaches, and if he/she finds a pupil unresponsive to one method will try a different tack.

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Wakefield.

Wrong attitude

The article on page 737 in the 14th July issue entitled 'Learning to Ring', made me look at the date to see that it was not 1st April. Having established that it was not, then I can only assume that Mr. Berriman is quite serious in what he says. I feel sorry for the poor tower captain who seems to have had the misfortune to try to teach this gentleman to ring. Mr. Berriman's whole attitude to learning to ring appears to be at fault. Here was a tower captain with many years of experience in teaching bellringing, now being told that he has been doing it wrong all these years; not by a person more experienced than himself, but by someone who knows nothing at all about ringing. This is proved by the fact that, despite much tuition, he hardly ever uses any bellringing terms in his article. I am sure that the tower captain concerned would have taught him some, as well as explaining why the lightest bell in the tower was not being used for tuition, and why he was starting with the bell in the 'up' position. I feel sure that he would have tried several different ways in order to put over a point, or to teach a skill, and not just go 'strictly by the book'. Incidentally, we are not told the name of the book which was being used.

In our tower at Southgate, we teach most learners on the second or third bell. This is for two reasons. Firstly, because especially on the

The Great Bell, Christ Church, Wellington, Shropshire

I am licensed as Priest-in-Charge of this parish on 21st July and have pleasure in forwarding some details of the "Great Bell" which will be of interest to your readers.

As a ringer myself I was interested in its background. Apparently the PCC at the time had to decide between a ring of six or a big bell. As the tower would not take a ring to surpass the weight of that at the neighbouring All Saints, Wellington (8, 16-1-2 in E), they decided to have a "Great Bell".

The bell is hung on a full wheel and is either swung chimed or struck by a striking hammer. On occasions it has been "turned over", so appears capable of being rung full circle but it does not possess a stay.

THE REVD MIKE CLARIDGE

The Parish of Christ Church, Wellington

THE GREAT BELL

The bell was cast at the foundry of Messrs John Taylor & Co., Loughborough on

Armistice Day November 11th 1938

It was cast by Mr 'Jim' Smith who was 78 years of age, and who had been an employee of the firm for 58 years.

The weight of the Bell is 2 tons 16 lbs

The Bell is tuned to the note "B"

Its diameter is 5 foot 1 1/2 inches and it is 4 feet 1 inch in height

The constituents of the Bell are 13 parts copper, 4 parts tin and a small percentage of pure silver.

The Bell bears the inscription

TAYLORS OF LOUGHBOROUGH MADE ME

I TELL OF A HUNDRED YEARS

CENTENARY OF CHRIST CHURCH WELLINGTON

JUNE 26th 1939

JAMES PHILLIPS ABBEY M.A. VICAR

THOMAS FREEMAN } CHURCHWARDENS

SAMUEL TINSLEY }

end of a 60ft long rope; and secondly, when the learner is able to handle on their own, they are then taught to follow another bell. This bell is usually the one on their right. If they were ringing the treble, we would have the additional problem of teaching them how to lead off the tenor before they have learnt to follow other bells. We teach with the bell up because we find it easier and safer that way. Some people start with the bell down for the same reason. The learner is first taught backstroke only, then handstroke only, and then the two together. With a young person, the learner may be able to handle a bell on their own in about an hour (or 3 minutes, judging by Dick Furminger's letter on the opposite page!); an older person can take much longer.

At the beginning of Mr. Berriman's article, he wonders why there was such a negative attitude towards recruiting. As a professional man, he should have known that one way of encouraging someone to do something, is to try to put them off doing it. You do this by pointing out all the difficulties. In this case, the ploy worked perfectly, for Mr. Berriman became determined to learn to ring. Mr. Berriman scoffs at the ringer who told him that a bell is an animate object - presumably because he believes that they are inanimate - and then goes on to say that these same inanimate objects are dangerous because they move!

Mr. Berriman likens the 'dangers' in his tuition to that of learning to drive a car by starting off in top gear and full throttle. As a qualified driving instructor, I would say that, if it were necessary to do such a thing to illustrate a point, then I would do it. Like any teacher, we must be able to adapt our teaching to suit our pupil. His whole article seems to be saying, that he knows best how to teach a subject about which he knows nothing. His theory looks fine on paper, but is difficult to carry out. His reasoning depends on knowing where the bell is in its cycle. What does he mean by the phrase 'taking the bell up half a turn.' If the bell starts off with its mouth down, then half a turn would put it on the balance,

which is exactly what his tutor was trying to get him to do.

In my profession, I see many people like Mr. Berriman. I recently taught a headmaster to drive, who had been with another driving instructor. The first instructor had given up with him because, he, the headmaster, kept stopping the car to tell the very experienced instructor that his instruction was wrong. Another pupil of mine, another teacher, had five previous driving instructors before he came to me. He complained to me that none of the other instructors had taught him properly. It is a known fact amongst driving instructors, that people who are good with their brains, such as students or teachers, often take longer to learn to drive, as they have poor co-ordination. They (the pupils) sometimes think that they know better than the instructor, and refuse to accept what they are being told. Mr. Berriman seems to be suffering from the same problem. If he had followed his tutor's instructions, he would have found that, not only he would have been able to set his bell when required, but he would be able to control the bell if it started to drop. He blames his tutor, for what appears to me to be stubbornness on his part on not wanting to obey the instructions he was being given. From my experience, it seems that teachers make the worst pupils. However, being a sympathetic tower captain (as well as a driving instructor), I would be more than willing to let him try his theories out at Southgate; but he will still find that it will take him at least three months to learn to handle a bell properly

D. F. WILLCOCKS

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And Anne Willis from Bradford-on-Avon favours the traditional methods of teaching. She also points out the problems often encountered by ringers with small hands dealing with fat sallies. Finally she tells us it was not handling the bell which caused the problem, it was tucking up to the rope between rings which proved really difficult.

Staunton Harold Achievement!

This year the National Trust is marking its Centenary in a variety of ways. At Staunton Harold a service was arranged to be held in its lovely church on 16th July and I was asked by the Trust if the local band would ring for this special occasion. In the event, the service was called-off (reasons unknown to us), but it was felt that the ringing of the bells would still be a fitting way to mark the Centenary. After much negotiation, it was agreed that we could go beyond the Trust's stipulated 30-minute ringing rule and try for a quarter-peal.

So in the heat and steamy humidity of mid-day, with the bearings given an extra-special dose of oil, we launched into our attempt to ring 1260 changes of Plain Bob Triples with trepidation and grim determination. We soon settled into a steady rhythm and maintained it with accurate striking; 47 minutes later the bells came into rounds and the eight jubilant grease-spots managed a splendid 'fall' to complete their triumph. Those who know the extremely difficult 'go' and tricky handling of these bells will understand how we felt!

The ringers were: The Revd Canon Frederick Ross 1, Mary Hale 2, Robert B. Smith (cond.) 3, Rosemary R. A. Ross 4, Michael Davidson 5, Stuart Hale 6, Alan Moul 7, Alan Jacques 8.

We are delighted to have been given this unique opportunity to ring a quarter peal on these bells; we think it was the first for many decades. It is doubtful if we will ever have the chance again, and we leave to our successors to decide how they should mark the National Trust's Bicentenary!

Although unable to repeat this performance, I cordially invite others who would like a ring at Staunton Harold to join us on one of our allocation of six ringing mornings. We are permitted to include two or three visitors, and all I ask is that you let me know in writing. Regrettably we cannot allow anyone to ring who turns up without prior arrangement.

It does mean an early start: we meet just after 8am for the service at 8.45am. Those without time to return to their own towers may wish to ring at towers nearby afterwards. Write to me at The Vicarage, Church Square, Melbourne, Derby DE73 1EN.

FREDERICK ROSS

Learn from experience

In response to Geoff Berriman's letter I offer the following thoughts.

Most tower captains genuinely want to help learners, however the post is a voluntary one. A point which should be appreciated immediately is that many tower captains attain that position by default ie there is little or no competition for the post. Among the many tower captains you will find the caring, the know-it-alls, the laid back, the outgoing and friendly, the bored, the keen, the helpful, the bossy, the enthusiastic, etc. but rarely anyone trained in teaching bell handling or ringing. Most draw on their own learning and teaching experiences which is obviously a relatively narrow approach.

In this environment how does one learn? Youngsters who are still in the education system are used to learning new skills and they just get on with it as simply another activity. Adult learners find it harder to adopt this unquestioning approach.

My advice is: stick at it, do as is suggested, don't argue or expect to reason, visit other towers, talk to and learn from other recent learners, go on one or more of the courses

Maintaining the integrity of historic bell installations

Four years ago, with Faculty and English Heritage consent, the oldest ring of eight bells in England was dismantled following a substantial donation from overseas. Today the tower in which it had remained undisturbed for over 300 years contains two frames – a new steel one with the eight historic bells with new fittings in new headstocks and, above it, the original frame with its old headstocks and fittings but no bells. It is like discovering a vintage Rolls Royce – perfectly preserved but with the engine missing.

This installation has fared better than most rings where it has been decided to do up ancient bells. More often than not the headstocks and fittings – if they survive at all – are abandoned in silence chambers, unrecorded and unprotected, the original frame (if it exists) a gaunt, lifeless skeleton devoid of all metalwork. A few local enthusiasts are satisfied, but at what price to the nation's heritage? If the drive to revamp old installations continues at its present rate, fuelled by hopes of Millennium Commission funding, who will know in 50 years time what an old ring of bells looked like or what wedge bolts, stock hoops, nailed sheerbands or drive-in gudgeon pins are? It would be ironic if the only hope of survival for the original installations which still remain intact was the imposition of VAT and/or Section 80 of the 1990 Environmental Protection Act.

No-one denies that cost is an important factor, and that engineers have a contribution to make in ensuring that bell fittings are strong enough to survive the rigours of swing chiming and ringing in full circles, but when has anyone produced calculations to back up the popular assertion that old ironwork, even if it is repaired, is unsafe and that, these days, steel angle iron and threaded bolts are the only possible means of support? How often is "safer" a coded word meaning easier, cheaper maintenance? Who has seriously tried to repair historic bell ironwork? What checks have been made to establish that the African hardwoods now in vogue for headstocks are grown as a crop and that their felling does not cause environmental damage to the area?

In other fields of church conservation work (window ferramenta and casements, weathercocks and handwound clocks, for example) no-one would dream of scrapping historic metalwork. Nor, provided DACs and English Heritage notice the small print, is such drastic alteration work nowadays approved. Why should bells be an exception? There is one ray of hope – the possibility of Heritage Lottery Fund money for *historic* bells. But bells are no longer historic if you strip them of their original fittings.

ANDREW ANDERSON
(Architect)

Norwich

advertised and you will learn. You must be keen enough, keep at it, read the books and keep thinking about it.

I have noticed that tower captains sometimes treat younger and adult learners differently paying greater care and attention to the younger ringers and if there is only time for one more 'go' then it's not usually the adult who gets the extra practice. Be forewarned.

In many areas there is a great shortage of ringers. Adults who are settled in the area and who have actively expressed a desire to learn to ring should be given as much encouragement as possible.

Hanging onto a bell rope, either tail end or sally while someone else takes the main weight of the bell for more than ten minutes is for the majority of people a boring and meaningless exercise. One needs to spend some time doing this but getting a feel for the weight of the bell early on is as important. Pulling the bell rope then becomes more meaningful.

When Geoff Berriman has learnt to handle the bell he will realise that the lightest bell is not always the easiest or most forgiving for the inexperienced to control. Ringing a bell part way up and then down is not an easy beginners exercise either.

While you are learning Geoff make a note of your experiences, most teachers learnt many years ago and can't remember how it happened nor can they remember those vital points which can make all the difference between the slow trial and error approach and the well taught approach. You may then be able to help others learn in a more efficient way.

I think that most of the knowledge on teaching bell handling and ringing is already available and recorded, it needs to be more widely adopted. How does one pass on the message to the diverse group of tower captains and then persuade them to make use of it is perhaps the problem to be addressed.

Hereford

MRS B. TINGLEY

A work of art

I was somewhat alarmed to read in Tim Wraight's report (page 755) that the trophy that I donated for the KCACR 8-bell striking competition has been branded a "booby prize", together with a less-than-deserving description of the same. Perhaps I can be spared a few lines to correct these mistakes and add a brief outline of the purpose for which this trophy was provided.

The correct description is the Kent County Association 8-bell striking competition *Improvers Trophy*, and it is presented to the team that finishes last in the competition and has most need of improvement, to encourage them to do better next time. Far from being a booby-prize, it has actually proved its worth since no district has held it for more than one successive year (yet).

The bell itself is a beautifully crafted model of the Liberty Bell, diameter 6 ins, complete with working fittings (including a canon-retaining headstock); and hung in a simple pedestral frame approximating to type 8.3 B a(ii) in Chris Pickford's bellframe recording handbook. Although not equipped with a wheel the bell can be successfully rung East Bergholt style once the frame and foundation have been anchored to the table with a G-clamp or similar; setting the bell in the inverted position activates a cunningly concealed musical box which rewards the ringer with that beautiful rendering from Handels "I know that my Redeemer liveth". Oh, and I forgot to mention that the bell is a hollow casting in smoked acrylic, and removing the clapper staple bolt from the headstock reveals a centre hole which gives access to the void and permits the decanting of a coloured liquid to give the bell a unique hue that can be made up daily to match the clothes that you are wearing or the mood that you are in, etc.

Your readers may like to know that I have been told of the whereabouts of a second bell of

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similar type which is languishing in a bric-a-brac store in St. Leonards on Sea. By the time, and on the assumption that this article makes print, I hope to be one quarter of the way to my objective of providing an *Improvers Bell Trophy* for every member of the ultimate team so that we can put paid to the endless squabbles over who takes charge of the same. Who knows; perhaps by then we shall receive better fortune in the Essex trophy.

NICK DAVIES

PS. I note that Tim reckoned the coloured dye was drinkable! Has he been having a snifter which others have been denied? Or maybe the naval issue is no longer what it used to be!

All is revealed

After decades of success at silencing towers by driving ringers from their practices, our secret is finally revealed (RW pp684, 761, 778, and how many more?). Although we hoped to hide our activities by regularly changing towers, we knew, in our heart of hearts, some time it must end.

Although (after many years) you have managed to expose this particular ploy, don't be too smug; this won't be the end of our group's activities. Anyone can complain to an Environmental Health Officer; for centuries we have achieved our aims by stealth, working diligently under cover, risking friendships, health, and even mortal danger, in order to bring peace and quiet to our nation. We have taken over your most famous societies and created ill feeling by establishing elitism and exclusivity. We judge striking competitions and deliberately place bands in the wrong order. We regularly write hostile letters to *The Ringing World*.

Obviously, for reasons of security, we operate under a mantle of secrecy; none of us knows the true extent of our success. We, however, can disclose that in our district we have disciples risking their health by excessive drinking in order to engineer bad feeling between bellringers and not only the clergy but also local publicans. Others are willing to go for days without washing, cleaning their teeth, or changing their clothes in order to create a bad atmosphere in the tower. Such unselfish devotion can be put to even better effect; one of our most successful operatives has, by continuous application of unwelcome attention over many years, driven countless members of the opposite sex from the exercise. He is still on active duty.

Others selflessly devote their evenings to instruction in the art of conducting boring one-sided conversation for hours at a time, or the merciless application of hurtful remarks; when qualified they travel between struggling towers, closing them left right and centre. Our regular course on the art of avoiding the purchase of a round of drinks is also heavily oversubscribed.

The time taken to teach a bellringer also works to our advantage. We have (carefully selected) members whose lack of progress has driven a succession of instructors beyond the limits of sanity (The name "Idub", that of our most unsuccessful member ever, immediately springs to mind). And how dispiriting it is when the successful objects of this effort regularly turn up five minutes before the end of the practice (or Sunday service ringing) with the excuse that they couldn't tear themselves away from "Neighbours" or "Star Trek" (or bed).

More subtle are the efforts of those who devote hours of their time, and that of others, learning to ring well in order that they might be invited in peals which they can then sabotage by bringing up rounds prematurely or by dropping



Lead us to the refreshments

RNGB in Cornwall

The day before the outing was unbearably hot, the hottest so far of the summer, but fortunately Saturday 1st July was cooler. Although numbers were low for a Naval Guild gathering, and there were not enough volunteers for the usual quarter peal, it was a good day. A mixture of excellent towers, friends and beautiful scenery. The ringing was generally good, especially when the decision of open or closed leads was resolved before beginning to ring! Some found long draughts a little daunting but not our intrepid bungee jumper, to whom anything under 140 feet seems short in comparison.

Map readers rose to the challenge of recognising one Cornish country lane from another without signposts, and unerringly (well most of the time) led their drivers, plus unexpected flotillas of hangers-on in the right direction. The mining exhibition in Menheniot church was very interesting and the refreshments being served in the hall opposite a definite attraction on a warm summer's afternoon. It was quiet and some of the helpers had gone home when the first ringer did a recce. The word spread and minutes later an impromptu ringers tea was under way. Satisfying both for the ringers and the Menheniot church coffers. After the last tower, the impressive St Germans, we departed, already looking forward to Trafalgar Weekend. Our grateful thanks to John Evans for his excellent planning and arrangements which resulted in yet another successful RNGB meeting.

out at the last minute. The latter ploy can generate enormous ill-feeling between all the parties involved when perusal of the RW peal columns reveals the apparent motive of the "drop out" was acceptance of a subsequent invitation to a more complicated peal with a stronger band. Some of our greatest successes are your most proficient conductors; they break hearts by calling "bob" instead of "single" after 4984 changes; some can break ropes or slip wheel at will; precise application of verbal harassment and humiliation can precipitate learners from ringing just as they are on the point of huge success.

We count our success in the numbers of towers silenced, especially if they remain silent for long enough for the bells to become unringable; we can then cause more trouble by ringing them. Sadly, however, there are always those irritating enthusiasts who manage to reverse our successes. But eventually we will overcome.

E. 'n' D. VICE
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ANZAB Annual Festival 1995

The first information about the 34th Australian and New Zealand Association of Bellringers Annual Festival of Ringing appeared in a letter in *The Ringing World* last December from Enid Roberts, who is the Chairperson of the North Eastern Branch of the ANZAB. The Festival was to be held in Sydney from June 9th-12th, and as I was already planning to visit New Zealand in June/July I sent off for further details. After several faxed communications, I decided the opportunity was too good to miss, and how right I turned out to be.

In the fine, lively city of Sydney and its immediate environs there are ten towers with bells, made up of two twelves, one ten, six eights and one six, and the problem for the organising team was to enable all the ringers present to ring at least once in each tower, whilst fitting in with the regular needs of wedding and service ringing. With around one hundred ringers in total being present, including the local Sydney ringers, some considerable juggling skills were obviously needed.

My immediate impression was of the warmth of the welcome which I received wherever I went. Before the start of the Festival proper I attended practice night in St. Mary's Cathedral, which has a magnificent ringing chamber, whilst the fourteen bells seem almost lost in the cavernous bell-chamber above. I was at once made to feel at home and much enjoyed the ringing on these fine bells. A subsequent visit to a local inn for beer and food helped to stave off the effects of ringing on a winter evening in Sydney, when the temperature must have been in the low 70s F!

Next evening, at the "Welcome Practice" on the eight at St. Philip's, there was a very good attendance, and I discovered there were two more English visitors, both recent graduates from Bristol University, one hailing from York and the other from Titchfield in Hampshire. As I was myself from Little Missenden in Buckinghamshire I reckoned that the three of us covered the country reasonably well! A splendid soup and pizza supper was provided in the Parish Room afterwards, preparing everyone for the ringing due to start in earnest the following morning, Saturday. General ringing had been organised in five City Towers, of which it was possible to have a worthwhile ring at three in the time available, whilst a minibus had been organised for the late morning to take those of us without transport to the outlying churches at Turramurra, where an excellent lunch awaited us prior to ringing, then to Parramatta, returning via St. Paul's at Burwood, arriving back in Sydney in time for all those attending the Festival Dinner to make their way to the Concord Golf Club. I did not go myself, but from what I heard next morning it was obviously a very successful evening.

Sunday morning meant service ringing in eight churches, and here I was able to tick off two more towers on my list, one of which was the only six-bell tower in Sydney, St. Benedict, the other being the ten at Christ Church St. Laurence. St. Benedict's presented a bit of a challenge, the bells being hung on three levels. With the two tenors naturally being on the lowest level it was extremely difficult to hear the front four at all, especially with the accompanying noise of Sydney's traffic just outside.

Later in the morning the AGM of the ANZAB was held at St. Mark's, Darling Point, from where there is a magnificent view of part of Sydney and its beautiful harbour. At the meeting

there were a number of changes in the Officers, and Gordon Connon, who had served the maximum permitted term of three years, was succeeded by David Knewstubb as President. It was also decided that next year's Festival will be held in Perth.

The meeting was followed by a soup lunch, after which the annual Striking Competition was held on the eight at St. Mark's. There were six entries, of which one was comprised of the New Zealand representatives, together with the three from the UK, and two "borrowed" Australian ringers. The results were declared at the Informal Dinner held later at Burwood and the winners were the "scratch" Ladies band, New South Wales being runners-up. Since the Ladies were not a regional team, they were not eligible to take the trophy but were rewarded with loud applause, chocolates and champagne, whilst the trophy went to the New South Wales team. The offshore team of which I was a member caused no problems to the judges as to interpretation of the Rules, since we were duly placed last and posed no threat!

The Festival Service was held at St. Paul's, Burwood before the dinner that Sunday evening. It was well attended and the congregation heard the Bell Anthem by Henry Purcell, followed by a touch on hand bells, with the sermon from the Warden of St. Paul's College, University of Sydney, all contributing to a memorable service in this lovely church.

A number of quarter peals were attempted on Monday morning, together with a twelve bell practice and general ringing for those not involved. I was pleased to get a quarter of Cambridge Major, and went off in cheerful mood to the barbecue at St. Jude's, Randwick, which has eight pretty difficult steel bells and suffered four broken ropes during the weekend! However, with some speedy and efficient splicing ringing remained possible, and we appreciated the hard work of those involved. After the barbecue, held on a coolish but very fine day beside the Church, I got a lift back to the City for a hastily arranged quarter of Plain Bob Major at St. Philip's - a real pleasure to take part. From there on to the practice at St. Andrew's Cathedral, another twelve of great merit, and the weekend was complete.

As always on these occasions there must have been last minute problems behind the scenes, but to the visitor everything went without a hitch, and those responsible must feel justly proud of the way the Festival turned out. I would thank them all for the work which went into the organisation over a long period. As I mentioned at the start of these comments, I am extremely grateful for the unstinted and generous way in which all who attended were greeted and made to feel amongst friends.

If any ringers find themselves in Perth, or can arrange to be there at the time of the 1996 Festival, I am certain that they will be in for a great weekend.

BARRY COWPER



The adventures of Bob the ringing dog



Left to right: G. Smith, P. Everall, Alastair Brierly, E. Broom, A. Gordon, G. Mottershaw.

One more peal-

One Friday night after practice - while enjoying a pint it was suggested by Alastair Brierly that I should do something special for my 60th birthday on June 2nd. At the time I thought this a good idea and agreed to come out of retirement and ring one more peal. My last one was over 20 years ago.

June 3rd dawned and I wondered what I had let myself in for. We met at Chetwynd church and started ringing just after 10am.

I thoroughly enjoyed ringing the peal of Plain Bob Minor and would like to thank Andrew Gordon. The conductor, and the other ringers who rang with me.

GERALD MOTTERSHAW



Ian and Janet Parry

April 1st was probably not a good day for Sheila Parry's son to get married. Sheila is well known to Hereford Course attenders as somewhat of a prankster and so it was inevitable that guests arrived at St Cadoc's, Raglan to find an order of service containing hymns such as 'Fight the Good Fight'. The proper service sheets were then distributed but Sheila could not resist just one more fling and the couple who apparently have a great love of elephants walked down the aisle, not to the strains of the expected recessional music but rather to the jolly rhythm of "Nellie the Elephant". Janet Teague who married Ian Parry is a brave young lady to adopt such a mother-in-law!

Festival Day in Oxford

From 9am onward on Saturday 8 July choir and Oxford D.G. Officers were assembling for the beginning of what was to be a very long day, from the ritual paper-folding of the service sheets till the clearing up after the barbecue some 13 hours later. Meanwhile, in the city, the duty stewards were opening up at Magdalen College for the start to the day's ringing.

In the absence of the Cathedral Voluntary Choir, Michele Ellender had gathered an ad hoc choir of ringers, who, as if by magic, fell into four neat part of five, for what was to be a veritable orgy of the most sublime Tudor church music.

After a rehearsal, THE rehearsal, and some of us were sight-singing! some of the music was jettisoned, time and common sense prevailing. The service itself, sung Eucharist, was O Quam Gloriosam by Vittoria, with the anthem 'If Ye Love Me' by Tallis and, although the 'a capella' choice was not necessarily the wisest, it may be said that at least two parts were always extant. The organist and choirmaster, Jeremy Walbank from Abingdon delighted us with his voluntary, Paul Patterson's Fluorescence. The Service was led by the Right Revd Colin Bennets, Bishop of Buckingham, who took as his text the Old Testament reading: "In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw also the Lord . . ." and called to our attention all the trappings of worship and those things which lead us to take part in Divine Service, including bell ringing. The rest of the day, for many, consisted of ringing at towers in the city and on the periphery. Otherwise engaged were bands from Old North Berks, North Bucks, Reading, Vale-of-the-White Horse and East Berks/South Bucks, who assembled during the afternoon at S Thomas's down by the station to take part in the Guild 10-bell competition. The ringing chamber of S Thomas has, apparently, lost much of its charm since the installation of new flooring and the absence of a hole down which to fall.

Competitors drifted in and out during the afternoon (mostly in shorts) some snatching the odd moment on the car radio to find out what the ladies were up to at Wimbledon.

At last the judges emerged from their dusty organ loft: Chief Judge, Stephen Stanford from Leicester was assisted by Brian White of Appleton, who hid, in a desperate bid to remain anonymous. Some chance! General observations were that most teams found the back bells particularly 7-8-9 difficult and tended to force the pace, leaving little room for leading. All bands completed the test piece, a touch of 2190 Stedman Caters and were placed as follows:

1. E.B.S.B. (126 faults); 2. Reading (130); 3. Old North Bucks (166); 4. North Bucks (220); 5. Vale of the White Horse, (281). Particular mention must be made of the band placed 5th, Vale of the White Horse, whose efforts were particularly noteworthy, the smallest branch in the Guild, who do not have their own 10 on which to practice, but have had to travel to Thatcham and Christchurch for that purpose: a very worthy performance. The winners will go forward to represent the O.D.G. in the Tewkesbury Shield.

The evening barbecue was held at the Oxford Old Boys Rugby Club where the draw was stage-managed by Stephen Rossiter: this no doubt greatly swelled the coffers of the O.D.G. bell fund.

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Graham Firman holds the 10-bell trophy aloft.



The winning 10-bell team, E.B.S.B. l.-r. Graham Firman (C), Robert Newton, Katharine Firman, Lloyd Cartwright, Beccy Bruce, Patricia Newton (Master), Sheila Bruce, David Moore, Peter Bruce, Rex Agg.

The burden of the day's arrangements fell on Oxford City branch and many thanks are due to their tireless efforts, skills and talents for the Service, the day's ringing and the barbecue finale, rounding off a truly excellent day. Our thanks go to David and Katie Lane for the ringing arrangements with help from Tim Martin, Charlotte Everett, Clive Holloway and Bernard Stone, the three last mentioned also being the mainstay of the barbecue arrangements. We understand that at least £60 profit was made on the barbecue and that will go to the Bell Fund.

BOBBIE MAY.

A day to be remembered

The choir

My own day started when Joel Reitz and John Hearn fetched me from my house early in the morning and I was deposited under Great Tom in Oxford at about 9 am to enjoy half an hour of meditation in the Cathedral while looking forward to the great privilege of singing in the guest choir at the Annual Festival of the Oxford Guild on July 8th. For me it was as exciting as a new belltower – the new choir, the excellent music, the practice room where the Christ Church choir rehearse and robing in the blue guest robes. Thank you Jeremy and Michelle for this wonderful chance to sing here. There were 5 of us in each of the 4 parts and we did not do too badly.

The sermon

Colin Bennetts sermon touched on the times article we have seen hanging on every belfry noticeboard since and he also thanked us for all our work. However, I felt he re-opened a debate I had years ago with Stephen Wheeler and Kevin Beer at Windsor. The non church-going bellringer debate. I thought the Bishop was having a bit of a go at us for ringing then ducking into the pub, or, worse, ringing, then ducking into the next church on a Sunday to ring again, rather than spending that time in the service of our home church.

I have therefore spent some time talking to other ringers about how they feel about this matter and have come up with two quite opposing viewpoints which I feel could form the basis for a really good debate.

The debate – for the churchgoing bellringers

It is our duty to ring for our own church services, and our duty to stay to worship. Our worship starts when the ringing starts, and our attending the service binds us into the Christian fellowship of our local community. We should also ensure that at least one of our band is on the PCC, and is also an active member of the wider world of ringing. We must pray that our ringing is a witness to the Gospel and a symbol of the living Christ.

– for the dedicated ringers

If we did not go to our neighbouring church after ringing at home, then their bells, would be silent. There is a shortage of ringers and if the congregations of churches who have insufficient ringers were more committed to serve their own church then they should offer themselves as learners – this service is desperately needed and is offered to the glory of God. When we ring the santus bell during the elevation of the host, we pray – this our duty and service, and the sound of the bell proclaims the mystery of the sharing of the body of Christ. But so few in the congregation are prepared to offer themselves to ring.

If you take the churchgoing argument to its ultimate conclusion, then we ringers are also expected to attend evensong every time we ring for evensong. So a typical bellringers Sunday would be worship at 8 am, ring for the 9.30 and attend, ring for evensong and attend, and never mind the other churches whose bells are silent. So the bellringer is expected to be in church for hours in the morning, plus the ringing plus the service in the afternoon. At the moment, these same hours are spent in attending two or three different churches and ringing for their services to proclaim the message – DO COME AND JOIN US

On second thoughts no wonder the congregation do not want to volunteer to learn bellringing.

Whew, and we haven't even started the ringing day, well John and I and Joel (tinged with sadness as Joel is returning to Portland Oregon USA) did the inner city towers. Well actually, I lost them, so the ringers from St Mary Tilehurst kept me company and shared their lunch with me as we sat in the park with crowds of tourists. We also shared our experience of choir at home, as I am a singing bellringer, and the debate of how to introduce new music into the old church. I won't go into the renewal debate here.

City of Oxford ringing

For me it was lovely being able to walk around Oxford, visiting the churches and climbing the dreaming sonorous spires. Much nicer than the usual mad drive into some

innocent village. How often have I longed to ring Oxford bells so this was a dream come true and this is a day of ringing and other surprises never to be forgotten.

We started at St Ebbe after a drink in the Old Tom pub, then to St Aldgate, both excellent.

Magnolias

I think it was at Lincoln College while we were hunting for the tower, going lost around quads and the library we saw the biggest magnolia growing in the quad. What a beautiful tree with blooms the size of our heads.

St Mary Magdalen

A non ringing pleasant surprise here in the form of an art exhibition.

St Giles

What a joy to ring the bells heard by John Betjeman as he lay over the road at Radcliffe Infirmary awaiting... awaiting what? death? and there is a lovely notice in the ringing chamber explaining that the rhythm of the famous poem is St Giles Stedman triples.

I tried it and it works.

Carfax

Strange to ring in a ringing chamber more often occupied by tourists, the walls now more like a public noticeboard, and the ropes well locked up out of harms way.

Marston

A very warm and friendly welcome and a really nice ring here before heading off into the nearby rugby club for a most delicious barbecue and salads and strawberries and cream and meringues.

Thank you very much to all who arranged this wonderful day, we left them finally as a game of bellringers cricket started on the grass, not before young Michael Firman did the upsidedown pint of water trick.

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Peal Reports

The Ladies do it alone

The idea to ring an all-Ladies peal of Surprise Major for the Suffolk Guild was first mooted several years ago. Previous attempts came to naught. Early in 1944, the idea raised its head again, and the task of selecting the band started. The qualifications were simple, resident in Suffolk, regular peal ringer in at least 50% of the standard eight, and prepared to ring with all ladies. By the start of 1995 a team had been assembled and met for a quarter-peal, minus Michelle who was stricken with a malady. The quarter-peal was a success so a date for the peal attempt was set. Where to go was a problem! - too light an eight and we would be accused of ringing ladies bells, too heavy and we would have been accused of showing off! In the end Micky was approached regarding Hollesley, and agreed. For those of you not in the know, Hollesley are one of the finest eights in the County, if not in East Anglia.

The Saturday before the peal attempt was downcast and rainy - excellent peal ringing weather. Not so on the day - the sun came out with a vengeance. A fan was a mandatory part of the ringing kit. The band assembled and a good peal was completed successfully, much to the relief of the band (and the anxious fan club outside).

Although a peal of Surprise Major has been rung in Suffolk it was for the Norwich Diocesan Association, and by a Norfolk band, so this is the first ever peal of Surprise Major in the County by a resident ladies band.

The first all-ladies peal of Major to be rung in the County was Plain Bob Major at Grundisburgh on 3 April 1971, rung for the Ladies Guild and called by Sylvia Pipe. Muriel Page, who rang the treble, also took part in the 1971 peal.

For those who have seen the picture of the Ladies peal at Higham, we are full aware that we were not dressed properly!

Thanks must go to Micky McBurnie who stood in the quarter at short notice.

SUFFOLK GUILD

HOLLESLEY, Suffolk, All Saints
Sun Jun 25 1995 3h14 (17)
5088 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. D Knox

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Muriel Page | 5 Joan Garrett |
| 2 Michelle W Chapman | 6 Josephine M Beever |
| 3 Louise R Steward | 7 Mary E Mitchell |
| 4 Mary Allum | 8 Katharine J Salter(C) |

The first peal of Surprise Major to be rung in the County by a band of resident ladies, and for the Guild. A compliment to Sylvia Pipe.



The Suffolk Guild all-Ladies peal band at Hollesley

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WORCESTER, Worcs.
All Saints
Thu Jun 15 1995 3h11 (20)
5042 Cambridge S. Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Simon M Alford
2 David J Dearnley
3 Stephen A Coaker(C)
4 S Clarke Walters
5 Ian P Hill
6 Timothy E H Waller
7 David G Franklin
8 John Hill
9 David Beacham
10 P Quentin Armitage
11 Andrew Blacklock
12 Derek J Carr
325th peal on the bells, and
first since the tower
restoration.

SOUTH CROYDON, Surrey
S Peter
Thu Jul 6 1995 3h6 (30)
5076 Erin Caters
Comp. D Barton
1 Michael P Moreton
2 Christopher J Ridley
3 David C Brown(C)
4 David J Dearnley
5 William E Thompson
6 Timothy J Billings
7 John W Stephenson
8 Michael J Uphill
9 Keith J Matthews
10 Matthew J Hilling
First peal of Erin caters on
the bells.

LONDON EC1
SSepulchre-without-Newgate
Holborn Viaduct
Sun Jul 9 3h26 (28)
5040 Bristol S. Maximus
Comp. J N Hughes-D'Aeth
1 Michael A Birkbeck
2 P Quentin Armitage
3 Stephen A Coaker(C)
4 David P Hilling
5 David J Baverstock
6 Paul N Mounsey
7 Matthew J Hilling
8 James W Belshaw
9 Phillip R J Barnes
10 John I White
11 Marc Hart
12 D Paul Smith

BATH & WELLS D.A.

SOUTH PETHERTON, Som.
SS Peter & Paul
Sat May 26 1995 3h10 (23)
5024 Rutland S. Major
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Jeni E Crispin
2 Barrie Hendry(C)
3 Robert Perry
4 Jenny M A Astridge
5 James A Smith
6 Robert E Beck
7 Adrian P Beck
8 David J Purnell
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WEST MONKTON, Som.
S Augustine
Wed Jun 14 1995 2h59 (18)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Barrie Hendry(C)
2 R Ann Agnew
3 David J Purnell
4 William E Thompson
5 Rev Patrick C F Wooster
6 Preb Christopher J B
Marshall
7 Gerald Brown
8 Jenny M A Astridge

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

IPPLEPEN, Devon
S Andrew
Thu Jul 6 1995 2h59 (18)
5024 Bristol S. Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Richard C Shere
2 Peter L Bill
3 James Grant
4 Simon K Glanfield
5 Robert D S Brown
6 Philip Stevens
7 Frank D Mack
8 Howard W Egglestone(C)

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.

WHITLEY BAY, Tyne & Wear
S Paul
Fri Jul 7 1995 2h59 (18)
5056 Blackhill S. Major
Comp. M Maughan
1 Barbara M Wheeler
2 John E Anderson
3 Rachael H Dyson
4 Andrew J Cairns
5 Ian Tilling
6 Conrad D Warford
7 Raymond A Hutchings
8 Ronald R Warford(C)

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT EASTON, Essex
SS John & Giles
Tue Jul 4 1995 2h53 (11)
5040 Spiced S. Minor
(32m: (1) Northumberland,
Whitley (2) Chester, Carlisle,
Munden (3) Lincoln,
Coldstream, Redbourn (4)
London, Wells, Dearne Valley,
Cunecastle (5) King Edward,
Bourne, Cambridge, Ipswich,
Queen Mary, Norfolk,
Primrose, Hull (6) Lightfoot,
Wearmouth, Rossendale,
Annabell's London, Stamford,
Netherseale (7) Beverley,
Berwick, Surfleet, Durham,
York, Hexham)
1 Michael J Edwards
2 Roger G Butt
3 Rowena L Marshall
4 Alan M Barber
5 Adrian C Malton(C)
6 George E Thoday

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GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL D.A.

LECKHAMPTON, Glos.
S Peter
Sat Jun 24 1995 2h49 (9)
5024 Rutland S. Major
Comp. N Smith
1 Terence T Jones
2 Frances Mulvey
3 Mark Edwards
4 Christopher J McKenzie
5 Ralph E Bucknell
6 Hilda C Ridley
7 Richard L Thumwood
8 John R Ridley(C)
First of Rutland: 4; Cirled
tower five times: 6. 80p

EAST ILSLEY, Berks, S Mary
Sat Jul 8 1995 2h38 (8)
5088 Zinnia S. Major
Comp. S Fenwick
1 Robert W Sherriff
2 Sarah A Carey
3 Katrina A Lenton
4 Cynthia E Howell
5 Anita D Sherriff
6 Ian J Carey
7 Anthony R Peake(C)
8 Marc Hart
First in the method by all
and for the Association. To
mark the ruby wedding of
Anthony R Peake & Pamela
M Titchener, married at
Blunsdon, Wilts. on 2 July
1955, by Rev'd L A Knight.

CHARLTON KINGS, Glos.

S Mary
Sat Jul 8 1995 3h3 (17)
**5040 Double Norwich
C.B. Major**
Comp. J Ridley
1 Hilda C Ridley
2 Ralph E Bucknell
3 Mark R Kingston
4 Mark Edwards
5 Francis M Byrne
6 Richard L Thumwood
7 Ian P Unsworth
8 John R Ridley(C)
First in the method: 6. A
graduation compliment to
Lisa Trinder. 80p

GUILDFORD D.G.

BASINGSTOKE, Hants.
S Michael
Sat Jul 8 1995 3h (14)
5120 Spiced S. Major
(8m: 896 Rutland, 704 each
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire,
Cambridge; 576 each
London, Pudsey, Superlative;
448 Bristol: 87 com. atw.)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Judy E Couperthwaite
2 Sophie E C Leary
3 Barbara A Foster
4 Beryl R Norris
5 Tom Page
6 Neil G Curnow
7 John R Leary(C)
8 W John Couperthwaite
First of 8-spiced: 2.

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KENT C.A.

FARNINGHAM, Kent
SS Peter & Paul
Sun Jun 25 1995 2h33 (10)
5040 Minor
(6m: 1440 Cambridge, 720 each Kent T B, Oxford T B, Plain B, Single Oxford, S Clements B.)
1 Peter Beresford
2 Ian G Mills
3 Martin E Luffman
4 Dickon R Love
5 David P Macey
6 Matthew J Hilling(C)
For Patronal Festival.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

HOGHTON, Lancs.
Holy Trinity
Sat Jul 8 1995 2h54 (13)
5056 Kent T B Major
Comp. S J Ivin
1 B Robert Hough
2 Cyril Crossthwaite(C)
3 Lindsay F Smith
4 Alison J Hammond
5 Jean Barnes
6 Geoffrey H Smith
7 Raymond Clayton
8 John Sharples
First in the method: 3, 4 & 6;
50th peal: 3; circled the tower: 8.

LEICESTER D.G.

CHILVERS COTON, Works.
All Saints
Mon Jun 26 1995 2h47 (13)
5040 Teguisse S.Royal
Comp. C J Sedgley(AW)
1 Brian G Warwick(C)
2 Elizabeth A Betts
3 Rosemary R A Ross
4 Michael E Brown
5 Winifred M Warwick
6 Burley P Morris
7 Roland W Morant
8 G Barry Brown
9 Philip J H Hudson
10 Canon Frederick Ross
First peal in the method.
Teguisse S.Royal:
-3-4-5-6-7-8-6-34.7.234.58.34.9
le.12 1573 fce's (in) cps (out) B a1 c

CHILVERS COTON, Works.
All Saints
Mon Jul 10 1995 2h46 (13)
5040 Limersgate S.Royal
Comp. G Lindoff
1 Brian G Warwick(C)
2 Brian S Chapman
3 Rosemary R A Ross
4 Winifred M Warwick
5 Timothy Wylie
6 Burley P Morris
7 Patricia A M Halls
8 Frank E Coales
9 Gordon A Halls
10 Canon Frederick Ross
First peal in the method. A
compliment to Eileen &
Philip Hudson of Woollaton,
Notts., on their 40th
wedding anniversary.
Limersgate S.Royal:
-3-4-5-6-7-8-6-27.58.2.5678.9
le.12 1573 fce's (in) cps (out)
B a1 c

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.
Bellfoundry
Wed Jun 28 1995 2h29 (6)
5040 Saffronbrook S.Royal
Comp. G Lindoff
1 Brian G Warwick(C)
2 Ian N Robinson
3 Winifred M Warwick
4 Roland W Morant
5 Timothy Wylie
6 Burley P Morris
7 Gail L Wade
8 Brian E Mozley
9 Philip J H Hudson
10 George Pluckrose
First peal in the method.
Saffronbrook S.Royal:
-3-45-56-36-4-3-6.34.7.234.58.34.9
le.12 1573 fce's (in) cps (out) B a2 c d

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.
Bellfoundry
Tue Jul 11 1995 2h27 (6)
5120 Woburn S.Major
Comp. W E Critchley
1 Richard C L Brown
2 Ruth A Stretton
3 Colin Lord
4 E Alan Jacques
5 Frank Chambers
6 Andrew D Higson
7 Timothy Wylie
8 Roland Beniston(C)

SALTBY, Leics, S Peter
Wed Jul 12 1995 2h39 (12)
5040 Thassos S.Royal
Comp. J A Ainsworth
1 Brian G Warwick(C)
2 Elizabeth A Betts
3 Winifred M Warwick
4 Gail L Wade
5 Timothy Wylie
6 Ian N Robinson
7 Frank E Coales
8 Roland W Morant
9 Philip J H Hudson
10 David Kingman
First peal in the method.
Thassos S.Royal:
-3-4-5-6-7-8-4-5.2.36.78.9
le.12 1573 fce's (in) E (out) B c

**LICHFIELD
ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY**

KINGSBURY, Works.
SS Peter & Paul
Tue Jun 27 1995 2h58 (17)
5088 Pudsey S.Major
Comp. S Humphrey
1 Andrew E Else
2 Eric E Speake
3 Matthew Lawrence
4 William J Hall
5 John F Mulvey
6 Michael Maughan
7 Andrew C Ogden
8 Andrew W Gordon
Silent and non-conducted.

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WILLENHALL, Staffs.
S Giles
Tue Jul 4 1995 3h5 (16)
5040 Yorkshire S.Royal
Comp. M Maughan
1 Andrew E Else
2 Lesley J Brown
3 Amanda E Chaddock
4 Zoe A P Rook
5 Matthew Lawrence
6 Maurice F Edwards
7 John F Mulvey
8 Andrew C Ogden
9 Michael Maughan(C)
10 Andrew W Gordon

LINCOLN D.G.

GRASBY, Lincs, All Saints
Sat Jun 24 1995 2h55 (14)
5040 Doubles
(5m: Stedman, All Saints, S
Simons, Grandsire, Plain B.)
1 K Joan Barton
2 Edward W Colley(C)
3 Stephen R Colley
4 Geoffrey Bromfield
5 Ifor Barton
First peal on the bells. For
the dedication by the
Bishop of Lincoln of the new
roof of the Church.

MABLETHORPE, Lincs.
S Mary
Sat Jul 1 1995 2h35 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each London,
Carlisle, Ipswich, Chester,
Cambridge, Munden, Bourne)
1 Susan Buckingham
2 Ruth Richardson
3 Keith N Buckingham
4 C Barrie Dove
5 Robert W Lee
6 Paul F Curtis(C)
50th peal: 5.

INGOLDMELLS, Lincs.
SS Peter & Paul
Sat Jul 1 1995 2h48 (13)
5088 Lincolnshire S.Major
Comp. C Starbuck & S
Humphrey
1 Keith N Buckingham
2 Robert W Lee
3 Susan Buckingham
4 Ruth Richardson
5 Peter S Lacy
6 David J T Wilson
7 C Barrie Dove
8 Paul F Curtis(C)

ELSTON, Notts, All Saints
Mon Jul 10 1995 2h31 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(12m: (1) York (2) Westminster,
Allendale, Fryerning (3)
Norwich (4) London, Wells (5)
Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet
(6) Ipswich (7) Bourne)
1 Bryan Birkett
2 Judith J Williamson
3 Ruth Richardson
4 Peter S Lacy
5 H Geoffrey Wells
6 Paul F Curtis(C)

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LINCOLN, Lincs, S Botolph
Mon Jul 3 1995 2h35 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(6m: 1 extent each Ipswich,
Beverley, Surfleet, Bourne,
Norwich; 2 extents
Cambridge)
1 Paul F Curtis
2 Judith J Williamson
3 Ruth Richardson
4 Martin F Mitchell
5 John F Underwood
6 Christopher P Turner(C)

BLANKNEY, Lincs.
S Oswald
Wed Jul 5 1995 2h33 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each London,
Beverley, Norwich, Surfleet,
Ipswich, Cambridge, Bourne)
1 Ruth Richardson
2 Judith J Williamson
3 Michael J Smith
4 Geoffrey Pepper
5 Robert Sutton
6 Paul F Curtis(C)

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

HARROW WEALD, Middx.
All Saints
Sat Jul 8 1995 2h47 (7)
5024 Lincolnshire S.Major
Comp. J Topp
1 Dorothea M Robotham
2 Joan Hooton
3 Andrew J W Tibbetts
4 Joyce I Cornwall
5 Walter Hunt
6 Michael T Sprackling
7 David A Cornwall
8 John R Mayne(C)
300th peal in the tower. A
birthday compliment to
Joan Hooton.

NON-ASSOCIATION

PERSHORE, Worcs.
S Andrew's Parish Centre
Fri Jun 16 1995 2h34 (9)
5184 Bristol S.Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Heather B Horn
2 Simon M Alford
3 P Quentin Armitage
4 Dickon R Love
5 Paul N Mounsey(C)
6 Edward G Mould
7 Andrew Blacklock
8 David J Dearnley

NORWICH D.A.

BUNWELL, Norfolk
S Michael & All Angels
Mon Jul 3 1995 2h32 (9)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Double
Court B, Oxford T B, Double
Oxford B, Cambridge S, S
Clements B, Kent T B, Plain B.)
1 Katharine J Salter
2 Mary Allum
3 Frank C J Arnold
4 J Martin Thorley
5 Robin D Allum
6 David G Salter(C)
Rung open in thanksgiving
for the life of H William
Barrett.

PALGRAVE, Suffolk, S Peter
Sun Jul 9 1995 2h38 (7)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. J J Parker (12-part)
1 Betty M Baines
2 Jeremy W Warren
3 Paul Cattermole
4 Mary Allum
5 Vicki L Patmore
6 Adrian C Malton
7 Colin F Chapman(C)
8 Robin D Allum
A sponsored peal in aid of
the Palgrave Bell
Restoration Fund. £2

NORTH LOPHAM, Norfolk
S Nicholas
Sat Jul 15 1995 2h43 (10)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Single
Oxford B, Norwich S, S
Clements B, Cambridge S,
Oxford T B, Kent T B, Plain B.)
1 J Martin Thorley(C)
2 Frank C J Arnold
3 Michelle W Chapman
4 Mary Allum
5 Jonathan R Slack
6 Robin D Allum
A birthday compliment to
Dr Jonathan J Waters of
Birmingham, son-in-law of
the conductor.

OXFORD D.G.

AYLESBURY, Bucks, S Mary
Sat May 27 1995 3h2 (21)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. J J Parker's 12-part
1 L Roy Woodruff
2 Roger Baldwin
3 Michael T Sprackling
4 Richard Smith
5 William Stungo
6 Walter A Lee
7 Richard C Stevens(C)
8 John Blackall
Circled the tower to peals: 1.
£4

HUGHENDEN, Bucks.
S Michael & All Angels
Sat Jul 15 1995 2h53 (15)
5024 Hughenden S.Major
Comp. J R Mayne
1 Howard J Wastling
2 Dorothea M Robotham
3 Andrew J W Tibbetts
4 Joyce I Cornwall
5 John J Ford
6 Richard J W Tibbetts
7 David A Cornwall
8 John R Mayne(C)
First peal in the method by
all except 7 & 8.

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

HELIDON, Northants.
S John Baptist
Thu Jun 29 1995 2h41 (8)
5040 Stedman Doubles
(15 callings)
1 William H Hulme
2 E Jane Sibson
3 M J Bill Blowfield
4 David P Wetserman
5 Peter M Fleckney(C)
First peal on the bells.

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handwriting – but can
our typesetters?
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Record Peal at Hawkshead

Conductor's Report -

A casual suggestion back in 1988, so that our band might try to ring 10,080 Bob Triples in order to establish that record, caused me to apply for Hawkshead bells to do this. That peal was successful and so it was that my appetite was whetted to go for more!

The Vicar of Hawkshead, Revd. Ambrose Southward, served one of his curacies at Otley, Yorks., and it was there that the record of 10,080 of Grandsire Triples was rung back in the 1970's, so it seemed appropriate to try to beat that record and to do it at Hawkshead. This was duly done when 15,120 of Grandsire Triples was rung in March 1990 in 8 hrs 10 mins. In March 1991, this was increased to 20,160 in 10 hrs 38 mins. Most of the band were content to leave it at this, but a casual suggestion again (!) led to two attempts, one at Walton on the Hill, Liverpool, to ring 25,200 changes, both not successful and called round at 10,800 changes. A few band changes and a sensible waiting time followed, during which it appeared that interest might have lapsed, when a chance meeting with the tower captain of Hawkshead, Brian Maudsley, brought the question '...when are you going to try again...' and an indication that permission would be granted for a further attempt. Accordingly, the attempt was duly arranged for 11 March, with the assurance that this would be the last attempt at Hawkshead, whether or not it was successful, in order to be fair to the residents!

All was fixed and, with two weeks to go, we heard the bad news that Andrew Warboys was seriously ill in hospital in Liverpool and we were a ringer short. We are glad to hear Andrew is now convalescing and send him our very best wishes. At the time, panic set in and especially as the three reserves could not help us for various valid reasons. With eight days to go, Alison Britliff, one of the umpires, kindly agreed to 'have a go' and in fact rang very well and lasted as well as any of us.

The band met in the tower on the previous evening to raise the bells and erect refreshment stands etc., all ready for a prompt start the next morning, being exhorted by the conductor to get a good night's sleep. At 7.36 am the next day, the bells went into changes, and the rest is recorded in the umpire's Report.

The peal aroused considerable interest in the local press, making front page headlines together with a photograph, and there were several interviews by Radio Cumbria with the conductor, Alison and one of the umpires; I also got called for an interview by Radio 5 who borrowed Radio Cumbria's studio for the purpose, and Brian Maudsley was interviewed during the peal outside the tower, his comments being added to the conductor's the following day and the broadcast on the Monday afternoon.

We are glad to have established a new record for the honourable method of Grandsire. It was quite incidental to us that it is also (at present) the greatest number of changes yet rung on Church bells. K.M.P.

Umpires' Report -

The composition was J J Parker's 12-part peal, 7th observation, which was rung for each of the five extents. The time taken for each part was around 13 mins reducing to around 12 mins per part for the last extent. The time taken for each extent was as follows:

| Extent | Start | End | Duration |
|--------|-------|------|----------|
| 1 | 0736 | 1013 | 2h 36min |
| 2 | 1013 | 1254 | 2h 41min |
| 3 | 1254 | 1532 | 2h 38min |
| 4 | 1532 | 1807 | 2h 35min |
| 5 | 1807 | 2038 | 2h 31min |
| Total | | | 13h 1min |

The ringing commenced at 7.36am and a high standard of striking was established within the first lead. The first extent passed quickly and without event. The only highlight was the arrival of the umpire, L Martin Daniels, some 1 hrs later! This was greeted by smiles from the band.

The second extent was the longest and a certain amount of tiredness had crept in characterised by the very occasional missed dodge, all of which were corrected immediately by the conductor. Towards the end of the second extent, the conductor rallied the band saying that the third extent would be the hardest but if they could complete it then they stood a good chance of finishing the peal.

During the third extent came the only, what one would affectionately term, a "fire-up". This was in the fourteenth lead of the fourth part. It would not be fair to apportion blame because the mistakes were corrected by the conductor without interruption and it did not detract from the rest of the peal. The earlier admonishment by the conductor paid off because each of the last three extents were rung quicker than the previous with the high standard of striking being maintained. The whole peal was a delight to listen to and came round at 8.30pm after 13hrs 1min.

A record number of pork pies, bananas, Mars bars, Kendal Mint cake, Dextrose tablets and extra strong mints were guzzled, with two members of the band feeling the need for some Ibuprofen to sustain their heroic effort. Conspicuous consumption was embellished by the downing of absolutely nothing alcoholic at all; natural Spring water and Ribena oiled the joints till 8.38pm. At 8.39pm, the story took a different and welcome turn!

The umpires can confirm that every lead end on the peal, checked against a computer generated list, and every call made by the conductor was correct.

This was a magnificent performance worthy of a Record peal.

Umpires: Hilary J Atkinson
L Martin Daniels
Peter R Haylock
Alastair J Hopkins
Nicholas Munford

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Cumbria
St. Michael & All Angels
Sat Mar 11 1995 13h3 (7^{3/4})
25,200 Grandsire Triples

Comp. J J Parker (12-part, 7th obs. five times)

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Andrew J Holland | 5 Tim Flitcroft |
| 2 John A Hickman | 6 Rev Kevin M Price(C) |
| 3 Alison J Brittliff | 7 John M Goldthorpe |
| 4 Andrew W Gordon | 8 Andrew J M Kaye |

This is the greatest number of changes yet rung to a peal on Church bells. With the best wishes of the band to Andrew P Warboys who was to have taken part, but was unable to do so due to serious illness, and our thanks to Alison J Brittliff for standing in at short notice.



Back row l to r: Andrew Kaye, Kevin Price, Andrew Gordon, John Hickman. Front row: John Goldthorpe, Tim Flitcroft, Alison Brittliff, Andrew Holland.

SOUTHWELL D.G.

WEST BRIDGFORD, Notts.

S Giles
Tue Jul 4 1995 2h39 (9)
5184 Unnilhexium S.Major

Comp. R I Allton

- | |
|---------------------|
| 1 Martyn J Marriott |
| 2 Ian Butters(C) |
| 3 Janet I Rogers |
| 4 R Brian Mills |
| 5 David G Adams |
| 6 Peter J England |
| 7 Richard I Allton |
| 8 Andrew B Mills |

First in the method by all and for the Guild. In memory of May Allton, grandmother of Richard & Jane, who died on 27/6/94.

BUNNY, Notts

S Mary Virgin
Sat Jul 8 1995 2h48 (14)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

- | |
|---------------------|
| 1 Anthony G Clayton |
| 2 Richard H Wilson |
| 3 James K Eggleston |
| 4 Edward Martin |
| 5 Richard C L Brown |
| 6 John E Heaton(C) |

First attempt: 3. For the end of the quincennial year of Loughborough Grammar School by members of the School Ringing Society. £1

WOODBOROUGH, Notts.

S Swithun

Sat Jul 8 1995 2h47 (9)

5040 Doubles

(42m/v: 1 extent each
Westminster II, Blackburn, S Hilary, Dragon, Burton Joyce, Lillinstone, Brightwell, Skillington, New B, Huntspill, S Vedast, Blaisdon, Hendred, Radlett, S Brewwood, Ludgershall, S Nicholas, Winchendon, S Remigius, Huntley, S Giles, S Miles, Church Gresley, Ezneih, Lapley, S John, Horsley, Obediah, S Simon, S Martin, S Osmund, Eynesbury, S Albans, S Paul, S Ambrose, S John Evangelist, Eynsham, S Leonard, S Ninian, S John Baptist, Grandsire, Plain B.)

- | |
|--------------------|
| 1 Janet I Rogers |
| 2 Ian Butters(C) |
| 3 R Brian Mills |
| 4 Richard I Allton |
| 5 Andrew B Mills |

For the Woodborough Feast Sports Day.

LONG BENNINGTON, Lincs.

S Swithun

Tue Jul 11 1995 2h42 (11)

5040 Minor

(7m - each called differently: 1 extent each Grantham S, London New Bob, Cunecastre S, Double Court, York S, College Bob, Norfolk S.)

- | |
|--------------------------|
| 1 Ruth Richardson |
| 2 Christopher N McCarthy |
| 3 Janet I Rogers |
| 4 Paul F Curtis |
| 5 Andrew B Mills |
| 6 Ian Butters(C) |

SUFFOLK GUILD

IPSWICH, Suffolk

S Mary-le-Tower

Wed Jul 5 1995 2h56 (11)

5024 Fenham S.Major

Comp. J R Mayne

- | |
|----------------------|
| 1 Brian E Whiting |
| 2 J Martin Thorley |
| 3 Michelle W Chapman |
| 4 Richard J Munnings |
| 5 Katharine J Salter |
| 6 Rodney H French |
| 7 John L Girt |
| 8 David G Salter(C) |

First in the method by all and for the Guild. In memory of H William Barrett of Loddon, a great friend of Suffolk ringers.

MONEWDEN, Suffolk

S Mary

Wed Jul 5 1995 2h42 (6)

5040 Grandsire Doubles

(40 extents & 1-240)

- | |
|------------------------|
| 1 Alan W Rogers |
| 2 Daphne E Pegg |
| 3 Paul V Stannard |
| 4 Paul J Norris |
| 5 Stephen D Pettman(C) |
| 6 Katrina L G Rogers |

First Grandsire Doubles: 2. Half-muffled in memoriam John Baine, on the evening of his funeral at this Church. Also in memoriam G Isobel Boyden, mother of the tenor ringer.

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

Cathedral of S Philip
Thu Jul 6 1995 3h9 (31)
5088 Spliced Cinques & Maximus
(1p/1m: 2544 each Stedman Cinques & Bristol Surprise Maximus: 6 com/p. atw.)
Comp. D G Hull
1 Cecilia E C Lansberry
2 Stephen J Mills
3 David G Hull(C)
4 Paul E Bibilo
5 Paul Needham
6 Andrew J Graham
7 John E Harrold
8 Robert E Havard
9 Peter Border
10 Roderick W Pipe
11 Frederick Shallcross
12 David J Pipe
With congratulations to Fred Mitchell, B.Theol. and Michael Wilby, B.Eng. on their respective graduations.

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

S Martin-in-the-Bull-ring
Wed Jul 12 1995 2h49 (8)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. A Johnson
1 Stephen J Mills
2 Michael P A Wilby
3 Paul E Bibilo
4 David G Hull
5 Stuart C W Hutchieson
6 David J Pipe
7 Roderick W Pipe
8 Jason W Hughes
Strictly silent and non-conducted, at the first attempt. Ringers of 1-7 drew for bells immediately before this peal - the first on this ring - "The IMI 8".

LATE PEAL**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE
D.A.**

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE,
Tyne & Wear
S George, Jesmond
Wed Mar 22 1995 2h52 (18)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. Heywood's varn. of Thurstan's
1 E Alyson Kerr
2 Backy Cubitt
3 Elizabeth Dunford
4 Duncan G Walker
5 Conrad D Warford
6 Ronald R Warford
7 Howard E J Smith(C)
8 George S Deas £5

VERY LATE PEAL**NON-ASSOCIATION**

Sutton Coldfield, W Mids.
(HT), 30 May 1980, 2h48
(13): 5040 Minor (5m: Cambridge S, S Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Plain B.): R M Coleman 1, Karen Moore 2, A J Ellis 3, J P Healy 4, P E Bibilo 5, B Hendry(C). 6.

SUSSEX C.A.

FAIRWARP, Sussex
Christ Church
Mon Jul 10 1995 3h10 (15)
5184 Vines Cross S.Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Betty Green
2 Jennifer A Smith
3 Ann Smith
4 Geoffrey C Rix
5 M Ian Davey
6 Ian V J Smith
7 David D Smith(C)
8 Simon M Alford
First peal in the method.
Vines Cross S.Major:
-5-456-256-36-2-3-4-1 le.12

SWANSEA & BRECON D.G.

CHOLSEY, Oxon, S Mary
Sat Jun 24 1995 2h53 (10)
5088 Spliced S.Major
(4m: 1248 Cambridge, 1344 each Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 1152 Rutland: 98 com.atw.)
Comp. M C W Sherwood
1 Paul J R Daybell
2 Bobbie May
3 Ruth Simon
4 Rev J Anthony Ellis
5 Nicholas W H Simon(C)
6 Philip M Saunders
7 Malcolm T Johns
8 Lucinda J C Reeve
First peal of spliced Surprise major: 4 & 7. £2.40

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BURLEY, W Yorks.
S Matthias
Wed Jun 21 1995 2h36 (8)
5088 Belfast Delight Major
Comp. S J Ivlin
1 Neil Donovan
2 Judith M Talbot
3 Simon J T Smith
4 Stephen J A Ollerton
5 R Adrian Davies
6 Christopher Bostock
7 Andrew R Aspland(C)
8 Simon D Ogier
To celebrate the 21st birthday of Simon Ogier.

TODMORDEN, W Yorks.
S Mary
Sat Jul 8 1995 2h32 (6)
5016 Bushmills Alliance Major
Comp. J Morgan
Arr. I North
1 Chris Bostock
2 Andrew R Aspland
3 Ian North(C)
4 Richard E Price
5 Robert Haley
6 R Adrian Davies
7 Angela Beardow
8 Paul Male
First peal in the method.
Bushmills Alliance Major:
34-5-4-36-2-5-4-2-3 mx

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LEEDS, W Yorks.

S Mary Virgin, Hunslet
Sun Jun 25 1995 3h6 (18)
5024 Bristol S.Major
Comp. S J Ivlin
1 Ian North(C)
2 Judith M Talbot
3 Simon Ogier
4 Andrew R Aspland
5 Stephen J A Ollerton
6 R Adrian Davies
7 Richard E Price
8 Robert Haley

BIRSTALL, W Yorks, S Peter
Sun Jul 9 1995 3h2 (22)
5024 Rutland S.Major
Comp. Cox's arr. of Davies'
1 Andrew R Aspland
2 David S Lockwood
3 Arthur E Talbot
4 R Gordon Corby
5 Ian North(C)
6 R Adrian Davies
7 Robert Haley
8 Richard E Price

SOUTHPORT, Mers.
Emmanuel
Sat Jul 1 1995 2h39 (12)
5056 Yorkshire S.Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Robert W Hart
2 Simon D Ogier
3 Celia Hughes-D'Aeth
4 Judith M Talbot
5 Alistair J E Smith
6 Stephen J A Ollerton
7 Simon J T Smith
8 Andrew R Aspland(C)
To celebrate the marriage of Tim Pearson & Victoria Tidd.

LIGHTCLIFFE, W Yorks.
S Matthew
Sun Jul 2 1995 2h34 (4)
5088 London S.Major
Comp. S J Ivlin
1 Peter C Kirby
2 Ruth Richardson
3 David J T Wilson
4 Geoffrey Fothergill
5 Peter S Lacy
6 Simon J T Wilson
7 Paul F Curtis
8 C Barrie Dove(C)

HANDBELL PEALS**BATH & WELLS D.A.**

BACKWELL, Avon
S Vincent
Tue Jul 11 1995 3h12 (17)
5016 Plain Bob Maximus
Comp. R B Smith
1-2 Jennifer M Taylor
3-4 Alec Hunt
5-6 James R Taylor
7-8 Robert B Smith(C)
9-10 David J Marshall
11-12 Barrie Hendry
First peal of maximus in-hand: 3-4 & 11-12. First peal of maximus in-hand for the Association.

BACKWELL, Avon
S Vincent
Thu Jun 8 1995 2h37 (15)
5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. N Golden
1-2 Jennifer M Taylor
3-4 James R Taylor
5-6 Alec Hunt
7-8 Barrie Hendry(C)

CHESTER D.G.

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire
28 Mardale Court
Tue Jul 4 1995 2h2 (11)
5040 Minor
(3m: 2 extents each Oxford TB, Plain B; 3 extents Kent TB.)
1-2 William F Gibbons
3-4 Michael C E Hodge
5-6 David N Young(C)
To celebrate the silver wedding of Dr & Mrs C P Gibbons.

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire
28 Mardale Court
Tue Jul 11 1995 1h58 (11)
5040 Minor
(3m: 2 extents each Plain B, Oxford TB; 3 extents Kent TB.)
1-2 William F Gibbons
3-4 Michael C E Hodge
5-6 David N Young(C)
To celebrate the silver wedding of Liz & Mike Hodge.

Composition Review**5,056 4-6 Spliced Surprise Major by
Andrew N Tyler**

| 23456 | W | M | H | 4 methods |
|-------|---|-----|---|-----------------|
| 64235 | - | [-] | - | CNYY•CRNY[•]RN• |
| 26435 | | | - | RCR• |
| 43265 | - | | - | CNYY•R• |
| 24365 | | | - | RCR• |
| 32465 | | | - | RYNY• |

| 5 methods | 6 methods |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| CNYS•SRNY[•]RN• | CNYS•CRNS[•]RN• |
| RCR• | LCL• |
| CNYS•R• | YNSC•R• |
| RSR• | RS(L)• |
| RCYNS• | RYNY• |

Six part, omitting [-] in alternate parts. In the 4-method peal, call the 4th course RCYNY• in one part, giving 1,504 Rutland, 1,152 Cambridge, 1,216 Yorkshire and 1,184 each Lincolnshire (N) and Superlative, with 126 changes of method. In the 5-method peal call the 4th course of one part RSYNY•, giving 1,504 Rutland, 992 Lincolnshire (N), 960 Superlative and 800 each Cambridge and Yorkshire, with 137 changes of method. In the 6-method peal call the second course NSLCN• in one part, giving 1,024 Lincolnshire (N), 960 each Cambridge and Rutland, 800 Superlative, 768 Yorkshire and 544 London, with 139 changes of method and 114 combination rollups. Calling (L) as R in any part or parts gives 3 extra combinations and one fewer change of method per replacement.

If the instructions are longer than the calling, it's only to save you counting the changes of method yourself — yet another service from your caring Central Council. Like his earlier 4-method peal (RW1993 p 988) this composition is based on a traditional 30-course block with 18 combination courses, shortened with the inevitable excess of Rutland (30% in the 4- and 5-method peals, although the tenor does at least get to ring 3rd's and 6th's place bells). This is alleviated slightly in the 6-method peal by substituting a few leads with London. Presumably this is introduced for its f-group lead-end; otherwise it's an eccentric choice for the sixth method — bands who ring this kind of stuff will probably expect Superlative and Pudsey after the "Cambridge 4".

Old Bailey

Bobs-only Stedman Triples Made Easy

On Sunday 11th June 1995 a Cambridge University Guild band rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Cholesey using a ten-part composition with 438 bobs and no singles. This provided an answer to the Chairman of the Peal Compositions Committee who after the first bobs-only peal of Stedman Triples said "Now we just want a bobs-only peal that a mortal can call!" The first bobs-only peal was also rung by a Cambridge University Guild band, at St. John's, Waterloo Road on 22nd January 1995. The composition, by Philip Saddleton and Andrew Johnson, had 579 bobs in one part. Colin Wyld's compositions, composed first but only published after the Waterloo Road peal was rung, had 705 and 597 bobs.

The latest composition is in 10 parts, based on block B illustrated below. The part-ends are rotations and reversals of rounds on 5 with 67 behind, so are easy to spot, especially as there is always a bob on 67 just before the part-end, and all the reversals come first, then all the rotations of rounds. As 6 and 7 are fixed at the part-ends the conductor has a choice of easier bells to call the composition from, rather like 7 or 8 in Major. The other parts are minor variations of block B. Block D is block B with a course repeated. Block E is identified for use in quarter peals (see below).

The other parts are block B with this course removed and replaced by 1, 3 or 9 bobs with 76 behind. The last three parts are the same, which aids the conductor. There are no more than 4 bobs in a row, apart from one run of 9; this is of great musical benefit, as it avoids the monotony of the same pair of bells dodging behind for long periods.

| No of bobs in run | Instances of run | Total bobs |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|
| 1 | 81 | 81 |
| 2 | 96 | 192 |
| 3 | 12 | 36 |
| 4 | 30 | 120 |
| 9 | 1 | 9 |
| Totals | 220 | 438 |

| No of omits in run | Instances of run | Total omits |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
| 1 | 114 | 114 |
| 2 | 58 | 116 |
| 3 | 24 | 72 |
| 4 | 20 | 80 |
| 5 | 4 | 20 |
| Totals | 220 | 402 |

The average number of bobs per run is less than 2, which is lower than in any twin-bob composition. Bells quite often go up to the back and are unaffected by the bobs before returning, which is preferable to having so many bobs that bells are always affected when behind. There are not many runs (of more than 1) with an odd number of bobs which helps in working out which way to go in.

Easier compositions tend to be made up of identical parts with part-ends which are members of a group. A group is a set of transformations of the order of bells such that if any two transformations are combined the result is also in the set. The simplest group is the cyclic group, for example the rotations of rounds on 5, which is equivalent to rotations

of a pentagon. Brian Price has been using various groups for Stedman compositions for some years, and Hudson's 60 courses are a group. Nigel Newton has reported that he investigated the dihedral group D5 (the rotations and reflections of a pentagon) and has produced five mutually true round blocks, the crucial odd number for a bobs-only composition, but could not link them into a peal.

I investigated cyclic groups of order 5 and 7, and found several touches, but none long enough to divide the extent into 5 or 7 blocks. I have also investigated D5, which was much easier to search as it divides the extent into 10 shorter blocks of only 504 changes. I found many blocks of 504 changes, but only one linked to the start of another block and so was remotely useful. These blocks happen to join in pairs to form 5 round blocks of 1,008 changes. Unfortunately the Q-sets (where three bobs can be changed into three plains, or vice versa) present do not allow the blocks to be linked. Other linkages such as pairs of bobs did not seem to help. I think I have shown that there is only one such block (with its rotations and reversals) using D5. Using 10 singles in total this block can be arranged to give a perfect five-part peal.

I noticed that the sixes ending 67 and 76 occurred in the same place in each part as they were the fixed bells at the part-end. If a block could be found without 67 at a six-end, then in the 10 blocks 67 would never occur at a six-end, and 67 would never occur behind at backstroke. These missing 20 sixes could then be arranged into two bobbed blocks, which would still leave an odd number of blocks in total. Similarly sixes ending in 76 could be excluded from the main block, and included as bobbed blocks.

Block B is such a block of 492 changes, excluding the two sixes with 76 behind, with a suitable part-end which links them in pairs to give 5 mutually true round blocks of 984 changes. There are then two bobbed blocks of 60 changes with 76 behind, containing the other changes in the peal. These bobbed blocks can be chosen as one of six possible complementary pairs, and with a suitable choice, enough Q-sets are available to link the seven blocks together. There are four basic arrangements of the peal. The Q-set linkages were chosen to minimise the number of bobs (438 rather than 441), the appropriate reversal of the whole peal was chosen to give cyclic part-ends and the order of the parts and the start were chosen to give 3 identical parts at the end and all the "reverse rounds" part-ends in the first half of the peal.

The blocks can also be arranged into a quarter peal, which might be useful to give a conductor some practice. For example, calling EEC gives a touch of 1,308 changes.

Block B was discovered using a computer program written in 'C', capable of processing about 500,000 sixes per second of the graph linking sixes together. This search detected falseness against sixes in other parts and against sixes with the front three bells in another order. A complete search of a group D5 takes about 6 hours on an IBM 486/50MHz machine. By running the program under the OS/2 multi-tasking operating system this can go on in the background without interfering with normal operation of the computer. Searching for Q-sets, proving peals and formatting data was done using utility programs written in REXX, making use of

content-addressable arrays and the translate function for easy transposition.

Other simpler peals might be possible. A perfect five-part would be nice, though unless it had some ten-part type structure it may not be any easier to learn. Other irregular ten-part peals could have 67 and 76 both excluded from the main block, but might result in more complex linkages of the blocks. Block B has the advantage of at most 4 bobs in a row, and a basic course only 12 sixes long, which might not be the case with another block. A perfect seven-part, though an attractive concept, is probably not a conductor's first choice as there are no fixed bells to call it from. There are probably other peals out there — whether they are any simpler to call is an open question.

5,040 Stedman Triples by Andrew Johnson

| 2314567 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
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| 2147536 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2531647 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 7152436 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1465732 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4561327 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5473216 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5413267 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3261457 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1534276 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1524367 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4362517 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3251476 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3241567 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
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| 2165347 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1273456 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2175436 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2135467 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 4531267 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1263547 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
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Quarter Peals

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.

All Cannings, Wilts. 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m): Michael Luffman (1st Q) 1, James Burry 2, Sophie Leary 3, James Hibberd 4, John Leary(C) 5. A golden wedding compliment to George & Mary Stevens, of Grangefields, All Cannings. £3

Basford, Notts. 2 Jul, 1296 P B Minor: Mandy Lawrence (1st Q) 1, Anna Webb 2, Elizabeth Beardsley 3, R Carlisle 4, B Hinchliffe 5, R Woolley(C) 6. £1.20

Bolton, Lancs. (S Peter). 9 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Rev Cherry Vann (1st Q) 1, Lindsay Smith 2, Wendy Diamond 3, Jean Barnes 4, Stephen Mort 5, Geoffrey Smith(C) 6. £1.20

Bradfield, S Yorks. 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Deborah Raynes (1st Q) 1, Jane Turner 2, Rosalind Fox (1st in m.) 3, J Dyson 4, J G L Marples(C) 5, Naomi H E Marples 6. £2

Broughton, Lancs. 11 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Amanda Cutler 1, R Jolley(C) 2, Susan Rhodes 3, J Ascroft 4, M Robinson 5, L Green (1st Q) 6. 1st on 6: 1 & 5. By the local band for the official opening by HRH Princess Alexandra of Church Cottage - a 'living museum'. £1.20

Cheddington, Bucks. 9 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Ruth Meadows 1, Emily Shawyer 2, Sue Haines 3, R M Casserley 4, L Haines(C) 5, R K Blair (1st Q) 6. £2.50

Church Gresley, Derbys. 24 Jun, 1320 Quilter Doubles: Caroline Andrews (1st att.-12) 1, W G Hair 2, A Lager 3, Lesley Andrews 4, D P Jones(C) 5, P Clarke 6. 1st Q in v.184u/bt. For the wedding of Stephen Harrison & Marie Gallacher. 90p

Church Stretton, Salop. 26 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Miriel McVey (1st Q) 1, Anne Hone 2, Simon Cleaton 3, Julia Williams 4, John Turney(C) 5, Andrew Chapman 6. £2

Claverley, Salop. 5 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): S Ponder (1st Q) 1, M Elcock 2, J Rollason 3, A Ridyard 4, D Jackson(C) 5, A Reade 6. £2

Deddington, Oxon. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles (768 covering): Freda Ivings 1, J C Plumble 2, A F F 'Jim' Flux (1st inside) 3, W F Cowley 4, W Ivings(C) 5, G Preston (1st Q) 6, R Canning 7, A F Elvidge 8. As a compliment to Revd E Newall on his ordination by the Bishop of Dorchester during Morning Service. 50p

Edenbridge, Kent. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Triples: John Hird (1st Q) 1, Colin Osbon 2, Jean Ocbon 3, Graham Pledger 4, Bob Sherlock 5, Ian Henderson 6, Brian Jeffrey(C) 7, Bob Dunn 8. For the Patronal Festival Evensong. £2

Elloughton, N Humbs. 29 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Edna Dogherty 1, Ailsa E Robinson 2, Val Wood 3, Anne R Mearns(C) 4, S D Mearns 5, G Phoenix (1st att.) 6. £2

Glasgow, Strathclyde. 25 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Margaret Williams 1, Terry Williams 2, Steve Taylor 3, Kate Weston (1st as C) 4, Oliver Coldrick 5, Karen Strutt (1st Q) 6. To mark the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations. £2

Leckhampton, Glos. 9 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Pettit 1, Louisa Pettit 2, Ann Herbert 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Tricia Hulse 5, Huw Davies 6, Terry Jones(C) 7, Tom Cadogan (1st Q) 8. For Palm Sunday Evensong. 50p

Leckhampton, Glos. 14 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Ashford (1st Q) 1, Stuart Tomlinson 2, Barbara Pettit 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Terry Jones(C) 5, David Ashford 6. For Evensong. 50p

Paston, Norfolk. 4 Jul, 1320 Doubles (6m): Daniel Sayer (1st att.) 1, Andrew Lubbock 2, Gilbert Larter(C) 3, Joan Larter 4, Derek Grey 5, Gordon Lubbock (1st as cover) 6. To celebrate the life of Ivey Lines, mother of Revd J Lines of Happisburgh. £1.50

Plumtree, Notts. 9 Jul, 1320 P B Doubles: Rosemary Jordan (1st Q) 1, Sue Manley 2, Jean Bell 3, Barbara Tuckwell 4, David Marshall(C) 5, Sid Jordan 6. To welcome Revd Mary Gee to St. Mary the Virgin, Plumtree. £2

Rickmansworth, Herts. 11 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Andrew Warren (1stQ) 1, Suzanne Warren 2, Michael Franklin 3, Tim Bradbury 4, Hugh Thomas 5, Alan Hall(C) 6, David Hibbert 7, Geoffrey Hall 8. For Confirmation Service on 4/6/95. Those confirmed were Joanna Bayley, Frances Kershaw, Rebecca Hall, Avril West & Bill Willmore. £4

Ropley, Hants. 25 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Nick Raynham 1, Sue Clements 2, Rodney Skinner 3, Jason Clements (1st as C) 4, Simon Longlands 5, Emma Clements 6. For Evensong. £4

Sapcote, Leics. 25 Jun, 1296 P B Minor: Kathleen M Brown 1, Eleanor Rowan (1st Q on her 13th birthday) 2, M E Brown(C) 3, B P Morris 4, A J Rowan 5, M Angrave 6. For Evening Service. 60p

Solihull, W Mids. 9 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: N C Dodson (1st Q) 1, M G Dodson(C) 2, Cynthia Dodson 3, W G R Davies 4, N M Dodson (1st in m.) 5, Anna E C Davies 6. For Evensong, and to mark the diamond wedding of Canon H Hartley, rector of Solihull 1953-70, & Mrs Hartley. £1.20

St. Endellion, Cornwall. 28 Jun, 1440 Bourne S Minor: D J Murray 1, R J Cheeseman 2, R W Hart (1st of S) 3, R M Bishop 4, A P Sparling 5, S M Jones (1st as C) 6. To welcome David Andrew, born shortly after mid-day to Peter & Muffie King, a brother for Robert. 1st blows in m.: 3 & 6. £1.20

Stoke Lacy, Herefs. 18 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): N Turner 1, R Turner 2, J Turner 3, C Biggs(C) 4, A Turner 5, J Hodges (1st Q) 6. For Evensong. To mark the 50th anniversary of the Morgan Motor Co., Malvern, Worcs. An engagement compliment to Anna & Richard. A birthday compliment to the treble & 3rd ringers. On the open Gardens afternoon. £1

Sydney, NSW. (St. Mary's Cathedral). 25 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Roger Eyland 1, Richard Thomas 2, Bernie Sharp 3, June Catchpole 4, Robert Walters(C) 5, Akane Matsushima (1st Q) 6. As a farewell to Fr Vince Redden at the end of his term of office as Dean of St. Mary's Cathedral. Annual

Thurnby, Leics. 1 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Deidre Brunning (1st Q) 1, D Brunning 2, R Pawley 3, I Glenton 4, J J Pawley(C) 5, J R Pawley 6. In accordance with the terms of the Hunt Ringers Charity. £1.20

Tunstall, Kent. 18 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Thomas Gasson (1st Q) 1, Justin Hudson 2, Stuart Cox 3, Roger Pocock 4, Simon Dixon(C) 5, Steven Haynes 6. For Evensong. 60p

Upper Beeding, Sussex. 7 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: John Carter 1, Brenda Emsley 2, Andrew Knight 3, Julie Locke 4, Charles Shepherd(C) 5, Thomas Lloyd (1st Q) 6. A birthday compliment to John Carter. £2

Weston Longville, Norfolk. 8 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: A Pearson (1st Q) 1, K J Hollock 2, F A N Finch 3, J H Foster 4, C L Dodge 5, A Johnson(C) 6. A birthday compliment to A Johnson. £1.20

Winchester, Hants. (The College). 4 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: John Taylor (1st Q) 1, P J Gorrod(C) 2, Elizabeth Johnson 3, Susan Wolters 4, C H J Hill 5, Timothy Fitness (1st Q) 6. To welcome the appointment of Rt Revd Michael Scott-Joynt as Bishop of Winchester and visitor of Winchester College. £1.20

Winster, Derbys. 25 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Sue Stoker (1st Q) 1, Thomas Gray 2, John Francis 3, Helen Taylor 4, Jonathan Francis(C) 5. For St. John the Baptist Day, and the start of Wakes Week. £1

Woodbridge, Suffolk. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Marion Clarke (1st Q) 1, Mickie McBurnie 2, Paul Wakefield 3, Alan McBurnie 4, Bruce Wakefield(C) 5, Janice Henney 6. To wish Alan Clarke a speedy recovery following a successful hip replacement operation. £1.50

Wyke Regis, Dorset. 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Kimberley Thompson (1st Q) 1, Pam Thompson 2, R J Thompson 3, Barbara Chiplen 4, R M Thompson(C) 5, G Rawle 6. £1

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Chipping Norton, Oxon. 25 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Windeyer 1, Dr. Cathy Elliott 2, Christine Harris 3, R Datson 4, J Benfield 5, M Austin 6, K Wakefield(C) 7, D Wetherall 8. A farewell compliment to the Revd. T Curtis on his retirement from this parish, rung prior to his final service. Also a tribute to S Pulker after more than forty years service as a ringer who has had to retire from ringing because of ill health. £2

Cirencester, Glos. (S John). 25 Jun, 1296 L B Royal: C D Horton 1, Mary E Holden 2, Barbara A Holden 3, F E Roberts 4, T J C E Burslem (1st of royal) 5, P Godsall 6, J N O'Beirne 7, S R Holden 8, R J Day 9, P G Holden(C) 10. 1st LB royal; 6, 8. For the Patronal Festival and the Friends Festival Evensong. £2

Claxby, Lincs. 1 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: G T Johnson 1, Sue Buckingham 2, J A Sutherland 3, E Year 4, R W Lee(C) 5. To celebrate the centenary of Claxby Parish Council. £1

Clevedon, Avon. (S John). 29 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: M R Baker 1, Margaret Reed 2, Anne England 3, P J England 4, D W James(C) 5, J Brain 6. Half-muffled for the requiem mass and reception of the body of Margaret, Lady Elton, benefactor of S John's. Also: on 3 Jun, 1320 Doubles (3m): Susan Riley 1, Margaret Reed 2, Margaret James 3, J Riley 4, D W James(C) 5, M R Baker 6. Prior to the Wedding of Mark Callow and Helen Scammell, both ringers at St John's. £1

Clifton upon Dunsmore, Warwicks. 18 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Elizabeth Guy 1, Dorrie Everard 2, Graham Forester 3, Robin Guy(C) 4, Jim Payne (1st inside) 5, Roy Everard 6. To celebrate the 90th birthday of Mrs Redding. £1

Cold Higham, Northants. 21 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: James Causebrook (1st on 6) 1, Raymond Vickers 2, Hilda Collins 3, Alison Collins 4, Richard Yates 5, Edward Garrett(C) 6. To mark the 50th Anniversary of 1st peal for 3 & 6, rung at this tower 23/6/45. With compliments to Nancy Rogers and Bill Collins who also rang in that peal. £2

Conington, Cambs. 17 Jun, 1260 Singles (5m): R Jarvis 1, Dean Jarvis 2, C J Higgins(C) 3, Nick Wright (cover) 4. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs Ellen Bell 80 years. Lived in Conington for 75 years and a supportive and loved member of our congregation. 80p

Cottenham, Cambs. 18 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Peter Coe 1, Heather Wilkin 2, Paul Rayner 3, Simon Wilson 4, John Gregory(C) 5, Gerald Walker 6. For Evening Prayer and for the Queen's official birthday. £1

Coughton, Warwicks. 25 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Geoff Sreeves(C) 1, Matthew Sreeves 2, Sandra Archer 3, David Sreeves 4, Francis Sreeves 5, Eric Simpson 6. For the Service of Dedication of a plaque and bench in memory of Canon Kenneth Stock, late vicar of Coughton. £1.20

Cowley, Oxon. 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Alex Holmes 1, Mary Joseph (1st in 3m) 2, C Smith 3, R Goodwin(C) 4, S Zvegintov 5, R Jones 6. A wedding anniversary to Mr & Mrs Nigel Pugh and a birthday compliment to Nigel. £1

Cuckfield, Sussex. 27 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: L Shead 1, D Smith 2, E Everest 3, F Gilbert 4, S Buckley(C) 5, G Stuart 6. For Confirmation at Holy Trinity Church. £5

Cuddesdon, Oxon. 25 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: B Greenaway 1, Alex Holmes 2, R Goodwin(C) 3, John Beale 4, R Jones 5. As farewell to Miss Janet House with thanks for her help and best wishes for the future. £1

Cuxton, Kent. 17 Jun, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Cathy Dixon 1, Emma Cundiff 2, Simon Dixon 3, Stuart Cox 4, Graham Cottle 5, Neil Jones(C) 6. By the Foot-Stompers and Tutters for the Cuxton Flower Festival. £1

Droitwich, Worcs. (S Peter de Witton). 27 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rebecca Peberdy 1, Victoria Walton(C) 2, Rosemary Clive 3, Simon Peberdy 4, Jeffrey Webb 5, Helen Peberdy 6. With best wishes to the Revd. Stan Godfrey who is leaving Droitwich to look after parishes in the Longdon (Worcs) area during an interregnum. By members of the local band. £1

Dundee, Tayside. (Old Steeple). 23 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Gillian Booth 1, Christina Howie 2, Don Towers 3, Richard Southern 4, Graeme Booth 5, Stephen Elwell-Sutton(C) 6. Half-muffled in

memory of Tom McDonald, J.P., Lord Provost of Dundee, who died aged 43 on 20/6/95. £1.50

Dursley, Glos. 28 May, 1260 Cambridge S Major: G Dingle 1, Jane Bull(C) 2, Ruth Stickland 3, J Taylor 4, Revd. P C Wooster 5, T Stickland 6, A Binstead 7, A Bull 8. Also: on 4 Jun, 1259 P B Triples: C Taylor 1, N Martin 2, P Pope 3, A Bull 4, J Taylor 5, Jane Bull 6, I Unsworth(C) 7, R Grover 8.

Dursley, Glos. 11 Jun, 1280 Spl. S Major (RNBCYSP): A Ward 1, Janet Fox 2, Anne Pope 3, I Unsworth(C) 4, Elizabeth Byrne 5, J Taylor 6, A Binstead 7, F Byrne 8. Birthday compliment to Edward Hunnisett. £2.40

East Grinstead, W Sussex. 6 Jun, 1253 Grandsire Cinques: Pat Wake 1, Joan Peel 2, Val Clay 3, Linda J Etherington 4, Margaret L Sherwood 5, R Clay 6, R M Cox (1st of Grandsire cinques as C) 7, P J Simmonds 8, M J Wake 9, C R Spencer 10, B J North 11, G C Rix 12. 1st blows of m ringing on 12; 1. By a resident Western Division band. 50p

East Haddon, Northants. 15 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: P Townley 1, R Waddy 2, J Townley 3, R Morant 4, S Ruddlesden 5, M Tunnickliff(C) 6. Before Service to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Ministry of the Revd. Canon Jim Richardson. £2

Edgmond, Shrops. 25 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Tucker 1, Paul Lewis (200th Q) 2, Henry Mills 3, Daniel Corlett (1st in m) 4, Edric Broom(C) 5, James Ward 6. Tribute to Lawrence Barber, Churchwarden, bellringer and server on completing 50 years as a server at S Peter's, Edgmond. For Evensong. £2

Edinburgh, Lothian. (S Mary). 18 Jun, 1260 P B Triples: Helen Brotherton 1, Margaret Allan 2, J Adkins (1st inside) 3, Frances Cunningham 4, A Scobbie 5, W Walker 6, W Brotherton(C) 7, N Ballard 8. For the "Friends of the Cathedral" Service and AGM, and as an AuRevoir to Jon Adkins, leaving us to study abroad for a year. £1

Elmore, Glos. 11 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: A Soble 1, Ruth Stickland(C) 2, Jacquie Bates 3, Revd. G Stickland 4, D Chamberlain 5, T Cotterell 6. Before Evensong and as a welcome to the Benefice to Revd.'s Gary Hiscox and Mark Whatson (whose licensing took place at this church on 8/6/95). £1

Epping, Essex. 25 Jun, 1280 Belfast S Major: Gerry Burnham 1, Paul Bloomfield 2, Philip Abbey 3, Nich Wilson 4, Tony Bloomfield 5, Adrian Malton 6, Colin Newman(C) 7, Timothy Waller 8. 21st birthday compliment to Tim Waller. £1

Erdington, Birmingham. 3 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Margaret Hunt 1, Simon Lansbury 2, Paul Finnemore 3, David Cotton 4, Andrew Lansbury(C) 5. To celebrate Pentecost. £2

Erith, Kent. (Christ Church). 19 Jun, 1260 P B Triples: Diana M Young 1, Carol Easthaugh 2, Hannah M Saunders 3, Rachel A Backhouse 4, Mary J Hill 5, P Jarvis 6, A M J Young(C) 7, A J Hill 8. Half-muffled in memory of Jack Manville, churchwarden at Christ Church, and beloved friend, on the evening of his funeral. £1

Exning, Suffolk. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Janet Langham 1, Janet Howe (1st inside) 2, Deborah Blumfield 3, Cherril Thompson 4, David Gilbert(C) 5, Jonathan Hardy 6. For the ordination of Revd. Dr. Colin McCarty at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral earlier today. £3.40

Farningham, Kent. 17 Jun, 1320 P & L B Minor: Ann M Saunders 1, Hannah M Saunders 2, C Jeal 3, Diana M Young 4, I G Mills 5, A M J Young(C) 6. 1st spl; 2, 3. For Lewisham District QP Evening. £1

Foster Lane, London EC2. (S Vedast). 18 Jun, 1260 St Clements Minor: Rachel Billinge 1, Katherine Parker 2, Gill Thomlinson (1st in m) 3, Lucinda Reeve 4, Juliet Lawrance 5, Stephanie Pattenden 6. £1.80

Fulham, London SW6. (All Saints). 7 May, 1260 P B Minor: Inga Edwards 1, Christopher McLean 2, Sarah Tuppen 3, Michael Brady 4, Jane Kostelnik(C) 5, Andrew Downes 6. For Family Service on Good Shepherd Sunday; in memory of Audrey Kostelnik and to mark the 50th Anniversary of Victory in Europe. 100th Q of minor; 2. Also: on 14 May, 1260 Doubles (4m): Su Reed 1, Sarah Tuppen 2, Jane Kostelnik 3, Chris McLean(C) 4, Andrew Robinson 5, Inga Edwards

6. 1st in ms; 2, 5. For Evensong on the eve of the mass of St. Isidore the Farmer. To welcome Fr. David Tann, former curate to this parish on his return. £2.40

Godmanchester, Hants. 19 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles (on back 6): Dean Jarvis 1, Marilyn Gill 2, C J Higgins 3, J Skillings 4, Ruth R Ball(C) 5, D Lovelock 6. Half-muffled after the funeral of Oscar George aged 86 years, for many years Church Warden at Godmanchester. £1

Grappenhall, Ches. 18 Jun, 1260 Middlesex Triples: Heather Powell 1, Anne Stevenson 2, Bernard Ongley 3, Linda Thomson 4, Michael Thomson 5, Edward Gorton 6, Nicholas Thomson(C) 7, Gordon Birks 8. 1st in m for all. For Evensong. 500th together; 5 & 7. £1

Great Bromley, Essex. 25 Mar, 1260 Minor (Norwich S & PB): Dominique Erith 1, Bevan Willgress 2, Barry Bloyce 3, David Wenden 4, Phillip Erith 5, Derek Bloyce(C) 6. Birthday and Wedding Anniversary compliment; 2. Birthday compliment to Mrs Adeline Willgress. Also: on 3 Jun, 1260 Single Oxford B Minor: Sarah Lake 1, Susan Orriss 2, Adrian Hargreaves 3, David Wenden 4, Derek Bloyce 5, Bevan Willgress(C) 6. 1st in m for all. Birthday compliment 2; To celebrate Frank B Lufkin's 50 years on the Central Council and his election as a life member. £2.40

Great Casterton, Leics. 22 Jun, 1320 S Minor (Bourne & Cambridge): Dorothy Chamberlain 1, Peter Warboys 2, John Roffe 3, John Beadman 4, John Hobson 5, Brian Harris(C) 6. £1

Great Glen, Leics. 27 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: W J Allen 1, J R Cook (1st inside) 2, Angela Hallam 3, Amy M Cook 4, R H Cook(C) 5, G Charlesworth 6. To welcome Catherine Mary Jane Wellington, daughter of Revd. J & Mrs H Wellington. £1.20

Great Hornead, Herts. 10 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Wayne Flintham 1, Peter Scott 2, Franklin Lloyd 3, Roy Adcock 4, Len North 5, John Southey(C) 6. £1

Guildford, Surrey. (Cathedral). 23 Jun, 1344 Spl. S Maximus (14m): Margaret Romano 1, Alison Godfrey 2, Linda Armitage (1st spl. maximus) 3, Quentin Armitage 4, Christopher Rogers 5, Neil Buswell 6, John Couperthwaite 7, William Barter 8, Timothy Barnes 9, Glenn Poyntz 10, Richard Burton(C) 11, David Tubbs 12. £2.40

Guildford, Surrey. (S Nicolas). 25 Jun, 1273 Grandsire Triples: Yvonne Eloie 1, Mollie Lodge 2, Sally Schupke 3, Jennifer Hepburn 4, Julian Morgan(C) 5, Doug Lodge 6, Jonathan Deane 7, Rod Pierce 8. £1.60

Hackney, London E8. 24 Jun, 1260 P B Triples: Martin Pottle 1, Ann Hinchliffe 2, Debbie Malin 3, Ruth Jakeman 4, Prudence Fay 5, David Bailey 6, Stephen Jakeman(C) 7, Bernette Brown 8. For Patronal Festival Weekend. £3

Hamilton, NZ. 10 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: John Neale 1, Julian Stone 2, Sally Green 3, Quintin Burslem 4, Ian Harrison 5, Robert Bennett 6, David Kennet (1st in m as C) 7, John Dunn 8. Q.Peal Day.

Hardwicke, Glos. 25 Jun, 1260 Stedman Doubles (10 callings): Ruth Stickland(C) 1, Jane Bull 2, Revd. G Stickland 3, T Stickland (1st Stedman) 4, A Bull 5, T Cotterell 6. For Sunday and to congratulate Thomas Stickland for his M. Eng. Degree from Birmingham University (First Class Honours). £1

Harrietsham, Kent. 24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Dot Hooker 1, Darren Elphick 2, Shona Colebrook 3, Malwyn Williams 4, Darren Williams (most m's as C) 5, Ferrers Hindle 6. At S John Baptist for their Patronal Day Fete. Also to celebrate the engagement of Andy Stiff & Clare Hooker (daughter of treble ringer) on 23/6/95. £1.20

Harworth, Notts. 19 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Peter Abel 1, Laura Heath 2, Katie Wheeler 3, Pam Allison 4, Andrew Hall 5, Roger Smith(C) 6. In memory of the father of Pam Allison. £2

High Wycombe, Bucks. 18 Jun, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Alison Godfrey 1, Linda Armitage 2, David Agg 3, Susan Agg 4, Graham Naylor 5, Elizabeth Burton 6, David Beadman 7, William Barter 8, Timothy Weller 9, Peter Joyce 10, David Tubbs 11, Richard Burton(C) 12.

Higham, Suffolk. 25 Jun, 1260 St Simon Doubles: C Mayers 1, E Hynard(C) 2, R Whiting 3, J Hobson 4, C Abliitt 5. £1.20

Hillesden, Bucks. 21 Jun, 1320 St Clements & Kent TB Minor: Micky Ridgway 1, Mary Rixon 2, Howard Collings 3, Philip Watson 4, Bob Churchill(C) 5, Penny Watson 6. £1.50

Histon, Cambs. 19 Jun, 1284 P B Minor: Chris Clare 1, Tess Muncey 2, Janet Coleby 3, Rob Walker 4, Michael Purday(C) 5, Chris Muncey 6. To celebrate the birth of Emily Rebecca Bonnett. 50p

Honiton, Devon. (S Paul). 13 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Miller 1, Pam Bailey 2, Ann Agnew 3, Bryan Coles 4, Sylvia Furzey 5, Ann Moss 6, Derek Conway(C) 7, Edward Summers 8. 1st on 8; 1. 1st inside on 8; 2, 6. After the quarterly meeting. £1

Horncastle, Lincs. 18 Jun, 1440 Minor (Oxford T B, Cambridge S): P Mason 1, Betty Stracey 2, P A Limage 3, R W Lee 4, K N Buckingham 5, M E Stracey(C) 6. For Evensong and to commemorate the Battle of Waterloo, this day 1815. £1.20

Horspath, Oxon. 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m/v): Alex Holmes 1, T Abbott 2, R Goodwin(C) 3, R Jones 4, H Deam 5, John Beale 6. For United Churches Family Service and as a farewell to Revd. C Butler on his retirement. £1

Hunton, Kent. 15 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Shona Colebrook 1, Dot Hooker 2, M A Williams 3, M N Pring 4, D W Elphick(C) 5, Margaret Prevett (1st as cover) 6. For Corpus Christi. £1.20

Hyde, Gt. Man. 22 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: John Oultram 1, Martyn Tickner 2, Robert Jervis 3, Stephen Knight 4, Andrew Jobson 5, Nicholas Thomson 6, Ian Taylor(C) 7, Michael Thomson 8. 80p

Ipswich, Suffolk. (S Mary le Tower). 18 Jun, 1440 Barford S Maximus: G W Pipe 1, Diana Pipe 2, O P Claxton(C) 3, S P Griffiths 4, A Knights 5, R Whittell 6, Mary Mitchell 7, R N Earey 8, Amanda M Richmond 9, C Dunbavin 10, S A Rudd 11, N J Newton 12. 1st in m; 2, 6, 7, 10. For Evensong. £1.20

Irchester, Northants. 25 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jenny Thompson 1, Victoria Samson 2, Tim Samson 3, Ian Tear 4, Barry Thompson 5, Ken Wildman 6, Ivor Dicken(C) 7, Rodney Walker 8. Prior to Evensong on Jenny's birthday. £1.60

Isle of Dogs, London. (Christ Church). 25 Apr, 1275 P B Minor: John Whitehead (1st minor) 1, Jinny Kuflik 2, Matthew Harrison 3, Martin Sutcliffe 4, Iona McLachlan 5, Anthony Faulkner(C) 6. £1.20

Jersey, C.I. (S Mark). 11 Jun, 1320 Hexham S Minor: Hazel A Bailey 1, Joanna K Knight 2, F J Bailey 3, P J Routier 4, A C Belsey 5, J R Worrall(C) 6. 1st in m; 2, 6. Also: on 18 Jun, 1320 Stamford S Minor: D A Parks 1, J A Read 2, Joanna M Linford 3, P J Routier 4, A C Belsey 5, S J L Linford(C) 6. A wedding compliment to Kathryn Routier and Phillip Robinson whose marriage was blessed here yesterday. 1st in m by all the band & on the bells. Completed the standard 41 S minor to Q's; 4, 5. Also: on 25 Jun, 1296 Lightfoot S Minor: Hazel A Bailey 1, Joanna K Knight 2, F J Bailey 3, S J L Linford(C) 4, P J Routier 5, A C Belsey 6. A 5th birthday compliment to Matthew Belsey and in memory of Charles Kippin. 1st in m; 2, 3. £3

Kensington, London W8. 11 Jun, 1299 Stedman Caters: Katherine Parker 1, Adrienne Pyne 2, Ruth Simon 3, Rachel Billinge 4, Michael Brady 5, Nicholas Simon(C) 6, David Holdridge 7, Juliet Lawrance 8, Lucinda Reeve 9, Simon Gay 10. For Evensong. Also: on 18 Jun, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Katherine Parker 1, Adrienne Pyne 2, Ruth Simon 3, Rachel Billinge 4, B D Price (1st S royal) 5, S Gay 6, N Simon(C) 7, K Anderson 8, Lucinda Reeve 9, D Woodward 10. For Evensong. £6

Kilburn, London. (S Augustine). 17 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Paula Bento 1, Joan Hooton 2, Pauline Kingley 3, Peter Evans 4, Peter Curwen(C) 5, Stuart Robinson 6. To celebrate the induction and institution of Fr. Anthony Yates as vicar of S Augustine of Canterbury with S John Kilburn. £5

Kingskerswell, Devon. 27 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Janice Stainer 1, B White 2, Mary White 3, D Roberts 4, P Stevens(C) 5, Maureen Stevens 6. Rung open as a thanksgiving for the life of Jack Jackson, father of Maureen, immediately after the interment of his ashes in the churchyard. £1.50

Kingswood, Surrey. 24 Jun, 1320 Norfolk S Minor: Eric Godfrey(C) 1, Martin Foster 2, Alison McCormack 3, Lee McCormack 4, Ian Wiltshire 5, Keith Matthews 6. £1

Lacock, Wilts. 15 Jan, 1320 P B Doubles: Tony Summers 1, Sara Bye(C) 2, Jenny Hancock 3, Roger Lewis 4, Clive Hancock 5, Dick Lovelock 6. To celebrate the birth on Christmas Day of Ellen Mary Summer. Apologies for belated publication and congratulations to Tony and Angie. Also: on 25 Jun, 1320 Doubles (2m): Sara Bye 1, Jenny Hancock 2, K Allay 3, Angie May 4, C Howard(C) 5, R H Lovelock 6. For Evening Service. Birthday compliment to Sonia Howard. £2

Lenham, Kent. 5 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Carolyn Millen 1, N Long (1st minor) 2, Maisie Cooper 3, Jill Whyte 4, R A Swift 5, J R Cooper(C) 6. As a special compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, and his wife Lesley, on the eve of thier Silver Wedding Anniversary. £1.25

Loughton, Bucks. 25 Jun, 1320 P B Minor: Bob Winstanley 1, Ray Watkin 2, Peter Tribble 3, Barry Smith 4, John Lonsbrough(C) 5, Brian Baldwin 6. Service touch for Loughton Village Gardens Day. £3

Loughton, Essex. 25 Jun, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Terry Lane 1, Gerry Burnham 2, Adrian Malton(C) 3, Paul Bloomfield 4, Philip Abbey 5, Nich Wilson 6, Tony Bloomfield 7, Timothy Waller 8. 1st in m; 2. For Patronal Festival & Revd. Mary Windiate's first Eucharist. £2

Lundy Island, Devon. 21 Jun, 1260 P B Triples: Linsey H Mellor (1st on 8) 1, Debbie Couch 2, Barbara Sharples 3, Stephanie O Mattingley 4, Helen L Perry 5, A J Davidson 6, R J Perry(C) 7, Canon K P Mellor (1st on 8) 8. During the Truro ringer's visit to Lundy. 80p

Maidstone, Kent. (All Saints). 26 Jun, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Tom Cullingworth 1, Diana Wright(C) 2, Janet Yeo 3, Rhian Bagshaw 4, Clare Larter 5, Philip Larter 6, Tim Wright 7, Neil Jones 8, Michael Birkbeck 9, Tom Barlow 10. 500th Q; 2. £2.30

Maisemore, Glos. 22 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: C J Poole 1, Frances Mulvey 2, G S Groves 3, Berry Cole 4, L C Edwards 5, T Hinton(C) 6. Engagement congratulations to Margaret Millerchip and David Dean. £1.20

Malvern Link, Worcs. 14 Jun, 1282 Lincolnshire S Royal: Roy Williams 1, Ruth Halling 2, Sarah Morgan 3, Catherine Leach 4, Mark Davies 5, Claire Redstone 6, John Clements 7, Paul Evans 8, David Bagley(C) 9, Philip Morgan 10. Completes std. 8 royal; 8, 9. £1

Marston, Oxon. 26 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m/7v): Alex Holmes 1, R Goodwin 2, R Jones(C) 3, H Deam 4, S Zvegintov 5, John Beale 6. For the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter and as a Golden Wedding compliment to Mr & Mrs Alec Gammon. £1.60

Meopham, Kent. 24 Jun, 1316 Rutland S Major: Rhian Bagshaw (400th Q) 1, Diana Wright 2, Graham Cottle (300th Q) 3, Roger Pocock 4, David Jack 5, Timothy Wright 6, Douglas Davis 7, Neil Jones(C) 8. £1.60

Nailsea, Avon. 11 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: J McGibbon 1, Ann Brown 2, L Smith 3, Sue Westgate 4, R Caton 5, P Balmer(C) 6. £1

Narborough, Leics. 21 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Vivienne Leatherland 1, Marjorie Cadwallader 2, Imogen Painter 3, Heather Mann 4, A R Mann(C) 5, S F Howe 6. Farewell to Revd. John Garrett former priest 1959-1975. £1.50

Northallerton, N Yorks. 6 Jun, 1260 P B Royal: Peter Town 1, Rachel Town 2, Katie Town 3, Dot Salmon 4, Alwyn Shaw 5, John Limbach(C) 6, Aubrey Mills 7, Graham Blackburn 8, Jennifer Town 9, David Town 10. Half-muffled in memory of John Clouston whose funeral was earlier this day. Also: on 11 Jun, 1264 P B Major: Jonathan Wilkinson (1st on 8) 1, Ian Staves 2, Mark Place 3, Dot Murfin 4, Dot Salmon 5, Aubrey Mills 6, John Limbach 7, David Town(C) 8. 50th Wedding Anniversary compliment to Basil and Delia Johnson, of Canberra, Australia, married at Northallerton, and visiting to hear the Q. Also: on 24 Jun, 1280 Bristol S Royal: Lynne Stretton 1, Helen Bradley 2, Christina Sanderson 3, Peter Sanderson(C) 4, Christine Potter 5, Graham Bloom 6, Peter Town 7, Andrew Bicknell 8, David Mitchell 9, Timothy Bradley 10. 1st in m; 2, 5, 9. £4.60

Norwich, Norfolk. (All Saints). 11 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Louise Allen 1, Brian Legood 2, Sarah Hodgson 3, Nicholas Holland 4, Stephen Day(C) 5. A compliment to Amanda Ellis' forthcoming wedding. Believed to be the first by the UEA Bellingring Society for 6 years.

Offenham, Worcs. 27 Jun, 1272 College B IV D Minor: David Bagley 1, Ruth Halling 2, Paul Evans 3, Claire Redstone 4, A J Barnfield 5, Roy Williams(C) 6. £1

Osmaston, Derbys. 21 Jun, 1272 Minimus (3m): Kath Brown 1, Jackie Burns 2, Andrew Burns (25th Q this year) 3, Maurice Starkey(C) 4, Keith Woolley 5. For Confirmation Service. £1.06

Penistone, S Yorks. 8 May, 1260 P B Triples: Trevor Ledger 1, Linda Banks 2, John Nutbrown (1st on 8) 3, Geoffrey Graham (1st triples) 4, Alan Shelbourn 5, Brian Sanders 6, David Micklethwaite (1st triples as C) 7, Andrew Ward 8. For the VE-Day Celebrations. £2.50

Petworth, W Sussex. 4 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda I Cox 1, Joan Peel 2, Pat Wake 3, Margaret L Sherwood 4, M J Wake 5, C R Spencer 6, R M Cox(C) 7, G C Rix 8. For Whit Sunday Evensong. Also: on 11 Jun, 1280 Trinity Sunday D Major: Joan Peel 1, Margaret L Sherwood 2, G C Rix 3, F R Verrall 4, I P Hastilow 5, R M Cox 6, W L Weller 7, C R Spencer(C) 8. 1st in m; 2, 6, 7. For Trinity Sunday Evensong. £1

Queen Camel, Som. 24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Susan Robinson 1, P A Reeves(C) 2, S J Redmond 3, C J Reeves 4, S J Reeves 5, R W Davis 6. For Queen Camel Horticultural Society's Diamond Jubilee. £1.20

Radyr, S Glam. 21 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: T T Lewis 1, W J Goodfellow 2, C A Smart 3, R J Hall 4, M J Pryor 5, M S Turner(C) 6. For Confirmation & particularly for Catherine O'Leary, a ringer at this tower and one of the candidates. £2

Rochester, Kent. (Cathedral). 18 Jun, 1263 Stedman Triples: Anita Perryman 1, Barry Roberts 2, Sue Gullett 3, John Aronson 4, Graham Cottle 5, Ray Morgan 6, Neil Jones(C) 7, Roger Pocock 8. For Choral Evensong attended by the Kent Association for the Blind.

Rotherham, Yorks. 25 Jun, 1440 Hereward B Minor: Hazel Kiddy 1, Jennifer Armeson 2, Andrew Kett 3, Helen Armeson 4, Stuart Armeson(C) 5, David Nichols 6. For Evensong.

Rushden, Northants. 1 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Wendy R Emeney 1, Pam M Bailey 2, Roger Emeney 3, Glyn J Muncey 4, Bob Whitworth 5, James M Bence 6. For Confirmation Service. Also: on 18 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Sarah E Hedgcock 1, Pam M Bailey 2, Vivienne M Striblehill 3, Brenda M Dixon 4, J Hedgcock 5, A J Marks(C) 6. To celebrate the birth of Andrew James Goodale, 1st grandchild of the 3rd. Also: on 25 Jun, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Bob Whitworth 1, Pam M Bailey 2, Sarah E Hedgcock 3, Brenda M Dixon 4, Jim Hedgcock 5, Alan J Marks(C) 6. For Evensong and on National Music Day. £1.80

Sevenoaks, Kent. 21 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Doris Colgate 1, Isabel Pearce 2, R Wolfgang 3, L Turley 4, I Oram 5, Sharon Pankhurst 6, K Wakefield(C) 7, R Pankhurst 8. Prior to Thanksgiving Service which celebrated the re-opening of the church on completion of the undercroft & church re-ordering. £1

Shanklin, IoW. 24 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Carol Eveleigh 1, Aubrey Eveleigh 2, June Mitchell 3, Margaret Downer 4, Barry Downer 5, Beccy Noyes 6, Stephen Noyes(C) 7, Jack Luscombe 8. To mark the departure of Revd. Colin Wall, on his last weekend in the parish. £1

Sharnbrook, Beds. 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (11m): Gemma Davison 1, Jo A Webb 2, Linda J Liggett 3, Barbara J Woplin 4, P J S Albon(C) 5, Alana Ingram 6. For Evensong. 60p

Shiplake, Oxon. 15 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Pugh 1, Mike Bland 2, Elsie Smith 3, Norman Topson 4, Joyce Vernon 5, Peter Munday 6, Harold Smith(C) 7, Keith Vernon 8. As a tribute to Frank Henbest, who died on 1/6/95, Tower Captain for 20 years and a ringer for 40 years. £2

South Hackney, London E9. 25 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Adrian Udel 1, Susan Falconer 2, Simon Carter 3, Debbie Malin 4, Martin Sutcliffe 5, Peter Bennett 6, Nicholas Green 7, Stephen Jakeman(C) 8. 1st in m; 3. For Patronal Festival Weekend. £3

Southam, Warwicks. 25 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Jill Ross 1, Lynn Hill (1st inside) 2, Jane Ballinger 3, Julian Edgson(C) 4, Angela Elliott 5, Tony White 6. A compliment to local ringers Chris and Dave Cooke on their Silver Wedding Anniversary. £1

Sproughton, Suffolk. 22 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: B Woolf 1, J C Allen 2, R N Earey(C) 3, D S Bugg 4, S F Curl 5, J Woolf 6. As a 60th birthday compliment to Revd. Canon Roger Pallant. £1.20

St Albans, Herts. (S Peter). 25 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Rosemary J Duke 1, Elizabeth Barber 2, J E Ewer 3, Rosemary E Scott 4, H V Frost 5, T Cobb 6, G A Duke(C) 7, W J Southam 8. For Evensong, and with congratulations to Hilary K Derham, ordained this day at Holy Trinity, Stevenage. £2

St Peter in Thanet, Kent. 8 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Vivienne Key 1, Sonia Stockwell 2, Jack Peppiatt 3, John Reynolds 4, Sue Cook 5, Freddie Peppiatt 6, Michael Cook(C) 7, Bill Bamforth 8. 4, 6, 8 cover. For VE-Day celebrations & sponsored for Childrens Society. Also: on 20 May, 1260 (method not given): Rita Bowers (1st on treble) 1, Sue Cook 2, Michael Cook 3, Reg Foreman 4, Sonia Stockwell 5, Edward Nicholls 6. Following the tower AGM. £4

Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex. 16 Jun, 1280 Spl. S Major (Std. 8): Clare Watson 1, Roger Butt (1st of 8 spl.) 2, Jeni Dodds 3, Rowena Marshall 4, Angus Dodds 5, Nich Wilson 6, Bjorn Bradstock 7, Adrian Malton 8. £1.40

Steep, Hants. 21 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Margaret Aylieff 1, Andrew Routh 2, Mike Kerton 3, Silas Brown 4, Simon Longlands(C) 5, Jason Clements 6. For Choral Evensong. Also: on 10 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Mike Kerton 1, Antony Townsend 2, Andrew Routh 3, Maureen Routh 4, Simon Longlands 5, Hugh Routh(C) 6. For Steep Church Summer Fayre and Festival of Flowers and Fashion Through the Ages. £3

Stoke Bruerne, Northants. 16 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m inc. Stedman): D Harrison 1, G Kingston 2, Lynn M Walters 3, W A Yates 4, G N Williams(C) 5. For the visitation to the Towcester Deanery by the Archdeacon of Northampton. £1

Stoke upon Trent, N Staffs. (S Peter ad Vincula). 14 May, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Vilma P Pugh 1, Ruth V Walton 2, B Margaret Burton 3, Helen A Mitchell 4, K P Jones 5, Wendy Daw 6, J Geof Burton 7, R H Daw(C) 8. For Evensong. Also: on 18 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth V Walton 1, Vilma P Pugh 2, B Margaret Burton 3, D Pitston 4, Wendy Daw 5, R B Mitchell 6, R H Daw(C) 7, J Geof Burton 8. Bells traditionally rung after "Mayor Making Ceremony" in Stoke Town Hall across road from Parish Church. Also: on 4 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Heather J Whieldon (1st Grandsire Caters) 1, B Margaret Burton 2, Vilma P Pugh 3, K P Jones 4, W E Evans 5, Helen A Mitchell 6, R H Daw(C) 7, Wendy Daw 8, J Geof Burton 9, P V Mellor 10. For Evensong. £2.60

Stourbridge, Worcs. (S Thomas). 8 May, 1386 Grandsire Caters: A Jayne Foley 1, C Lees 2, Marie J Pennington 3, R Smith 4, G Westwood 5, J H White (1st of Caters) 6, R J Hurst 7, S D Brown 8, M D Fellows(C) 9, S Wiggan 10. For the 50th Anniversary of VE-Day. Also: on 3 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Marie J Pennington 1, C Lees 2, R J Hurst 3, G Westwood 4, R Smith 5, M D Fellows(C) 6. For the 900th Anniversary of the death of St. Wulstan, Bishop of Worcester.

Sunderland, Tyne & Wear. (S Andrew, Roker). 23 Jun, 1344 P B Major: Joanne Taylor (1st on 8) 1, Christine Richardson 2, Paul Hughes (1st inside on 8) 3, Joanne Gardner 4, Albert Bokma 5, Richard Turner 6, Keith Hayton 7, Christopher Richardson(C) 8. £1

Sydney, NSW, Australia. (Cathedral). 20 Jun, 1344 Superlative S Major: Margaret Goodyer 1, Neil Broderick 2, Claire O'Mahony 3, Penelope Sharpe 4, Thomas Goodyer 5, James Smith 6, Caroline Richards(C) 7, Alan Champion 8. A birthday compliment to Neil and to Margaret.

Thornborough, Bucks. 15 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Helen Stanworth 1, G Kingston 2, W A Yates(C) 3, R S Stanworth 4, D Goodger 5. At the funeral of Frank Canvin, 94, ringer at this church for 78 years, member of PCC 66 years, also clock winder, verger and sexton over 50 years.

Thorverton, Devon. 11 Jun, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Bill Ford 1, Janet Coles 2, Neville Gibbings (1st of S) 3, Daniel Braddell (1st in m) 4, Richard Shere 5, Lester Yeo 6, Matthew Weighell 7, Donald Carter(C) 8. £1

Trumpington, Cambs. 4 Jun, 1280 Bristol S Major: Teresa Bushell 1, Walter Hunt 2, Tracey De Bruyne 3, Geoffrey Pearson 4, Ian Bushell(C) 5, Ian Davies 6, Michael Beadman 7, Richard Green 8. For Evensong & birthday compliment to Brenda Preston (local ringer). £1

Waltham St Lawrence, Berks. 11 Jun, 1260 Doubles (6m): A Evans 1, R Needham 2, Anne Yates 3, M Dane 4, D Court(C) 5, M Morley 6. For Church Fete. £1.50

Warmington, Northants. 25 Jun, 1280 L B Minor: J Bachelor 1, Gwendoline Roffe 2, Anne Bachelor 3, J F Bird 4, A H Hinton 5, J M Roffe(C) 6. For Parish Communion celebrated by the Rt. Revd. W Westwood, Bishop of Peterborough. £3

Wateringbury, Kent. 4 May, 1260 St Clements C B Minor: Debbie Elphick 1, M Taylor 2, M N Pring 3, M A Williams 4, T Cullingworth 5, D W Elphick(C) 6. £1.20

Waterloo, London SE1. (S John). 20 Jun, 1400 Triples (2m): Rachel Billinge 1, Katherine Parker 2, F Milner 3, Ruth Simon 4, Stella Shell 5, J Ingham 6, M Simon 7, P Daybell 8. 1st Double Oxford for all. £2.40

Weedon Bec, Northants. 16 Jun, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Jennie Paul 1, R O Battye 2, S M Ruddlesden 3, Rosemary Hemmings 4, Sally Thompson 5, I Calvert 6, R F Waddy(C) 7, B J W Foley 8. £1.60

West Liss, Hants. 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Brenda Hough 1, Di Hart 2, J E Cripps 3, F K Williamson 4, D M Hughes(C) 5, A C Hough 6. 60p

West Tarring, Sussex. 25 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Natalie Romsey 1, Brenda I Cox 2, R M Cox(C) 3, M P Spencer 4, D A Smith 5, A Dunsford 6. For Ascension. Also: on 3 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): P Smart 1, Brenda I Cox 2, C A J Chappell 3, R M Cox(C) 4, D J Hills 5, D A Smith 6. A wedding compliment to Helen Plater & Julian Bickers. Martin Spencer, Alan Tettmar & Adrian West rang in the 360 of Grandsire immediately following the wedding ceremony & preceding this Q. Also: on 11 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Margaret A Plater 1, Elizabeth Potter 2, C A J Chappell(C) 3, M P Spencer 4, D A Smith 5, G A Plater 6. For Trinity Sunday Evensong. Also: on 15 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Natalie Romsey 1, Brenda I Cox 2, Elizabeth Potter 3, M P Spencer 4, R M Cox(C) 5, D A Smith 6. For Corpus Christi Communion. Also: on 18 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: M P Spencer 1, Brenda I Cox 2, G A Plater 3, G R Hills 4, D A Smith 5, R M Cox(C) 6. £3

West Wickham, Kent. (S John). 24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Judith Fry 1, Mike Christie (1st inside) 2, Alys Helm 3, Liz Ford 4, Sheila Hewer 5, Ross Asquith 6. Between weddings. £1

Weston Beggard, Herefs. 16 Jun, 1320 P B Doubles (v. hunt): Sarah Morgan 1, Jo Hall 2, Claire Redstone 3, Phil Morgan 4, Roy Williams(C) 5.

Wetherden, Suffolk. 25 Jun, 1260 P B & L B Minor: Ken Mulleey 1, Judy Frost 2, Phil Jones 3, Martin Steele 4, Basil Hart 5, Gordon Slack(C) 6. For Morning Service. £1

Whitehaven, Cumbria. 25 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S Adair 1, R C Last 2, T H Naylor 3, J H McTear 4, J Whitelock(C) 5, S L Hutchinson 6. For the 6th Wedding Anniversary of John and Ruth Whitelock. 1st of grandsire inside; 3. £3

Wicken, Northants. 18 Jun, 1280 P B Major: Helen Stanworth 1, Alison Collins 2, B D Hird 3, G Kingston 4, W A Yates 5, G E Green(C) 6, B Williams 7, Lynn M Walters 8. For Sunday Service. Also: on 27 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Helen Stanworth 1, G E Green 2, Revd. J D Nixon 3, G N Williams 4, W A Yates 5, A J Spencer 6, R W Yates(C) 7, R S Stanworth 8. £2

Winkfield, Berks. 10 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: D J Murray 1, J S McCarthy (1st inside) 2, Katy Day 3, A G Hockedy 4, R J Cheeseman(C) 5, A P Sparling 6. To welcome Oliver Michael Hedges born 14/5/95 and also as a belated engagement compliment to Quentin Howell and Alison Hardy. £1.20

Witney, Oxon. 3 Jun, 1260 Yorkshire S Major: Mick Austin 1, Sally Austin 2, Martin Kirk 3, Roger Barnes 4, Philip Curtis 5, Tim Martin 6, Andrew Graham 7, Richard Stevens(C) 8.

Wolverton, Hants. 9 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: John Froome 1, Angela Athawes(C) 2, Ben Constant 3, Shirley Hedges 4, Ray Walsh 5, Sue Froome 6. To celebrate the birth of Stephen Peter Froome, Grandson of ringers of 1 & 6 on 3/6/95. £1.20

Worcester, Worcs. (All Saints). 22 Jun, 1360 Lockington S Royal: Andrew Hartley 1, Roy Williams 2, Nina Byrne 3, Claire Redstone 4, Michael Clements 5, James Hustler 6, Alex Byrne 7, A J Barnfield 8, Charles Hayward(C) 9, David Franklin 10. £1

Worcester, Worcs. (S John). 28 Jun, 1280 Zodiac S Major: Ruth Halling 1, David Bagley 2, Paul Evans 3, Mike Clements 4, Claire Redstone 5, A J Barnfield 6, Roy Williams(C) 7, Malcolm Taylor 8. £2

Worle, Avon. 4 Jun, 1260 Doubles (11m): J F S Lambard 1, J G Cook 2, C A Swatton 3, D Hawkings 4, J S Boorman(C) 5, B G Williams 6. For Family Service. Also: on 11 Jun, 1260 Single Oxford B Minor: Jennifer Spence 1, J F S Lambard 2, J G Cook 3, C A Swatton 4, P J Spence (1st in m) 5, D Hawkings(C) 6. For Morning Service. 175th Q together; 3 & 4. Also: on 18 Jun, 1260 Doubles (11m): B G Williams 1, J G Cook 2, J S Boorman 3, C A Swatton 4, D Hawkings(C) 5, H C A Button 6. For Morning Service. Birthday compliment to Harry Button - ringer of 6th. £3.60

York, Stockton on the Forest, N Yorks. 11 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Patricia Hearn 1, Rachel Storr 2, Lynne Stretton 3, Ian Campbell 4, David Potter(C) 5, Trevor Elliott 6. For Morning Service on the occasion of a visit by the Archbishop of York and for the Flower Festival. £1

Fourteen out of Seventeen

The North Wales Association decided to hold their Quarter Peal week from the 6th May to 14th May 1995 to coincide with the V.E. Day celebrations etc. Therefore all Quarters rung were for the 50th anniversary of Victory in Europe.

Fourteen were successful out of Seventeen attempted, although one of the fourteen was nearly missed, when about a quarter of the way into the quarter a rumbling was heard from above. On investigation it was discovered that the tenor clapper had come loose, on tightening, the quarter peal was resumed and successfully brought round.

There were 13 firsts of some description, and rung in eight towers. £14

Gresford, Clwyd. 6 May, 1320 P B Doubles: Richard Williams 1, Avery Roberts (1st inside) 2, Vaughan Roberts 3, Ian Roberts 4, Hilton Roberts (1st as C) 5, Ted Williams (1st Q) 6. Sponsored in aid of Childrens Society Peace-a-peat.

Gresford, Clwyd. 6 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Len Murley 1, Jack Johnson 2, Martin Lyons 3, Hilton Roberts 4, Vaughan Roberts (C) 5, Avery Roberts 6. 1st Q: 1.3. Sponsored in aid of the Childrens Society Peace-a-peat.

Dolgellau, Gwynedd. 7 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Alison Roberts 1, Nia Jones, Anna Tysvaer-Davies 3, Lynn Tysvaer-Davies 4, Ann Jones (C) 5, Iwan Jones 6. Before V.E. Service.

Mold, Clwyd. 7 May, 1320 Beverley & Cambridge S Minor: Maryan Jenner 1, Roger Howes 2, Herbert Heaton 3, John Williams 4, Andrew Channon 5, William Court (C) 6. Before Evensong.

Llangollen, Clwyd. 7 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Mary Furniss 1, Ruth Stevens 2, Philip Dulson (1st Q) 3, Richard Archer-Jones (1st inside) 4, Mark Williams (C) 5, Frank Jones 6. Ringers of 1 and 6 are both World War II veterans.

Ruabon, Clwyd. 7 May, 1320 Doubles (5m): Anna-Lena Bradbury 1, Sian Davies 2, Jack Johnson (most m) 3, Tom Davies (C) 4, Gordon Richardson (circ twr) 5, Mary Jones 6. Sponsored in aid of Childrens Society Peace-a-peat, also for silver wedding of 6 and husband Phil (9 May) and birthday wishes to 6 (10 May).

Rhyl, Clwyd. 8 May, 1260 P B Triples: P Adderley 1, Alison Greenhalgh 2, M S Bridges 3, R Miers 4, T P Disrens 5, D J P Stanworth 6, D R Marshall (C) 7, P Greaves (1st on 8) 8. For 80th birthday Bill Hawkins (Llandudno).

Mold, Clwyd. 8 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Elspeth Parry 1, Sally Channon 2, H M Heaton 3, J R Williams 4, R A Howes 5, W E Court (C) 6. Sponsored for the Childrens Society.

Dolgellau, Gwynedd. 8 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Gareth Jones (1st on treble) 1, Anna Tysvaer-Davies 2, Iwan Jones 3, Lynn Tysvaer-Davies 4, Ann Jones (C) 5, Neville Vaughan 6.

Overton on Dee, Clwyd. 10 May, 1260 Doubles (7m): Peter Beckett 1, Mark Williams 2, Gordon Richardson 3, Tom Davies 4, Vaughan Roberts 5, David Spalding 6. Joint Cs: 2,3,4,5. Most m: 1,2,6. 1st Q on these bells by North Wales Wrexham Maelor Branch.

Dolgellau, Gwynedd. 11 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lynn Davies 1, Neville Vaughan 2, Rita Michell 3, Alison Roberts 4, Ann Jones (C) 5, Anna Davies 6.

Hanmer, Clwyd. 11 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Jack Johnson 1, Keith Griffiths 2, Mark Williams 3, Peter Beckett 4, Tom Davies 5, Gordon Richardson 6. Joint Cs: 3,4. For the first grandchild (Samuel Peter) of 4, the baby's mother Linda is also a local ringer.

Dolgellau, Gwynedd. 12 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Neville Vaughan 1, Rita Mitchell 2, Lynn Davies 3, Nia Jones 4, Ann Jones (C) 5, Alison Roberts 6.

Mold, Clwyd. 14 May, 1320 Surfleet S Minor: Maryan Jenner 1, R A Howes 2, H M Heaton 3, J R Williams 4, Michael Gooch (1st in m) 5, W E Court (C) 6. Before Evensong.

Ash in Hampshire

Upper Clatford, Hants. 10 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Robert Davis (C) 1, John Hayter 2, Patricia Tucker 3, Jan Sapiezynski 4, Patrick Tucker 5, Leonard Pearse 6.

Longparish, Hants. 10 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Janet Hayter 1, Fred Sandy 2, John Hayter 3, Robert Davis 4, Jan Sapiezynski 5, Matthew Hillyard (C) 6.

Abbotts Ann, Hants. 10 Jun, 1250 Cambridge S Minor: Matthew Hillyard 1, Patricia Tucker 2, Terry Thomas 3, John Hayter 4, Jan Sapiezynski 5, Patrick Tucker (C) 6.

Amport St Mary, Hants. 10 Jun, 1272 Oxford T B Minor: Leonard Pearse 1, Patricia Tucker 2, Jan Sapiezynski 3, Terry Thomas 4, Matthew Hillyard 5, Patrick Tucker (C) 6. £4.00

Quarters in Ipswich

June 17th

St Margaret, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Shirley Girt 1, Will Hupman 2, M J Wigney 3, J L Girt 4, Jane Kostelnik 5, R Gillard 6, S J F Mitchell 7, S J Nash (1st in m as C) 8.

St Matthew, 1320 Netherseale S Minor: Alison Nash 1, Jane Kostelnik 2, R Gillard 3, S J Nash 4, M J Wigney 5, Jill Hupman (C) 6.

St Clement, 1296 Spl S Minor (Cambridge 6): Alison Nash 1, Jill Hupman 2, M J Wigney 3, R Gillard 4, S J Nash 5, S J F Mitchell (C) 6.

St Mary at Quay, 1260 P B Minor: Jill Hupman 1, R Gillard 2, Alison Nash 3, S J F Mitchell (C) 4, Jane Kostelnik 5, S J Nash 6.

St Nicholas, 1260 Doubles (5m): S J F Mitchell 1, Jill Hupman 2, Jane Kostelnik 3, S J Nash 4, R Gillard 5.

St Mary le Tower, 1311 Stedman Cinques: R Gillard (1st on 12) 1, Sally Munnings (1st Stedman Cinques) 2, R Munnings 3, O P Claxton 4, Jane Kostelnik 5, Jill Hupman 6, R L K Whittell 7, S C Griffiths 8, M J Wigney (C) 9, S J F Mitchell 10, G W Pipe 11, S J Nash 12. Prior to the Chiswick Choir's summer concert.

When the Chiswick choir announced that it was to give a concert in St Mary-le-Tower in Ipswich, it seemed like an obvious opportunity to take some friends from various parts of London to ring at the towers in Ipswich. A quarter peal day soon emerged and a pleasant day was had by all, with quarters being scored at all of the ringable towers.

Many thanks go to the people who let us in (especially since some Essex ringers were also having an outing on the same day), to local ringers who joined us at St Margaret's and St Mary-le-Tower and, especially to Amanda Richmond who put it all together for us. £10.00

On the Water

The idea was to combine a week's holiday on the canals with some ringing. None of us had ever tried a narrowboat holiday before and, being three married couples, we formed a six-bell quarter peal band. Working to a travelling speed of 3 mph, and selecting convenient towers within walking distance of the canal, the programme resembled a day's ringing outing spread out over a week – but it worked!

We had broadly agreed on a pattern: a quarter peal in the morning, followed by a leisurely cruise to the next overnight stop, interspersed with appropriate refreshment arrangements en route. This suited everybody. The narrow boat "Rumba" provided our creature comforts and transported us in style. The timings went according to plan, thanks particularly to all those who turned out to meet us at the towers. The ringing was successful too: so much so that, at the conclusion of ringing at Clifton-upon-Dunsmore, the band announced that they wished to dedicate the quarter peal to the conductor, with grateful thanks for a successful week's planning and organisation. E S M M.

Shilton, Warwicks. 10 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: David McLean (C) 1, Trudie Bradnam 2, Sybil McLean 3, Peter Bradnam 4, Richard Vickers 5, Linda Vickers (1st on tenor) 6. 21st birthday compliment to Paul Vickers (5/6). Wedding compliment to Paul White and Nicola Beamish married at St Margaret's Lowestoft this day.

Stoke Golding, Leics. 12 Jun, 1260 Minor (2m): Trudie Bradnam 1, Linda Vickers 2, Sybil McLean 3, Richard Vickers (25th Q) 4, Peter Bradnam (100th Q) 5, David McLean (C) 6. Most m: 2,4.

Brinklow, Warwicks. 13 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: David McLean (C) 1, Trudie Bradnam 2, Peter Bradnam 3, Richard Vickers 4, Sybil McLean 5, Linda Vickers 6. 75th together: 2,3,5. 25th together: 1,4.

Napton-on-the-Hill, Warwicks. 14 Jun, 1260 Rev St Bartholomew Doubles: Sybil McLean 1, Trudie Bradnam 2, Linda Vickers 3, Peter Bradnam 4, David McLean (C) 5, Richard Vickers 6. 1st in var: 2,3,4,6. 100th together: 4,5. 75th together: 1,2,4,5.

Hillmorton, Warwicks. 15 Jun, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Place Doubles: Trudie Bradnam 1, Linda Vickers (1st in m) 2, David McLean (C) 3, Sybil McLean 4, Richard Vickers 5, Peter Bradnam 6.

Clifton-upon-Dunsmore, Warwicks. 16 Jun, 1280 Doubles (8m/v): Trudie Bradnam 1, Peter Bradnam 2, Linda Vickers (25th Q) 3, Richard Vickers 4, David McLean (C) 5, Sybil McLean 6. 25th together 3,5. Most m/v: 3,4.

North Luffenham, Leics. 17 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sybil McLean 1, Trudie Bradnam 2, Linda Vickers 3, David McLean (C and 650th Q) 4, Richard Vickers 5, Peter Bradnam 6. 25th together: 3,5. £7.00

For National Music Day

Saturday 24th June

Dalwood, Devon. 1260 Doubles (4m/1p): Brian Horrell 1, Stanley Huish 2, Sylvia Furzey 3, Mark Harris (50th Q in 95) 4, Cyril Deem (C) 5.

Cotleigh, Devon. 1300 St Nicholas Doubles: Jim Crabb 1, Mark Harris (1st blows in m as C) 2, Sylvia Furzey 3, Stanley Huish 4, Cyril Deem 5, Paddy Priscott 6. 1st Q in m: 2,4,5.

Uplyme, Devon. 1272 P B Minor: Sylvia Furzey 1, Liz Rendell 2, Jeremy Harris 3, Kenneth Furzey 4, Patrick Rendell 5, Mark Harris (C) 6. £3.00

Surrey Association Quarter Peal Week

Benhilton, Surrey. 21 May, 1260 Stedman Triples: Simon Stranks 1, Karen Linklater 2, Gwen Kenny 3, Richard Cheesman 4, Nicholas Cheesman 5, Leslie Murrells 6, Jeremy Cheesman (C) 7, Paul Richardson 8. For Evensong. Also 25 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Lynne Wright 1, Ann Murrells 2, Rosemary Cryle 3, Sheila Cheesman 4, Karen Linklater 5, Susan Bailey 6, Jeremy Cheesman (C) 7, Leslie Murrells 8. For Ascension Day.

Dorking, Surrey. 25 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jane Driver 1, Paul Beeken (C) 2, Kate Cameron 3, David Cameron 4, Nigel Proctor 5, George Swallow 6.

Ranmore, Surrey. 25 May, 1260 P B Triples: Jane Driver 1, Tim Lain 2, Brenda Swaine 3, Kate Cameron 4, Nigel Proctor 5, David Cameron 6, Paul Beeken (C) 7, George Swallow 8.

Walton on Thames, Surrey. 25 May, 1260 Doubles (3m inc Stedman): Jennifer Meade 1, Catherine Mills 2, Philip Saddleton 3, David Miseldine 4, Tim Mitchell 5, John Mudd (C) 6.

Four on Easter Monday in Lincs

April 17th

Spalding. ISS Mary & Nicolas) 1282 Cambridge S Major: Cathryn Walker 1, Bryony Dorrington 2, Rev Richard Dorrington 3, Matthew Walker 4, Wayne Ansell 5, Peter Waterfield (C) 6, Ian Ansell 7, Anthony Walker 8.

Pinchbeck. 1273 Grandsire Triples: Cathryn Walker 1, Bryony Dorrington 2, Wayne Ansell 3, Matthew Walker 4, Peter Waterfield (C) 5, Rev Richard Dorrington 6, Anthony Walker 7, Ian Ansell 8.

Surfleet. 1280 Havant S Major: Cathryn Walker 1, Ian Ansell 2, Matthew Walker 3, Wayne Ansell 4, Bryony Dorrington 5, Rev Richard Dorrington 6, Peter Waterfield 7, Anthony Walker 8. 1st in m for all.

Bicker. 1280 New Cambridge S Major: Cathryn Walker 1, Bryony Dorrington 2, Matthew Walker 3, Rev Richard Dorrington 4, Wayne Ansell 5, Ian Ansell 6, Peter Waterfield (C) 7, Anthony Walker 8. 1st in m for all.

Ashford District (KACR)

Stone-in-Oxney. 19 Feb, 1260 P B Doubles: Jenny Mash 1, Helen Mash 2, David Chesson 3, Geoffrey Waters 4, Frank Wenham 5, Wendy Puxted (1st as C) 6.

Tenterden. 12 Feb, 1260 P B Doubles: Sue Meads (1st Q) 1, Valerie Winter 2, Helen Mash 3, Richard Edwards (C) 4, Karen Mash 5, Brian Taylor 6.

Warehorne. 11 Feb, 1272 Kent T B Minor: Paul Winter 1, Chris Cooper (1st in m) 2, Arthur King 3, Frank Wenham 4, Karen Mash 5, Richard Edwards (C) 6.

Willesborough. 17 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: Martin Marshall 1, Kay Chittenden 2, Shirley Marshall 3, Alan Bournier 4, Jim Small 5, Michael Marshall (C) 6.

Wittersham. 16 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jenny Mash 1, Karen Mash (most m) 2, Paul Winter 3, Frank Wenham 4, Richard Edwards (C) 5, Derek Wenham 6.

Woodchurch. 11 Feb, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Arthur King 1, Mary Marshall 2, Kay Chittenden 3, Shirley Marshall (1st in m) 4, Ray Lucas (1st in m) 5, Richard Edwards (C) 6.

Wye. 13 Feb, 1260 P B Doubles: Mary Lambert (1st Q) 1, Sue Atkinson 2, Ted Wyld 3, Lyn Garroway 4, David Robinson (C) 5, Bill Bayne 6.

Other details published in 26th May issue. This batch was missed.

Donation £28 from the District.

Leigh-on-Sea Outing

The ringers of Leigh on Sea and area enjoyed a very well organised car outing to the Saxmundham area of Suffolk recently.

As a guest I felt very elated at being invited. Mo Venus is a lady who has all the arrangements, from food to towers to the weather, at her fingertips, and has an easy and cheerful efficiency.

The first tower was Saxmundham, a light six in a village which seemed to have every kind of shop except a newsagents! As the ringing chamber is small, a shift system was adopted which worked well. Tower two was at Yoxford, and the last of the morning was Bramfield, an interesting five which are the front five of a six. We were forewarned that the tenor had a cracked headstock so it was not turned in to 'doggy' methods, and the ringing kept strictly to half an hour. It's a round tower detached from the church.

Mo had passed my 'acid test' of allowing plenty of time for lunch, the only question now was – would the post-lunch tower bring the worst ringing as so often happens? The answer was 'no', we rang well at Huntingfield. And who could not ring well on the superb eight at Wilby, where we were met by Martin Thorley.

At Dennington, we heard the increasingly rare tones of plainsong entering the ringing chamber from the church. The bells are a notable heavy six but even the less experienced coped reasonably well under the watchful eye of Peter Wycherley.

It was now time for several people to get lost, some doing many superfluous miles before finding the church at Badingham, a ground floor five.

The group then travelled to Framlingham for tea and a wander round this quaint town, a pleasant conclusion to a relaxing and sociable tour. O D.

In London

Holborn, London. (St Giles in the Fields) 18 Jun, 1296 Where is Jane? S Minor: A Udall 1, Jill Hupman 2, M J Wigney 3, R Gillard 4, A J Crowther 5, R A Pearce (C) 6. 1st Q in m. TDMM 2026 3x5.4x5x3x4x16 le:12e For Evensong. £1.20

Acton, Middx. 20 May, 1260 P B Minor: Gill How 1, Pauline Hibbert 2, Maryanne Roach 3, M How 4, M J Wigney (C) 5, Jill Hopman 6. To celebrate 10 yrs of ringing 2. £1.20

Twickenham, Middx. (All Hallows) 7 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill Hupman 1, M J Wigney 2, M How 3, I C Church 4, N F Edwards (C) 5. £1.00

Westminster, Middx. (St Clement Danes) 21 May, 1280 8 Spl S Major: Jane Kostelnik 1, Maryanne Roach 2, S Gay 3, Jill Hupman 4, A Crowther 5, M J Wigney 6, Lucy Reeve 7 R A Pearce 8. No C given. Also 18 Jun, 1282 Superlative S Royal: B D Price 1, Ruth Foreman 2, Jill Hupman 3, Jane Kostelnik 4, J P Adams 5, R Gillard 6, A J Crowther 7, Lucy Reeve 8, R A Pearce 9, M J Wigney (C) 10. 1st in m: 2,4,5,6,7. 1st blows: 2,4,5,6. £3.60

Chiswick, Middx. 12 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Jay Bunyan (1st ST) 1, Penny Bradsell 2, Jill Hupman 3, A Udall 4, Jane Kostelnik 5, I C Church 6, M J Wigney (C) 7, J White (1st on 8) 8. £1.60

Southwark, Surrey. (Cath) 11 Jun, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Jill Hupman 1, Shirley Gill 2, Alison McCormack 3, Alison Turner 4, S Theobald 5, Jane Kostelnik 6, C Buswell 7, J P Adams 8, M J Wigney (C) 9, S Mitchell 10, Lucy Reeve 11, R A Pearce 12. 1st Stedman Cinques: 6,8 and as C. For Evensong. £2.40

Royston to Essex – again

Well, why not? Especially when the organiser has an intimate knowledge of the towers in the area selected, and has a county-wide reputation for choosing the best venues for the non-ringing bits. Just to show that she's also human, she cunningly inserts an almost lock-out!

The coach left at "sunny Royston" at 7.50am promptly, and we arrived equally promptly (to the minute, in fact) at the first tower, South Benfleet, whose church enjoys traditional worship. Coffee and biscuits were consumed ringing in the Half Crown pub, and then Thorpe Bay, which I guess must be one of the best eights in Essex – at least, I can't imagine that many are going to beat them. We were so inspired that we rang a very good touch of spliced Surprise early in the ringing.

Anthony Neale welcomed us to Leigh on Sea, a tower that had eluded us last year because of a lock-out, and they're a good six.

Orsett was where the key was very late arriving, but this perhaps had the effect of foiling the poor after-lunch ringing that dogged not a few coach outings. The ringing seemed a little nervous at Dagenham and I felt we should have been able to manage better on such an easy ring. The final tower was Barking-side, an 8 very loud inside – in fact, the volume makes calling bobs without scaring the band out of their wits challenging. O.D.

York Ringers visit Towcester

It is said that the sun shines on the righteous, so we drew our own conclusions when Summer returned (eventually) the weekend of our visit to Towcester. It began on the Friday evening when most of us arrived to join the local company at practice followed by a few drinks at "The Plough" before adjourning to the Wilbys' home in Nelson's Yard for further hospitality into the wee small hours.

It was our ambition to ring a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus on the Saturday morning with a band consisting of 11 members of the York Minster Society of Change Ringers (9 of whom are Sunday Service ringers) and Martin Whiteley (who of course is married to a non-resident member!). Unfortunately the peal came to grief after just over an hour so we had a fresh start and rang a very pleasant quarter peal instead.

After lunch at "The Plough" we ascended the stairs once more to ring the bells for the opening of the Church Fete. Although a rather damp and dismal morning had greeted us, the weather was beginning to show signs of picking up. At the fete some of us threw caution to the wind and had a flutter on the Tombola, whilst young James Sanderson showed us his mastery in the saddle having a pony ride.

Our hosts had kindly arranged a tower grab for us in the area, so we left the fete and set off for Flore, where appropriately enough a flower festival was being held. At the end of ringing, we descended the tower and left, Helen Bradley assuring the local she was the last. In fact, unknown to the rest of us, David Potter and Tim Bradley (Ringing Master and Deputy Ringing Master of the YMSCR respectively) had gone up the tower to look at the bells and had been locked in. They were eventually let out when their shouts and bangs on the door had been heard. Funnily enough, David and Tim are still under the impression that it was an accident and not a failed coup attempt by the York Minster ladies! We then went on to ring on lovely 10 at Daventry and rounded off our tour on the fine 6 at Newnham.



Burnt offerings eagerly anticipated

The evening was spent in the grounds of the Chantry House in Towcester at a barbecue. All the ingredients for a pleasurable summer's evening were there; good company, fine food and wine, warm weather and handbells. Toasts were proposed, gifts were presented to our hosts, thanks were expressed, particularly to Ann and Andrew, who had worked so hard on our behalf and an invitation was given to the Towcester ringers to come to York for a weekend next year.

Sunday saw the sun come out in earnest. After morning ringing at Towcester we went on to ring at Paulerspury and Wappenham before sampling the beer sitting in the sunny garden of The New Inn, Abthorpe. It was intended that we should lunch at the Chinese restaurant in Towcester, but such was the interest in the England v New Zealand rugby match, the food was brought round to Nelson's Yard to be consumed in front of the TV. It's just as well such noisy passions aren't aroused whilst we're ringing!



A touch in hand at Towcester

Our weekend was drawing to a close and there was just time to ring on the new 8 at Whilton and at Towcester for Evensong before heading north. We'd all had a lovely time. Thank you to everyone who made us feel welcome and looked after us so well. We hope we can do the same for you next year
CHRISTINE POTTER

Towcester, Northants. 17 Jun, 1346 Yorkshire S Maximus: Rachel Storr 1, Lynne Stretton 2, Tina Stoeklin 3, Christina Sanderson 4, Roddy Horton 5, Christine Potter 6, Helen Bradley 7, David Mitchell 8, Peter Sanderson (C) 9, Martin Whiteley 10, David Potter 11, Timothy Bradley 12. 1st S Maximus: 1,2 £1.00

"New" Society of Friends

Catherina Griffiths made an inspired choice when she selected Chester as the venue for her spring 1995 tour. Although it must be said that the towers selected were a selection of unfamous sixes and eights, this made the jewel in the crown, Chester Cathedral, shine out to anyone eyeing-up the itinerary before setting out for this unique city.

One car load narrowly avoided a fruitless detour "the night before" by comparing the practice nights for St Michael's Macclesfield given in "Dove" and Chester DG report, the latter saving the day. It was very pleasing on arriving at a comfortable B&B, to receive from the landlady a note from the Field Archaeologist for Chester inviting us to be shown round the museum in a spare moment!

I must admit we cheekily inserted an extra tower on the Saturday morning before the tour proper, that of Burton, an "ok" six, the ringing featuring the rarely-heard Erin Doubles and some spliced Plain Minor.

Wybunbury was the first tower of the tour, followed by Wrenbury, a very nice 6 indeed, which sounded mellow and heavy for their 11cwt. At Marbury some expressed displeasure at the sight of a hunt taking place (no RW controversy please!). There is a splendid tea room in Malpas; here the ringing master's methods did not meet with unanimous approval, which he found very discouraging. The day ended at Tilston, a pleasant six in an equally pleasant village.

Day 2, Sunday, started with the Cathedral, which are no doubt an excellent 12 (13) outside, and the "go" is all that could be wished for. However, the internal acoustics are far from perfect. As our ring was quite short we were invited back to ring for Evensong, but most preferred to explore the city.

Hoole are a handy little six, and St Mary's Centre a useful utility ring with a vertical ladder for access. Unfortunately one ringer unwittingly attempted "squash the ringer below" when descending the ladder post-ring! Handbridge as an 8 are worth an "average". Dodleston much the same. I must confess (if you will pardon the pun) that my group disappeared before Christleton and Waverton to re-visit St John's Tuebrook, Liverpool for the ultimate in Anglo-Catholic services, although the famous Martin Daniels was enjoying sunny Greece while we were chanting our way through the Divine Praises.

An interesting church at Eastham next morning, followed by Neston and the ring par excellence at Capenhurst. Backford aren't at all bad either, Tarvin and Frodsham and Weaverham, towards Northwich. The last tower of a ringing-packed tour was Hartford, where the photo-snappers were in action.

But there's more! Some of the party went along to the practice night at Eccleston, unscheduled but laid on by the local band as they knew we would be attending. The locals are very friendly and keen, and the bells a superb vintage Taylor eight.

Many thanks go to Catherina for the immaculate arrangements, and we anticipate some good, honest tower grabbing in Wakefield in the Autumn.
O.D.

Ermington Ringers in Devon

All on 24 June 1995

East Anstey. 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Jane Barnacott 1, Penny Alexander 2, Yvonne Porter 3, J Rose 4, D G Farnham 5, R D S Brown (C) 6.

Bishops Nympton. 1260 P B Minor: D G Farnham 1, Penny Alexander 2, J Rose 3, D G Crocker 4, J Barnacott 5, R D S Brown (C) 6.

North Molton. 1260 Doubles (2m): Yvonne Porter 1, R D S Brown 2, Jane Barnacott 3, D G Farnham 4, J Barnacott (C) 5, D G Crocker 6.

Chittlehampton. 1260 P B Triples: D G Crocker 1, Penny Alexander 2, Jane Barnacott 3, Yvonne Porter 4, J Rose 5, J Barnacott 6, R D S Brown (C) 7, D G Farnham 8. £3.50

Another morning with Awen

Our second "tourette" actually took place during an afternoon, and was a truly democratic day, with everyone managing to call something in each quarter. Several firsts were achieved, and several excuses were offered for neglecting to make 2nds during minimus ("I was bored", "I was thinking about how hot it would be if the fire was on", "I was wondering why I am punishing myself when I could be riding my new bike"). The latter's offerer then followed this by getting wet (due to an open window and a torrential downpour) and then having an unimpressive nosebleed at the next tower. Our thanks go to the tower correspondents who let us ring, and to Jerry for putting up with our arguments about the choice of methods at Chiselborough! FRUITBAT

West Chinnock, Som. 3 Jun, 1272 Minimus (2m): Mark Harris 1, Andrew Wakely 2, Awen Kimmis 3, Oliver Crowle 4, Joint C by all. 1st minimus inside: 3. 1st on a tenor: 4.

Chiselborough, Som. 1260 Doubles (1p/2m/1v): Awen Kimmis 1, Jeremy Harris 2, Andrew Wakely 3, Oliver Crowle 4, Mark Harris 5, Joint C by all. 1st on 5: 1,3,4. Most p/m/v: 1, Most p/m/v inside: 3. 1st in the p and v: 1,3,4. £2.00

Addington, Surrey. 7 Jun, 1320 Bourne S Minor: Eric Godfrey (C) 1, Alison McCormack 2, Lee McCormack 3, Martin Foster 4, John Perrin 5, Ian Wiltshire 6. Birthday compliment to James Foster. £1

Ashbourne, Derbys. 1 Jul, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Jackie Burns (1st Major) 1, K M Starkey 2, A J Burnes 3, Jane Temple 4, Jane Boden 5, R Barnett 6, R Lawson 7, Rev D H Sansum (C) 8. On the day of the Association Quarterly Meeting. £2

Ashwick, Somerset. 3 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Liz Alcock 1, Marilyn Fletcher 2, Pauline Hayler 3, S C King 4, T C F Wright (C) 5, R Davis 6. Prior to the marriage of Corrine King (4th's sister) and Andrew Townsend. £1.50

Barkingside, Essex. 24 Jun, 1260 Garside Triples: Jean Goodwin 1, D Heath 2, R Butt 3, T Lane 4, L Bullock 5, C Newman 6, D Ellison (C) 7, J Lucas 8. 400th Q on the bells. Prior to the opening of the Church's Victory Fete. £1.60

Barley, Herts. 27 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Norman Bradshaw 1, Rhianon Atkins 2, Graham Penning 3, Alan Cruse 4, Richard Atkins (C) 5, Meriel Tufton (1st as Cover) 6. £1

Basford, Notts. 1 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Ann Roe 1, Sue Pembleton (1st inside) 2, Jennifer Clarke 3, Anna Webb 4, B Hinchcliffe 5, R Woolley (C) 6. To welcome the Rev David Day, also an 80th birthday compliment to Sue's mum. £1.20

Benenden, Kent. 20 Jun, 1280 Spliced S Major (8m): Brenda Davies 1, Pamela Manger 2, Louise Pink 3, Catherine Nevin 4, N J Davies 5, R R Kennard 6, A D Pink 7, D C Manger (1st 8 Spl as C) 8. 80p

Benenden, Kent. 1 Jul, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Sylvia Lucas 1, Janice Leeke 2, Ray Lucas 3, Pamela Manger 4, Frank Wenham 5, Mike Godfrey 6, David Manger (C) 7, Gwynne Patrick 8. Congratulations & Every good wish to Grant & Catherine on this their wedding day, good health, happiness & fortune, God bless you both, from the tenor ringer, a personal friend. £1.60

Biggleswade, Beds. 2 Jul, 1372 P B Triples: Sheila Smith 1, Anthony Smith (C) 2, Beryl Worsley 3, Charlotte Smith 4, Yvonne Humberstone 5, Roger Banks 6, Gavid Wonnacott 7, Alan Smith 8. As a welcome to this parish for Neil Barnes our new curate after his ordination at St Albans Abbey this morning. Also to mark 15 yrs of ordination for our vicar Robert Sibson. £1

Brighton, E Sussex. (St Nicholas). 11 Jun, 1299 Grandsire Doubles: J E Hawes (C) 1, L D Perkins (1st GD) 2, M E Huang 3, G S Pardoe 4, M L Haigh 5, A V Brown 6. For Evensong on Trinity Sunday. £1.20

Bristol. (St Thomas the Martyr). 3 Jul, 1280 P B Major: Matthew Higby (C) 1, Paul Dye 2, Ben Shipp 3, Sara Oakeley 4, Nicholas Bowden 5, David Bassford 6, Robin Daw 7, Andrew Mead 8. For the Feast of St Thomas. 80p

Broad Chalke, Wilts. 1 Jul, 1260 D Oxford B Minor: Elizabeth Potten 1, Teresa Goatham 2, Judith Robertson 3, Robert Wellen 4, Nigel Richards 5, Ross Robertson (C) 6. 1st in m: 2,4,5. £1.50

Burton Dassett, Warks. 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Iris Webb 1, Terence Hill 2, Iain Hill 3, Derek Ballinger 4, Julian Edgson (C) 5, Tony White 6. A compliment to Michael Hill on his 50th birthday and on completing 30 years in the Fire Service. £1.50

Cambridge, Cambs. (St Bene't). 14 May, 1260 PB Minor: Robin Hall 1, Katherine Hollock (1st minor inside) 2, Samantha Farrar 3, Simon Farrar 4, James Foster 5, Chris Sheasby 6. No C given.

Castle Acre, Norfolk. 24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (7m/v): Trudie Bradnam (100th Q) 1, Isabel Rivers (Most m/v) 2, David McLean (C) 3, Sybil McLean 4, Ray Rivers 5, Peter Bradnam 6. A compliment to Dr. Christopher McLean, following his graduation at the London Hospital Medical College on the previous day. Also an 81st birthday compliment to Walter Houghton. £1.20

Chichester, Sussex. 1 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Andrew Mumford 1, Ruth Reeves 2, Rev Peter Blackman 3, Ken Knight 4, Hamish McNaughton 5, Andrew Reeves 6, Colin Spencer (C) 7, Ian Barber 8. Prior to the ceremony for the launch of the Chichester Festivities 1995. £1

Chilham, Kent. 26 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Andrew Rickards 1, Janet Godfrey 2, Mark Harding 3, Jonathan Young 4, Chris Godfrey 5, Tim Dawes 6, Ian Young (C) 7, James Rickards 8. 1st Grandsire Triples: 2,3,6. Open in thanksgiving for the life of Constance Cockerill (Grand mother of 6). £1.50

Christchurch, NZ. 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Martin Kane 1, Frances Lojkins 2, Bob Bennett 3, Jim Reeve 4, Chris Oldham (C) 5, George Armitage 6. To celebrate the 91st birthday of the ringer of 6 and the donor of 4.

Colwall, Herefs. 28 Jun, 1280 Double Dublin S Major: Catherine Heathcote 1, Helen Normington 2, Catherine Leach 3, Isabel Hitchings 4, Simon Capewell 5, Colin Bramich 6, Mark Davies 7, James Normington (C) 8. 1st in m: 2,4,6 & as C. £2

Compton Chamberlayne, Wilts. 1 Jul, 1320 Surfleet S Minor: Elizabeth Potten 1, Ross Robertson 2, Teresa Goatham (1st in m) 3, Nigel Richards (1st in m) 4, Robert Wellen (1st in m) 5, Judith Robertson (C) 6. 1400th together 2&6. £1.50

Dartford, Kent. 3 Jul, 1280 Rutland S Major: Janet Yeo 1, Rhian Bagshaw 2, Diana Wright (C) 3, Douglas Davis 4, Tim Wright 5, Michael Birkbeck 6, Neil Jones 7, Alex Britton 8. £1.60

Derby, Derbys. (Cathedral). 11 Jun, 1280 Rutland S Major: Cheryl Dodge 1, Jane Temple (1st in m) 2, Jane Boden 3, Elizabeth Heaton 4, Anthony Cotton 5, Pamela Timms 6, Richard Hamby (C) 7, John Heaton 8. For evensong. £1.80

Derby, Derbys. (Cathedral). 18 Jun, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Chris Beckhelling 1, Cheryl Dodge (C) 2, Pamela Timms 3, Caroline Peverett 4, Elizabeth Heaton 5, Brian Tomlinson 6, Timothy Peverett 7, Anthony P Cotton 8, Richard Hamby 9, John Heaton 10. For evensong. £2

Derby, Derbys. 25 Jun, 1280 Kent T B Major: Tim Peverett 1-2, Ruth Jopp 3-4, Paul Jopp (C) 5-6, Caroline Peverett 7-8. 1st T B on handbells: 7-8. £1

Devizes, Wilts. (Southbroom). 1 Jul, 1296 London S Minor: Hilary Downham 1, Ken Webb 2, John Romain 3, Derek Bailey 4, Jim Burry 5, Philip Hacker (1st in m as C) 6. For the ordination on this day of Sue Hutton & Bob Toogood at Salisbury Cathedral. £1.20

Dunholme, Lincs. 21 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Joyce M Sharp 1, Judy F Venn 2, D Fox 3, J L Millhouse 4, P A Sharp 5, E R Venn (C) 6.

East Budleigh, Devon. 8 Jun, 1260 P B Triples: D J Hawkins 1, C C deem 2, Maureen Hawkins 3, N E Deem 4, Celia M Deem 5, R J Quick 6, B Horrell (C) 7, R T Perry 8. Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr & Mrs B Horrell. £1.60

Ecceleshall, Staffs. 25 Jun, 1312 Bristol S Major: W G Griffiths 1, Kath Adams (1st B) 2, Mary Sharp 3, N G Sharp 4, D Baskerville 5, J McWent 6, B L Burrows (C) 7, C Adams 8. By a local band for evensong. 50p

Epping Upland, Essex. 23 Jun, 1320 Bourne & Cambridge S Minor: D Heath 1, R Durrant 2, W Aley (1st Bourne) 3, A Crowther 4, D Ellisdon (C) 5, C Newman 6. A compliment to the Management & Staff of the Forest Gate Inn awarded 'Pub of the Year' by local CAMRA Group. £1.20

Ewell, Surrey. 1 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Margaret Howard 1, P W Emery 2, P A Williams 3, J Cousins 4, J E Beams 5, M E Pitstow (C) 6, Brenda Philbrick (Cover) 7. For the christening of Lucy Elizabeth, baby daughter of our Alison, nee Hale, and Philip Archer-Lock. £1.40

Fiddington, Somerset. 29 Jun, 1260 St Clements Bob Minor: Gilbert Davis 1, Gerald Brown 2, Dora Westlake 3, Mark Holder 4, Valerie Stone 5, Michael Horseman (C) 6. 60p

Fornett St Peter, Norfolk. 28 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Harold Turner 1, Mary Parker 2, Paul Cattermole (C) 3, John Lyons 4, Anthony Sargent 5, Derek Hammond 6. For Evensong on St Peter's day by Tas Valley Ringers, and in memory of H William Barrett who rang 13 peals in this tower. £1.20

Fovant, Wilts. 1 Jul, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Ross Robertson 1, Judith Robertson (C) 2, Elizabeth Potten 3, Teresa Goatham 4, Robert Wellen 5, Nigel Richards 6. 50th together 2&5. £1.50

Frome, Somerset. 23 Jun, 1250 London S Major: Mike Winterbourne 1, Kate Walker (1st London Major) 2, Jacqueline Warnecke 3, George Massey 4, John Ball 5, Matthew Higby 6, Michael Stone 7, David Massey (C) 8. For the Flower Festival and in thanksgiving for the life of Peter Belham. 80p

Gargrave, N Yorks. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Eileen Hoskin 1, Laura Cheetham (1st ins) 2, Julia Cockshott 3, David Cockshott (1st ins) 4, Digby Burton (C) 5, Malcolm Harker 6. A compliment to Rev Martin Bull and Mrs Bull on the birth of their 2nd grandchild. £1.60

Gloucester, Glos. 2 Jul, 1346 Pudsey S Maximus: Hilda Ridley 1, Elizabeth Byrne 2, Ruth Stickland 3, David Burt 4, Andrew Ward 5, Jon Hill 6, Frank Byrne 7, John Ridley (C) 8, John Taylor 9, Jane Bull 10, Ian Unsworth 11, Andrew Bull 12. 1st Pudsey Max for all except 7&8. After the Ordination Service and also for evensong. £2

Grantham, Lincs. 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: V P Evans 1, D A Frith (C) 2, Judy Williamson 3, T Wylie 4, M W Townsend 5, B Kipling 6, M F Ward 7, B J Churchyard 8. To mark the ordination this afternoon in Lincoln Cathedral of our new curate David Allen. £1

Great Casterton, Leics. 24 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Gwen Austin 1, Dorothy Chamberlain 2, Shirley Harris 3, Peter Boreham 4, Brian Harris (C) 5, Brian Austin 6. To welcome William Brian Sheffield Austin born 29th May 1995 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. £1

Guildford, Surrey. (St Nicholas). 2 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Jennifer Hepburn 1, Yvonne Eloie 2, Ann Pierce 3, Sally Schupke 4, Julian Morgan (C) 5, Richard Marsh 6. To celebrate the ordination of

the Curate Rev Peter Blee, as priest and also an 83rd birthday compliment to Jim Harrison (Stoke). £1.20

Heathfield, Sussex. (Reynards). 2 Jul, 1260 P B Royal: Ann Smith 1-2, P M J Bradford 3-4, A D Pink 5-6, I V J Smith (C) 7-8, Louise G Pink 9-10. 80p

Heswall, Mers. 20 Jun, 1280 London S Major: S W Hughes 1, Alison Carpenter 2, Susan Costello 3, E T Carvell 4, R Peers 5, P D Hughes (C) 6, C B Pemberton 7, J S T Willasey 8. £1.60

Hodnet, Salop. 1 Jul, 1280 P B Major: G Mothershaw 1, Judith Speake 2, A Brierley 3, H Mills 4, Sue Perry 5, W Tyler (C) 6, J Speake 7, G Smith 8. For the birthdays of Lord Leverhulme (80 today), Lady Diana and Mair Mothershaw, wife of treble ringer. £2

Iron Acton, Avon. 23 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: M Blanchard 1, D Powell 2, Edna M Cooper 3, B W S Angell 4, H T Ferris 5, C K Cooper (C) 6. £1.20

Kentchurch, Herefs. 3 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Michael Williams 1, Janet Fletcher 2, Jackie Rogers (1st inside) 3, Roger Kerslake 4, Roman Sadawshi (C) 5, Jen Jones 6. £1

Kettering, Nthants. 24 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Elizabeth Betts 1, A R Wignell 2, J Weaver 3, M A Coleman (C) 4, Susan Riley 5, E R Berryman (1st Stedman Triples) 6, W J Riley 7, D Kingman 8. 80p

Kettering, Nthants. 29 Jun, 1302 Grandsire Triples: E R Berryman 1, Jean Aldwinkle 2, J Weaver (C) 3, Pat Hooper 4, F E Coles 5, R L Hall 6, Alison Willgress 7, P M Mason 8. For Patronal Festival. £1

Keymer, Sussex. 1 Jul, 1260 Doubles (7m): Dilys Smith 1, Edna Everset 2, Sonia Harriyott (Most m as C) 3, Stephen Buckley 4, Ian Hodge 5, T D Waterman 6. £1.20

Kingsbury, Warks. 24 Jun, 1276 Cambridge S Minor: Elaine Lane 1, Mavis Burbidge 2, G H Lane 3, Jacqui Bates 4, G S Powell 5, A S Burbidge (C) 6. For Patronal Festival. £1.20

Kingsclere, Hants. 21 Jun, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Carol Waller 1, Helen Piper 2, Raymond Walsh 3, Kenneth Waller 4, Graham Hedges 5, Paul Myers 6, Geoff Dodd (C) 7, Benjamin Constant 8. In celebration of Rose & Tom Wellman's 54th wedding anniversary. Sponsored in aid of Kingsclere Bell Restoration Fund. £1.40

Kingsclere, Hants. 25 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Helen Piper 1, Angela Athawes (C) 2, Susan Reynolds 3, David Reynolds 4, Gillian Gardner 5, Keith Reynolds 6. In celebration of Barry & Setsuko Browns 29th Wedding Anniversary. Sponsored in aid of Kingsclere Bell Restoration & Maintenance Fund. £1.40

Kingsthorpe, Nthants. 28 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Jennie Paul 1, Stan Earl 2, Mark Reynolds 3, Owen Batty 4, Colin Brown 5, John Thurman (C) 6. As a compliment to Ron & Pat Snedker on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding. £1

Knapton, Norfolk. 25 Jun, 1272 Kent & Oxford T B Minor: Andrew Lubbock (1st TB) 1, Jennie Foster 2, Stephen Smith 3, Roy Willes 4, Derick Grey 5, Aubrey Foster (C) 6. £1

Leeds, Yorks. (St Peter). 29 Jun, 1254 Grandsire Cinques: Janine Jones 1, Catherine Ladd 2, Alan Ladd 3, Simon Ogier 4, Elizabeth Riley 5, Chris Bostock 6, Tony Stamp 7, David Spaul 8, Stephen Ollerton 9, John Robinson 10, Barrie Dove (C) 11, Jeff Ladd 12. On St Peter's day by a Leeds & District Branch Band. £1

Leigh, Dorset. 27 May, 1260 Doubles (4m): Hugh Newby 1, Irene Barrett 2, Margaret Godley 3, Dennis Fudge 4, Gareth Evans (C) 5, David Philip 6. For the Flower Festival. £1.20

Lewisham, London. 15 Jun, 1344 Rutland S Major: Richard Pearce 1, Peter Swift (C) 2, Diana Young 3, Ann Saunders 4, Andrew Young 5, Matthew Hilling 6, Nigel Parsons 7, Colin Wyld 8. To mark the Baptism of Emma Fox at St Mary's Lewisham on 18th June 1995. £1

Liss, Hants. (St Mary). 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): R A Barber 1, Joy Martin 2, Di Hart 3, D M Hughes 4, A T Collins (C) 5, D Hart 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong. 60p

Llanfeugan, Powys. 1 Jul, 1280 Bristol S Major: P E R Brennan 1, A R Lewis 2, M R Thomas 3, J C Parker 4, R A Wolfgang 5, J A Vesey (C) 6, A M Bull 7, Jane D Bull 8. £1

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Births

GIBBIN. Noel and Susan are delighted to announce
the arrival of Alice Judith Sarah on Friday 21st July
at 11.14 p.m., weight 7lb 1oz. 3181

SHERWOOD. John and Catherine (née Nogret)
are delighted to announce the birth of François
Denis, on 24 July 1995. 3179

Wedding

TIMOTHY HART and FRANCES O'HANLON were
married at St Edmund's R.C. Church, Bury St
Edmunds, on July 29th. Congratulations from
family and friends!

Deerhurst, Glos. 26.7.95. 1260 Doubles (3m 1p):
Sarah Garle 1, Peter Davies 2, Andrew Huggins 3,
Mark Davies 4, Richard Hart (C) 5, Clive Jelfs 6.
Great Barton, Suffolk. 29.7.95. 1260 Doubles (3m):
Simon Hart 1, Sarah Garle 2, Andrew Huggins 3,
Timothy Hart 4, Rupert Burgess (C) 5, Richard
Hart 6. 3185

Changes of Address

HOPKINS. Ann-Marie, Alastair and Michael are
now at 19 Park Hall Road, Wolverhampton WV4
5DU. Tel: 01902 687155. Ad No 3183

SMITH. Simon J T has moved "up north"
permanently and is now at 25 Dover Road,
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STANFORD. Stephen is temporarily at Flat 3,
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11. For further information contact Mrs Inga
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381 1874. Ad No 4184

LEEDS, KENT. Correspondent is now: Revd D
Brooks, The Vicarage, Hollingbourne, Nr Maid-
stone, Kent. 1079

Midweek Meetings and Practices

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. N/W District. Fri August
11, 7.45pm, District Practice at Stansted (Special
methods Cambridge Surprise Minor, Plain Bob
Major). Wed August 16, 7.45pm, Visit Harlow
Common practice. Fri August 25, 7.45pm,
Learners' Practice at Epping Upland. 1119

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL D.A. Wotton Branch.
Wednesday August 16, Branch practice at
Berkeley, 7.30-9pm. 0935

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. Guildford District.
August 18, Practice at Albury, 7.30-9pm. 1116

LEICS MID-WEEK. Meeting at Breedon-on-the-Hill
on Tues August 15, 2-4pm. All welcome. 4179

LEICESTER D.G. Loughborough District. Evening
Meeting, Monday August 21 at Grace Dieu (6), 7-
8pm and Breedon-on-the-Hill (6), 8-9pm. All
welcome. 1124

OXFORD D.G. North Bucks Branch. Practice at
Newton Longville (8), Friday August 18, 7.30-9pm.
Special method: Stedman Triples. 1102

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Scarborough and
District Branch Meeting, Thursday August 17 at
7.30pm at Filey. 0340

ST BURYAN OPEN DAY

and

6 BELL STRIKING COMPETITION SATURDAY 19th AUGUST 1995

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10.15-11.15 *Gwennap
11.45-1.00 *St Buryan

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5.30-6.00 Paul
6.00-7.00 Penzance

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Saturday Meetings and Practices

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Biggleswade
District. Saturday August 12. Great Barford 3pm.
Picnic Tea (Bring your own - tea or squash
provided). Evening ringing at Cople. 1121

ELY D.A. Cambridge District. Saturday August 12,
6.30-7.30pm, Barton; 7.30-8.30pm Orwell. Please
note change of venue. 1065

SOUTHWELL D.G. Bingham District. Sat August
12, St Peter's, Nottingham, 6.30-8.00pm. 1052

SUFFOLK GUILD. NE District. Sat August 12.
Eye (8) 3pm. Yaxley (6) after tea. Names for tea
01502 722562 and special method leaflet on
request. 1047

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Eastern Div.
Business meeting, Saturday August 12. Afternoon
ringing (3-4.30pm) Salehurst (8) followed by
Service, tea and Business meeting. Evening
ringing Sedlescombe (6). Names for tea to Roger
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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Luton District.
Evening Meeting, Sat August 19, Silsoe (6), 6.30-
8.30pm. Special methods: Ipswich, St Clement's.
1026

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. Coventry and
Warwick Districts Joint Meeting, Saturday
August 19. Ringing at Hampton-in-Arden 2.30-
3.45pm, followed by tea at Berkswell. Further
ringing at Stoneleigh from 6-7pm, and at Honiley
from 7.15-8.15pm. Names for tea to Barbara
Lewis on 01676 534148 by August 17. Visitors
very welcome. 1090

DERBY D.A. Chesterfield District. Joint Meeting
with E.D.W.N.A., Sat August 19 at Wirksworth,
7-9pm. All welcome. 1128

ELY D.A. Hunts District. August 19, Evening
ringing 6.30-8pm, Croxton (6). Special method:
York. All welcome. 1109

HERTFORD C.A. St Albans District. Evening
Meeting at Welwyn, August 19. Ringing from
7pm. The next Learners Practice will be at
Lemsford on Sept 2. The District Surprise
practices continue at St Michael's on the fourth
Wednesday monthly. During the holiday season
please check with Ben Duke to confirm on 01727
857503. Ad No 1115

K.C.A.C.R. Ashford District. Meeting at
Appledore, Saturday August 19. Ringing 3pm,
Service 4.30pm, followed by tea, meeting and
evening ringing. Names for tea to Roy Moss
(01233 758413) by Wednesday 16 at the latest,
please. Special method: Original Triples 0856

K.C.A.C.R. Rochester District. Evening Meeting at
Newington, Saturday August 19, 6.30-8.30pm.
Everyone welcome. 1061

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. Melton District.
Meeting at Sproxton (8) on Saturday August 19,
7-9pm. 0452

LEICESTER D.G. Harborough District. Sat
August 19, 2.30-3.15 Gumley. 3.30-5.00 Peatling
Parva. Own picnic tea (cuppas provided) then
meeting. Evening ringing at Kimcote, 6.30-
8.00pm. 1129

LINCOLN D.G. Elloe Deaneries. Branch Practice,
Deeping St Nicholas (6), Sat August 19, 7-9pm.
All welcome. 1127

OXFORD D.G. Sonning Deanery Branch. Practice
at Arborfield, Sat August 19, 7-9pm. Ringing also
at Barkham, 7-8pm. All welcome. 0735

SOUTHWELL D.G. Mansfield District. Evening
Meeting, Sat August 19, Ault Hucknall, 6.30-
8.30pm. All most welcome. 1103

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Central Branch
meeting on Saturday August 19. Afternoon
ringing at Thorne, 3-5pm, followed by tea and
business meeting. Evening ringing at Doncaster,
7-8.30pm. Names for tea to David Micklethwaite
(01226 763974) by Wednesday 16 please. 1118

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Western Branch.
Saturday August 19, Evening ringing at Gargrave,
6.30-8.30pm. Special method: Single Oxford Bob
Triples. 0964

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ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE
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RIVENHALL, WITHAM

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A slight change in diary dates meant that July and not June was the month for the Herts Western District's six-bell striking competition this year, but teams were obviously not unduly confused, as there were seven entries, a most respectable number. The venue was St John the Baptist, Aldbury, a ground floor six (which does make the changeover of bands so much easier), and the weather was fine and sunny, so that, from just before two o'clock ringers began to stretch out on the grass in the churchyard, awaiting a) the arrival of the judges, b) the draw for the order of ringing and c) their turn to ring. The judges were to have been Richard Home and Alan Shepherd of Dunstable, but a last minute hitch meant that Richard was unable to be there, so Alan brought Lucy along instead (a move which only caused momentary confusion).

The draw having been slightly adjusted (but certainly not fixed!) to accommodate wedding ringers, the competition got under way shortly after two, and proceeded without mishap until just before four, when, the judges being left to sort out their sheets of paper in the sun, general ringing commenced. As most people either stayed or returned (after wedding duty), there was a sizeable crowd of ringers to satisfy, many of whom had looked up the special methods of Double Bob, Beverley and Chester, but who happily rang Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman as well.

There is, at the moment, no vicar at Aldbury, the Rev Geoffrey Warren having followed a

great many of the Western District's clergy this year and left (make of that what you will!), so the service was taken for us by one of our own number, Roger Turner from Little Gaddesden, and it may be noted that we also supplied the organist, Gareth Bennett from Northchurch. How many other Districts could be so self-sufficient? Roger's sermon was particularly ringing-orientated, although it was a shade unfortunate that he chose to illustrate it by citing the (purely fictional) band at a nineteen-hundredweight eight. Perhaps the bells should have been a little more fictional as well!

Tea was taken in the Memorial hall, with much welcome brandishings of teapots, and we then came to the Business meeting for which Roger, as vicar substitute, was put in the chair. Congratulations were offered to the District's eight-bell band, who had recently come second in the Association's Coburn Trophy competition, and certificates, signed by the judges, were presented to each member. Fortunately there was not much business to detract from the real purpose of the session, and we soon arrived at the results of the competition. To show a complete lack of bias, the judges were thanked and presented with bottles of wine *before* they had said anything! Alan had been delegated to make the remarks, and, as he said, although none of the bands had been really bad, none had been really sparkling either. Presumably this makes the judges' job more difficult. The main problem had been with the trebles and tenors of all the bands, and he was able to make the rather surprising observation that only two of the bands had made no method mistakes. This had made a significant difference to the position of one of them, so it just shows, doesn't it? In the end, the figures showed that the Hemel Hempstead A band were the clear winners, with the Redbourn A band in second place, so these two teams will go forward to represent the District in the Kimpton Cup competition later in the year.

With the important stuff out of the way, we returned to the tower for some more Beverley and Chester, punctuated by plainer things, including some Original Minor, which was rather peppered with bobs, and some slightly tamer spliced surprise, all of which worked up a good thirst, to be slaked either in the Greyhound or in the garden, business over for another month!

PENNY WATSON

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under the trees. When everyone had eaten their fill the Chairman called the meeting to order (still in the graveyard).

The business was dealt with quickly and efficiently and included a short report from the Central Council Rep about the meeting in May and a not so short report from the District Rep about the County Committee Meeting also held in May.

Members' attention was drawn to the Duck Race to be held on August Bank Holiday in aid of the BRF and people were urged to get on and sell the tickets quickly. Some Striking Competition Certificates were presented some of which were for 1994! The Ringing Masters asked what they should do for next years Ringing School and informed the gathered company that they propose a Quarter Peal Day in August 1996.

The Chairman announced that, sadly, he was not seeking re-election next year and asked members to come up with some names for his successor.

On closing the meeting a vote of thanks was proposed to all at Chilham for the splendidly arranged meeting.

Ringing then continued into the evening, giving the locals chance to ring the special method, Double Norwich, which they had been diligently learning for the last few weeks. A variety of other methods were also rung including a splendid course of spliced surprise major.

At the end of the ringing a goodly few adjourned next door to the White Horse for light refreshments. The Landlord having been warned on the previous practice night to get in an extra barrel of London Pride!

P.R.Y.

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The annual outing of the Dunster Branch of the Bath and Wells D.A.C.R. took place on Saturday 15th July when 40+ ringers and friends set off by coach for the Gloucester area in rather uncertain weather.

The first ring was on the 9cwt eight at Quedgeley where a nice touch of Stedman Triples was accomplished and then (as at all the towers visited) all ringing levels were catered for from Yorkshire to call changes.

Then it was on to Hardwicke to sample the 11cwt six. The rain did its worst here and unfortunately a rope broke so the bells had to be lowered for repairs to be effected. Nevertheless although the ringing time was curtailed nearly everyone managed a short ring.

The weather now improved as we journeyed to Gloucester Docks where those who wished could enjoy the many visitor attractions or visit the Cathedral and City just a few minutes walk away. By this time we were blessed with blue skies and sunshine.

Three afternoon rings had been arranged namely: the 14 cwt eight at St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester, the 10 cwt eight at Hempsted and the 15 cwt eight at Upton-St. Leonard.

It was then homeward bound with the sun still shining and a final ring on the 15cwt eight at Portishead where Fish and Chips and liquid refreshments were also enjoyed.

The Branch Secretary - Anne Stenning had made all the arrangements and once again they were superb! Thanks Anne.

M. TUDBALL.

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And from the quarters: p.502 Barnwood, 9 April, treble ringer C J Poole. Barnwood, 5 Feb, date should be 12 Feb. On p.559 at Oxton St Saviour T Bisson 1st Major, not Alison Carpenter; also W Harrison rang the 6th. On p.559 at Guiseley footnote should be 13th Anti-Tank Regiment. On p.612 the quarter listed under Walton-on-Thames was in fact rung at Hersham, Surrey. Quarter at Worcester, p.673, was at All Saints and the quarter at Stretton-with-Claymills was rung for marriage of David Atkinson and Eleanor Gooding. On p.696 Great Marlow is in Bucks and on p.698 the quarter at St Michael with St Paul, Bath was not a first of Bob Major for Richard Doubleday. At Wigan on p.746 details of ringers should have been F W Runciman 6, B J McCahey 7, S S Meyer (C) 8, L J Mitchell 9, P M Fleckney 10. On p.735 quarters at Intwood and Ketteringham should include Roy Wiles (not Roy Wives).

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May I request a correction to the entry for the quarter peal at Mark, Somerset, on p.716. It was actually my 13th quarter of Glasgow, apart from a couple of peals.

JOHN BRAIN.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS - WESTERN BRANCH DOUBLE OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST 1995

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|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 9.00 Bingley | (8) | SE 105395 |
| 9.30 Haworth | (6) | SE 030372 |
| 10.00 Oxenhope | TC (8) | SE 030347 |
| 10.30 Keighley | (8) | SE 061410 |
| 11.00 Kildwick | C (8) | SE 011459 |
| 11.30 Skipton | RT (8) | SD 991519 |
| 12.00 Gargrave | T (8) | SD 932539 |
| 12.30 Giggleswick | (8) | SD 812641 |
| 1.00 Kirkby Malham | C (3) | SD 894610 |
| 1.30 Rylstone | CT (3) | SD 971588 |
| 2.00 Burnsall | (6) | SE 033615 |
| 2.30 Addingham | CTR (6) | SE 085497 |
| 3.00 Ilkley | (8) | SE 116478 |
| 3.30 Otley | C (8) | SE 201454 |
| 4.00 Guiseley | (8) | SE 194422 |
| 4.30 Calverley | CTR (8) | SE 208372 |
| 5.00 Bramley | (8) | SE 245351 |
| 5.30 Pudsey | T (8) | SE 220331 |
| 6.00 Drighlington | C (8) | SE 225292 |
| 6.30 Bradford Cathedral | T (12) | SE 167333 |

T = Toilets
R = Refreshments
C = Car Park

MONDAY 28th AUGUST 1995

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|-------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 9.00 Birstall | (8) | SE 218262 |
| 9.20 Cleckheaton | C (8) | SE 192254 |
| 9.40 Liversedge | C (8) | SE 202240 |
| 10.00 Dewsbury | (8) | SE 246215 |
| 10.20 Thornhill | C (8) | SE 253188 |
| 10.40 Mirfield, St Mary | C (10) | SE 211204 |
| 11.00 Kirkheaton | C (8) | SE 179172 |
| 11.20 Almondbury | CTR (8) | SE 168151 |
| 11.40 Kirkburton | CT (8) | SE 198125 |
| 12.00 Shelley | (6) | SE 212133 |
| 12.20 New Mill | C (6) | SE 166087 |
| 12.40 Holmfirth | (8) | SE 143082 |
| LUNCH | | |
| 1.30 Meltham | C (6) | SE 099107 |
| 1.50 Marsden | (10) | SE 047116 |
| 2.10 Longwood | (8) | SE 111166 |
| 2.30 Lindley | T (8) | SE 118181 |
| 2.50 Elland | C (8) | SE 108212 |
| 3.10 Brighouse | C (8) | SE 144232 |
| 3.30 Lightcliffe | C (8) | SE 136254 |
| 3.50 Northowram | C (8) | SE 113270 |
| 4.10 Queensbury | (8) | SE 101301 |
| 4.30 Denholme | (8) | SE 072334 |
| 4.50 Bradshaw | C (5) | SE 076299 |
| 5.10 Halifax, All Souls | (8) | SE 092260 |
| 5.30 Halifax, St John | C (12) | SE 098252 |

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The D.C.A., now in its adolescent phase, (a time for youthful experimentation) did away with the customary July Open Day format and tried a Ringing Day instead; a day with an educational bias and an emphasis on Ringing itself. Two Tours began at Martinstown and Corfe Mullen, converged at lunchtime and again at the finish. People came from such diverse places as Vienna and Yetminster.

M.E.F.

Around and about

VJ celebration ringing. Have you arranged for your bells to ring out over the weekend 19-20 August? We know that many towers have already agreed to ring at the preferred time 12 noon on Sunday 20 August (in some cases as part of the morning service). St. Thomas, Salisbury are attempting a quarter peal at 1 p.m. on the Sunday to coincide with the start of a British Legion procession and we hear that a peal attempt at Lilley is on course for Saturday – the band consisting of men who served in South East Asia Command during World War II.

The project to hang a ring of ten in St. Wilfrid's RC Church, York is nearing completion. We hear that the back eight have been tried out with very satisfactory results. Two trebles are to be added and an efficient sound control system is to be installed.

Our thanks to Mr. P. D. Hingley, Librarian of the Royal Astronomical Society, who sent us a copy of an excellent article which appeared in *Model Engineer* of 21 July 1995. Entitled "English Church Bells" the article is by William Mowll, Vicar of Boughton under Blean with Dunkirk and Hemhill. A member of the Guild of Master Craftsmen since 1979 and elected to honorary membership in 1984 he describes in detail how he went about constructing a working model eight-bell frame.

We hear that a peal of Bristol Surprise Maximus was rung at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 29th July. This was the first peal of Bristol on the bells and Mark Regan, ringing the 72½ cwt tenor for 4 hours 24 minutes, probably worked up quite a thirst.

Can any other Association do this? We issue a light-hearted Quarter Peal challenge to Central Council Representatives of other Associations and their spouses.

The current four KCACR Representatives on the Central Council of Church Bellringers rang a quarter peal of 4 spliced Surprise Major (CYNR) with their spouses on 30.7.95 conducted from the treble.

Canterbury, Kent. 30 July, 1280 4-spliced S. Major (CYNR): Diana Wraight (C) 1, Ruth Niblett 2, Pamela Manger 3, Catherine Lewis 4, Frank Lewis 5, Tim Wraight 6, Donald Niblett 7, David Manger 8. Rung for Evensong by the four KCACR Reps on the Central Council, and their spouses. Also Wedding Compliment to Jeremy Kennett and Jeanette Walls, married yesterday on the Isle of Wight, both choristers at St Stephen's. £1.60

Since writing (p.832), I've read Snowdon's *Ropesight* again – the first time for decades. He uses the bell-up system and stresses setting at backstroke. He doesn't start with the learner pulling off at backstroke. *Ropesight* was no doubt "the book" – the authorised version for generations. Perhaps it still is. Very well worth reading.

W.F.M.

A quarter peal at Coaley was rung to celebrate the marriage, on 22nd July, of Louise Clare Eve to Robert Green. Louise is the great neice of the late George Eve, of Essex. George organised a quarter peal at Coaley to celebrate the Christening of Louise. That was on 13th June 1971, and was the first quarter peal rung on the bells for a very long time, and at a time when the newly formed local band was unable to provide ringers. On Saturday 22nd July 1995 the original quarter peal was re-run, this time with mostly local ringers. Of the original ringers only Leslie Grey, of Malmesbury, still rings, and he joined us to ring the four as he had previously. The ringers would also like this quarter to be dedicated to the memory of those ringers in the original who are no longer with us; namely, Harold Blacker, George Eve and Harry Heath.

Coaley, Glos. 22 July, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (10 standard 120s): Carole Brisland 1, Lynn Clutterbuck 2, Ken Clutterbuck 3, Leslie Grey 4, Terry Chivers (C) 5, Bob Hallam 6.

SS. Augustine and John ringers, Dublin were the winners this year of the "Murphy Cup" for the national striking competition. It was a first ever win for the tower and the ringers taking part were: Treble Jean Thompson, 2 Heather Faull, 3 Tony McCrystal, 4 June Kelly, 5 Jimmy Reynolds, 6 Michael Ryan, 7 David Collins (C), Tenor Philip Talbot.

The latest newsletter from the "Heritage Lottery Fund" includes a specific comment about bells: "Priority will be given to schemes where there is the minimum necessary intervention to existing bells and frames. Original bell frames should be retained wherever possible. New bells will not normally be eligible. A new leaflet on church projects will be available in the autumn."

To tune, or not tune, that is the question:
Whether 'tis easier on the ears to suffer
The pains and agony of untuned buckets,
Or to delight in Simpson's noble art,
and by tuning, end them? To tune, to clank
No more, and by tuning we seek to end
The ear-ache and the thousand flat harmonies
that our old bells have.

(With apologies to the Bard, and to those stuck with
"tonally challenged" bells).
D.P.B.

A report on the Sunday League cricket match between Worcestershire and Kent in the *Daily Telegraph* of 31 July commented that Kent's star batsman walked off with ringing in the ears – not just from the applause of the crowd but also from the efforts of over enthusiastic campanologists at the Cathedral who had been "at it" for hours.

The 23rd annual Inveraray ringing weekend attracted over 60 ringers, with many familiar faces, and all enjoying the glorious weather that has even penetrated to the west coast of Scotland this year. A picnic tea in the Bell Tower grounds on Saturday was most appropriate and those with the energy played a game of rounders. Even the midges were on their best behaviour! A great weekend, thanks to all who came.

BOB HANCOCK.

VAT on Bells

Customs and Excise met representatives of the churches and the bell industry on 3 August. Joint discussions will continue with this group and others concerned with listed buildings. We will work towards the issue of a set of principles to be followed in deciding the VAT liability of work to listed buildings, including bells in listed churches. These will take account of recent legal changes.

In view of recent media comment on bells, Customs have decided to delay until 1 January 1996 the implementation of any changes to the VAT liability of bells. Accordingly, by concession, any firm orders with deposit which are placed for work to bells, before that date, will not be subject to any changes in the published VAT liability on bells provided that work commences before 1 January 1998.

We hear that Eddie Rapley is currently undergoing treatment in hospital. Our best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

While listening to the local news on Anglia TV the other day, I heard the newscaster get into rather a muddle. She was reporting on the state of the roads during the first train strike day. Instead of talking about road hold-ups, she actually said: "There were not many roll-ups on the hoads"!

CLARE LARTER.

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With reference to the peal of Surprise Minor rung on 24.6.95 at Blo Norton, Norfolk for the N.D.A. (p.817) and claimed to be the first peal of "Surprise" on the bells.

May I inform the band that I took part in a peal of 7 Surprise Minor on these bells on 28.12.66, (being N.D.A. peal no. 7004) conducted by Roger Bailey.

LESLIE BAILEY.

We understand that Mr. E. A. Barnett's letter (p.760) of July 21st issue) "Central Council activities" was in effect directed solely at the RW Editor who is taken to task for not reporting more fully on the social activities which took place over the Central Council weekend. It was not intended as a criticism of Council officers or members.

In honour of the 95th Birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, on Friday August 4th in 4 hours and 9 minutes, a peal of Spliced Maximus (Rigel, Avon, Bristol, Strathclyde) was rung by members of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild on their own bells, with the tenor rung single-handed by D. P. Smith, the first single-handed peal of maximus there since 1965.

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