



A Tale of Two Towers – Shellingford and Coleshill

The Vale of the White Horse Branch is the smallest branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild but its size reflects nothing of the enthusiasm of its members. The past year has seen the results of two major projects on two of the ten ringable towers.

Shellingford, with its 150 inhabitants, is a picturesque little village which was mentioned in the Domesday Book, lying in view of the White Horse carved in the chalk of the hills above Uffington. St. Faith's houses in its Norman tower the only ring of four in the Branch. It had been struggling with various bands since late 1984 when the then Tower Captain, Charlie Smith, single-handedly taught a band of seven absolute beginners. Ten years later, still with a band of seven including four of the original band (plus Charlie of course!), progress was being made in change ringing helped greatly by some outside assistance from the Branch Ringing Master, Tony Crabtree. As the band became more proficient it became apparent that the rather ragged old ring was not satisfactory. Talk was beginning of rehanging and augmentation.



St. Faith's, Shellingford.

Bell	Date	Weight		
		Cwt	Qrs	Lb
Treble	1920	2	3	17
2nd	1738	3	2	0
3rd	n/k	4	3	0
Tenor	1920	6	2	10
Sanctus	1663	—	2	0

Two years previously a routine inspection by Whites of Appleton for the quinquennial report discovered that the frame was rocking during ringing and the beam ends were punching against the wall threatening the integrity of the tower. Other problems such as rot and worm and very old bearings indicated that a refurbishment was urgently required.

But as we all know, these things don't happen by magic and they certainly don't happen without sufficient funding so enquiries were made, rather tentatively, about the possibilities of such an idea becoming a reality and the PCC agreed to pay for the essential work from church funds. Unfortunately, suggestions by the band, Tony and Bernard Stone, representing the Guild Tower and Belfries Committee, that the refurbishment should accommodate provision for a future augmentation to five or six, could not be realised at the time. Discussions are now in hand for augmentation in another level.

Several weeks of hard work by the local band followed, under the supervision of Steeplemaster Geoff Constantine. After the window was mended, huge quantities of rooks' nests were bagged up and carried down. All the metalwork, including the tie

bars, was wire brushed and red oxide painted. Long term ingress of spray through the louvres, particularly on the west face, had caused rot in the beams which had spread, weakening the frame. The extent of the rot was concealed by a thin covering of plywood over one of the pits and by the time all the rot was removed with chisels and a rotary wire brush it became clear that girder sections would have to be designed and fitted to restore the strength of the central beam. A local building firm grouted the girder ends into the tower walls, making a rigid structure of the tower and frame. In order that the situation should not recur Geoff designed and fitted a perspex screen over the louvre opening to act as a splash plate to repel rainwater, which had by this time soaked the stonework of the tower. The refurbishment and rehanging was then completed by Whites of Appleton which included drilling out of the old crown staples replacing the rough old bearings and fitting a brand new wheel to the two; the somewhat warped old wheel can now be seen hanging proudly on the garage wall of number 3 Church Street! The third has always been the most difficult bell, earning itself the name "The Beast", and would only be braved by one of our ringers. During the rehang the reason for the obdurate behaviour was revealed. When Whites lowered it into its pit, clearly scored on the beam beside it were the marks where the rim had been rubbing on the frame for so many years. Now it is the bell on which we teach our learners. The Beast is tamed!

When Whites moved out, the local band moved back in with paint brushes and Cuprinol to make sure that the ravages were not repeated with new generations of woodworm. The final cleaning session was the most thorough, although we nearly lost our tower captain when she fell 12 feet backwards down the belfry ladder clutching a sack of debris she was determined not to redistribute! By the end of July 1994 the work was finished and we proudly invited the Branch to hold its August Branch practice at our tower and everyone was agreed that all our hard work had been worth it. Over the last 12 months, since the rehang, the band has made enormous progress; seven quarter peals have been rung and on VE Day the first recorded quarter was rung by an all local band.

Now onto the next tale. . .

All Saints Church, Coleshill stands on the border of Oxfordshire and Wiltshire. The church stands high on Coleshill, looking over to the south and west, Fairford in Gloucestershire, Swindon in Wiltshire and the River Cole below. On dark winter nights the lights of neighbouring Highworth contrast to the National Trust village which has no street lighting.

The church tower has six bells, five of which were cast in 1708; this is recorded on the second bell (which was then the treble) "ABRA RVHALL OF GLOUCESTER CAST US ALL 1708". The second bell (now the third) was recast in 1884 by Mears and Stainbank of London, probably cracked at some time. This

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TWO TOWERS – continued

bell was inscribed to record the event naming its benefactor, the fourth Earl of Radnor. The bells were augmented to six by the addition of another treble and rehung by White's of

Bell	Date	Weight		
		Cwt	Qrs	Lb
Treble	1920	3	0	24
2nd	1708	3	1	0
3rd	1884	3	2	22
4th	1708	4	1	0
5th	1708	5	1	0
Tenor	1708	7	0	0
Sanctus	n/k		n/k	

Appleton in February 1939. On Saturday 25th February a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in memory of the late Hon. Mrs. Pleydell Bouverie. The peal was recorded in *The Ringing World* on May 29th 1939. A quarter peal was also rung for Harvest Festival on Sunday 24th September and recorded in the visitors tower book. A fortnight later the tenor cracked. Only four ringers signed the book that night, 7th October 1939, then the fateful words, "after one and a half hours ringing the tenor cracked." The old tenor bell had a crack 11½ inches long at the soundbow. Back to five bells after only 7½ months. With the outbreak of war, repairs to the church roof, small



Coleshill tenor on its way back after repair.

congregations and a catastrophe, the burning down of Coleshill House; enthusiasm to repair the bell must have been very low. In 1985 enquiries into recasting the bell brought in estimates of £1,280 to £2,000 plus VAT, then the cost of labour, rehanging and fittings. This was too much for a small parish like Coleshill to pay. However the bell ringers started the bell fund with a concert which raised the first princely sum of £85. The fund slowly grew with discos, auctions and carol singing. With the technology of welding, the bell could be kept in its original state. The ornate canons could be retained and so could the inscription around the bell: "Prosperity to all our Benefactors". For several years the fund continued to grow then an injection of cash from the Vale District Council in 1995 boosted the fund to within its target. Tony Crabtree was again very supportive and offered much advice. The estate agent for the Coleshill National Trust was also approached and made aware of the cracked bell in the church which was in a National Trust village. The response was positive and fruitful, so much so that on



Andrew Nicholson (right) with Tim Whitehead – the newly restored tenor back in position.

Monday 24th April 1995 Andrew Nicholson of Nicholson Engineering arrived at Coleshill to remove the tenor bell. This entailed the removing of two bells to one side, the moving of the centre section of the frame clear of the tramways, made by the National Trust and the lowering of the tenor to the floor of the church. We did the transporting of the bell to Soundweld ourselves with a pickup loaned to us by James Toomers of Wroughton. On Monday 19th June the bells were rehung. On the Wednesday evening the bells were rung for over an hour, further inspection was made and all was well. The very next Saturday, 24th June, all six bells rang out for a wedding – the first time in 55 years.

The dedication service for the bell will be at Coleshill Church on Sunday 3rd September at 6.00pm. There will be open ringing in Shellingford tower from 3.45 until 4.30 and at Coleshill from 5.00 until 6.00, prior to the service. Visitors will be most welcome to come and ring and to attend the service.

Both projects have been generously supported by grants from the Branch and from the Oxford Diocesan Guild Bell Fund and Coleshill has received grants from the Sharpe Trust, the Council for the Care of Churches and the Vale of the White Horse District Council. We would like to thank everyone who donated to and helped with the projects, from the current bands and on behalf of ringers who will benefit from the bells many years in the future. . . .

ROBIN BLAKE (Tower Captain, Coleshill)
JOE NORTON (Ringing Master, Shellingford)

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The first peal on Shellingford bells was rung on 10 August – this marked Joe Norton's last week as a teenager.

Wed at Abingdon

When Michael moved to Abingdon from the Bath area six or seven years ago we were glad that he joined our band. Since then he has become a trusted friend to all the ringers in Abingdon, a very good organiser of our quarter peal attempts and a valued member of the congregation at St Helen's.

Michael and Lesley met in the St Helen's congregation. We are glad that over the last few years they have become such good friends that they decided to marry. We know that they will be very happy together and that they will provide a happy home for Lesley's two daughters, Marina (18) and Claire (14).

On the morning of the service we attempted to ring a peal in celebration of the event, but unfortunately that came to grief. However after a fortifying visit to a local café, we managed a well struck quarter of Grandsire Caters which Michael would have enjoyed.

The service of blessing took place at St Helen's Church, Abingdon on Saturday 15th July. Lesley looked lovely in an ivory silk gown with a fitted sequined bodice and full skirt/train. There were three bridesmaids, Lesley's two daughters, Marina and Claire who wore stunning dresses in turquoise silk, tailored by Lesley with great skill. The third bridesmaid was Michael's niece Catherine, who had come over from New Zealand specially and wore a similar beautiful dress.

The choir consisted of Michael and Lesley's friends from the Abingdon and District Music Society who sang superbly. In particular, the Flower Duet from *Lakmé*, performed by two operatic friends was quite breathtakingly lovely. We're not sure whether the singers enjoyed the beauty of the well struck Stedman Caters performed by wedding guests on the church bells afterwards, but are sure that Michael appreciated it!

It was good to see Michael's father reading the lesson during the service. Michael's father and mother have often climbed the tower to watch the ringing on their visits to Abingdon.

After the service we were made very welcome at a reception at Millets Farm Restaurant where we were well fed and enjoyed dancing to an excellent barn dance band. In the interval we were entertained by a duet sung by the bride and groom, followed by popular songs sung by another of Michael and Lesley's musical friends.

Late in the evening, Michael and Lesley changed and left for their honeymoon, on which we hear they were accompanied by the bridesmaids! (A few days later the bride and groom enjoyed another short holiday on their own.)

SUSAN READ

Abingdon, Oxon. 11 July, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Andrew L Utting 1, Michael M Poole 2, N David Lane 3, Deborah Thomas 4, Brian J Read 5, Susan E M Read 6, Timothy G Pett (C) 7, P Clive Sparling 8, Jonathan D Chamberlain 9, Norman T G Bailey 10. With the congratulations and best wishes of the band on the occasion of the marriage of Lesley Phillips and Michael J C Cannon.

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The Alphabet

I cannot believe that I am not the first ringer to consider the following matters. There is certainly no argument that bellringers can be an anti-social bunch. Consider the amount of noise pollution off-loaded by your average peal ringer. Not only does he spend three hours deafening the local populace he then spends just as long bending your ear with tales of his past successes and where his next performance is going to be.

How can this be stopped without being either rude or by an Act of Parliament? One way would be to name a new method "The Surprise Major Alphabet To Peals" Surprise Major or Minor, Royal, Maximus as appropriate. This could reduce the number of peals rung by a maximum of up to 96%.

It would also reduce the number of silly conversations which included the question "Have you rung" and probably best of all would reduce the number of footnotes to peals, thus allowing more space for the important things in life like quarter peals!

A.J.S.



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The Bells of All Saints, Ashover, Derbyshire

Anybody who has rung the bells at Ashover, knows how special they are and, I am sure, will be concerned to hear that they have been unringable since September 1994. We were advised to stop ringing when, after hearing some alarming bumping noises during ringing, an inspection disclosed the support beams had shrunk over the years and had dropped thus causing the old wooden frame to move to and fro like a battering ram. It was feared that there would be serious damage caused to the fabric of the tower, if something was not done urgently.

It is estimated that we will need to raise £65,000 to cover the cost of a new metal frame with provision for ten bells. The two extra bells could be added now or in the future, but it was agreed that it would be prudent to install a 10-bell frame as the cost would be little more than a new 8-bell frame.

The enthusiastic local band has started fundraising, but there is a long way to go yet and any donations would be very welcome and personally acknowledged. Large amounts donated could be commemorated on brasses in the ringing room and the new trebles inscribed in memory of a loved one, or a special occasion.

Gift Aids (for donations over £250) and Covenants are two of the methods suggested for giving, but small individual gifts will also be very welcome.

Forms for Gift Aid and Covenants are available from the PCC Treasurer, Peter Lord of Hillcrest, Eastwood Lane, Ashover, Derbyshire S45 0BW. Tel: 01246 590581 and any enquiries should be made to Angela Brookes, Fundraising Co-ordinator, Amber House, Church Street, Ashover, Derbyshire, S45 0AB. Tel: 01246 590990.

Please help us to restore and/or augment this outstanding ring of bells, which have often featured in ringing tours of the beautiful Peak District of Derbyshire.

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The July 29th meeting of the Central District of the Ladies Guild was held on a sunny evening at Chalfont St Giles, Bucks. The aim of some members was to call touches of Stedman Triples, so during the general ringing John Davidge had short teaching sessions in the north aisle for the aspiring conductors who then went on to put theory into practice. Grateful thanks to John for stepping in as tutor at short notice.

We welcomed two new members at the short business meeting, Lindy Ellis and Dawn Carpenter.

Our next gathering will be a joint ringing day with the Kent branch on 30th September.

Our Hen Party held in July, arranged by Elsie Savory at the usual venue was a success and as the menu had been changed from previous years we decided to return next year to sample yet more of the dishes.

A.M.A.

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The six Husbands at Lanteglos.

Caroline becomes a Husband

On 29th July, a beautiful summer's day, Caroline Thomas married Clifford Husband in the lovely church of St Wyllow, Lanteglos by Fowey, Polruan. They are both ringers at Fowey as are the groom's parents, sister and brother-in-law. They intended to ring after the wedding but the bride was concerned that there might be a catastrophe with her dress, even though the curtains were drawn, so they posed holding the ropes! The reserve band of ringers put up a reasonable ring but the firing sounds better when they don't mean to.

A.H.B.

First peal congratulations

Alison C. Yeomans, Nicola J. Yeomans, Teresa J. Bushell, Stephanie Davies, Hannah L. Wilby, and to Matthew R. Yeomans and Kristopher King who completed their first peals as conductor.



St Peter's, Dixon as it is today.

St Peter's, Dixon

In an attempt to catch up with my reading of *The Ringing World*, I took the latest three editions with me on my annual holiday to Cornwall!

On turning to page 660 - 23rd June, I was straightaway able to identify the old photograph submitted by R.G.T.M. I have waited, until my return home, before writing, so that I may check the exact details of the church and its bells.

The church is as already published St Peter, Dixon, near Monmouth, Gwent. Although the village and church are in Gwent (Wales), St Peter's transferred, by choice, to the diocese of Hereford, Church of England in 1923. Dixon adjoins the north-east side of Monmouth, and the church enjoys a beautiful setting on the banks of the River Wye. The edifice dates mainly from the 13th century, although it was "restored" in 1860.

Details of the bells, from Wright's *Church Bells of Monmouthshire* are:

Treble	Mears & Stainbank 1876	25½ inches
2nd	John Palmer II (Gloucester) 1674	26 inches
3rd	John Palmer II (Gloucester) 1682	28½ inches
4th	Cast at Worcester. circa 1420	33 inches

No. 4 is the only example in Gwent of a class known as Kings Head bells. The stops consist of heads of King Edward III and Queen Philippa. The bell possesses several characteristics of the Worcester group of bells, notably reversed 'S' and Roman 'T'. The bells are arranged in two pairs, one pair above the other, the tower being only a small structure.

I am unaware of any recent history relating to the bells, and have always believed them to be unringable. They have certainly not been rung "full circle" for a good many years.

I hope this information is of interest to the young ringing sisters Rosemary and Amelia Davies.

RICHARD D. JONES.

St Thomas Apostle, Redwick, Gwent

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Letters

Bell Control

It is satisfying that Geoff. Berriman's letter in *The Ringing World* of 14th July p.737 has brought prompt replies on this most important topic (Teaching Bell Control) a vital phase of learning to ring and one which also has an element of danger in it.

John Anderson rightly emphasises the need for the pupil to see the bell rope, bell and fittings in action. Unless the ring of bells is exceptionally heavy the lightest bell is not the most suitable one to use, for reasons given by John Anderson. Maybe the 3rd or 4th of a reasonably light ring will be suitable (weighing about 4 cwt.).

Whilst my book on teaching bell handling and control and associated topics lists the advantages of starting learning with the bell down at first, the text also gives clear instructions on how to proceed training with the bell up for those more experienced in and preferring this procedure. Early in the training, usually after the first lesson the pupil will raise the bell, setting at backstroke, the tutor handling the handstroke.

It is good to progress rapidly to the pupil also coping with the handstroke as well as the backstroke when raising the bell and then when the bell is up, gradually eliminating all faults (both strokes, bell fully up). When the pupil can rise the bell and swing it to balance, both strokes and set the bell at will, training must be completed to ring at different speeds. This is important as even in plain hunt on six bells with an open lead there are least four different times of swing if the bell is to be properly struck when hunting up to 6ths and back to lead.

The last part of training is lowering the bell with proper and tidy rope control. Ideally all the foregoing should be on a tied bell and before joining the band to ring rounds. The urgent need for ringers often causes the foregoing to be accelerated.

In practical ringing some of the bells never really rise to top dead centre at the back stroke, especially when dodging and it is good if the pupil can be taught these differences on a tied bell following the tutor (also on a tied bell). There is more to bell control and associated matters if the subject is properly dealt with. It is good to deal with this part of training properly.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Camforth, Lincs.

Valuable Source of Income

The letter of Ian Davies (p.760) concerning raising money for the maintenance of our bells is one that needs careful thought. At churches where there is no local band, or if one exists, with little or no Sunday service ringing, perhaps due to lack of interest, there is a danger that the condition of the bells may deteriorate, and ultimately become unringable.

Many parishes are finding things difficult to maintain the upkeep of their churches, and consequently the bells take low priority. But in a number of instances there is enthusiasm as is seen by recent rehangings and augmentations. It

is up to Guilds and Associations to encourage learners in order to keep newly restored rings going – not too easy a task.

Bell Restoration Funds rung by Guilds and Associations, together with various trusts do an excellent job, but they still need money.

We as ringers have a part to play in order to maintain our art and keep our bells ringing, and it is not something to be obtained on the cheap.

It is not unreasonable in this day and age to make a charge for peal ringing; a matter for the local band with the approval of the incumbent and the P.C.C.; nor is it unreasonable for peal ringing bands to contribute to Bell Restoration Funds.

At Sapcote we charge £1.50p per bell for peals, and we are able to meet day to day maintenance and hand over some money to the P.C.C. Treasurer.

Not everyone will agree with the running of the tower as a business concern, but with some of our Churches and Cathedrals facing heavy financial burdens, it is something that may have to be looked at.

B. P. MORRIS.

Sapcote, Leics.

Tower Captains, Be Alert

Our Tower has, within the last 12 months, received two requests for the use of our bells for peal attempts.

The second request, fairly recently, was by telephone, made only three weeks before the required date on behalf of the organiser by a third party, and the impression given to our Secretary at the time, was that the band were mainly from a well known London church.

I was on holiday at the time and on my return I rang the person concerned to find out more about the request. It transpired that the band were NOT mainly from the well known church and I then explained that due to the close proximity of an estate and quite a number of other houses in the area we were not a "tower grabbers" church. The very few peals that are possible we like to offer to those local ringers from regular bands in our local area who are active in promoting our art in the local Association. Needless to say, that with the full agreement of our incumbent, this request was refused.

This request caused me to look in more detail at an application which we granted some months ago which was on the headed notepaper of one of the major bands in the country.

This state that the band would be "principally drawn from the _____ Company". On checking the published peal report against the lists of members of that band in the last three County reports I can only find the names of TWO of the band listed as members of the company concerned.

We were asked if there was a peal fee, to which our answer was "no". Nevertheless a generous donation of, I believe, £16.00 was left for our bell fund for which we were very grateful.

Unfortunately, after this peal the New Year started about ten minutes late in our Parish as our request to leave the muffles on did not take into account the extra time it would take to remove the yards and yards of sticky tape used as extra fastening deemed necessary to secure them.

In each case I deplore the use of prestigious names in order to influence the granting of permission to use a tower when the band is not mainly from that tower.

Book Review

The Printer's Devil

by Chico Kidd

Carolyn Cushman wrote: 'Bellringing buffs should get a kick out of this novel, which centres on bellringers of the past and present, and a demon raised by an ambitious printer's journeyman turned sorcerer. The events of the 1600's are chronicled by the printer's apprentice, one Fabian Stedman – historically, the inventor of the change-ringing pattern known as Stedman. Though an apprentice, Stedman is a deep thinker (he comes up with the idea of fingerprints on his own!) who lards his journal with Latin quotes and speculates on magic and religion. The contemporary characters are a married couple of opera fans who ring bells as a hobby. He is oddly drawn to the story of the sorcerer/bellringer; she realises that an evil magic out of the past threatens to take over. There's a distanced, over-researched feel to much of the story (which assumes, if nothing else, that you know what "ringing the changes" means) but Kidd does a good job of evoking the feel of Cromwell's England, while bringing an interestingly different magic to life in this engaging first novel.'

Interested RW readers might like to know that they can obtain a copy from the following U.K. bookstores which stock U.S. titles: Forbidden Planet, 71-75 New Oxford Street, London CW1A 1DG 0171 836 4179 (and mail order 0171 497 2150); also at 129 Middle Walk, Broadmarsh Centre, Nottingham NG1 7LN; 59 Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5JE; 92 Bold Street, Liverpool L1 4HY; 31 Cross Cheaping, Coventry CV1 1HF; 30 Penn Street, Bristol BS1 3AS; 60 Burleigh Street, Cambridge CB1 1DJ; 29 Sydney Street, Brighton BN1 4EP; 5 Duke Street, Cardiff CF1 2AY; 168 Buchanan Street, Glasgow G2 2LW; 3 Teviot Place, Edinburgh EH1 2QZ; 38 Dawson Street, Dublin 2; and 9/10 Patrick Street, Limerick. Also Murder One: 71-73 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0AA (downstairs in "New Worlds"). And: Middle Earth, 71 Watergate Row, Chester CH1 2LE.

Other bookstores may be able to order it: the chains Books etc, Dillons and Volume One all stock selected Baen Books titles.

(This review Appeared in the U.S. publication *Locust*).

One other point on which I have made comment in your columns in the past is the matter of donations to our Journal by peal ringers on submission of their achievements.

It is in the hands of Incumbents or Tower Captains, if they are so minded, to require bands to make a donation when they are granted the privilege of the use of a ring of bells for a peal, but in my view those who appear to have unlimited funds to travel round the country in order to add to their peal totals set a terrible example to those quarter-peal ringers, mainly the younger generation on whom the future of the Exercise depends, who support our Journal by their donations.

Donations by peal ringers, except by those published under the heading of The Scottish Association, are few and far between.

I have purposely mentioned no names in this letter so as not to cause any individual embarrassment. The object is to make others who are responsible for granting permission for use of their bells for peals to look at such requests which after all are rung "TO THE GLORY OF GOD".

A CONCERNED TOWER CAPTAIN.

“Part of the Pattern” revisited

I've been collecting responses to “Part of the Pattern,” (RW p.345), and wanted to be sure to acknowledge the various comments it drew. I apologize in advance if I seem to have missed any!

Dr. John C. Eisel and Nicholas Green are quite right in pointing out that Stow's SURVEY OF LONDON was originally published in 1598 (see RW pp.464, 709, 784). I don't know what I can have been thinking when I quoted the 1720 edition. I did not have the good fortune to encounter the 1598 edition; the one I had access to was published in 1603 (the same year the Scholars of Cheapside were incorporated!) and was already then edited by Strype. Though I cannot say for certain whether or not the discussion of ringing appeared in the 1598 edition, it almost certainly appeared in the 1603 edition. For what it's worth, it is likely that the Fellows of Lincoln College in Oxford were ringing for St. Hugh's Day in 1561, and presumably they were not laborers, which would bely the statement even if it had been made in 1598. But my reference here is third hand; I no longer have access to the relevant documents. How embarrassing that the one reference I did choose to quote in *The Ringing World* was a questionable one! Thanks to Dr. Eisel and Nicholas Green for setting me straight.

Thanks also to Will Willans for his very interesting comment on the factor played by age in relation to ringers' social status (RW p.660), and to Mark Herbert for his gloss on the comment (RW p.785). I'm pleased that the Earl of Portsmouth's case does seem to support my theory.

Eddie Martin's reproach that he “cannot find much if any historical support” for my statements is, of course, a serious charge, particularly in light of my academic gaffe concerning Stow's SURVEY. (For those not following this erudite academic exchange, the “Elizabeth” referred to in Eddie Martin's article “Gentlemen and Players” [RW pp.565 f.] is in fact myself, Elizabeth Wein.) One of the problems I can see in my earlier statement is that I failed to highlight the clear difference that I see between “CHANGE ringing” and “ringing”; we tend nowadays to use both terms interchangeably. Perhaps I should have said “method” ringing. “Ringing for pleasure” may have been spread far and wide in the early days of change ringing, but “ringing for pleasure” is not necessarily the ringing of CHANGES wherever and whenever it occurs. The “sixes” are not Grandsire, far less Stedman. Bells were rung in Britain for at least five centuries before anything remotely resembling change ringing developed; it is likely that a passing bell was used as early as the seventh century AD. However, before the Reformation, even cathedrals were not allowed to possess more than five or seven bells (and these were not usually hung in the same tower), and it was not until the sixteenth century that the larger, wealthier churches commonly boasted as many as five bells. At the end of the sixteenth century some churches had eight or ten, but according to Jones, Reeves, and Blakemore (A KEY TO THE ART OF RINGING, 1788) these were not rung TOGETHER at the time.

I also see that I have used the term “gentleman” too broadly; rather than the peerage, I really meant the middle class. The people who developed complicated method ringing – like Fabian Stedman, as Eddie Martin points out – were not common laborers. They

were men who did have leisure time. They ran their own businesses. And by “educated,” I did not mean to imply that these men were necessarily Oxford or Cambridge graduates. I meant that they probably knew how to read, an unusual feat for a laborer of the time. My evidence is based not only on the history of the College Youths, but on such societies as the Scholars of Cheapside (1603; their orders can be found in the All Souls College Library, Oxford, Narciss Luttrell Ms. No. 119), the Northern Youths (1669; their orders are in the Bodleian Library, Oxford, Rawlinson Ms. D. 1107); the Greenwich Youths (1683; their orders are also Rawlinson Ms. D. 1107); the Western Green Caps (1684; their orders are Rawlinson Mss. Misc. 834). The names of these ringers are recorded as clearly as those of the College Youths, in their own handwriting. The orders for the Scholars of Cheapside contain references to other societies existing at the time, although they do not mention them by name, and the late William Cook suggested to me that there may have been a ringers' society in Lincoln as early as 1612.

It is true that, as Eddie Martin states, “the activities of those in a position of influence are more likely to be recorded than those of ‘ordinary folk’”; lack of evidence to the contrary should not be taken as a proof for a theory, but neither does it mean we cannot try to imagine what might have been going on. If change ringers themselves rarely differentiate between “ringing” and “change” ringing within Britain, why should any non-change-ringer ever have noticed and noted a difference? Perhaps the same “social” divide exists today in the very real gap (though one whose boundaries are vague) between “peal ringers” and “the Sunday service band.” It is a telling irony that in Oxford, where peals on eight bells are commonly rung a few times a month (by a band that rings in at least two different towers every Sunday morning), there are nevertheless several six bell towers that often can muster no more than three ringers for service ringing. Three-bell-peals and the “sixes” notwithstanding, Singles is not really what we have in mind when we talk about “change ringing.”

Many rural British ringers of the 20th century feel as isolated as those in the Colonies, and have as much difficulty putting together an enthusiastic band. Bitterness at not being able to travel easily to the next tower is perhaps more justifiable in North America, where the distances are greater, but it can be just as deeply felt from village to village in the British countryside. I note this bitterness well in Eddie Martin's closing paragraph, and can sympathize with his longing; I have lived as a “long distance ringer” for several years, in a place considerably more isolated than Annapolis (the nearest tower was a two hour drive away). But even when I had the good fortune to live in Washington, DC, one of the major ringing centers of the North American Guild, I was stunned to hear the tower captain of the National Cathedral designate Sunday ringing as a “practice.” Practice for what?

It is this kind of attitude that makes me feel that many North Americans ring for “their own personal satisfaction,” as did the early change ringers' societies. And of course, many British ringers do the same. The statement of “Purpose” in the Constitution of the North American Guild much more closely resembles that of the Northern Youths than that of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the difference being that the stated “Objects” of the Oxford



Down comes Gabriel.

Project begins in style

After last year's Faculty objections, by happy contrast, the first stage of the project to augment from one to six at St Margaret's, Reydon began in style.

The Chairman of Reydon Parish Council and the local Corps of Drums processed ahead of the bell ‘Gabriel’ to the village centre. Gabriel was drawn by Michael Rolph, the Suffolk Guild Technical Adviser who, assisted by David Burns, had lowered the bell earlier. Also ‘pulling’ were three ringers who have learnt at Southwold in readiness for Reydon and St Margaret's Vicar Rev Harry Edwards. He conducted a well attended service of ‘God speed’ with the hymn accompanied by handbells, before Gabriel was loaded in readiness for transport next day (28th June) to Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

It was expected the bell would return to hang in a six-bell frame now being constructed at the Foundry and await four lighter bells and a Tenor when funds became available. But the much publicised V.A.T. ruling caused a flurry of activity in the finance department and now we are delighted to inform the many friends who have given help and encouragement in the last four years that the Treble ‘Michael’ has been put on order. Thank you friends.

H.P.

Diocesan Guild include encouraging its members to attend services, and recognizing its members as church workers. The closest the North American Guild comes to recognizing the existence of the church at all is to state that it intends to “Abide by the rules of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.” The Northern Youths barely touch on religion in that they intend to ring “certain Sett peales” on “Quarter days,” three of which happen to be saints' days.

To deny that some of us ring chiefly for personal satisfaction is to deny that ringing is physically and intellectually challenging, that it is enjoyable, that it provides the ambitious ringer with goals and achievements, and that it provides agreeable social occasions. That is why the College Youths, the Northern Youths, and the Greenwich Youths rang three hundred years ago; I presume it is one of the chief reasons why the College Youths ring today. It is not the chief reason why a parish band rings on Sunday morning.

ELIZABETH WEIN

Central Council Education Committee Ringing Course at Wisbech

22nd-24th July

The Central Council course returned to Isle College at Wisbech for a second year at the kind invitation of the Ely Diocesan Association. Thirty-nine students and goodness knows how many helpers worked hard during a scorching hot weekend to achieve the personal objectives that had been set. The organising committee of the Ely D.A. had done a fantastic job which ensured that everything ran smoothly throughout the weekend, and the care taken with planning towers and travelling times meant that the amount of ringing time was really maximised for all groups.

There were eight groups, six of which covered method ringing, and the other two covered Tower management and Belfry maintenance. Saturday was filled with theory and practical sessions in the main subject areas. The finish time had some students wondering if they would last out, but the evening was spent by most relaxing in the usual ringers fashion, although those who still had some energy left vied for turns using John Harrison's portable tower. This is not a simulator and it is not a bicycle, but a combination of both! John has already published a description of this device and I shall not attempt to explain it, but it is certainly a pleasure to ring and attracted much interest throughout the weekend.

On Sunday the pace was a little slower, and after more theory and practical in main subjects students joined one of the nine subsidiary group sessions. If folks through there would be any opportunity to relax after this they were much mistaken - the Garry Barr quiz tested not only general knowledge but endurance as well! A group calling themselves 'Fish head soup' eventually emerged as winners and were awarded the 'Smith Trophy'.

Students completed the final part of the subsidiary studies on Monday, and then went out for two more practical sessions in the main subjects before travelling home. The general feeling at the end of the course was one of tiredness, but seemingly universal enjoyment and many commented on the extent to which they felt they had made progress. Next year the central Council course moves not only to new venues, but to a completely new format as well; this year we say thank you Ely D.A. for a smashing weekend and for all your help, and a very big thank you to Carol Franklin whose brilliant organisation and sterling hard work made the course such a success.

MICHAEL J de C HENSHAW
(Education Committee Chairman)

Here is what some of the students thought:

Tower Management Group

Both Jill Adam (Stevenage) and Keith Tolputt (Dartford) had recently been appointed Tower Captains and had received sponsorship by their home towers to attend the course. These towers may soon regret this decision! The lively and though provoking discussion was ably led by Phil Gay who provided detailed course notes in advance and guided the students along the path of effective tower management. At one stage Phil produced a list of qualities needed for a Tower Captain. Both students agreed that a loud voice was essential, but that willingness to buy the first round wasn't! The students split their time between classroom sessions learning the

theory, and time in the tower putting it into practice. This included teaching volunteers to handle a bell and teaching a band elementary method ringing - no mean feat as neither student had even heard of Bastow Doubles, let alone seen the blue line before. The session with a simulator was fascinating.

By the end of the weekend both students were reassured to find that what they were already doing was fundamentally correct and they took home with them some new ideas to consider. Amongst other things, the students learnt the importance of flexibility when teaching and the importance of breaking information down into digestible portions. Most importantly they learnt never to compromise on tower safety. This years students would definitely recommend the course to any new, or potential Tower Captains.

KEITH TOLPUTT

Plain Hunt Group

There were four ringers doing this course, who embarked on the project with various degrees of trepidation having never experienced such a course before.

We were pleasantly surprised to find such devotion to teaching our art, and the time and care taken to sort out our many varied basic problems. The social side of the weekend was marvellous, and the Sunday ringers service was inspired - what a shame the next course is for Tower Captains! Still by then you never know. . .

BARBARA, ANGELA, CHRISTINE and
MARGERY

Cambridge Minor Group

With fear and trembling at Emneth the motley band of students from the Ely and Norwich D.A.'s went through their paces with knees knocking. The tutor had a little black book and was making notes on us - were we to be sent home, or could we make a try at Cambridge? Well we all got past that hurdle and on to the theory in bedroom 10 (one foot on the floor please). Rattled through, heads spinning, off to Yaxley. Practised the back work and plain courses for those who couldn't stay for the evening ring. After supper Whaplode and things were looking up - we all began to see it, or some of it. Sunday came, and brought with it a new tutor. More theory - very confident now - Walpole St. Andrew soon brought us back to earth! We were banished to the lighter bells as the back three dried up in the heat. Sadly we lost one student through a wrenched shoulder. Walsoken on Monday morning - definitely getting there now even a few bob courses. Two hours for lunch - beer and coke important before reaching the Terrington, St. John greenhouse. The local parishioners met us with cold drinks and sandwiches - brilliant. Now at last we saw it all! and one of the band (whose name you'll soon be seeing in the columns of this journal) actually rang courses of Primrose and Ipswich! So now practise will make perfect. Many thanks to our excellent tutors and helpers, we all enjoyed your company enormously.

Plain Bob Minor Group

A mature (some might say overripe) newcomer to bellringing, this was my first 3 day course. I was amazed by the amount of effort put in by both the planners and helpers. A teacher/student ratio of better than 1:1 is unheard of in even the best university. When volunteer helpers are as caring and helpful as ours were, then conditions should be set for success. The reality was a little disappointing. It is difficult to voice disappointment without implying criticism of the people who set up the

course, or spent so much time around the towers with the students. I think the problem was that the course attracted too diverse a group of students, some needed the most basic instruction whilst others only required guidance about a few minor misunderstandings. Perhaps we ought to do our more practical learning at Diocesan level, whilst council courses aim at a higher level, for instance area advisors and branch ringing masters. My next course will be at Diocesan level, it will be interesting to compare.

TONY LAURENCE

Surprise Major Group

The Surprise Major group consisted of seven students who wished to ring a range of methods from Treble Bob Major to Bristol Surprise Major. This gave the more competent ringers an opportunity to gain further experience in other Surprise methods.

The bells we rang on were very nice, and this enabled all members to concentrate on their choice of method. We visited Downham Market, Stow Bardolph, Peterborough St. Mary, and Sutterton over the weekend. By Sunday evening everyone in the group had mastered their method and this then led on to the slightly more challenging bells (and towers) of Pinchbeck and Surfleet. All the students in the group had a very enjoyable three days in which we all learnt a new skill.

PHILIP WATSON

Grandsire Triples/Plain Bob Major Group

We arrived at Wisbech in bright, sunny weather and 11 am found us on our first practical session under the enquiring watchful eye of our instructor Ron Warford, who was assessing our potential.

We were a combined group which must have made Ron's task of giving each of us a full measure of attention more difficult - however, watching the "others" (the Bob Major people) added an extra dimension to my interest as a fore taste of the next step on the learning ladder. Lessons on theory explained in detail the roles of the course bell, after bell and where to meet the treble, which I had heard mentioned before, but had fondly hoped could remain hidden to me forever.

To put all this theory into practice was daunting, but hardly had one begun to master it when the dreaded Bobs and Singles were added to our sufferings, to be translated into action in the towers.

I particularly liked Ron's way of allocating to each learner a particular helper who 'stood behind', gave advice, and was ready to discuss what had just been rung - and I noticed real pleasure when their learner had done well.

There can be no doubt that every one of us greatly improved our performance. Our thanks are due to our hard working instructor and the organisers of the course.

If a state of perfection was not attained by all of us, then we have at least gained an extra, and more immediate incentive to strive for it.

ANNA BENTHAM

Plain Bob Doubles Group

"Why not come to a ringing weekend at Wisbech" said my Tower Captain.

"Who me! I don't think I'd dare. Where is Wisbech?"

Nevertheless the "who me" sent away the letter requesting a place and was accepted on a course for Plain Bob Doubles.

On day one I met Neil Donovan and his band of helpers and the excellent start made continued

Spirit, grit and determination

To mark the completion of a five year programme to Restore and Augment the ring of bells in St. Mary's Church Guilden Morden a short ceremony was held on Monday 4th July during which the cheque for the final loan payment was handed to Marion Holland of the Ely Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers and a plaque to record the work done was unveiled. The Shingay Group of Parishes, Friends of the Church and the Guilden Morden community to large can be proud of a job well done.

The project, which cost in excess of £30,000, began in November 1990 with the election of a Bell Restoration Committee formed in response to the groundswell of opinion that the ring of six bells was in desperate need of refurbishment. An appeal document was drawn up and circulated to gauge the reaction of the community and to detail the finances and support needed for the project to proceed. The appeal document was distributed to all members of the Shingay Group, Jesus College, Cambridge and Friends of the Church etc.

In January 1991 a most successful Open Day was held in the Church to demonstrate the need for refurbishment, show estimates of cost received from the bell founders and to raise some initial funds. By March 1991 the fund raising methodology was decided and well in hand - over £19,000 was promised by individuals who agreed to covenant funding, a further £5,400 was received as direct donations and the Ely Diocesan Association Central Bell Fund agreed to donate 10% of the cost, and

throughout the weekend. The good humour of the band and my fellow 'learners' made the ringing enjoyable; even in the face of a frayed rope, and a broken rope, the ringing continued.

I have learnt such a lot this weekend. Words which had been a jumble before clicked into place. Just when I thought things couldn't be better, I joined Paul Seaman's session to attempt to ring Plain Bob Minor. Can it be true I actually understood the 3-4 up dodge and the 5-6 down dodge. Bliss.

Seriously, I must thank everyone for making this weekend so profitable in knowledge gained, friendliness offered, cheerfulness in spite of ringing the same method over and over again, and the accolade "you've made improvement".

SHEILA SELVES

Belfry Maintenance Group

Those members who enrolled on the Belfry Maintenance course may have been of the opinion that without their acquired skills bell ringing as we know it might cease! To the ringing contingent, however, they were more easily identified as the 'silent but dirty'!

The small group travelled the distance visiting towers of Walpole St. Andrew, Tilney All Saints, and Northwold, enabling them to consolidate the theory imparted to them under the keen direction of Frank Lewis, and carrying out routine maintenance.

Rope splicing featured in the main body of the course, but was additionally offered as a subsidiary subject to enable the gentle art to be absorbed by those who had been otherwise engaged on bellringing activities. Such was the enthusiasm for rope splicing that Frank was forced to lay on more demonstrations in the lounge with ropes that were broken by Angela during the days ringing.

WINFORD CARTER



Marion Holland receives the cheque for the final loan payment

provide 20% of the total as a loan at zero interest! The project to refurbish the six bells was financially viable and the decision taken to GO! By April a provisional Faculty had been granted and orders placed with Taylors of Loughborough, the bell founders.

After confirmation of individual, community and other sources of income and much number crunching in July our financial controllers proposed a plan which indicated some underspend. The 'spare' cash could be used to augment the six bells to eight but we would need a little help from our friends! The Wendy Bell, the only remaining artifact from the defunct church at Wendy, was donated for recasting (suitably inscribed), and Mr. John Gipson offered to provide the fittings and install the two new treble bells free of charge. Augmentation could therefore be achieved. The order and magnitude of work was now clear, a revised order was placed at the Foundry and the project programme agreed and approved by the committee.

Much of the work would be done on a self help basis, the bell founders would refurbish or recast the bells and provide a fitter to install them, all other work including provision of labour for the fitter would be provided by the community. This included the cleaning, refurbishment and decoration of the belfry and ringing chamber and the building of block baffles inside the belfry windows (needed to improve the acoustics and hence the sound of the bells). A consortium of structural and mechanical engineering skills assembled and agreed that Joe Holroyd would, with their assistance be the site engineer, Charles Paget-Wilkes would act as the chief motivator (and provider of effort) for the project.

After the last peal on the old bells in April 1992 work move on apace. The belfry was cleaned and cleared for action. With the permission of their Commandant, riggers from the RAF Signals Engineering Establishment Henlow, expertly lowered the bells just prior to the May Bank Holiday ready for an Open Day on 4th May when members of the community were given the opportunity to examine the bells

at close quarters. Then Barry Holme provided the transport for their delivery to Taylors of Loughborough (a description of the thrills and potential spills at this point would be too embarrassing for all concerned).

A most informative visit to Taylors to witness and take part in the casting of the new bells was made by the ringers to pay the party which left them much the wiser.

In September the two new treble bells were collected from Taylors and John Gipson completed and installed the bells and fittings. Meanwhile preparations continued for the remaining installation scheduled for October. With the arrival of the bell fitter from Taylors, in the middle of October, the really hard work began - with much sweat and some blood - the new fittings for the restored six bells were installed. All the bells were laboriously raised the sixty feet plays to the belfry using hand driven block and tackle which was very good for muscle tone if not tempers.

The good plan did come together and the bells - all eight - were installed, fitted and ready for action on time and within budget (but the gilt on the lily had to be the provision and installation of space heaters - the ringers cup runneth over - what luxury!). On 31st October 1992 at a Festival Evensong and Dedication Service conducted by the Bishop of Ely the sound of a full octave of bells ringing joyously out over the parish signaled completion of the task.

The remaining project activity was the completion of staged payments to our creditors which was closed on 4th July 1995.

The planning and execution of a major bell refurbishment (and in this case augmentation) task requires the enthusiastic application of a large number of dedicated people willing to give their professional expertise and, most of all, their time to ensure the success of the scheme. Guilden Morden is indeed fortunate to be part of a community which could grasp the idea and had the spirit, grit and determination to see the project through to such a satisfactory conclusion. The results of all our efforts can be heard each Sunday and because of this project will continue to be heard for many more to come. THANK YOU EVERY ONE!!!



East Malling ringers outside Brasted Church

First ever outing

The bellringers of East Malling, Kent, went on their first ever outing in July following encounters with the joys of long drafts, anticlockwise rings, light and loud bells, and ropes close to walls. The finale was ringing on the eight at Hadlow - a new experience for most of this six bell country tower. The final move of the day was to the beer garden of the King and Queen in East Malling, the toast being "Here's to the next outing!".

K.H./J.S.

Peal Reports

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CITY OF LONDON, EC1
Holy Sepulchre-without-
Newgate, Holborn Viaduct
Mon Mar 13 1995 3h22 (29)

5040 Rigel S. Maximus

Comp. P N Mounsey
1 Paul N Mounsey (C)
2 P Quentin Armitage
3 Martin J Whiteley
4 John R Leary
5 Peter V D Swift
6 Dickon R Love
7 Geoffrey C Sparling
8 Andrew I Blacklock
9 Colin G Wright
10 Stephen A Coaker
11 D Paul Smith
12 Philip Rogers
(This detail replaces that
published on p. 552).

CITY OF LONDON, EC2
S Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside
Mon Jun 12 1995 3h23 (42)

5064 Stedman Cinques

Comp. P N Mounsey
1 David J Dearnley
2 David P Hilling
3 James W Belshaw
4 Dickon R Love
5 Alan D Flood
6 P Quentin Armitage
7 Paul N Mounsey (C)
8 Stephen A Coaker
9 David C Brown
10 Richard H Burton
11 J Alan Ainsworth
12 Mark Regan

CITY OF LONDON, EC2
S Botolph, Bishopsgate
Mon Jul 3 1995 3h25 (17)

5056 London S. Major

Comp. S D Chandler
1 Dickon R Love
2 Paul N Mounsey (C)
3 David P Hilling
4 David J Dearnley
5 Philip A B Saddleton
6 Terry J C Streeter
7 Andrew I Blacklock
8 Robert C Kippin
In memory of John W
Euston, elected to the Society
in 1932, associated with this
tower for many years.

A.N.Z.A.B.

SYDNEY, NSW
S Philip, Church Hill
Tue Jul 18 1995 3h2 (19)

5040 Stedman Triples

Comp. A Johnson (10 part)
1 James A Smith
2 Penelope J V Sharpe
3 Neil G Broderick
4 Caroline J Richards
5 Alan H Champion
6 Thomas W Goodyer
7 William T Perrins (C)
8 Robert J Walters
First of Stedman Triples: 2.

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SYDNEY, NSW
St Mary's Cathedral
Tue Jul 25 1995 3h20 (14)

5184 Superlative S. Major

Comp. A J Cox
1 Margaret E Goodyer
2 M Elaine Lee
3 Claire E O'Mahony
4 Neil G Broderick
5 Penelope J V Sharpe
6 David L Sparling
7 Caroline J Richards (C)
8 James A Smith

AUCKLAND, NZ
St Matthew-in-the City
Mon Jul 24 1995 3h4 (17)

5152 Cambridge S. Major

Middleton's
1 John Dunn
2 Tim Pink
3 Gary T Wong
4 David Kennett
5 Dennis Green
6 Mark S Giltthorpe
7 Robert H Bennett (C)
8 Julian Stone
Dedicated to the life of Mary
Burton who died in a road
accident in Bedfordshire,
England on 20 July 1995.
1st in m: 3 & 4.

BATH & WELLS D.A.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset
SS Peter & Paul
Fri Jun 2 1995 2h45 (13)

5088 London S. Major

Comp. S J Ivin
1 David J Purnell
2 David A Warwick (C)
3 Felicity S Warwick
4 Paul K Williamson
5 Barrie Hendry
6 Robert E Beck
7 Jenny M A Astridge
8 Adrian P Beck
750th peal: 2. 250th as
conductor.

MAIDEN BRADLEY, Wilts.
All Saints
Thu Jun 29 1995 2h44 (14)

5040 London S. Minor

1 David J Buckley
2 Jacqueline Warnecke
3 George W Massey
4 David G Massey
5 Michael J Stone
6 Reginald T McKenzie (C)
First of London: 2. 990th
peal for the Association: 3.
900th peal and 500th for the
Association: 6.

MARSTON BIGOT, Som.
S Leonard
Tue Jul 4 1995 2h39 (8)

5040 Cambridge S. Minor

1 David J Buckley
2 Jacqueline Warnecke
3 K Michael J Singer
4 George W Massey
5 Michael J Winterbourne
6 David G Massey (C)
First of Minor and Surprise: 3.
350th together: 4 & 6.

YATTON, Avon, S Mary
Sat May 20 1995 3h9 (21)

5120 Glasgow S. Major

Comp. R R Horton
1 David J Purnell
2 Ian P Hill
3 Susan M Field
4 Bernard J North
5 Matthew R T Higby
6 Jenny M A Astridge
7 Joseph St J Beaumont (C)
8 Peter J Sawyer
First in method: 3, 5. (Detail
replaces that published on
p.665 – Mr Beaumont now
intends using peal forms to
send in details!)

TAVISTOCK, Devon
S Eustachius
Sat Jul 8 1995 3h11 (24)

5056 Bristol S. Major

Comp. A J Cox
1 David J Buckley
2 Elisabeth A G Bowden
3 Frank D Mack
4 Timothy E Barnaby
5 Pauline C Champion
6 Michael J Stone
7 Reginald T McKenzie (C)
8 John A Foster

HUNGERFORD, Berks.

S Laurence
Sat Jul 8 1995 2h48 (12)

5088 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. N J Pitstow
1 Andrew J Howes
2 Jacqueline Warnecke
3 Katrina A Lenton
4 Michael J Winterbourne
5 Barry D Pointer
6 Philip N Green
7 Marc Hart
8 David G Massey (C)

WHATLEY, Som, S George

Thu Jul 13 1995 2h44 (12)
5040 Spiced S. Minor
(18m: Chester, Munden,
Lightfoot, Weymouth,
London, Wells, Cambridge,
Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull,
Primrose, Bourne, Beverley,
Hexham, Surfleet, Durham,
York, Berwick)
1 Elisabeth A G Bowden
2 Jacqueline Warnecke
3 George W Massey
4 David J Buckley
5 David G Massey (C)
6 Reginald T McKenzie
Most methods: 2.
650th peal: 4.

CHESTER D.G.

SUTTON, Cheshire, S James
Wed Jul 5 1995 2h42 (12)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each
Canterbury, Whitley,
Wooler, Alnwick,
Northumberland,
Sandiacre, Newcastle)
1 Ivor R Nichols
2 Richard S Starkie
3 Harold Dowler
4 Barry Corbishley
5 Philip W Gay
6 Raymond H Daw (C)
Compliment to Barry
Corbishley on his birthday.

COVENTRY D.G.

WARWICK, S Nicholas

Sat Jul 15 1995 2h48 (15)
5056 Ohio S. Major
Comp. A N Tyler
1 Christopher W Foxall
2 Christopher F Mew
3 Gerald D J Sandwell
4 David E Leafa
5 Michael Chester
6 Geoffrey W Randall
7 Mark W Sayers
8 Simon P Rogers (C)
Rung, with the best wishes
of the band, prior to the
wedding of Stuart Aitken
and Anne Price, Warwick
ringers, at this church.

WELLESBOURNE, Warks.

S Peter
Mon Jul 17 1995 2h44 (10)

5056 Dunbar S. Major

Comp. A N Tyler
1 C Phillip Hope
2 Peter J F Quinn
3 Michael Chester
4 Simon P Rogers (C)
5 James Hughes
6 John F Thorne
7 Mark W Sayers
8 Christopher W Foxall
Rung as a farewell
compliment to Elizabeth
Mackie, Wellesbourne ringer,
leaving for London after 45
years residence in the village.

DERBY D.A.

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter

Thu Jul 6 1995 2h47 (14)

5056 Uxbridge S. Major

Comp. Bernard H Taylor
1 Jane E Boden
2 Neil J Morgan
3 Revd David H Sansum
4 Ian Duff
5 W Arnold Morley
6 Robert J Marchbank
7 F Gordon Faulks
8 John V Chadwick (C)

STAVELEY, Derbys.

S John the Baptist

Sun Jul 9 1995 2h39 (10)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

1 Victor J Nixon
2 Alison C Yeomans
3 Nicola J Yeomans
4 Ian J Ridgewell
5 Paul S Parsons
6 Matthew R Yeomans (C)
First peal: 2, 3. First Plain
Bob inside: 4. First as
conductor. Believed to be
the first peal consisting of
all Staveley ringers.
(No Association given).

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter

Thu Jul 13 1995 2h49 (14)

5184 Bristol S. Major

Comp. Andrew N Tyler
1 Jane E Boden
2 Patricia A M Halls
3 Richard L Taylor
4 Andrew J Burns
5 W Arnold Morley
6 Robert J Marchbank
7 F Gordon Faulks
8 John V Chadwick (C)
First peal of Bristol: 4.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.

HEWORTH, Tyne & Wear
S Mary
Wed Jul 12 1995 2h6 (6)

5040 Minor

(2m: 3 extents Cambridge
S.; 4 extents Plain Bob: 6
different extents)
1 Gillian King
2 Matthew J L Durham
3 Richard A M Turner
4 E Alyson Kerr
5 G Jessica Davies
6 Kristopher King (C)
First peal as conductor.
£1.50

SUNDERLAND, Tyne & Wear

S Michael, Bishopwearmouth

Wed Jul 12 1995 2h47 (12)

5088 Aldenham S. Major

Comp. W Barton
1 George S Deas
2 John E Anderson
3 Becky Cubitt
4 Barbara M Wheeler
5 Barbara Davies
6 Ronald R Warford (C)
7 Rachael H Dyson
8 Raymond A Hutchings

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE,

SS James & Basil, Fenham

Sat Jul 15 1995 2h57 (14)

5056 Cambridge S. Major

Comp. C Middleton
1 Barbara M Wheeler
2 E Alyson Kerr
3 Timothy J Bradbury
4 Kenneth Arthur
5 Richard M Grainger
6 George S Deas
7 Eric N Harrison
8 J Alan Ainsworth (C)
125th peal together: 4 & 8.
Specially arranged to mark
the 10th anniversary of the
Institution as Vicar of the
Rev. Vincent Ashwin.

NEWCASTLE, Tyne & Wear

S Nicholas (Dixon Eight)

Wed Jul 19 1995 3h17 (17)

5024 Consett S. Major

Comp. J R Mayne
1 John E Anderson
2 Ian Tilling
3 Rachael H Dyson
4 Barbara M Wheeler
5 Oliver D Cross
6 Stephen B Bell
7 Conrad D Warford
8 Ronald R Warford (C)
First in method for all and
for the Association.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE,

Tyne & Wear,

S John the Baptist

Fri Jul 21 1995 2h43 (11)

5088 Platinum S. Major

Comp. S Jenner
1 Barbara M Wheeler
2 David Hird (C)
3 John E Anderson
4 Barbara Davies
5 Ian Tilling
6 Kristopher King
7 G Jessica Davies
8 Rachael H Dyson
First in method for all and
for the Association.

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STOCKTON ON TEES,
Cleveland,
S Thomas a Becket
Sat Jul 15 1995 3h20 (21)
5280 Newgate S. Maximus
Comp. B T Bexhill
1 Nina E Howard
2 Ruth Richardson
3 Ronald R Warford
4 Elizabeth S Riley
5 Peter J Williamson
6 G Jessica Davies
7 Oliver D Cross
8 Conrad D Warford
9 C Barrie Dove (C)
10 John Robinson
11 Rachael H Dyson
12 Paul F Curtis
First in method: 2,5,6,12.
A wedding anniversary
compliment to Ron &
Maggie Warford.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE,
Tyne & Wear, S Matthew
Sat Jul 15 1995 3h28 (31)
5120 Spiced S. Major
(8m: 896 Rutland; 704
Yorkshire, Lincolnshire; 640
Cambridge; 576 Pudsey,
Superlative, London; 448
Bristol: 86 com. atw.)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Rachael H Dyson (C)
2 Ruth Richardson
3 Duncan G Walker
4 Oliver D Cross
5 Paul F Curtis
6 Conrad D Warford
7 C Barrie Dove
8 Ronald R Warford
First 8-spiced as conductor.
A wedding anniversary
compliment to Ron & Maggie
Warford. Also a wedding
compliment to Helen Stanis-
lawski & St John Usher,
married today in Sheffield.

CHESTER LE STREET,
Co Durham,
SS Mary & Cuthbert
Sat Jul 22 1995 3h8 (19)
5088 Williams Scott S. Major
Comp. J W Washbrook
1 John E Anderson
2 David Hird (C)
3 Barbara Davies
4 Barbara M Wheeler
5 G Jessica Davies
6 Conrad D Warford
7 Christopher M Richardson
8 Rachael H Dyson
First in method for all and
for the Association. Rung to
celebrate the millennium of
the Durham Diocese.

ELY D.A.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.
SS Mary & Michael
Sat Jul 1 1995 2h51 (11)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Teresa J Bushell
2 E Jane Sibson
3 Tracey A de Bruyne
4 Geoffrey Pearson
5 Bjorn E Bradstock
6 Michael G Purday
7 Ian W Davies
8 Ian K Bushell (C)
First attempt: 1.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL D.A.

STRATTON ST MARGARET,
Wilts, S Margaret of Antioch
Sat Jul 15 1995 2h33 (8)
5056 Ruby S. Major
Comp. Anthony R Peake
1 Maurice A New
2 Eric Sutton
3 Cynthia E Howell
4 Anita D Sherriff
5 Robert W Sherriff
6 Ian J Carey
7 Anthony R Peake (C)
8 John C Sheppard
First in method by all. To mark
the ruby wedding of Anthony
R Peake & Pamela M Titchener,
married at Blunsdon, Wilts, on
2 July 1955, by the Reverend L
A Knight.

KENT C.A.

CANTERBURY, Kent
Cathedral
Sat Jul 15 1995 3h9 (34)
5055 Stedman Caters
Comp. R Dennis
1 Donald H Niblett (C)
2 Margaret H Ross
3 Diana R Wraight
4 Revd David W Grimwood
5 Fr Nick De Keyser
6 Timothy S Wraight
7 Christopher J Robinson
8 Fr David A Gibbons
9 Mark P Gilham
10 Ronald R Barlow
First Stedman Caters: 2.
16th wedding anniversary
compliment to Nick and
Pam De Keyser.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS,
Lancs, S Cuthbert
Wed Jun 21 1995 2h36 (7)
5040 Minor
(4m: 3 extents Cambridge; 1
extent Kent T.B., St Clements;
2 extents Plain Bob)
1 James E Wightman
2 Louise Nixon
3 Diana J Handley
4 Eileen Jackson
5 Stephen T Metcalfe
6 Thomas F Metcalfe (C)
Compliment to Bill and
June Kendall on their ruby
wedding anniversary, 20th
June.

WORSLEY, Lancs, S Mark

Fri Jul 7 1995 3h3 (24)
5000 Spiced S. Royal
(3m: 2560 Bristol; 1440
London; 1000 Cambridge;
25 com. atw.)
Comp. A J Cox
1 Richard S Starkie
2 Gail L Randall
3 John Cornock
4 Michael H Tompsett
5 Peter C Randall (C)
6 Geoffrey Fothergill
7 Geoffrey R Gardner
8 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
9 Trevor W Marchbank
10 George H Campling

MIDDLETON, Lancs
S Leonard
Fri Jul 14 1995 2h45 (11)
5152 Bloodstone S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Joseph Thornley
2 John P Partington
3 Peter C Randall (C)
4 Geoffrey R Gardner
5 Geoffrey Fothergill
6 Alan McNutt
7 Andrew J Webster
8 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
250th for the Association: 7.
Wedding anniversary
compliment to Mr and Mrs
A J Webster.

WOODCHURCH, Mersey.

Holy Cross
Mon Jul 17 1995 2h36 (4)
5120 Glasgow S. Major
Comp. R R Horton
1 Ernest W Runciman
2 Christina D A Hassard-
Jones
3 Diana M Anderson
4 Celia F Hughes-D'Aeth
5 Stephen N Whittleton
6 Bryan J McCahey
7 Andrew P Warboys (C)
8 Lenard J Mitchell
First in method: 3.
Compliment to Rodney
Middleton on his induction
as Vicar of St James,
Haydock on July 18th.

OLDHAM, Lancs.
S Mark, Glodwick
Thu Jul 20 1995 2h36 (8)
5024 Melbourne S. Major
Comp. A M Barber
1 Joseph Thornley
2 Andrew J Webster
3 Derek Sanderson
4 Gail L Randall
5 Jeffrey Kershaw
6 Geoffrey Fothergill
7 Peter C Randall (C)
8 Peter G Bellamy-Knights

LEICESTER D.G.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.
Bell Foundry Campanile
Tue Jul 18 1995 2h30 (6)
5152 Thundred S. Major
Arr. M A Coleman
1 Roland Beniston
2 Ruth A Stretton
3 Colin Lord
4 Robert C Graves
5 Frank Chambers
6 Revd Reginald J Stretton
7 Richard C L Brown
8 Andrew D Higson (C)
100th peal together: 2 & 4,
2 & 7.

SPROXTON, Leics.

S Bartholomew
Sat Jul 15 1995 2h46 (8)
5152 Belfast S. Major
1 Anthony J Fisher
2 Gail L Wade
3 Mark J Pendery
4 Richard J Angrave
5 Caroline J Carter
6 Christopher M Rudge
7 Terry M Astill
8 Mark A Boylan (C)
First in method: 4,5,6. First
in method as conductor.

LEICESTER, Leics.
Cathedral Church of S Martin
Sat Jul 8 1995 3h24 (25)
5040 Bristol S. Maximus
Comp. I Fielding
1 Anthony J Fisher
2 Garry W Mason
3 Terry M Astill
4 Gail L Wade
5 Nicola D Mason
6 Anthony J Haywood
7 Stephen H Stanford
8 Christopher M Rudge
9 Mark J Pendery
10 Murray A Coleman
11 Roland H Cook
12 Mark A Boylan (C)
First of Maximus as
conductor.

COUNTRESTHORPE, Leics.

S Andrew
Fri Jul 14 1995 2h30 (10)
5056 Kilby D. Major
Comp. Albert J Pitman
1 Brian S Chapman
2 Pamela M Bailey
3 Elizabeth A Betts
4 Patricia A M Halls
5 Winifred M Warwick
6 Revd David H Sansum
7 Philip J H Hudson
8 Brian G Warwick (C)
300th peal together: 7 & 8.
An 80th birthday compliment
to Harold Kilby, of
Countresthorpe. The first peal
in the method. **Kilby D. Major**
-38-14-1258-1236-14-18.3456-1256.78
le12 1573 F.C.E.s BDO a

TICKNALL, Derbys.

S George
Mon Jul 17 1995 2h48 (9)
5040 Mozaga S. Royal
Comp. Charles J Sedgley (AW)
1 Revd David H Sansum
2 Winifred M Warwick
3 Elizabeth A Betts
4 Brian S Chapman
5 Patricia A M Halls
6 Burley P Morris
7 Rosemary R A Ross
8 Brian G Warwick (C)
9 Philip J H Hudson
10 Canon Frederick Ross
The first peal in the method.
Mozaga S. Royal:
-30-14-50-16-70-18-16.34.1270.34.58-90
le12 1573 F.C.E.s C.P.S. (In) Bc (Out)

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.

Bell Foundry Campanile
Wed Jul 19 1995 2h18 (6)
5040 Arrieta S. Royal
Comp. Gabriel Lindoff
1 Gail L Wade
2 Elizabeth A Betts
3 Winifred M Warwick
4 Frank E Coales
5 Brian S Chapman
6 Burley P Morris
7 Ian N Robinson
8 Roland W Morant
9 Philip J H Hudson
10 Brian G Warwick (C)
The first peal in the method.
Arrieta S. Royal.
-30-14-50-16-70-18-16.3470.12.58-90
le12 1573 F.C.E.s c.p.s. (In) Bc (Out)

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successful ringer and we
will send a copy of the
appropriate RW.

SHOREDITCH, London E
S Leonard
Sat Jul 22 1995 3h13 (25)
5051 Stedman Cinques
Comp. J Pladdys
1 John Hyden
2 John Pladdys (C)
3 Sally A Mason
4 E Alan Jacques
5 Garry W Mason
6 James Hedgcock
7 John R Ridley
8 Robert J Crocker
9 Ian M Holland
10 Frank W Rivett
11 R Kingsley Mason
12 Simon J Poole

LICHFIELD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

RYTON, Salop, S Andrew
Fri May 26 1995 2h24
5040 Plain Bob Minimus
1 Andrew C Ogden
2 Matthew Lawrence
3 Anthony R Marsden
4 Zoe A P Rook
Jointly conducted.
(No weight given).

LINCOLN D.G.

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.
S Andrew
Mon Jul 17 1995 2h45 (8)
5184 Quedgley S. Major
Comp. J R Ketteringham
1 Ruth Richardson
2 Margaret A Parker
3 Susan Buckingham
4 Keith N Buckingham
5 Robert W Lee
6 John M Goldthorpe
7 Geoffrey R Parker
8 Paul F Curtis (C)

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH D.A.

PONTYPRIDD, Mid Glam.
S Catherine
Mon Jul 10 1995 2h39 (12)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. Parker's 12 part
1 Tudor P Edwards
2 Gareth Dancer
3 Jonathan W Lewis
4 Stephanie Davies
5 Barry J Hayman
6 Anthony J Oldershaw
7 Peter S Bennett (C)
8 Christopher D V Jones
First attempt: 4. Rung to
celebrate the dedication of
the new British Legion
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Fusiliers at this church on
the previous day. £2

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BASSALEG, Gwent, S Basil
Tue Jul 11 1995 2h45 (12)
5040 Minor
(10m: (1) Cambridge S.,
Beverley S., Surfleet S.; (2)
London S.; (3) Wells S.; (4)
York S.; (5) Durham S.; (6) St
Clements Bob, Plain Bob; (7)
Double Oxford, Plain Bob)
1 Matthew S Turner
2 Tudor P Edwards
3 Gareth Dancer
4 Andrew C John
5 Peter S Bennett (C)
6 Alwyn R Lewis
A birthday compliment to
Tudor Edwards. £1

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 I Blacklock
8 David J Dearnley

SPITALFIELDS, London E1
Christ Church, Commercial St
Fri Jun 30 1995 3h11 (17)
5152 Spliced S. Major
(23m: 224 each Bristol,
Belfast, Buckfastleigh,
Caterham, Colnbrook,
Chertsey, Chesterfield,
Claybrooke, Essex,
Glasgow, London, Malpas,
Moulton, Newcastle,
Newlyn, Northampton,
Pudsey, Richmond,
Sonning, Sussex, Whalley,
Willesden, Yeading: 160
com. atw. each lead
different)
Comp. S D Chandler
1 Simon J Davies
2 Ian K Bushell
3 Paul N Mounsey (C)
4 Jason R Turnock
5 Ian R Fielding
6 David J Dearnley
7 John P Loveless
8 Alan Regin

SUTTERTON, Lincs.
S Mary
Sat Jul 8 1995 2h53 (13)
5024 Spliced S. Major
(4m: 1344 Glasgow; 1248
London; 1216 Belfast,
Bristol: 114 com. atw.)
Comp. R R Horton
1 Kathryn L Carter
2 Ruth Richardson
3 Paul F Curtis
4 Stephen J F Mitchell
5 Alison K Regan
6 Martin F Mitchell
7 David C Brown (C)
8 Mark Regan

ALVESTON, Avon, S Helen
Sat Jul 15 1995 2h50 (15)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each London,
Wells, Cambridge, Beverley,
Surfleet, Norwich, York)
1 Rebecca Cox
2 Rosalind J Keech
3 Kathryn L Carter
4 Andrew Keech
5 Charles H P Pipe-
Wolferstan
6 David C Brown (C)

CITY OF LONDON, EC2
S Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside
Sun Jul 16 1995 3h27 (42)
5042 Cambridge S.
Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 David J Dearnley
2 Catherine E Griffiths
3 Linda Rankin
4 Paul N Mounsey (C)
5 Thomas W Griffiths
6 Frank C Price
7 Michael J Palmer
8 Stephen A Coaker
9 Alan Regin
10 Timothy W Griffiths
11 Alison K Regan
12 Mark Regan
A compliment to Thomas
Griffiths on his forthcoming
18th birthday anniversary.
(The ringers of 1,4,10 & 12
rang in a peal at St Neots on
31st July 1977 to celebrate
his birth.)

OXFORD D.G.

BEACONSFIELD, Bucks.
S Mary and All Saints
Mon Jul 10 1995 3h1 (19)
5056 Spliced S. Major
(10m: 608 London; 576
Rutland, Superlative,
Yorkshire; 544 Cambridge,
Lincolnshire, Pudsey; 480
Glasgow; 320 Belfast; 288
Bristol; 127 com. atw.)
Comp. G A C John
1 Katrina A Lenton
2 Ian Roulstone (C)
3 Nicola J Crichton
4 Claire F Edwards
5 Clive Buswell
6 Colin M Turner
7 Andrew J Graham
8 Robin O Hall
A compliment to Clive on
becoming old.

WOKINGHAM, Berks.
S Paul
Sat Jul 15 1995 2h55 (15)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. J Pladdys (No 14)
1 John Pladdys (C)
2 Hugh Baxter
3 Christopher P Cole
4 Simon F Feather
5 Peter G C Ellis
6 John Pearce
7 Geoffrey K Dodd
8 Kenneth R Davenport
First Stedman: 2,3. On the
centenary of the first peal of
Stedman Triples on the bells
(15/7/1895).

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.
Bell Foundry Campanile
Sat Jul 15 1995 2h43 (6)
5040 Cambridge S. Royal
Comp. P Border
1 Revd David H Sansum
2 Claire F Edwards
3 Richard C Stevens
4 Maurice F Edwards
5 Peter F Windley
6 Andrew J Burns
7 Peter D Hughes (C)
8 Christine R McQuaid
9 Clive Buswell
10 Andrew J Ellis

COLESHILL, Warks.
SS Peter & Paul
Sat Jul 15 1995 2h57 (14)
5040 Lyme S. Royal
Comp. T F Collins
1 Sally A Mason
2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3 Nicola J Crichton
4 Ian Roulstone (C)
5 Katrina A Lenton
6 William Butler
7 Marc Hart
8 Andrew M Farmer
9 Roger Baldwin
10 Colin M Turner

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

OXFORD, S Mary Magdalen
Tue Jun 20 1995 2h22 (7)
5024 Spliced S. Major
(4m: 1344 Glasgow; 1248
London; 1216 Belfast,
Bristol; 114 com. atw)
Comp. R R Horton
1 Sonia C Tucker
2 David J Sheppard
3 Nigel J Bailey
4 Andrew J Graham
5 David C Brown (C)
6 Mark A Shepherd
7 Paul N Mounsey
8 Alex F Byrne

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

TOWCESTER, Northants.
S Laurence
Fri Jul 21 1995 3h10 (23)
5042 Bristol S. Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Hannah L Wilby
2 Ann Wilby
3 Enid Lawson
4 Joanne C Lovell
5 Robert C Kippin (C)
6 Antony R Kench
7 Eleanor J Kippin
8 Peter M Fleckney
9 Michael P A Wilby
10 Christopher J Pickford
11 Andrew W R Wilby
12 Alan Regin
First peal: 1.

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SOUTHWELL D.G.

CLIFTON, Notts.
S Mary the Virgin
Sat Jul 1 1995 2h (8)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Norwich
S., Cambridge S., Oxford
T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford,
St Clements Bob, Plain Bob)
1 Andrew B Mills
2 Peter L R Hayward
3 Peter L R Hayward
4 Sharon L Mills
5 George A Dawson
6 Richard I Allton
Rung for St Mary's church
summer festival.

NEWARK, Notts.
S Mary Magdalene
Sat Jul 15 1995 3h18 (31)
5040 Cambridge S. Royal
Comp. D G Hull
1 Judith M Corby
2 Beryl N Reed
3 Robin H Rogers
4 Colin W Reed
5 Andrew B Mills
6 John F Mulvey
7 H Geoffrey Wells
8 Stephen J Mills
9 Michael P A Wilby (C)
10 David J Pipe
Specially arranged for the
flower festival at this church
and for the Newark of the
World reunion celebrations.
This is the first time that the
original Newark, mother to
more than twenty others,
has hosted this event.

ST JAMES'S GUILD

POPLAR, London E14
All Saints
Thu Jun 29 1995 3h9 (24)
5040 Jacob's Wells S. Royal
Comp. S A Coaker
1 Alan D Flood
2 Susan L Apter
3 David J Dearnley
4 Catherine N Merlane
5 P Quentin Armitage
6 Stephen A Coaker (C)
7 Alan Regin
8 Ian G Campbell
9 Mark Regan
10 Alison K Regan

SHOREDITCH, London, E1
S Leonard
Sat Jul 1 1995 3h21 (25)
5088 Spliced Maximus
(4m: 1296 Bristol S.,
Strathclyde S.; 1248 Avon
D., Rigel S.: 82 com. atw.)
Comp. R W Pipe
1 David J Dearnley
2 Paul N Mounsey (C)
3 Simon J Davies
4 Alan Regin
5 Alison K Regan
6 Linda M Garton
7 Alan D Flood
8 John P Loveless
9 Stephen A Coaker
10 Mark Regan
11 Ian G Campbell
12 George H Campling

BRAY, Berks, S Michael
Sun Jun 25 1995 3h15 (25)
5088 Sardonix S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Ian P Hill
2 David J Dearnley
3 Mark Regan
4 Graham Firman
5 David C Brown (C)
6 Claire F Edwards
7 Alison K Regan
8 Alan Regin

WILLESDEN, Middx.
S Mary
Wed Jul 5 1995 2h16 (7)
5056 Aquamarine S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 D Paul Smith
2 Alison K Regan
3 Mark Regan
4 James W Belshaw
5 David C Brown (C)
6 Paul N Mounsey
7 David J Dearnley
8 Stephen A Coaker

SPITALFIELDS, London E1
Christ Church
Mon Jul 17 1995 3h5 (17)
5088 Spliced S. Major
(8m: 1024 London; 640
Cambridge; 608 Superlative;
576 Brading, Bristol,
Edgbaston; 544 Lincoln,
Pudsey: 122 com. atw.)
Comp. A J Pitman
Arr. S Jenner
1 Alison K Regan
2 Ann Jenner
3 Joan Summerhayes
4 J Alan Ainsworth
5 David C Brown
6 David J Dearnley
7 Alan Regin
8 Stanley Jenner (C)
900th peal: 8.

SUFFOLK GUILD

MONEWDEN, Suffolk
S Mary
Sat Jul 1 1995 2h23 (6)
5040 Minor
(7m: (1) Double Court; (2)
Beverley S.; (3) Single
Oxford; (4) Cambridge S.;
(5) St Clements; (6) Oxford
T.B.; (7) Plain Bob)
1 Frank C J Arnold
2 Robin D Allum
3 Mary Allum
4 J Martin Thorley
5 Trevor N J Bailey
6 Alan P Mayle (C)
Circled tower: 2. In memory
of H William Barrett of
Loddon.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk
SS Peter & Paul
Sun Jul 9 1995 2h47 (11)
5152 Cherwell S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 David G Salter
2 J Martin Thorley
3 Michelle W Chapman
4 J Barry Pickup
5 Katharine J Salter
6 Richard T L Rapior
7 Rodney H French
8 Alan P Mayle (C)
First peal in the method by
all and for the Guild.

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ST MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

S Martin-in-the-Bullring
Thu Jul 20 1995 3h32 (39)

5046 Stedman Sextuples

Comp. Roderick W Pipe

- 1 David G Hull (C)
- 2 Paul Needham
- 3 Fiona M Edwards
- 4 David C Brown
- 5 Stephen J Mills
- 6 Frances Dodds
- 7 Andrew J Hartley
- 8 Robert E Havard
- 9 Maurice F Edwards
- 10 John E Harrold
- 11 Andrew W R Wilby
- 12 Roderick W Pipe
- 13 Michael P A Wilby
- 14 Tony Laughton

First peal of Sextuples for all except 4, 13. Completes peals of Doubles to Sixteen in the tower: 2.

SURREY ASSOCIATION**SOUTH CROYDON, Surrey**

S Peter

Thu Jul 13 1995 3h12 (30)

5040 London (No 3) S. Royal

Comp. C Kenneth Lewis

- 1 Simon J Davies (C)
 - 2 David C Brown
 - 3 Timothy J Billings
 - 4 Michael P Moreton
 - 5 John W Stephenson
 - 6 Shirley E McGill
 - 7 Alan E Bagworth
 - 8 Stephen R T Pocock
 - 9 Alan Regin
 - 10 Andrew Blacklock
- 100th peal on the bells: 4.
The 100th peal of Royal on the bells.

SUSSEX C.A.**RUDGWICK, Sussex**

Holy Trinity

Sat Jul 15 1995 3h5 (14)

5184 Brighton S. Major

Comp. S Jenner

- 1 Betty Green
- 2 Ann Smith
- 3 Ann Jenner
- 4 Margaret E Oram
- 5 Ian V J Smith
- 6 Ian H Oram
- 7 Keith R Wakefield
- 8 Stanley Jenner (C)

TURNERS HILL, W Sussex

S Leonard

Tue Jul 18 1995 2h51 (14)

5088 Spliced S. Major

(7m: 960 Rutland; 768

Lincolnshire, Superlative; 672

Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey;

576 Yorkshire: 89 com.)

Comp. P G K Davies

Arr. I V J Smith

- 1 John E Hawes
- 2 Betty Green
- 3 Louise G Pink
- 4 Ann Smith
- 5 Stephen R T Pocock
- 6 Christopher E Slade
- 7 Derek J Love
- 8 Ian V J Smith (C)

First spliced: 7. Best wishes of the band to Chris Slade, moving to Drakes Broughton, Worcestershire.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.**UPHAM, Hants, S Mary**

Wed Jul 5 1995 2h37 (8)

5152 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. C P Starbuck

- 1 Andrew C Pickett
- 2 Philip A G Watts
- 3 Graham J Wright
- 4 Christopher J Stubbington
- 5 John D Boniface
- 6 Emma J Southerington
- 7 Barry D Pointer
- 8 R Mark Esbester (C)

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs Molly Barnett.

YORK GUILD**ROTHERHAM, S Yorks.**

All Saints

Sun Jul 16 1995 3h37 (35)

5042 Yorkshire S. Maximus

Comp. Peter J Sanderson

- 1 David G Hull
 - 2 C Lynne Stretton
 - 3 Tina R Stoecklin
 - 4 Christina R Sanderson
 - 5 Christine B Potter
 - 6 Helen P Bradley
 - 7 Andrew D Bicknell
 - 8 David R Mitchell
 - 9 David E Potter
 - 10 Peter J Sanderson (C)
 - 11 Ian G Campbell
 - 12 Timothy P Bradley
- First of Maximus: 2.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.**SOUTHAMPTON, Hants.**

S Mary

Sun Jul 16 1995 3h23 (22)

5080 Spliced S. Royal

(8m: 720 Rutland; 680

Bristol, London (No 3); 640

Cambridge, Pudsey; 600

Superlative (No 2); 560

Lincolnshire, Yorkshire: 119

com. atw.)

Comp. R C Kippin

- 1 Barbara A Foster
 - 2 Heather A Kippin
 - 3 Christine R Hill
 - 4 David J Baverstock
 - 5 Robert C Kippin (C)
 - 6 Stephen P Noyes
 - 7 Stephen J Donovan
 - 8 Steve Castle
 - 9 George E Evenden
 - 10 Peter W Hill
- First 8-spliced S. Royal: 4,6,7,8.

HANDBELL PEALS**CHESTER D.G.****WILMSLOW, Ches.**

9, Hawthorn Lane

Tue Jul 4 1995 2h40 (15)

5040 Wembley S. Royal

Comp. P C Randall

- 1-2 Neil D Lomas
- 3-4 Peter C Randall (C)
- 5-6 J David Atkinson
- 7-8 David W Friend
- 9-10 John Cornock

WILMSLOW, Ches.

9, Hawthorn Lane

Tue Jul 11 1995 2h16 (11)

5088 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. N J Pitstow

- 1-2 J David Atkinson
- 3-4 Peter C Randall (C)
- 5-6 David W Friend
- 7-8 Neil D Lomas

WILMSLOW, Ches.

9, Hawthorn Lane

Tue Jul 18 1995 2h22 (11)

5040 Double Norwich C.B. Major

Comp. Sir A P Heywood

- 1-2 Neil D Lomas
- 3-4 J David Atkinson
- 5-6 Peter C Randall (C)
- 7-8 David W Friend

HERTFORD C.A.**WATFORD, Herts.**

15 Harford Drive

Wed Jul 19 1995 2h13 (13)

5120 Brereton S. Major

1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin

3-4 John R Mayne (C)

5-6 Roger Baldwin

7-8 Dorothea M Robotham

The first peal in the method on handbells.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**LONDON E1**

Marylyn Lodge, Portsoken St

Thu Jul 20 1995 2h27 (15)

5184 Superlative S. Major

Comp. (not given)

1-2 Nicholas W Jones

3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)

5-6 James R S Sawle

7-8 Mark C Bennett

First peal of Superlative in-hand: 1-2, 5-6 & 7-8.

First peal of Surprise on a working pair: 5-6.

NORWICH D.A.**BRANDON PARVA, Norfolk**

'Woodstock'

Sun Jul 9 1995 2h44 (15)

5020 Plain Bob Royal

Comp. D C Brown

1-2 William H Jackson

3-4 Alison K Regan

5-6 David C Brown (C)

7-8 Mark Regan

9-10 Kathryn L Carter

First on 10 handbells: 9-10.

SWARDISTON, Norfolk

31 Main Road

Mon Jul 17 1995 1h47 (12)

5040 Bourne S. Minor

(7 extents)

1-2 Shirley M Drew

3-4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)

5-6 Geoffrey R Drew

ST MARTIN'S GUILD**GRACE DIEU, Leics.**

Manor House School Chapel

Sat Jul 15 1995 2h2 (2)

5040 Cambridge S. Minor

(7 extents)

1-2 Andrew B Mills

3-4 David J Pipe (C)

5-6 Stephen J Mills

ST.OLAVE'S SOCIETY**LONDON SW7**

Imperial College (Huxley)

Mon Jul 17 1995 2h50 (15)

5040 Cambridge S. Royal

Comp. M C W Sherwood

1-2 Christopher M Gould

3-4 Simon J Gay

5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)

7-8 Ian R Fielding

9-10 Paul A Cammiade

First blows of Surprise royal in-hand: 7-8.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DIST. ASSN.**GREAT HAMPTON,**

Evesham, Worcs.

'The Nuttage', 77 Pershore Rd

Sun Jul 9 1995 2h20 (15)

5056 Plain Bob Major

Comp. C K Lewis

1-2 Michael G Clements

3-4 Ruth Jopp

5-6 Paul Jopp (C)

7-8 Gerald C Hemming

200th handbell peal: 5-6. For

the 70th anniversary year of

the first handbell peal of

Plain Bob major, rung at this

residence, formerly 29

Church Bank (on 20/1/1925)

with James Hemming

ringing 7-8, grandfather of

the ringer of 7-8.

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For first peal and first quarter, just send us the name and address of the successful ringer and we will send a copy of the appropriate RW.

Quarter Peals

Forty Years On

The evening of Tuesday 7 June 1955 was damp, following a wet day. My friend Joan and I stood by the north gate entrance to Kettering Parish Church. A man, clad in a black plastic mac, led us into the church, up 52 steps in the tower into the ringing chamber. Joan and I were Girl Guides, members of the Parish Church Company and she had fired my interest in her new hobby of church bellringing. She introduced me to Pat Chapman who then gave me my first lesson in bell handling. Unlike Joan, forty years on I am still "hooked". During the three years in which I rang regularly at Kettering I never had the opportunity to ring a long length, so I decided to mark the 40th anniversary of my first lesson by

asking friends to attempt a peal of Grandsire Caters on the nearest Saturday to June 7 (Kettering had 10 bells in 1955). The band included Alan Frost and Brian Austin both of whom were members of the tower in 1955, and other friends with whom I have rung during the intervening decades. For various reasons it was decided to attempt only a quarter peal, which was successful. I rang the fifth as it was the bell on which I was taught. I was also delighted to be joined by five other members of the Northampton Branch of the Ladies Guild in a celebration quarter peal at Orlingbury on June 7 and then, with others, at Burton Latimer on the following Sunday where a further quarter peal attempt was successful.

HILARY ASLETT
Orlingbury, Northants. 7 Jun, 1260 Cambridge S. & P.B. Minor: Freda Willgress 1, Rosemary Hemmings 2, Hilda Collins 3, Hilary Aslett 4, Janet Wilkins 5, Alison Willgress (C) 6. By members of Northampton & District Ladies' Guild. On the 40th anniversary of the first ringing less of the ringer of the 4th.

Kettering, Northants. 10 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Richard Yates (C) 1, Alison Collins 2, Brian Austin 3, Alison Willgress 4, Hilary Aslett (1st G. Caters) 5, Peter Fleckney 6, George Green 7, Ian Willgress 8, Alan Frost 9, Bryan Williams 10. To mark the 40th anniversary of the first ringing lesson (in this tower) of the ringer of the 5th.

Burton Latimer, Northants. 11 Jun, 1264 P.B. Major: Joanne Holmes 1, Freda Willgress 2, Hilary Aslett 3, Shirley Waterhouse 4, Alison Collins 5, Janet Collins 6, Janet Wilkins 7, Alison Willgress (C) 8. To mark 40 years ringing by the ringer of the 3rd. By members of the Northampton & District Ladies' Guild. £5

Quarter peal forms are available (free) from the RW Office, Guildford. Send a stamped/addressed (9"x 4") envelope now.

W & P Andover District Quarter Peal Week

The Andover District quarter peal week was this year arranged to coincide with V.E. Day, several quarters being rung or attempted on the day. Unfortunately Grandsire Triples at Andover came round a course early, but luckily did not fire out, as one of the largest parades in Southern England was taking place in the town at the time. An attempt at Hurstbourne Priors also failed through a slipped wheel, but general ringing followed to open the village fête. Whitchurch's attempt was lost near the end – this would have been "first as conductor" for Paul Myers. Fifteen quarters were rung during the week with several "firsts" and 48 ringers taking part.

KEN WALLER

Sunday 7 May

Over Wallop, Hants. 1260 Doubles (9 m/v): F C Moulard 1, K G Waller (C) 2, G J Wright 3, Carol S Waller 4, J R Waller 5. For Morning Service.

Nether Wallop, Hants. 1260 Doubles (15m): M Hayward 1, Joanne R Waller 2, Carol S Waller 3, J R Waller 4, K G Waller (C) 5, C Brice 6. For Evensong.

Both above services included commemoration of Victory in Europe 50 years ago.

Highclere, Hants. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Nicky Coxhead (1st quarter – aged 11) 1, R Coxhead 2, G K Dodd (C) 3, Ros Bulpit 4, P Myers 5, Gwyn Dowsett 6. For V.E. Day by a local band.

Monday 8 May – All rung for V.E. Day

Chilbolton, Hants. 1260 Stedman Singles: K G Waller (C) 1, Carol S Waller 2, G J Wright 3.

Wherwell, Hants. 1260 Southrepps Doubles: P Claridge 1, Carol S Waller 2, G J Wright 3, Joanne R Waller 4, K G Waller (C) 5.

Barton Stacey, Hants. 1260 P.B. Minor: Liz Cory 1, M Hayward 2, Carol S Waller 3, N Allingham 4, K G Waller 5, G J Wright (C) 6.

Tangley, Hants. 1260 Doubles (3 m/v): Julie Winterbourne 1, D J Kelly 2, Margaret J Winterbourne 3, M A Bull 4, M J Winterbourne (C) 5.

Kingsclere, Hants. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Susan Reynolds 1, Gillian Gardner 2, G P Hedges 3, Catherine Gardner 4, P Reynolds (C) 5, K Reynolds 6.

Thruxton, Hants. 1260 Doubles (2m): Bridge Broad 1, Susan Reynolds (1st inside in 2m) 2, J Broad 3, R Fitzwilliam 4, C R Hares (C) 5, K Reynolds 6.

Amport, Hants. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F C Moulard (Royal Engineers) 1, M Routh (Royal Navy) 2, B Oakes 3, J C Wimlett (Royal Air Force) 4, C R Hares (C) 5, D Godden (Royal Artillery) 6. Four of the band were actively involved in the services 50 years ago. Unfortunately it was not possible to find the two additional ringers to make the band complete.

Tuesday 9 May

Goodworth Clatford, Hants. 1260 P.B. Triples: A J Palk 1, Joanne R Waller 2, Carol S Waller 3, M Hayward 4, G Thompson 5, P Myers 6, K G Waller (C) 7, D Cecil (1st on 8) 8.

Over Wallop, Hants. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Hazel Warren 1, Sally Owen (1st inside) 2, M Routh 3, J C Wimlett 4, C R Hares (C) 5.

Thursday 11 May

Tangley, Hants. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R C Mason 1, Julie Winterbourne (1st Grandsire) 2, P N Green 3, Margaret J Winterbourne 4, M J Winterbourne (C) 5. To welcome Anna, born at 2.04 a.m. this morning, a sister for Christopher and 2nd child to Michael and Niccy Bull, ringers at this church.

Abbotts Ann, Hants. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D Alleway (1st on treble) 1, Sally Dashwood 2, Christine Knights-Whitome 3, J C Wimlett 4, G Warner (1st as C) 5, R Davies 6.

Friday 12 May

Longparish, Hants. 1260 P.B. Doubles: K G Waller 1, P Claridge 2, Carol S Waller 3, J R Waller (C) 4, P Myers 5, N P Whitford (1st Q) 6.

Peterborough D.G. Wellingborough Branch Quarter Peal Week

Rushden, Northants. 30 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Meg J Boatright 1, Pam M Bailey 2, Sarah E Hedgcock 3, J Hedgcock 4, J M Bence 5, A J Marks (C) 6. Also rung in thanksgiving for the life of Dr. G.S. Emtage who died 29/04/1995 aged 78.

Mears Ashby, Northants. 17 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Kate Payne 1, J Hadley 2, W Callis 3, Rachel Pratt 4, P Barker (C) 5, K Barker 6. 80th birthday of W. Callis.

Higham Ferrers, Northants. 22 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Vivienne M Stribblehill 1, Jean M Dickinson 2, Freda P Willgress 3, T B Cooper 4, J E Skerritt 5, I N Willgress (C) 6. Following the wedding of Christina Gesch and John Shearing. Also 30 Apr, 1280 P.B. Major: J M Bence 1, Freda Willgress 2, W Eric Critchley 3, B Dennis 4, J E Skerritt 5, J Piron 6, I Willgress 7, F E Coales (C) 8. For Morning Service.

Orlbury, Northants. 30 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Timothy Samson 1, Kenneth Wildman 2, Victoria Samson 3, Raymond Berryman 4, James Bence 5, David Kingman (C) 6.

Easton Maudit, Northants. 30 Apr, 1270 Doubles (4m): T E Hickling 1, Christina Downey 2, Anne Hickling 3, R Line (C) 4, A C Manktelow 5. Donation: £5.80

A.J.S. Tours Guildford 1995

Shere Delight

Due to family demands, school holidays etc the annual weekly tour appears to be a thing of the past. The first of the new style long weekend tours was held in the Guildford area.

As usual the tour was very enjoyable with good company, a good hotel (extending the credit limit of most "tourists") and some good ringing. All went to plan other than Ashted which wouldn't go at Farnham so there was a quick substitution of Grandsire. Stedman was miscalled at Holy Trinity, Guildford and the planned quarter of Grandsire at Godalming became Stedman.

The highlights of the tour were a tour of *The Ringing World* offices and the Seven Corners Print Works (a busman's holiday for one of us) and ringing at Guildford Cathedral for Sunday morning service (I didn't know so many "tourists" could ring Bristol Max.) Reluctantly I suppose, the real highlight of the tour was our tour "virgin" Richard Shere calling Shere Delight Major at Shere. He has talked about nothing else since!

A.J.S.

Farnham, Surrey. 31 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Graham Sparey 1, Wendy Campbell 2, Elaine Grant 3, Richard Shere 4, John Brain 5, Ian Campbell 6, Alan Sinden (C) 7, Edward Goater 8.

Shalford, Surrey. 1280 Bristol S. Major: John Brain 1, Clare Pipe Wolferstan 2, Edward Goater 3, Graham Sparey 4, Alan Sinden 5, Ian Hill 6, Charles Pipe Wolferstan 7, James Grant (C) 8. 150th together: 5.6.

Guildford, Surrey (St Nicolas). 1 Jun, 1255 Erin Caters: Charles Pipe Wolferstan (C) 1, John Brain 2, Wendy Campbell 3, Richard Shere 4, Clare Pipe Wolferstan 5, Julie Sinden 6, Graham Sparey 7, Ian Campbell 8, James Grant 9, Ian Hill 10.

Guildford, Surrey (St Mary). 1 Jun, 1272 Ipswich S. Minor: Wendy Campbell 1, Edward Goater 2, Richard Shere 3, Ian Campbell 4, Alan Sinden (C) 5, James Grant 6.

Stoke New Guildford, Surrey. 1 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: James Grant 1, Alan Sinden 2, Graham Sparey 3, Richard Shere 4, Wendy Campbell 5, Ian Campbell (C) 6.

Egham, Surrey. 2 Jun, 1282 Cambridge S. Royal: Clare Pipe Wolferstan 1, Ian Hill 2, Charles Pipe Wolferstan (C) 3, Wendy Campbell 4, Julie Sinden 5, Richard Shere 6, John Brain 7, Graham Sparey 8, Ian Campbell 9, James Grant 10.

Leatherhead, Surrey. 2 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Edward Goater 1, James Grant 2, Ian Campbell 3, Graham Sparey 4, Clare Pipe Wolferstan 5, Alan Sinden (C) 6, Wendy Campbell 7, John Brain 8, Ian Hill 9, Charles Pipe Wolferstan 10.

Epsom, Surrey (St Martin). 2 Jun, 1282 Yorkshire S. Royal: Richard Shere 1, Clare Pipe Wolferstan 2, Edward Goater 3, Alan Sinden 4, John Brain 5, Charles Pipe Wolferstan (C) 6, Ian Campbell 7, Wendy Campbell 8, Ian Hill 9, James Grant 10.

Ranmore, Surrey. 2 Jun, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: Edward Goater 1, Graham Sparey 2, Clare Pipe Wolferstan 3, Richard Shere 4, Elaine Grant 5, Alan Sinden (C) 6, Charles Pipe Wolferstan 7, Ian Hill 8.

Worplesdon, Surrey. 2 Jun, 1250 London S. Major: Ian Campbell 1, Wendy Campbell 2, Edward Goater 3, John Brain 4, Alan Sinden 5, Ian Hill 6, Charles Pipe Wolferstan 7, James Grant (C) 8. 500th together: 5.8.

Shere, Surrey. 3 Jun, 1280 Shere Delight Major: John Brain 1, Clare Pipe Wolferstan 2, Richard Shere (1st on 8 as C) 3, James Grant 4, Ian Campbell 5, Alan Sinden 6, Wendy Campbell 7, Charles Pipe Wolferstan 8.

Godalming, Surrey. 3 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples: Ian Hill 1, John Brain 2, James Grant 3, Wendy Campbell 4, Graham Sparey 5, Ian Campbell 6, Alan Sinden (C) 7, Edward Goater 8.

Witley, Surrey. 3 Jun, 1280 Superlative S. Major: Julie Sinden 1, Charles Pipe Wolferstan 2, Richard Shere 3, Graham Sparey 4, Elaine Grant 5, Edward Goater 6, Ian Hill 7, John Brain (C) 8.

Haslemere, Surrey. 3 Jun, 1265 Stedman Caters: Charles Pipe Wolferstan 1, Wendy Campbell 2, Clare Pipe Wolferstan 3, Ian Hill (700th Q) 4, Richard Shere 5, Alan Sinden (C) 6, Graham Sparey 7, Ian Campbell 8, Edward Goater 9, James Grant 10. Donation: £20

Sussex Quarter Peal Week

During this year's week a total of 70 quarters, one half and two full peals were rung, most of these taking place at the V.E. weekend. Despite a slight decrease in the number of quarters rung, there was an increase in the number of participants compared with last year, with 250 ringers successfully ringing quarters. As in previous years, the leading ringer was Roy Cox, with a total of 18 followed by Diane Wills (10), Christine Baldock and Brenda Cox (8), Ian Hodge, Margaret Sherwood and Richard Tilley each rang seven.

Conducting was shared by 34 members, Roy Cox yet again heading the list with 16 to his credit; in second place was Ian Smith with four. Two members called their first quarters – Ian Hodge and Stephen Chambers. Only three ladies featured in the conducting this year. There were four first quarter-pealers: John Carter, Janice Peek, Katie Reed and Natalie Romsey, at least two of these being at first attempt. There were only 36 assorted 'firsts' – wanting to 'score' for V.E. Day may have restricted some people's sense of adventure!

Ringing took place at 40 towers, evenly spread through the county, the leading towers being Arundel and West Tarring (7 each), Hailsham (5), Seaford and Pagham (4 each). Once again Doubles featured most often, with Plain Bob as the most popular method and there was a marked lack of ringing on the higher numbers.

A number of quarters were rung for special occasions (other than V.E. Day) and Alan Pink rang his 1000th tower-bell quarter.

The V.E. Day quarters were published separately from those listed below, but were included in the analysis. (Some donations were also submitted separately).

MARGARET ORAM

Barcombe, E Sussex. 28 Apr, 1260 Doubles (9 var): Lesley Kennard 1, Pauline Kennard 2, Ian Hodge 3, Simon Everest 4, Richard Kennard (C) 5, Edwin Macadam 6. 25 years and a day since 2's first quarter – with 3 of original band and 8 of the original variations. Also 29 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Christine Baldock 1, Jill Bramley 2, Shirley Slade 3, Louise Pink 4, Stephen Bailey (1st Surprise) 5, Alan Pink 6.

Keymer, Sussex. 29 Apr, 1260 Oxford Bob Minor: Harry Brown 1, Jill Bramley 2, Louise Pink 3, Christine Baldock 4, Alan Pink (C) 5, Stephen Bailey (1st Oxford Bob) 6.

Lyminster, Sussex. 29 Apr, 1260 St Clements C.B. Minor: Jill Bramley 1, Shirley Slade 2, Christine Baldock 3, Louise Pink 4, Stephen Bailey (1st St Clements) 5, Alan Pink (C) 6.

Pagham, W Sussex. 29 Apr, 1260 P.B. & Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Wake 1, Diane Wills 2, Sue Baker 3, Margaret Sherwood 4, Michael Wake (C) 5, Bob Hodnett 6. 25th Anniversary of Rev John Maynard's induction as Vicar of Pagham. Also 1 May, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Patricia Wake 1, Rebecca Sherwood 2, Diane Wills 3, Edward Woodward 4, Michael Wake 5, Roy Cox 6, Peter Blackman 7, Margaret Sherwood (C) 8. Also 3 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sue Baker 1, Margaret Sherwood 2, Diane Wills 3, Bob Hodnett (1st G. Doubles inside) 4, Michael Wake (C) 5, Patricia Wake 6.

West Tarring, Sussex. 29 Apr, 1272 London S. Minor: Stephen Bailey 1, Christine Baldock 2, Louise Pink 3, Christopher Slade 4, Alan Pink (1000th Q on tower bells) 5, Alan Baldock (C) 6. Also 30 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: A Dunsford 1, Brenda Cox 2, G A Plater 3, M P Spencer 4, D A Smith 5, R M Cox (C) 6. Also 30 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): Brenda Cox 1, Margaret Plater 2, A Dunsford 3, R M Cox (C) 4, D A Smith 5, G A Plater 6. Also 3 May, 1260 St Clements B. Minor: Brenda Cox 1, Marjorie Murphy (1st in m) 2, Elizabeth Potter 3, M P Spencer 4, B G North 5, R M Cox (C) 6. Also 6 May, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Natalie Romsey (1st att) 1, Brenda Cox 2, Margaret Plater 3, R M Cox (C) 4, D A Smith 5, H F Pettifer 6. Also 7 May, 1260 P.B. Minor: Margaret Plater 1, Brenda Cox 2, Elizabeth Potter 3, M P Spencer 4, D A Smith 5, R M Cox (C) 6. For Holy Communion.

Seaford, E Sussex. 30 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: R Wright (1st on treble) 1, Mabel Bowsher 2, Sharon L Stocker 3, Linda Perkins 4, S Lucas (C) 5, D Stocker 6. Also 3 May, 1260 P.B. Triples: M Bowsher 1, C C House 2, S Stocker (1st on 8 inside) 3, C M Baldock 4, L Perkins 5, A R Baldock 6, J E Hawes (C) 7, D S Stocker 8. Also 5 May, 1260 Doubles (3m/v): D S Stocker (1st away from tenor) 1, L D Perkins 2, S Stucker 3, L Perkins 4, J E Hawes (C) 5, M E Huang 6. 1st in 3 m/v: 2, 3.

Ripe, E Sussex. 1 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J Beckingham 1, Mary Rice 2, Sonia Harriyott 3, W A George 4, T D Waterman (C) 5.

Arundel, W Sussex. 2 May, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: G H Lee 1, Pat Wake (1st S. Major inside) 2, Diane Wills 3, Linda Etherington 4, Margaret Sherwood 5, G D Heath 6, R M Cox (C) 7, B G North 8. Also 5 May, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Rebecca Sherwood 1, Elizabeth Potter 2, Pat Wake 3, Sarah Hammond 4, G H Lee 5, Margaret Sherwood 6, R M Cox (C) 7, Diane Wills 8. 1st in m: 2, 3. Also 5 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G A Plater 1, Marjorie Murphy 2, Betty Haselgrove 3, Diane Wills 4, Catherine Sherwood 5, R M Cox (C) 6, Margaret Sherwood 7, W Murphy (1st on 8) 8. Also 7 May, 1260 P.B. Triples: Katie Reed (1st att - granddaughter of 5) 1, Moya Hills 2, R Tilley 3, Revd P R Blackman 4, G H Lee 5, G R Hills 6, R M Cox (C) 7, D J Hills (1st cover on 8) 8.

East Grinstead, W Sussex. 2 May, 1251 Stedman Cinques: E A Coke 1, K Howard (200th Q) 2, A Smith 3, C C House 4, D E House (C) 5, L G Pink 6, A V Brown 7, P Nancarrow 8, S M Alford 9, I V J Smith 10, J E Hawes 11, R B Green 12. Also 7 May, 1280 Superlative S. Major: Catherine Gardner 1, Margaret Large 2, Ann Smith 3, Margaret Smith 4, Betty Green 5, Vanessa Mitchell 6, Peter Howard 7, Ian Smith (C) 8.

Grafham, W Sussex. 2 May, 1260 P.B. Minor: Hilary Major 1, Alistair Rix 2, George White 3, Terry Madigan 4, Marcus Davies 5, Geoff Rix (C) 6.

Hailsham, E Sussex. 3 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A P Gainsbury 1, M A Lunn 2, Hazel Craven 3, W A Craven 4, P M Nancarrow 5, R C G Neal (C) 6, N A Cullen 7, Marion E Huang 8. To Molly Elphick, for her contribution to the George Elphick Memorial Exhibition.

Pulborough, W Sussex. 4 May, 1260 P.B. Triples: Mike Etherington (Pulborough) 1, Jim Lilley (Shoreham) 2, Joseph Cripps (Bramshott) 3, Graham Heath (Thakeham) 4, Mike Gilbey (Rudgwick) 5, Richard Tilley (Lower Beeding) 6, John Taylor (C)(Storrington) 7, George White (Grafham) 8. By a band of tower captains, to mark treble's 30 years as captain at Pulborough.

Steyning, W Sussex. 4 May, 1260 P.B. Triples: Val Clay 1, M P Spencer 2, Diane Wills 3, R M Cox 4, P Watson 5, C A J Chappell 6, H J Pettifer (C) 7, J L Carter (1st Q) 8. A get well wish to Mary Carter, John's wife.

Hellingly, E Sussex. 6 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Dilys Smith 1, Edna Everest 2, I Hodge (1st as C) 3, Sonia Harriyott 4, W A George 5, T D Waterman 6.

Lindfield, W Sussex. 6 May, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Margaret Oram 1, Vanessa Mitchell 2, Caroline Harris 3, Ann Smith 4, Robert Everest 5, George Francis 6, Paul Feast 7, Ian Smith (C) 8. Prior to the wedding of Clare Dart (local ringer) and David.

Ringmer, E Sussex. 6 May, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Mario Stamp (1st T.B.) 1, Ruth Peters (1st S. inside) 2, Elizabeth Clifford 3, John Stamper 4, William Merritt 5, Joanthan Franklin (C) 6.

Hammerwood, E Sussex. 7 May, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Catherine Gardner 1, Ann Smith 2, Jacqueline Hunter 3, Betty Green 4, John Palmer 5, Ian Smith (C) 6.

Heene, W Sussex. 7 May, 1264 P.B. Major: Leigh Lawson 1, Sue Buck 2, Graham Heath 3, Val Clay 4, Chris Etherington 5, Linda Etherington 6, Rik Clay 7, Phil Simmonds (C) 8. For Evensong. 'Split Tenors' composition by A.C. Mayes, given to the cond 25 years ago. The first 1st time he's called it!

Horsham, W Sussex. 7 May, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Claire Robinson 1, Penny Groome 2, Anthony Tunnell 3, Jennifer Smith 4, Margaret Thomas 5, David Smith (C) 6, Johanna Rose 7, Reg Tickner 8, David Capewell 9, Tony Jones 10.

Warnham, Sussex. 7 May, 1288 P.B. Triples: Ian Oram 1, Nicola Heather (1st inside) 2, Mabel Woodward 3, Carole Sweatman 4, Basil Pink 5, Edward Woodward 6, George Francis (C) 7, Margaret Oram 8.

Wivelsfield, Sussex. 7 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S Buckley 1, Dilys Smith 2, I Hodge (C) 3, Marion Huang (1st inside) 4, Edna Everest 5, T Balchin 6.

St Leonards on Sea, E Sussex. 8 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Andrew Harrison 1, David Mence 2, Stephen Brown 3, Louise Pink 4, Alan Pink (C) 5, Michael Cox 6. For V.E. Day.

Doubles Variations Named

An extent of each of the following variations was rung in quarter peals at St Michael's, Lichfield on 1/4 June 1995. They are all based on Shipa Place (CC 100). The calling used for each of the variations was SSEBPEPBESSP.

100y/c/f/q Almond	100y/c/g/q Alness
100y/c/h/q Arde	100y/f/g/q Ayr
100y/f/h/q Borgie	100y/g/h/q Brora
100y/c/f/g/q Cannich	100y/c/f/h/q Cassley
100y/c/g/h/q Clyde	100y/f/g/h/q Conon
100y/c/f/g/h/q Deveron	
100y/c/f/p/q Doe	100y/c/g/p/q Duisk
100y/c/h/p/q Dulnain	100y/f/g/p/q Elchaig
100y/f/h/p/q Eskin	100y/g/h/p/q Etive
100y/c/f/g/p/q Evelix	100y/c/f/h/p/q Farrar
100y/c/g/h/p/q Feshie	100y/f/g/h/p/q Fiddich
100y/c/f/g/h/p/q Findhorn	

D. E. POMEROY

Doubles Variations Named

The following variations have been rung to quarter peals and named as shown:-

At Church Gresley:		
14.5.95	Rona Doubles	180hn/om
28.5.95	Wye Doubles	184y/wy
4.6.95	Pentecost Doubles	184w/zy
At Burton-on-Trent, St Modwen:		
11.5.95	Carnival Doubles	182x/ok
The call 'xy' does not appear to have been used previously and we would like to refer to it as a 'WYE OMIT'. The figures are:		
	34152	
	31425	
	13425	
	41352	
	43152	

It is used in Wollaton Doubles in lieu of a plain lead in the composition BPBOBPx2 and transpositions and has the effect of a single by switching the hunt bells, the 'half-hunt' and 'down' bells being unaffected.

Correction - (Quarter Peals) R.W. 4388, p.581: Church Gresley, Mar 12 1995 - PABBAY Doubles. 177hn.

DEREK P JONES

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.

Alford, Lincs. 9 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Sue Buckingham 1, E Vear 2, R Willoughby 3, K N Buckingham 4, R W Lee (C) 5, R Ingamells (1st Q.) 6. 25th together: 4 & 5. A 70th birthday compliment to Joan Smith. £1

Ashill, Norfolk. 16 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Mary Pearson (1st Q.) 1, Susan Watson 2, Wendy Peckham 3, Marian Dolphin 4, R Peckham (C) 5, G Curston 6. With the best wishes of the band on behalf of all Ashill & Saham Toney ringers for the ordination of Alan Walker at Norwich Cathedral on 2/7/95, as NSM to the two parishes. £1

Auckland, N.Z. 15 Jul, 1280 P B Doubles: Ngaio Dewerse (1st att.) 1, Sally Green 2, Peter Adams 3, John Turner 4, Dennis Green (C) 5, Tim Pink 6.

Auckland, N.Z. 18 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Jan Marshall (1st Q.) 1, Sally Green 2, Julian Stone (C) 3, Eleanor Carr 4, Dennis Green 5, John Dunn 6.

Benfieldside, Co Durham. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: James Jackson (1st Q.) 1, Niki Springford 2, Sonia Irwin (C) 3, Yvonne Collingham 4, Russell Collingham 5, Noori Garha 6. To the glory of God, and to welcome our new curate, Nils Chittenden. £2

Bilston, W Mids. 3 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Leanne Brant (1st att.) 1, E J W Jarvis 2, Michaela Richards 3, Corinne Bill 4, Helen R Jarvis (C) 5, A J W Jarvis 6. 60p

Bilston, W Mids. 26 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Rebecca Holden (1st att.-aged 8) 1, M Holden 2, Corinne A Bill 3, Jill Holden 4, Helen R Jarvis (C) 5. 60p

Blunsdon, Wilts. 5 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: Simon Barnes 1, Julie Miles 2, Neil Fisher 3, Michael Hurst 4, David Miles (C) 5, Trudie Plank (1st Q.) 6. A birthday compliment to HM The Queen Mother. For the parish Youth Weekend. A farewell to Mary Kidney, churchwarden, moving to Yorkshire. £1

Bristol, Avon. (S Werburgh). 8 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): A Freke 1, Rev D L Cawley 2, N W Bowden (1st as C.) 3, M Booth 4, C H Pipe-Wolferstan 5, S Holmes 6. For VE-Day. £1

Bryanston, Dorset. 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Kenneth Swayne (1st Q.) 1, Ann Smith 2, Philip Bosworth 3, Malcolm Corry 4, Philip Rioch (C) 5, Richard Batterham 6. £1.20

Buckden, Cambs. 16 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Simon Foulds (1st Q.) 1, Mark Hood 2, Helen Boocock 3, John Boocock 4, Adam Greenley (C) 5. For Evening Communion. £1

Cambridge, Cambs. (S Bene't). 8 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Bella Image (1st Q.) 1, R M Andrews 2, R Gant 3, S Houlihan 4, D Watson (C) 5, J Sturdy (1st Q.) 6. For St.Bene'ts Open Day. £1.20

Cogenhoe, Northants. 16 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Daniel Carter (1st att.) 1, Jennie Paul 2, Sharon Briggs 3, Jason Carter 4, Owen Battye 5, Mark Reynolds (1st as C.) 6. £1.20

Cranford, Middx. 3 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: Peter Ramsbottom (1st Q.) 1, Peter Woodgyer 2, Justin Baker 3, Martin Clode 4, Ian Blake (C) 5, Fiona Clode 6. To welcome Bethany Alice Wisher, b.17/6/95, a grand-daughter for Peter & Joan Woodgyer. £3

Derby, Derbys. (S Peter). 2 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: Gordon Halls (C) 1, Marion Fullwood (1st Q.) 2, Cheryl Dodge 3, Philip Dunderdale 4, Tim Camp 5, Richard Hamby 6. A farewell to Marion who is leaving Derby to start a new job in Leeds. 90p

Desford, Leics. 17 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Kathleen M Brown 1, Emily M Crowe (1st Q.) 2, I Walker 3, Susan Ward 4, A F Farmer 5, M E Brown (C) 6. 60p

Fillongley, Warks. 6 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: Shirley Swallow 1, Penny McKenzie 2, A J Coleman 3, J F O'Brien 4, R A Swallow (C) 5, G McKenzie (1st Q.) 6. For Evening Service, and in celebration of the birthday of HM The Queen Mother. £1

Great Barr, W Mids. 15 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Gillian Butcher 1, Brenda White 2, Marjorie Clive 3, Patsy Blewitt 4, Denise Large (1st as C.) 5, Susan Petty 6. 1st Q. on the bells by a ladies home band. To celebrate the birth of Isobel Watson, daughter of Jim & Bridget (a member of the Great Barr band). £5

Heswall, Merseyside. 18 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J S T Willasey 1, Lindsey Jones 2, S Hughes 3, E Carvell 4, P M S Newton 5, A Graham(C) 6, Margaret K S Allin 7, T Vickery (1st Q.) 8. £1.60

Holmer, Herefs. 22 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: N M James (1st att.) 1, Brenda Tingley 2, R Tingley 3, J W Smith 4, D R Carter(C) 5, R C Dickinson 6. On Holmer Open Garden Day. Also 23 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Yvonne Richardson (1st att.) 1, Amanda L James 2, A Fortey 3, J W Smith 4, D R Carter(C) 5, M E Jefferis 6. For Celebration of Praise Service at Holmer Open Gardens. £2.50

Jersey, C.I. (S John). 9 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: M G Baker (1st Q.) 1, Joanna K Knight 2, Hazel A Bailey 3, F J Bailey 4, P N Baker 5, J R Worrall(C) 6. £1

Kettering, Northants. 15 Jul, 1260 Doubles (6m): Sally Cox (1st Q.) 1, Ray Berryman 2, Jean Aldwinkle 3, Jim Mossop 4, Richard Hall(C) 5, Lianne Cox (1st Q.) 6. £1

Lightcliffe, W Yorks. 7 Jul, 1284 P B Minor: Mark Drayton (1st Q.) 1, Elizabeth Wilding 2, Catherine Wilding 3, Jean Murphy 4, Arthur Talbot 5, Peter Kirby(C) 6. 25th Q. all at Lightcliffe, all with the ringers of 5 & 6, and first inside; 2. 100th Q. on the bells. A farewell compliment to Elizabeth Wilding, leaving for Nottingham. £1.20

Llandaff, S Glam. (Cathedral). 16 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: P J Rogers (1st att.) 1, Myra A Jenkins 2, N A James 3, A E Davies 4, D J Llewellyn(C) 5, R C Woodward 6. Birthday compliments to both Paul and Sarah Rogers. For Evensong. £1

Llanishen, S Glam. 8 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Alison Evans 1, Paul Evans(C) 2, Margaret Evans 3, Michael Woodcock 4, James Woodcock 5, Gwyn Evans (1st Q.) 6. To celebrate the golden wedding of Olwen & Albert Evans, parents of Paul, parents-in-law of Margaret & Michael and grand-parents of Alison, James & Gwyn. £1

Monks Kirby, Warks. 21 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Gill Stocks 1, Margaret Grewcock 2, Melvin Howkins 3, Anthony Gillias 4, John Illingworth(C) 5, Caroline Collier (1st Q.) 6. £1.20

Nailesea, Avon. 23 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: A Brown (1st Q.) 1, E Taylor 2, L Smith 3, R Caton 4, P Balmer(C) 5, J McGibbon 6. £1

Newnham on Severn, Glos. 15 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Jack Long 1, Jane Lewis 2, Jane Whiting 3, Andy Vivian (1st as C.) 4, George Davis 5, Bruce Webster 6. For the Severn Revels '95 Weekend. £1

Ryton, Salop. 26 Jun, 1320 P B Minimus (1-2 leading): Diana Randles (1st Q.) 1, Cecily Taylor (1st Q.) 2, Andrew Pooler 3, Christopher Spencer 4, Fr John Greatbatch 5, Andrew Gordon 6. Sponsored for Peace-A-Peal. £1

Sandwich, Kent. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Ann C Lodwick 1, Lisa Potter 2, D Robertson 3, M J Lodwick 4, G Potter(1st as C.) 5, M A Langley 6. For Evensong. £1

Seaford, E Sussex. 8 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Robert Lane (1st Q.) 1, Linda Perkins 2, Michael Stewart 3, Andrew Thompson 4, Steve Lucas(C) 5, Fred Smith 6. For Mary Brewer on the occasion of her retirement as Sacristan. £1.20

Sheffield, S Yorks. (S Marie's Cathedral (RC)). 31 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Elizabeth Barrett 1, Lesley Taylor (50th Q.) 2, Simon Smith 3, Shanti Ravichandran 4, Andrew Simpson (1st as C.) 5, Nick Neal 6. On the front-6. £1.20

St Martins, Salop. 5 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: Cherry Healey (1st Q.) 1, Wendy Owen 2, David Pickett 3, John Ellis 4, Mark Owen(C) 5, David Lloyd 6. For the celebrations of VE and VJ-Day. £2

Stogursey, Som. 8 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jean Sharp (1st Q.) 1, Valerie Stone 2, Steve Chambers 3, Ted Westlake 4, Gerald Brown(C) 5, Bill Hallett 6. After a wedding. 60p

Walsall, W Mids. 12 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Amy L Holdstock (1st att. - aged 13) 1, N M Holdstock (1st inside) 2, Penelope J Holdstock 3, D G Holdstock(C) 4, M Lawrence 5, Rebecca L Welch 6. To celebrate the confirmation of Amy Holdstock on the previous Sunday. £2

Winterbourne Whitechurch, Dorset. 2 Aug, 1272 Minor (2m): Jonathan Edwards (1st Q.) 1, Kate Brice 2, Niki Gill 3, David Gill 4, Tim Edwards 5, Robert Newton 6. £1.20

Yatesbury, Wilts. 8 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Decima Iles (1st att.) 1, Philip Hacker 2, Dave Seymour(C) 3, Hilary Downham 4, Mike Richards 5. For the D-Day celebrations, at the site of the former RAF Yatesbury airfield. £5

Abbotts Bromley, N Staffs. 13 Jul, 1280 Abbots Bromley Imperial B Major: W E Evans 1, Christine Pearson 2, Jenny Beech 3, Helen A Mitchell 4, J G Pearson 5, P V Mellor 6, A P Walters 7, R H Daw(C) 8. 1st in m for all. 80p

Auckland, N.Z. 16 Apr, 1260 Mixed Doubles (2m): Ella Marshall 1, David Caldwell 2, Sally Green 3, Peter Adams 4, Dennis Green(C) 5, John Dunn 6. On Easter Sunday for the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Ray and Doris Marrett, married at St Matthews on 20/4/1935. Also: on 25 Apr, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Sally Green 1, Gary Wong 2, David Calwell 3, Peter Adams 4, Dennis Green 5, Robert Bennett(C) 6. Half-muffled for ANZAC Day.

Barlston, N Staffs. 16 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: F Beech 1, A S (Bill) Harris 2, W E Evans 3, Tanya M Ernest 4, Helen A Mitchell 5, R H Daw(C) 6. To commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the death of Josiah Wedgwood. Also: on 7 Jul, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Jenny Beech 1, W E Evans 2, F Beech 3, A S Harris 4, P V Mellor 5, R H Daw(C) 6. Also: on 14 Jul, 1272 Barham D Minor: P V Mellor 1, W E Evans 2, A S Harris (1st in m) 3, Helen A Mitchell 4, K Brown 5, R H Daw(C) 6. 1st minor in m; 2, 4, 5, 6. £1.20

Barnwood, Glos. 2 Jul, 1344 P B Major: Frances Mulvey 1, T Poole 2, Hannah Poole 3, Betty Cole 4, G S Groves 5, B McBurnie 6, T Hinton 7, A K P Poole(C) 8. 1st major; 2, 3. 100th Q; 4. 80th birthday compliments to Duncan Clark. Also: on 9 Jul, 1312 Kent T B Major: Frances Mulvey 1, Liz Harbottle 2, C J Poole 3, D McBurnie 4, Pat Wood 5, G S Groves 6, T Hinton 7, A Wood(C) 8. 1st Kent major; 3, 4. For a Confirmation Service held at St Oswald's in which members of Barnwood congregation including Simon and Hannah Poole, Barnwood ringers, were confirmed. £3.20

Beaconsfield, Bucks. 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sian Moore 1, M T Welling (1st in m) 2, Angela M Darvill 3, Patricia A Moore 4, A R Agg 5, D F Moore(C) 6, G Hopkinson 7, D G Rowlands 8. For Ordination and first Eucharist of Will Adam Curate of this parish. £1.50

Benfieldside, Durham. 10 Jun, 1320 Kent T B Minor: Russell Collingham 1, Niki Springfield 2, Sonia Irwin 3, Yvonne Collingham 4, Jonathan Wharf 5, Christopher Cooper(C) 6. To the glory of God and to open the Summer Festival.

Bishopstoke, Hants. 15 Jul, 1260 P B Royal: Allen Guille 1, Sandra Moore 2, David Salter 3, James Hodkin 4, John Hallett 5, Christopher Stubbington 6, Roy LeMarchal(C) 7, Barry Pointer 8, Kay LeMarchal 9, Michael Thomas 10. For Evensong.

Blithfield, N Staffs. 12 Jul, 1260 Hereward B Minor: Suzanne Allis 1, W E Evans 2, S R Allis 3, Helen A Mitchell 4, K Brown 5, R H Daw 6. 1st in m for all. 60p

Bovey Tracey, Devon. 17 Jul, 1260 Single Oxford B Triples: P Walter 1, Anne Stenning 2, J M Levin 3, B Horrell (100th Q) 4, B G Williams 5, W E Dunn(C) 6, R Perry 7, A V Edwards 8. £1.50

Bow, Devon. 8 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: W E Dunn 1, Jane Beveridge 2, Anne Stenning 3, B G Williams 4, A F Lee(C) 5, J M Levin 6. £1

Brampton Ash, Northants. 4 Jul, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Matthew Pearson 1, Pam Bailey 2, Helen Coleman 3, Paul Mason(C) 4, Nicholas Churchman 5, Frank Coales 6. 60p

Braughing, Herts. 15 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): H G Goddard(C) 1, R G Butt 2, A Brewster 3, C G Newton 4, P E Stephens 5, V S C Dale 6. £1

Bromham, Beds. 27 May, 1344 P B Major: Jenny Thompson 1, Victoria Samson 2, Ian Tear 3, Rod Walker 4, Ivor Dickinson 5, Paul Mason(C) 6, Kenneth Wildman 7, Timothy Samson 8. At 2nd attempt, with thanks to those who helped replace the 4th clapper which fell out during the 2nd course of the 1st attempt. £1.60

Brown Edge, N Staffs. 13 Jul, 1272 Minor (6 TB m's) Oxford Group & Cambridge: I R Nichols 1, Rosemary Maddocks (1st of Oxford group) 2, R S Starkie 3, R Bugler 4, B Corbishley 5, R H Daw(C) 6. 60p

Cardiff, S Glam. 16 Jul, 1287 Stedman Caters: J A Vesey(C) 1, M R Thomas 2, Samantha M Farrar 3, P J Evans 4, K Galman 5, R S Harpole 6, S C Farrar 7, Jane D Bull 8, A M Bull 9, M J Pryor 10. Thanks to Jim Goodfellow for standing down, allowing a visitor to ring. £1

Cardington, Beds. 6 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Jenny Thompson 1, Steven Harrell 2, Victoria Samson 3, Ian Tear 4, Timothy Samson 5, Paul Mason(C) 6, Kenneth Wildman 7. On the front 6 with the tenor covering. Birthday compliment to Audrie Samson. £1.40

Chagford, Devon. 17 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P Walter 1, Anne Stenning 2, B Horrell 3, R Perry 4, W E Dunn(C) 5, B G Williams 6, J M Levin 7, A V Edwards 8. £1.50

Chilham, Kent. 17 Jul, 1280 P B Major: Jonathan Young 1, Janet Godfrey 2, Andrew Rickards 3, Phil Young 4, Chris Godfrey 5, Mark Harding 6, Tim Dawes 7, Ian Young(C) 8. 1st major inside; 3. Congratulations to Andrew on his degree from University of Kent. £1.50

Churchdown, Glos. 8 Jul, 1320 Churchdown Doubles: Tony Wood 1, Frances Mulvey 2, Pat Wood 3, Derek Harbottle 4, Andrew Wood(C) 5, David Turner 6. 1st in v. for all. £1.20

Compton Bishop, Som. 10 Jul, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): Anne Stenning 1, J M Levin 2, W E Dunn(C) 3, B Horrell 4, B G Williams 5, A V Edwards 6. £1

Cottingham, Humbs. 13 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: J R Dennison 1, C M Baxter 2, J I Booth 3, J Hollingshurst 4, C C Brown(C) 5, T P Nevell 6. In celebration of the birth of Eleanor Winifred Nevell.

Durleigh, Som. 16 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: William Thompson 1, Sally Wheeler 2, Valerie Stone 3, Mark Holder 4, Alan Lee 5, Gerald Brown(C) 6. For Evensong. 80p

Eccleshall, N Staffs. 10 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Louise Baskerville 1, W E Evans 2, R H Daw 3, K P Jones 4, Helen A Mitchell 5, K Rider 6, D James 7, D J Baskerville(C) 8. 80p

Ely, Cambs. 2 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Nigel Sutton 1, T D Rougley 2, W Murrells 3, Simon Smith 4, Andrew Walls(C) 5, David Sweet 6. On a quiet practice night, and celebrate treble ringers new job. Also: on 1 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: W Murrells 1, Marion Holland 2, S Smith 3, B Hullah 4, I Holland 5, C Dunbavin(C) 6. Prior to the wedding of Matthew Austin and Lydia Mitchell both ringers at this church. £2.40

Embleton, Northumb. 15 Jul, 1440 Cambridge S Minor: Deborah Bearder 1, Barbara Davies 2, Sue Hanson 3, Jessica Davies 4, D Barraclough 5, M Philipson(C) 6. 1st S; 1. 1st S inside; 5. Also: on 16 Jul, 1440 Kent T B Minor: Anne M Hunter 1, Deborah Bearder 2, Sue Hanson 3, R B Hanson 4, D Barraclough 5, M Philipson(C) 6. 1st TB; 1, 2, 5. For Evensong. £2.40

Erith, Kent. (Christ Church). 16 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Hannah M Saunders 1, Carol Eastaugh 2, Diana M Young 3, A J Hill 4, M D Backhouse 5, A M H Young(C) 6. For Evensong. 1st minor inside; 2. Also: on 19 Jul, 1408 Belfast S Major: R J Cheesman 1, Ann M Saunders 2, Diana M Young 3, P R J Barnes 4, P V D Swift(C) 5, I G Mills 6, M J Hilling 7, A M J Young 8. 1st in m; 2, 3, 6, 7, 8. £2

Goostrey, Ches. 16 Jul, 1320 Norwich S Minor: D N Young 1, W F Gibbons 2, J F Murfin 3, D J Phillips 4, J S Fisher 5, M J Harrison(C) 6. Farewell compliment to Revd. Mark Watson, N S Curate and ringer at S Lukes Goostrey and Holmes Chapel, by joint band from both churches. 50p

Goring on Thames, Oxon. 15 Jul, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Richard Loyd 1, Barbara Payne 2, Gillian Loyd 3, Jacqui Harrison 4, Roy Thorpe 5, Nick Belshaw (1st S major) 6, Peter Day 7, David Ockwell(C) 8. Birthday compliments to Barbara Payne. £2

Greasley, Notts. 16 Jul, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gillian J Butterworth 1, D J Beach 2, Judith H Butterworth 3, P Mary Beach 4, P R Ellis 5, A D Widdowson 6, D Butterworth(C) 7, G G Knighton 8. 80p

Great Dalby, Leics. 16 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): R Sharpe 1, Sue Stimson 2, Rowena Cooper 3, M Stimson 4, Revd. R J Stretton(C) 5. For Eucharist on Patronal Festival. By Sunday Service Band. 50p

Great Hale, Lincs. 22 Apr, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Pl. Doubles: Peggy Coleman 1, D Flatters 2, P J Udy 3, W N Ansell 4, I D G B Ansell(C) 5, L R Woods 6. Also: on 25 Jun, 1440 P B Doubles: Peggy Coleman 1, Daphne P Cox 2, W N Ansell 3, W B Cox 4, I D G B Ansell(C) 5, L R Woods 6. For Gt. Hale Feast Service & birthday compliment to Revd. Paul Masterton, Vicar of Gt. Hale. 60 today. £1.10

Great Marlow, Bucks. 24 Jun, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Josie McCloy (1st TB) 1, Graham Firman 2, Wenda Fowles 3, Joan M Bennett (1st in m) 4, Peter Bruce 5, Colin Fowles 6, Derek Fowles 7, Clive Buswell(C) 8. £1.50

Guernsey, C.I. (Forest). 18 May, 1260 P B Minor: Kate Price 1, D Bellinger 2, Val Tucker 3, Sandra Henderson 4, P Gallienne 5, P Le Conte(C) 6. 1st in m; 2, 4, 100th Q at tower; 6. For the confirmation of D Bellinger, T Chamberlain & P Henderson, all members of the band. Also: on 29 May, 1260 P B Doubles: R Pearson 1, T J Smith 2, P Lenfestey 3, Christine Lenfestey 4, P Le Conte(C) 5, Val Tucker 6. For the re-enactment of the Chevauchée du S Michel. Also 5th birthday compliment to Richard Le Conte. £2

Guernsey, C.I. (S Pierre Du Bois). 21 May, (No. of changes not given) P B Caters: Christine Lenfestey 1, Jane Le Conte 2, M Hilson 3, D Bellinger (1st on 10) 4, P Lenfestey 5, Val Tucker 6, Helen Tucker 7, D Shaw 8, P Le Conte(C) 9, R Pearson (1st on 10) 10. 1st on 10 by an all Guernsey band. (This was also a Forest/S Peter Sunday Service band) 21st Birthday compliment to ringer of 5. £1

Kirton in Holland, Lincs. 23 Apr, 1260 P B Minor: Peggy Coleman 1, Eileen George 2, Don Flatters 3, Peter Udy 4, Wayne Ansell 5, Ian Ansell 6, Roger Tetthor 7, Les Woods 8. For St Georges Day, Evensong, also a compliment to George W Brewster, our oldest ringer. Also: on 28 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Peggy Coleman 1, Rhoda Reynolds 2, Valerie S Wild 3, I D G B Ansell 4, P J Udy (1st Grandsire triples) 5, W N Ansell 6, P H Reynolds(C) 7, L R Woods 8. For Evensong. Also: on 29 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Peggy Coleman 1, Don Flatters 2, Rhoda Reynolds 3, W N Ansell 4, P J Udy 5, I D Ansell 6, P H Reynolds(C) 7, L R Woods 8. For opening night & preview of the Flower Festival by the company of Mercers, London. 25th Q in 1995; treble. Also: on 2 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Peggy Coleman 1, Eileen George 2, Don Flatters 3, Wayne Ansell 4, Peter Udy 5, Ian Ansell(C) 6, Roger Tetthor 7, Les Woods 8. Umpire George Brewster. For Flower Festival, S Peter & S Paul's festival, visitation by the company of Mercers patrons of the church and Holy Communion Service. By the Kirton Sunday Service Band. £2.80

Llandaff, S Glam. (Cathedral). 16 Jul, 1282 Albanian S Royal: J A Vesey(C) 1, W J Goodfellow 2, Samantha M Farrar 3, R R Churchill 4, Hilary A Brown 5, M R Thomas 6, J R Lewis 7, S C Farrar 8, Jane D Bull 9, A M Bull 10. 1st in m for all except 4 & 10. To the memory of Mrs Florence James of Llandaff. For Evensong. £1

Low Fell, Tyne & Wear. 13 Jul, 1344 Kent T B Major: R Warford 1-2, G Jessica Davies 3-4, O D Cross 5-6, D G Walker(C) 7-8. 1st in m for all. £1

Magor, Gwent. 9 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): David Price(C) 1, Samantha Ballard 2, Fiona Price 3, Tim Thraves 4, Richard Jones 5, Philip Downer 6. For the Induction Service of the Revd. Brian Parfitt to the incumbency of the parishes of Magor, Redwick and Undy. The ringers comprised 3 from the Magor band and 3 from the Redwick band. Also: on 9 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): David Price(C) 1, Samantha Ballard 2, Fiona Price 3, Tim Thraves 4, Richard Jones 5, Philip Downer 6. 1st C from treble; 1. 1st in mixed doubles; 3. For Evensong, as a practice for 12/7/95. £3

Maisemore, Glos. 10 Jul, 1260 Pinehurst B Minor: Frances Mulvey(C) 1, P Twentyman 2, L C Edwards 3, Betty Cole 4, G S Groves 5, M J Mulvey 6. 1st in m for all. £1.20

Marston Trussell, Northants. 15 Jul, 1260 Doubles (4m/1p): Alison Willgress 1, Freda Willgress 2, Paul Mason 3, Stephen Crane (most m's) 4, Ian Willgress(C) 5. 50p

Mold, Clwyd. 18 Jun, 1320 S Minor (3m): Elspeth A Parry 1, Maryan E Jenner (1st 3 S minor) 2, R A Howes 3, J R Williams 4, M J Gooch 5, W E Court(C) 6. Before Evensong. Also: on 25 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: J R Williams 1, Maryan E Jenner 2, Elspeth A Parry 3, H M Heaton 4, A J Channon 5, R A Howes (1st in m as C) 6. Before Choral Eucharist to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Ordination of the Vicar, Revd. Ian Day and the Priesting yesterday of our two curates, Revd. Andrew Keulemans and Revd. Peter McLean, at S Asaph Cathedral. Also: on 2

Jul, 1320 S Minor (3m): J R Williams 1, R A Howes 2, Sally M Channon (1st 3 S minor) 3, D R Court 4, A J Channon 5, W E Court(C) 6. Before Evensong. Also: on 9 Jul, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Pl. Place Doubles: Maryan E Jenner 1, R A Howes 2, J M Heaton 3, J R Williams 4, W E Court(C) 5, A J Channon 6. Before Evensong in thansgiving for the life of John Eric Phyehey, grandfather of 6, who died on 3/7/95. 1st in m by all. £6.50

Nottingham, Notts. (S Mary the Virgin). 16 Jul, 1280 Bristol S Royal: Patrick Wheeler 1, Janet Rogers 2, Bridget Smith 3, Brian Buswell 4, Christian Peckham 5, Adrian Sweeting 6, Martyn Marriott 7, Peter Hawcock 8, Philip Jones 9, Ian Butters(C) 10. 1st B Royal; 3. £1.80

Paulerspury, Northants. 7 Jul, 1260 P Minor (3m): Richard Hall 1, Victoria Samson 2, Steven Harrell 3, Raymond Berryman 4, Timothy Samson 5, Paul Mason(C) 6. Birthday compliment to Sally Underwood. £1.20

Peterborough, Cambs. (Cathedral). 16 Jul, 1280 P & L B Maximus: Paul Carless 1, Shirley Harris 2, Freda Willgress 3, Ernest Orland 4, Sue Jones 5, Alison Willgress 6, Frank Coles 7, John Roffe 8, Brian Harris(C) 9, Christopher Groome 10, Derek Jones 11, Ian Willgress 12. For Evensong by members of the Cathedral Company. £3

Redhill, Surrey. 16 Jul, 1260 Doubles (1p/4m): Anne Rueff 1, Douglas Linington 2, Gail Terry 3, Daniel O'Connell 4, Andrew Holland(C) 5, George Warby 6. A compliment to Mike & Rachel Below, married at Loughborough, All Saints on 15/7/95. £2

Runcorn, Ches. 4 Jul, 1320 P B Minor/Doubles: Leonard Walsh 1, William Allman 2, Helen Mitchell 3, Colin Mitchell 4, Denis Maddock(C) 5, John Oultram 6. In memory of Sam Walker, Lay Reader, Chorister and ardent church worker. Also: on 11 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: William Allman 1, Douglas Lowe 2, John Oultram 3, Colin Mitchell 4, Helen Mitchell (1st in m as C) 5, Denis Maddock 6. £1.20

Ryton, Shrops. 7 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m/6v): Jane Marsden 1, Anthony Marsden 2, Ginette Pardoe 3, Rachel Carter 4, Andrew Gordon(C) 5, Andrew Pooler (ms unclear) 6. £1

Sandon, N Staffs. 23 Jun, 1320 Multi Doubles (19m/4v): W E Evans 1, A S (Bill) Harris 2, Helen A Mitchell 3, J G Pearson 4, R H Daw(C) 5. Most m/v; 3, 4. 50p

Sapcote, Leics. 6 Jun, 1250 Rutland S Major: Kathleen M Brown 1, D M Brown 2, K Hudson 3, M E Brown(C) 4, B P Morris 5, Susan M Wykes 6, R J Angrave 7, M Angrave 8. Also: on 11 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Susan M Wykes 1, A J Rowan 2, K Hudson 3, B P Morris 4, R J Angrave 5, M Angrave(C) 6. Also: on 15 Jun, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: G Jones (1st TB royal) 1, A J Rowan 2, Kathleen M Brown 3, M E Brown(C) 4, H Collings 5, A R Russel-Lang 6, R A Sheasby 7, R P Hartley 8, M Angrave 9, D M Brown 10. Also: on 7 Jul, 1440 Superlative S Royal (No.2): Kathleen M Brown 1, Mary Hale 2, B S Chapman 3, D M Brown 4, C W Foxall 5, A J Rowan 6, M Angrave 7, R A Sheasby 8, S Hale 9, M E Brown(C) 10. 1st royal in m; 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9. Also: on 9 Jul, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: M E Brown 1, Kathleen M Brown 2, Susan M Wykes 3, K Hudson 4, B P Morris 5, A J Rowan 6, M Angrave 7, R J Angrave(C) 8. £4.20

Saxlingham Nethergate, Norfolk. 2 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Caroline Spiller 1, Shirley Drew 2, Jeremy Spiller 3-4, Jeremy Warren 5, Mike Stokes 6, Geoffrey Fox 7, Eric Hitchins 8. After meeting short for Glasgow. 80p

Shardlow, Derbys. 18 Jul, 1440 Kent T B Minor: Marie Crocker 1, Teresa Mather-Sharp 2, Eric Davies 3, Roy Simpson 4, Steven Sharp 5, Mark Smith(C) 6. To celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary of Chris and Roy Simpson. £1

Shincliffe, Durham. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: A James 1, Jean Woodward 2, P Hutchinson 3, R A M Turner 4, C A Cooper 5, K Hayton(C) 6. To celebrate the Golden Wedding of our tower captain Tom Jopling and his wife Dolly. Also: on 9 Jul, 1260 St Clements B Minor: Marianne Quayle 1, R A M Turner 2, Jean Woodward 3, K Hayton 4, P Hutchinson 5, C A Cooper(C) 6. 100th birthday compliment to Mrs Dorothy Brooke. £2

Shipham, Som. 10 Jul, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Minor: B Horrell 1, A V Edwards (25th Q) 2, W E Dunn 3, Anne Stenning 4, J M Levin(C) 5, B G Williams 6. £1

Sibbertoft, Northants. 27 May, 1259 Doubles (4m): Ian Tear 1, Alison Willgress 2, Victoria Samson 3, Timothy Samson 4, Paul Mason(C) 5. For Flower Festival. 50p

Spreyton, Devon. 8 Jul, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): Anne Stenning 1, Jane Beveridge 2, W E Dunn(C) 3, J M Levin 4, A F Lee 5, B G Williams 6. £1

Stamford S Martin, Lincs. 18 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Corby 1, Paul Carless 2, Carole Ingle (1st of Grandsire) 3, Roger Osborn 4, William Hulme(C) 5, Robin Rogers 6. £1.25

Stoke upon Trent, N Staffs. (S Peter ad Vincula). 18 Jun, 1260 Hunslet B Triples: Ruth V Walton 1, Vilma P Pugh 2, Wendy Daw 3, Helen A Mitchell 4, Melanie R Daw 5, K Brown 6, R H Daw(C) 7, P V Mellor 8. For Evensong. 1st in m for all. Also: on 25 Jun, 1260 Single Hunslet B Royal: F Beech 1, Jenny Beech 2, Vilma P Pugh 3, H Julie Newman 4, B Margaret Burton 5, Wendy Daw 6, Helen A Mitchell 7, Geof Burton 8, K Brown 9, R H Daw(C) 10. 1st in m; 2, 4, 5, 8. 1st of royal in m; 3, 6, 7, 9, 10. Also: on 2 Jul, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: Vilma P Pugh 1, Margaret Burton 2, Geof Burton 3, Wendy Daw 4, W E Evans 5, P V Mellor (1st in m) 6, R A Daw 7, R H Daw(C) 8. For "Petertide" Evensong. Also: on 9 Jul, 1260 P B Triples: Ruth Walton 1, Margaret Burton 2, Vilma P Pugh 3, Helen A Mitchell 4, Geof Burton 5, Wendy Daw 6, R H Daw(C) 7, P V Mellor 8. After a wedding/before Evensong. Also: on 16 Jul, 1260 St Simons B Triples: Vilma P Pugh 1, B Margaret Burton 2, Geof Burton 3, J G Pearson 4, Wendy Daw 5, K Brown 6, R H Daw(C) 7, Helen A Mitchell (1st as cover) 8. For Evensong. 1st in m for all. £4.20

Sunderland, Tyne & Wear. (Roker). 29 Jun, 1344 P B Major: John Anderson 1, Iris Anderson 2, Christine Richardson 3, Caroline E Peverett 4, Martin Nichols (1st on 8) 5, Rachael Dyson 6, David Hird(C) 7, Timothy Peverett 8. £2

Swynnerton, N Staffs. 29 Jun, 1272 Norwich S Minor: P V Mellor 1, W E Evans 2, D J Baskerville 3, Helen A Mitchell 4, K Brown 5, R H Daw(C) 6. 1st in m; 4, 5. 60p

Tewkesbury, Glos. 2 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Sarah Garle 1, Clare French 2, Frances Garle 3, Claire Redstone 4, Iris Davis 5, Richard Hart 6, Malcolm Taylor(C) 7, Michael Seagrave 8, Colin Bramich 9, Grahame Tucker 10. For Tewkesbury Abbey Friends Evensong. Also: on 16 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Colin Bramich 1, Bob Rivers 2, Malcolm Taylor(C) 3, Nick Hopkins 4, John Garle 5, Fran Garle 6. For Morning Service. £2

Thorley, Herts. 15 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: V J C Dale 1, A Brewster 2, H G Goddard 3, R G Butt 4, C G Newton 5, P E Stephens (1st minor as C) 6. £1

Tilehurst, Berks. 15 Jun, 1260 Canterbury Pl. B Triples: Joanne P Druce 1, Eunice A Wark 2, Wendy E Sandham 3, P J Sandham 4, C R Cairns 5, E J Wells 6, G M Brown(C) 7, June D Winter 8. For Sung Eucharist on the Feast of Corpus Christi. 1st in m; 7. Also: on 9 Jul, 1250 Superlative S Major: Wendy E Sandham 1, Daphne J Howcutt 2, Eunice A Wark(C) 3, June D Winter 4, Joanne P Druce 5, E J Wells 6, C R Cairns 7, D G Winter 8. Welcome to the Revd. Barrie Scott on his ordination at Christ Church, Oxford on 2/7/95. £2

Twywell, Northants. 10 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Alison Willgress 1, Victoria Samson 2, Ian Tear 3, Jennifer Bradshaw 4, Timothy Samson 5, Paul Mason(C) 6. For Flower Festival. Also: on 27 Jun, 1260 Double Oxford B Minor: Ray Berryman 1, Pat Hooper (1st in m) 2, Pam Bailey 3, Steven Harrell 4, Alison Willgress 5, Paul Mason(C) 6. £1.20

Wadenhoe, Northants. 11 Jul, 1272 Spl. S Minor (4m): Raymond Berryman 1, Helen Coleman 2, Paul Mason(C) 3, Nicholas Churchman 4, Frank Coales 5, Alison Willgress 6. 60p

West Wycombe, Bucks. 14 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Peter Rose 1, Lyn Young 2, John Hearn 3, Ann Young 4, Nigel Cox 5, Colin Meakes 6, John Young(C) 7, Alan Keen 8. 91st Birthday compliment to Percy Newton. £2

Wigtoft, Lincs. 12 Apr, 1440 Doubles (12v): Peggy Coleman 1, W N Ansell 2, M A Walker 3, I D G B Ansell(C) 4, A D Walker 5, L R Woods 6. Half-muffled for Holy Week. Also: on 13 Apr, 1320 Ipswich S Minor: Peggy Coleman 1, D Flatters 2, Rhoda Reynolds 3, P H Reynolds(C) 4,

I D G B Ansell 5, W N Ansell 6. Half-muffled for Maundy Thursday. Also: on 31 May, 1560 P B Doubles: Peggy Coleman 1, D Flatters 2, W N Ansell 3, T Palmer 4, I D Ansell 5, L R Woods 6. 1st doubles; 4. Congratulations and well done Tom! A good effort. £1.80

Wilby, Northants. 13 Jun, 1260 Hereward B Minor: David Kingman 1, Frank Coales 2, Michael Hawkins 3, Raymond Berryman 4, Alison Willgress 5, Paul Mason (C) 6. 60p

Wimborne Minster, Dorset. 16 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Mary Garrard 1, Hilary Child 2, Gill Richards 3, Rosemary Fleming 4, Tony Matthews 5, Jim Sexton 6, Keith Fleming (C) 7, David Parkin 8, Laurie Turner 9, Nigel Woodruff 10. To congratulate Beryl and Jim Sexton on their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 9/7/95. £2.70

Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 10 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): Neil Fisher 1, Carole Hurst 2, Michael Hurst (most m's inside) 3, Debbie Barnes 4, Simon Barnes (C) 5, David Hobson 6. For the Centenary of Swindon College. For the 40th Anniversary of the laying of the Foundation Stone of St Peter's Church, Penhill, Swindon. £1.50

Wotton Underwood, Bucks. 9 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Doubles: Richard Stevens (C) 1, Paul Garrett 2, Paul Johnson 3, Simon Cole 4, Revd. John Nixon 5. For Evensong, and for the local Flower Festival. £1

Worcester, Worcs. (All Saints). 18 Jul, 1260 P B Royal: Bryan Threlfall 1, Susan Threlfall 2, Fred Harris 3, Margaret Anderson 4, Penny Salisbury 5, John Clements 6, David Franklin 7, John Turney (C) 8, Henry Lewis 9, Andrew Mainwaring 10. £2.50

Yatton, Som. 15 Jul, 1280 P B Major: Ann England 1, J M England (1st in m inside) 2, Corinna England 3, R J Ballam 4, W S Rice 5, J Brain 6, G Hebdon 7, P J England (C) 8. Golden Wedding compliment to Mr & Mrs A England. £1

York, Yorks. (The Minster). 7 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Julie Hughes 1, Emma Ashford 2, Doreen Sanderson 3, Tina Sanderson 4, Trevor Elliott 5, Lynne Stretton 6, Giles Galley 7, Christine Potter 8, Peter Sanderson (C) 9, David Potter 10. On the back 10 to open the York Early Music Festival. £1

Zennor, Cornwall. 30 Jun, 1320 Primrose S Minor: Sam Nankervis 1, Jane Hitchens 2, Claire Sweetman 3, Trystan Hitchens 4, Neil Hitchens 5, Chris Venn (C) 6. £1

Aberavon, W Glam. 3 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Barbara A Jones 1, G Jones 2, A C John 3, Yvonne R John 4, C D V Jones 5. Jointly conducted by 3, 4 & 5. On the back 5 after meeting short for a Branch practice. 50p

Aberdare, Mid Glam. 4 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m) 768 cover: Pat Sprage 1, Kathryn Williams 2, Pauline Morris 3, Phil Evens 4, Doug Davidson (C) 5, Dave Davies 6, Charles Loft 7, Doug Dabb 8. Prior to the celebration of first Eucharist of Fr Brian Taylor following ordination as priest. £1.60

Albury, NSW. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Le Vene Caton 1, Chris de Vreeze 2, Mavis Driver 3, Ross Atlass 4, Douglas Driver (C) 5, Richard Leyland 6. As a farewell gesture to Fr Brian Gill. £1.60

Barnwood, Glos. 16 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: T Poole (1st TB) 1, C Poole (1st S) 2, Frances Mulvey 3, T Hinton 4, P Conway-Jones 5, A K P Poole (C) 6. For evensong, and the birthday of 6. N.B. this Q was sent up twice! £3.20

Bath, Somerset. (St Michael with St Paul). 27 Jun, 1376 Superlative S Major: George Hawkins 1, James Hillier (1st in m) 2, Sophie Chuter 3, Jody Hillier 4, Rob Bell 5, William Willans (C) 6, John Ball 7, David Kelly 8. £1.60

Benson, Oxon. 14 Jul, 1260 Stedman Triples: James Haseldine 1, Sue Dyke 2, Julie Haseldine 3, Brian Gray 4, Kay Tuckwell 5, John Tchighianoff 6, Andrew Haseldine (C) 7, Rosemary Bennett 8. 40th birthday compliment: 3 & 8. £1.50

Berrick Salome, Oxon. 20 Jun, 1440 Cambridge S Minor: Julie Haseldine 1, James Haseldine 2, Sue Dyke 3, Brian Gray 4, Kay Tuckwell 5, Andrew Haseldine (C) 6. £1.50

Bexhill, E. Sussex. 15 Jul, 1251 Stedman Caters: Arthur King 1, Margaret Ross 2, Charlotte Edmond 3, Catherine Nevin 4, Raymond Lucas 5, Richard Edwards (C) 6, Frank Wenham 7, Richard Kennard 8, Mike Godfrey 9, Janice Leeke 10. 1st Stedman Caters: 7. £1

Blackburn, Lancs. (Cathedral). 9 Jul, 1295 Grandsire Caters: Jean Barnes 1, Donna Jones 2, Margaret Crossthwaite 3, Cyril Crossthwaite (C) 4, Christopher Ashton 5, Robert Hough 6, Peter Hunt 7, Michael Smethurst 8, Raymond Clayton 9, Alan Dyson 10. For evensong. £2

Bradpole, Dorset. 6 Jun, 1279 Grandsire Doubles: Raymond Haines (C) 1, Kenneth Abel 2, Ivan Andrews 3, Bernard Gildersleve 4, Sandra Haines 5, Timothy Andrews 6. £1.20

Bray, Berks. 9 Jul, 1280 Spl S Major (3m): Katherine Firman 1, Paul Barnett 2, Wenda Fowles 3, Marica Dieppe 4, Colin Fowles 5, Reggie Gillard 6, Derek Fowles 7, Graham Firman (C) 8. For evensong. 1st 3 spl: 2,3,4,5,7. Also a belated birthday compliment to 5. 80p

Broadclyst, Devon. 12 Jul, 1260 Middlesex Triples: Brian Samuels 1, Anne Stenning 2, Brian Horrell 3, Wilf Dunn (C) 4, Dean Bowden 5, John Levin 6, Ron Trickey 7, Fred Gardiner 8. For the 49th wedding anniversary of Phyllis & Wil Dunn. also as a birthday compliment to Janet Horrell, daughter of 4 who is currently working in Mongolia. £1.31

Brompton Regis, Somerset. 4 Jul, 1260 St Clements Minor: A E Wilson 1, Joan Hopwood 2, Sue Green 3, Anne Stenning 4, J A S Green 5, J M Levin (C) 6. 1st in m: 5. £1

Burford, Oxon. 15 Jul, 1280 P B Major: G W Land 1, Lindsey C Cutler 2, Judy F Venn 3, B J Curtis 4, C F M Collett 5, B W Hall 6, A C Cole 7, E R Venn (C) 8. For the 45th wedding anniversary of Donald and Gillian Parton. £1.50

Burwell, Cambs. 16 Jul, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Lonsdale 1, Evelyn Kirby 2, Dee F Smith 3, L H Harvey 4, D Gilbert (C) 5, Nancy McCree 6. For the birth of Aaron Finn Schultz on 7th July: first child of Ruth & Reiner, & the first grandchild of Ann & David Gilbert. £1.50

Butterwick, Lincs. 12 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Joyce "Peggy" Coleman 1, Don Flatters 2, Wayne Ansell 3, Tom Palmer 4, Ian Ansell (C) 5, Les Woods 6. Well done Tom! 60p

Caddington, Beds. 13 Jul, 1320 Spl S Minor (5m): Robert Jones 1, Lucy Shepherd 2, Michael Barker 3, Richard Horne 4, Robert Tregillus 5, Alan Shepherd (C) 6. £1

Cambridge, Cambs. (St Benet). 22 Apr, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: R M Andrews 1, D C B Mills 2, K A Wittaker 3, A C Dunn 4, T N Milner 5, J D Shanklin (C) 6. For the marriage of Selene Mills and Nicholas Webb. £1.20

Cattistock, Dorset. 7 Jun, 1296 Erin Triples: Raymond Haines (C) 1, Sandra Haines 2, Mandy Spearing 3, Bernard Gildersleve 4, Ivan Andrews 5, Terry Spearing 6, Timothy Andrews 7, Kenneth Abel 8. £1.60

Clevedon, Somerset. (St John). 2 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Helen R Callow 1, L M Callow 2, Margaret James 3, M J Callow 4, N Dixon 5, D W James (C) 6. To mark the ordination of Christopher Derek Epps as deacon, at Wells Cathedral. £1

Clyst Honiton, Devon. 6 Jul, 1280 Grandsire Major: W R Trickey 1, Celia M Deem 2, Maureen Hawkins 3, B Horrell 4, R J Quick 5, D J Hawkins 6, C C Deem (C) 7, N E Deem 8. 1st in m for all. £1.60

Coaley, Glos. 1 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Dave Hipwell 1, Ken Clutterbuck 2, Lynn Clutterbuck 3, Timothy Soanes 4, Terry Chivers (C) 5, Bob Hallam 6. Half muffled in memory of Iris Baker, and following her funeral. Conducted with 62 calls, one for each year of her life. £1.50

Cockington, Devon. 11 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Basil White 1, Alex Tawney 2, Claire Beck 3, Tony Pearson 4, Martin Mansley (C) 5, Ted Garrett 6. Birthday compliments to Alex Tawney, Tony Pearson and Jill Beck. £1.20

Coventry, W Mids. (Stoke). 16 Jul, 1260 Doubles (5m): J P Hughes (1st in more than 1m age 12) 1, M G Cole 2, Janice E Sheasby 3, D G Harrison 4, R A Sheasby (C) 5, Jean Harrison 6. Belated 40th birthday compliment to 2 and a birthday compliment to Diane Addy. £1

Crewkerne, Som. 4 Jun, 1301 Grandsire Triples: Irving Johns 1, Susan Phinn 2, Peter Vaughn 3, Sandra Haines 4, Graham Button 5, Desmond Mayell 6, Raymond Haines (C) 7, John Colehill 8. £1.60

Danehill, Sussex. 15 Jul, 1260 Doubles (6m/w): Dilys Smith 1, Edna Everest 2, Sonia Harriyott 3, Roy Tappenden 4, T D Waterman (C) 5, Stephen Buckley 6. £1.20

Datchworth, Herts. 2 Jun, 1296 Hertfordshire D Minor: M R Newbold 1, Heather A Lloyd 2, D S Harris 3, J M Kemp 4, J J Ford 5, S A Saunders (C) 6. £1

Dawlish, Devon. 8 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Caroline Watson 1, Celia M Deem 2, Maureen E Hawkins 3, A J Morris 4, D J Hawkins 5, N E Deem (C) 6. £1

Dawlish, Devon. 9 Jul, 1280 P B Major: Maureen E Hawkins 1, A J Morris 2, Nicky Richards 3, Janet Clutterbuck 4, B Horrell 5, R N Richards 6, J Grant 7, D J Hawkins (C) 8. 80p

Dennington, Suffolk. 24 Jun, 1272 Norwich S Minor: C I McArthur 1, R J Scase 2, P R Down 3, D R Barnard 4, R D J Bufton 5, P M L Day (C) 6. 1st S: 5. £1

Ditcheat, Somerset. 18 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Fry 1, Peter Leigh 2, Lesley Knipe 3, Janet Crispin 4, Tim Watt 5, Robert Davies (C) 6, Jeffery Knipe 7, Brian Shingler 8. For evensong. £1

Dolgellau, Gwynedd. 9 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Nia Lloyd-Jones 1, Anna Tysvaer-Davies 2, Lynn Tysvaer-Davies 3, Alison Roberts 4, Ann Jones (C) 5, Neville Vaughan 6. Before confirmation service. £2

Dunstable, Beds. 16 Jul, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: Lucy Shepherd 1, Jad Bienek 2, John Pemble 3, David Adams 4, Robert Tregillus 5, Raymond Watkin 6, Alan Shepherd 7, Richard Horne (C) 8. A ruby wedding anniversary compliment to Brian & Jean Newson. £1.50

Dursley, Glos. 5 Jul, 1260 P B Triples: Jenny Barnett 1, Timothy Andrews 2, David Ellery 3, David Gill 4, Gareth Evans 5, Peter Barnett 6, Andrew Smith (C) 7, Robert Newton 8. £1.24

East Dereham, Norfolk. 8 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K J Hollock 1, E Meikle 2, J S Hargreaves 3, C L Dodge (C) 4, F A N Finch 5, P A Abbey 6, A Johnson 7, J H Foster 8. A birthday compliment to Andrew Johnson. £1.20

East Dereham, Norfolk. 11 Jul, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mary Poyner 1, Mick Cole 2, Angela Clifton 3, Gerald Burton 4, Adrian Clifton 5, Harry Poiner 6, Stephen High (C) 7, Roger Harrop 8. In memoriam H W Barrett. £1

Elham, Kent. 8 Jul, 1260 P B Triples: Wendy King 1, Julia Crabb 2, Karen Hudston 3, Charlotte Edmond 4, Matthew Nixon 5, Janice Leeke 6, Arthur King (C) 7, John Criddle 8. Circled tower: 6. Farewell compliment to Karen Hudston, moving to Dursley, Glos. £1

Elton, Cambs. 8 Jul, 1260 Doubles (8m/3v): Cathryn A Walker 1, A D Walker 2, M A Walker 3, W N Ansell 4, I D Ansell (C) 5. For a wedding. 50p

Elveden, Suffolk. 12 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Pat Ward 1, Ruth Young 2, J W Warren 3, D Ward 4, R Cross 5, Amanda M Richmond 6, S A Rudd (C) 7, D F Riley 8. 1st in m: 4. To celebrate the 40th anniversary of Dave & Pat Ward first meeting. 80p

Erdington, W Mids. (Abbey). 9 Jul, 1320 P B Doubles: Kerry Bennett 1, Claire Bennett 2, Deborah Hunt 3, Simon Lansberry 4, Andrew Lansberry (C) 5. Before Evening Mass. £2

Evesham, Worcs. (The Bell Tower). 29 Jun, 1280 London S Royal: Martin Stallard 1, Nina Bryne 2, Claire Redstone 3, Charles Haywood 4, Roy Williams 5, David Franklin 6, A J Barnfield 7, Micheal Clements 8, Alex Bryne (C) 9, Chris Phillips 10. On the back 10. £2.50

Farnborough, Hants. 9 Jul, 1440 Spl S Minor (C&L): Val Grossmith 1, Judy Couperthwaite 2, Beryl Norris 3, Vernon Bedford 4, John Couperthwaite 5, Martin Turner (C) 6. 1st Spl Minor: 1,2,3. £1

Farnham, Kent. 16 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Caroline Gould 1, J Hemper (1st minor) 2, D P Hilling 3, M E Luffman 4, M J Hilling (C) 5, D P Macey 6. For Eucharist. £1.20

Fivehead, Somerset. 29 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): M Daley 1, Liz Rendell 2, Margaret Astridge 3, P Rendell 4, D G Astridge (C) 5, F G Holland 6. 74th birthday compliment to 1. £1.20

Garston, Mers. 13 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Pat Furniss (1st away from cover) 1, John Hopwood 2, Christina Hassard-Jones 3, Hugh Hassard-Jones 4, Peter Furniss (C) 5, Susannah Thrush 6. £2

Great Amwell, Herts. 14 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: S A Saunders 1, D Kemp 2, M R Newbold 3, R Hornby 4, J M Kemp 5, J J Ford (C) 6. £1.20

Great Casterton, Leics. 13 Jul, 1320 London S Minor: Lois Webb 1, Sue Hobson 2, Shirley Harris 3, John Roffe 4, Paul Carless 5, Brian Harris (C) 6. 1st in m: 2. £1

Great Hockham, Norfolk. (Manor Cottage). 13 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: S A Rudd (C) 1-2, Amanda M Richmond 3-4, R Peckham 5-6. 60p

Great Ness, Salop. (The White House). 9 Jul, 1264 P B Major: R C Offen 1-2, Gillian Glover 3-4, Dawn Offen 5-6, A M Glover (C) 7-8.

Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. 11 Jul, 1344 Kent T B Maximus: Nikki Thomas 1, Rachel Eagle 2, Shirley Drew 3, Joanna Dorling 4, David Heighton 5, Caroline Davies 6, Gillian Knox 7, Eric Hitchens 8, Stephen Day 9, Martin Cubitt 10, Neil Thomas 11, Brian Meads (C) 12. 1st in m by all. Rung as part of Bill Jackson's Lincolnshire Project.

Gressenhall, Norfolk. 11 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Peter Adcock (C) 1, Jane Roberts 2, Catherine Richardson 3, Jonathan White 4, Vicki Sayer 5, Bridget Yates 6. 1st in m by all. By members of the Sunday service band to mark one year's fundraising to recast and rehang the bells. £2

Guildford, Surrey. (St Nicolas). 16 Jul, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Yvonne Eloie 1, David Hester 2, Sally Schupke 3, Julian Morgan (C) 4, Jonathan Deane 5, Roger Bull 6. £1.20

Harlington, Middx. 4 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles (768 cover): Fiona Smith 1, Michael James 2, Dorothy Barker 3, Anita Adams 4, Derek Beesley (C) 5, Joan Mannings 6, Huw Davies 7, Stephen Blundy 8. In memory and thanksgiving for the life of Renee James. £1.50

Harrietsham, Kent. 24 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Dot Hooker 1, Darren Elphick 2, Shona Colebrook 3, Malwyn Williams 4, Darren Williams (Most m as C) 5, Ferrers Hindle 6. On the Patronal Festival and also to celebrate the engagement of Clare (daughter of 1) to Andy - 23/6/95.

Haslemere, Surrey. 30 Jun, 1440 London S Royal (No 3): A D Barnsdale 1, D Agg 2, Sally Schupke 3, J H B Deane 4, G J Poyntz 5, W Barter 6, I P Hastilow 7, J Morgan 8, G Naylor 9, R Burton (C) 10. 1st in m: 4. £2

Hendon, Middx. 9 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Jonathan Machelle 1, Fiona Clode 2, Ruth Foreman 3, Ian Blake 4, Richard Morgan 5, Martin Clode (C) 6. To mark the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the United Nations. £1.20

Hersham, Surrey. 9 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Genebeth Webb 1, Alison Howells 2, Paul Meador 3, Dawn Howells 4, Chris Webb (C) 5, David Meador 6. 1st in m: 2. For evensong and to celebrate the marriage of William Webb to Alison Porter. Son of the ringers of 1 & 5. £1.60

Hilton, Cambs. 8 Jul, 1272 Kent T B Minor: Sheila George 1, John Pardoe 2, Penny Pardoe 3, Mary Cossins 4, Richard Cossins 5, Philip George (C) 6. Farewell to Mary & Richard moving to Horsham. 60p

Holt, Norfolk. 16 Jun, 1320 P B Minor: Mary Poyner 1, Emma Westmancott 2, Mick Cole 3, Anna Welbourne 4, Nevill Holland 5, Harry Poyner (C) 6. 1st inside: 2. £1

Hutton, Essex. 16 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): J M V Dickenson 1, R G Butt 2, Renee Page-Jones 3, A Cowling (C) 4, R M Page-Jones 5. For the service of Confirmation and Holy Communion with the Bishop of Bradwell. £1

Irchester, Nthants. 16 Jul, 1260 P B Triples: Jean Dickinson 1, Freda Willgress 2, J Holmes 3, Ian Tear 4, K Wildman 5, Ian Willgress 6, I J Dickinson (C) 7, S Underwood (1st Q) 8. For the Songs of Praise service as part of the village festival. £1

Irthlingborough, Nthants. 16 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Margaret S Bull 1, Gloria M Lovatt (1st ins) 2, Stephanie R Kendall 3, Alison M Matthews 4, A Bull (C) 5, J A Horne 6. For evensong. £1

Islington, London. (St James). 7 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): J P Adams 1, Prudence Fay 2, Jinny Kuflik 3, Keith Barber 4, S G Jakeman 5, Virginia Johnson 6. For the funeral of David Maitland, treasurer and former churchwarden of St James's, bell-ringer and dearly loved friend. Rung open, in celebration of his life. £3

Jersey (S Mark). 2 Jul, 1272 Spl S Minor (8m): T A Knight 1, Joanna K Knight (Most Spl) 2, Joanna M Linford 3, S J L Linford (C) 4, J A Read 5, J R Worrall 6. £1

Kensington, London. (St Mary Abbots). 25 Jun, 1287 Stedman Caters: Katherine Parker 1, Alison Turner 2, Katherine Davies 3, Brian Price 4, Michael Brady 5, James Ingram 6, Nicholas Simon 7, Keith Anderson 8, Lucinda Reeve (C) 9, Robert Lewis 10. For evensong. £3

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. 16 Jul, 1280 Superlative S Major: Geoff Paul 1, Ralph Murwill (1st in m) 2, Elva Ainsworth 3, David Robinson 4, Paul Flavell (C) 5, Simon Plackett 6, Hilary Small 7, Chris Ridley 8. For evensong.

Kirkby Moorside, N Yorks. 13 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Molly Stephens 1, Adam Wheldon 2, June Sinfield 3, William Watts 4, John Sinfield (C) 5, Michael Stephens 6. For the service of institution of the Reverend David Purdy at All Saints. 50p

Knowle, W Mids. 25 Jun, 1282 Pudsey S Major: Brian Chase 1, Jill Ersing 2, Anthea Tinling 3, Ruth Shepherd 4, Ann Smay 5, Adam Shepherd 6, Mark Shepherd (C) 7, Stephen Shipley 8. For evensong and with best wishes from all the band and all Knowle ringers to Jane & Les Wilkins on their 20th wedding anniversary. £1.60

Liss, Hants. (St Mary). 9 Jul, 1320 London S Minor: Josephine R Williamson 1, Valerie J Williams 2, Rachel Seamons 3, A T Collins 4, S E Wood 5, F K Williamson (C) 6. For evensong. Also 16 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: R A Barber 1, Brenda Hough 2, Rachel Seamons 3, D M Hughes 4, S E Wood (C) 5, A C Hough 6. 1st inside: 2. £1.20

Liverpool, Mers. (Pier Head). 26 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Celia F Hughes D'Aeth 1, Christina D A Hassard-Jones 2, Jeanette Miller 3, I T Roche 4, C P Walker 5, S S Meyer (C) 6, J F Outram 7, H Hassard-Jones 8. Following a service of thanksgiving for the 150th anniversary of Royal Insurance. £1

Liversedge, W Yorks. 10 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Peter Kirby (C) 1, Louise Bland 2, Iain Anderson 3, Brian Heys 4, Karl Grave 5, Maurice Calvert 6. Retirement compliment to Arthur E Talbot. On the back 6 due to a broken rope on the 2, Elizabeth & Arthur Talbot standing down. £1.20

Liandaff, S Glam. 9 Jul, 1264 P B Major: P Alison Vesey 1, J A Vesey 2, Katheryn Williams 3, Samantha M Farrar 4, M R Thomas 5, S C Farrar 6, R E Hardy 7, A C John (C) 8. 1st on 8: 3. 50p

Lowestoft, Suffolk. 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Catherine Allen 1, Elizabeth Allen 2, Judith Allen 3, Sybil McLean 4, Tony Sutherland 5, David McLean (C) 6, Andrew Crowe 7, Celia Burd 8. For Parish Communion, as farewell compliment to the Revd Trevor Reiss and his wife Pat, moving to the Parish of St Mary Magdalene, Gorleston. £1

Lt Horkesley, Essex. 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Roberts 1, Evelyn Reeve 2, David Reeve 3, Barry Gibbons 4, Brian Lord (C) 5. For the visit of the Bishop of Colchester, on Patronal Festival. £1

Luppitt, Devon. 13 Jul, 1260 Southrepps Triples: Celia M Deem 1, Maureen Hawkins 2, Janet R Clutterbuck 3, N E Deem 4, B Horrell 5, R J Quick 6, D J Hawkins (C) 7, C C Deem 8. 1st in m for all except 5 & 8. Birthday compliment to Janet Horrell, today working in Mongolia. £1.60

Lymington, Hants. (11 Cherry Tree Close). 3 Jul, 1344 P B Major: Flora Stocker 1-2, Christine Potter 3-4, Maurice Bailey 5-6, Alan Elsmore (1st as C in hand) 7-8. £1

Macclesfield, Ches. (St Michael & AA). 13 Jul, 1280 Bristol S Royal: Ivor Nichols 1, Norman Sherratt 2, William Dowse 3, Clive Calton 4, Harold Dowler 5, James Gibb 6, Frank Osbaldiston 7, David Friend (C) 8, Richard Starkie 9, Michael Orme 10. £1

Maperton, Somerset. 1 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Tim Watt 1, Jenny Alderson 2, Robert Davies 3, Bill Johnson 4, Audrey Riley 5, Brian Shingler (C) 6. 1st in m: 4. Circled tower 3. £1

Meole Brace, Salop. 20 May, 1372 P B Triples: Gillian Glover 1, Judith Speake 2, Judith Rock 3, Thomas Heath 4, James Ward 5, Eddy Davies 6, Brian Kear (C) 7, John Crum 8. 80p

Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent. 9 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Helen Watts 1, Peter Sloman 2, Pip Sadler 3, Bernard Sadler 4, Mike Hallett 5, Dick Furringer (C) 6. A birthday compliment to Jennifer Watts. Special thanks to Helen Watts for planning such a memorable birthday surprise. £1

Northampton, Nthants. (All Saints). 6 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D J T Cochrane 1, R Haseldine 2, A C Cozens 3, G Kingston 4, R Keeves 5, G E Green 6, W A Yates (C) 7, D Harrison 8. After the funeral service at Canons Ashby of Gervase Jackson Stops OBE, architectural adviser to the National Trust. £1

Nunney, Somerset. 20 Jul, 1440 St Clements & P B Minor: Matthew Higby 1-2, Kate Walker 3, George Wareham 4, Jacqueline Warnecke 5, David Massey (C) 6. £1

Odcombe, Somerset. 2 Jul, 1296 Beverley Minor: Mary White 1, Sandra Haines 2, Graham Button 3, John White 4, Raymond Haines (C) 5, Mark Harris 6. £1.20

Overton, Hants. (St Mary). 9 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Joanna Price 1, R P I Lewis 2, N Hussey 3, Christine Holmes 4, A P Lewis 5, D A Holmes (C) 6. 1st minor: 1. In memoriam Mrs Betty Sanders, Mrs Ellen Hassell and Edwin Lewis. £1.20

Painswick, Glos. 3 Jun, 1260 Doubles (2m): Jacqui Pillinger 1, Quentin Mathias 2, Patsy Sykes-Wright 3, Andrew Watson 4, Alan Hodges (C) 5, Deborah Foreman 6. To celebrate the Christening of Samantha O'Neill and also the marriage today in New Zealand of Lourdes Vioria and David Bousfield (son of the tower captain). £2

Ruskington, Lincs. 22 Apr, 1308 Doubles (3m): Joyce "Peggy" Coleman 1, Don Flatters 2, P J Udy 3, W N Ansell 4, I D Ansell (C) 5, L R Woods 6. 60p

Sampford Brett, Somerset. 28 Jun, 1260 Rev Canterbury Doubles: John Levin 1, Brian Samuels 2, Dean Bowden 3, Anne Stenning 4, Ron Trickey 5, Fred Gardner 6. Jointly conducted by 2,3,4,5. Birthday compliments to 2 & Daniel Pugh. £1.20

Sharnford, Leics. 16 Jul, 1272 Norfolk and Primrose S Minor: K Hudson 1, Susan M Wykes 2, B P Morris 3, A J Rowan 4, M Angrave (C) 5, T J Wykes 6. For evensong.

Sheffield, S Yorks. (SS Peter & Paul). 17 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Hazel Kiddy 1, Judith Reading 2, Simon Smith (C) 3, Christian Atherton 4, Mike Williamson 5, Simon Darwin 6, Derek Peers 7, Michael Platt 8. £2

Sherston, Wilts. 15 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): Kate A R Howarth 1, D A Strong (C) 2, Kay M Exell 3, J M Howarth 4, G H Edwards 5, Eunice D Overend 6. On the Sherston Boules & Carnival day. 60p

Shoreditch, London. 9 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Stella Shell 1, Irene Rich 2, D Hewitt 3, J Bullock 4, D Hedth 5, W Stungo 6, L Bullock 7, D Capewell 8, H W Rogers (C) 9, J Hearn 10. £2

Shrewsbury, Salop. (St Mary). 11 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Peter Jarvis 1, Pamela Rubbets 2, Judith Speake 3, John Speake 4, Brian Kear (C) 5, Gillian Glover 6, James Ward 7, John Crum 8. 80p

Shrewsbury, Salop. (St Chad). 9 Jul, 1260 P B Caters: Alan Glover 1, Ian Cooper 2, Henry Mills 3, Gillian Glover 4, Pamela Rubbets 5, Richard Offen (C) 6, Brian Kear 7, Ian Hazell 8, James Ward 9, John Crum 10. For Sunday service. 1st on 10: 8. £1

South Mymms, Herts. 2 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Charlotte Nethercott 1, Dorothea Robotham 2, D Godfrey 3, J R Mayne (C) 4, Joan Badger 5, David Badger 6. In thanksgiving for the life of Alice Childs, Grandmother of Duncan (3). £1.20

Southgate, Middx. 16 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty Sutcliffe 1, Celia Otley 2, Max Granger (1st G) 3, Martin Sutcliffe 4, Kevin Lucas (C) 5, Bob Simkins 6. To welcome the Revd Dr David Hoyle as the 11th vicar of Christ Church, and for evensong on the 133rd anniversary of the dedication of the church. £3

Springfield, Essex. 9 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Sheila M Sheldrake 1, J Bills 2, Joyce Bills 3, R G Wilson 4, E Parsons 5, P D Saunders (C) 6. For confirmation service. £1

St Albans, Herts. 16 Jul, 1264 P B Major: A Olah (1st Major) 1, Rosemary Duke 2, W J Southam 3, D O Fellows 4, H V Frost 5, A G G Smith 6, J E Ewer 7, G A Duke (C) 8. For evensong. £2

St Albans, Herts. (Cathedral). 16 Jul, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gracie Fitzsimmons 1, G Penny 2, S Penny 3, Christine Knapp 4, D Hodgskin 5, G Dodds 6, I Galpin (1st in m as C) 7, I Frazer 8. A retirement compliment to the Rt Rev John Taylor, Bishop of St Albans. £1.60

Stamford St Martin, Lincs. 11 Jul, 1320 Netherseale S Minor: Judith Corby 1, Lois Webb 2, Paul Carless 3, Roger Osborn 4, Terry Maddison 5, Robin Rogers (C) 6. A get well compliment to Tony Evans of Castor. £1.25

Obituary

Cecil Alden

Cecil Alden was not well known as a ringer outside the immediate locality of Starston, where for some year he looked after the six bells at St Margaret's Church. He was born and bred in Hardwick, and was a regular worshipper at St Margaret's Church, where for over sixty years Mrs Alden has played the organ. Having learned to ring on the three bells at Fritton, Cecil was persuaded to muck out the tower at Starston in the early 1950's, to get the six almost unringable bells into good going order, and to teach a band to ring. Although in method ringing he never progressed beyond the inside work of Bob Doubles, he was a great encourager of those who did, particularly the youngsters who practised at Starston and Pulham. It was with the help of stalwarts such as Cecil Thompson, Austin Head and the formidable Ernest Whiting that progress was made through Bob Doubles to Bob Minor and Treble Bob. Cecil himself was persuaded to ring his first quarter – Bob Doubles on the tenor at Burgate – on a bleak January day in 1958 when, together with three youngsters and Cecil Thompson, he cycled the 20 miles from his home. Other similar expeditions followed, including his one and only peal at Bergh Apton. He was pleased to see the learners make progress, and it was at his suggestion that

a peal was rung at Starston on 28th December 1957, the first on the bells for 30 years. Other peals followed, including what was believed to be the youngest for the Norwich Diocesan Association; and it was Cecil who was there with the oil-can before the peal, and waiting to congratulate the band at the end.

A change of parson meant a change of policy towards ringers, and when the Starston bells fell silent in the 1960s, Cecil's ringing days were virtually over. He lived to the great age of 89 years, moving in his last years to Harleston; and although no longer active as a ringer he retained his interest to the very end. Only a week before his death, he was able to recall with pleasure the visits to Burgate, the ringing by candle-light (and the steady trickle of twigs through the rope-holes), and the company of ringers which he so greatly enjoyed. Although his 90th birthday was not too far away, he knew he would not make it that far. "You will ring for me, please" he said; and so we did. A good quarter of Bob Minor included three of the "youngsters" from the 1950s, with Cecil's grand-daughter ringing as well. We were able to share memories of Cecil with Mrs Alden, and other members of her family, who had come over to Starston to hear the quarter. And just as Cecil retained so clearly those memories of his ringing days, those who rang for him will remember his kindness, his unselfish approach to ringing, and his sense of humour.

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

Starston, Norfolk. 3 Aug, 1320 Plain Bob Minor: Barbara M Cattermole 1, Meryl J Butcher 2, Rosalind J Burrough 3, Paul Cattermole (C) 4, Frank C J Arnold 5, Anthony H Roberts 6. Rung in memory of Cecil Alden, father of 2, and Grandfather of 3, on the eve of his funeral. £1.20

Philip G. Taylor

The death occurred suddenly of Philip Taylor, a member of the Highclere team of ringers, in a Weybridge nursing home at the age of 43 on Sunday 30th July.

For 16 years Philip had suffered from a brain tumour and had undergone treatment which had kept it at bay and had led him to lead as normal a life as was possible under these circumstances, but gradually we could see a decline in his health until finally his legs gave way and he was forced to use a wheelchair.

Over those 16 years we watched him fight his illness with great bravery, willing himself to ring peals and quarter peals and to take an active part in ringing and his words to me are still remembered: "If I am run over by a bus that's it, but I am determined to beat this illness" – and beat it he did, until finally his legs forced him to give up ringing, his last ring being on the Highclere Ringers' Outing to Gloucestershire in August 1994.

He was one of my lads as I called them, three boys who learnt to ring together some 30 years ago at Highclere. All made good progress and were soon ringing changes on six bells and then later on eight, but all three rang their first peal at a six-bell tower.

Philip's first peal was at Longparish on June 8th 1966 and was Plain Bob Doubles with four first pealers including his father and was conducted by the writer, a quarter peal of Bob Minor at Burghclere soon followed and a local band quarter peal of Bob Minor at Highclere, all within six weeks of his first peal, was rung.

When he was 14 Bob Major was rung at Aldermaston the following September, and Kent Minor in January 1967 was the start of many Minor peals in unusual methods up to 12 Surprise Minor in the early seventies and including a Highclere Sunday service band of

Seven Surprise Minor and six Highclere ringers in a peal of Yorkshire in 1972 at Highclere.

Philip was proud to be a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and to ring in a peal of College Youths Pleasure Delight Minor in March 1972. He was married for the first time at Overton on April 1st 1972 to Lyn Holbrook, an Overton ringer, and rang the tenor to his wedding peal, Plain Bob Major, in the morning. Taylor Surprise was rung for the first time to a peal the following Thursday at Shaw, Berkshire.

Before leaving to join the Police Force he rang his first peal of London at Highclere along with my other two lads, Robert Crocker and Peter Furniss. All three rang in their farewell peal together, St. Michael the Archangel Surprise Major on September 28th 1972, a first peal in the method and with the loss of six ringers at one go a change in fortune from Major to Doubles took place in one week. Philip moved into a Police house in Burnham and was happy in the Police Force until a knock over the head in 1979 when the brain tumour was discovered and he was invalidated out with a disability pension.

He married for the second time in May 1978, having one child Gordon from his first marriage and three children, Charlie, Dawn and Simon from the second, living with Kay and his young family in Slough before moving back to Highclere, first in a mobile home and then buying a house in Woolton Hill, Kay learning to ring and then later Charlie.

On 23rd April 1989 Phil took part in what was probably his proudest quarter peal – Plain Bob Minimus on the four ringable bells in Liverpool Municipal Building, the first and still the only quarter peal on the bells, rung half-muffled for the Hillsborough football tragedy. His final peal, Grandsire Triples, was also ring with his father on the 50th anniversary of the first peal in the method on the bells, July 8th 1989, at Highclere.

And so we said farewell to him on August 4th, with half-muffled bells, old friends from Newcastle, Basingstoke and members of the Andover District of which he was Secretary in 1981, paying their final respects at the funeral service in Highclere Church, his final resting place in the cemetery in Highclere Park. We admired his courage and the way he fought his illness and have fond memories of the good times we had together.

G.K.D.

A quarter peal in his memory was rung the following Wednesday by present and past members of the Highclere Sunday service band.

Highclere, Hants. 9 Aug, 1260 P.B. Minor: Gwyn Dowset 1, Michael Goss 2, Ros Bulpit 3, Richard Coxhead 4, Geoff Dodd (C) 5, David Goss 6, Paul Myers (cover) 7. Rung in memory of Philip Taylor by old ringing friends.

To you, ringing was a revelation
When once you had retired,
You found and gave much friendship
Your enthusiasm fired.

It's not easy when you're older
To co-ordinate eye and hand,
With perseverance, grit and humour
You became a member of the band.

That extra verse, that rumbling hum
You're remembered in many ways
The laughs we had on practice night,
Those West Country holidays.

You'd have so much to tell Saint Peter,
Before he said "Come through"
But hush, look behind you Dennis
You are holding up the queue!

(A tribute to Dennis L. Bromham who died earlier this year).

Stanwell, Middx. 9 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Ian Harris 1, Dorothy Barker 2, Linda Newby 3, Hazel Warren 4, Derek Beesley (C) 5. £1

Staplehurst, Kent. 26 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Stuart Harrison 1, Patrick Harrison 2, Jackie Scrase 3, David Bassett 4, Roy Barclay (C) 5, Derek Wood 6. For the 50th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations charter. Also birthday compliment to Freda Tomlin, a stalwart member of the local band. £1.20

Stoke Bruerne, Nthants. 5 Jul, 1260 Stedman Doubles: C E Truman 1, G Kingston 2, W Adams 3, J Linnell 4, R Haseldine (C) 5. In memoriam Gervase Jackson Stops OBE. £1

Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset. 21 Jun, 1296 Spl S Minor (3m): Patrick Tucker (C) 1, Mandy Spearing 2, Sandra Haines 3, Patricia Tucker 4, Matthew Hillyard 5, Raymond Haines 6. £1.50

Ston Easton, Somerset. 28 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Robin Turner 1, Matthew Higby (C) 2-3, Ted Chivers 4, Kate Walker 5, George Wareham 6. An engagement compliment to Andrew Higby and Nichola Farr. 60p

Stratford St Mary, Suffolk. 16 Jul, 1260 Marchington Doubles: C Mayers 1, E Hynard (C) 2, R Whiting 3, J Hobson 4, C Ablitt 5, B Cavendish-Tribe 6. 1st in v by all except C. £1.20

Swainswick, Somerset. 29 Jun, 1296 Hereward Bob Minor: Linda Drew 1, Geoff Carter 2, Sheila Matthews 3, Gerald Skelly 4, Michael Powell 5, William Willans (C) 6. 1st in m by all.

Swanage, Dorset. 18 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: David Arrowsmith 1, Alison Pocklington 2, Ron Pocklington 3, Eddie Dicken 4, Hadden Arrowsmith 5, David Haysom 6, Martin Hough (C) 7, Chris Davis 8. 1st G T:1,2. £2

Templecombe, Somerset. 6 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Jenny Alderson 1, Robert Davies 2, Audrey Riley (C) 3, Brian Shingler 4, Bill Johnson 5, Peter Alderson 6. Most m: 5. £1

Thorncombe, Dorset. 31 May, 1296 Beverley S Minor: Ivan Andrews 1, Timothy Andrews 2, Sandra Haines 3, Raymond Haines 4, Patrick Tucker (C) 5, Terry Spearing 6. £1.50

Thorverton, Devon. 22 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: R T Perry 1, Maureen E Hawkins 2, Janet Clutterbuck 3, Celia M Deen 4, A J Morris 5, B Horrell 6, C C Deem (C) 7, D J Hawkins 8, W R Trickey 9. £1

Roydon Davies

1907-1995

With the death of Roydon Davies on 11th June 1995, the Surrey Association has lost not only its President, but one of its oldest and best-known ringers. St John's Parish Church, Croydon has suffered a similar loss – Roy was our oldest member and the only ringer at the tower who remembered the installation of the 12 bells in 1936.

Roy was not a native of Croydon. He was born in 1907 in Llantrisant, South Wales. He often told the story of how he learned to ring: as a teenager and a member of the church, he was detailed to toll the bell for the service. Each successive week he pulled the bell a little higher, and let out a little more rope, until one week it banged the stay. Gradually he taught himself how to control the rope and the bell, and must have then joined a local band in the area to learn change ringing – certainly he had reached peal standard by 1927, ringing the 3rd to a peal of Grandsire Triples at Llantrisant on 12th March of that year.

Roy moved from South Wales to the Croydon area to seek work as a master plasterer in the depression years – probably 1928 – and he lived in and around Croydon for the rest of his life. He immediately joined the local band at the Parish church, which was then a heavy eight, with a band of very accomplished ringers under the leadership of Amos Clarke. Roy then began to increase his repertoire from the Grandsire and Plain Bob he had been ringing in South Wales. His peal records show that around this time he must have met Charles Kippin and Frank Darby, and thus he became involved with all the exciting developments in Surprise Royal ringing at Beddington in the 1930's.

Roy's peal book makes fascinating reading from an historical point of view. Although the actual peal total of 169 is very modest, it is interesting to chart his progress from the first peal at Llantrisant, through the peals of Surprise Major in the Surrey area, to the new ground in 10 bell ringing at Beddington. Roy was obviously involved with the early attempts at London Royal – he was not in the first peal of the method – but he did ring in the first peal of Bristol Royal on 10th January 1934 and also in the first peal of 4-spliced (London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge) in 1936, both at Beddington. Roy also rang in the first peal on the new 12 at Croydon Parish Church on Coronation Day in 1937 – a peal of Grandsire Cinques. If the war had not intervened, Croydon would have been set to become an important centre for 12 bell ringing, with Charles Kippin's "London Maximus" being practised there before the ban. Roy often spoke of these times.

Roy continued ringing peals during the 50's and 60's when Croydon became the 'Stedman' tower – and Roy began to conduct peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques quite regularly. His last peal was for his 80th birthday, appropriately 5080 Stedman Caters at Beddington, conducted by Mike Chilcott.

From the time he first moved to Croydon, Roy showed a very strong commitment to the local association. He joined the Surrey Association in September 1928 and was an active member throughout his life. He held office briefly, taking over as General Master after the death of Dan Cooper in 1954. Roy's strengths were visiting towers, helping bands with low numbers, generally encouraging the less experienced and, above all, being reliable. He was very honoured and proud to be elected President of the Association in 1977, the first



Roy Davies pictured in 1993.

and only non-cleric to hold the position. He took the job very seriously and continued to travel widely to district practices and meetings, even managing to visit ground floor rings when stairs became too much for him. He loved the position of "the elder statesman" and never missed an opportunity to pass on a snippet about Stedman or Grandsire, sharing compositions of touches or quarter peals to genuinely interested listeners. Others may remember Roy's rather short temper or a slightly intolerant attitude – this was largely reserved for those whom Roy considered did not take ringing seriously enough. Generally, he loved to be around ringers and thoroughly enjoyed the social side of things.

Roy joined the College Youths on 17th April 1948, but continued to ring in and around Croydon and Surrey until he retired. He then began to do even more ringing – with his pensioners' bus-pass he went regularly to St Margaret's, Westminster with Jack Euston and he became one of the 'Veterans', making himself available during the day for all kinds of ringing duties in London. In 1977 he was elected

St John The Baptist, Croydon. 24 June, 1253 Stedman Caters: Michael P Moreton 1, Shirley McGill 2, Robert Cooles 3, Stephan Theobald 4, Timothy Billings (C) 5, Eric Godfrey 6, Peter Humphries 7, Alan Bagworth 8, Martin Foster 9, Andrew J C Brown 10.

Battersea, London SW. 19 June, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Caroline A Prescott 1, Elizabeth Brown 2, Irene E Pelham 3, R J Brown 4, L J Attie 5, R J Cooles (C) 6. In Memoriam Roydon Davies (President Surrey Association) and Charles Kippin.

Egham, Surrey. 9 July, 1275 Stedman Caters: Geraldine Forster (C) 1, Joyce Parsons 2, Joan Summerhayes 3, Andrew Sparling 4, R Forster 4, D E Parsons 5, N Summerhayes 7, R E Finch 8, D R Cox 9, D H Stone 10. For evensong and in memory of Roydon Davies of Croydon and Charles Kippin of Hursley who died recently.

Epsom, Surrey. St Martin's. 16 July, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Helen Gazeley 1, Jane Humphries 2, K R Tompsett 3, M D Hodgson 4, V G Morris 5, M J Ashton 6, M J Bale (C) 7, A Gray 8, T B Porter 9, N Humphries 10. Rung in memory of Jack Euston, Roydon Davies and George Swift.

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. 18 June, 1344 Pudsey S Major: Judith Robinson 1, Sue Unsworth 2, Chris Ridley 3, Paul Beeken 4, Paul Flavell (C) 5, David Robinson 6, Geoff Paul 7, Hilary Small 8. For evensong and in memory of Roydon Davies, President of the Surrey Association.

as a Supernumerary to the Westminster Abbey Band of Ringers – again, Roy treated this as an honour and a privilege and was delighted to ring a peal of Yorkshire Royal at the Abbey in 1982.

At Croydon, we will remember Roy for his loyalty. For years, until the stairs finally beat him, he had the highest possible attendance record for Sunday Service ringing. Such was his commitment to the Parish Church, he sometimes failed to understand when others could not give similar commitment. I think every ringer at Croydon has received a lecture about Sunday Service ringing – Roy did not mince words on the subject! He had a similar impeccable record of attendance for practice nights, not to mention the countless quarters and special services.

Roy's funeral was held on Wednesday 28th June at Croydon and was attended by many ringers and friends, representing his long association and attachment to ringing in this area and in London. There was half-muffled ringing before and after the service and a quarter peal was rung half-muffled on the previous Saturday by members of the Croydon band and representative members of the Surrey Association.

I moved to Croydon in 1975 so I only knew Roy for the last 20 years of his life. I was fortunate to receive Roy's personal ringing records from his brother, and I was also helped by some additional information from Frank Darby. I hope I have done justice to his memory.

SHIRLEY MCGILL.

H. William (Bill) Barrett

(1905-1995)

It is always sad to say farewell to a long and trusted friend, but in Bill Barrett, bell ringing in Norfolk and Norwich has lost a valued and faithful companion. I only knew him from 1978 when I came to Norwich. He was a kind man who was easy to talk with. In fact it was very difficult to stop him from talking. He had a wide range of interests and it was only in the last few years that he realised that he had probably devoted too much time to peal ringing and not enough to his other interests.

Bill was born and bred in Loddon one of seven children. He learnt to ring there at Holy Trinity when they were still a six. He told me of the evenings that he and five others spent on the side aisle roof learning new minor methods each ringing a single handbell and causing consternation to passing people below who couldn't actually see them and amusement to the ringers! He rang his first peal (7 minor methods) at Loddon 2nd October, 1923 – this was also the first by the whole band!, and some 2,000 peals later in 1993 he was still ringing handbell peals – Bill maintained his final total was about 1,970 peals, I believe that it was over 2,000, Bill never had time for accurate record keeping, this was something that he was going to do in old age – and I will probably still be doing in mine!

Bill married his wife Eve, a Norwich girl, in 1935 after a courtship of some 7 years. It was Eve's mother who finally pointed her in the right direction and Bill always held her in great esteem. They set up home in Surrey where Bill had moved to for work in 1930. Here Bill rang peals with Alf Pulling who he admired, although he wouldn't be bullied by him. In fact Bill tells many stories that show that he always knew his own mind and wouldn't be pushed into things that he didn't want to do. Bill told me of the time that he was asked to go and ring at St Paul's, Bill said that he didn't want to, and that was that despite being told that this was an opportunity not to be missed and must go, the reason for not

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going was that Bill was going to play tennis. It was during this time that he joined the Cumberlands but he never really held with non territorial societies be it ringing or sport.

Much of the years spent in Surrey were years when ringing took a back seat in his life. Tennis, running and billiards were very much the order of the day. This love of sport continued right through his life. Eve was very much a sporting widow as well as a ringing one. Sundays in Surrey often consisted of ringing on the old ten at Kingston on Thames and then off for tennis or athletics and then may be billiards in the evening. Bill was proud to have played at Wimbledon – not the tournament, and to have played once against the great Fred Perry! – he never told me the result, this was always avoided!

During the war years Bill worked as a reservist on the docks in London. Eve had returned to her parent's home (Fernhill) in Loddon. Bill would travel between London and Loddon at weekends. He often ran the gauntlet of the police taking to London with him eggs and bacon and petrol coupons acquired in Norfolk. He told me of the night when he returned to London with a large ham under the back seat when his car broke down. A police constable came to his rescue, but Bill was relieved that the ham was never discovered but the car repaired.

After the war Bill had decided that Loddon was to be his home. He was working for the National Assistance Board at the time. He was told that promotion was in the air and that he was to go before the board where he was assured of promotion. However they hadn't taken into account Bill's single mindedness. The choice of jobs were in either, Wales, Scotland or the North East of England – the actual locations slip my mind. Bill calmly but firmly told his bosses that he didn't have to go for promotion and anyway he had no intention of wearing a kilt, eating leeks or sitting on a slag heap; and he didn't go before the board. In 1950 a job came up in Lowestoft with the Assistance Board that he willingly took. And so Bill was home.

Now ringing started to play a much larger part in his life. He quickly became part of Nolan Goldan's peal band receiving his slip of card in the post to tell him place, time and method. When not ringing he would be found in the garden at Fernhill. His love of gardening stayed with him to the end. Bill and Eve went on Pipe's Pilgrims Tours and also went to America to open Washington Cathedral Bells. At this time Bill began to play a large part in the Norwich Diocesan Association of change ringers. He was Ringing Master from 1955-1962 and general secretary from 1962-1977. This included being treasurer for some of this time. It also entailed Bill and Eve coordinating the Association's Centenary celebrations in 1977, and win recognition of this long and dedicated period of service, he was made a vice-president as was his wife Eve, in recognition of her loyal support given, even though she has never rung a bell. Bill was also very much involved with bell restoration in Norfolk giving up many hours to taking bells out and return them to full working order with the help of others. This work often gave rise to tales of vicars whose language didn't always fit that of one of the cloth, when spanners were dropped and hammers missed their point.

When Bill retired from the Civil Service in 1970 his peal ringing took over. He would ring anywhere at any time and at the most minimal notice. He would always say to me 'You can ring me up to 3 in the morning' – and he meant it! He

was a regular with Nolan Golden's, Leslie Bailey's, Norwich's, and the North Suffolk Peal Bands. His peal total mushroomed, ringing his 1,000th during the mid seventies and then ringing another 1,000 after that – a lot on the treble where he was faultless and happiest because he could watch what others were or were not doing – he often told me that the one thing that he had learnt in the Civil Service was to 'OBSERVE'. When I came to Norwich Bill was always there. He was truly prolific at this time. He was happy on any number of bells, a good and absolutely reliable handbell ringer and could ring anything that was standard. Opportunity to ring multi spliced was just not available in Norfolk at this time – nor is it now, but I'm sure had it been Bill would have been as happy with it as he was with Bob Minor. He was very proud of the fact that he had rung in all the Christmas Eve peals at Long Stratton up to 1990. It was during this period of his life that Bill was also devoting much time to teaching others to ring. Bands at Brooke, Bergh Apton and Woodton owe much to his patience and skill in teaching others to ring. The Loddon Girl Guides' tune ringing team was formed and led by Bill for some years, he had a strong love of music especially Welsh Male Voices.

Through all the post war years Bill was very proud to be a member of the Mancroft Guild. He rung 90 peals at Mancroft, no mean feat. He joined the Guild on the understanding that he would only attend on Sunday mornings. This he did regularly often picking me up on route to ensure that I got up and arrived on time! We would chat on the way there, after ringing on the way to Colegate, afterwards on the way home and in the car as I tried to get out. It was these journeys, as he drove his car as if syncromesh still hadn't been invented, that I gleaned some of his life history.

Bill was a home-loving man. His garden was his pride and joy and it frustrated him so that in latter years when he was unable to keep it straight and Reggie, his gardener, couldn't even cut a straight edge! His garden was home to birds that he loved. Eve and Bill daily fed the birds, Bill would encourage them to come into the kitchen to feed them, despite Eve's protestations. He would defend these birds against feline attack with mouldy apples from the garden stored by the back door. He was able to drive his car right to the end and would often provide a 'taxi' service for the ladies of the village. Their home was always welcome to visitors, I remember the story of how the young George Pipe would come to stay and would actually make his bed and dust before having breakfast. This impressed them. Billy and Eve would often 'adopt' people, a measure of their kindness and generosity. Bill and Eve's parting gesture was always 'Come again, anytime. You know you're always welcome.'

To list Bill's achievements in ringing would be almost endless, his achievements in life embarrassingly vast, those who knew Bill will know how wide his knowledge of life was. His working life among those less fortunate than himself brought a selflessness to his perspective and also a sense of fair play. He had no time for scroungers and those who wouldn't help themselves, he had endless encouragement and energy for those who needed a little support along the way.

Bill passed quietly away in his home at Fernhill, Loddon, as he would have wanted. He did so much hate making a fuss about things.

And so it was no surprise that Loddon church was packed with ringing friends, village friends and family on Monday, 3rd July, to say farewell. The service a simple act of farewell and thanks

was led by the Reverend Chris Chapman. Loddon bells were rung open before the service as Bill would have wanted. During the service a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by: Bill Jackson 1-2, Richard Carter 3-4, John Loveless 5-6, Harry Poyner 7-8, Neil Thomas 9-10. After the interment in a grave alongside the church path that he so loved to walk along, a quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung on Loddon bells by Mancroft Guild members. Other quarters and peals were also rung, details of which I include below.

There is much that I haven't included – my intention was never to produce a biography but merely a reflection. Bill led a full and active life and was mentally alert to the end. I shall miss him dearly as will Eve his wife. May he rest in peace.

RICHARD P. J. CARTER.

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I was sorry to learn of the death of Billy Barrett who called my first peal 25 years ago. To a young ringer new to this game of peal-ringing, and there were three of us on that occasion, he inspired total confidence in his ability to get us through the ordeal. Before we started he ascertained what we knew and upgraded the peal from Bob Doubles to three methods, and was afterwards very kindly and complimentary about our efforts, the ideal leader.

He was a most tenacious ringer and turned in the tenor of the slow-going 12cwt 5 at Carlton Colville with no apparent discomfort and at a remarkably good pace. Some years later he rang the tenor at Catfield to an attempt which suffered from that bell dropping heavily at regular intervals. I stood it up at half way, but it was clear that Bill would have gone on to the end.

Barry Pickup always called him Hot Water Bottle (HWP). It was meant as an insult, but was somehow endearingly appropriate for a great Norfolk character.

P. J. GORROD.

Loddon, Norfolk. 30 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W L Gates 1, S W Rabong 2, T F Crawford 3, Helen Sutton 4, M J Stokes 5, D R McLean (C) 6, N P J Cossey 7, L M Raphael 8. Rung by Eastern Branch members 'In Memoriam' of H William (Bill) Barrett, former tower captain for many years and long time, much respected Loddon resident.

Loddon, Norfolk. 3 July, 1260 Grandsire Triples: David Cubitt 1, Michael Roberts 2, Nikki Thomas 3, Joanne K Dorling 4, Thomas R Roast 5, Neil M Thomas 6, Richard P J Carter (C) 7, John Cox 8. Rung open immediately after the burial of H William Barret, Loddon, Norfolk. Esteemed friend and member of the St Peter Mancroft Guild of Change Ringers. RIP.

Blofield, Norfolk. 3 July, 1260 Plain Bob Triples: Judy Frostwick 1, A S Forster 2, S Jennie Forster 3, Anthea M Morley 4, H Kimber 5, J B Morley 6, K Frostwick (C) 7, R Wiles 8. Rung as a thanksgiving for the life of Billy Barratt, whose funeral took place today at Loddon.

Norton Subcourse, Norfolk. 9 July, 1440 Minor (Cambridge S., Plain Bob): F Sutton 1, Anita Wilson 2, Helen Sutton 3, W L Gates 54, S W Rabong 5, N P J Cossey (C) ^ . For Service of Holy Communion and in Thanksgiving for the life of H William (Bill) Barrett, a good friend and supporter of ringing at this tower for many years.

Catfield, Norfolk. 8 July, 1260 Doubles (3m): Joan Larter 1, Jenny Forster 2, Lawrence Hassall 3, Jocelyn Gardiner 4, Aubrey Forster (C) 5, Gilbert Larter 6. In thanksgiving for the life of H W Barrett.

Ketteringham, Norfolk. 2 July, 1260 Doubles (2m): Kerry Davidson 1, Caroline Edge 2, Robin J Parker 3, Mary L Parker 4, Roy E Wiles 5. Before Patronal Service (St Peter) and in memory of H W Barrett.

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Birth

WOOLLEY. To Robin and Jane (née Goodyear), a son, Michael Peter Robin Hardy, 22nd July. Weight 7lb 10oz. 3196

Engagement

CROCKER/SMITH. Ann Marie Crocker and Mark Smith of Shardlow are pleased to announce their engagement on 11th August. 3197

TURNOCK/ADAMS. Jason and Teresa are pleased to announce their engagement - at long last! 3194

Death

MILLS. Leslie D, of Bures, Suffolk, aged 87, on 9th August, peacefully after a short illness. 3193

Personal

ANNE THE ADMIN. thanks all who have sent messages and cards wishing her a speedy recovery. She is now recuperating at home and hopes to be back in the RW office by mid-September.

Changes of Address

MARTIN D. FELLOWS now resides at 19 Pargeter Street, Stourbridge DY8 1AU. New telephone number 01384 396206. Ad No 3198

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Ringing Tour

ZIMBABWE & SOUTH AFRICA. August/Sept 1996. Group bookings already half full. Details from Martin D. Fellows, 19 Pargeter St, Stourbridge DY8 1AU. Tel. 01384 396206. Ad No 4196

Tower Announcements

CHANGE OF PRACTICE NIGHT. From September 6 practices are as follows: 1st Tues: Horham; 2nd Tues: Laxfield; 3rd Tues: Stradbroke; 4th Tues: Horham; 5th: Tel 01379 388132. Ad No 4197

BEDFORD ST PAUL. No practice, Monday 28 August. 4192

HESTON, St LEONARD'S, MIDD. No ringing as from 22 August until further notice (replacement of stonework on the tower). 4194

OSPRINGE, KENT. Please note new address for tower correspondent: Clare Larter, under Change of Address section. 4195

St BURYAN, CORNWALL. As from September 1st, practice nights are to be on Fridays 7.30-9.00. No practice on Monday 28th August. All welcome. 4193

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION - Special General Meeting - Saturday, 30th September. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider changes proposed to the Association's rules concerning charitable status and other matters. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Association Striking Competition on that day: details will be published in September. 1140

Midweek Meetings and Practices

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Eastern District. Surprise Practice at St Andrew's, Hertford (8) on Tuesday August 29 from 7.45-9.00pm. All welcome. 1131

K.C.A.C.R. County Surprise Royal Practice at Maidstone on Wed September 13, 7.30pm. Special methods Clyde and Spliced. 1186

LONDON C.A. 1st September: St Giles in the Fields - business meeting. 15th September: St Clement Danes. 29th September: St Margaret's, Westminster. All at 6.30pm. All welcome. 1139

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. Practice, Lockington, Fri Sept 1, 7.30-9.00. All welcome. D Stainsby, 0115 9233506. Ad No 1175

Saturday Meetings and Practices

LINCOLN D.G. Southern Branch. Evening Meeting, Sat August 26, 7-9pm, Billingborough. Erin Triples and Yorkshire S. Major. 1184

PETERBOROUGH D.G. Daventry Branch. 10 bell practice, Sat August 26, 7.30-9pm., Holy Cross, Daventry. 1056

BATH & WELLS D.A. Ilchester Branch. Annual Meeting, Saturday September 2 at Yeovil (10). Ringing 3-4.30, Service 4.30, Tea 5pm, Tea 6pm. Ringing after until 9pm. Method of the month: Grandsire Caters. 1137

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. Warwick Arch-deaconry. District Meeting, Saturday September 2. Ringing 3-4.15, Tysoe; Service 4.30-5pm, Brailes, followed by tea and short business meeting. Ringing continues at Brailes, 6.15-7.30pm. Names for tea to S Cummings (01608 685576) by Thursday August 31 please. Visitors welcome. 1182

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A. Northern District Meeting at Gosforth on Sat Sept 2. Ringing from 2.30, Service 4.30, Tea and Meeting 5.00. Evening ringing at Jesmond. Names for tea to Ron Warford (0191-285 3878) by the previous Weds please. 1153

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. SE District Meeting at Fryerning on Saturday September 2. Ringing from 7pm followed by meeting. Everyone welcome. 0893

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. September 2, Eaton (6). Ringing 7-8.30pm. (Hull - Single Oxford). 4025

G. & B. D.A. BRISTOL. Branch Practice at Bristol Cathedral, Saturday September 2 at 7pm. All welcome! 1132

GUILDFORD D.G. Leatherhead District. Meeting, Saturday September 2 at St Martin's, Epsom. Ringing from 3pm, Service 4.30 followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for teas to Vincent and Maureen Morris, 0181-393 1288 by Thursday August 31 please. 1157

K.C.A.C.R. Tonbridge District. Evening Practice Meeting at Seal on Saturday September 2 from 7.30-9pm. 1185

LANCASHIRE ASSN. Blackburn Branch. Saturday September 2, Branch Meeting at Ribchester. Ringing 3.30-5.00pm and 6.30-8.00pm. Cups of tea available. 1167

LANCASHIRE ASSN. Wigan Branch Meeting, Sat September 2, Halsall 3.30-5pm; Aughton, Christ Church, 6.30-8.30pm. Names for tea at Aughton to Brian Seddon, 01695 577930. Ad No 1181

LINCOLN D.G. Eastern Branch. Quarterly Meeting with the Central Branch on Sat September 2 at Sibsey at 6 o'clock. Business meeting at 7.30pm approx. 1178

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. Sat Sept 2, Meeting at Barthomley (4-5.30pm). Tea and evening ringing at Audley. Names for tea to Reg Proctor (01782 721206) by previous Weds. M Jones. 1149

NORWICH D.A. Eastern Branch. Quarterly Meeting, Sat September 2, South Walsham. Ringing 3pm, Service 4.15pm, Tea & Meeting, St Lawrence's. Evening ringing until 9pm. Names for tea to Lizzie High (01603) 720351 by August 30. All welcome. 1179

OXFORD D.G. North Bucks Branch. Quarterly Meeting on Sat September 2. Ringing 3-4pm at Twyford (Bucks). Ringing 4-4.30pm at Tingewick, followed by Service, Tea and Business Meeting, then ringing until 8.30pm. Names for tea to Mrs Lois Houghton-Brown on 01280 848658 (after 6pm) before Wed August 30 please. 1126

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. Guilsborough Branch. Monthly Meeting, Sat September 2. West Haddon 3pm; Ravensthorpe 4pm; Gt Broughton 6.30pm. Arrangements for tea contact Dorothy Westerman, 01788 822598. Ad No 1158

SALISBURY D.G.R. Devizes Branch. Saturday September 2. Evening ringing only at the Church of St Peter & Paul at Longbridge Deverill, starting at 6.30pm. 1064

SALISBURY D.G.R. Mere Branch. Quarterly Meeting, Saturday September 2. Ringing at Cucklington 2-3.30pm; Kington Magna for 4pm ringing, Service 5pm, tea, meeting, and evening ringing. 1173

SOUTHWELL D.G. Nottingham District. Saturday September 2. Ringing 3pm at Basford. Service, tea and meeting 4.30pm also at Basford. Evening ringing Astley. Names for tea to Sylvia Blackburn, 0115 9220081, by August 28. 1169

SUFFOLK GUILD. SE District. Sat September 2, Quarterly Meeting at Monewden. Ringing 3pm, Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing Clopton. Names for tea to Mrs K Martin, 01473 737285 by Wed Aug 30 please. 1174

K.C.A.C.R. Maidstone District. Sat September 9, Bye Meeting. Training Evening 7.00-9.00pm. Two, possibly three, towers. To cover PB Doubles and Cambridge Minor. Full details tel D Elphick 01622 790124 or K Babbage 01622 882188. Ad No 1080

NORWICH D.A. Northern Branch Meeting, Saturday September 9, Aylsham. Ringing 3pm. Then to Erpingham for ringing 3.45pm, service 4.30pm; Tea and meeting 5.30pm in village hall, followed by evening quiz. Names for tea to Paula Blatchford, 01603 613616, by Thursday 7th. All welcome. 1180

YORKSHIRE ASSN. Western Branch. Saturday September 9. Quarterly Meeting. 5pm tea at Sowerby followed by meeting and raffle draw. 7-8.30pm evening ringing at Sowerby. Special methods Little Bob Major and London Surprise Major. Names for tea to Charles Morrish by Wednesday September 6. Tel 01422 367315. Ad No 0965

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Around and about

A peal was rung on Sunday 30th July at West Grinstead by resident Sussex County Association members of the A.S.C.Y. as an 80th birthday compliment to Cecil Longhurst. Cecil has been a resident of West Grinstead all his life, the last 60 years as a ringer at St. George's. The band would like to associate the peal with Cecil's cousin, Eddie Rapley, who was originally to have stood in the attempt but was unable due to illness.

A quarter peal at Albury, Surrey was rung for the 50th anniversary of VJ Day and also in memory of Captain Alan Campbell Patterson, late husband of the treble ringer. Captain Patterson served in The Royal Regiment, The Royal Scots (Chindits) and was a POW of the Japanese for 2½ years.

Albury, Surrey. 15 Aug, 1260 Doubles (3m): Anne Patterson 1, Rachel Thompson 2, Denise Chamberlain 3, R E Knights 4, R Thomason (C) 5, P Chamberlain 6. £2

*Overheard in the pub afterwards:**Customer: "Why were the bells ringing today?"**Landlord: "I expect it was to annoy old George!"**(old George is a well known village complainer).*

No doubt some one has already been in touch to point out the error in the final item on the back page of the RW of 11 August.

There has certainly been one peal since 1965: Peter Border rang the tenor single-handed to a peal of Cambridge Maximus on 1 July 1969 on the occasion of the Investiture of the Prince of Wales at Caernarvon. K. J. HESKETH.

It's true, then! The more peals you ring, the more effortless it becomes.

I was blissfully unaware that I was ringing either the peal at Bicester on page 817 or the peal at Offton on page 818. Whilst I am sure that he would not mind giving away some of his peals, I'm afraid the credit belongs to John Mayne and not to me. A case of PealVet biting back...? JOHN MARTIN.

Mr. Mayne has already drawn our attention to this little slip! - Ed.

On page 840 the handbell peal of Maximus, claimed as first Maximus in hand for the Bath and Wells D.A., was not - two of the band rang in the first performance, in 1972!

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I wish to congratulate the band at Hawkshead for making a record by ringing five peals of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, consecutively without pause.

The making of records is very well worth while, for as the report on the record shows, much interest is shown by the media.

I cannot agree however with the footnote that it is the greatest number of CHANGES rung on church bells. It is in fact 5040 CHANGES rung five times.

I appreciate that the English language is a live language and alters its meaning in accordance with custom, but do not let the Exercise get muddled by the word CHANGES.

FRANK B. LUFKIN.

Further to John Keeler's letter (p.803) regarding Oaklahoma S. Royal (née Sandwich S. Royal, aka Ebbsfleet S. Royal), I would like to advise record keepers that the same method was rung at Aylsham on 16.4.95 for the Oxford Diocesan Guild and accordingly the records for that peal require alteration.

Assuming this method is a contraction of a Maximus method rung at St. Laurence, Reading on 16th June 1994, the correct spelling is **Oklahoma**, where, I am reliably informed, the wind comes sweeping down the plain.

COLIN M. TURNER.

We hear that the "Fenlanders" were temporarily diverted from their Maximus pursuits and, on Friday 18th August, rang the first handbell peal of Grandsire 15 (i.e. 15 changing bells plus tenor behind).

No less than 70 Essex towers rang at 12 noon on Sunday 20th August. Well done, Essex - full report later.

We regret to report the death of Doris Dobbie on 6th August in Canterbury Hospital. Aged 72, Doris was a ringer at St. Michael's, Sittingbourne.

As conductor of the Record Peal at Hawkshead, I would like to reply to Mr. Munday (RW p.876).

In his haste to write to you, he has obviously not read the umpires report carefully; the mistake in the third part was such as one might affectionately term a "fire-up" but adding that the mistakes were corrected by the conductor without interruption, and later it is recorded that every lead end of the peal was correct. This being so, it only gives 12 changes in between - not very long for the "fire-up" Mr. Munday might have in mind!

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