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Culmination of a Fifty Year Project at Wormshill

by Dickon R. Love

It was 50 years ago that as a 16 year old boy, Michael Nightingale first put 10 shillings into a Post Office savings account entitled the "Wormshill Bell Fund". At that time, the four bells in the tower, a mixture of steel and bronze bells, were all derelict, cracked and useless. Now after 50 years, there are six bells swinging in the tower and Kent has its newest ring.

The village of Wormshill lies about ten miles to the south of the Isle of Sheppey tucked away in the narrow valleys between Sittingbourne and Hollingbourne. Dedicated to St Giles, the church is part of the united benefice of Bredgar (9½cwt six), Milstead (6cwt chime of three), Bicknor (2½cwt steel four) and Frinsted (7½cwt five). It is a very small but widely spread village, which until recently boasted its own telephone exchange.

The bell restorations in the Wormshill benefice began in 1862 when the neighbouring village of Bicknor purchased a ring of four steel bells from Naylor Vickers & Co., Sheffield. These are still in the tower and were ringable until 1990 when thieves broke into the church and tried to steal them, Lowering two of them to the ground before making their exit, leaving the bells behind. Whether the thieves realised that they had picked the only tower in Kent to have bells *not* made out of valuable bell metal, or whether they were merely disturbed by someone coming up the drive we shall never know. The bells have now been rehung but not yet roped up.

A year after the Bicknor bells were cast, Naylor Vickers offered to replace the treble and tenor of the existing ring of four at Wormshill (probably because they were cracked). It would appear that no payment was made for this work, the donation of the old bell metal being sufficient to meet the costs for two steel bells. Therefore, the sounds coming from the belfries of the two villages, although being rather strange, must have been clearly acceptable. (It is interesting to compare these sounds with those currently emerging from the belfry of another neighbouring village – Tunstall – whose bells sound as irksome as a set of steel bells, but are to be shortly replaced by a brand new ring.

Inscriptions on the old Wormshill Steel and Bronze Four

(from Stahltschmidt Church Bells of Kent):

1. NAYLOR VICKERS & CO 1863
2. R PHELPS FECIT 1718
3. THOMAS DVTNALL CHVRCH
WARDEN : R : PHELPS FECIT 1719
4. NAYLOR VICKERS & CO 1863

The ringing of the bronze/steel combination at Wormshill did not last long. By 1885 the tower was deemed unsafe for the bells to be rung properly and so ringing stopped. In the intervening time, the installation fell into a disrepair with the constant clocking of the bells causing



Michael Nightingale of Cromarty, O.B.E., the man behind the vision.

each of them to crack. It appears that the old third was scrapped and replaced with another Naylor Vickers steel bell as there are memories of there being only *one* bronze and *three* steel bells in the tower in the 1940s.

In 1944, some interest was turned towards the renovation of the belfry. Michael Nightingale as a young lad in the parish opened a special Post Office account and invited Albert Hughes from Mears & Stainbank to inspect the tower with a view to replacing the bells with a ring of six. He tells of Mr Hughes' surprise at being met at Sittingbourne Railway Station by such a youth rather than the older member of the Gentry that he might have otherwise expected!

Michael Nightingale of Cromarty, O.B.E. is not only churchwarden at Wormshill, he is also the Patron and Lord of the Manor (as well as being the Lord of the Manor of nearby Bedmonton and Bobbing). In addition to this, he is Chairman of the Churches Committee of the Kent Archaeological Society. Over the 50 years since Mr Hughes' visit, he and the Cromarty Trust, of which he is trustee, have worked to see through the plan to replace the four cracked bells with a ring of six.

This slow process began with the scrapping of the three steel bells in the 1940s. Forty years later in 1988, the remaining bronze bell (the second) was welded by Soundweld at Lode, near Cambridge. This Wormshill bell was destined to become the tenor of a new ring of six.

At that time, three bells, cast by Whitechapel in 1963, were acquired from the church of St Gregory the Great in Canterbury. Although the church is now redundant, the building is still used as the "St Gregory Centre" just outside the City walls near Northgate. Since St Gregory's has now bell tower, the three bells used to hang and be chimed from a bell-cote at one end of the church – the three empty spaces being clearly visible.

Later in 1988, the newly welded Wormshill bell was hung by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry and the Kent County Association as the tenor in a new steel frame for a ring of six. The three Canterbury Bells were then hung as bells 1,2 and three of the six ... and this is how matters remained for seven years. After over a hundred years, there were now four bells again swinging in the belfry, and still they were unorthodox (being 1,2,3,6 of a six). Although the church does not have a clock, it did at least have the facility to play the Cambridge Chimes!

The first peal of the four bells was rung on 2nd December, 1989 by a band from the London Country Association ringing four minimus methods. This was followed by another peal, this time of Reverse Canterbury on 16th August, 1991. This latter peal was specially arranged for a ringer who had not previously rung one before and was a little nervous at the prospect of standing up and ringing a bell for three hours. Since a peal at Wormshill was only going to last two hours, he figured that he might be able to survive this without fainting or freaking out – which he did. The third and last peal on the four was on 8th January, 1995 lasting only 1hr 57mins.

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St Gregory the Great, Canterbury – the front three Wormshill bells used to hang in the bellcote.

WORMSHILL - continued

The search for two more bells continued. Consistent with his interest in matters of conservation, Michael Nightingale was very keen to find and rescue two older bells rather than cast a brand new pair. Together with the author, Michael searched for suitable bells both within and outside Kent. The Diocese of Canterbury offered Michael the two small bells from the redundant church at Leysdown on the Isle of Sheppey. Unfortunately these proved too small for the purpose, but were retained in Wormshill in case it was decided to recast them at a later stage.

As time went on, the prospect of finding two ideal bells became more and more remote, and it seemed more and more likely that the only way to complete the project was to have the foundry cast one or more new bells. But then by chance, a ring of three became available from West Bretton in the Diocese of Wakefield, South Yorkshire. Of these three, the treble and second were considered suitable to fill the empty Wormshill pits, with the West Bretton tenor being an optional alternative to the Wormshill tenor. These three bells were all cast by John Sellars of York in 1731 and have the distinction of being the last ring of bells he ever cast, for he died one month later.

The West Bretton bells were thus purchased and brought down to Kent. In order for the bells to accurately fit the existing ring it was decided to have the second tuned at Loughborough by John Taylor & Co., with the fittings constructed by Eayre and Smith. Also, since Nightingale was keen to retain the original Wormshill tenor, the West Bretton tenor has been kept in case anything untoward happens to the recently welded bell. The Kent County Association then hung the West Bretton treble and second in the Wormshill fourth and fifth pits on 13th May, and a band from Hythe provided Wormshill with its first ever six bell ringing at a try-out.

The details of his new ring of six are now as follows:

Bell	Weight	Inscription
Treble	1-0-9	MEARS AND STAINBANK WHITECHAPEL 1963
2	1-1-27	MEARS & STAINBANK WHITECHAPEL 1963
3	2-0-2	MEARS & STAINBANK WHITECHAPEL 1963
4	2-1-0	EX DONO GULIELMI WENTWORTH BARONETTI (The Gift of Sir William Wentworth, Baronet) [John Sellars, 1731]
5	2-1-7	EX DONO GULIELMI WENTWORTH BARONETTI (The Gift of Sir William Wentworth, Baronet) [John Sellars, 1731]
Tenor	3-1-15	R PHELPS FECIT 1718

At 3-1-15, Wormshill has the second lightest tenor bell in Kent (the distinction of the lightest going to the tenor of the Whitechapel eight at St Alphege, Whitstable at 3-1-13, although the pseudo-ringing Bicknor has a 2½cwt tenor). However, the total weight of 12-1-20 does mean that of all towers with six more more bells, Wormshill has the lightest ring overall.

Since Wormshill is situated so deeply in the North Downs of Kent, getting ringing established is going to be difficult, but efforts to teach a local band are currently being discussed. Michael Nightingale has made it known that he is very keen for the bells to be rung, and will make them just as available to visiting bands as he did when they were still a four.



St Giles', Wormshill.

The first peal was rung soon after the augmentation was complete. The original intention was to ring a peal of a new Surprise Minor method as the first peal and name it "Cromarty" after Michael Nightingale and the Cromarty Trust that so generously provided funding for the project. Unfortunately, the person providing the line had mistaken the place notation, and the peal that was rung later proved to have been rung and named before. Thus, it turned out that the first peal was actually *Brunsworth Surprise Minor* - one to keep the historians of the future bemused! The details of the Brunsworth peal are as follows:

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION WORMSHILL, Kent

At the Church of St Giles. Tenor: 3-1-15 in E.
On Wednesday 7th June, 1995 in 2hrs 1 mins
5040 Brunsworth Surprise Minor

1. D. Paul Smith
2. Clare J. Larter
3. Philip H. Larter
4. Andrew Blacklock
5. Mark P. Gilham
6. Dickon R. Love (C)

The first peal on the augmented ring, the ring of six bells and installation were given by Michael Nightingale of Cromarty, O.B.E. and the Cromarty Trust. The method rung was originally to have been called Cromarty.

Shortly it is hoped to ring another peal at Wormshill including an extent named Cromarty. In the mean time, there is to be a service of dedication at Wormshill Church on Sunday, 8th October at which the Rt Revd David Say, former Bishop of Rochester will dedicate and name the bells as follows:

Treble	Mary
2	Magdalen
3	Gregory
4	Mirren
5	Regulus
Tenor	Giles

A peal was recently rung at Low Bentham, North Yorkshire, to mark the completion by Kevin M. Price of 25 years as tower captain. Most of these years have been spent in teaching boys from the boarding school next door to the Church. The Bentham School Society was founded in 1964 under the late Stanley Arderton who ran it until 1970 when Kevin took over. Numbers have come and gone through the years, as is expected with a School situation but there have been a few high spots, and news of a number of former

There is still some more work to be done on the installation to improve matters. In particular, the volume of the bells in the (ground floor) ringing chamber is to be reduced as they are still rather loud. It might have taken 51 years, but Michael Nightingale and the Wormshill parishioners are pleased that at least the sounds from the belfry have been transformed from a mausoleum of cracked bronze and steel to a lantern of Whitechapel and York.



The band who rang in the first peal. (L-R): Dickon Love (C), Mark Gilham, Andrew Blacklock, Philip Larter, Clare Larter, Paul Smith.

pupils who have gone on to remain as ringers in their home towers.

After a short lapse in activities, the Society came back to life again earlier this year when a new band started, including some local residents, and practices re-commenced on a regular basis, usually Tuesday but occasionally Wednesday. Tim Flitcroft makes the journey from Carlisle each week to help with tuition and run the practice when Kevin cannot make it. At the School Garden Fete on 8th July, the bells were rung for 30 minutes as part of the proceedings, the ringing team receiving a good "write-up" in the programme. It was the first time in the tower's history that we have been "on show" to parents, some of whom visited the tower during the afternoon.

During the School holidays, the locals have visited other towers to keep their ringing up to scratch and are hoping to embark on tower maintenance in the near future.

The tower is affiliated to the Yorkshire Association and hopes to be able to play an active part in that Association as time and distance permit.

L.B.

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Bellfounders' Gift Page



Bell Restoration Funds Committee

Six of the eight members were present for the meeting in Salisbury on May 29th, when we were pleased to welcome Dr. Lin Forbes and Mrs. Stella Bianco to the first half of the meeting.

They wished us to consider asking the Central Council to back a proposal concerning a group application to the Millennium Fund for a network of Millennium bells. Dr. Forbes explained her background interest in the project and her reasons for wanting our support. She was involved in fund raising for a bell augmentation and restoration scheme in Leicestershire and in the course of exploring the possibilities of a grant from the Millennium Fund, found the total cost of their project was too small for consideration as an individual application. However, if a number of groups wishing to undertake bell restoration/augmentation combined together to submit a joint application, then a grant of the order of half the combined costs might be successful. The minimum grant is of the region of £100,000, so the total of the linked projects should be at least £200,000. Bells were likely to be considered sympathetically by the Fund managers. Plaques acknowledging the source of funds would be incorporated into the schemes. It was agreed that the Chairman should address the Council meeting the following day, to seek the Council's backing to the plan, so that the Council could act as the co-ordinating body. Lin and Stella were going to write an article on this topic for the 16th June edition of *The Ringing World*, and were prepared to undertake all the administrative work.

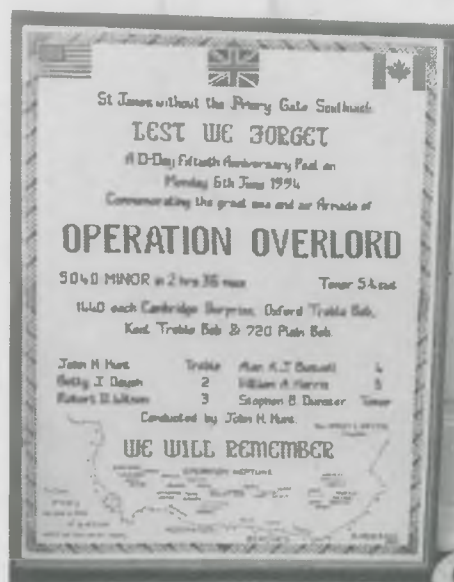
On returning to our agenda it was noted that *The Manifold Trust* continues to give substantial grants to churches with bell restoration schemes, where the bells have been unringable for at least thirty years.

John Barnes told us he had attended the Pimlico Seminar on Fund Raising in March and although it was a successful day, it was disappointing that only seven parishes were represented, as the principal speaker gave excellent advice.

And the analysis of the latest triennial survey of Society Bell Restoration Funds was presented. This shows that a higher percentage of Society funds are now being spent on bell schemes. Thanks were expressed to Eric Billings for all the time and work given to carrying out this detailed project.

As the result of an enquiry by Sir John Smith of *The Manifold Trust* about the "hardcore" of unringable bells an evaluation of towers with five or more unringable bells was presented. This showed that many of the churches with these problems were in one area of the country. This had happened for historical reasons and the ringers in the region were aware of the state of these bells. Ways of tackling the problem elsewhere were discussed and Jackie Roberts volunteered to talk to as many societies as possible on the matter.

BEVERLEY WINTER,
Bell Restoration Funds Committee.



"Operation Overlord" tapestry

The photograph is of a tapestry peal board commemorating the 50th anniversary of the invasion to liberate Europe, code-named *Operation Overlord*, which was planned and controlled from Supreme Headquarters in the village of Southwick, Hampshire. The design and embroidery were entirely carried out by Blanche M. Hunt of Fareham, Hampshire, and the framed board now hangs in the belfry of the Church of St. James-without-the Priory Gate, Southwick.

Wool was used as the embroidery medium and, except for the name of the Church, all the wording is executed in sharp angles.

The border consists of a series of the "V" sign in the morse code (dot, dot, dot, dash) in navy blue, air force blue, khaki and red wools.

United States of America, British and Canadian flags are shown at the top of the tapestry. "Operation Overlord" is in RAF blue, with the letter "V" in red, "Operation Neptune" is in Navy blue, while the remainder of the lettering is khaki-coloured. The bottom of the board shows the coast of Normandy, with barbed wire depicted, with the disposition of the main capital ships. British ships under British control are shown in Navy blue, British ships under American command are in Navy blue and pale blue. American ships in pale blue, French in blue and white threads, and Flagships, together with assault craft are in red with either dark or pale blue colourings. The trajectories of the ships guns to the shore batteries that they engaged are shown in white.

Bee warned

On August 4th a band of ringers gathered at St. Nicholas Church, Standish, Glos, intending to ring a quarter peal as a compliment to John Jenner on the 70th anniversary of his birth.

John was born in the parish and until he retired from farming five years ago, he continued to live in the farmhouse where he was born and brought up. He worshipped regularly in the parish church and supported it as fully as his farming duties allowed. He served on the Parochial Church Council and has been Churchwarden since 1967. Since his retirement he has done more and more for the church in a variety of ways. Many of them are often unseen and not fully appreciated by most parishioners.

It was therefore very disappointing to everyone, ringers and non ringers alike, that the attempt failed, due to circumstances beyond anyone's control. The previous weekend, a colony of bees which has lived in a cavity on the outside of the tower, never before having shown much interest in the interior of the church, must have had a change of heart. They had found a way into the bell chamber, and not being able to find a way out again from there, descended into the ringing room, which for many was literally a dead end. The windows, being very small and narrow proved a way out for very few, so the remainder flew around, until eventually, they collapsed and died in heaps on the ringing room floor.

By Friday afternoon the worst of the problem seemed to have been solved, and the remaining corpses were swept up and removed. Unfortunately this proved not to be the case. The quarter peal started about 8 p.m. with the ringing room light switched on because the natural light would have failed over the next 45 minutes. This must have become an attraction for the bees, and the movement of the bells and ropes an unacceptable nuisance. After half an hour more bees became such a nuisance and danger to the ringers, that the ringing had to be called round and abandoned.

I hope this won't deter the ringers, Melanie Gibson, Lawrence Hitchins, Dave Pobjoy, Victor Gibson, John Gibson and Viv Deane from future ringing at Standish. Finally, a word of caution, one bee may not be a cause for concern, but he might be just the first of many in the swarming season! M.G.

First peal congratulations

Christopher M. Rudd, Janet N. Roxburgh, Lindsey C. Gilligan, Emily Sawyer, Peter G. Collett, Gwen Oliver, Neil D. Evans, Sarah E. Cattermole, Daniel N. Carter.

The 1995 Tour of the Heart of England, involving 38 cyclists/ringers, was a great success - if a little warm on occasions.

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Letters

Maintaining the Integrity of Historic Bell Installations

I was very much surprised to read Andrew Anderson's viewpoint regarding the above when by profession he is an architect (RW p.833). As an architect he needs no reminding of the considerable dynamic loadings bell frames and fittings are subjected to (in fact he makes reference to this in his letter) and therefore the need to apply nothing less than first rate engineering practices and principles: criteria which many ancient fittings no longer satisfy.

"Wedge bolts" or "keyed" ironwork to which Mr. Anderson refers almost certainly pre-dates c.1680 when the screw thread was introduced into this country and in its day was undoubtedly state of the art engineering, but one has only to read through 17th and 18th century churchwardens' accounts to see how often it was in need of maintenance and how often the local blacksmith was engaged to repair or replace it. Almost invariably this type of ironwork is manufactured from wrought iron, a material which is no longer produced and hasn't been for the last 20 years. Provided that such ironwork hasn't already corroded into a state whereby it is no longer fit for continued use, the scarcity of wrought iron will no doubt make its repair a none too easy task and an expensive exercise. Welding on sections of mild steel to replace badly corroded areas may be the answer. I'm not sure, but welding together dissimilar metals can create severe metallurgical problems, if not least the undesirable introduction of cracking stresses. Hardly a suitable medium for suspending a ringing bell.

Nailed sheerbands make no provision for re-tightening the bell into its headstock should the timber shrink in dry weather and fitting drive in type gudgeons in perfect alignment must have been the Devil's own job. Admittedly, the problem may be surmounted today by turning the gudgeons between centres after assembly to the headstock but what must also be considered are the plain "brasses" (bearings) mortised into the frame heads which usually complement this type of gudgeon. These bearings cannot accommodate any mis-alignment either in themselves or the gudgeons and if any mis-alignment is present, the bell will be difficult to ring and in the long term will result in uneven bearing wear. Again, ancient churchwardens' accounts reveal the frequency at which these "brasses" needed replacing.

I cannot agree with Mr. Anderson's statement that a historic bell is no longer historic if stripped of its original fittings. A mediaeval bell is still a mediaeval bell regardless of the type or age of fittings employed, though I would agree that if ancient fittings are not fit for retention, they should be recorded perhaps in a similar manner to which archaeologists record ancient earthworks before new buildings are erected on the site, before being disposed of.

Although I don't know the details, what appears to have been done at Brecon Cathedral (RW p.805) seems the ideal solution, i.e. to

have preserved the old installation as a museum piece with fibre-glass replica bells substituting for the real thing. On the other hand, when the cost of restoration work runs into tens of thousands of pounds, is it fair to ask that extra monies be raised for the manufacture of replica bells when those who take more than a passing interest in the historical aspects of bells, frames and fittings must be a very small percentage of the ringing fraternity at large? My experience is that few ringers have any idea what is on the other end of the ropes they are pulling, and even fewer have any interest.

I am not anti-conservation – quite the contrary – and find ancient frames and fittings quite fascinating but have to be realistic when the question is raised, "Is this frame and are these fittings suitable for a ringable set of bells?"

To repair and retain ancient fittings simply to preserve them may well result in ill-spent money and a set of bells that is ringable only with difficulty by experienced ringers. No local band would ensue and we all know that "rough" bells tend to be avoided even by the "experts". Surely, it is far better to conserve ancient and rare examples of the bellfounder's craft in a more "user-friendly" mode when after all, the whole purpose of church bells is for them to be rung and heard, not hung silent as virtual museum pieces because someone wishes to preserve their fittings.

DENNIS GREENWOOD.

Huddersfield.

What are bells for?

Is Andrew Anderson (p.833) forgetting that a ring of bells is an important part of the living Church of TODAY? To perform this function, any installation must be in a safe and sound mechanical condition, and regularly maintained to ensure that it is not a hazard to those who are ringing. The huge forces created by swinging bells must be safely dealt with by the fittings and frame. Any part of an installation which is not fully up to the job MUST be safely and properly repaired or replaced, otherwise the bells will fall silent. A working modern ring of bells is surely better than an unringable and therefore useless one.

The historical aspect of an old installation may well be important to a few people. However, it must be much more important that every ring of bells is safe and easy to ring and therefore able to fulfill its purpose for the Church. This vital aspect must not be clouded by historical emotion or any preference for old style bells just for the sake of it.

From the ringing point of view, not many ringers want to exert themselves ringing every week on a rough going and worn out ring of bells which somebody has decided can not be rehung. Hard to ring bells are very likely to fall silent, especially if the existing band is not able to train and keep learners because the condition of the bells is such that they are unsuitable (or dangerous) for training.

In some areas, it seems that there is a policy of preserving everything, whether or not it is a good example of its type. This is resulting in a larger number of silent towers which have become mechanically unsafe or which are too tricky to ring. We can not compromise on safety in order to keep yesterday's worn out frames and fittings as they are. How long will it be before somebody gets hurt because a church is unable to obtain permission to rehang the bells properly, and something gives way?

We should consider keeping only the very best which is worthy of preservation, if

necessary by setting up a National Bell Museum to house important relics. That which is not a good example of its type should be recorded and then updated to modern standards by recasting, rehanging or retuning as necessary.

This generation must ensure that the art of bell ringing as we know it continues as a vital part of today's Church. After all, a Church bell is the loudest sound made to the Glory of God.

D. BAGLEY.

Malvern Wells.

"Codging", a growth industry

We never seemed to agree on a satisfactory name for ourselves, now we know who we are – CODGERS. We've been meeting for several years and we certainly con form to all the criteria laid down by the North Somerset Codgers. We are of pensionable age, we enjoy our ringing whilst not aspiring to quarter peals, the welcome is friendly, our hours are less arduous though being only between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to accommodate the vagaries of the English daylight hours over the year, and our meetings are always on a weekday. The feelings engendered whilst ringing, and enjoying a lengthy pub lunch, whilst others of younger ages are earning their honest wages has to be experienced to be believed.

There was always the feeling that there were others out there somewhere engaged in similar activities to ourselves, but we never knew quite where, or who, but it seems as though the noble art of Codging is more common than we realised, Wednesday afternoon seems a popular time, or Tuesday morning, and now with a name like Codging perhaps a gathering of likeminded enthusiasts is a possibility. An Association of Codgers at their inaugural meeting, . . . the mid-district of Codgers . . . , the branch meetings lead to the A.G.M. of all Codging groups . . . , the annual dinner . . . , the gentle cricket match held annually . . . , the summer tour . . . , might it lead to affiliation to the Central Council and our very own Central Council Rep?

Well, no, perhaps not, not for those who are fortunate enough to be enjoying life in the slow lane. Maybe Codgers are best left as they are, each enjoying what they have set up in their own way. Thanks John for a good piece of writing about the North Somerset Codge Lodge, we would love to join you – just once.

CHRISTINE HARBOTT

West Clandon, Surrey

Learning to ring

When I read Geoff Berriman's article, I wondered what sort of reaction it would provoke, offering as it did an interesting blend of sound arguments and misconceptions. It was reassuring that so many of the initial letters were positive, but D. F. Willcocks' ('Wrong attitude' – RW p.832) went on the attack.

His letter raises some important points that are worthy of further discussion.

He says people who are good with their brains are harder to teach [physical skills]. I suspect there is some truth in this. It may partly be a lack of coordination as he suggests, but I suspect it is also because such people habitually think more about what they are doing. Instead of just 'letting go' and hoping for the best, they try hard to make the right thing happen, using whatever (correct or incorrect) insights they have. A teacher who will not meet them on their own

terms by taking their ideas seriously and using them as a basis for further explanation does them both a disservice.

In our culture, it is not good enough to say 'do what I say because I'm an expert'. I would consider it a weakness if that were the only reason I could offer.

Nor are we empty containers into which know-how can be poured. New knowledge must be fitted in with the old, even if some of it needs revising.

This is especially true of the more mature and articulate among us. I find it easier to teach such people, despite their slower learning rate, because they think about what they are doing and one can reason with them about it.

Youngsters may pick things up more quickly, but when they don't it can be much harder to communicate what is going wrong.

Finally, having strongly suggested that Berriman's failure is all his own fault and not that of his teachers, Willcocks goes on to tell us that he has successfully taught such 'unteachables'. As a professional instructor he has clearly learnt to adapt his approach to one that succeeds. Surely then, he should not be seeking to defend those that manifestly fail.

Individual successes or failures aside, we should be questioning much more the way we recruit and teach, for the simple reason that across the Exercise as a whole, it is very wasteful and ineffective. The CC survey showed the huge drop-out from ringing, (80% in the first two years).

There has to be a better way. We are not motivating our recruits enough to compete with other attractions, and the two biggest motivators in any activity are personal success and interpersonal relations. The teacher cum tower captain is heavily responsible for both of these, and for delaying or advancing the time when a recruit begins to experience the pay-back for his or her initial commitment.

We should be learning from each other's experiences as teachers and leaders, but we are rarely able to. Collectively we need to invest more of our know-how into the skills of the thousands of tower captains who are out there teaching the next generation of ringers. Individually we should all be trying to learn from those who may have a little more success than ourselves.

Perhaps the new bi-annual tower captain's course (RW p.831) will be oversubscribed. If not, we should all ask ourselves why.

JOHN HARRISON.

Wokingham, Berks.

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Could I ask whether readers of *The Ringing World* might help me? I am currently researching the life of Fred G. May, who was a well known ringer based in Bristol at the turn of the century. Fred May emigrated to Durban, Natal, in 1925 when he was about 56 years old. It is known that he was living "in quiet retirement" near Capetown in 1954. I seem to remember reading an obituary for him in *The Ringing World*, but have been quite unable to trace it. I remember it mentioning that he was uncle to Peter May, the former England cricket captain. I should like to know whether any reader can give me a reference to this obituary, or give me Fred May's date of death, or any other facts about this excellent ringer's life. I can be contacted at The Copse, Thornbury Road, Alveston, Bristol BS12 2LJ. Tel: 01454 414466. Fax: 01454 415107.

PATRICK J. BIRD.

Time for thought

Regardless of how we teach, do pupils have adequate time given to them? The question is prompted by a phone call from a lady enquiring about weekend courses who said, in effect, "If I add up all the time I spend actually ringing I doubt that it comes to 15 minutes a month". Perhaps it isn't surprising that out of five learners who started a year ago this lady is the only one still ringing – and I admire her persistence. (Incidentally, after that year "learning" she was enquiring about call changes.)

PETER WENHAM

Bramston, Northants

Misleading

With reference to the article, 'Veterans Reunited in Liverpool', Bellfounders Gift page, *The Ringing World*, 21st July 1995.

The final statement of the last sentence is somewhat misleading and might in fact cause some resentment amongst certain circles.

The facts of the situation are: Liverpool City Council who own St Luke's approve fully of a scheme to install bells back into a restored Gillebrand bell frame but the scheme to put bells back is the brainchild of the "Merseyside Bell Restoration Group" a charitable organisation, who with support from the Ringing Centres Committee of the Central Council and hopefully further support from English Heritage, hope to develop St Lukes as a Ringing Centre and Ringing Heritage Centre to provide an educational service for Merseyside and surrounding areas.

Liverpool City Council are unable to provide funding for the project, but will give any support which will not impinge on their financial resources.

I feel that it is important that the situation is clarified in the columns of *The Ringing World*.

Further and fuller details of the scheme will be offered for publication in the future.

J. H. WILTON.

Liverpool DAC Bells Adviser

Trustee "The Merseyside Bell Restoration Group"

Wedding moments

The recent correspondence on "just impediments" reminded me that wedding ringing at Wimbledon has not been without its amusing moments. On one occasion we were told "the bride's father has forgotten his trousers so he's gone to Catford to get them". We could not imagine a man so vast (or diminutive) that no department store in South West London could clothe him but we were to be disappointed. By the time he returned the ceremony had been conducted and the photographs were almost completed and there was nothing remarkable about his size anyway.

On another occasion, although the wedding itself was not impeded, the ringers were treated to a grandstand view of two rather sheepish looking chauffeurs wondering what to do about the sundial that was lying in pieces not far from the base of the tower. Even at low speed wedding limousines have considerable clout and one of the drivers had just knocked it over. Out of sight is out of mind and the evidence remained tucked away by the boiler house for the next ten years and was only removed after vandals used it to attempt a break-in.

SYLVIA DAVIES.

Tooting, London.

Corfe Castle correction

Mrs. Betty Crackle of Corfe Castle recently put an advertisement in *The Ringing World* about my book *The Story of the Bells of the Church of St. Edward the Martyr, Corfe Castle, Dorset* and she has sold several in aid of the Corfe Castle bell restoration fund. In the book I stated that the last time the bells were rung was on August 21st 1957, when I arranged a few local towers for Harold and Olive Rogers who were on holiday in Swanage.

One reply that Betty received was from David Hughes of Liss, Hants, who checked his records and found that he rang at Corfe Castle on 18th May 1959; I am glad that he put the record straight. I enclose a copy of his letter to Betty (with his permission) which your readers may find of interest. Judith Robertson of Tarrant Keyneston tells me that she is sure she rang there after 1957 and that I was there as well as the late Dr. Neale Smith. Judith's memory was always better than mine, so she may well be right. Any more corrections please?

Betty Crackle, 26 Halves Cottages, Corfe Castle, Wareham, Dorset, still has some copies for sale at £3.15 each including postage.

CHRISTOPHER T. BROWN.

Wareham.

"Dear Mrs. Crackle,

Seeing your advert in *The Ringing World* reminded me that I had previously seen some mention about the date Corfe Castle bells were last rung. At the time it didn't sound right to me and now I have checked my records for the date that I rang there. It was on a Liss outing on 18th May 1959, most likely the Whit Monday that year.

I had then only been ringing for about two years and would have been 19, old enough to be sure of my facts and experienced enough to know full circle ringing when I took part in it.

It was a properly constituted and arranged outing – not by any means an "illicit grab". Our tower secretary at that time would certainly have obtained permission beforehand either from the Vicar or Tower Secretary.

The floor, I remember, was "carpeted" in a layer of brick, stone or cement dust, about half an inch thick.

An elderly gentleman – not the vicar – had let us in and one thing I particularly remember was that during the ringing our tower captain's rope-end left his hands and disappeared completely through the hole in the ceiling and a few seconds later it reappeared when he again took hold of it and continued ringing. I have never seen anything like that before or since, in fact if I had not seen it with my own eyes I would not have believed it to be possible.

I also seem to recall that there was a constant rumble from above while the bells were being rung. I found it all quite exciting in my youth, but I feel sure on reflection that we should not have been given permission to ring while the bells were in that state.

Perhaps our secretary had written to a very new incumbent who knew nothing of bells and ringing and was not sufficiently aware of their state. It would be interesting to know whether this may have been the case.

I imagine the date given as the last time they were rung was correct as far as local knowledge could confirm. The claim still sounds quite impressive!

DAVID M. HUGHES."

Tower Fees

The front page article on the bells and tower of Stowmarket (p.829) proves one thing. The amount raised in peal fees, visits, etc., will never cover the cost of major restoration. The most which can be expected is to cover part of the cost of ropes, etc.

The usual reason given for increasing fees for secular ringing is that ringing is a hobby which is had too cheaply compared with other activities. Commonly, visits to the theatre are quoted, especially, for some reason, the opera! In fact, most activities which are quoted involve passive enjoyment of professional entertainment. Bell ringers are not professionals, so a better yardstick would be amateur theatrical entertainment. Better still, I don't know whether any ringers are keen club or village cricketers, (I am not), but I would suspect that an even better yardstick would be the amount paid by the participants to join such an organisation. Indeed, as Ian Davies mentions, a day at a county cricket match costs about £5 for 6½ hours, which equates to about £2.10 for a peal rung at an average of 30 changes per minute.

The cost of taking part is generally less than watching someone else do an activity. After all, wedding fees for bells are two to three times the peal fee in most churches. Brewing and consuming your own alcohol is, similarly, much cheaper than boosting the brewer's profits. As regards travel, I would quite happily donate the total I spent on travel to peals I rang during the whole of 1993 and 1994, instead of the usual tower peal fee, for the next peal which I ring.

It is nice to see one organiser refusing a fee which he considers excessive (p.809). I suspect that this was a case of an incumbent suspecting that ringers are an easy target to cover his quota, which has been inflated by the incompetence of the church commissioners. In this country, there is always a plentiful supply of churches at which to ring who are only too pleased to welcome visitors without stating a fee in advance, or even expecting one. This is called market forces.

The fixing of a fee surely raises another matter. That is of the liability of the church for any accidents caused, or, refund due to mechanical failure! Perhaps some of our legally qualified brethren would care to comment on this. Also, if a man rings a bell single handed to a peal which is normally rung double handed, e.g. the tenor at Exeter Cathedral, should he pay twice the normal fee? R. E. H. WOOLLEY.

Daybrook, Nottingham.

Variable Hunt Plain Bob Doubles

Ring P.B.D. until call is made then bell in the hunt dodges at the lead with the bell that would make seconds and that bell is then the hunt bell.

e.g. 31524 call made here

13254

31254

13524

15342

A call is made for every three leads then a plain lead of P.B.D. By moving the call each bell does all the work in each different 120. e.g. BBBP x3, BBPB x3, BPBB x3, PBBS x3.

This was rung to 120 changes at Ropley on 10 August 1995.

If this is the first time it's been rung we would like to call it 'Ropley Variable Hunt Doubles'.

RODNEY SKINNER



96 - Not Out!

Take a perfect English summer day - blue skies, white clouds, brilliant sunshine and a cooling breeze. Add Somerset's incomparable scenery, hospitality to match, plus some good bells. Mix all the ingredients gently and we have the setting for this year's meeting of the "43-ers", those who learnt to ring when the wartime ringing ban was lifted. For some the event began on the Friday evening with a quarter-peal of Bob Minor. This was followed on Saturday morning with two more quarter-peals, of Yorkshire Major and of doubles, then we all met at Pitminster for general ringing. Participants here included Mrs Gladys Whatmore, still ringing at the age of 96. We don't know if this is a record, but it is certainly an example to all of us.

Ringing ranged from rounds to London Major, after which a massive convoy set forth to Taunton and the Arscott abode. Having taken up all the available parking space on Ray's drive and most of Clifford Avenue some 50 persons sat down in the garden to an excellent buffet lunch served by Brenda Arscott and helpers, with Ray directing operations.

With everyone replete our new members, Brenda and Derek Chatfield, Reg Beale, Margaret Chapman, Derek Fowles, John Hunt and Bill Slocombe regaled us with their personal accounts of how they came into ringing. (And sometimes much more.) Whilst it is unlikely that any prosecutions for slander will result we did

The "43-ers" at the Arscott abode.

hear of some interesting personalities of 50 years ago. These presentations continued through the racket of a neighbour mowing his lawn - possibly a form of revenge for Ray's garden campanile. As Owen Needham was unable to be present his story was read to the assembled multitude. Apologies were also received from Michael and Kathleen Brown, Tony and Phyllis Brazier and Geoffrey Dodd.

The meeting proper concluded with a course of Bob Major on handbells by Margaret (Robin) Woolley 1-2, Margaret Chapman 3-4, Tom Chapman 5-6, Ray Arscott 7-8, after which many tried their hand at ringing various methods on Ray's "computerised campanile" while reminiscences continued - and continued --.

Thanks are due to the many people who combined to make the day a success, to Jean Datson for the original inspiration and for keeping the meeting in order (more or less), to Stan Scott for the considerable secretarial work, including the newsletters that keep us in touch through the year, to Ray and Brenda Arscott for throwing their home open to a ravenous horde and, with their helpers, feeding them all. Not to mention organising the towers, with thanks to the incumbents thereof.

For those with the time and energy remaining there was further ringing at Wilton (the Taunton one!) and in the evening some of us joined the Surprise Major practice at Bishop's Lydeard.

So ended a most delightful day; if there are more ringers "out there" who learnt to ring when the ban was lifted (and we aren't fussy about a year or so) please contact Stan Scott, "Chequers", Crowthorne Road, Bracknell, Berkshire (or ring 01344 425792) and share in our fellowship.

P.D.W.

Taunton, Somerset. 21 July, 1440 PB minor: John Hunt (C) 1, Blanche Hunt 2, Dennis Whatmore 3, Fred Sage 4, Bob Churchill 5, Raymond Arscott 6.

Taunton, Somerset. 22 July, 1250 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Leslie Arscott 1, Blanche Hunt 2, Helen Taylor 3, Margaret Chapman 4, John Hunt (C) 5, Bob Churchill 6, Tom Chapman 7, Raymond Arscott 8.

Bishop's Hull, Somerset. 22 July, 1260 doubles (2m): Brenda Chatfield 1, Anne Stenning 2, Peter Wenham (C) 3, Derek Chatfield 4, Barry Cowper 5, Bill Slocombe 6. First meeting since 1947: 3 with 1 and 4.

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Getting into Bob Doubles

by Steve Coleman

IV - Those Tricky Problems

There are one or two posh ringers who think that Bob Doubles isn't very difficult at all and that no-one should have any trouble with it. You and I, of course, know better. We know that there are all sorts of tricky problems that can wrench you suddenly and disastrously into the wrong place. And they can do that no matter how much study and preparation you've done. So while those posh ringers are looking at the peals pages, we are going to have a quiet chat about those problems together.

Forgetting

We've been six weeks at this now, and I'm sure you can recite a plain course without the slightest difficulty. Most definitely it is at the very forefront of your mind at all possible times.

At all possible times, that is, except when you are actually ringing it. Then, it can drift away behind a kind of hazy and shifting miasma.

Unfortunately this is an occupational hazard of ringing, and the great majority of ringers suffer from it from time to time. Fortunately, it does get better. The more you practise and the more comfortable you get with Bob Doubles, the less you forget what to do - though by then you are starting Bob Minor and Grandsire and forgetting those instead. Meanwhile, the following tips may help.

Always prepare well, no matter how little use that preparation turns out to be. Every little is worthwhile.

Try and relax before you start. Relaxed concentration produces the best ringing.

Ring with friends as much as possible. A warm supportive atmosphere really helps to keep the memory intact.

Concentrate at all times, and don't stop concentrating in the easy bits. Even while you are hunting and leading, keep reminding yourself what the next piece of work will be.

Go back over the place where you got lost, once you've stopped ringing. Many ringers get lost in the same place every time because something in the ropesight or sound always puts them off there. If you can get through that point O.K., you may be able to ring the rest of the course perfectly.

Of course, you may not just forget, you may suffer complete memory melt-down. This is *Ringling Panic* and it is a real and common problem. You can find a whole chapter on it in my book, *The Bellringer's Bedside Companion*.

Doubting

Doubting is a bit like forgetting but is more indecisive. You really *are* sure that you are going to dodge 3-4 down but - then again - *just perhaps* you should be dodging 3-4 up.

Follow the golden rule: **Do Not Doubt**. Be like Lord Macaulay and say, "I may be wrong, I sometimes am, but I never doubt."

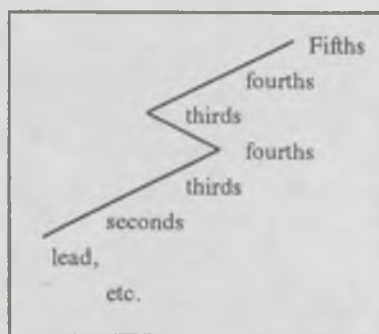
Doubting is insidiously debilitating and results in half done dodges and sloppy handling. Better by far to be wrong than to doubt. If you are going to dodge 3-4 down, do it positively and crisply come what may.

I add that doubting arises in large measure from traditional ringing teaching. You are never told what you've done **right**, you are only told what you've done **wrong**. So you are told that you dodged in the wrong place, rather than being told that you dodged well there.

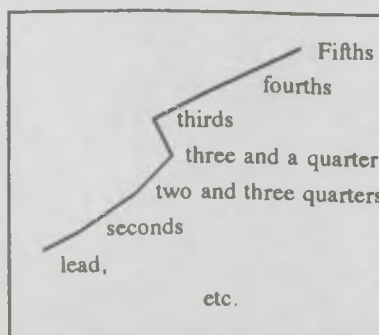
For my money it is better by far to do a **good** dodge in the **wrong** place than a **bad** dodge in the **right** place. A good dodge is a transferable skill. If you can do it in the wrong place you can do it just as well in the right one. But a bad dodge is no earthly use to anyone no matter where you put it.

Dodging

And that brings us to dodging. You may have difficulty getting your dodges right, as indeed, a lot of people do. Quite possibly you count well enough, but you are so busy counting and remembering, that your handling and striking get placed on the sidelines. As you well know, what you should be ringing is,



But what you actually ring is,



And clearly that's not right.

Of course, when you start ringing Bob Doubles it is perfectly reasonable that you don't dodge too well, but obviously you want to improve. So what should you do?

First, make sure you have plenty of dodging practice before you start - see Chapter I - and go back and do more dodging practice even though you've started ringing the method.

Second, think out in advance how your handling should go. For example, your **down** dodge should go something like,

Fifths Place: Don't pull too hard, as you are about to hunt down.

Fourth's Place: Don't pull too hard this time either, but pull in firmly.

Third's Place: Pull in firmly again to get down to thirds, but also pull **through** firmly so that you can hold up at the next backstroke.

Fourth's Place: Hold right up to dodge, but do not pull too hard as you will need to hunt down again next blow.

Third's Place: Pull in firmly to get back down, but do not pull **through** too firmly as you will need to get down to seconds next time.

That is a very physical and complex action, and it is bound to take practice to get right. But it is essential to know what you **should** be doing.

Third, ask yourself what your dodges feel like. Do they feel decidedly physical and definitely different from plain hunting? If they don't, check why they don't.

Fourth, use all your concentration to ensure you know when they're due. If you come upon a dodge like a parked car on a bend, you're bound to have trouble with it.

Fifth, if a sympathetic and experienced ringer is available in your own or a nearby tower, ask them to comment on your dodges in detail. There may be just one action at one stroke which needs a little attention, but getting it right could improve your dodging immeasurably.

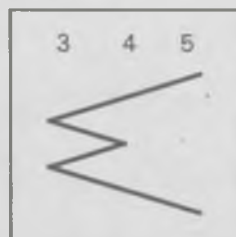
Going the Right Way

If you sometimes come out of the dodge unsure about which way to go, it's probably because your dodge wasn't quite crisp

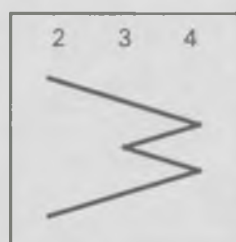
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enough. The more physical your dodge, the more likely you are to carry on in the right direction afterwards.

But even when you dodge perfectly, you can get so involved in your dodge that you lose track of the method and start hunting back the way you came. In effect you do a



or a



which are commonly known as fish tails

If that is your problem, try remembering that a dodge is really only **one step back** as you plain hunt. Think to yourself, "And here is my one step back," as you go back to fourths in your 3-4 up or as you go back to thirds in your 3-4 up. And then carry on positively plain hunting. Many people find this solves the problem.

Seconds

Seconds is the really relaxing part of Bob Doubles. For six blows you are either leading or following the Treble. Yet how easy it is to forget to do it because you are worrying so much about those awful dodges.

Partly, the solution is to relax and to practise. But in addition, try really **looking forward** to your Seconds once the 3-4 up is out of the way. And don't even **think** about the 3-4 down until the Seconds is past.

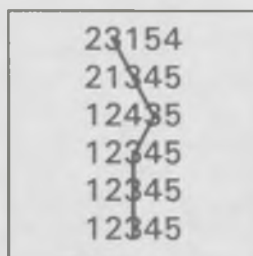
Look forward to your Seconds like you look forward to the weekend on a Friday afternoon, and don't start thinking about Monday morning until Sunday night at the earliest.

Of course, planning your handling for the Seconds will work wonders as well.

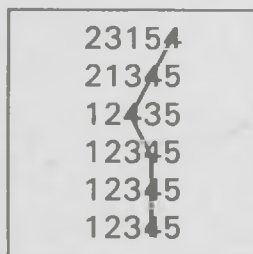
Beginning and Endings

And now for a major elephant pit that lurks silently and fiendishly to trap the unwary.

If you always ring the same bell, you will be used to ending in the same place. Quite quickly, you will develop a handling technique that gets you to do just that. For example, if you always ring the Three, your 3-4 up at the end of a course will look like this.



And if you always ring the Four, your 3-4 down will look like this.



Now, you can easily see that that looks nothing like a dodge, and indeed, it is known by many as a **bird's beak**. But you can soon get used to doing it completely automatically if you do it often enough, and doing the real thing can then become very hard indeed.

You might think that you could combine the beginning of the course with the end of the course and so get it right. But you can't. And you can't because you are starting from rounds instead of the middle of a dodge. It is rather like practising broad jumps and sprinting, and supposing that you could put them together to do the long jump.

So try not to become tied to one bell for too long. Or alternatively, always ring more than one course. Either way, the elephant pit will not catch you.

Next Time

And after all that, you are probably pretty good at plain courses. So good, indeed, that you are champing at the bit to ring a few bobs. And that is just as well, because it's the bobs that we shall be looking at next time.



Four family members ready to ring.

Four on four

February 18 this year was a big day for the Hughes family of Abergavenny. Rosemary Hughes married David Ripley at the St Teilo's Church, Llantilio Pertholey on the outskirts of Abergavenny. This is Mum's own local tower, and there are four of us altogether in the family who are ringers: Mum, Rosemary, the bride, Pamela, the other sister and myself all rang before the service. Then Rosemary had to rush back home quickly to join Dad and make her formal entry up the aisle while the local ringers stood in.

It was a lovely service with the village church quite full. Then we headed up to The Horseshoes in Mamhilad for the reception. Unfortunately the wedding clashed with the Wales and England Rugby International, so there was a lot of whispering going on as the uncles nipped out to the toilet to find out the latest score. Fortunately the end result didn't dampen out spirits too much as the barn dance got underway.

Having four family members to ring for a family wedding on a four bell tower was rather fun, but we got it in in the nick of time. Since the wedding the ring of bells at Llantilio Pertholey has been augmented to six. The local band are delighted with the new bells and are full of enthusiasm about the new potential of the ringing.

MERIEL HUGHES
(Derby Cathedral)



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Peal Reports

St. Sannan's, Bedwellty Centenary

On 15 July 1895 the back six bells, which were a gift of Sarah J Strelley, in memory of her parents, Rees & Emily Lewis, were dedicated. Exactly 100 years later on 15 July 1995 we held a re-dedication Service with Rowan Williams, the Bishop of Monmouth.

The current band started ringing from scratch in October 1990 when a group of learners started to ring with the help of Edna Powell, a ringer at Bedwellty for over 25 years, being the only member left from previous bands. The band has been built up around Edna, and at present we have 16 ringers.

We decided a few years ago that we should celebrate the event in some way, but at the time no definite plans were made. Last year we then decided to hold a Flower Festival and this came about on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There was a small exhibition of ringing paraphernalia, a video playing of the bells, flower festival and Service plus surrounding views, the procession of the choir and singing.

We had prayer candles and various religious booklets, cards and prints of the Church on sale. Refreshments were also available. Additionally, we produced a small booklet commemorating the event and had printed coffee mugs as well.

All in all it was a very successful event with one peal and four quarter-peals scored. The only failure with the ringing was on the Friday evening when we met one short for a quarter-peal attempt.

Our thanks to Adrian Fawcett who did turn up and rang with us for an hour with general ringing. Being a ground floor ring we kept the ringing chamber doors open as much as possible so that people could see us ring, and a certain amount of interest was shown to our band and from this we hope to have some ex-ringers back and some new ringers too.

Recently we have enjoyed having help from within the Association, over a nine week period, helping us to ring Bob Doubles - our thanks to Peter Bennett for organising this.

The bands for the peal and quarter-peals consisted of just some of the many people who have helped us over the last few years and a few local ringers.

We had a fantastic weekend and made in excess of £1,600 which will be used to carry out repairs to the tower roof and help pay for the new ropes recently purchased.

We would like to thank everybody who helped with this event.
STEPHEN AVERY,
Tower Captain.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH D.A.

BEDWELLY, Gwent, S Sannan
Fri Jul 14 1995 2h56 (14)

5088 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. C Adams

- 1 Stephen Avery
- 2 Philip J Evans
- 3 William E Thompson
- 4 Tudor P Edwards
- 5 Douglas G Davison
- 6 Peter S Bennett(C)
- 7 Barry J Hayman
- 8 Gareth Dancer

To mark the opening of the Flower Festival which was the start of the centenary celebrations. Circled the tower to peals: 4. William Thompson is a descendant of the family who gave the back six bells.

QUARTER PEALS

Bedwellty, Gwent. 11 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Eira Smith 1, Pat Spragg 2, Phil Evans(C) 3, Ray Harris 4, Stephen Avery 5, Keith Hemmings 6. On the back six. 1st Grandsire: 1, 4 & 6; 100th together: 3 & 5.

Bedwellty, Gwent. 15 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Cerys Smith (1st Q.) 1, Pat Spragg 2, Philip Weekes 3, Ray Harris 4, Phil Evans(C) 5, Keith Hemmings 6. On the back six.

Bedwellty, Gwent. 16 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Hilary Harris (1st Q.) 1, Eileen Price 2, Ryan Price 3, Ray Harris 4, Stephen Avery(C) 5, Keith Hemmings 6. On the back six. Dedicated to Sarah Jane Strelley, without whose bequest we would not have had the back six bells.

Bedwellty, Gwent. 16 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Eira Smith 1, Pat Spragg 2, David Morgan 3, Ray Harris 4, Stephen Avery(C) 5, Keith Hemmings 6. On the back six. A birthday compliment to Fae Avery and Eira Smith.

Another Five Years on

In 1965 around 550 people rang their first peal, and in 1990 eight 'survivors' marked the event by ringing a peal of Serebro Surprise Major at Leckhampton (RW 1991 p.114).

Another five years passed by, and arrangements were made to celebrate our 30th anniversary. Unfortunately, Heather Kippin and John Lindsay were unable to join us this time round, and we are grateful to Nigel Goulding and Pete Tombs for stepping in.

A peal of Zhemchug was successfully scored at Barnwood on 1 July, and no doubt arrangements will be made in five years time to mark yet another milestone.



The band (L to R): Nigel Goulding (Birch-in-Rusholme, 22/8/65), Pete Tombs (Lyneham, 27/11/65), Bob Sherriff (Burton Dassett, 28/12/65), John Thorne (Flore, 28/8/65), Bob Sanders (Harrow, 1/2/65), John Sheppard (Ashwick, 29/5/65), Tony Cox (Stoneleigh, 5/2/65), John Ridley (Birch-in-Rusholme, 22/8/65).

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

BARNWOOD, Glos.

S Lawrence
Sat Jul 1 1995 2h51 (10)
5088 Zhemchug S. Major

- Comp. J R Ridley
- 1 Nigel P A Goulding
 - 2 Peter Tombs
 - 3 John F Thorne
 - 4 Robert W Sherriff
 - 5 Robert W Sanders
 - 6 John C Sheppard
 - 7 Anthony J Cox
 - 8 John R Ridley (C)

25th peal together: 2 & 6.
350th as conductor.
Arranged to celebrate 30 years of ringing a peal by all the band.

First peal in the method.
Zhemchug S. Major:
56-56.4.56-56.3.4-4.5.2-2.5
le. 12 14263857

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MINSTER, Isle of Thanet, Kent, S Mary
Sun Jun 25 1995 3h11 (20)

5040 Doubles
(1p/6m: (1-6) Stedman (7-12) St Simon B (13-18) St Martin B (19-24) St Nicholas B (25-30) Winchendon Place (31-36) Plain B (37-42) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure B.)

- 1 Matthew J Hilling
- 2 Dickon R Love(C)
- 3 Fr David A Fibbons
- 4 Neil W Jones
- 5 D Paul Smith

A birthday compliment to Revd Mr R C Houldsworth, and to wish him all the best in his retirement from the Benefice of St. Mary the Virgin, Minster with St. Mary Magdalene, Monkton.

CITY OF LONDON, EC2
S. Botolph without
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 Blacklock
- 8 Robert C Kippin

In thanksgiving for the life of John W Euston MBE, a member of the Society and for many years ringer at this tower.

A.N.Z.A.B.

SYDNEY, NSW, Australia
S Andrew's Cathedral
Sun Jul 30 1995 3h27 (29)
5056 Spiced S. Major
(8m: 736 each Bristol, Rutland, Pudsey; 608 each Cambridge, Superlative, Lincolnshire; 544 Yorkshire, 512 London: 130 com.atw.)
Comp. G A C John

- 1 M Elaine Lee
- 2 David C Bath
- 3 Caroline J Richards
- 4 John H Fryer
- 5 Christopher D O'Mahony
- 6 David L Sparling
- 7 William T Perrins(C)
- 8 James A Smith

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YASS, NSW, Australia
Sat Jul 22 1995 2h47 (6)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
(7 different callings)

- 1 Penelope J V Sharpe
- 2 H Gordon Connon
- 3 John R Sibbald
- 4 Mavis Driver
- 5 Ronald E J Shepherd
- 6 Douglas F Driver(C)

On the conductor's 65th birthday. AS5

SYDNEY, NSW, Australia
S Philip

Sat Aug 5 1995 3h12 (19)
5088 Yorkshire S. Major
Arr. J A Smith

- 1 John R Sibbald
- 2 M Elaine Lee
- 3 Penelope J V Sharpe
- 4 H Gordon Connon
- 5 J Neville Parkin
- 6 Robert J Walters
- 7 Peter W Dickinson
- 8 James A Smith(C)

This peal is associated with the memory of Anthony Jennings, musician and conductor, master of music at St. James, Sydney, who died suddenly on 30/7/95.

BATH & WELLS D.A.

BATHWICK, Avon
S Mary the Virgin
Sun Aug 6 1995 3h5 (19)
5021 Grandsire Caters

- Comp G J Hawkins
- 1 Linda Drew
 - 2 Eric Naylor
 - 3 Elizabeth Lane
 - 4 Jodie Hillier
 - 5 Sheila C Matthews
 - 6 Jonathan Wrigley
 - 7 David Floyd(C)
 - 8 Paul D Clewett
 - 9 Jonathan J Stubbs
 - 10 Robin M Stubbs

An 80th birthday compliment to the composer. First peal of caters as conductor, and first as conductor for 30 years.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

MARKET WEIGHTON, E Yorks, All Saints
Fri Aug 4 1995 2h49 (9)
5056 Plain Bob Major
Arr. B Harris

- 1 Mark J Lane
- 2 Paul K Hodgson
- 3 Rosina M Baxter
- 4 Robert D C Richards
- 5 Christopher M Rudd
- 6 John M Brook
- 7 David S Johnson
- 8 Michael J de C Henshaw(C)

First peal: 5. For HM Queen Mother's 95th birthday. £2.20

BURSTWICK, E Yorks.
All Saints
Sat Aug 5 1995 2h48 (12)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Hull, London, Wells, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, Cambridge)

- 1 Dinah M Rhymer
 - 2 Mandy L C Bartlett
 - 3 Mark J Lane
 - 4 Neil Donovan
 - 5 David S Johnson
 - 6 Michael J de C Henshaw(C)
- £1.75

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths Country Day II

Over 70 members and friends converged on Lancashire on Saturday 8 July for the second Country Meeting of the year. Four peals were attempted, three successfully, and there was also general ringing at Southport, Ormskir, Standish, Bamber Bridge, Whittle-le-Woods and Leyland. The meeting at Leyland was followed by a very enjoyable social evening with a truly tremendous buffet prepared and produced by local members of the Society.

On Sunday afternoon members enjoyed general ringing at Liverpool Cathedral. Thanks to local members, and in particular to Jack & Anita Regin, for all their hard work in organising the weekend and making it so successful.

Thanks also to Alan Regin and Jill Leggett for organising the splendid accommodation - although those of staying at the hotel were rather disconcerted by a message on the night before we left advising that the hotel had a "no jeans or trainers" rule! Ringers could be seen surreptitiously changing into these forbidden items in the car park. J.M.H.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

LIVERPOOL, Merseyside
S Nicholas, Pierhead
Sat Jul 8 1995 3h30 (41)
5090 Bristol S. Maximus
Comp. J Clatworthy
1 Philippa M Whittington
2 Ian R Fielding
3 Shirley E McGill
4 Alison M McCormack
5 Richard A Pearce
6 Richard M Hobbs
7 Catherine N Merlane
8 Graham A Duke
9 Douglas J Beaumont
10 Claire F Edwards
11 Ian Roulstone(C)
12 Frank W Rivett

CLITHEROE, Lancs.
S Mary Magdalene
Sat Jul 8 1995 3h3 (18)
5024 Bristol S. Major
Comp. R Baldwin
1 Ann Smith
2 Simon J Davies
3 Linda D Rankin
4 Oliver D Cross
5 Ian V J Smith
6 Conrad O Warford
7 Alan Regin
8 Ronald R Warford(C)

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants.
S Mary
Sat Jul 29 1995 3h11 (21)
5040 Bristol S. Royal
Comp. Traditional
1 A S Watt (Pembroke)
2 H Muirhead (Newnham)
3 L M Walters (New Hall)
4 C R Hill (Jesus)(C)
5 J R N LeBon (Selwyn)
6 J R Taylor (St.Catherines)
7 P F Windley (Jesus)
8 C E J Kilgour (St.Johns)
9 P W Hill (Hughes Hall)
10 R O Hall (Sidney Sussex)
First Bristol royal: 5. An 80th birthday compliment to Cecily Nicholas, a member (and former ringer) of St.Mary's church.

WALKDEN, Lancs, S Paul
Sat Jul 8 1995 3h1 (18)
5024 Spliced S. Major
(6m: 896 London, 864 Watford, 832 each Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative; 768 Pudsey: 121 com.atw.)
Comp. A J Pitman
Arr. S Jenner
1 Donald R Marshall
2 E Jane Sibson
3 Hazel M Rothera
4 David P Westerman
5 Adam W Kilgour
6 Derek E Sibson(C)
7 Christopher E J Kilgour
8 Ian N Wilgess

CHESTER D.G.

WALLASEY, Cheshire
S Hilary
Sat Jul 8 1995 2h47 (8)
5040 Cambridge S. Minor
1 Janet N Roxburgh
2 Lindsey C Gilligan
3 Jane Harries
4 Colin J Hughes
5 Steven W Hughes
6 Randle T J Tinkler(C)
First peal: 1 & 2;
First Surprise as conductor.
21st birthday compliment to Dawn Tinkler & Colin Hughes.
Also with congratulations to Jane Harries on obtaining her BA(Hons).

MIDDLEWICH, Cheshire
S Michael & All Angels
Sun Jul 30 1995 2h48 (20)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. Bruerton's 12-part
1 Adrian J Bowen
2 Anne E Pettifor
3 D Robert Pettifor
4 Stefan R Zientek
5 Frank R Morton(C)
6 Ian W Taylor
7 James R Gibb
8 Andrew J Jobson
100th peal for the Chester Guild and circled tower: 8.
A retirement compliment to Canon WE Cox, rector of Middlewich. Also a ruby wedding anniversary compliment to George & Sylvia Bailey, local ringers.

COVENTRY D.G.

COVENTRY, Warks.
S James
Tue Jul 25 1995 2h51 (15)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. Dexter's No.2
1 Anita D Sherriff
2 Jenny Thorne
3 Bryan G Williams
4 Brian J W Foley
5 Julian G Edgson
6 Robert W Sherriff
7 William R Haynes(C)
8 John F Thorne
First Stedman: 5. To mark the Patronal Festival.

DERBY D.A.

WOLLATON, Notts.
S Leonard
Wed Jul 12 1995 2h20 (5)
5040 Minor
(8m: (1) Plain B, S Clements C B (2) Kent T B (3) Oxford T B (4) Norwich S (5) Beverley S (6) Surfleet S (7) Cambridge S)
Comp. A J Ross
1 Rosemary R A Ross
2 Jane E Boden
3 Canon Frederick Ross
4 Patricia A M Halls
5 John E Heaton
6 Philip J H Hudson(C)
A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Philip and Eileen Hudson.

RUDDINGTON, Notts.
S Peter
Mon Jul 17 1995 2h43 (9)
5120 Glasgow S. Major
Comp. C Forster
1 Mark R G Smith
2 David J T Wilson
3 David J Marshall
4 Joanne E Marshall
5 Peter S Lacy
6 Simon C Melen
7 F Gordon Faulks(C)
8 Tim J Peverett
First in the method as conductor.

DERBY, Derbys.
All Saints Cathedral
Sat Jul 22 1995 3h10 (19)
5040 Yorkshire S. Royal
Comp. F E Darby
1 Rev David H Sansum
2 Maurice Starkey
3 Patricia A M Halls
4 Elizabeth P Heaton
5 Andrew J Burns
6 Jane E Boden
7 Gordon A Halls
8 Philip J H Hudson
9 John E Heaton(C)
10 Raymond H Daw
First in the method: 5;
First royal: 2. £1

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter
Thu Jul 20 1995 2h45 (14)
5056 Kirklington S. Major
Comp. Johnson's varn. of Middleton's
1 Robert J Marchbank
2 Patricia A M Halls
3 Jane E Boden
4 Ian Duff
5 W Arnold Morley
6 Neil J Morgan
7 F Gordon Faulks
8 John V Chadwick(C)

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter
Sat Jul 29 1995 2h49 (14)
5056 Spliced S. Major
(8m: 768 each Rutland, London; 640 Bristol, 576 each Superlative, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Yorkshire)
Comp. N Smith
1 Philip Mehew
2 Patricia A M Halls
3 Jane E Boden
4 Brian A Tomlinson
5 Peter S Lacy
6 David J T Wilson
7 Gordon A Halls
8 Philip J H Hudson(C)
With which the conductor and his wife Eileen celebrate their Ruby Wedding. The 4th ringer rang for the wedding at St Luke's, Heywood, Lancs on Sat Jul 9, 1955.
800th peal: 3.

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter
Thu Jul 27 1995 2h48 (14)
5088 Ospringe S. Major
Comp. R F B Speed
1 Neil J Morgan
2 Patricia A M Halls
3 Jane E Boden
4 Ian Duff
5 W Arnold Morley
6 Robert J Marchbank
7 F Gordon Faulks
8 John V Chadwick(C)
250th peal on the bells: 2.

DERBY, Derbys, S Peter
Wed Aug 9 1995 2h47 (12)
5022 New Cambridge S. Major
Comp L F Bailey (Comp 502)
1 Alistair Smith
2 Eric O Davies
3 Brian A Tomlinson
4 Gordon A Halls
5 Peter S Lacy
6 Pam J Timms
7 Anthony P Cotton (C)
8 Tony Laughton
For the 50th anniversary of the victory over the Japanese Army.

ESSEX ASSN.

MORETON, Essex
S Mary Virgin
Tue Jul 25 1995 2h47 (10)
5040 Spliced S. Minor
(22m: (1) Annable's London, Lightfoot, Netherseale, Rossendale, Stamford, Wearmouth (2) Bourne, Cambridge, Hull, Ipswich, King Edward, Norfolk, Primrose, Queen Mary (3) Cunecastre, Dearne Valley, London, Wells (4) Carlisle, Chester, Munden (5) Allendale, Fryerning, Westminster (6) Coldstream, Lincoln, Redbourn (7) Berwick, Beverley, Durham, Hexham, Surfleet, York)
1 Michael J Edwards
2 Roger G Butt
3 Andrew J Dickenson
4 Alan M Barber(C)
5 James L Towler
6 George E Thoday
Most methods: 2.
On Roger's birthday.

ELY D.A.

GUILDEN MORDEN, Cambs, S Mary
Sat Jul 22 1995 2h57 (14)
5184 Rutland S. Major
Comp. C Forster
1 Jane I Landles
2 Brian S Boyd
3 John G Gipson
4 Margaret A Paget-Wilkes
5 Alan J Boyd
6 D Graham Hall
7 Mary E Hall
8 Jason R Turnock(C)
A wedding compliment to Adrian Boyd & Heidi Brown, married later in the day at this church. £2

HEREFORD D.G.

EWYAS HAROLD, Herefs.
S Michael & All Angels
Fri Jul 21 1995 2h36 (6)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
(7 different extents, no 65s)
1 John E Harrold(C)
2 Nicholas Cooper-Tompkins
3 Dianne B Foster
4 Michael V Powell
5 Frederick R Harris
6 Martin Foster
First of minor: 2. For the ordination of Clair Garrett, and in thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Joan Foster, 1915-95.

HERTFORDSHIRE C.A.

TRING, Herts.
SS Peter & Paul
Sat Jul 15 1995 2h59 (18)
5040 Plain Bob Major
Comp. G B Thompson
1 Chris J Tough
2 Fiona Anderson
3 Emily Shawyer
4 Sue M Haines
5 Howard Collings
6 Keith Farnham
7 Lawrence Haines(C)
8 Stephen Crawley
First peal: 3; first on 8: 2 & 6.
Rung 50 years on.

MUCH HADHAM, Herts.
S Andrew
Sat Jul 28 1995 2h58 (11)
5024 Much Hadham S. Major
Comp. M A Coleman
1 H Charles Jordan
2 Alan M Barber(C)
3 David J Hawkins
4 Frank E Warboys
5 Clive B Moore
6 Richard F Prime
7 Francis P G Flack
8 George E Thoday
A retirement compliment to Canon Michael McAdam, rector of Much Hadham since December 1973. Also for the dedication of the new stained glass west window designed by Henry Moore, "The Tree of Life" on 30 July. A compliment to Jean Page of this tower on being awarded the MBE. To mark the 400th anniversary of the 5th and 6th bells.

Please don't delay in sending peal details in to the RW office.

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HARPENDEN, Herts.
S Nicholas
Wed Jul 26 1995 3h (15)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. J W Washbrook
1 Eric Edmondson
2 Sheila Edmondson
3 Mary P L Kingsley
4 Andrew J W Tibbetts
5 Christine C Darby
6 Bernard H Taylor(C)
7 Richard J W Tibbetts
8 David T Darby
Half-muffled in memoriam
and in thanksgiving for the
lives of Revd Julie Childs
(1939-95), one of the parish
team clergy, and David
Falder (1981-95), son of one
of the Harpenden ringers.

KENT C.A.

THROWLEY, Kent
S Michael & All Angels
Sat Jun 24 1995 2h47 (12)
5120 Cassiobury S.Major
Comp. T Hooley
1 Dickon R Love
2 Thomas Cullingworth
3 David W Grimwood
4 David J Dearnley
5 Clare J Larter
6 Catherine N Merlane
7 Philip H Larter(C)
8 Fr David A Gibbons £1

LEEDS, Kent, S Nicholas
Tue Jul 11 1995 3h (17)
5040 Bristol S.Royal
Comp. J Clatworthy
1 Philip H Larter
2 Catherine N Merlane
3 Vanessa J Martin
4 Michael A Birkbeck
5 Rev David W Grimwood
6 Fr David A Gibbons
7 Thomas M Barlow
8 Thomas Cullingworth
9 John B Keeler(C)
10 Mark P Gilham

MAIDSTONE, Kent
All Saints
Tue Jul 18 1995 3h16 (32)
5024 Spiced S.Major
(4m: 1280 each Cambridge,
London, Superlative; 1184
Bristol: 110 com.atw.)
Comp. A J Pitman
1 J Alan Ainsworth
2 Thomas Cullingworth
3 Philip H Larter
4 Michael A Birkbeck
5 Catherine N Merlane
6 Mark P Gilham
7 John B Keeler(C)
8 Ian G Campbell

HADLOW, Kent, S Mary
Sat Jul 29 1995 2h50 (12)
5088 Bristol S.Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Margaret E Oram
2 Ann Smith
3 Peter F Romney
4 Ann Jenner
5 Ian V J Smith
6 Ian H Oram
7 Keith R Wakefield
8 Stanley Jenner(C)
First Bristol: 3.

ROCHESTER, Kent
Cathedral of Christ & BVM
Sat Jul 29 1995 3h23 (30)
5040 Yorkshire S.Royal
Comp. A J Cox
1 Darren W Elphick
2 Diana R Wraight
3 Janet M Yeo
4 Michael A Birkbeck
5 Rhian N Bagshaw
6 Timothy S Wraight
7 Fr David A Gibbons
8 Phillip R J Barnes
9 Neil W Jones(C)
10 Thomas M Barlow
First on 10: 1,3; first Surprise
royal: 6. A 30th wedding
anniversary compliment to
Tim & Diana Wraight.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

LIVERPOOL, Merseyside
Our Lady & S Nicholas
Sat Jun 3 1995 3h22 (42)
5039 Grandsire Caters
Comp. A M Tyler
1 Peter L Furniss
2 Christina D A Hassard-
Jones
3 Lenard J Mitchell
4 Ian J Braithwaite
5 Hugh Hassard-Jones
6 Geoffrey C Sparling(C)
7 Anthony P Foster
8 John Hyden
9 Peter D Hughes
10 Bryan J McCahey
125th peal on 10: 1; first
Grandsire caters: 2; first peal
on 10: 3; first peal on 10 and of
Grandsire: 5. To celebrate the
50th anniversary of the
ordination in Liverpool
Cathedral of Canon W
Stanley Walker, father of the
2nd ringer. £5

HINDLEY, Gtr.Manchester
S Peter
Sun Jul 30 1995 2h50 (14)
5056 Lincolnshire S.Major
Comp. J N Longridge
1 Graham Snape
2 Andrew K Bradshaw
3 Barbara M Shallcross
4 Lindsay F Smith
5 John B Shallcross
6 Simon S Meyer(C)
7 Geoffrey H Smith
8 Keith M Taylor
First in the method: 2, 3 & 5;
first T B: 1. For the wedding
of Sharon Mason & Martin
Pendlebury. £2.80

BLACKBURN, Lancs.
Cathedral
Wed Jul 12 1995 3h9 (25)
5040 Bordeaux S.Royal
Comp. A J Cox
1 J Colin Ashworth
2 Anne E Pettifor
3 Connie A Rayner
4 Gordon Rothwell
5 D Robert Pettifor
6 Paul Male
7 Terry M Astill
8 Andrew D Sibson
9 Richard J Parker
10 George H Campling(C)

BURNLEY, Lancs, S Peter
Fri Jul 21 1995 3h2 (18)
5024 Spiced S.Major
(6m: 1024 each Richmond,
Superlative; 832 each
Cambridge, Pudsey; 672
Edgbaston, 640 Bristol: 110
com.atw.)
Comp. S Jenner
1 Anne E Pettifor
2 Terry M Astill
3 Connie A Rayner
4 George H Campling(C)
5 Peter C Randell
6 Richard J Parker
7 Andrew D Sibson
8 Colin Woods

TODMORDEN, Yorks.
S Mary
Sun Jul 23 1995 2h40 (6)
5056 Spiced S.Major
(8m: 960 Rutland, 896
Yorkshire, 704 each Bristol,
Lincolnshire; 672 Cambridge,
448 each Pudsey, Superlative;
224 London: 111 com.atw.)
Comp. R J Parker
1 Sharon L Mills
2 Jeffrey Kershaw
3 Anne E Pettifor
4 J Colin Ashworth
5 Paul M de Kok
6 D Robert Pettifor
7 Andrew D Sibson(C)
8 Andrew B Mills
In memory of John T
Parsons, former treasurer
and CC representative of the
Association.

HEPTONSTALL, W Yorks.
S Thomas
Mon Jul 24 1995 2h58 (18)
5152 Heptonstall S.Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 J Colin Ashworth
2 Andrew D Sibson
3 Connie A Rayner
4 Pauline Campling
5 Geoffrey Cheetham
6 George H Campling(C)
7 Paul Male
8 Richard J Parker
Circled the tower: 2; first
peal in the method: 3 & 5.
By Heptonstall ringers as a
welcome to Revd Canon
John Gore, to be licensed as
priest-in-charge of
Heptonstall on 28/7/95.

BURNLEY, Lancs, S Peter
Wed Jul 26 1995 2h58 (18)
5056 Huddersfield S.Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Pauline Campling
2 D Robert Pettifor
3 Angela Beardow
4 Jeffrey Kershaw
5 Andrew D Sibson
6 Colin Woods
7 Paul Male
8 George H Campling(C)

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LONDON C.A.

STREATHAM, London SW
S Leonard
Sat Jul 29 1995 2h56 (12)
5056 London S.Major
Comp. R R Horton
1 Stephanie J Pattenden
2 Simon J Gay
3 C Michael H Brady
4 Nicholas W H Simon(C)
5 Edward G Mould
6 Shirley E McGill
7 Lucinda J C Reeve
8 James W Belshaw
First blows of major in the
method: 3.

SOUTH CROYDON, Surrey
S Peter
Sat Jul 29 1995 3h23 (30)
5000 Spiced S.Royal
(12m: 640 London No.3, 600
Clifton, 480 Cambridge, 400
Rutland, 360 each Albanian,
Bristol, Devizes, Lincolnshire,
Oakham, Pudsey, Superlative,
Yorkshire: 52 com.atw.)
Comp. R R Horton
1 Roderick R Horton
2 Simon J Gay
3 Shirley E McGill
4 Graham Nayler
5 James W Belshaw
6 Alison McCormack
7 Nicholas W H Simon(C)
8 Lucinda J C Reeve
9 Ian G Campbell
10 Stephanie J Pattenden

LEICESTER D.G.

SAPCOTE, Leics, All Saints
Mon Jul 24 1995 2h36 (9)
5040 Spiced S.Royal
(2m: 2520 each Yorkshire,
Lincolnshire: 13 com.atw.)
Comp. M Maughan
1 Brian G Warwick(C)
2 Elizabeth A Betts
3 Winifred M Warwick
4 Rosemary R A Ross
5 Patricia A M Halls
6 Burley P Morris
7 Rev David H Sansum
8 Brian E Mozley
9 Canon Frederick Ross
10 Philip J H Hudson
1,800th tower bell peal as
conductor.

SALTBY, Leics, S Peter
Wed Jul 26 1995 2h48 (12)
5040 Gormcairn S.Royal
Comp. C J Sedgley
1 Brian G Warwick(C)
2 Elizabeth A Betts
3 Winifred M Warwick
4 Ian N Robinson
5 Timothy Wylie
6 Burley P Morris
7 Roland W Morant
8 Frank E Coales
9 Philip J H Hudson
10 David Kingman
First peal in the method.
Gormcairn S.Royal:
-3 4-5-6 7-8-4-25-236-9
le.10 1352 fce(ln) cps (Out) Bc

SPROXTON, Leics.
S Bartholomew
Wed Jul 26 1995 2h48 (8)
5040 Plain Bob Triples
Comp. J Clatworthy
1 Peter G Collett
2 Gail L Wade
3 Garry W Mason
4 David Westerman
5 Gwen Oliver
6 Michael Fiander
7 Mark A Boylan(C)
8 Neil D Evans
First peal: 1, 5 & 8.

SALTBY, Leics, S Peter
Sat Jul 29 1995 2h53 (12)
5040 Spiced S.Royal
(4m: (no details given))
Comp. M Maughan
1 Ian Mellor
2 David G Carling
3 Gail L Wade
4 Francis W Fisher
5 Ian N Robinson
6 Timothy Wylie
7 Robert C Graves
8 Richard C Brown
9 Simon J T Smith
10 Mark A Boylan(C)
First on 10: 1.

LICHFIELD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

BUSHBURY, W Mids.
S Mary
Thu Jul 27 1995 2h52 (9)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Single
Oxford, Double Oxford,
Cambridge S, Kent T B,
Oxford T B, St.Clements,
Plain B.)
1 Andrew C Ogden
2 David J Bateman
3 Andrew E Else
4 Gail K Baggott
5 Clive M Smith
6 Rachel D Carter(C)

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.

KEELE, Staffs, 'Woodlands'
Fri Aug 4 1995 2h1 (1)
5040 Surprise Minor
(25m: (1) Lightfoot,
Wearmouth, Netherseale,
Rossendale, Stamford,
Annab's London (2) London,
Wells, Cunecastle (3) Chester,
Munden (4) Carlisle (5)
Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet,
Hexham, York, Durham (6)
Cambridge, Primrose,
Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull
(7) Norwich)
1 Rowena Gay
2 Timothy M Davis
3 Christopher Adams
4 Stuart C W Hutchieson
5 Brian L Burrows(C)
6 Philip W Gay
A compliment to Debbie
Wild & Adrian Taylor, to be
married on 5 August. Most
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WOLSTANTON, Staffs.

S Margaret

Sat Jul 15 1995 2h54 (13)

5088 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. N J Pitstow

- 1 Raymond H Daw
 - 2 Geoffrey A Edwards
 - 3 John R Scott
 - 4 Helen Mitchell
 - 5 Margaret Jones
 - 6 Ralph B Mitchell
 - 7 Selwyn G Jones
 - 8 David J Baskerville(C)
- First peal on 8: 4; first peal of Surprise major as conductor.

MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.

BARNES, Surrey

S Mary

Sat Jul 29 1995 3h (10)

5184 Spliced S. Major

(8m: no details given)

Comp. N Smith

- 1 Roger Bailey
 - 2 Shirley McGill
 - 3 Simon Gay
 - 4 Jane L Kostelnyk
 - 5 Christopher E McLean
 - 6 Michael J Wigney(C)
 - 7 Lucy Reeve
 - 8 Jill M Hupman
- First spliced Surprise major: 4 & 5.

NORWICH D.A.

KNAPTON, Norfolk

SS Peter & Paul

Sun Jul 23 1995 2h30 (5)

5040 Cambridge S. Minor

Comp. R Bailey

- 1 Paula Blatchford
- 2 Rachael L Gagle
- 3 Stephen T Smith
- 4 Lesley Taylor
- 5 David F Riley(C)
- 6 Stephen J Day

First T B: 1; 100th peal for the NDA: 3; first peal of Surprise: 4; completes the family: 6.

WATTON, Norfolk

S Mary Virgin

Sat Aug 5 1995 2h29 (7)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Carlisle, Chester, Mundon, Bourne, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge)

- 1 Stephen C Drew
- 2 Sarah E Cattermole
- 3 Alice M Cattermole
- 4 Paul Cattermole
- 5 Jeremy W Spiller(C)
- 6 Jeremy W Warren

First peal: 2. Sarah, aged 11, is believed to be the youngest girl to ring a peal for the NDA. A diamond wedding compliment to Mr & Mrs Charlie Blake who were married at Fornsett St. Mary, Norfolk, on 5 August, 1935.

£1.20

OXFORD D.G.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL,

Avon, S Mary

Sun May 28 1995 2h45 (9)

5040 Surprise Minor

(5m: (1) Annable's London (2) Norwich (3) Bourne (4,5) Ipswich (6,7) Cambridge)

- 1 D John Knight
- 2 Mervyn C Way
- 3 Nicola J Crichton
- 4 Michael J Stone
- 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
- 6 Colin M Turner

CULWORTH, Northants.

S Mary

Wed Jul 12 1995 2h52 (13)

5040 Doubles

(67m: (1) Reverse (2) Canterbury (3) Reverse Shipway (4) Maltby, Chevasse (5) Callendar, Montgomeryshire (6) Twineham, Londonthorpe, Bedford (7) Bampton, Casthorpe, Boveney (8) Fifield, Manthorpe, Eton (9) St Ouen, Nunthorpe (10) New, Fornsett, Itchingfield (11) Huntspill, Ellingham, Oakley (12) St Vedast, Bedingham, Chipstead (13) Blaisdon, Screveton (14) Grandsire (15) Antelope (16) Westminster, Knapton, Chesham (17) Lyng, Blackburn, Broughton (18) St Hilary, Intwood, Ockham (19) Dragon, Strelley (20) St Nicholas, Fundenhall, Longford (21) Winchendon, Haddiscoe, Thornborough (22) St Remigius, Harpley, Hascombe (23) Huntley, Ossington (24) St Simons, Braywood, Rugby (25) St Martins, Welford, Slapton (26) St Osmund, Longworth, Merton (27) Eynesbury, Sutton-upon-Trent (28-32) Shipways (33-37) Reverse Canterbury (38-42) Plain B.)

- 1 Sally A Mason
- 2 Colin M Turner
- 3 Andrew M Farmer
- 4 Robert J Crocker
- 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)

LUBENHAM, Leics.

All Saints

Sun Jul 16 1995 2h35 (8)

5040 Doubles

(29m: 1 extent each Maltby, Chevasse, Callender, Montgomeryshire, Twineham, Bampton, Fifield, St Ouen, New, Huntspill, St Vedast, Blaisdon, St Nicholas, Winchendon, St Remigius, Huntley; 2 extents each Westminster, Blackburn, St Hilary, Dragon, St Simons, St Martins, St Osmund, Eynesbury, Reverse, Canterbury, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury, Plain B.)

- 1 Nicola J Crichton
- 2 Sally A Mason
- 3 Andrew M Farmer
- 4 Peter G C Ellis(C)
- 5 Colin M Turner

BICESTER, Oxon, S Edburg

Sat Jul 1 1995 2h59 (15)

5088 Spliced S. Major

(8m: 736 Superlative, 704 each London, Rutland; 608 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey; 576 Bristol, 544 Yorkshire: 120 com.atw.)

Comp. N J Diserens

- 1 Dorothea M Robotham
- 2 Andrew J W Tibbetts
- 3 Walter Hunt
- 4 Richard C Stevens
- 5 Ian W Davies
- 6 Howard J Wastling
- 7 Richard J W Tibbetts
- 8 John R Mayne(C)

(Replaces detail on RW p.817)

CHULMLEIGH, Devon

S Mary

Sat Jul 22 1995 3h17 (22)

5088 Haselbech S. Major

Comp. R Baldwin

- 1 Mervyn C Way
- 2 Brian Bladon
- 3 Nicola J Crichton
- 4 Martin J Turner
- 5 Katrina A Lenton
- 6 Marc Hart
- 7 Peter G C Ellis(C)
- 8 Colin M Turner

For the start of the Chulmleigh Fair.

TAWSTOCK, Devon

S Peter

Sat Jul 22 1995 3h1 (17)

5152 Nettleden S. Major

Comp. S Humphrey

- 1 Brian Bladon
- 2 Katrina A Lenton
- 3 Mervyn C Way
- 4 Nicola J Crichton
- 5 Colin M Turner
- 6 Martin J Turner
- 7 Peter G C Ellis(C)
- 8 Marc Hart

COTLEIGH, Devon

S Michael

Sun Jul 23 1995 2h34 (7)

5040 Surprise Minor

(6m: (1,2) Beverley (3) Annable's London (4) Bourne (5) Norwich (6) Ipswich (7) Cambridge)

- 1 Martin J Turner
- 2 Mervyn C Way
- 3 Nicola J Crichton
- 4 Robert D S Brown
- 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
- 6 Colin M Turner

EAST ILSLEY, Berks.

S Mary

Thu Jul 27 1995 2h44 (8)

5152 Sulfur S. Major

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Bernard J Stone
- 2 Nicola J Crichton
- 3 Brian Bladon
- 4 Peter Bridle
- 5 Colin M Turner
- 6 Anthony R Peake
- 7 Ian Roulstone(C)
- 8 Claire F Edwards

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OXFORD, Oxon

Magdalen College

Sat Jul 29 1995 3h13 (19)

5040 Cambridge S. Royal

Comp. R W Pipe

- 1 Sonia C Tucker
- 2 Charlotte Everett
- 3 Rev John D Nixon
- 4 Andrew L Utting
- 5 John G Pusey
- 6 Timothy M Martin
- 7 Richard C Stevens(C)
- 8 Brian Bladon
- 9 Bernard J Stone
- 10 Clive Holloway

OXFORD SOCIETY

CITY OF OXFORD

S Thomas the Martyr

Mon Aug 7 1995 2h 44 (11)

5040 Yorkshire S. Royal

Comp. R O Hall

- 1 Peter Border
- 2 Charlotte Everett
- 3 Robin O Hall
- 4 Jon D Chamberlain
- 5 Sonia C Tucker
- 6 Timothy M Martin
- 7 Andrew J Graham (C)
- 8 Clive Holloway
- 9 Bernard J Stone
- 10 Claire F Edwards

400th peal: 9

In memory of the victims of

Hiroshima and Nagasaki

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

WAPPENHAM, Northants,

S Mary

Wed Jul 26 1995 2h30 (8)

5040 Spliced S. Minor

(32m: 360 each Bamborough,

Wearmouth; 240 each

Allendale, Bacup, Bourne,

Hull, Stamford, Westminster;

120 each Annable's London,

Berwick, Beverley,

Cambridge, Coldstream,

Cunecastre, Hexham,

Ipswich, Kelso, Lightfoot,

Lincoln, London, Morpeth,

Norfolk, Northumberland,

Primrose, Rossendale,

Sandiacre, Surfleet, Wells,

Whitley, Wooler: 41 com.atw.

- no 65s at backstroke)

1 M J Bill Blowfield

2 Sally A Mason

3 Andrew M Farmer

4 Robert J Crocker

5 Peter G C Ellis(C)

6 Colin M Turner

ST. JAMES'S GUILD

EXETER, Devon

Cathedral of S Peter

Sat Jul 29 1995 4h24 (72)

5042 Bristol S. Maximus

Comp. J Clatworthy

- 1 David J Dearnley
- 2 Paul N Mounsey
- 3 Roderick W Pipe
- 4 Alison K Regan
- 5 David C Brown
- 6 Ian Roulstone(C)
- 7 Michael P A Wilby
- 8 David E House
- 9 Alan Regin
- 10 Peter J Townsend
- 11 David J Pipe
- 12 Mark Regan

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

LONDON EC3

S Mary, Bow Road

Mon Jul 24 1995 2h43 (13)

5056 Kalium S. Major

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Stephen A Coaker
- 2 David J Dearnley
- 3 Catherine N Merlane
- 4 Alison K Regan
- 5 David C Brown(C)
- 6 Alan Regin
- 7 Ian G Campbell
- 8 Stephen Wheeler

ST. OLAVS SOCIETY

PORTSMOUTH, Hants.

Cathedral

Sun Jul 16 1995 3h7 (25)

5002 London S. Royal No. 3

Comp. J Clatworthy

- 1 Roger Bailey
- 2 Tudor P Edwards
- 3 Vanessa Powell
- 4 Mark C Liebenrood
- 5 Peter J Bennett
- 6 James R S Sawle
- 7 Mark C Bennett(C)
- 8 Peter S Bennett
- 9 Michael J Trimm
- 10 Ian R Fielding

SCOTTISH ASSN.

EDINBURGH, Lothian

S Mary's Cathedral

Sat Jul 22 1995 2h50 (14)

5040 Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Primrose

S, London S, Cambridge S,

Kent T B, Norwich S, St

Clements, Plain B.)

1 Helen Brotherton

2 Clare Brotherton

3 Robert D M McGowan

4 Robert Oakeshott

5 Jason R Hargreaves

6 William A Brotherton(C)

150th peal: 3.

SOUTHWELL D.G.

CONGERSTONE, Leics.

Sun Jul 30 1995 2h26 (7)

5040 Doubles

(21m: 2 extents each

Reverse, Canterbury, New,

Huntspill, St Vedast,

Blaisdon, Westminster,

Blackburn, St Hilary, Dragon,

St Nicholas, Winchendon, St

Remigius, Huntley, St

Simons, St Martins, St

Osmund, Eynesbury,

Grandsire, Reverse

Canterbury, Plain B.)

1 Richard C L Brown

2 Sally A Mason

3 Nicola J Crichton

4 Colin M Turner

5 Peter G C Ellis(C)

WHITWICK, Leics

Grace Dieu School

Sun Jul 30 1995 1h52 (1)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each

Westminster, London,

Wells, Surfleet, Primrose,

Norwich, Cambridge)

1 Sally A Mason

2 Nicola J Crichton

3 David J T Wilson

4 Simon J Poole

5 Peter G C Ellis(C)

6 Colin M Turner

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"We're All Dounded!"

Thursday 28 June: On route to collect Diana Handley, (one of the peal band) somewhere in Kendal.

Confidence in the navigator was dwindling as the road narrowed and showed signs of neglect. There was grass growing in the middle of the road where no car or tractor wheel could venture without its counterpart being buried in the hedge. The grass seemed to be flourishing despite a covering of tar from recent gritting. The car ground to a halt - a herd of bullocks peered at us with bovine curiosity while a collie darted this way and that desperately trying to keep them from wandering further away from the farmyard. The navigator simply blurted "I think we must have taken the wrong turning".

The weather was wonderful, if a little too hot for peal ringing, but there was a holiday spirit about the trip. We should have realised that not all our fortunes would be good after our earlier encounter, and the omens became darker when one of our company made a lamentable play on words on passing the signpost to Doune in a totally unconvincing Scottish accent.

Undeterred, we set about a successful peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor, joined by the jovial Jack McTear who was making the round trip from Whitehaven to Whitehaven via the Church of the Holy Rude in Stirling.

We began to regret the flippant Doune remark when we failed to get a quarter peal at Dunblane Cathedral due to an unfortunate experience with the tenor rope. However they were a pleasure to ring, and we had all thoroughly enjoyed the bells for half an hour. Besides which, we felt the day was not all lost because we were looking forward to our peal in Aberdeen.



The ringers (clockwise starting from top left: Peter Shipton, Rob Pettifor, Ann Pettifor, Andrew Pollock, Paul Thompson, Cynthia Preece (ducking out of photo), Martin Snape, Andrew Ingram, Louise Nixon, Ann Thompson and Diana Handley).

With an hour to spare, we visited the Machar bar (a familiar haunt from college days) to combat the heat and the thirst. It was at one end of the long bar that Martin Snape (a man of almost legendary stature) turned around in response to our numerous, wild and varied gestures. He jumped visibly when he realised that he was looking no higher than the chest of a bloke who was trying to get past him. Soon afterwards we arrived refreshed in the ringing room of St. Machar's Cathedral. We strongly suspect that Ann's husband, Paul (who was coming to join us later that day), must have been here before since their house in Broughton is beginning to resemble the ringing room with the quantity of tongue and groove panelling on ceilings, floors, baths....

We realised that we had not shaken free of the Doune jinx when we lost the peal at Aberdeen, although for different reasons. In fact we then tried to repeat the quarter peal from the morning, and lost this too. A real medley of disasters! However, none of us seemed too worried. I guess the camaraderie overrode our concerns, and after all we now had an excuse to visit the towers again.

The Saturday began with a grab at Peter Shipton's 1cwt ring of bells at Butterwell's Farm, Potterton. An experience that we all enjoyed. Despite my original misgivings about my own ability to manage these light bells, I was pleasantly surprised to find that even a Barrow ringer could make a respectable attempt given a little practice. I did however avoid the 7th and 8th (which had stays), and entertained everyone else when we rang down in peal!

Later that day we travelled a further hundred miles via the Lecht to Inverness for a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. The 9th was a unique bell, and despite our wind farm of electric fans the ringing chamber got rather warm in the summer heat. It felt even warmer due to the masochistic

pace that the tenor set in order to finish the peal before the Evening Service at 5.30pm.

That evening we tucked into some food at Littlejohn's, where Rob Pettifor seemed suspiciously at ease in a plastic bib when he demolished a rack of ribs.

My thanks to Louise, Sarah, David Nixon, Andy Ingram, Martin and Mary Snape, Peter Shipton, Rob & Ann Pettifor, Paul and Ann Thompson, and Diana Handley for making the weekend so thoroughly enjoyable.

Donation £20.

ANDREW POLLOCK

P.S. The group photo was taken immediately after the peal, so I apologise for the dazzling white legs. Can you spot the local ringer?

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

STIRLING, Scotland
Holy Rude
Thu Jun 29 1995 2h35 (6)

5040 Cambridge S.Minor

- 1 Ann S Thompson
 - 2 John H McTear
 - 3 Louise Nixon
 - 4 Diana J Handley
 - 5 J Andrew Pollock
 - 6 Andrew J B Ingram(C)
- To celebrate the ordination as priest of Michael Last at Lichfield on 2/7/95 and of Mark Edwards as deacon at Carlisle on the same day.

INVERNESS, Scotland
S Andrew's Cathedral
Sat Jul 1 1995 2h55 (16)

5040 Yorkshire S.Royal

- Comp. F E Darby
 - 1 Louise Nixon
 - 2 Diana J Handley
 - 3 Ann S Thompson
 - 4 J Andrew Pollock
 - 5 Anne E Pettifor
 - 6 Peter J Shipton
 - 7 Martin E Snape
 - 8 Andrew J B Ingram
 - 9 D Robert Pettifor
 - 10 Paul A Thompson(C)
- First Surprise royal inside:
4. A birthday compliment to James E Wightman.

SOUTH NORTHANTS. SOCIETY

MOULTON, Northants.
SS Peter & Paul
Sat Aug 5 1995 2h40 (11)

5056 Rutland S.Major

- Comp. G A A Taylor
- 1 Daniel N Carter
- 2 W Eric Critchley
- 3 L Ruth Stokes
- 4 Jennie L Care
- 5 Barry R Care
- 6 Jason L Carter
- 7 Christopher C Stokes
- 8 Robert Dennis(C)

First peal, for his 18th birthday: 1. Also for the diamond wedding of Bill & Lila Care, parents of Barry and grandparents of Jennie.

OFFTON, Suffolk, S Mary
Thu Jun 22 1995 2h42 (8)

5024 Spiced S.Major

(4m: 1280 each Bristol, Superlative; 1248 Cambridge, 1216 London: 105 com.atw.)

- Comp. A J Pitman
 - 1 Dorothea M Robotham
 - 2 Richard J W Tibbetts
 - 3 Brian E Whiting
 - 4 Walter Hunt
 - 5 Ian W Davies
 - 6 Frank C Price
 - 7 George W Pipe
 - 8 John R Mayne(C)
- 1,200th peal: 6. In memory of Charles H Kippin.
(Replaces detail on RW p.818)

SUSSEX C.A.

BEXHILL, E Sussex
S Peter
Sat Jul 1 1995 2h57 (17)

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp. J J Parker (12-part)

- 1 J Michael Swift
 - 2 Mark A Dawkins
 - 3 Christopher E Slade
 - 4 Stephen Brown
 - 5 Margaret A Pink
 - 6 Catherine S Nevin
 - 7 Richard R Kennard(C)
 - 8 Rev J David E Smith
- First peal on 8 bells: 4. For Patronal Festival. £4

TRURO D.G.

ST.TUDY, Cornwall, S Tudy
Sat Aug 5 1995 2h47 (12)

5040 Minor

- (3m: Cambridge S, S Clements C B, Plain B.)
- 1 Alan Carveth
- 2 James W Yates
- 3 Debbie Couch
- 4 Nicola S Trewolla
- 5 Ian P Self
- 6 Robert J Parry(C) £2.40

SWANSEA & BRECON D.G.

BRECON, Brecknock
S Mary
Tue Jul 26 1995 3h5 (16)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. J J Parker (12-part)

- 1 Anne L Kleiser
- 2 Kathleen M Johnson
- 3 Paul C Johnson
- 4 Philip J Evans
- 5 J Robert Johnson
- 6 Malcolm T John(C)
- 7 Philip M Saunders
- 8 Douglas G Davison

For the 90th birthday, this day, of Gerald Davies of Brecon, former tower captain of St.Mary's. Toe conductor's 100th peal for the Guild and his 25th on the bells. £1.60

WORCESTERSHIRE & DIST.S.ASSN.

MICKLETON, Glos.
S Lawrence
Sat Jul 22 1995 2h55 (16)
5088 Gainsborough S.Major
Comp. A Craven

- 1 Martin G Powell
- 2 Catherine R Taylor
- 3 Christopher Lees
- 4 John W Nicholls
- 5 Nicholas J Green
- 6 John H Smart
- 7 Gerald C Hemming(C)
- 8 Arthur C Berry

1,100th peal: 7.

DODDERHILL, Worcs.
S Augustine of Canterbury
Sat Jul 29 1995 3h6 (18)
5088 Rutland S.Major
Comp. C J Sedgley

- 1 Jennifer L Walton
- 2 Catherine R Taylor
- 3 Christopher Lees
- 4 Jeffrey B Webb
- 5 Alan E Hartley
- 6 John H Smart
- 7 Gerald C Hemming(C)
- 8 Martin G Powell

A 49th birthday compliment, today, to Martin Powell, ringing master of this tower.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.

BOLSTERSTONE, S Yorks.
S Mary
Sat Jul 15 1995 2h54 (13)
5088 Wharnccliffe S.Major
Comp. I North

- 1 Paul Male
- 2 Ian North(C)
- 3 R Adrian Davies
- 4 David C Lester
- 5 Andrew R Aspland
- 6 Angela Beardow
- 7 Robert Haley
- 8 Richard E Price

First peal in the method.
Wharnccliffe S.Major:
36-56.4.5-2.36-2-3.6.34.6.3 mx

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OSSETT, W Yorks.
Holy & Undivided Trinity
Sat Jul 29 1995 2h41 (9)
5088 Uxbridge S. Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 David S Lockwood
2 Pamela A Hudson
3 A Adrian Davies
4 Angela Beardow
5 Ian North (C)
6 R Gordon Corby
7 Richard E Price
8 Robert Haley

HANDBELL PEALS

CHESTER D.G.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire,
9 Hawthorn Lane
Tue Aug 1 1995 2h18 (11)
5088 Spliced S. Major
(4m: 1344 Lincolnshire,
Yorkshire; 1248 Cambridge;
1152 Rutland; 98 com, atw)
Comp. M C W Sherwood
1-2 Neil D Lomas
3-4 J David Atkinson
5-6 Peter C Randall (C)
7-8 David W Friend

WILMSLOW, Cheshire,
9 Hawthorn Lane
Tue Aug 8 1995 2h42 (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
650th peal: 9-10.

HOLMES CHAPEL,
Cheshire, 28 Mardale Court
Tue Aug 15 1995 1h53 (11)
5040 Minor
(3 extents Plain Bob; 2 each
Kent, Oxford TB)
1-2 William F Gibbons
3-4 David N Young
5-6 Frank R Morton (C)
For 50th anniversary of VJ
Day celebrations.

ELY D.A.

FOWLMERE, Cambs.
5 St. Mary's Walk
Wed Jul 19 1995 2h44 (18)
5019 Stedman Caters
Comp. T Hooley
1-2 Barry R M Johnson
3-4 William H Jackson
5-6 David C Brown (C)
7-8 Mark C Liebenrood
9-10 John P Loveless
First of Stedman inside: 7-8.

KENT C.A.

MEOPHAM, Kent
34 Orchard Drive
Wed May 31 1995 2h16 (15)
5040 Spliced Major
(3m: 1824 each Double B,
Plain B; 1392 Little B: 228 com)
Comp. E M Atkins
1-2 Peter Beresford
3-4 John W Gander
5-6 Christopher T Osenton (C)
7-8 Frank J Matthews

MEOPHAM, Kent
34 Orchard Drive
Wed Jun 7 1995 2h34 (15)
5008 Spliced Royal
(2m: 2320 Plain B, 2688
Little B: 36 com.)
Comp. C T Osenton
1-2 Peter Beresford
3-4 Frank J Matthews
5-6 Christopher T Osenton
7-8 John W Gander
9-10 Rhian N Bagshaw
200th peal: 3-4.

MEOPHAM, Kent
34 Orchard Drive
Wed Jul 26 1995 2h40 (15)
5000 Kent T.B. Royal
Comp. Y Green
1-2 Peter Beresford
3-4 Frank J Matthews
5-6 Christopher T Osenton (C)
7-8 John W Gander
9-10 Rhian N Bagshaw
100th peal in-hand: 3-4. First
of royal in the method: 9-10.

HERTFORD C.A.

WATFORD, Herts.
15 Harford Drive
Wed Jul 26 1995 2h36 (14)
5040 Ironbridge S. Royal
Comp. C W Roberts
1-2S Kathleen M Baldwin
3-4 John R Mayne (C)
5-6 Roger Baldwin
7-8 David C Brown
9-10 Dorothea M Robotham
First peal in the method on
handbells. To welcome Rio
Jade Baldwin, b.24/7/95,
grand daughter for Roger &
Kath.

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

BETHESDA, MD
5905 Onondaga Road
Sat Apr 15, 1995 2h30 (14)
5056 Treble Bob Major
(Ilkerton variation)
Comp M C W Sherwood
1-2 Quilla Roth
3-4 Rebecca A Joyce
5-6 Edward J Fletcher (C)
7-8 Richard S Dirksen

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts.
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
Thu Aug 10 1995 2h20 (14)
5088 Yorkshire S Major
Comp D F Morrison
1-2 Elaine M Hansen
3-4 Cally D Perry
5-6 Kenneth R Ballou
7-8 Donald F Morrison (C)

LATE PEAL

A.N.Z.A.B.

ALBURY, NSW, Australia
Tue Apr 25 1995 2h48 (7)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. (not given)
1 Le Vene Caton
2 Robert Walters
3 Jim Jefferies
4 Ron Shepherd
5 Neil Broderick
6 Ross Altass
7 James A Smith (C)
8 Chris de Vreeze
For ANZAC Day 1995.

Twenty-Five Years at St. Clement

St. Clement is a small riverside village just two miles from the centre of Truro. Despite its closeness to the city it is relatively unknown to the many tourists and holiday-makers who visit this part of Cornwall, and, perhaps because of this, is unspoiled. The cottages lie around the 15th century church, whose picturesque setting makes it a popular wedding location.

In 1878 Dunkin's *Church Bells of Cornwall* recorded three bells; by 1881 at least two of the bells had been recast and a fourth bell had been added. In 1939 the tenor was recast by Messrs John Taylor & Co, and the other three bells were quarter turned. The four bells were hung in a frame capable of taking six bells, although any thoughts of augmenting the ring were put to one side by the outbreak of war. Three peals were rung on the four for the Truro Diocesan Guild; it is unlikely that any were rung for any other Society.

By the late 1960s there was sufficient local enthusiasm to raise funds to complete the ring of six. Efforts were greatly helped by the incorporation of metal from a bell which had formerly hung in the then ruinous Church at Merther on the opposite bank of the river. In 1970 events moved quickly. The final peal on the four was rung on 26 July; one week later, on 2 August, the two trebles were dedicated; and on Wednesday 5 August the first peal was rung on the new six. Since then, a further 17 peals have been rung for the Truro Guild.

Over the years it has proved to be difficult to maintain a local band, but the bells have been rung frequently, often by the Truro ringers when other events at the Cathedral have prevented the weekly practice there from taking place. Given the warm welcome which we have always received there, we felt that the silver jubilee of the bells should be marked by a peal. The original plan was to include in the band three of those who had taken part in the first six bell peal, but unfortunately T Neil Hitchens, who learned to ring at St. Clement, was required to leave for Hong Kong on a temporary contract only a fortnight before the anniversary date. He was, however, represented by his wife and son. When you leave a church after ringing a peal you are never quite sure of the reception you will receive. However, John Stribley, the local captain, had clearly explained what was happening because two people spontaneously told us how pleased they had been to have heard the bells on this special occasion. St. Clement is a "dry" village, but as I have already indicated, we were only two miles from Truro, and so this did not pose any problem at all.

Details of the two peals are as follows; and as can be seen, there was no difficulty in the choice of method. R.J.P.

TRURO D.G.

ST. CLEMENT, Cornwall
S Clement
Wed Aug 2 1995 (9)
5040 St. Clement's C.B. Minor
1 Nicola S Trewolla
2 Alan Carveth
3 Jane Hitchens
4 Anthony J Davidson
5 Trystan M Hitchens
6 Robert J Perry (C)
First peal in the method: 1, 3,
5 & 6. Second peal in the
method: 2 & 4. On the 25th
anniversary of the re-
dedication of the two trebles.

ST. CLEMENT, Cornwall

S Clement
Wed Aug 2 1995 (9)
5040 St. Clement's C.B. Minor
1 Nicola S Trewolla
2 Alan Carveth
3 Jane Hitchens
4 Anthony J Davidson
5 Trystan M Hitchens
6 Robert J Perry (C)
First peal in the method: 1, 3,
5 & 6. Second peal in the
method: 2 & 4. On the 25th
anniversary of the re-
dedication of the two trebles.

COMPLIMENTARY COPIES

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

Stansted, Kent. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Jeff Richards 1, Dot Hooker 2, Graham Heath 3, Mike Birkbeck 4, Darren Williams (C) 5, Keith Foxwell 6. To celebrate the silver wedding anniversary of Terry and Liz Goble and the re-affirmation of their wedding vows this day.

Stebbing, Essex. 24 Jun, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Marion Wood 1, P L Wood 2, F E Warboys 3, L Luck 4, C B Moore 5, R E L Burberry (C) 6. £1.20

Totternhoe, Beds. 15 Jul, 1260 St Clements & P B Minor: Sheona Masterton 1, Michael Barker 2, Liz Middleton 3, Richard Casserley 4, Richard Smith 5, Alan Shepherd (C) 6. £1

Upham, Hants. 15 Jul, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Raymond Walsh 1, Ben Constant 2, Helen Piper 3, Barbara Foster 4, Barry Pointer 5, Keith Walpole 6, Graham Hedges 7, Mike Clay (C) 8. £1

Upholland, Lancs. 10 Jul, 1260 Original Minor: Susan P Meyer 1, Celia F Hughes D'Aeth 2, S N Whittleton 3, E W Runciman 4, B Hale 5, S S S Meyer (C) 6. 1st in P: all except 6. £1

Vale, Guernsey. 16 Jul, 1260 St Clements & P B Minor: J David 1, W Gerling 2, Carol Gerling 3, Nicky David 4, P Gallienne 5, M Bubb (C) 6. For evensong. £1.20

Walsgrave-on-Sowe, West Mids. 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): Janice E Sheasby 1, Helen L Hancock 2, Liz J White 3, R A Sheasby (C) 4, R Abbot 5, P Craig 6. 1st in 3m: 2, 3 & 5. 14th birthday compliment: 2. £1

Waltham Abbey, Essex. 9 Jul, 1320 Oxford T B Minor: S P Ricketts 1, Jenny Hammond 2, Katherine Cobb 3, Jane Walters 4, D E Cobb (C) 5, B Fisher 6, N Unwin (cover) 7. In thanksgiving for the life of Cliff Smith, long standing member of this church, whose funeral took place last friday. 1st in m: 1, 2, 6. £1.40

Walton on Thames, Surrey. 16 Jul, 1260 Spl S Minor (3m): J H J Mudd 1, T Mitchell 2, Jennifer C Meade 3, D P Miseldine 4, Lizzy Brett 5, P A B Saddleton (C) 6. £1

Westbury on Severn, Glos. 9 Jul, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): Mary Fear 1, Jane Lewis 2, Brian Lewis 3, Victor Gibson 4, John Gibson (C) 5, Andy Vivian 6. £1

Westminster, London. (St Clement Danes). 16 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jillian Wright 1, Georgina Wright 2, Irene Rich 3, N P Booth 4, R E L Burberry 5, J W Stephenson 6, C J Stephenson (C) 7, S A Seacombe 8. For morning service and to congratulate Timothy Wright & Marilyn Fletcher on their engagement. £1

White Waltham, Berks. 8 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m): Lesley Graves 1, Virginia Coulson 2, Vikki Bulbeck 3, Derek Smith 4, David Court 5, Simon Graves 6. A welcome to Iwan William Bowen-Rees born 22/6/95. Also to open Band Concert. £3

Whitehaven, Cumbria. 16 Jul, 1260 P B Triples: S Adair (1st Triples) 1, Caroline Tyson 2, Sally Thomas 3, J H McTear 4, S Hutchinson 5, M J Smith 6, J Whitelock (C) 7, R C Last 8. To wish farewell to Gillian and Barry Armstrong and Family. £1

Winchester, Hants. 16 Jul, 1294 Cambridge S Maximus: O A Davis 1, K J Walpole 2, Jenny Astridge 3, Felicity Warwick 4, R Harrison (1st on 12) 5, N R Woodruffe 6, E G Mould 7, R E Beck 8, D A Warwick 9, A P Beck 10, A R Patterson 11, R Le Marechal (C) 12. Met 1 short for Kent 14. Phil Gorrod kindly stood down. £1.25

Wiveliscombe, Somerset. 2 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sue Green 1, Anne Stenning 2, J A S Green 3, Preb C J B Marshall 4, J M Levin (C) 5, F G Gardener 6. To celebrate the ordination, in Wells Cathedral, of Graham Anthony Owen as priest & Susan Margaret Green as deacon. Both of this Parish. £1

Wokingham, Berks. (All Saints). 13 Jul, 1280 Rutland S Major: Michael Pickup 1, Jenifer Herriott 2, Peter Clarkson 3, Pearl Gibson 4, Stuart Gibson 5, Rorie Dempster 6, Stephanie May 7, John Harrison (C) 8. £1.60

Worth, W Sussex. 9 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Graham Beaumont 1, Charles Shepherd 2, Liz Sandwell 3, Adam Beaumont 4, Gerald Sandwell 5, Neil Dobson (C) 6. £1

Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. 11 Jul, 1260 P B Triples: Ann Ferguson 1, Brian Diserens 2, Rachel Day 3, Grantley Burford 4, Andrew Ward 5, Richard Blacker 6, Matthew Gilder (C) 7, Andrew Langley 8. To celebrate the birth of Cameron Blacker on 28th June. £1

The Guilsborough Branch Quarter Peal Day

The Quarter Peal Day began several years ago as a means of raising money to augment the ring of six at Cottesbrooke. The actual job has now been completed; they are a fine sounding eight, however we still owe a few bob to those who kindly loaned money to the scheme. So the fundraising continues and anyway, there are other schemes in the area which will need our support after this one has been settled.

Fortunately the 90°F temperature of late June had subsided somewhat for our day of quarter peals. The achievement rate was 23 successes out of 26 attempts, several firsts and yet another sterling effort by our senior member Maurice Wilford in his 90th year. As in previous years the day was concluded with a barbecue, this time at the Scaldwell home of Nigel and Alison Goodenough. An excellent end to the day but I'm beginning to get a little worried about the durability of some of our members; when I left for home there was still some ale left in the barrel. G.W.M.

No date given

Long Buckby. 1260 Doubles (5m/1p): Brian Williams 1, Alan Chantler 2, Robin Wilson (C) 3, David Westerman 4, Stan Ruddleston 5.

Guilsborough. 1260 P B Minor: Michael Rogerson (1st Q) 1, Pam Bailey 2, Nigel Goodenough 3, Nick Churchman 4, Helen Coleman (C) 5, Murray Coleman 6.

East Haddon. 1320 S Minor (3m): Jon Spencer 1, Brenda Dixon (C) 2, Steve Jones 3, David Spencer 4, Garry Mason 5, Alan Marks 6.

Ravensthorpe. 1260 Doubles (3m): Brenda Dixon 1, Alan Chantler 2, Robin Wilson 3, Stan Ruddleston 4, Alan Marks (C) 5.

Thornby. 1260 Doubles (5m/1p): Helen Coleman 1, Nigel Goodenough 2, Garry Mason 3, Steve Jones 4, Nick Churchman (C) 5.

Spratton. 1320 Kent T B Minor: Mary Burton (1st TB) 1, Pam Bailey 2, Murray Coleman 3, Brian Williams 4, Bill Blowfield 5, David Westerman (C) 6.

Yelvertoft. 1296 Beverley S Minor: Alan Jacques 1, Steve Jones 2, Dorothy Westerman 3, Nigel Goodenough 4, Murray Coleman 5, D Westerman (C) 6.

West Haddon. 1260 Doubles (4m/2v/1p): Pam Spencer 1, Sue Mason 2, David Spencer 3, Garry Mason (C) 4, Jon Spencer 5.

Misterton. 1260 St Clements Minor: Neil Evans 1, Margaret Fiander 2, Richard Waddy 3, Bill Blowfield 4, Phil Spice 5, Mick Fiander (C) 6.

North Kilworth. 1260 P B Doubles: Bill Blowfield 1, Alan Jacques 2, Phil Spice 3, Richard Waddy (C) 4, Mick Fiander 5.

Walgrave. 1260 Doubles (5m): Jon Spencer 1, Helen Coleman 2, Frank Coales 3, Tony Parker 4, Nick Churchman (C) 5.

Great Oxendon. 1260 P B Doubles: Barbara Teriaca (1st Q) 1, Judith Mace 2, Barry Mason (C) 3, Alan Chantler 4, Robin Wilson 5.

East Farndon. 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Sue Mason 1, Pam Bailey 2, Steve Jones 3, Garry Mason (C) 4, Tim Jones 5, Mick Bennett 6.

Scaldwell. 1260 Doubles (4m): Kate Goodenough 1, Margaret Fiander 2, Tim Jones 3, Steve Jones 4, Mick Fiander (C) 5.

Husbands Bosworth. 1260 Doubles (3m): Margaret Fiander 1, Phil Spice 2, Richard Waddy 3, Alan Jacques 4, Mick Fiander (C) 5.

Cold Ashby. 1272 Minimus (5m): Nigel Goodenough (C) 1, Richard Waddy 2, Helen Coleman 3, Nick Churchman 4.

Lubenham. 1320 Doubles (5m): Clair Johnson 1, Alan Jacques 2, Garry Mason 3, Mick Fiander 4, Stephen Westerman (C) 5.

Sibbertoft. 1260 Doubles (5m): Mary Burton 1, Stephen Westerman 2, David Spencer 3, Alan Jacques 4, David Westerman (C) 5.

Cottesbrooke. 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Dorothy Westerman 1, Bill Blowfield 2, Brenda Dixon (C) 3, Robin Wilson 4, Alan Chantler (1st in m) 5, Alan Marks 6, David Westerman 7, Murry Coleman 8.

Creaton. 1260 Doubles (3m): Steve Jones 1, Pam Bailey 2, Frank Coales 3, Tim Jones (C) 4, Tony Parker 5, Paul Bailey (1st Q) 6.

Clipston. 1260 Doubles (5m): Maurice Wilford 1, Robin Wilson (C) 2, Alan Chantler 3, David Westerman 4, Alan Jacques 5.

Maidwell. 1272 Norwich S Minor: Sarah Hedgcock 1, Pam Bailey 2, Brenda Dixon 3, Jim Hedgcock 4, Alan Marks 5, Murray Coleman (C) 6.

Marston Trussell. 1260 Doubles (7m/1p): Jane Sibson 1, Geoffrey Armitage 2, David Spencer 3, Mick Fiander 4, S Westerman (C) 5. £7.50

Bathwick Fashion

Sun 4 June

Before the quarter this morning, tower master Robin Stubbs observes that Bathwick ringing owes a lot to Pete Roberts. Many belfry problems - mechanical ones! - were resolved in discussions between Robin and Pete, who although not a ringer was a regular visitor to the tower. However, he was a visitor most ringers never saw, most of his visits being made in "silent hours" to examine work in progress.

Wed 7 June

A visitor this evening is Elsa Adams, of Parkville, Missouri, drawn to the tower by the sound of bells, fascinated by what she sees, longing to take photographs - carrying two cameras, neither of which is in working order! She promises to come next week, better equipped...

Wed 14 June

... and does so, adjourning upstairs with Robin to photograph the bells during a touch of Stedman Triples. The touch fails to come round, for one reason or another, and by coincidence the bells are set just as Elsa finishes, prompting her to ask: "How did they know when to stop?"

Thurs 22 June

Rachel Smith, from Kalamazoo, makes a lightning visit on her way to the Widcombe practice, for a few rounds on the ten before "Linda's lot" get to work on London Royal. Is it true that the rounds went on for longer than any of the quarter attempts?

Sun 25 June

At last she's done it! Val Clewett, after 30 years of ringing, scores her first quarter of Stedman, at St Michael's. Val rings faultlessly throughout - is anyone surprised?

Mon 26 June

Jim Shepard, whose cheerful presence has been a feature of London ringing for so many years, makes a round trip of more than two hundred miles for this evening's quarter, and displays a delightful vagueness concerning the geography of Bath.

"Where's the Abbey?"

"Straight in front of you."

"Is it? I thought that was Bathwick..."

QUASIMODO

Bath. (SMV Bathwick) 4 Jun, 1277 Grandsire Caters (G E Symonds): Linda Drew 1, Robin Stubbs 2, Liz Lane 3, Paul Clewett 4, David Floyd 5, William Willans (C) 6, Jon Wrigley 7, Geoff Carter 8, Sheila Matthews 9, Maggie Willans 10. For Sung Eucharist, remembering with thanksgiving the life of Pete Roberts. Also 11 Jun, 1272 L B Major ("Diary"): Maggie Willans 1, Robin Stubbs 2, Linda Drew 3, Liz Lane (1st L B) 4, Marilyn Floyd 5, Paul Clewett 6, Michael Stubbs 7, David Floyd (C) 8. For Sung Eucharist. Also 18 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters (E C Shepherd): Robin Stubbs 1, Linda Drew 2, Valerie Clewett 3, Jon Wrigley 4, William Willans (C) 5, Liz Lane 6, Sheila Matthews 7, Maggie Willans 8, David Floyd 9, Paul Clewett 10. For Sung Eucharist. Also 25 Jun, 1287 Stedman Caters ("Diary"): David Floyd (C) 1, William Willans 2, Liz Lane 3, Brian Grinter 4, Linda Drew 5, Jon Wrigley 6, Michael Stubbs 7, Sheila Matthews 8, Paul Clewett 9, Maggie Willans 10. For Sung Eucharist, with best wishers from all Bathwick ringers to Lynne Mackenzie and Brian Grinter, married 6th June.

Bath. (Larkhall) 4 Jun, 1288 Grandsire Triples (RWW): Linda Drew 1, Eric Naylor 2, Robin Stubbs 3, Liz Lane 4, Gerald Skelly 5, David Floyd 6, William Willans (C) 7, Michael Powell 8. For evening service.

Bath. (St Michael with St Paul) 25 Jun, 1260 Stedman Triples (RWW): Valerie Clewett (1st Q of Stedman) 1, Liz Lane 2, Paul Clewett 3, Jon Wrigley 4, Maggie Willans 5, Sheila Matthews 6, William Willans (C) 7, Geoff Carter 8. For evening service.

Bath. (Abbey) 26 Jun, 1277 Grandsire Caters (RWW): Sheila Matthews 1, Robin Stubbs 2, Liz Lane 3, Jon Wrigley 4, Paul Clewett 5, William Willans (C) 6, Jim Shepherd 7, Geoff Carter 8, Michael Stubbs 9, Robert Lewis 10. £5.00

A.J.S. 40

The following quarter peals were rung to celebrate the 40th birthday of Alan Sinden. It's sad when you have to organise your own celebratory ringing!

Thorverton, Devon. 30 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Lester Yeo 1, Wendy Campbell 2, Patricia Yeo 3, Lesley Tucker 4, Julie Sinden 5, Alan Sinden (C) 6, Ian Campbell 7, Graham Tucker 8, James Grant 9, Michael Sinden 10. After date touch of Stedman Caters would't go.

Exmouth, Devon. (Littleham) 1 Jul, 1408 Cambridge S Major: Michael Sinden 1, Donald Lawson 2, Ian Campbell 3, Neil Deem 4, Graham Sparey 5, Linda Drew 6, Ian Hill 7, Alan Sinden (C) 8. Composed by Donald Lawson.

Exmouth, Devon. (Withycombe Raleigh) 1 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Linda Drew 1, Frank Mack 2, Donald Lawson 3, Wendy Campbell 4, Graham Sparey 5, Michael Sinden 6, Ian Campbell (C) 7, Neil Deem 8, Ian Hill 9, Alan Sinden 10. £5.00

The Mere Branch Goes Forth

The second round of the Mere Branch Grand Prix was held on Saturday 24th June under cloudy skies but with 16 ringers keen to discover what delights out Nigel had planned. The start unleashed a fierce car chase up the A303 and time for an unscheduled pit stop for early refreshment and a change of tyres. Having been woken up for the delights of the Happy Eater, Hugh again relaxed on the back seat with his bare feet up against the window, only to discover that we were at the first tower of the day. All going according to plan so far Nigel.

A lock out (car, not tower) after the first ring at Owslebury saw a frantic search for wire to retrieve trapped car keys: what did Hugh say to that lady in her garden? As we rattled through the next three towers: Wickham, Catherington and Hambledon, the methods rung increased and the beads of perspiration on "everything is planned to the last detail" Nigel grew more evident. Was it that villages had been moved or that Mandy took longer than expected to conquer those ladders: but it looked as if the unthinkable was happening: we were running behind time - grab a rope and then run!

A leisurely picnic after an enjoyable ring on the Hambledon bells: a gastronomic orgy from banana sandwiches to Jamaican fruit salad, allowed for a change of lower garments from our courier and the revelation of the Greek tan. Somewhat bruised from the mauling from Potten junior we threw ourselves into the afternoon events - back to schedule, Nigel exclaimed proudly. Droxford, Warnford, West Meon and finally Ropley - the last being a particularly fine ring where we achieved our most ambitious set method: Surfleet.

Thanks to everyone who supported the day and especially the Minister of Fun for (almost!) organising it. Here's to the next time.

ROBERT WELLEN

A day of pure joy

Quarters are terrific - long enough to achieve some really good ringing and short enough not to hurt. A quarter peal day, whatever the success rate, is pure joy.

Our first venue was Sedbergh, where despite the tenor sally's occasional reluctance to reappear, a neat quarter of Yorkshire Major was scored. Then to Kendal for Grandsire Caters - only afterwards did we find out that this was the first touch of G.C. for one of the band and a 'first on ten' for another. But it must have been good, as we were welcomed at the 'Ring of Bells' for a relaxed and enjoyable lunch.

We met again at Lancaster Cathedral. The Bob Royal here was not as good as we would have liked, but another 'first on ten' made the effort worthwhile. Then to the Priory, but an inaccuracy (two bells crossed) and lack of time meant that here we were unsuccessful. A pity, as we really did justice to these fine bells.

Small rope circles tend to produce fast ringing, so the Cambridge Major at Morecambe was achieved in record time. Another first in the method and a first as conductor for Barry (how has he escaped for so long?).

John Preston, who had arranged everything, promised us 'good bells, good company, good food and drink, and hopefully, good ringing'. We would like to thank him for keeping this promise so completely.

JEAN BARNES

Sedbergh, Cumbria. 17 Jun, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Deborah Preston 1, Lindsay Smith 2, Jean Barnes 3, Keith Taylor 4, John Preston 5, Ian West 6, Barry Hale 7, Geoffrey Smith (C) 8.

Kendal, Cumbria. 1259 Grandsire Caters: Deborah Preston 1, Keith Taylor 2, John Rogan (1st Grandsire caters) 3, Lindsay Smith 4, Barry Hale 5, Jean Barnes (C) 6, Ian West 7, Geoffrey Smith 8, John Preston 9, Alan Cox (1st on 10) 10. To celebrate the official birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, Duke of Lancaster.

Lancaster, Lancs. (Cathedral) 1260 P B Royal: John Rogan 1, Lindsay Smith 2, Deborah Preston 3, Keith Taylor 4, Brian Inglesfield 5, Geoffrey Smith 6, Fr Stephen Cross (1st on 10) 7, Jean Barnes 8, Barry Hale 9, John Preston (C) 10.

Morecambe, Lancs. 1250 Cambridge S Major: John Greenhough 1, Alison Hammond (1st Cambridge major) 2, Lindsay Smith 3, Jean Barnes (250th Q) 4, Keith Tylor 5, Robin Daw 6, Geoffrey Smith 7, Barry Hale (1st Q as C) 8. £9

A Royal Quarter

Having previously decided that organising a quarter peal was going to be completely out of the question for a Sunday night, due to the fact that most of the ringers in our district capable of Cambridge Royal either had commitments or were on holiday (ringing of course!) in Ireland, I was to be pleasantly surprised when, at a district surprise major practice, it became clear that attempting a quarter of Cambridge Royal was a real possibility.

Upon enquiring as to people's whereabouts on Sunday 25th June, many seemed interested in ringing in the quarter - (and the holidaymakers were back) - so after 'twisting peoples arms', I managed to obtain four 'definites' and four 'possible's, so I checked with the Captain of Hythe that the bells were available, and he also expressed interest in getting his 'first of surprise

royal', which therefore meant that if we got it, there would be two firsts (myself and the Captain).

After extensive use of the telephone, I managed to get ten people, eight of whom had rung the method before and were reliable, and an excellent conductor, just in case anyone decided to 'wander'!

The Sunday night arrived, and, having been checking on the number of quarter peals of surprise royal rung at Hythe, realised that only one quarter of Cambridge Royal had been scored previously, about 18 months ago, and this did not include any local band members.

Although it had been previously stated that we would start at 5pm, because one of the band wanted to get home quickly, the last two arrived at 5.15, by which time we had already rung half a course of Cambridge Major for practice.

It was fortunate that we didn't have any false starts and had finished by 6.20. None of the striking had been outstanding but, excepting a rather shaky patch in the middle, the quarter had held together well.

At this point I would like to thank Charles for keeping going even though the sun was blinding him for most of the time, to Brian (the Captain) for letting us attempt the method, and to Richard Edwards for his brilliant conducting, without which we would almost certainly have lost the quarter peal in the shaky patch in the middle.

On a more personal note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the encouragement which they give me, especially to Ray Lucas, who regularly drives seven miles out of his way to take me to various 'Surprise' practices, and District meetings; to Richard Edwards for the time he spends on helping me to understand many of the mysteries of ringing, and to David Gower, of Saltwood, who has achieved his 45th year of ringing at Saltwood tower, and who regularly takes me to practice nights at various towers. Although David is not really interested in ringing 'inside' he is very steady on the tenor, covering to various odd bell methods, and has years of experience. He is also very widely known in the Ashford and Canterbury Districts, and well deserves this quarter peal in honour of his 45 years at Saltwood, and his birthday.

Finally, many thanks to everyone I know, who helps me in the art of change ringing, and I look forward to many years of participating in a practice from which I derive such great pleasure, and I intend to progress - as far as my capabilities will allow me - in the exercise.

CHRIS J COOPER
St Leonard, Hythe

Hythe, Kent. 25 Jun, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Charles Sinden 1, Margaret Ross 2, Brenda Davies 3, Nicholas Davies 4, Richard Birch 5, Chris Cooper (1st S royal) 6, Brian Butcher (1st S royal) 7, David Manger 8, Ray Lucas 9, Richard Edwards (C) 10. In honour of David H Gower of Saltwood, on achieving 45 years at Saltwood tower as a ringer, and as a birthday compliment to him.

In Cornwall

Tuckingmill. 3 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Anita Hoskin 1, J H Hoskin 2, Helen Tombs 3, I P Self 4, D H Beer (C) 5, K Berryman 6. 52nd birthday compliment to Jim Hoskin and for the Feast of Pentecost.

Camborne. 8 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m): I P Self (C) 1, C W Temperton 2, M A Reynolds 3, A R Syder 4, D H Beer 5, D H Thomas 6. In memory of Stephen Carveth, son of Alan and Mary.

Stithians. 8 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: M A Reynolds 1, A R Syder 2, C W Temperton 3, D H Beer 4, I Selvey-Willars 5, I P Self (C) 6. In memory of Stephen Carveth, son of Alan and Mary.

St Veep. 10 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: I P Self 1, Helen Tombs 2, C W Temperton 3, J D Anstee 4, A R Syder 5, D H Beer (C) 6.

St Winnow. 10 Jun, 1260 St Clements B Minor: J D Anstee 1, Helen Tombs 2, A R Syder 3, D H Beer 4, C W Temperton 5, I P Self (C) 6.

Cardinham. 10 Jun, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: A R Climo-Thompson 1, Vanessa Climo-Thompson 2, A J Barnfield 3, C W Temperton 4, D H Beer 5, I P Self (C) 6.

Egloschayle. 10 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J D Anstee 1, A R Climo-Thompson 2, Vanessa Climo-Thompson 3, C W Temperton 4, Helen Tombs 5, A J Barnfield 6, D H Beer (C) 7, I P Self 8.

St Kew. 10 Jun, 1320 Turnon D Minor: I P Self 1, Vanessa Climo-Thompson 2, Helen Tombs 3, D H Beer 4, A J Barnfield 5, A R Climo-Thompson (C) 6. 1st in m: 3.4.

Camborne. 15 Jun, 1264 P B Major: Helen Tombs 1, A R Syder 2, D H Beer 3, Jenny Syder 4, M A Reynolds 5, A J Barnfield 6, A J Beer 7, I P Self (C) 8. Compliment to George Bottomley on his 60 years of ministry.

Carbis Bay. 16 Jun, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: I P Self 1, D H Beer 2, A R Syder 3, Helen Tombs (50th this year) 4, Carolyn Howell 5, A J Beer (C) 6.

Ludgvan. 29 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: D H Beer 1, Helen Tombs 2, Claire Sweetman 3, I P Self 4, A J Beer 5, C W Temperton (C) 6.

Carbis Bay. 30 Jun, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: T R Sullivan 1, I P Self 2, C W Temperton 3, D H Beer 4, Carolyn Howell 5, A J Beer (C) 6. £8

Five in Three Days

Well really four in a day and a practice two days before. The practice was 3 spliced surprise royal at Wrexham before the main event of a trip to Halifax, Ossett, Selby and Rotherham on Saturday 1st July. Wrexham went well, setting both the ringing agenda and we hoped the standard for Saturday's adventure.

John was unexpectedly released from piloting duties at Manchester Airport so we had a football team available for each of our Saturday fixtures. This meant that someone would get the red card at each tower and at Halifax it was Don who found himself off the field. He occupied himself by counting our faults and announcing that we had lost although, in our unbiased opinion, we believed we were the only ones to score. A fixture change brought the 3 spliced into play (before lunch to allow it to be liquid) at Ossett where Eric slept on the side benches.

Yvonne served us lunch before we went to Selby for the majority to ring Lincolnshire whilst I enjoyed Yorkshire air on the terraces. Our day ended with a quarter at Rotherham with a quarter of Plain Bob Maximus made possible by the appearance of a super sub who volunteered his services.

All in all a super and totally successful day much enjoyed by all. Our thanks to all the local ringers, Vicars and churchwardens for the use of their bells and to Geoff for organising the day.

ANDY JOBSON.
£5

Wrexham, Clwyd. 29 Jun, 1280 Spl S Royal (CYR): John Williams 1, William Court 2, Helen Mitchell 3, John Oultram 4, Robert Peers 5, Donald Marshall 6, Eric Jones 7, Geoffrey Parting 8, John Bibby (most m) 9, Andrew Jobson (C) 10. £1

Halifax, W Yorks. 1 Jul, 1282 Spl S Royal (CY): Janet Betton 1, William Court 2, Helen Mitchell 3, Andrew Jobson (C) 4, Robert Peers 5, John Oultram 6, Eric Jones 7, Peter Barker 8, Geoffrey Parting 9, John Bibby 10.

Ossett, W Yorks. 1280 Spl S Royal (RCY): Janet Betton 1, William Court 2, Helen Mitchell 3, John Oultram 4, Robert Peers 5, Donald Marshall 6, Peter Barker 7, Geoffrey Parting 8, John Bibby 9, Andrew Jobson (C) 10.

Selby, N Yorks. 1282 Lincolnshire S Royal: Janet Betton 1, William Court 2, Donald Marshall 3, Helen Mitchell 4, Robert Peers 5, Peter Barker 6, John Oultram (C) 7, John Bibby 8, Geoffrey Parting 9, Eric Jones 10. 1st blows in m: 8. 1st Q in m: 4.6.

Rotherham, S Yorks. 1320 P B Maximus: Malcolm Turner 1, Helen Mitchell 2, John Oultram (C) 3, William Court 4, Robert Peers 5, Janet Betton 6, Donald Marshall 7, Peter Barker 8, Andrew Jobson 9, John Bibby 10, Eric Jones 11, Geoffrey Parting 12. 1st maximus: 8. 1st in m: 6.

Isle Valley Youths 1995

This years I.V.V. holiday was based at a delightfully old converted farmhouse deep within the Derbyshire countryside. Ringing took place at a total of 19 towers in four counties; thanks go both to those who let us ring and to the practices we "invaded" (to a greater or lesser degree). We were made most welcome.



Foreground dining table, background Isle Valley Youths.

Some of the highlights of the week included:

- * The view from the top of the tower at Breendon-on-the-Hill;
- * Auntie effortlessly delegating everything to everybody else;
- * An excellent tour of the Loughborough bellfoundry (thanks, Jed!), plus the ring on their bells afterwards - are you sure we couldn't take them home with us?
- * Richard becoming a "proper" ringer (i.e. breaking a stay!);
- * Our success with Fiendishly Cunning And Mildly Oriental Bob Doubles, the method of the week;
- * Playing with the model railway in the brewery exhibition at Burton-upon-Trent;
- * At least two-thirds of us managing to "circle the dining table" by the end of the week.



Auntie, rising to great heights on the tenor at Repton (strapper on hand)

Quotes of the week:

Auntie (in full flow): "The only reason you do blows behind is that you've got no-one else to play with...you just go bong."

Master Navigator: "Er...this road isn't on the map."

Auntie (looking shocked): "I've said something usefull"

FRUITBAT

In thanksgiving for the life of Beatrice Irene Venn

Penzance, Cornwall. 23 Apr, 1274 Cambridge S Minor: Claire Sweetman 1, Margaret Byrne 2, Jane Hitchens 3, Trystan Hitchens 4, Christopher Venn (C) 5, Neil Hitchens 6. £1

Norwood Green, Middx. 27 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): H W Cuthbert 1, Anita Adams 2, T E Payne 3, Linda Foddering 4, C J Venn (C) 5, Valerie Payne 6. Half muffled in affectionate memory of Beatrice Venn. £1

Hayes, Middx. 28 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Dianne Pickett 1, Michael Sprackling 2, Valerie Payne 3, David Pickett 4, Stephen Russ 5, Michael Palmer 6, Christopher Venn (C) 7, Harold Rogers 8. £1

St Buryan, Cornwall. 28 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): Claire Sweetman 1, Margaret Byrne 2, Jane Hitchens 3, John George 4, Neil Hitchens (C) 5, Trystan Hitchens 6. Half muffled. £1

Hillingdon, Middx. 29 Apr, 1287 Stedman Caters: S S Russ 1, Ruth Blackwell 2, P Blight 3, R Booth 4, G Morton 5, R Bailey 6, E Mould 7, M Sprackling 8, M J Palmer (C) 9, W Stungo 10. In memory of Beatrice Venn whose funeral was the previous day.

Hayes, Middx. 10 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Tom Payne 1, Anita Adams 2, Valerie Payne 3, Huw Davies 4, S S Russ (C) 5, Steve Blundy 6. In memory and thanksgiving for the life of Beatrice Venn. £1.50

Hanwell, London W7. 4 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Fiona Smith 1, John Barrance 2, Anita Adams 3, Huw Davies 4, S S Russ (C) 5, Steve Douglas 6. For V.E. celebrations and in thanksgiving for the life of Beatrice Venn. £1.50

V.E. Day

Swineshead, Lincs. 8 May, 1260 P B Triples: Joyce Coleman 1, W J Brunt 2, Rhoda Reynolds 3, J M Percival (1st PB Triples) 4, D Collin 5, W N Ansell 6, P H Reynolds (C) 7, I D Ansell 8. For V.E. Day commemoration service taken by the Bishop of Grantham.

Wigtoft, Lincs. 8 May, 1344 Bourne S Minor: I D Ansell 1, D Flatters 2, W N Ansell 3, M A Walker 4, P J Waterfield (C) 5, A D Walker 6. 1st in m at 1st att: 2. Birthday compliment to G W Brewster of Kirton, 86 today.

Kirton in Holland, Lincs. 8 May, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Joyce Coleman 1, Rhoda Reynolds 2, B C Bunting 3, W N Ansell 4, I D Ansell 5, P H Reynolds 6, A D Walker 7, P J Waterfield (C) 8. 1st TB major: 1. 1st S major: 3. 86th birthday compliment to G W Brewster.

Holbeach, Lincs. 8 May, 1280 Armitage-is-the-name B Major: Rhoda Reynolds 1, W N Ansell 2, B C Bunting 3, M A Walker 4, P J Waterfield (C) 5, P H Reynolds 6, I D Ansell 7, A D Walker 8. 1st blows in m for all except 8. For flower festival.

Whaplode, Lincs. 8 May, 1272 Tranquillity S Minor: P H Reynolds 1, I D Ansell 2, B C Bunting 3, W N Ansell 4, A D Walker 5, P J Waterfield (C) 6. 1st in m for band.

Sutton, Lincs. 8 May, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Coleman 1, Rhoda Reynolds 2, I D Ansell 3, B C Bunting 4, P H Reynolds 5, W N Ansell 6, P J Waterfield (C) 7, L R Woods 8. Birthday compliment to George W Brewster of Kirton, 86 today.

Frampton St Mary, Lincs. 8 May, 1260 Minor (3m): Rhoda Reynolds 1, W N Ansell 2, B C Bunting 3, P H Reynolds 4, I D G B Ansell 5, P J Waterfield (C) 6. Following nationwide 2 mins silence as a huge bonfire was lit on Frampton Marsh.

Kirton in Holland, Lincs. 7 May, 1260 P B Minor: Joyce Coleman 1, Eileen George 2, Rhoda Reynolds 3, P H Reynolds 4, W N Ansell 5, I D G B Ansell (C) 6, R Tetter 7, L R Woods 8. For V E Day commemoration evensong service.

Post and Telecom Guild in Staffordshire

The weather was warm but not too sunny. The bells were varied but mostly not too challenging. The beer was refreshing but not too cold. The methods were varied but not all the quarters were successful. The ringers all scored at least one quarter each but not all of them stayed to the end of the day, in the Royal Oak at Abbots Bromley.

This reflects the mixed fortunes of the Guild of Post and Telecom Ringers at their Quarter Peal Day in Staffordshire on the 24 June when 16 ringers rang four out of the seven attempted quarter peals.

Doubles at Newchurch was defeated by a combination of heat, difficulty in hearing the conductor, and possibly the preceding pub lunch.

Cambridge Major at Hanbury never really settled and a second attempt at the same method at Abbots Bromley produced some of the best ringing of the day but fired out with five minutes to go.

More successful highlights were the Doubles on the lovely heavy six at Hoar Cross, the inclusion of two "firsts" this year and the general organisation which went very smoothly, many thanks to all concerned. F W M

Whittington, Staffs. 1320 Grandsire Doubles: John Williams 1, Rosemary Bennett 2, Enid Williams (1st inside) 3, Mandy Spearing 4, Terry Spearing (C) 5, George Bennett 6.

Netherseale, Derbys. 1264 P B Major: Ian Grant 1, Allen Cansdale 2, Francis Mitchell 3, Ray Balls 4, Richard Davenport 5, Bob Franks 6, Bernard Townsend 7, Colin Walter (1st Major as C) 8.

Kings Bromley, Staffs. 1320 Kent T B Minor: Tony Whittall 1, Ray Balls 2, Bob Franks 3, Richard Davenport 4, Ian Grant 5, Allen Cansdale (C) 6.

Hoar Cross, Staffs. 1260 Doubles (3m inc Stedman): Ray Balls 1, Mary Coe 2, Colin Walter 3, Terry Spearing 4, Francis Mitchell (C) 5, John Williams 6.

The Essex Association South Eastern District Quarter Peal Week

For some reason those of us in the South Eastern District have no conception of time. This year's quarter peal "week" lasted nine days.

During the week, there were 14 quarters rung which included 1st quarters for Marion Brewster of Writtle and Marion Barrett and Mike Gibson of Tollesbury.

Congratulations to those, and to anyone else that scored a first; also to Peter Hinton who scored his 500th.

My thanks go to all those ringers who travelled around the district to help ring in quarters. It is very difficult when trying to organise something like this, that you don't keep asking the same people, but for those of you who were asked to ring in more than one, very many thanks for your support.

As usual, the week was finished off superbly at Pat and Beryl Saltmarsh's with the District Barbecue. There weren't as many people there this year, but I think all who went had a good evening, with friends, food and beer.

Great Baddow. 16 Jun, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: Laura Chittenden 1, Elizabeth Wycherley 2, Anne Edwards 3, S A Waters 4, P Thrussell 5, P Wycherley 6, D E Rothera (C) 7, P D Hinton 8. Compliment to Kevin Edwards (nephew of 3) and Mandy Tomlinson for their wedding on 17 June.

Springfield. 17 Jun, 1260 Minor (3m): P C Hodges 1, Margaret Jones 2, Sandford Jones (most m) 3, A J H Britter 4, P D Saunders 5, G C Orr 6. No C given. For the Church Summer Fete.

Fryerning. 17 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Phil Stephens 1, Vicki Patmore (1st in m) 2, Bert Geddard 3, Peter Eves 4, Edwin Parsons 5, Colin Chapman (C) 6.

Tollesbury. 18 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Marion Barrett 1, Janet Bingham 2, Nan Gibson 3, Colin Bingham 4, Michael Gibson 5, Mick Edwards (C) 6. 1st Q: 1.5. For evensong, and as a compliment to Mick and Janet Edwards on the day after their son's wedding.

Writtle. 18 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Marion Brewster (1st Q) 1, Tricia Stephens 2, Andrew Brewster 3, Jenny Askew 4, Phil Stephens (C) 5, Peter Brisley 6. For evensong.

Broomfield. 20 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Vicki Patmore 1, Janet Edwards 2, Andrew Mussell 3, Jenny Askew 4, Mick Edwards (C) 5, Brian Patmore 6.

Sandon. 20 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Richard Cecil 1, Helen Cecil 2, Stephen Mardon 3, Nick Tovey 4, Trevor Holder (C) 5, Ian Underwood 6.

Little Waltham. 21 Jun, 1260 Doubles (3m): Ron Devenish 1, Dennis Withams 2, Andrew Mussell 3, John Williams 4, Philip Saunders (C) 5, Christopher Hext 6.

Little Baddow. 22 Jun, 1260 P B Triples: Christine Smiley 1, Wendy Godden 2, Katherine Randall (1st triples) 3, Vicki Patmore 4, Charles Cope 5, David Hengeli 6, Colin Chapman (C) 7, Irene Randall 8.

Purleigh. 22 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: J Mardon 1, S Mardon 2, S Staines 3, R Woodcock 4, P Saltmarsh (C) 5, L Cooper 6. To welcome Rev Derrick and Rev Margaret Cooling to All Saints Purleigh. 1st Q on treble: 1, and 1st together for father and son.

Great Baddow. 23 Jun, 1260 P B Major: Sarah Green 1, Laura Chittenden 2, Anne Edwards 3, T Holder 4, D E Rothera 5, P Thrussell 6, P D Hinton 7, S A Waters (C) 8. 1st major inside and birthday compliment: 2. 50th Q in tower: 3. 500th Q: 7.

Chelmsford. (Cathedral) 24 Jun, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Vicki Patmore 1, Helen Thompson 2, Anne Edwards 3, Kath Downs 4, Roger Butt 5, Bert Goddard 6, Colin Chapman (C) 7, Maurice Downs 8, John Steed 9, Peter Hinton 10. To celebrate 20th anniversary as a Bishop – John Waive Bishop of Chelmsford also James Adams, retired Bishop of Barking.

Great Waltham. 24 Jun, 1272 P B Minor: Bert Goddard 1, Katherine Randall (1st minor) 2, Vicki Patmore 3, Andrew Brewster 4, Phil Stephens 5, Colin Chapman (C) 6.

Boreham. 25 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Chris Jaggard 1, Laura Childs 2, Janet Edwards 3, Peter Childs 4, Colin Chapman 5, David Childs (C) 6. For Boreham Rose Festival. Also birthday compliment: 3.

Writtle. 25 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Christopher English 1, Andrew Brewster 2, Bert Goddard 3, Christopher Newton 4, Phil Stephens (C) 5, Roger Bailey 6. After the Parish Eucharist Service to celebrate the ancient custom of Rush Day and the annual Writtle Family Walk. Also as a 50th birthday compliment to Tricia Stephens. £18.90

Six times six times ten plus one

It has become traditional in recent summers to replace one of the Llandaff & Monmouth Association monthly Surprise Minor practices by a Saturday outing. This year our organisers, Mike Thomas and Peter Mayle, selected July 8 for a leisurely tour of six delightful sixes in the beautiful Wye valley area of Hereford and Brecon.

Although somewhat depleted in number due to the demands of service and wedding ringing back in Cardiff, ten ringers and a non-ringing spouse duly met up at the first tower, Ewyas Harold. Recently rehung, we found this easy-going ground floor six a pleasure to ring and the village shop, just by the church, was just what a village shop ought to be. A little patio outside offered coffee (pity there was no opportunity!) and strawberries the size of tennis balls were on sale as well as the Saturday paper for the crossword addicts. We were also intrigued by the oblong bulge under Phil's T-shirt, which prompted the remark that he should remove the box from his cornflakes before eating them; but it was only his camera.

Unlike Ewyas Harold, with its squat tower discreetly hidden away from the road, we had no difficulty in locating Peterchurch, whose tall spire is visible from afar. We were intrigued to learn that this somewhat anomalous construction is made of fibreglass! The vertical iron rung ladder into the ringing room reminded some of us of the heartstopping access to St John's, Dublin, visited last year, but this did not spoil our appreciation of the superb slow-turning six based on an old Rudhall four. A door opening through the tower over the nave allowed us a view of the lovely Norman arches of this old church. It was here that your correspondent, whilst searching for "a tree", discovered that stinging nettles are even more vicious when dead than when growing.

Bredwardine was our last call before lunch, another ground floor six with the church safe placed just handy for the knob of its door to get caught by the rope on the second; a catastrophe which we managed to avoid. We wondered why there was an etching of St John's Cardiff in the ringing room and enquiry of the local ringer revealed it had been left as a donation by a visiting band some few years ago. We like to think that our efforts in this direction were more useful if not so personal.

Leaving the cars in the shade by the church we walked to the pub for lunch, for which a

thoughtfully large gap had been left in the programme. In addition to the usual offerings (but no mixed grill for Roger) there were also bags of cherries available. With the aid of one of these, a long trail of cherrystones on the road enabled the leading car to leave a clearly marked trail for the rest to follow to Eardisley, just in case the navigators' abilities had become dulled over lunch!

Here was another ground floor Rudhall-based ring with a note slipped through one of the ropes asking us to finish promptly so as to avoid drowning the dance music at the school fete next door. A group on a weekend school, who appeared to be studying the church and village buildings, also took some interest in our ringing. We discovered a ringer in their party but she could not be persuaded to join us. In our turn we took sufficient interest in the local buildings to notice the very mixed and somewhat uncomfortable range of styles surrounding the church, from genuine old cottages to recent and very obvious imitations of the same thing.

Leaving England we returned into Wales to the detached tower at Bronllys where the church is well hidden from the main road on one arm of a one-way loop designed to catch out even the best map reader. Having attempted 6-spliced earlier and failed, a final effort was made and the touch came round in fine style, despite having been called not at all as its conductor had intended. To save his feelings, we pretended we hadn't noticed ringing several leads twice. Before leaving, a group photo was taken, despite dark mutterings from those supposedly allergic to cameras.

An hour had been left before the final tower and whilst some, not content with their lunchtime efforts, went to add a hefty cream tea to their daily intake, others with waistlines in mind and eager to attack the crossword, enjoyed their home-made rolls, shared with a million and one biting insects, on the banks of the canal in Brecon.

Finally came the modern Taylor six at Brecon, Llanfaes. With the tower door wide open those who rang the second found they were being boiled alive by the sun and took no consolation on being told that it is not quite so warm here in winter. It was also not only the door which was wide open, but all fears about the ever-increasing gap between the bottom of a T-shirt and its owner's bikini line were happily resolved by the touch coming round in time. Super bells or not, we were not sorry to make the final lower and retire to the nearest hostelry to replenish the sweat of our labours in suitable fashion before making the very attractive run back over the Beacons towards Cardiff and home.

Thanks from us all to Mike and Peter for their organisation and to all local ringers for meeting us and making us welcome. What date are we going next year...? REH

Four in an Afternoon

The four quarter peals which were arranged by Andrew Burns on the afternoon of the 16th of July were to celebrate his fifteenth birthday on that day, (hence the special method- Reverse St Andrew's Doubles, included in the quarter at Mayfield, and the dedication of St Andrew at Cubley church).

The band for two out of the four quarters was made up solely of regular Sunday service ringers at St Oswald's Ashbourne – Andrew's home tower. Andrew is most grateful for their support and for the assistance of John Crouch, a Brailsford ringer, who completed the band for the other two quarters. It was almost certainly the most quarters rung in an afternoon for most ringers.

Throughout the afternoon other achievements were scored – Andrew's fiftieth ever quarter, Jackie Burns, Andrew's mum's twenty fifth this year, and Andrew has now circled Ashbourne to quarter peals. The Ashbourne quarter also coincided with the annual Ashbourne Highland Gathering.

Jackie and Andrew would like to dedicate all of the quarter peals to the memory of 'Auntie Elsie'

their great/great great Aunt who died on the fourteenth of July – a few days before her 92nd birthday.

Longford, Derbys. 1260 P B Doubles: Jackie Burns (25th this year) 1, Kath Brown 2, Maurice Starkey 3, John Crouch 4, Andrew Burns (C) 5, Rev David Sansum 6.

Cubley, Derbys. 1272 Minimus (3m): John Crouch 1, Kath Brown 2, Jackie Burns 3, Andrew Burns (C) 4.

Mayfield, Derbys. 1260 Doubles (4m inc Rev St Andrew's): Kath Brown 1, Jackie Burns 2, Maurice Starkey 3, Rev David Sansum 4, Andrew Burns (C and 50 Q) 5, Ian Brown 6.

Ashbourne, Derbys. 1260 Doubles (3m inc Stedman, 768 covering): Andrew Burns (cir twr to Qs) 1, Kath Brown 2, Jackie Burns 3, Rev David Sansum 4, Maurice Starkey (C) 5, Janet Beloe 6, Ian Brown 7, Peter Marples 8. On Ashbourne Gathering day. £6.00

Another day out

This month's excursion was a big day for one of the "rugby selectors", if all went according to plan his 1000th quarter would be achieved, so anxiety was heightened. The "selectors" converged on the first of our three churches full of breakfast and enthusiasm, confident that the challenge of Grandsire Triples would be easily overcome. Once rope lengths had been adjusted, specs had been removed and the composition had been checked the attempt began and was successful. 999 quarters rung! Now for lunch before the great millennium.

But lunch was something else. Warned in advance of the arrival of the "selectors" we had hoped that the management would have set their smooth and efficient catering operation into well-oiled motion – but no. It is difficult to understand how it could take 50min to produce a lasagne and chips. But that is how it was, the party of elderly ladies who arrived for lunch while we were waiting for ours would have been lucky to get a cream tea before closing time! We were interested to see that the pub was advertising rooms, could be that slow?

But such experiences are as nothing compared to scoring the 1000th quarter and, filled this time with lunch and enthusiasm, we headed for church number two. Ringing the bells up revealed grave problems. Showers of glass fibre roof insulation floated down as if to help those of us who are follically challenged but much worse, several of the sallies declined to come down at all, much to the general consternation. Despite the wealth of experience in our group (are we not old "rugby selectors"?) we decided to lower the bells and leave their ringing to the experienced home band, rather than make the attempt to show how clever we were. No 1000th here!

Off then to church number three where our early arrival meant that there was time to charge up our enthusiasm with an un-scheduled cup of tea. After another boy scout session to reduce rope lengths our last attempt began, only to falter twice before everyone agreed which method was to be rung. Once we were into our stride the ringing went perfectly and we were able to record our joint success and one individual's 1000th.

Another enjoyable day out. Another small triumph for the old "rugby selectors".

W. EASTBROOK

More firsts in Hampshire

This was the third "Firsts" Quarter Peal Day, in which members of the Alton and Petersfield District (W&P Guild) were given the opportunity to ring or call something new to them. Yet again the ringers in question did credit to themselves, and all the quarters attempted were scored.

The most notable quarters were a particularly well struck Stedman Doubles with Jo Green and William Stungo's first quarter in the method, and Plain Bob Doubles at Froyle, the first quarter since the bells were rehung, and including four ringers from the 'new' Froyle band. Also congratulations to Anna Platt, who rang her first quarter peal on this day at the age of 13.

We hope to be able to continue these Quarter Peal Days in our district, with the help of experienced ringers (thanks to all those who have helped so far) to improve the standard and striking of our up-and-coming ringers.

ROGER BARBER

Saturday 24 June

Warnford, Hants. 1320 PB Minor: J H B Deane 1, Linda Bulpitt (1st Minor) 2, Rachael Seamons 3, C W Seamons 4, R A Barber (C) 5, D M Hughes 6. 60p

Ropley, Hants. 1260 Stedman Doubles: Joanna Green 1, D M Hughes 2, J H B Deane 3, W J Stungo 4, R A Barber (C) 5, A C Hough 6. 1st in p: 1, 4, and as C. 60p

Hawkey, Hants. 1260 Doubles (2m): Anna Platt (1st Q, aged 13) 1, R A Barber (C) 2, J H B Deane 3, D M Hughes 4, S N Longlands 5, C W Seamons 6. 60p

Selborne, Hants. 1320 Oxford & Kent TB Minor: W J Stungo 1, S N Longlands 2, J E Cripps 3, D M Hughes 4, J H B Deane 5, R A Barber (C) 6. 1st Oxford TB: 2.

Froyle, Hants. 1260 PB Doubles: Anita Seamons 1, Linda Bulpitt 2, Rachael Seamons 3, Nigel Bulpitt (1st Q) 4, R A Barber (C) 5, C W Seamons 6. 1st Q on the bells since rehanging.

Exhausting - but satisfying

One of the only two duties of the assistant secretary is to organise the annual outing ...

The day dawned dull and drizzly in North and East Middlesex as ringers reluctantly roused from their Saturday sleep-in, made their way to Euston - early as requested to share Network cards and buy extra cheap day returns to Northampton on their District's annual outing on June 17th.

A glance at the departures board showed that no trains had left since 6.00am, or were likely to. Disaster! Would we even get started? The faster-moving of us had already gathered a carful and driven off when a rumour ran round that on platform 9 a train was about to leave - going our way. We all scuttled about for tickets and seats - and arrived only half an hour late to the cheerful sound of bells being raised. Thanks to the patience of Mr Swann, and of Richard from Birmingham, we started at St Peter's. Betty soon made sure that everyone had a ring on this easy-going 8 with the jingly rope-guides.

The legs got exercised too on this trip - ten minutes walk to the church of the Holy Sepulchre. This is a church of great history and remarkable appearance with a circular centre, massive pillars, and a rather gory window depicting a crusader's victory. The ropes have a long draught to the ground and we had a few problems, resulting in a broken stay. Barry's local relations were entertained by Peter's performance of the Indian rope trick and Steve balancing the ladder on his chin in an attempt to retrieve the tangled rope so that we could finish our ring. Just as well it was lunch next.



Ringing at St Sepulchre, Northampton.

At All Saints the heavier-bell devotees were best pleased, and we rang Cambridge. The jazz-band attempting to make themselves heard on the church steps had another opinion - but a passer-by thought our sound more 'holy'. This was an active church and inside the organ competed with a Psalm-singing marathon.

A sprint back to the station in case the trains were back to normal - yet! Jackie had a fright when it came in early as she was still in the loo. At Bletchley station we could hear rounds on 6 drifting over the fields. Whoever thought of making the entrance to Leighton Buzzard ringing chamber through the coffee shop knows ringers. We were to ring after a wedding and had time for a refreshing mug of tea. Not all of us have much experience on 12, but the clear sound and good go of these bells helped us out. Steve was persuaded to call for Stedman Cinques and the band did not let him down. The bride and groom were waved off in their horse-drawn carriage to these melodious chimes.

A splinter group departed for Linslade as we had to finish before Evensong. A final attempt at Double Norwich was quite successful. Some of us were a little surprised to see the bike being locked in the shed with Angela still on it, but it turned out to be just a test of the key, and she came up to ring Grandsire Triples.

The drizzle was a bit wetter as we crossed the Green back to the station, where the train took us back as far as Watford. At St Mary those of us who can't count on fingers and thumbs rang R and CC, and others rang Stedman Caters. The ringing chamber with stained glass window and view over the church made an impressive venue for the raffle. Piotr chose the sherry, and John won the anagram competition. The B R F gained £50.

To round off an exhausting but satisfying day, we learned on our return that London had been soaked all day with rain.

Thanks from all of us for the bells to tower officers and churches. Thanks from me to district secretaries and tower correspondents who helpfully sorted out phone numbers, and fitted us in to their busy summer Saturday, and to our ringing masters and secretary for their guidance.

JINNY KUFLUK

Abson, Avon. 16 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Mary York 1, C Musty 2, P Grainger-Allen 3, B A Hardwick 4, M Blanchard 5, H T Ferris (C) 6. For Patronal Festival Evensong. £1.20

Albury, NSW, Australia. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Le Vene Caton 1, Chris de Vreeze 2, Mavis Driver 3, Ross Altass 4, Douglas Driver (C) 5, Richard Leyland 6. Farewell gesture for Rector Brian Gill & his wife Rhonda, moving to Myrtleford.

Aldbourn, Wilts. 15 Jul, 1260 Doubles (3m/5v/1p): George Newman 1, Imogen Marchant 2, Katrina Lenton 3, Marc Hart 4, Allan Keen (C) 5, Chris Barnes 6. Following the blessing of the marriage of Michael Ward & Katie Knights. £1

Alderney, C.I. 15 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Colin Nicholson (C) 1, Maurice Stupart 2, Phil Lenfestey 3, Pamela Jorgensen 4, Phillip Maddocks 5, Paul Jinks 6. 1st Q outside Guernsey; 3, 6. 1st Grandsire; 4. For the recent Christening of Charlotte Crockett Jorgensen (grand-daughter of 4). Also: on 15 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Ruth Collins 1, Colin Nicholson (C) 2, Dorothy Leach 3, Phillip Maddocks 4, Phil Lenfestey 5, Paul Jinks 6. 1st Q outside Guernsey & on a working bell; 1. In memoriam Richard Eric Waller (former St Anne's Churchwarden) buried this day. On Town Church, Guernsey outing. £4

Anstey, Leics. 28 Jun, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: C Robbins 1, D Akers 2, K Hudson 3, I Mellor 4, J Thornton 5, F Fisher (C) 6. Also: on 5 Jul, 1288 Grandsire Triples: K Burdett 1, M Pendery 2, Ann Brown 3, J Thornton (1st in m) 4, K Hudson 5, F Fisher 6, G B Brown (C) 7, D Akers 8. Also: on 12 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Ann Brown 1, D Akers 2, K Hudson 3, M Pendery 4, F Fisher 5, G B Brown (C) 6. Also: on 19 Jul, 1280 Rutland S Major: I Mellor 1, J Thornton 2, M Pendery 3, Marion Pegge 4, K Hudson 5, F Fisher 6, C Robbins 7, G B Brown (C) 8. £5.60

Armley, Leeds. 21 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Norma Kelly (1st TB) 1, Alan Ladd 2, Catherine Ladd 3, Catherine Marsden 4, Robert Cooper 5, Jeff Ladd (C) 6. As a wedding compliment to Elizabeth Kelly (daughter of 1) and Glenn Colley to be married at this church tomorrow. £1

Auckland, NZ. 22 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: John Dunn 1, Sally Green 2, Wendy Fallon 3, Julian Stone 4, Mark Gilthorpe (C) 5, Dennis Green 6. To welcome Wendy back from Canada.

Barking, Essex. 2 Jul, 1280 Spl. S Major (Std. 8): Judith Blackburn 1, Sue Wright 2, D Heath 3, C Newman 4, L Bullock 5, J Bullock 6, D Ellisdon (C) 7, J White 8. For Evensong, also belated compliments to Philip Petchey & Helen Lawford - local ringers - on their engagement & to Mr & Mrs Martin Petchey on the birth of their 1st son, Daniel Luke Ronald Petchey. £1.60

Barnes, London SW13. 23 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Hupman 1, Patricia Chapman 2, Brian Price 3, Francis Ring-Davies 4, Michael Wieney 5, Edmund Hartley (C) 6, Adrian Udall 7, Nicholas Ley 8. In celebration of the life of Mrs G H Hartley, mother of the C, who died on 24/5/95. £1.60

Beaconsfield, Bucks. 23 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Claire Edwards 1, Angela Darvill 2, Matthew Welling 3, Patricia Moore 4, Denneth Darvill 5, David Rowlands 6, Clive Buswell (C) 7, David Baker 8. For the commissioning of the Bungoma Link Youth Group '95.

Beverley, E Yorks. (S Mary). 8 Jul, 1260 P B Caters: Heather Taylor 1, Kathryn Pailing 2, Ann Andrews 3, Dinah Reed 4, R C Hawtree 5, Anne R Mearns 6, A J Atkinson 7, P S Andrews 8, S D Mearns (C) 9, A Pailing 10. An 18th Birthday compliment to Heather Taylor.

Bilton, Warwicks. 2 Jul, 1284 P B Minor: Charlotte Hurst (1st minor) 1, Margaret Fiander 2, Marion Borman 3, Laurence Gray (1st minor) 4, Phillip Spice 5, Christopher Idle (C) 6. To mark the dedication of the marriage of Carl and Loretta Martin. £1.20

Blackburn, Lancs. (Cathedral). 23 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Barnes 1, F N G Anderton 2, Lindsay F Smith 3, Ann-Marie Hopkins 4, A J Hopkins (C) 5, G H Smith 6. On the back 6 for Evensong. £1.50

Bloomsbury, Middx. 29 Jun, 1344 Yorkshire S Major: D R Love 1-2, R Bailey 3-4, I R Fielding (C) 5-6, P A Cammiade 7-8.

Boston, Massachusetts, USA. (Advent). 16 Jul, 1314 Ealing S Major: Lynne Mallinson 1, Ken Ballou 2, Betsy Hosler 3, Keith Ramsay 4, Linda Woodrod 5, Steve Jarvis 6, Don Morrison (C) 7, Geoff Davies 8. 1st in m for all except 6 & 8. Also: on 16 Jul, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Linda Woodrod 1, Rosalie Nesbit (1st S major) 2, Ken Ballou 3, Lynne Mallinson 4, Keith Ramsay 5, Steve Jarvis 6, Geoff Davies (C) 7, Don Morrison 8.

Bowness on Windermere, Cumbria. (date not given), 1260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Jones 1, Selwyn Jones 2, Kelly Bishop 3, James McKWent 4, Robin Daw 5, James Archibald (1st stedman) 6, Brian Barrows (C) 7, David Baskerville 8. 50p

Bradford-on-Tone, Som. 27 Jun, 1260 St Dunstons Doubles: A F Lee (circ. twr. 19 times) 1, Anne S Stenning 2, Sally K Wheeler 3, B G Williams 4, J M Levin 5, Jane F Beveridge 6. Joint C's: 2, 3, 4, 5. £1.10

Brislington, Bristol, Avon. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: P A Crabb 1, Pauline Leggate 2, Tracey Arnold (1st inside) 3, A W Adams 4, C Bush (C) 5, A J Bishop 6. A retirement compliment to John Bishop, Tower Captain. £3.50

Bromsberrow, Glos. 19 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (with variable treble): Liz Craig 1, Jane Lewis 2, Victor Gibson 3, Debby Lane 4, John Gibson (C) 5. £1

Burwell, Cambs. 20 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Brenda Carter 1, Nancy McCree 2, Johanna Jones 3, Dee Smith (C) 4, H Miller 5, Evelyn Kirby 6. In celebration of the life of Revd. Ian Secrett, MA, Vicar.

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. (Norman Tower). 23 Jul, 1260 P B Royal: Shirley Girt 1, Richard Stannard 2, Joan Garrett 3, Ernest Bishop 4, Randal Clouston 5, Stephen Wood 6, Tim Hart 7, Paul Stannard 8, John Girt 9, Maurice Rose (C) 10. On Patronal Festival of St James. Wedding compliment to Tim Hart and Frances O'Hanlon. 70th Birthday compliment to Randal Clouston. £2.50

Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. (MIT). 26 Jun, 1312 Kent T B Major: Cally Perry 1-2, Keith Ramsay 3-4, Betsy Hosler (C) 5-6, Elaine Hansen 7-8. In thanksgiving for the life of John Parsons.

Obituary

Frank Westcott

1927-1995

Frank was born in Poltimore in 1927, the second son of a farm worker. He attended the local school from the age of three because he would not be left at home when his older brother started. He left school at 14, and went to work for a local wine merchant. Near the end of the War Frank was called up and served in the R.A.F. and was posted to Singapore. In 1947 Frank was demobbed and returned to Poltimore when he learnt to ring. In 1953 he married Muriel and they made their home at Stoke Canon.

Frank was a very keen sportsman, and played a lot of cricket. He was a keen gardener and a committed churchman. He served the two parishes as Captain of the Ringers, and also maintained the churchyard and cared for the 18th century clock at Stoke Canon.

His company and his assistance in many local towers will be missed by ringers in the area.

A quarter-peal was rung at Poltimore in celebration of Frank's life.

ROBERT FRANKLIN.

Poltimore, Devon. 4 July, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Bob Sparks 1, John Langabeer 2, Richard Shere 3, Janine Field 4, George Retter (C) 5, Robert Franklin 6.

John William Euston (Jack)

11th April, 1905 - 21st June, 1995

Many Happy Memories

So many ringers at Streatham Vale Crematorium for the funeral of Jack Euston were supporting Jack's family and providing reminders of Jack's varied life.

Frank and Monica Blagrove represented Jack's activities with the Middlesex Association, as did Valerie and Tom Payne from Norwood Green. Messages were received from Ruth Foreman, who had a funeral at her own tower of Hendon to attend to, but the Rev Mr Tanner and his daughter brought reminders of Jack at St Botolph's, Bishopsgate, both before the Bishopsgate bomb and the recent rehangings of the bells there, Jack being very saddened by the bomb damage, but he did see the restoration completed, much to his joy. Bishopsgate was mentioned by Margaret Oram in connection with the gatherings of Veteran Ringers that Jack used to enjoy organising. Sunday service ringing by Jack, often a quarter peal attempt, was mentioned by the Hornchurch, Essex, ringers, who said that Jack's last ring with them at St Clement Danes was probably for the April quarter peal attempt, which they did not get, but which took place shortly after Jack's 90th birthday.

The present day St Margaret's, Westminster ringers were there, led by Mr George Doughty, the present Tower Captain, who plan, later on, a service of thanksgiving for Jack's life. Alan Bagworth's presence forcibly reminded us all of the service ringing in the olden days of the fifties and sixties at St Margaret's, when his parents were regular attenders. Trevor Bailey mentioned the teas we had enjoyed with Jack at the Methodist Central Hall, Westminster prior to ringing for Evensong at St Margaret's! Mike and Angie Jasper from Hampreston, Dorset now, recalled the more recent St Margaret's ringing, as so did Arthur Hughes whom Jack had actively

encouraged to return to ringing late in his life and who still rings at Camberwell and Streatham. Indeed Eddy Adams and others were present from Southwark Cathedral and Streatham, some of whom went off to the latter tower to attempt a quarter peal immediately after the funeral, in memory of Jack. Vincent Morris of St Martin's, Epsom was represented by his wife, and Chris Mew of Warwick and Michael Uphill vividly reminded us of the changing fortune of London ringing, of the Putney fire and rehangings of the bells there. Ted Peett, Jack's tenor ringer and old friend recalled the many weddings that Jack arranged the bands to ring for, Mr Keith Hood particularly recalling those at Chelsea Old Church.

We enjoyed it all. Thank you Jack, and farewell.

CHRISTINE HARBOTT.

Clapham, SW4. (St Mary's R.C.) 29 June, 1260 Plain Bob Triples: Keith Hood 1, James Ingham 2, Irene E Rich 3, Stella M Shell 4, John Stephenson 5, Jonathan R Slack 6, Clive J Stephenson (C) 7, Nelson Cupitra 8. 1st on 8: 8. Rung to celebrate the Centenary of Westminster Cathedral and in thanksgiving for the life of John Euston who died 21st June 1995.

Epsom, Surrey. 7 July, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Hodgson 1, Vincent M Morris 2, D Mark Hodgson 3, Alison McCormack 4, Lee McCormack 5, Kate Cameron 6, Mike J Bale (C) 7, Mark J Shipton 8. Rung as a Thanksgiving for the life of Jack Euston MBE.

Oswestry, Shropshire. 9 July, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Frances Major 1, Wendy E Owen 2, Jill Harris 3, M A Owen 4, P R Harris 5, Wendy Gough 6, D K Gough (C) 7, D W Manton 8. To celebrate the life of Jack Euston.

Rickmansworth, Herts. 10 July, 1250 Superlative S. Major: T J C Streeter (C) 1, S P B Talbot 2, J E Gamble 3, H A Thomas 4, I W Blake 5, G W Morton 6, R A Hunt 7, J R Peverett 8. Rung in memory of John Euston MBE.

Streatham. (St Leonard). 30 June, 1260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Oram 1, Irene Rich 2, E J Adams 3, A E Bagworth 4, C F Mew 5, R D Bailey 6, M J Uphill (C) 7, A A Nunn 8. Rung half-muffled by a band of mourners following the funeral of Jack Euston at Streatham Crematorium.

Gordon C. Goodson

1905-1995

Gordon was not a brass hat ringers, although he had rung at Claverley, Shropshire since 1929, scoring numerous quarter peals and at least one peal.

The thing about Gordon was that he turned up to ring on Sunday and on practice night whenever he could, without fail, giving support and encouragement to the tower tower captain and to the younger members of the band.

He last rang in August 1994 (for a wedding) and he died quietly on 15th July, not quite reaching his 90th birthday.

We tried to ring a quarter, half-muffled on the evening of the funeral, 25th July. We tried twice, ringing a total of 1470 Grandsire Triples while some of his friends and family sat outside in the churchyard.

One of the sandstone gargoyles above the east window of the church is a sculpture of Gordon, made in the 1960s in honour of his 25 years service as churchwarden at that time, and will serve as a memorial to a man devoted to his church for many years to come.

The soft sandstone of the church tower is crumbling and £90,000 is needed for repairs. Donations in memory of Gordon may be sent, please to A. C. Glass, Claverley 900 Appeal Secretary, 20 The Wold, Claverley, near Wolverhampton.

A. T. READE

Canterbury, Kent. (S Dunstan). 20 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Philip Elderton 1, Frances Templeman 2, Terry Price(C) 3, Alec Gray 4, John Reynolds 5. To say farewell to Dr Graham Brown who is retiring from his post as Vice Principal of Canterbury Christ Church College and to his secretary, Mrs Branca Russo who is also retiring. 18th birthday compliments to treble ringer. £5

Carshalton, Surrey. 19 Jul, 1260 P B Triples: Lucy McGill (1st triples) 1, Stephen Theobald 2, John Perrin 3, Ian Wiltshire 4, Lee McCormack 5, Shirley McGill 6, Eric Godfrey(C) 7, James Foster 8. £1

Cheadle (RC), Staffs. 18 Jul, 1320 Minor (2m): Sheila Allen (Snr.) 1, Christina Pearson 2, Sheila Allen (Jnr.) 3, Eric Pearson 4, Andrew Pointon 5, Jeff Pearson(C) 6. 200th Q; 6. Before special Mass for Miss Arnold, retiring after 38 years teaching at St Giles. 60p

Cheltenham, Glos. (S Mary). 22 Jul, 1260 Ashford L B Major: Margery Wratten 1, Helen Normington 2, Catherine Leach 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, Cyril Wratten 5, James Normington 6, Colin Bramich 7, Mark Davies(C) 8. 1st in m for all. £2

Chewton Mendip, Som. 19 Jul, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Lynne Smith 1, Mandy Spearing 2, Tom Bush 3, Mark Harris(C) 4, Oliver Crowle 5, Nick Rutland 6, Edward Hancock 7, Fred Hollard 8. 1st on 8; 1, 5. 1st Grandsire; 6. 200th Q as C; 4. 25th Q; 5. 25th Q this year; 2. For Tom who learnt to handle a bell at this tower, and whose father was vicar of Chewton Mendip from 1931 - 1949. £1.60

Clapham Common, London SW4. (Holy Trinity). 19 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Morag Todd 1, Francis Milner 2, Mike Todd 3, Doug Linington 4, Joe Kidd 5, James Ingham(C) 6. By members of the Royal Naval Guild as a compliment to Debbie & John Stott on the birth of their son, to Elspeth Linington on her engagement, & to David Fyfield on his selection for promotion to Captain. 75th Q on the bells. £1.50

Coughton, Warwicks. 23 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Geoff Sreeves 1, Matthew Sreeves(C) 2, Francis Sreeves 3, Bob Airlie 4, Michael Gray 5, Pat Sreeves 6. For Evening Service. £1.20

Darlington, Co. Durham. (S Cuthbert). 21 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Shirley Blair 1, Gillian Roberts 2, Revd. J Dobson 3, A Maughan 4, D Roberts 5, Karen Maughan(C) 6. To the glory of God, and in thanksgiving for the life of th Revd. Leslie Gready, Vicar of this parish 1982 - 1994. £2

Derby, Derbys. (Cathedral). 23 Jul, 1287 Stedman Caters: Pam Timms 1, Pat Halls 2, Brian Tomlinson 3, Cheryl Dodge 4, Gordon Halls 5, Jane Boden 6, John Heaton 7, Richard Hamby 8, Paul Jopp 9, Tony Laughton 10. Silent & non conducted. For Evensong. £2

Dodderhill, Droitwich, Worcs. 24 Jul, 1260 Doubles (4m): Rebecca Walton 1, Jennifer Walton 2, Victoria Walton (1st in 4m) 3, Jeffrey Webb 4, Martin Powell(C) 5, Barry Silton 6. £1.50

Dunham Massey, Ches. 20 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: J J Blowers 1, Elspeth J Stein 2, Dorothy Eccles 3, R J Warrilow 4, R F Eccles 5, K G Lee(C) 6. Prior to the Licensing of Revd. Bernard Higgins as priest in charge. £1.20

Ealing, Middx. (Christ the Saviour). 11 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Trini Perez Palomar 1, Jo Langford 2, Ann George 3, Christine Dringer 4, Michael Sprackling(C) 5, Richard Thompson 6. To bid au revoir to Ann George who is leaving to teach in Jerusalem. £1.40

Ealing, Middx. (S Mary). 19 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Richard Jones (1st on 8) 1, Edward Goater 2, Edward Mould 3, Michael Brady 4, Richard Thompson 5, Michael Sprackling(C) 6, Anthony Parry 7, Russell Maiden 8. To bid au revoir to Ann George who is leaving to teach in Jerusalem. £1.60

Ecton, Northants. 22 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: J H Holmes 1, Margaret S Bull 2, Stephanie R Kendall 3, A Bull 4, J Hadley 5, Jayne M Horne(C) 6. As part of the celebrations of Ecton Feast. £1.50

Edinburgh, Lothian. (S Cuthbert). 11 Jul, 1317 Cambridge S Minor: Michael Barker 1, Katherine Turner 2, Sarah Buchanan 3, Clare Caley 4, Craig Taylor 5, Susan Bryce(C) 6. 1st S; 2. As a farewell to Katherine Turner who is moving to London. £1

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Birth

ARKLESS. Kathy and Toby announce augmentation (now complete?), new treble, John Peter Toby arrived 30th July, 8lb 11. All going well. 3200
ELLIS. Andrew and Mary (née Symes) are proud to announce the safe arrival of Catherine Helen Elizabeth (5lb 12oz) at Royal Berks Hospital, Reading, at 1708hrs on Saturday, August 19. Both are well. 3207
STOTT. John and Debbie (née Yakey) are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Andrew John on 12 July. 3201

Thanks

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS my grateful thanks to all those ringers who kindly made donations in Cecil Thomas Clarke's memory and as a result the Bath & Wells Bell Fund received the sum of £339.76. Michael J Stone. 1218
BRUCE and EILEEN BUTLER, together with the rest of their party wish to thank all those who helped in making their recent tour to S. Wales, Somerset and Devon such a success. 3205

Publications

THE BELLS OF CHRIST CHURCH, DUBLIN by David Murphy and Leslie Taylor, being the first history of the bells and ringers of Christ Church Cathedral, from 1420, is available, on receipt of a bank draft for Ir£5.60, from Leslie Taylor, 134 Claremont Court, Glasnevin, Dublin 11. This beautiful and professional 30-page soft-cover publication on the most famous and majestic ring of bells in Ireland is comprehensively referenced and has several illustrations. 4198

University Announcements

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. For information about ringing with the Guild please contact Alice Pearson, 6 Meadow Walk, Great Abington, Cambridge CB1 6AZ or come along to the first practice of term at St Bene't's (7.30pm) Friday 6th October. 1195
ROYAL HOLLOWAY COLLEGE SOCIETY welcomes ringers of all standards. See us at the Freshers' Fair or Fridays 7.30pm at St Mary's, Staines. 4188
THE UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS welcomes any ringers starting at either The University of Sussex or Brighton this autumn. Come and meet us at the freshers fair or at our practice at St. Peter's on Thursdays at 20.00. Ad No 4175
WELSH COLLEGES' SOCIETY. Welcome to all new and current students at college/university in Wales - please come along and join us. Information and tour details can be obtained from your college society or from Karen (2 Fosbrooke Drive, Long Eaton NG10 1HJ - 0115 973 0852). Ad No 4191

Association Announcement

ST. BRANNOCK'S SOCIETY - NORTH DEVON. We extend a warm welcome to all Holiday-makers, visitors and new residents to North Devon and invite you to join us at our method ringing practices. For full details please ring: Don Lawson 01271 863126; Duncan Weaver 018053 386; Terry Hampton 01271 74431. Ad No 4100

Weekday Meetings and Practices

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. Notices of Practices (6.30pm): Tue Sep 5 Cornhill, Sep 12 Cripplegate, Sep 19 St Paul's Cathedral, Sep 26 Southwark Cathedral. Notice of business Meeting: Sep 12, The Old Dr Butler's Head, Masons Avenue, London EC2 at 8.30pm. A.R.K. 1228
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. Midlands Area Practice: St Martin's, Birmingham (16), Wed Sep 6 (8pm). A.R.K. 1229
ELY D.A. Joint Ely/Wisbech District Quiz Evening, Fri Sept 15 at Welney Cherry Tree, 7.30pm. Buffet £2.50: names to Ruth Ogden (01842 761561) by September 8 please. All welcome. 1219
G. & B. D.A. BRISTOL. Branch Practice at St Stephen's, Monday September 11 at 7.30pm. For SM refer SJB or DJC. 1133
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. Guildford District. Friday September 1, Surprise Practice, Cranleigh, 8-9.30pm. 1205
K.C.A.C.R. County Surprise Royal Practice at Maidstone on Wed September 13, 7.30pm. Special methods Clyde and Spliced. 1186
NORTHANTS MIDWEEK GROUP. Next meeting, Napton-on-the-Hill, Wednesday September 6, 2-4pm. Special method: Napton-on-the-Hill. All welcome. P.D.W. 1078
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. Old North Berks Branch. Branch Practice at Appleton (10) on Friday September 8 at 7.30-9.00pm. Special methods: Grandsire Caters/Yorkshire S. Royal. 1151
PETERBOROUGH D.G. Northampton Branch Practice Month at Weston Favell on Thursdays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th September, 7.30-9pm. 1213
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Leeds and District Branch. Evening branch practice on Wednesday September 6 at St Anne's Cathedral, Leeds, 7.30-9pm. All welcome. Cathedral doors will be locked. Access via adjoining domestic premises at 7.30 and 8pm only. Further details from Branch Secretary Tel 01924 373081. Ad No 1207
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Western Branch. Thursday September 14, 10-12 bell practice, Bradford Cathedral, 7.30pm. 1155

Saturday Meetings and Practices

CHESTER GUILD. Chester Branch. Open Practice on Saturday September 2 at the Addleshaw Tower, Chester Cathedral, 12, 24-3-0 in D. Ringing 7.00-9.00pm. 1200
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
HERTFORD C.A. Bishop's Stortford District Practice, Saturday September 2, Bishop's Stortford (10, 17 cwt), 7.45-9.00. Special methods: Plain Bob & Little Bob. Everyone welcome. 1159
K.C.A.C.R. Tonbridge District. Evening Practice Meeting at Seal on Saturday September 2 from 7.30-9pm. 1185
NORWICH D.A. Southern Branch. Quarterly Meeting at Blo Norton on Sat September 2, 2.30 ringing. 4.15 Service, followed by tea and business meeting in village hall. Evening ringing at Garboldisham. Names for teas to Betty Baines, 01379 643293. Ad No 1196
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 D.G. Rutland Branch. Meeting at Whissendine, Saturday September 2. 5.00 ringing, 5.30 service followed by tea and meeting in village hall. Evening ringing at Whissendine. 4200

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Northern Division outing to Oxfordshire on Sat September 2. First tower Streatley (6), 9.30-10.00; Goring (8) 10.20-11.10; Blewbury (8) 11.30-12.30. For more towers and information contact Margaret Tilley on 01403 252522. Ad No 1220

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY. A meeting of the Society will be held on Sat September 9 at New Mill 3-5pm. Tea and meeting at Holmfirth, followed by evening ringing 6.15-8.15pm. Names for tea to Naomi Marples by Wednesday September 6. N.B. No name no tea. 1191

BATH & WELLS D.A. Taunton Branch. Quarterly Meeting, Saturday September 9, Langford Budville. Learner Tower, Milverton, open from 2.30pm. Ringing Langford Budville from 2.30pm. Service 4.30pm followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs H Cottrell, 01823 667802 by Wednesday September 6. 1202

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Biggleswade District. Saturday September 9. 3pm Ringing, Tea and Meeting, Northill. Evening from 6.30, Cardington. 1152

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT. Monthly Meeting, Sat September 9. Ringing at Norton 12.00-1.00; Flamborough 2.30-4.00. Service, Tea and Meeting at Bridlington, 4.30, followed by evening ringing at The Priory 7.00-8.30. Names for tea to Mr E A Hodgkins, tel: 01262 670206 by Wed Sept 6. 1214

DERBY D.A. Chesterfield District. Meeting, Saturday September 9 at South Wingfield, 7-8pm. All welcome. 1224

ELY D.A. Cambridge District. Saturday September 9. District Outing to Bedfordshire. Contact Katherine Hinchliffe (Camb 832296) for details. 1209

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. Northern District. Our next Meeting will be at Witham on September 9 with the Service at 6.30pm followed by tea and Meeting. Service ringing from 6pm and evening ringing from 7.30pm after the meeting. All welcome. 1204

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL D.A. Bristol Rural Branch. Saturday September 9, 6 bell Practice at Abson, 7.30-9pm. NOTE ALSO CHANGE OF PROGRAMME: 8 bell Training Day Postponed - instead on Saturday 23rd, 8 bell Practice at Olveston, 7.30-9pm. All Welcome. 1216

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Eastern District. Monthly Meeting to be held at St Dunstan (8), Hunsdon on Saturday September 9 from 6.30-8.30pm. All welcome. 1130

HERTFORD C.A. Western District. Saturday September 9, Meeting at Northchurch (8). Bells 3pm, Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to: W Preston (01442 875459). Special methods: Grandsire Triples and Pudsey S Major. 1156

K.C.A.C.R. The Canterbury District Call-change Competition will be held at Preston next Wingham on September 9. Details of bands should be given to Jo Horton on (01227) 711138. Names for tea MUST be given to Rosemary Titmus by September 2 on (01227) 722311. Those attending please ensure that you use the Church Car Park and do not block the road. 1225

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

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Furness and S. Lakeland Branch Meeting at Millom on Saturday September 9. Ringing from 2.30pm. Cups of tea available. 12 bell Practice at Broughton-in-Furness, Tuesday September 12, 7.30-9pm. 1192

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Liverpool Branch. Monthly meeting to be held on Sat September 9 at St Mary, Hale. General ringing 3-4.30pm followed by service. Tea 5pm followed by business meeting. Evening ringing 7-8.30pm. Names for tea by Wed Sept 6 to Mrs D Brown, 25B Church Road, Hale, Liverpool L24 4AY. Tel 0151 425 2823. Ad No 1110

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Preston Branch. Meeting on Saturday September 9. Ringing at Chorley St Mary RC, 3.30-5pm. Tea at Croston at 5.30pm followed by meeting and evening ringing at Croston. Names for tea to Robert Hough (01772 814337) by Wednesday please. 1208

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Rochdale Branch. Business Meeting at Heptonstall St Thomas on Sat September 9. Ringing 3-5pm. Business meeting in ringing room 6.30pm. Evening ringing until 8.45pm. Own tea arrangements. 1217

LINCOLN GUILD. Annual Guild Striking Contest, Saturday September 9. "Cup" Competition at Bigby; "Plate" at Ulceby. Ringing starts at 5.30pm. Results in Bigby Village Hall. Grasby bells available during contest. 1227

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

ST MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. Business Meeting, Saturday September 9. Nether Whitacre (6), 4-4.45pm. Tea and business meeting, Kingsbury Church Hall, 5pm followed by ringing at Kingsbury (8), 6.30-8pm. Names for tea to Margaret Edwards (0121) 445 1923 by midday, Thursday September 7. 1230

SALISBURY D.G.R. Calne Branch. Saturday September 9, Bremhill. Ringing 3pm, Service 4.30pm, Tea, further ringing. All welcome, Tea names to (01249) 760 682. Ad No 1188

SALISBURY D.G.R. North Dorset Branch. Quarterly Meeting, Sat September 9, Shroton. 2.30 Ringing. 4.00 Service. 4.45 Tea and Meeting. Names for tea to Mrs G Houghton 01258 861439 by Wed Sept 6 please, Evening ringing Child Okeford 6-7.00. 1197

SOUTHWELL D.G. Bingham District. Saturday September 9. Langar 3.15; Cropwell Bishop 4.30 Service; Tea 5.00; 6.30 Ringing. Names for tea E Harrison (0115 9894729). Ad No 1215

SUFFOLK GUILD. NW District. Sat September 9. Practice at West Stow, 2.30-4.30. 0194

SUSSEX C.A. W. Div. Sat September 9, Washington (6) 3pm. Service 4.30 then tea (01243 779544 by 6th). Also Storrington (6), 6.30-8pm. 1199

YORKSHIRE ASSN. Western Branch. Saturday September 9. Quarterly Meeting. Ringing 3.30-5pm, All Souls, Halifax, 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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. Southern District meeting at Great Wakering on Sat September 16. Starts 5pm, service 6pm followed by tea, business meeting and further ringing as required. Names for tea by Thursday September 15 to David Church (01702 217947) please. 1193

K.C.A.C.R. Rochester District. Call-change Competition, September 16 at Bobbing. Draw at 2.30pm. Evening ringing after tea and meeting. Names for tea to Ted Baxter, 01795 842129 before September 13. 1162

LADIES GUILD. There will be a meeting of the Eastern Branch on September 16 in Essex. 4-4.45 Tending; 5-5.45 Ardleigh; 5.45-6.45 Tea at Ardleigh; 7.00-7.45 Thorpe-le-Soken; 8.00-8.45 Great Bentley. Numbers for tea to Janet May (01953 452198) by September 9. 1165

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Manchester Branch. Saturday September 16, Quarterly Meeting. Ringing at Stretford, 3-5pm, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Flixton, 7-9pm. Everyone welcome. Please send names for tea to Howard Entwistle (0161 865 2535) before September 9. 1163

LICHFIELD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. Meeting, Saturday September 16, at Willenhall (10). Ringing 3.00-4.15pm and one hour in evening. Service 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting. Names for tea to G Horton (01902 607432) by previous Wednesday. 1187

NATIONAL POLICE GUILD. AGM, Saturday 23 September, Watford District of Herts. Police officers, members of police civilian staff (serving or retired) and their families welcome. Details from Gen Sec, Peter Sippitt, 01494 762400. Ad No 1203

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4.30 Service; 5pm Tea and Results

followed by

Special General Meeting

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Names of teams entering to General Secretary

(01480 393372) and names for tea by previous

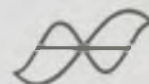
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Corrections and amendments

Ringing World 1995:

- p.769 Peal at Cambridge. Method was White Mounth S. Maximus.
p.792 Peal at Wellesbourne. Ringer of 2nd was H. T. Keith Haslam.
p.817 Peal at Chalfont St. Giles. Ringer of 8th was Peter Bridle.
p.840 Peal at Lightcliffe. Ringer of 6th was Simon J. T. Smith.
p.887 St. Martin's Guild peal at Grace Dieu was of course a tower bell peal rung double-handed.

With regret I write to withdraw the peal of Reach Fen S. Maximus, rung on 20 January 1994 at "Gable Farm Cottage", Reach, Cambs (RW 4 March 1994, No.4323, p.210). Unfortunately, not all the changes were different from each other. I would like to apologise to the band for this careless mistake on my part. The first true peal of Reach Fen was, therefore, that rung on February 24 1994 at Fowlmere (RW 18 March 1994, No.4325, p.261).

It has also been drawn to my attention that, although looking, sounding and feeling like Cantuar, the method rung on handbells on April 2 1994 at 10 Nelson's Yard, Towcester (RW May 27 1994, No.4335, p.539) as Cantuar Alliance Sixteen is not technically Cantuar as far as Central Council method extension rules are concerned. I am deeply indebted to the "train-spotting" tendency in the Exercise for pointing out this grievous error, and would like to rename the method Cantuar Alliance Sixteen (No.1). DAVID BROWN

The quarter of Caters listed under Darley Dale on p.820 was in fact rung at Duffield and on p.832 D. F. Willcocks' letter suffered a missing line. The sentence at the bottom of the page should have read: "Firstly, because the lightest bell can be difficult to handle for a novice, especially at the end of a 60ft long rope;"

TAPING ARROWS (Oh dear - I meant TYPING ERRORS)

As one whose first efforts at typing usually resemble copy suitable for the gendarme's part in "Allo! Allo!", I hesitate to draw attention to anyone else's errors, but having read the RW of August 11th, can I offer the following comments? While I would like to congratulate the winners of the Oxford Diocesan Guild's 10 bell striking contest, may I offer my condolences to the Judges, who must have been absolutely exhausted after listening to five teams each ringing 2190 changes of Stedman Caters! (p.835). Also many congratulations to the ladies of Suffolk on completing the first peal by a resident ladies band: as, according to the write-up, the idea for this raised its head again in 1944 and the peal was not achieved until 1995 it would seem that the qualifications were not all that simple - or was the band specially bred!! (p.837). PAT HALLS.

Katharine (make sure you spell that name correctly - Ed) Salter also confirms the date of the idea was 1994 not 1944 when some of the band's parents weren't even born. She also adds that Gill Waterson stood in the quarter at short notice, not Micky McBurnie who made the tower arrangements.

We were much saddened to learn of the death of Hilda Carlisle, widow of Ralph Carlisle, a former Tower Captain at St. Leodegarius, Basford, Nottingham. Although not a ringer herself, Hilda always supported her husband's and son's ringing activities, and was a lifelong worker for St. Leo's Church. As a token of respect, a half-muffled quarter peal was rung on Sunday August 20th. Mrs. A. L. WEBB.

Basford, Nottingham. 20 Aug, 1260 PB Doubles: Sue Pembleton 1, Anna Webb (C) 2, Jennifer Clarke 3, Ann Roe 4, Elizabeth Beardsley 5, P McCoy 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Hilda Carlisle. £1.20

The quarter peal of Canterbury Delight Minor at Church Gresley was the completion of all 147 C.C. regular Treble Bob, 3rd and 4th place Delight, and Surprise Minor methods on the bells since augmentation on 18 December 1991.

Church Gresley, Derbyshire. 11 July, 1272 Canterbury Delight Minor: W G Hair 1, A J Burns 2, D P Jones (C) 3, K M Starkey 4, D Spencer 5, K E Ballington 6. First quarter in the method by all except conductor and on the bells 90p

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Wednesday	13	Ten-bell Practice - Haslemere	7.45pm
Saturday	16	Ringing/Meeting - Guildford Cathedral	7.00pm
Wednesday	20	Ten-bell Practice - Leatherhead	8.00pm
Friday	22	Eight-bell Practice - Shalford	8.00pm
Saturday	23	Business Meeting - Hawley	4.30pm
Saturday	30	Guild Striking Competition - Dorking/Ockley	
Saturday	30	Guild Quarter Peal Fortnight starts	

Jackie Roberts, Guild Secretary (01483 765678)

Ad No 1223

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Around and about

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St. Buryan's Open Day and Striking Competition on Saturday August 19th was an enormous success, with 13 bands entering from as far afield as Lancashire and Wales. The results were as follows: 3rd-Parc Campanile; 2nd-The Plough, Towcester; 1st-College Youths. Full details later.

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"Fat man on a bike", Tom Vernon, has recently produced another series "Fat man goes west". He recently visited Marlborough, St. Mary's, for Sunday ringing and we understand that this visit will be shown on Meridian TV on 11th September at 6.30 p.m. It is likely to be repeated on HTV in November.

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We hear that the peal band at Macclesfield began a peal of Bristol starting at 12 noon on Sunday 20th August, to be dedicated to the VJ Day 50th anniversary. All went well until just two courses from the end when a rope broke - after toiling in the heat for so long the ringers were just a little disappointed.

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On 13 August 1995 an historic quarter peal was rung on Bressingham's new ring of six. As far as we know, this was the first quarter peal ever to have been rung at Bressingham. It is dedicated to all who made the restoration of the bells possible.

JULIE BEESLEY.
Bressingham, Norfolk. 13 Aug, 1260 PB
Doubles: Julie A Beesley 1, Betty M Baines 2, Jane Grandfield 3, Ian Grandfield 4, Chris Beesley (C) 5, Tony Baines 6. First quarter peal on the bells. For Evensong. £1.50

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It occurs to me that "Concerned Tower Captain" (letter, RW p.880) may well be a victim of his own snobbery. Plainly he was prepared to be unduly influenced by the spurious headed notepaper of a "prestigious" London band.

Of course the misuse of headed notepaper is deplorable. However, in this instance the words poetic justice and prig come to mind.

ROBERT A. LEWIS

The roof of the tower at Mancetter in Warwickshire has been causing concern to the ringers for a number of years, the tiles were moving whenever the wind was strong and patching was becoming more difficult. The ringers, with the agreement of the incumbent and the PCC, decided to strip the old tiles and felt, re-lath and re-tile the roof.

Three of the ringers and two helpers were working on Saturday when two police cars pulled up in the car park and required to know what we were doing stripping the roof. Some kind parishioner had phoned the police and said men were stripping the lead off the roof of the tower. Strange really as there is only a very small amount of lead on the roof.

R. H. BACON.

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Thank you for publishing the quarter peal rung at Stoke Lacy, Herefords (p.842). An error has crept into the wording, it should read 50th anniversary of the Morgan Three Wheeler Club 4.6.95.

As a matter of interest 186 Three-Wheelers made their way to Stoke Lacy, the oldest was a 1913 model. Members came from the United States, Singapore, and all over Great Britain and Europe. The founder of the Morgan Motor Co. of Malvern was born at Stoke Lacy, his father was Rector here for 60 years. The first three-wheeler was assembled here in the Old Rectory Garage.

Peter Morgan is our Patron here and takes an active interest in all that goes on. A special service was arranged and attended by some 200 people. A great day to remember.

E. C. BIGGS.

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I would like to support the views expressed by the Revd. Geoffrey Stickland (RW 18 Aug. p.857) deploring the increasing tendency towards charging visiting bands. The practice of mutual back-scratching, you ring our bells and we'll ring yours, with voluntary donations being welcomed when offered, seems much more in line with Christian principles.

The suggestion that this might be a symptom of the secularisation of ringing prompts me to pose a related question. Is the Central Council's move to reschedule its activities back into the weekend, possibly making it more inaccessible to the clergy and others with commitments in their parishes on Sundays, a sign of a similar trend?

PHIL TREMAIN.

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

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Janet Julians (Ashbury).

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Craig Julians (Ashbury); Rachel Leonard (High Wycombe); Paul Clarke (Church Gresley); Joan Lumley (Allendale); and Kimberley Elderton, Jessica Hornsby and Jemma Rhodes (all from Selborne).

Blue

Luke Bond, Phil Bond and Sue Read (all from Quedgeley); Emma Dickson (Wanborough); Sarah Crisp (Kings Bromley); Duncan Saunders (Uffington); and Paul Clarke (Church Gresley).

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