



Towards the Millennium

At *The Ringing World* sponsored seminar in Taunton, four of us chose to take part in the workshop on Ringing Organisations – obviously a wide-ranging subject, under the leadership of Christopher Groome. Our discussions were given shape by a programme drawn up by our leader, who, to put things in context, briefly outlined the nature of the early, secular organisations and the history of the later 'belfry reform' movement ones to which most of us belong today.

The role of these organisations today, their structure and their activities/services were

95 and 75 years a member

It was again a great pleasure to visit Stoke Poges on the occasion of Gladys Barker's 95th birthday. There she was awaiting the congratulatory peal band with slices of her birthday cake and looking in very good form. She has to be in order to continue climbing the external iron stairs up to the ringing room which is entered from the roof of the church externally. This year the peal was Stedman Triples under the auspices of the London County Association and conducted by John Mayne. The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and other leading members took part as usual, with Brian Matthews opening up and making sure that all was well with the ropes. Two regulars who were in Gladys's 90th birthday peal but who could not stand in this year came along to listen – Jeff Birt and Olive Rogers – the latter spending the evening with Gladys.

The Senior Member

Gladys's 75 years membership of the London County Association makes her the Association's senior member, with her election on January 12th 1920. Proposed by (surprise, surprise) Arthur D. Barker and seconded by Harry Burton who was a master baker in Ealing and later became a grocer in Wimbledon. In 1920 Gladys was living at Stoke Green near Slough and was made a member under her maiden name of Bateman. Some of her earlier peals and exploits are legendary, particularly with all-ladies peals.

In 1921: Cambridge S. Major at Isleworth; rang the 4th; conductor was T. H. Taffender and the tenor was rung by her fiancé Arthur Barker.

In 1924: Stedman Triples at Old Windsor; rang the tenor; the first all-ladies peal of Stedman Triples; conductor was Edith Fletcher.

In 1926: Stedman Caters at St. Clement Danes, Strand; the first all-ladies 10-bell peal; rang the 8th; conductor was Edith Fletcher.

In 1928: Cambridge S. Major at Crayford; the first all-ladies peal of Surprise; rang the 7th; tenor and conductor was Edith Fletcher.

We wish Gladys well in her 96th year and look forward to an Oxford Diocesan Guild peal next August for her 96th birthday.

HAROLD ROGERS.

then considered – although mostly in agreement, we found enough to discuss that we overran our allotted time and still didn't have time to talk about **how one measures success!** At a glance we were agreed that everything listed contributed to it – Sunday service ringing, the quality of ringing, the state and number of bells, attendance at events and the state of finances.

What are we today? As individuals, the importance to us of ringing as a Christian act may vary, but we may be ambiguous about it – we ring because we enjoy it and not just for the sake of service ringing. Those who are only interested in ringing for the sake of Sunday service ringing are unlikely to take an active part in our associations. But whilst ringing may have its secular side for most of us, we did feel that it was important that the priority of Sunday service ringing and our connection with the Church is maintained by keeping our organisations as Christian ones. Paradoxically, we agreed a lower standard of ringing was acceptable for Sundays than when ringing purely for pleasure – but because it is better to ring than not to ring, even if that has to mean a bit of crashing about by beginners. But at the same time a band should ring to the best of their ability on a Sunday and not the latest method they're just learning. **Were we professional or social?** Both, we concluded. But social activities should be carefully considered to try to include all. Those who were unhappy about going to the pub, for example, should not get left out (possibly by having coffee in the tower), and at times events can cater for the inclusion of non-ringing families.

Modern organisations are generally financially strong, and to be **financially competent** is particularly important given that most organisations are registered as charities: an incompetent treasurer could result in a court case and the loss of charitable status. Care needs to be taken in the selection of knowledgeable auditors – some chosen, we were warned by the accountant amongst us, do not really know what to look for. Encouraging the covenanting of subs can of course increase an organisation's income, and it may be possible to get funds from such bodies as the Rural Development Commission and the Foundation for Sports and the Arts, or from local businesses such as a golf club. Not only may this reduce the need to raise money from members, but semi-official support can make for good publicity.

Competitions, a potentially contentious issue, met with no strong opposition from the members of our group, mirroring the general change in attitudes since the 'belfry reform' era. So long as they were regarded as fun and not too serious, they were a useful tool to encourage good striking and also for renewing acquaintanceships. Numbers attending may exceed numbers at an AGM and often ringers who attend are those who don't attend other functions.

There is often some ambiguity about the position of organisations with respect to the **stewardship of bells**. In the past this was generally considered the responsibility of individual churches, but these days other matters were likely to have a stronger claim on a church's attention and finances, so that organisations do have a role here. As well as providing courses on maintenance and inspections where requested, some organisations

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The peal band for Gladys Barker's 95th birthday. Top row: Harold Rogers, John Mayne, William Butler, Patricia Newton, Nigel Smith, Robert Newton, Michael Sprackling. Seated: Dorothea Robotham, Olive Rogers and Gladys Barker. Photograph by William Butler.

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have made a big effort to survey all their bells and assess where efforts could/should be made to get as many bells as possible in good order. But at the same time consideration should be given to moving ringing with the population. Ringing is more likely to take off in suburban areas or expanded villages; it needs to be considered whether resources are better put into installing new or transferred rings in these areas rather than restoring rings in tiny villages.

So, we aim to promote Sunday service ringing but also to cater for our hobby, to concern ourselves with ringing matters but also to provide a social side, we need to be financially viable and competent, some competitiveness doesn't hurt, we must help care for bells and, of course, ringers will always want to keep records.

But how best should we be structured to achieve this? It's been shown in the past that small branches work better than large and we agreed that most activity should take place at a branch level, with the organisation there to help out with specialised training, or when a branch is experiencing difficulties etc. Pooling money raised for bell restoration by branches and administering the funds from a central level can help when several restoration projects happen to be in one branch at the same time.

At least one Guild gives its officers a budget which they can spend - an interesting idea, which can help by forcing people to plan what they hope to achieve and thus what size budget to request.

Finally, but not least, we considered the role of branches. The most important consideration is to respond to local needs - a monthly branch practice may no longer always be the answer. Being able to point people in the right direction to get the practice they need at a tower practice may be more valuable. Quarterly or even monthly branch meetings, although they might appear dated, can still be successful and often attract different ringers than practices. Co-operation between towers in providing bands of ringers, particularly in rural areas, is now common and likely to be more so in the future - these links can be fostered by contacts provided by branches. Training is obviously important, to the extent a workshop was devoted to it - hence no further mention here. Branches' role in fund raising has already been referred to, and the social activities discussed are often appropriately held at branch level.

As a Guild Assistant secretary of only 6 weeks standing, I attended the Towards the Millennium Symposium hoping to pick up ideas that would help me in my new role; I have, but probably more that can be of use at a branch or even tower level. I'm sure those with more experience than me may find less new ideas to take away, but times change and I think all Guild Officers would find something useful from these opportunities to get together and share not just ideas but experiences of what has, and, as importantly, what hasn't, worked.

TERESA GOATHAM

Most new members are probably from among the newly unwaged or otherwise-retired. There are probably as many Belfry babies, the progeny of ringing families, as everywhere else and new members are often elected following a six-week course. It may be that there were more young recruits to ringing in the days of yore when an invitation to learn to ring often followed conscription into confirmation classes. However, if you do get youngsters, how do you train them and keep them without the support of the Parish and the parents?

Considering this is the Decade of Evangelism the clergy have been a bit of a disappointment. If bell ringers call people to worship perhaps they should have been invited to play a greater part in the 'Decade'.

There has not been much evidence of interest by clergy in the Association. Sometimes it has been necessary to tell them that a ringer with one foot in the door [it may be the belfry door] is far better than non-ringers with both feet outside.

The DCA has no formal connection with the Church - no ordained patrons or vice-presidents, but there has been some practical benefit from sending letters of welcome to new Bishops and Archdeacons.

Ryk summed up by saying that the Association has never regretted having no branches or annual subs, and asked a number of questions. Are evening and weekend practices appropriate for the retired? How can we set up a service to advise on belfry maintenance etc? How can we ensure there is a good mix of abilities at each practice?

M.E.F.



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One Association's approach

(Presentation given by Ryk Bugler)

The Dorset County Association was not involved in the 1992/3 surveys and therefore was not in a position to review progress-as-a-result but was afforded the luxury of being allowed to talk primarily about itself. Ryk began by explaining why the Association had taken on its non-territorial style structure.

The Association was founded in 1983 to serve the needs of Ringing and Ringers in Dorset. See Rule 2, "The object of the Association shall be to encourage and assist in ringing for the services of the Church, to provide instruction for learners and advice where it is needed, and to hold meetings for ringing and social purposes."

Dorset is a mostly rural county plus the Poole/Bournemouth conurbation. There is only one trunk road and no motorways. Public transport is abysmal.

The DCA was still a baby in 1992/93. It is now adolescent and legitimate, following the "adoption" last year by the Central Council. It was not founded in the age of the railway train or the age of the horse and cart but within sight of the Millennium.

The structure is flat, with one committee of 12, and informal; there are no strict job descriptions.

Like Dr Barnardo's no-one has ever been turned away. There are no qualifications for membership and novices are made welcome.

We don't have Annual Subs and we don't have to collect them.

The Association is financed by a life membership fee of £3 and steepleage fees of 50p per practice. The BRF has no big capital fund but runs on a pay as you go basis.

Branches? For various reasons we don't have them either, but we do practise 3 or 4 times per month on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

The practice programme roams right across the area and it was found in the first few years of the Association that the solution for low attendance was to increase the number of practices.



"Little Girl's" first lesson, at the famous garage 15th August 19915. Photograph by David B.

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It's the morning of the Headcorn Tower Outing and our local B.R.F. raffle king climbed on the coach clutching a luscious box of fresh vegetables (he's a skilled organic gardener) but does he think he has to cook his own lunch? All is revealed 12 hours later as we settle down for the homeward journey after a very happy ringing tour. He produces raffle tickets (and a box of chocolates), £20 is quickly raised for the Bell Restoration Fund and our hard working Secretary who had made all the arrangements for the day well deservedly went home with veg for tomorrow's lunch, her ticket being the first one drawn.

R. JEAN VIDLER.



Bellfounders' Gift Page



Sunday with Bells

After many years of being open only Tuesdays to Saturdays, Taylor's Bell Foundry Museum will open its doors on Sundays from Sunday 10th September.

At last the many visitors making their way to Loughborough's visitor attractions such as the Carillon and the Great Central Steam Railway on a Sunday, can now add to their day out with a visit to the unique Bell Foundry Museum, part of the largest Bell Foundry complex in the world.

The Curator, Robert Bracegirdle, said: "The museum has always had only a single member of staff and found it difficult to open all weekend as a result. With some help we are now experimentally opening on Sundays. We are aware that many visitors think of Sunday as their day out and the only time they can visit such attractions - we believe we should serve their needs."

He added: "I am pleased that we are going to have a better service. Now onward to improvements in the displays and other events to make a return visit even more worthwhile!"

New opening hours:

Tuesdays - Saturdays:

10.00am-12.30pm; 1.30-4.30pm

Summer Sundays:

11.00am-12.30pm; 1.30-4.30pm

(April-October incl.)

Winter Sundays:

1.30-4.30pm (November-March incl.)

Museum closed on Mondays

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For more information, please call Bob Bracegirdle on 091509 233414 in Museum hours or 0116-270 9654 out of hours.

Six ring eight

Sally Mason's meticulous arrangements came to fruition on Saturday (9th September) when 6 ringers rang a peal of Surprise Minor at eight different churches. "Go Kelso" was called at 10 seconds past midnight and the final "That's All" at 11.46pm. All eight peals were conducted by Peter Ellis, other members of the band being Andrew Farmer, Andrew Mills, Frank Rivett and Colin Turner. Kingsley Mason and Nicola Crichton were the support crew. Full details in due course.

Heritage Open Days is a high profile countrywide initiative which aims to provide free access to the nation's heritage. Co-ordinated by the Civic Trust with funding from the Department of National Heritage, the weekend is part of European Heritage Days - a Council of Europe initiative which attracts around 12 million visitors to properties in 20 countries on or around the same weekend.

According to the Dorset Programme the public are being encouraged to visit Lady St. Mary Church, Wareham on Saturday 16th or the afternoon of Sunday 17th September... "It is hoped that the church tower will be open." M.E.F.

Gratefully acknowledged

Anon £7.50; R. Maiden £14; D. Wilkinson £4; Anon £4; G. M. Coe £4; E. M. Quinn £2; Anon £2.

Gordon Limmer's 70 years

In July 1925 Gordon moved from the church choir to the ringing chamber of St. Peter's, Burnham, Bucks. Gordon has not been a prolific peal ringer over the years but most of those in which he took part was in support of a "first pealer". He has rung many quarter peals over the years and is still ringing quarters at the age of 86.

Gordon, together with Joyce Cooper (nee Hearn) and Freda Belson (nee Murkitt) were members of a band who rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major on VE Day 1945, and the three of them took part in a touch of Plain Bob Major on VE Day 1995. He held the office of Tower Captain for many years, and has been our current treasurer for many more years. Ringers come and ringers go but Gordon remains as the anchor of the Burnham band with impeccable attendance at Tuesday practices and most especially Sunday Service ringing. To quote from one of the letters of tribute that we have received "Gordon is one of life's gentlemen". Long may he remain with us.

We would like to associate the following ringers with this tribute: Bill Birmingham (Jun), Lloyd Cartwright, George Cousins, Marcia Dieppe, Bryan Matthews, Howard Oglesby, Don and Doreen Young.

MARY HASKELL

Burnham, Bucks. 29 June, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Lynn Palfrey (nee Blundell) 1, Angela Blundell 2, Jean Blundell 3, David Palfrey 4, Giles Blundell 5, Cliff Blundell 5 (C). Official baby minder - Ruth Lewis (nee Blundell) who made the above quarter possible).

Burnham, Bucks. 2 July, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gordon Limmer 1, Mary Haskell 2, Sharon L. Birchnell 3, Joyce Cooper 4, John Young 5, Neil Belson 6, Richard E. Dean (C) 7, David Haskell 8. Congratulations to Gordon Limmer on completing 70 years membership of the St. Peter's Society of Bellringers, Burnham, Bucks. £3.

At Worth on 28th August we rang "a true and complete peal consisting of 720 changes of Plain Bob Minor, consisting of 16 Bobs and 2 Singles". These days, there is nothing remarkable in that, but we have a very large board in our ringing room at Worth which records that exact same performance at Worth on 28th August 1845. They must have seen that as a significant achievement to merit the cost of recording it. We thought it would be a good idea the repeat the performance exactly 150 years on. I wonder if I put the singles in the same place as they did then?

We have an even larger board recording the 109 peals (i.e. 720s) in various methods rung during 1886. I don't think that we will be repeating that!

NEIL DOBSON.



Olive Rogers pictured by the peal board marking the peal arranged for the 60th anniversary of her first peal.

60 years active membership

On July 21st, just 60 years and one day after being elected a member of the London County Association, Olive Rogers attended the Association practice at St. Clement Danes, Strand.

Her election was at a Southern District meeting at St. Mary, Barnes, on the proposition of Frank E. Hawthorne and seconded by Albert E. Reeve. Olive has held office in the Association for 57 years. First as Assistant Secretary in 1938 and later as Secretary, Master from 1970-1973 and currently as Trustee. In her first year as Master she resuscitated the Annual Report which has continued ever since. She was very proud of her election as a Central Council Representative on 10th February 1940 to fill a vacant place and continued in this capacity until 1986 - just 46 years and would, of course, have liked to have been allowed to make it 50 years. Her attendance has been 39 meetings as a Representative and a further eight as an observer, with attendance at some committee meetings. Olive is a member of the Southwark Cathedral Society of Ringers and here has rung some 10- and several 12-bell peals including Cambridge and Yorkshire Maximus. At her home tower, Isleworth, she has been Master, mostly in the formative post war years, a ringer for over 60 years and a PCC member for well over 50 years, and Secretary for part of that time.

H.W.R.

Osteoporosis and ringing

May I through your columns address members of the Medical Guild to ask if ringing counts as weight-bearing exercise where prevention of the brittle-bone disease osteoporosis is concerned?

A further obvious question goes to ringers in general: 'Are there any ringers who know they have the disease, and if so, is ringing believed to have influenced the course of the disease in anyway?

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Letters

Frederick G. May

I write in response to Pat Bird's request for information about Frederick G. May that appears in the 1st September issue of *The Ringing World* (p. 905). This gives me an opportunity to mention that the index of obituaries that have appeared in *The Ringing World* that is being prepared by Chris Ridley and myself is at an advanced stage of preparation and should be finished before the end of the year.

My manuscript index shows that Fred May's obituary appeared in 1956 on p.446 (13 July). There is also an article on him in 1913 on p.157 (with a splendid photograph of him in a top hat as befits his profession of accountant) and there is mention of him on p.520 in 1941.

Frederick George Heywood May was born at Avening, Gloucestershire, on 4 January 1875. He began ringing at Cirencester in 1894 and rang his first peal there (tenor behind to Grandsire Triples) on 21 November 1895. Associated with the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, he was attached to St. Nicholas', Bristol, from 1900 to 1919, and conducted at least 50 peals on those bells. Master and Secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Association from 1898 to 1905, he also represented the G & B on the Central Council from 1900 to 1908, attending six meetings.

In 1907/8 he wrote letters to *Bell News* in the course of the debate about the extension of London Surprise Major to Royal. This correspondence was discussed in *The Ringing World* of 31 October 1941 p.520.

Fred May emigrated to South Africa, and died there on 2 July 1956 at the age of 81. His obituary states that he had rung 666 peals, although there is a question about the accuracy of this statement.

DR JOHN C. EISEL

Pull the other one

I have been musing on a remark one sometimes hears made to learners – "Once you've pulled off, there's nothing more you can do to that stroke – so start thinking about the next one right away." This is, of course, the correct approach at a stage when ropesight seems an unachievable goal.

However, if the bell drops and so the blow is going to be too early, a more experienced ringer will pull that stroke hard, even after it has started, in order to stand a better chance of getting the next one right. But this seems also to affect the current stroke – not as might be expected to speed it up further and make matters worse, but quite the reverse. The bad blow is not quite as early as would have been expected at the outset. I used to think I must be imagining things, but have come to the conclusion it is really so. Have other people noticed this?

Is it that the extra pull speeds up the bell, but not the clapper, which is by then not in contact with the bell? Thus the clapper takes fractionally more time to catch up with the bell than it would have done without the extra pull? Is there a better explanation?

CATHERINE LEWIS

Wormshill – a minor correction

For the benefit of those readers who like to record details of the bells in the various towers which are from time to time featured in *The Ringing World*, may I be permitted to make a minor correction regarding Dickon Love's recent account of the Wormshill project? I refer only to the ex-West Bretton (Yorks). bells.

Although John Seller was around in 1731, he had not at that time obtained his Freedom of the City (a prerequisite in those days for anyone wishing to pursue a trade in the city of York) but nevertheless appears to have been already working with his brother, Edward, at the Jubbergate foundry in York. He was not, however, responsible for the West Bretton bells. That distinction must go to Samuel II Smith whose foundry stood on Toft Green, York. Samuel died in August 1731 making the Bretton bells to the very last ring to have been cast at his foundry and as such were included in the Council for the Care of Churches Schedule of Bells for Preservation: Diocese of Wakefield (revised 1992). Notwithstanding it has only been possible to incorporate the old treble and second from West Bretton in the Wormshill ring. I for one am pleased to see that the tenor has also gone there, thus keeping this historic ring of bells intact.

Incidentally, West Bretton is not a parish in its own right but a private chapel to Bretton Hall where the Wentworth family was once resident.

DENNIS GREENWOOD

Huddersfield

Wormshill bells

I was very pleased to read about the culmination of the 50 year project to have a ring of six bells at Wormshill Church (RW pages 901 & 902) and to have played a small part in that. The bells were removed from West Bretton by myself and the late Chris Earp in December 1990 and have been stored in our works since then. We have always believed that the three bells were cast by Samuel Smith II of York and this is confirmed in Dennis Greenwood's book *The Bells of the Churches in the Diocese of Wakefield* which was published in January 1995. In fact they were the last bells cast at this foundry as Samuel Smith II died the same year (1731). I can not be sure where John Sellers name came into the picture – possibly in the negotiations between the now retired Vicar of Woolley & West Bretton and Michael Nightingale of Cromarty.

The bell which required retuning was, in fact, retuned at Whitechapel and not Loughborough.

ROBERT B. SMITH
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A drive and feedback mechanism

I have been enjoying the correspondence initiated by Geoff Berriman's article enormously. I even wondered if the Editor composed it himself to enliven the letters column! (*Definitely not – Ed.*)

So far I have kept out of it for two reasons, firstly lack of time, and secondly because I will be having my say when the Central Council publishes my thoughts under the title "One Way to Teach Bell Handling" shortly. There is, however, one aspect which is particularly important, and has been missed so far, which I should like to comment.

I am not concerned with Mr Berriman's own ideas, but one aspect of the description of how he was taught. "The teacher held the rope as well to control it and be ready if anything went

wrong" and "It was impossible to judge the effect of what he was doing and so work out what I needed to do". From my own observation, most teachers do initially put a hand above the learner's in this way. If asked why, they will say "for safety", or even "in order to give the learner confidence". The truth of the matter is that in most cases it is to give the teacher confidence, and I am convinced such interference is unnecessary, and, as Mr Berriman points out, positively counter productive. The rope is both a drive and a feedback mechanism, and it is essential to get learners to consciously feel what the bell is doing from the outset.

Briefly, my approach is as follows, and the teacher is in control throughout, without interfering: Initially the learner has the tail end and it is the teacher who is pulling the handstrokes. Then the learner is allowed to pull off handstrokes, and the teacher makes sure he has firm hold of a short enough backstroke to protect the stay. Then the learner has the tail end, and pulls off a handstroke. Make sure the tail end is short enough, and all should be well. Also, you will not have got this far without the learner having developed some feel of how hard to pull. Finally there's the catching. Here I agree that the teacher's nerves do need to be a little stronger, but again, I introduce this while I have the sally, and the learner has the tail end, and only allow catches when I can feel that the backstroke pulls are about right. Again, the learner will, by this stage, have some appreciation of how hard to pull. If you want a fuller explanation, read the book!

Out of around 60 learners that I have taught to date, ranging from 11 to 75 years old, not one has broken a stay (as least not during the initial stages of learning to handle) or even given me cause for concern in that way. And it doesn't take for ever. Even the older learners (who are generally slower) can generally ring at least a few whole pulls in succession on their own after a couple of one hour sessions.

RICHARD PARGETER

Balsham, Cambridge

Guides badges

As I understand it, the usual thought of teaching Guides to ring for their badge, is little return for the amount of effort in teaching them. When proficient, how much commitment to regular Sunday service ringing is part of the badge qualification? Are there any experienced keen regular attending ringers around who started because of the badge? By refusing to spend time teaching Guides are we turning away a source of young ringers? Does any tower have facts to give on this subject?

I pose these questions after teaching a band for St. Giles, Whittington, Staffs. I started before the bell installation was completed in 1991. In all I have taught fifteen adults and four juniors, one junior experienced ringer joined us for a while, then moved on, also two people who could already ring came "out of the woodwork".

We now have a core band of ten adults, since starting we have lost eight adults and four juniors due to, moving away, medical reasons, and other commitments. I would like to involve more young people so would it be possible to involve the Guides in addition to the existing band?, being in a young age group they should learn faster than adults. Would the return I get be a mix of fast turnover with the old one or two becoming committed to ringing?

BERNARD TOWNSEND

Lichfield, Staffs

"Part of the pattern" revisited

Elizabeth Wein's attempt to explain the situation with regard to her use of Stow's "Survey of London" has left confusion worse confounded. The "Survey" first appeared in 1598, as stated. The second edition was published in 1603, during Stow's lifetime. A third edition, with additions by Anthony Munday, was published in 1618, and a fourth, by Munday and Dyson, in 1633. It was the fifth edition that was published in 1720 by John Strype (1643-1737) as "An Accurate Edition of Stow's Survey of London" in 1720. Known in former times as "Strype's 'Stow'", in fact it contains a great deal of material added by the editor.

Notwithstanding Elizabeth's claim to have consulted the second edition, it does seem likely that what she used was "Strype's 'Stow'". The date 1720 is significant, also the fact that she associates Strype's name with it, whereas the second edition appeared forty years before he had been born!

With regard to the summary as a whole, I may not be alone in thinking that in spite of the considerable knowledge that Elizabeth displays, very few of her conclusions are convincing.

One instance of this is the claim that the changes which took place in the latter part of the nineteenth century were the result of positive intervention by the Central Council. In England, it is rare for any change to take place until economic forces make the existing state of affairs no longer viable, and it was the abolition of vestries and church rates, with its effect upon financial resources, that brought about the end of the old paid bands of ringers - there was simply no money to pay them. Where for some reason the money was still available, the paid ringing continued. Durham Cathedral was one example of this until comparatively recently, I believe.

I am reminded of Lady Joan Brett's analysis of the Prophet of the Moon's lecture in G. K. Chesterton's "The Flying Inn" - "In every case what he did not know was the truth behind the fact. What he did not know was the atmosphere. What he did not know was the tradition..." However, this letter is beginning to resemble Professor Widge's "Historicity of the Petro-Piscatorial Phenomena" in the same delightful story.

WILLIAM WILLANS

Bath

Welcome outstayed

I have recently returned from a ringing tour of Southern Ireland, on one of at least three tours that have taken place this Summer. Our party all had a thoroughly enjoyable time, we were able to visit all of the ringable towers and were made to feel very welcome at all of them. However, the tour was spoilt as the result of another band who had toured Ireland before us because we had to curtail some of our ringing at towers where it appears that the earlier band outstayed their welcome.

I appreciate that when on an outing, many ringers like to get the most out of each tower they are visiting and consequently may stay on for a little longer than they requested the bells for. However, from what I heard in a couple of towers, this band outstayed their welcome by more than just five minutes. Perhaps in view of this it is worth a timely reminder to all organisers of outings or tours that you are ringing as visitors at that tower, and that the local band may have had to make a sacrifice of missing a practice to accommodate your visit. You have been granted permission to ring

between the times you stated on your request to visit that tower.

If a local ringer is not there to meet you and you are asked to let yourselves in, or you are asked to lock up after your visit having been met, then please do not "overstep the mark" by staying for longer than requested, it affects others, particularly the local ringers who will have to deal with any complaints. Remember that you have been put in a position of trust by the tower captain of the church you are visiting and abuse of this trust could lead to a tower no longer welcoming visiting bands.

I have seen a notice in many ringing chambers stating that "every pull is a public performance", let's remember those members of the public who may not appreciate the prolonged sound of bells ringing, try to keep within the times requested when visiting other towers, whether it is for a peal attempt, quarter peal attempt or just general ringing, then other bands can appreciate the bells too.

NEIL JONES

Rainham, Kent

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This year's St. Buryan Open Day and "National" 6 bell Striking Competition was the most successful yet with 12 teams entering. The tower was also open to the public for scenic views and abseiling.

David Thorne and Anthony Davidson judged the nearly four hours of excellent and not quite excellent ringing.

As with most striking competitions the judges, summing up at the end, usually criticise in a manner to encourage and nurse the participating teams to better things. Not at St. Buryan: "You get it where it hurts!" (as one of *The Ringing World* directors found out!) which of course, all adds to the fun of the day.

The test piece was 240 changes of method or 12 minutes of call changes.

The Results

1st - College Youths (London): Jim Clatworthy (C) Treble, Ron Russ 2, Steve Russ 3, Andrew Wilby 4, Chris Venn 5, Andrew Keech 6.

2nd - The Plough, Towcester (Cambridge): Ann Wilby Treble, Ros Keech 2, Jim Clatworthy 3, Andrew Keech 4, Chris Pickford (C) 5, Andrew Wilby 6.

3rd - Parc Campanile (Grandsire): Dave Griffiths Treble, Beccy Bruce 2, Reggie Gillard 3, Chris Woodruff 4, Darren Pickett (C) 5, Trystan Hitchens 6.

4th - Parc Campanile (A) (Cambridge).

5th - Ladies Band (Grandsire).

5th - Gulval (Call Changes).

7th - Bath & Wells (A) (Cambridge).

8th - Penwith (Norwich) (Last year's winners).

9th - St. Buryan (Call Changes).

9th - Bath & Wells (B) (Stedman).

11th - Lancashire Association (Stedman).

Last - Carebis Bay (Grandsire?).

The other big prize of the day was Best Tenor Ringer. (Venn and "an RW Director" gathered by the summing up that it wasn't for them). A very solid performance by Trystan Hitchens won the day.

An amazing £2,350 was raised on the day which halved our interest free loan.

We look forward to 1996 to welcome old and new faces to our fun day at St. Buryan.

C.J.V.

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EXP 4405? Nearly time to renew your subscription.

String and a stick

A lonely little church standing in the parkland of a manor house was the venue of the August Saturday evening meeting of a group of ringers of Ely Diocesan Association. The church has a ground floor ring of 6, and the less-than-perfect rounds heard as a group of experts rang-up the bells showed us what we were in for: a Difficult Six. We struggled through Plain Bob Minor and a plain course of Grandsire. Then a courageous group of strong ringers embarked on the day's Special Method, York; and after about 3 leads the rope of bell 4 broke. But instead of descending to fall at the ringer's feet, the lower portion of rope wrapped its frayed end round the wooden beam carrying the rope guides, jamming and blocking the guide hole so firmly that even our heaviest ringer could not dislodge it. What's to be done? Poke out the rope-guide from below? The hole is above the reach of the tallest ringer standing on the step ladder and wielding the church warden's staff. Tie together two churchwarden-staffs? How? A hunt round the church revealed a long piece of string tied to the head of a plaster-and-papier-mâché figure of Christ. The string was removed from Christ and used to lash two staffs, and some minutes of prodding and poking brought down the snarled-up rope. Meanwhile the upper end of the rope had been detached and brought down from the bell chamber and there followed an elegant piece of long splicing, finished off by a roll on the stone floor.

Now came the replacing of the rope. It was soon apparent that the sally would not go down from above through ground-pulley and ceiling bosses. We must haul up the wheel-end of rope by a string let down from above. The string from the head of the Christ figure was again produced. Would it be long enough? How could it be weighted to make it fall straight? The door key was too wide for the rope-guide. But a half-metre stick with string attached was found on the floor of the tower, and provided enough weight. Down it came through ceiling boss and rope-guide (a tricky manipulation, this) up went the repaired rope of No. 4 bell, and within minutes we were in business: another attempt at York, while somebody wound up the string and tied it back onto Christ's head. (Whatever was it for? Demonstration of The Annunciation to a Sunday School class?)

We were lucky. Ringers cannot rely on finding all the materials for a repair-job to hand, in a country church. So when you visit a lonely church without a regular band and steeple-keeper, take with you a long piece of string and a short piece of stick.

P.S. Yes., the touch of York came round successfully. P. STANIER
Swaffham Prior, Cambridge

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"Wild Girl" reference your personal notice. We don't need to publish your name - but we do need to know who you are.

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If Mr. Berriman thinks that the easiest way to learn is by ringing up a light bell he should come to Redditch and have a go at the front end. We could probably sell tickets for the event and raise a few bob for the spire appeal. A.J.B.

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Helpful hint overheard in a tower:

"If you get lost, ring Duke of York".

"What's that?"

"I'll tell you later."

N. HILL.



At Wicken – from left to right Chris Freeman, Heather Semken, Bill Yates, Richard Yates, Ann Freeman, Adrian Semken

Quick repairs at Wicken

At Wicken, Northants in July, the tenor clapper broke. The resulting collision between bell, clapper and second frame side caused two cast iron frame sides to be broken. Towcester Branch members rallied, along with friends, and a new clapper was fitted and the frame sides repaired ready for ringing again in only nine days; just in time for a wedding and the annual striking contest with the North Bucks Branch.

The contest was very close with Towcester Branch winning the Major and Call changes sections and North Bucks the Grandsire Doubles. The trophy therefore went to Towcester Branch.

The evening concluded with a second competition for the George Holland trophy. The trophy had recently been donated by George's daughter and son-in-law Ann and Chris Freeman and they were there to make the presentation. The annual competition will be a touch of Stedman Triples and this year it was George's favourite of 168 changes. The trophy was won by the Towcester Branch and this occasion and was presented by Ann Freeman to the Branch Ringing Master, Richard Yates. Our thanks are due to the judges Adrian and Heather Semken.

LYNN WALTERS

Wilson's wanderers 1995

The 36th Wanderers' Annual Outing in the Salisbury area on the traditional second Wednesday in August was a successful, happy day with copious chat, good food and much reminiscing.

Remembrances of George Swift and Jack Euston were many – they having graduated to that great celestial band since last year. Of the other 'regulars' who were missing some were known to be busy celebrating Gladys Barker's 95th birthday. Gladys and her late husband Arthur were on the original "Wander" and for many afterwards. We all hoped she was having a lovely day.

The notorious heatwave took its toll on energies and ringing as the day went on, with the touches shortening and the catch-hold gaps lengthening. This year John Bancroft had made all the very good arrangements for which we were most grateful and he was constantly on hand with local directions for the easiest way to "the next one". His suggestion for our route to Amesbury took us through a most delightful, cool valley complete with slow clear river – so refreshing in the heat of late afternoon.

A somewhat testing start was made with the transcept crossing ring at Britford with long guideless ropes, but some good striking was achieved. We braved the crowds and heat of Salisbury and enjoyed some smart ringing at St.

Rovers ringers wed

"A ringing wedding, right enough", – that's how the Rector described the wedding of Naomi Lewis and Rupert Burgess at Tilehurst on 12 August. And that's how it was, about half the assembled company being ringers. The Roving Ringers rang a touch of five spliced Surprise Major just before the service and the local band rang a course of Bristol just after. Apart from these there was good general ringing catering for all tastes from well before the service until almost all the photography was done (and that was a long time!).

Naomi and Rupert first met on a Rovers tour in 1991, but the romance only developed after the tour in Yorkshire in 1992. From then on, to those of us who watched, there seemed to be no stopping it! Naomi's letters home gave the impression she spent a lot of time on trains between Cardiff (where she read Civil Engineering) and York (where Rupert did an MA). He on the other hand spent many hours on the roads in his ancient blue and cream patchwork Dyane. Then (and what a relief it must have been!) with impeccable management they both contrived to be accepted on PGCE courses in Norwich. Everywhere they've been they seem to have been able to make a significant contribution to the ringing scene, in any way from painting bell frames to the more normal activities on the end of a rope.

Naomi has often been heard to declare she'd never ring another peal. In that name at least, she has indeed rung her last. It was Stedman Caters at St Laurence, Reading, called by John Wells, who taught her to handle a bell when she was just nine. A good peal it was, but strange in that in discussion beforehand it became clear that no one was quite sure who had arranged it although a suitable number of appropriate people seemed to be assembled. Perhaps it was yet another example of very efficient behind the scenes organisation by Eunice Wark (Naomi's mother).

Thomas's and St. Martin's and most managed to fit in lunch as well. On to Winterbourne Earls (5) and then South Newton (6) both pleasant rings we had not visited on previous Wanderers' trips to the area. We were surprised how quickly the Police traffic check outside South Newton church decided to finish after our ringing started – our ringing standard – was really good. All our hearts went out to the motorcyclist who slowed so suddenly on seeing the check, fell off and damaged his machine so badly that it was no longer rideable. However we onlookers (from the tower steps) were duly glad how swiftly the Officers rendered their assistance.

On to Wilton, just for tea, since the bells are in line for restoration and we were delighted the locals had offered to put on an excellent meal for us – in aid of their Bell Restoration Fund – other towers do take note since it was a most refreshing meal without any hassel, in pleasant surroundings with all facilities. Our last tower was Amesbury where the glorious sounding ring was worth all the extra effort required of some quite weary bodies.

Goodbyes and "be there next year" were exchanged with cars departing in all directions and Plymouth on our minds for next year. Yvonne Porter, having held the record for the furthest travelled attendee for numerous years will be well and truly last next year! I take this opportunity to send greetings to all past and present Wanderers and invite them to take note and please do make contact nearer the time, with your news if you cannot manage to come – address in the "Change Ringing" advertisement.

F. P. WILLGROSS



Rupert and Naomi Burgess

After the service the happy couple drove to the reception in a 1931 Lagonda, having been duly showered with rice paper confetti, grains of rice and Kentish dried rose petals. After yet more photos, this time with Eunice's beautiful cake (bedecked with exquisite sugar flowers and, of course, a sugar bell), everyone settled down for lunch. The speeches, supervised by the best man with help from the Rovers' gavel, were an excellent mixture of humour and reminiscence. It was revealed that both bride and groom had connections with prunes (she for looking like one when seven hours old and he for involvement in a challenge to eat a record number of the things for breakfast!). He was praised for his ability with chainsaw and inability with curry powder; she was praised for her incredible beauty – what else on such a day? It must have been something to do with strength of feeling at the time that somehow, contravening the prescribed agenda, we drank not just one, but two toasts to Bride and Groom!

Before leaving, Naomi paused long enough to throw her bouquet over her shoulder towards the bridesmaids, Hannah Lewis and Jane Weller. She then sped off with Rupert to Secret Location One with plans to go on to Secret Location Two the next day. Such was the loyalty of those in the know, that no amount of espionage could uncover any more information. What was known however was that a week later they would be joining the 1995 Rovers' Summer Tour, where Naomi would be officiating as Master. (How many brides find time at their reception to make choices from a menu for dinner during a forthcoming ringing tour?) They will then be setting up home in York, much to the delight, we hear, of the Minster ringers.

Good luck and God bless.

C.M.L.

Shinfield, Berks. 10 Aug, 1260 P. B. Minor: Daniel Sandham (Tilehurst 1st min, 1st out of home tower) 1, Bobbie May, (Shinfield) 2, Wendy Sandham, (Tilehurst) 3, Frank Mitchell, (Shinfield) 4, Colin Cairns (Tilehurst) 5, Stephanie May (C), Honm. Shinfield) 6. Pre-wedding compliment to Naomi Lewis (Tilehurst) and Rupert Burgess (York Minster) and Paul Sass (Shinfield) and Donna Blackley, by joint Shinfield/Tilehurst Band.

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Tilehurst, Berks. 13 Aug, 1260 Middlesex Triples: Daniel Sandham 1, Eunice Wark 2, Wendy Sandham 3, John Wells 4, Joanne Druce (C) 5, Colin Cairns 6, Graham Brown 7, Paul Sandham 8. For Evensong – Also wedding compliment to Naomi Lewis and Rupert Burgess married here 12.8.95.

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Getting into Bob Doubles

by Steve Coleman

V - Bobs

You will be relieved to know at the outset that we are now on the last chapter. We've spent the previous four perfecting plain courses, so it's time and past to start looking at bobs. Quite likely you've been studying and ringing them for a while now anyway, and a good thing too. As with all ringing, you'll be working hard at getting the previous stages better and better, while at the same time pushing onward. But whether you've already rung some bobs or not, we are going to spend *this* chapter looking at them together.

A Bit of History

If plain courses didn't come easy to you, you were probably a bit dismayed to find that there were any bobs at all. Why bother with them, you wondered, when you can just keep repeating the plain course over and over again.

Why indeed?

Well, let's see where the whole idea of touches came from - a *touch*, incidentally, being a piece of ringing with bobs and/or singles in.

Round about 400 years ago people started to ring rounds and Call Changes. They started to ring their bells in an orderly and rhythmical fashion rather than at random. The advances in bell-hanging had a lot to do with this, but there were still considerable limitations as to how much the ringers could hold up or pull in to get from one change to the next. Indeed, there were far more limitations than today. So those ringers normally preferred to get from one change to another by swapping over a pair of bells that were sounding consecutively.

Naturally they wanted to create variety, so they tried to find ways of ringing as many different changes as possible simply by swapping over consecutive sounding pairs. They only swapped one pair at a time - as most people do in Call Changes nowadays - and it is not surprising that for a good while no-one worked out how to get more than 48 different changes in a single five bell sequence.

Few people, of course, had any kind of schooling, and paper was prohibitively expensive. Indeed, Fabian Stedman noted in 1677 that paper for writing out changes cost five shillings per ream - about a tenth of what it costs today - so a handful of sheets could cost more than a working man's daily wages.

Not surprisingly, ringers kept searching to find ways of getting more and more changes in the same sequence, first by continuing to swap a single pair at a time, and then by swapping two pairs at a time. Changes where two pairs were swapped were called *double*

changes, and that is where the word *Doubles* comes from. In methods on five bells, two pairs is the maximum that can be swapped in any one change.

Ultimately, arrangements were found for getting all 120 different changes in the same sequence, with each change occurring only once.

From a purely theoretically point of view, the composers of the time must have been well pleased with this. And the rule quickly grew up which has been fundamental ever since. When we ring a touch of Doubles we *never repeat the same change* and we often try to ring all 120 changes if possible.

The Dogma

If you haven't been ringing long, you may wonder about this lack of repetition. After all, composers of other music go in for repetition quite a lot. Ravel's *Bolero*, for example, repeats itself over and over again for about twenty minutes and no-one minds a bit.

But if a piece of method ringing repeats even a single change, it is said to be *false*, and experienced ringers get very anxious about it indeed. Indeed, if a *peal* is found to be false, even though perfectly rung, it is immediately regarded as nothing, and the ringers rip the details from their peal books and expunge them from their records, even when the falseness is only discovered years after the event.

As with any piece of dogma, an absence of falseness is of fundamental importance to the majority of ringers, even though it is only vaguely rational. Certainly, ringing would be far less interesting otherwise, and in time you may well feel strongly about it yourself. Meanwhile, if you have any doubts, they are probably best kept to yourself.

Bobs

So now we know that we want to ring all the 120 possible changes on five bells and we want to ring them without repetition. A plain course of Bob Doubles is only 40 changes long, so we need to do something about the rest. That is where bobs come in. They are there simply to enable you to ring all the changes. They are no more than little hiccups designed to send you off into changes you haven't rung before.

And here is another piece of dogma. A bob in any method must be no more than the *slightest possible* hiccup - the absolute minimum of disruption that is needed to enable you to get out of the plain course and into other changes.

And the third piece of important dogma is that a bob is always a bob. Wherever you encounter it in a touch of Bob Doubles, a bob is always the same. You cannot ring one type of bob in one place and another type of bob in another. So only one batch of learning

is needed, and from the learner's point of view that must be a good thing.

In other methods there are often things called *singles* as well. Singles are very like bobs but in Bob Doubles only advanced ringers with a taste for the exotic, ring them. If a conductor were to call one without warning you in advance, he would rightly be regarded as a hopeless cad.

What it is

So after all that preamble, what is a bob?

Let's look at the changes that occur when the end of one plain course is finishing and another is starting. I'm drawing little *x*'s and *|*'s to show whether the bells are crossing over or lying still.

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3 2 5 1 4
x x x x
2 3 1 5 4
x x x x
2 1 3 4 5
x x x x
1 2 4 3 5
x x x x
1 2 3 4 5
x x x x
2 1 4 3 5
x x x x
2 4 1 5 3
x x x x
4 2 5 1 3

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Treble's Lead

And now we'll look at the changes that occur if a bob is called at the end of the course.

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3 2 5 1 4
x x x x
2 3 1 5 4
x x x x
2 1 3 4 5
x x x x
1 2 4 3 5
x x x x
1 4 2 3 5
x x x x
4 1 3 2 5
x x x x
4 3 1 5 2
x x x x
3 4 5 1 2

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Treble's Lead

Once again I've drawn little *x*'s and *|*'s. Study the pictures carefully as though you were doing a *spot-the-difference* competition. You will see that only when the Treble leads is there any difference at all. Then,

the bells in seconds and thirds place cross over instead of the bells in thirds and fourths place.

And,

the bell in fourths place lies still instead of the bell in seconds place.

The bell in fifths place does its four blows behind in both.

That is the theory. It may not help you much to ring bobs, but I thought you'd like to know. The truly important rule is,

Bobs only occur when the Treble is leading, and at no other time.

So if a bob is called when you are going to dodge or make seconds, you will have to do

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something else instead. But no-one is going to call a bob *except* when you are going to dodge, make seconds or do four blows behind.

And if you're rushing through this chapter to get to the meaty bit, go back and read that paragraph again. It is fundamentally important and makes bobs much easier than they would otherwise be.

What to Do

There are different ways of remembering what to do at bobs, and the more expert you get, the more ways there are. But for your very first bobs, I recommend that for each possible position you can be in when a bob is called, you learn three things.

1. What work you would have done if no bob had been called.
2. What work you now do because the bob *has* been called.
3. What work you will do next time if no further bob is called.

And since there are only four possible positions you can be in when a bob is called, there are a maximum of four sets of instructions to learn. In fact, though, there are only **three** because in one of the four positions the bob does not affect you at all. I have put them all in the quick reference table but I will take you through each one to explain how it works.

Running Out

Suppose when a bob is called, you are doing your second blow at lead and about to make seconds. Instead of making seconds immediately, you must plain hunt up to the back, plain hunt down to the front again, and *then* make seconds.

This hunting up to the back instead of making seconds is known as *running out*. Your three things to learn are therefore,

If a bob is called when *I am about to make Seconds*,
then
I run out,
and
make Seconds next time.

You need to remember the expression *running out* because people use it a lot. If you are lost or confused, someone will say, "Run out," and you should instantly know what to do.

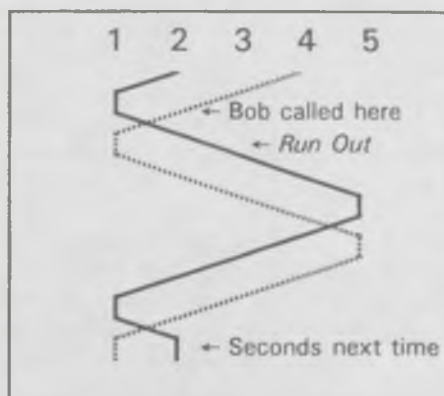
Minimus methods

On recent ringing outings we have rung the following Treble Bob Minimus Methods and wish them to be named as shown:

St. Aelhaam: 34.34.34.14xxx34 le12 rung at Llangyfelach, W. Glam on 27/5/95;

Torbryan: x34.34.14x12x34 le12 rung at Torbryan, Devon on 24/7/95;

The whole operation looks like this.

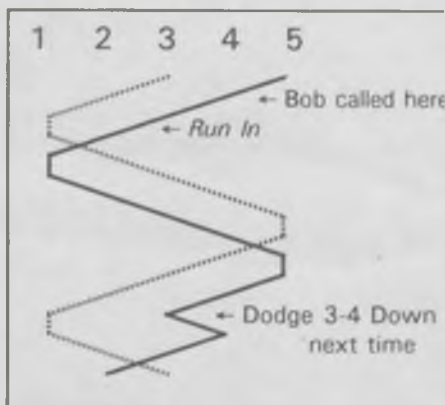


Running In

Running in is similar. The rules are,

If a bob is called when *I am about to dodge 3-4 down*,
then
I hunt straight through to lead,
and
dodge 3-4 down next time.

This is known as *running in*. Once again, if someone shouts, "Run in," you must carry on hunting down and ring over the Treble in seconds place before leading. Here is the picture.



Making the Bob

And the last way of being affected is called *Making the Bob*.

If a bob is called when *I am about to dodge 3-4 up*,
then
I make two blows in fourths place and go back down to lead,
and
do four blows behind next time.

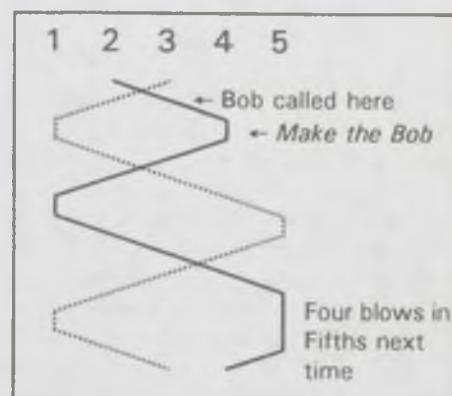
Briefcase and Mobile Phone: xx34.14x12x34 le12 rung at Brixton, Devon on 29/7/95;

Foremark: 34.34.34.14.12.12x34 le12 rung at Foremark, Derbys on 5/8/95;

Cubley: 34.34x14xxx14 le12 rung at Cubley, Derbys on 5/8/95.

M. A. WILLIAMS.
Longhope, Glos.

And the picture looks like this.



Most people find this the most difficult way of being affected. With the other two you simply postpone what you were going to do and put in some extra plain hunting. When you **Make the Bob**, though, you have to miss out your dodges and seconds completely and go straight back to four blows behind next time.

And to add to this, many people find the ropesight tricky as well. They get an overpowering urge to ring their second blow in fourths over the bell that is making fifths, and so they then end up in sixths. If you have that problem, this very simple tip will help.

As you hunt up to make the bob, you ring over three bells in the order

A, Treble, B.

You must then come back down over the same three bells, also in the order

A, Treble, B.

Here is an example supposing you are on the Three and a bob is called at the end of the plain course.

231546
213456
124356
142356
413256
431526

You hunt up over Two, Treble, Four, and you hunt down over Two, Treble, Four. You don't ring over the Five at all.

Passing the Treble

And that brings us neatly to thoughts of passing the Treble. Somehow, with every-

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thing else there is to think about when a bob is called, thoughts of passing the Treble seem to take a back seat. And that is a pity because the Treble can be a calming anchor in the hectic moments.

And besides, if you try to take the Treble in the **wrong** place, you may feel you are getting your bobs wrong even when you are getting them completely right. So the moral is to learn where you pass the Treble after each way of being affected by a bob. They are,

Running In

At your backstroke blow in seconds place just before you lead.

Running Out

At your second blow in fifths as you lie behind.

Making the Bob

At your handstroke blow in thirds place just after making fourths.

A Final Word

And that, at last, is that. Of course, even after reading all these five chapters, you may still not be able to ring Bob Doubles very well. If so, *don't worry*. After all, you could read a whole book about playing Mozart's Horn Concerto and still have trouble getting your embouchure right.

Just keep on putting the practice and study together. And in a few months you'll be scratching your head and saying, "Now, **why** did I have trouble with that?"

Composition Review

5,568 (5,120) Oundle Surprise Major by Simon F Feather

23456	M	B	W	H
35264	-	2	-	-
63254	-	-	-	-
42356	-	-	-	-
25463	-	-	-	-
56423	-	-	ss	-
56234	-	-	-	-
23564	-	-	-	-

3-part; ss = s6th/s5th made in 1256. Contains 78 combination rollups. For 5,120 omit ss in parts 2 and 3. Rung on handbells at Reading on September 21st 1992.

Oundle is probably the first of the "Southport above" (-34-1458-56-6-) methods to be rung on handbells. This backwork is easy and elegant but the D falseness in the treble's 1-2 section makes 144 combinations impossible to obtain in full in-course courses; 1234 singles are also unusable. In this arrangement Simon has used before to avoid falseness in 2nd's place bell (giving 12 combination course-ends) and 1236 singles in the first part to swap 8-5 and give a few extra 468's. A start I guess, but much more could be done to exploit the musical possibilities of this backwork.

Old Bailey

What to Do at a Bob

Position when Bob is called	Second blow at Lead	Fourths place on the way down	Thirds place on the way up	Fifths place at the start of Long Fifths
About to	Make Seconds	Dodge 3-4 Down	Dodge 3-4 Up	U N A F F E C T E D
Do Instead	Run Out	Run In	Make the Bob	
Do Next Time	Make Seconds	Dodge 3-4 Down	Make Long Fifths	

Composition Review

5,120 8-Spliced Surprise Major by Simon J Gay

23456	M	W	H	Methods
64352	-	-	-	L•BC•
36452	-	-	-	LNYPY•
53462	-	-	-	BC•B
24365	-	-	-	L•PYSC•
32465	-	-	-	LRV•
43265	-	-	-	PSSNR•
52364	-	-	-	R•BC•
35264	-	-	-	RNSPN•

5-part. Contains 640 each Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire (N), London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, with 149 changes of method. First rung on 13th June 1991 at Trumpington, Cambs.

Submitted after the review of Jeff Ladd's 8-spliced (RW 92 p 1130) which Old Bailey thought was only the 2nd 5-part composition of the standard 8. OB now realises he was (as so often) wrong, having failed to look even as far as the 1981 CC Collection. In spite of this, Simon's composition is a useful addition to the (still small) repertoire. It's a conventional short-course arrangement, with the limited set of place bells this plan allows, but it provides an even mixture of 3- and 5-lead courses, a change of method every lead except two, and the unique (I believe) feature that all the leads of Bristol are plain! The exact method balance is also to be commended, as peals on this plan are usually dominated by London and Rutland.

Old Bailey

So much progress

I sympathise with the view of A.J.B. about "RW" content these days.

The trouble is partly I fear that people are so clever now – letters and articles used to be a way of keeping a "name" as methods such as Bristol and London S.M. were for the experts

Composition Review

5,058 5-Spliced Surprise Sixteen by Simon J Gay

23456	M	W	H	Methods
52436	-	-	-	15B•7S
36425	s	-	-	7S•N•7C
23465	-	-	3	8C•7Y•BB•BB•
62435	-	-	-	8Y•7N
(32456)	s	s	-	7N•S•(C)

Contains 1,216 Bristol, 962 Cambridge and 960 each Yorkshire, Lincolnshire (N) and Superlative, with 9 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Superlative: -3b-14-5d-36-147b-58-369d-70-18eb-9t-30ad-eb-1t-ad-3b-cd (B); Yorkshire: -3d-14-5d-16-127d-38-149d-50-16ed-7t-18ad-9b-10-ed-1t-cd (B).

A simple little number for struggling sixteen-bell bands to take their first faltering steps of spliced in. Surprisingly, Yorkshire Sixteen has not yet been pealed (maybe this will inspire the Cambridge handbell band); less surprisingly neither has Superlative. The band that rings this one can look forward to a good row with the Methods Committee!

Old Bailey

and Pitman's 4 x Spliced was the pinnacle of ringing achievement.

It is all so different now – peals of Glasgow, Bristol Royal, Belfast and Spliced Maximus hardly cause a flicker (although some "experts" have difficulty with Double Norwich and Grandsire).

On the other hand conductors of Stedman were few and far between, and still are, so the recent "silent" peal of Bobs only is worth a raised hat!

Congratulations to all those who push forward the boundaries of modern ringing – keep on making progress and I will try not to become too jealous.

H.D.H.

Peal Reports

Lancashire Peal Week – 1995

This year I have come across a new idea which I shall call the "anti-peal Week". The aim is to organise the usual number of peals but then to lose as many as possible – preferably after ringing for most of the normal time of three hours or so. To participate in such an enterprise requires a special kind of person – totally unambitious and capable of making timely mistakes in even the simplest of methods or missing the occasional bob when conducting. Other helpful contributions are breaking or unravelling ropes, unexpected funerals or Services and the indisposition of members of the band.

The advantages of this scheme should be obvious. It is considerably cheaper, saves a lot of time writing to *The Ringing World* and ringing secretaries, and enables earlier visits to the pub (however, the latter facility is not to be over indulged lest the new scheme be regarded as lacking in seriousness; the true devotees of the anti-peal ringing fraternity achievement will be to complete the whole peal but fail to come round.)

This year we made a start with this new form of entertainment although we were not aware of this at the outset. The Saturday and Sunday peals were scored without particular incident. The theme for the week was GHI (i.e. methods beginning with these letters), hence Glazebury at Clitheroe and Hartlepool at Burnley. 8-spliced at Bolton on the Sunday was a deviation but then we often have deviations on this peal week. In fact, by the end of the week the original theme can be lost sight of altogether. Well, so far, all this was pretty routine, boring stuff with little evidence of the excitement to come. Retrospectively, the retirement of John (of the Cornock ilk) from the weekend's peals with a bad back might have been an omen but the speed with which replacements were found obscured the message.

Things began to change on Monday with the unravelling of our conductor's rope after about an half-hour. However, there was time for a restart and Yorkshire, having been substituted for Huddersfield, the peal was finally scored. Well it could hardly be otherwise with that nice man Peter Randall in charge. He has a habit of forestalling mistakes which is quite inappropriate for anti-peal ringing; in fact I have serious doubts whether Peter will ever qualify for the new scheme. At the end of the peal Martin announced that he would have to drop out of the rest of the week having aggravated a groin injury. This resulted in the afternoon attempt at Hoghton being abandoned. Now we were beginning to get into the spirit of anti-peal ringing but not to have struck a blow was clearly unsatisfactory still.

Hersham Surprise at Aughton on Tuesday morning was completed successfully and this showed that we still were not fully adjusted to the anti-peal ringing concept. However, Parbold obliged by providing a broken rope after two hours ringing and our eyes were opened to new possibilities.

It was on Wednesday that the new scheme really got going. At Radcliffe, two bells skilfully crossed over and brought Ippepen Surprise to a timely end, and later at Heywood, Peter (of the BK variety) contrived to miscall Hatfield after a very respectable length of ringing.

Thursday was our "away day" in the Lakes – Dalton in the morning and Cleator Moor in the afternoon with a five minute grab at Hensingham en-route. Once again we had Rags as conductor and that put paid to any chance of wrecking Yorkshire Royal. However, our greatest triumph (in anti-peal ringing terms) was awaiting us at Cleator Moor where we completed the whole peal of 8-spliced, but failed to end in rounds – (now that is stylish!)

Friday was an anti-climax with successful peals at Farnworth (Ickleton) and Walkden (Huddersfield). The joys of anti-peal ringing had not yet sunk in and it was, perhaps, unreasonable to expect the young upstart, Paul, to make a mess of Washbrook's composition, while it was very clear by this time that Spoilsport Peter Randall, with his depressing commitment to success, would insist on conducting the peal at Walkden with his customary fanatical zeal!

The Saturday morning peal at Newton ("Yorkshire and score" – not at all the right ideal) was inevitably successful – but we finished the week on a high note with Simon ("Pooley") terminating London Royal at Manchester Cathedral after two hours or so. I think Simon might prove to be a useful member of the "anti-peal ringing" society as he matures.

So there you have it. In total we managed to lose six out of fifteen attempts – not a bad start to the new scheme, but there is still much to learn about the finer points of losing peals. Next year the theme will be JKL, if anyone is interested, but aspiring participants would do well to practice their peal-wrecking techniques if we are to do better in future – (Mr Randall need not apply!)

This could be the start of a new fashion – get in on the ground floor! Applications should be sent to G Fothergill whose new telephone number (very important this) is 01942 791332 (courtesy of Nynex).

My thanks to all who participated this year – and very special thanks to Joe who arranged most of the towers and supplied the fan.

Donation £5

G.FOTHERGILL

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

(Assumed – not given)

CLITHEROE, Lancs, S Mary
Sat Jul 29 1995 2h55 (18)
5056 Glazebury S. Major

Comp. G H Cross
1 Jean Barnes
2 J Martin Thorley
3 Diana J Handley
4 Paul A Thompson
5 Walter E Wilkinson
6 Colin Woods
7 Geoffrey Fothergill(C)
8 Peter G Bellamy-Knights

BURNLEY, Lancs, S Mary
Sat Jul 29 1995 3h (18)
5152 Hartlepool S. Major

Comp. S Humphrey
1 J Martin Thorley
2 Diana J Handley
3 Geoffrey Fothergill
4 Paul A Thompson
5 Paul McNutt
6 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
7 James E Andrews
8 Colin Woods(C)

BOLTON, Lancs, S Peter
Sun Jul 30 1995 2h53 (9)
5152 Spliced S. Major

(Standard-8)
Comp. M C W Sherwood
1 Joseph Thornley
2 Ann S Thompson
3 J Martin Thorley
4 Geoffrey Fothergill
5 Paul A Thompson
6 Alan McNutt
7 Paul McNutt
8 Colin Woods(C)

PENWORTHAM, Lancs.

S Mary

Mon Jul 31 1995 2h34 (8)

5088 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. N J Pitstow

1 Colin Woods
2 Paul McNutt
3 Stephen R TPocock
4 Gail Randall
5 J Martin Thorley
6 Peter Randall(C)
7 Geoffrey Fothergill
8 Peter G Bellamy-Knights

AUGHTON, Lancs.

Christ Church

Tue Aug 1 1995 2h54 (14)

5152 Hersham S. Major

Comp. J Couperthwaite

1 Joseph Thornley
2 Paul McNutt
3 Paul A Thompson
4 Geoffrey Fothergill
5 Andrew Webster
6 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
7 Stephen R T Pocock
8 Colin Woods(C)

DALTON IN FURNESS,

Cumbria, S Mary

Thu Aug 3 1995 3h14 (21)

5040 Yorkshire S. Royal

Comp. A J Cox

1 Louise Nixon
2 Diana J Handley
3 Peter Randall(C)
4 Gail Randall
5 Stephen T Metcalfe
6 Geoffrey Fothergill
7 Colin Woods
8 Paul McNutt
9 Stephen R T Pocock
10 Peter G Bellamy-Knights

FARNWORTH, Lancs.

S John

Fri Aug 4 1995 2h38 (12)

5088 Ickleton S. Major

Comp. C W Washbrook

1 Joseph Thornley
2 Geoffrey Fothergill
3 Andrew Webster
4 Colin Woods
5 Geoffrey Gardner
6 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
7 Paul McNutt
8 Stephen R T Pocock

WALKDEN, Lancs.

S Paul

Fri Aug 4 1995 2h54 (18)

5024 Huddersfield S. Major

Comp. G Lindoff

1 Joseph Thornley
2 Peter Randall(C)
3 John Cornock
4 Geoffrey Fothergill
5 Stephen R T Pocock
6 Geoffrey Gardner
7 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
8 Simon J Poole

NEWTON LE WILLOWS,

Lancs, S Peter

Sat Aug 5 1995 3h17 (24)

5152 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. (not given)

Cond. (not given)

1 Paul A Thompson
2 Lindsay F Smith
3 Geoffrey Gardner
4 John Cornock
5 Simon J Poole
6 Colin Woods
7 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
8 Stephen R T Pocock
To welcome Revd Graham Keegan and his wife, Pam, after his induction and licensing at this Church on 27/6/95.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CITY OF LONDON, EC4

S Paul's Cathedral

Fri Aug 4 1995 4h9 (62)

5088 Spliced Maximus

(4m: 1296 each Bristol S, Strathclyde S; 1258 each Avon D, Rigel S: 82

com.atw.)

Comp. R W Pipe

1 Paul N Mounsey(C)
2 Alan D Flood
3 Simon J L Linford
4 Stephen A Coaker
5 Colin G Wright
6 Antony R Kench
7 Neil Buswell
8 Timothy J Barnes
9 Philip Rogers
10 Martin C Faulkes
11 Mark Regan
12 D Paul Smith

By members of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild of Ringers in honour of the 95th birthday anniversary of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.

QUEEN CAMEL, Som.

S Barnabas

Sat Aug 5 1995 3h38 (37)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each York, Surfleet, London, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Cambridge)

1 David J Purnell
2 George W Pipe
3 Robert Perry
4 Barrie Hendry(C)
5 Robert E Beck
6 Adrian P Beck

CITY OF LONDON, EC2

S Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside

Mon Aug 14 1995 3h36 (41)

5100 Stedman Cinques

Comp. P N Mounsey

1 Paul N Mounsey(C)
2 Stephen N Whittleton
3 Alan D Flood
4 James W Clatworthy
5 David J Dearnley
6 Timothy J Barnes
7 P Quentin Armitage
8 Stephen A Coaker
9 Anthony J Bloomfield
10 Marc Hart
11 John N Hughes-D'Aeth
12 John I White

CITY OF LONDON, EC2

S Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside

Mon Aug 21 1995 3h35 (42)

5090 Avon D. Maximus

Comp. R W Pipe

1 Andrew Blacklock
2 P Quentin Armitage
3 Graham G Firman
4 Terry J C Streeter
5 David P Hilling(C)
6 Matthew J Hilling
7 John I White
8 Martin J Whiteley
9 Marc Hart
10 Philip Rogers
11 Robert C Kippin
12 D Paul Smith

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

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

THROWLEY, Kent
S Michael & All Angels
Fri Aug 18 1995 2h43 (12)
5058 Yorkshire S.Major
Comp. D Barton
1 Rev J David E Smith
2 Rev Nicholas D L De Keyser
3 Rev Michael A Houghton
4 Rev David H Sansum
5 Rev J Anthony Ellis
6 Rev David C Brookes
7 Rev Reginald J Stretton
8 Rev David W Grimwood(C)

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

GRAVESEND, Kent
SS Peter & Paul, Milton
Sun Jul 30 1995 2h47 (12)
5088 London S.Major
Comp. R Baldwin
1 Josephine D Horton
2 Simon J Davies
3 Andrew M Farmer
4 Paul A Cammiade
5 Alan L Andrews
6 Richard A Pearce
7 Catherine N Merlane
8 Stephen A Wheeler(C)
First in the method: 5. To celebrate the marriage of Hila Kislev & David Lawrence on 29/7/95.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, Essex, S Nicholas
Sun Aug 13 1995 2h27 (6)
5040 Spliced S.Minor
(35m: 288 Stamford, 240 each Hull, Lincoln, Westminster, Wooler; 216 Rossendale, 168 each Lightfoot, Wearmouth; 120 each Allendale, Alnwick, Annable's London, Berwick, Beverley, Bourne, Cambridge, Canterbury, Carlisle, Chester, Coldstream, Cunecastre, Durham, Hexham, Ipswich, London, Morpeth, Munden, Netherseale, Newcastle, Norfolk, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Surfleet, Wells, Whitley, York: 70 com.atw. - no 65s at backstroke)
Comp. R A Pearce
1 Katherine A Hinchliffe
2 Simon J Davies
3 Paul A Cammiade
4 Catherine N Merlane
5 Richard A Pearce(C)
6 Peter M Fleckney

DERBY D.A.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, Notts.
S George
Sat Aug 12 1995 2h39 (11)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Beverley S, Cambridge S, Oxford T B, Kent T B, S Clements B, Double Oxford, Plain B.)
1 Rosemary R A Ross
2 Ruth H Smith
3 Philip J H Hudson
4 Canon Frederick Ross
5 David A Kingman
6 Robert B Smith(C)

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, Tyne & Wear, S John Baptist
Fri Aug 18 1995 2h35 (11)
5088 Bristol S.Major
Comp. P J Flavell
1 George S Deas
2 Ann Smith
3 Ronald R Warford
4 Oliver D Cross
5 Conrad D Warford
6 Raymond A Hutchings
7 Ian V J Smith
8 David Hird(C)
200th peal: 6.

ESSEX ASSN.

BROOMFIELD, Essex
S Mary
Tue Aug 8 1995 2h47 (11)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Cambridge S, Double Oxford B, Single Oxford B, Oxford T B, S Clements B, Kent T B, Plain B.)
1 Colin F Chapman
2 Vicki L Patmore
3 Andrew J Dickinson
4 Alan M Barber
5 Michael J Edwards
6 Adrian C Malton(C)
Most methods: 2. A wedding compliment to Tracey Patmore & David Southgate, married on 1/8/95.

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

TETBURY, Glos, S Mary
Sat Aug 19 1995 3h3 (16)
5060 Superlative S.Major
Comp. A J Cox (var.hunt)
1 Ian P Unsworth
2 Jane D Bull
3 Janet L Fox
4 Andrew A Ward
5 John Cornock
6 Francis M Byrne(C)
7 John H Taylor
8 Andrew M Bull
First variable hunt major by all the band. A birthday compliment to Ian Unsworth. 80p

HERTFORD C.A.

COMBE MARTIN, Devon
S Peter ad Vincula
Mon Aug 7 1995 2h52 (10)
5152 Bull Point S.Major
Comp. R Baldwin
1 Ian W Blake
2 Jennifer M Taylor
3 S Kathleen M Baldwin
4 James R Taylor
5 Andrew F Alldrick
6 Roger Baldwin(C)
7 John R Southey
8 Peter Bridle
First peal in the method.
Bull Point S.Major:
d 3-56.4-2-3-4-5-4-5

CHESHUNT, Herts, S Mary
Mon Aug 14 1995 2h54 (15)
5024 Spliced S.Major
(4m: 1280 each London, Cambridge, Superlative; 1184 Bristol; 111 com.atw.)
Comp. A J Pitman
1 S Kathleen M Baldwin
2 Claire F Edwards
3 Valerie J Simmonds
4 David A Burbidge
5 Peter F Windley
6 Stuart P B Talbot
7 Roger Baldwin(C)
8 J Alan Ainsworth

BUSHEY, Herts.
S James Apostle
Mon Aug 21 1995 2h40 (12)
5088 London S.Major
Comp. R Baldwin
1 Roger D Bailey
2 Simon J Davies
3 Paul A Cammiade
4 Geoffrey R Fielding
5 S Kathleen M Baldwin
6 Roger Baldwin(C)
7 Colin M Turner
8 Ian R Fielding
A birthday compliment to Ian Fielding (24/8/95).

KENT C.A.

LYMPNE, Kent, S Stephen
Sat Jul 29 1995 2h27 (12)
5040 Berwick S.Minor
1 Richard A Pearce
2 Josephine D Horton
3 Stephen A Wheeler(C)
4 Roger H Pocock
5 Andrew M Farmer
6 Mark P Gilham

LITTLE CHART, Kent
S Mary Virgin
Fri Aug 18 1995 2h30 (6)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each London S, Kent T B, Oxford T B, Double Oxford B, Beverley S, Surfleet S, Cambridge S.)
1 Martin N Prince
2 John Cooper
3 Rev David H Sansum
4 Thomas Cullingworth
5 Rev Reginald J Stretton
6 Rev David W Grimwood

LICHFIELD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

KINGSBURY, Warks.
SS Peter & Paul
Tue Aug 22 1995 2h56 (17)
5184 Boveney S.Major
Comp. J W Parker
1 Sally A Mason
2 Michael Maughan(C)
3 Matthew Lawrence
4 William J Hall
5 Richard Chantler
6 Andrew E Else
7 Michael G Purday
8 Andrew W Gordon
With the best wishes of the band to Andrew & Zoe Ogden, who were married at Codsall on 19/8/95.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH D.A.

CADOXTON, W Glam.
S Catwg
Sat Jul 29 1995 2h31 (7)
5040 Minor
(3m: 3 extents Cambridge S; 2 extents each S Clements C B, Plain B.)
1 Jane D Bull
2 Yvonne R John
3 Alwyn R Lewis
4 Peter E R Brennan
5 Jonathan W Lewis
6 Andrew M Bull(C)
To mark the 30th birthday of Yvonne John. £2

NON-ASSOCIATION

THORVERTON, Devon
S Thomas of Canterbury
Sun Jul 30 1995 3h7 (15)
5160 Clyde S.Royal
Comp. P N Mounsey
1 Frank D Mack
2 Paul N Mounsey(C)
3 Caroline C House
4 Fr Lester J Yeo
5 David E House
6 David J Dearnley
7 Claire F Edwards
8 David C Brown
9 Ian Roulstone
10 Alan Regin
For Lester Yeo's recent 40th birthday - his first peal in the method.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.
SS Mary & Michael
Sat Aug 12 1995 2h41 (10)
5120 Pudsey S.Major
Comp. J Morgan
1 David L Porter
2 Alan Regin
3 Alison McCormack
4 David C Brown(C)
5 Lee M McCormack
6 Richard L Thumwood
7 David J Dearnley
8 Paul N Mounsey
200th tower for a peal: 6.

SENNEN, Cornwall
S Sennen
Fri Aug 18 1995 2h25 (5)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Beverley, Wells, Surfleet, London, York, Norwich, Cambridge)
1 James Clatworthy
2 Ann Wilby
3 Rosalind J Keech
4 Christopher J Pickford(C)
5 Andrew M Keech
6 Andrew W R Wilby

OXFORD D.G.

THANET, Kent
S Laurence in Isle of Thanet
Sat Jul 29 1995 2h46 (16)
5040 Willsbridge S.Royal
Comp. A J Cox
1 Sally A Mason
2 Nicola J Crichton
3 S Kathleen M Baldwin
4 William Butler
5 John B Keeler
6 Malcolm J Lodwick
7 Peter G C Ellis
8 Simon J Poole
9 Roger Baldwin(C)
10 Colin M Turner

MAIDSTONE, Kent
S Michael
Sat Jul 29 1995 2h30 (6)
5182 Velvet Bottom S.Major
Comp. S Humphrey
1 Peter G C Ellis
2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3 Nicola J Crichton
4 William Butler(C)
5 Sally A Mason
6 Roger Baldwin
7 Simon J Poole
8 Colin M Turner

BUSHEY, Herts.
S James Apostle
Thu Aug 3 1995 2h43 (12)
5120 Spliced S.Major
(8m: 1920 London, 960 Rutland, 640 Bristol, 320 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire: 119 com.)
Comp. A J Pitman
1 S Kathleen M Baldwin
2 Bobbie May
3 Alison A Turner
4 Stuart P B Talbot
5 William Butler
6 David Redfearn
7 John R Southey
8 Roger Baldwin(C)
First of 8-spliced: 2 & 3. A welcome to Rio Jade Baldwin, grand-daughter to Roger & Kath.

READING, Berks.
S Laurence
Sun Aug 6 1995 3h14 (23)
5055 Stedman Caters
Comp. P Dennis
1 Naomi C Lewis
2 Catherine M Lewis
3 Joanne P Druce
4 Eunice A Wark
5 Colin R Cairns
6 Roy T Harris
7 D Giles Winter
8 E John Wells(C)
9 Frank W Lewis
10 Rupert M Burgess
First on 10: 5 & 7; First peal in the method: 5; 250th as conductor. A compliment to the treble & tenor ringers on their forthcoming marriage (12/8/95). Also a birthday compliment to the 5th & 8th ringers. £2

HORDLE, Hants, All Saints
Thu Aug 10 1995 2h35 (7)
5088 Idle S.Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 David Livingston
2 George E Evenden
3 Eric Sutton
4 James E Daniels
5 William Butler(C)
6 Michael J Stone
7 Peter F Windley
8 J Alan Ainsworth

THATCHAM, Berks, S Mary
Fri Aug 11 1995 2h46 (13)
5184 Foxhall S.Major
Comp. C Forster
1 Martin J Turner
2 Bobbie May
3 Cathy M Martin
4 William Butler(C)
5 Anthony R Peake
6 Timothy G Pett
7 Michael K Till
8 Richard C Stevens

PEAL COMPOSITIONS

Compositions should now be sent to:
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THATCHAM, Berks, S Mary
Fri Aug 4 1995 2h50 (13)
5024 Aldenham S.Major
Comp. D Carlisle & G A
Halls

- 1 Peter Bridle
- 2 Bobbie May
- 3 William Butler(C)
- 4 Patricia M Newton
- 5 Robert H Newton
- 6 Richard C Stevens
- 7 Rev J Anthony Ellis
- 8 Michael K Till

A birthday compliment to the conductor who is now entitled to use his bus tokens.

ST.PAUL'S WALDEN, Herts.
All Saints

Sat Aug 5 1995 2h54 (11)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each London, York, Beverley, Durham, Surfleet, Norwich, Cambridge)

- 1 Bernard J Stone
- 2 Nicola J Crichton
- 3 Russell A Brown
- 4 Geoffrey K Dodd
- 5 William Butler(C)
- 6 Colin M Turner

Specially arranged as a 95th birthday compliment to HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother in the village in which she was born.

AMBROSDEN, Oxon.

S Mary Virgin

Sat Aug 19 1995 3h10 (20)

5088 London S.Major

Comp. R Baldwin

- 1 Geoffrey K Dodd
- 2 Helen Piper
- 3 Katrina A Lenton
- 4 S Kathleen M Baldwin
- 5 Timothy G Pett
- 6 Peter G C Ellis
- 7 Roger Baldwin(C)
- 8 Marc Hart

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

CITY OF OXFORD

S Mary Magdalen

Tue Jul 25 1995 2h44 (7)

5152 Spliced S.Major

(23m: 224 each Bristol, Belfast, Buckfastleigh, Caterham, Colnbrook, Chertsey, Chesterfield, Claybrooke, Essex, Glasgow, London, Malpas, Moulton, Newcastle, Newlyn, Northampton, Pudsey, Richmond, Sonning, Sussex, Whalley, Willesden, Yeading: 160 com.atw.)

Comp. S D Chandler

- 1 Ian Roulstone
- 2 Andrew J Graham
- 3 Stephen N Whittleton
- 4 Paul N Mounsey(C)
- 5 David J Shephard
- 6 Graham L Nayler
- 7 Alex F Byrne
- 8 David C Brown

ST.JAMES'S GUILD

UXBRIDGE, Middx.

S Andrew

Mon Jul 31 1995 2h36 (13)

5056 Spliced S.Major

(8m: 736 each Bristol, London; 640 each Adelaide, Rutland; 608 Cambridge, 576 each Pudsey, Superlative; 543 Brighton: 143 com.atw.)

Comp. R G Crosland

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

LONDON EC3

S Mary, Bow Road

Thu Aug 10 1995 2h47 (14)

5152 Spliced S.Major

(23m: 224 each Glasgow, Whalley, Malpas, Belfast, Bristol, London, Essex, Caterham, Buckfastleigh, Yeading, Chertsey, Sussex, Colnbrook, Sonning, Moulton, Richmond, Newcastle, Willesden, Chesterfield, Northampton, Claybrooke, Newlyn, Pudsey: 160 com.atw.)

Comp. S D Chandler

- 1 Claire F Edwards
- 2 Stephen N Whittleton
- 3 David C Brown(C)
- 4 Paul N Mounsey
- 5 Ian K Bushell
- 6 David J Dearnley
- 7 Alan Regin
- 8 Stephen A Coaker

SALTBY, Leics, S Peter

Tue Aug 8 1995 2h47 (12)

5000 Spliced S.Royal

(4m: 1280 Superlative No.2, 1240 each London No.3, Cambridge, Bristol: 101 com.atw.)

Comp. R C Kippin

- 1 J Alan Ainsworth
- 2 Rosalind J Keech
- 3 Stephen N Whittleton
- 4 Andrew J W Tibbetts
- 5 David J Dearnley
- 6 Richard J Tibbetts
- 7 Ian Roulstone
- 8 Martin J Whiteley
- 9 Claire F Edwards
- 10 David C Brown(C)

LLANDAFF, S Glam.

Cathedral

Sat Aug 19 1995 3h13 (24)

5088 Spliced Maximus

(4m: 1296 each Bristol S, Strathclyde S; 1248 each Avon D, Rigel S: 82 com.atw.)

Comp. R W Pipe

- 1 Jill S Leggitt
- 2 Paul N Mounsey(C)
- 3 David J Dearnley
- 4 W Nigel G Herriott
- 5 Ian Roulstone
- 6 Mark Regan
- 7 Alison K Regan
- 8 Simon J L Linford
- 9 David C Brown
- 10 George H Campling
- 11 Ian G Campbell
- 12 Alan Regin

SPROXTON, Leics.

S Bartholomew

Tue Aug 8 1995 2h46 (8)

5152 Addington S.Major

Comp. R W Pipe

- 1 Stephen N Whittleton
- 2 Claire F Edwards
- 3 Andrew J W Tibbetts
- 4 Martin J Whiteley
- 5 David J Dearnley
- 6 David C Brown(C)
- 7 Ian Roulstone
- 8 J Alan Ainsworth

HACKNEY, London E8

S John-at-Hackney

Fri Aug 11 1995 2h51 (16)

5088 Charleston S.Major

Comp. S Jenner

- 1 David L Porter
- 2 David J Dearnley
- 3 Richard L Thumwood
- 4 Ian R Fielding
- 5 Alison K Regan
- 6 Ian G Campbell
- 7 Mark Regan(C)
- 8 Alan Regin

Specially arranged for David Porter of Charleston, South Carolina.

SOUTHWELL D.G.

REMPSTONE, Notts.

All Saints

Sat Aug 5 1995 2h30 (6)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Norwich, Carlisle, London, Chester, Cambridge, Munden, Bourne)

- 1 Duncan J Stacey
- 2 Ruth Richardson
- 3 Christopher N McCarthy
- 4 Peter S Lacy
- 5 David J T Wilson
- 6 Paul F Curtis(C)

A 95th birthday compliment to HM Queen Elizabeth the

Queen Mother.

BUNNY, Notts.

S Mary Virgin

Sat Aug 12 1995 2h50 (14)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each London, Surfleet, Norwich, Beverley, Ipswich, Cambridge, Bourne)

- 1 Duncan J Stacey
- 2 Judith J Williamson
- 3 Ruth Richardson
- 4 David J T Wilson
- 5 Peter S Lacy
- 6 Paul F Curtis(C)

1,000th tower-bell peal: 3.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

BASINGSTOKE, Hants.

S Michael

Sat Aug 19 1995 3h2 (14)

5184 London S.Major

Comp. C Forster

- 1 Steve Castle
- 2 Heather A Kippin
- 3 Benjamin D Constant
- 4 Lynne G S Jordan
- 5 Barbara A Foster
- 6 Eleanor J Kippin
- 7 Robert C Kippin
- 8 Michael J Clay(C)

First of London: 3.

The Society of Raving Ringers Tour

This years tour was truly international, taking place in Scotland between Monday 24th July and Saturday 29th July. In that time all the towers with 5 or more bells were visited by the diverse party, which included ringers from the Oxford area, Malvern, Essex and Edinburgh. In addition a number of extra-curricular activities were laid on by the local organisers, Nigel and Rosemary Booth. The first 2 days of the tour were spent in the Edinburgh area, where we were able to mop up about 50% of the towers to be visited. It was particularly pleasing to be able to visit Stirling, which have been unavailable for visiting bands in the recent past. Out first extra activity was a Scottish skittles match held at the Sheep Heid pub in Duddingston. For those readers unfamiliar with the game, Scottish skittles involves a ball which is about the same size and weight as an American 10-pin bowling ball and the approved method of bowling it (as ably demonstrated by Mr Booth) is to launch both ball and bowler in a sliding fashion towards the pins. This is much easier before supper is eaten!

Day 3 saw us heading North to Aberdeen via Dunkeld and Dundee, the former being arguably the most picturesque location of all the Scottish towers. We were very pleased to meet Peter Shipton in Aberdeen and to ring at the Butterwells Campanile. It would have been nice to accept Peter's offer of further ringing at St Machar's Cathedral on Thursday (day 4) but we were bound for Inverness via the notorious (to Today listeners on Radio 4 anyway!) Cockbridge to Tomintoul road. Tomintoul provided an excellent lunch opportunity as well as a location to visit a brewery (traditional on all Ravers tours) and a distillery. For those who needed a walk after the 2 visits, the RSPB reserve at Loch Garten provides an excellent opportunity, with the added bonus of being able to see ospreys in their natural environment. This all set us up in the ideal frame of mind to ring at Inverness, the most Northerly ring of bells in the world.

Day 5 also involved a lot of travelling to reach Inveraray in time for evening ringing at the start of the annual ringing weekend. Fort William provided an opportunity for those interested in bell maintenance to carry out an inspection of the ring of 4 there, although no ringing was possible. The lunch venue was the Clachaig Inn at Glencoe where Chris Bonnington gives talks in the winter. It was perhaps appropriate therefore to hold the tour meeting here, where the traditional substantial donation to the Association in whose territory we were touring was agreed, along with venues for next years tour and the re-union tour in the New Year. Some foreign visitors had to be asked not to vote as they were confusing Mr Fox's counting but otherwise the meeting went smoothly. At Inveraray we were delighted to meet Harold and Olive Rogers, along with numerous other visitors who had come up for the weekends activities.

Our final day started with ringing in Glasgow and moved on to a peal attempt at St Cuthbert's parish church in Edinburgh, where we were very pleased to find an air conditioning unit in the ringing chamber! The tour culminated with a barbeque at Mr Booth's house in Pencaitland, where thanks were extended to Nigel and Rosemary for making such splendid arrangements and of course to all the towers who accommodated us during the tour.

J.R.M.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.

MYTHOLMROYD, W Yorks.

S Michael

Sun Aug 20 1995 2h58 (14)

5152 Yorkshire S.Major

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Joseph Thornley
- 2 Joanne R Schofield
- 3 Connie A Rayner
- 4 George H Campling(C)
- 5 Neil J Murray
- 6 John M Thurman
- 7 Walter E Wilkinson
- 8 Paul Male

First peal of Surprise major:

2. For the wedding of Kate O'Connell & Mark Binns, which took place at the church of The Good Shepherd, Mytholmroyd whilst the peal was in progress.

OXFORD D.G.

EDINBURGH, Lothian

S Cuthbert

Sat Jul 29 1995 3h9 (21)

5040 Cambridge S.Royal

Comp. C K Lewis

- 1 Vicki L Patmore
- 2 Patricia M Newton
- 3 Michele Ellender
- 4 Neil G Curnow
- 5 James H Foster
- 6 Ronald K Russ
- 7 C Martin Foster
- 8 Stephen S Russ
- 9 John R Martin(C)
- 10 Robert H Newton

First on 10 bells: 1 & 5, and for the Society. By members of the Society of Raving Ringers as a wedding compliment to John (Sam) Sutherland & Adsvora (Linda) Saikol.

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The Clipsham Peal Week

Two things conspired against us. Barbara Clipsham was not ringing but was outside to listen to each peal attempt and in addition the temperature fluctuated violently between 30°C – 32°C. However, in spite of these initial problems we fought valiantly.

On arrival at Ashbourne on Monday morning, where the bells are rung from the chancel, we were told that the lead on the roof was being repaired. The first hour of Lincolnshire was therefore accompanied by loud banging and crashing from above before defeat was admitted by the workmen. However, retaliation came with 40 minutes to go. In came high pressure gas bottles and a blow torch. The workmen then proceeded to beat the living daylight out of the central heating pipes. In spite of this the peal was completed.

On to Belper. Guess what! – the roof was being repaired. The first hour of Quedgeley was accompanied by loud banging and crashing from above before they too admitted defeat.

On Tuesday, Rutland was lost at Staveley after two and a half hours of very hot hard work. A good peal of Ullesthorpe at Cresswell in the afternoon was rung.

A veil should be drawn over the events on Wednesday. Two hours of Worthington at North Wingfield in the morning and Darley Dale clearly did not know our version of Stedman Triples in the afternoon.

Cambridge on Thursday morning at Eckington was scored, but London came to grief at Dore after one and a half hours in the afternoon.

On Friday our faith was restored. Four-spliced was rung at Rothwell in the morning and Lincolnshire in the afternoon at Swillington, although Sue Buckingham had to be guided for about three courses at Swillington as the sun shone directly into her eyes (as she simply couldn't see – she said!).

Unfortunately, Saturday was also a blank day, but we did ring a very respectable quarter of Stedman at Gargrave.

The week was rounded off with a good peal of Superlative, composed by young Robert Lee (on the fourth), at Pontefract.

Thanks to all who took part and particular thanks to Barbara for her excellent arrangements. Donation £10 I.L.

LINCOLN D.G.

ASHBOURNE, Derbys.
S Oswald
Mon Jul 31 1995 3h8 (14)
5152 Lincolnshire S. Major
Comp. S Humphrey
1 Sylvia M Collin
2 Susan Buckingham
3 Robert W Lee
4 Keith N Buckingham
5 Michael J Smith
6 David Fox
7 Ian Lloyd
8 Geoffrey R Parker(C)

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter
Mon Jul 31 1995 2h52 (14)
5184 Quedgeley S. Major
Comp. J R Ketteringham
1 Geoffrey R Parker
2 Susan Buckingham
3 Robert W Lee
4 Ian Lloyd
5 Judith J Williamson(C)
6 Michael J Smith
7 David Fox
8 Keith N Buckingham

CRESSWELL, Derbys.
S Mary
Tue Aug 1 1995 2h57 (12)
5184 Ullesthorpe S. Major
Comp. H Poyner
1 Geoffrey R Parker
2 Peter A Sharp
3 Beryl N Reed
4 Colin W Reed
5 David Fox
6 Simon J T Smith
7 Michael J Smith
8 Ian Lloyd(C)
First in the method for all.

ECKINGTON, Derbys.
SS Peter & Paul
Thu Aug 3 1995 3h2 (16)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. Johnson's varn. of Middleton's
1 Ian Lloyd
2 Sylvia M Collin
3 Judith J Williamson
4 Simon J T Smith
5 Peter A Sharp
6 Geoffrey R Parker
7 Harold F Gibson
8 Michael J Smith(C)
First peal in m as conductor.



The band and organiser outside Pontefract.

ROTHWELL, Yorks.
Holy Trinity
Fri Aug 4 1995 2h56 (15)
5120 Spliced S. Major
(4m: 1280 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 1440 Yorkshire, 1120 Rutland: 69 com.atw.)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Sylvia M Collin
2 Judith J Williamson
3 Susan Buckingham
4 Geoffrey R Parker
5 Robert W Lee
6 Michael J Smith
7 Keith N Buckingham
8 Ian Lloyd(C)
First peal of spliced Surprise major: 6.

SWILLINGTON, Yorks.
S Mary
Fri Aug 4 1995 2h48 (12)
5088 Lincolnshire S. Major
Comp. Starbuck & Humphrey
1 Ian Lloyd
2 Susan Buckingham
3 Robert W Lee(C)
4 Judith J Williamson
5 Leslie G Townsend
6 Michael J Smith
7 Geoffrey R Parker
8 Keith N Buckingham
First peal in m as conductor.

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HANDBELL PEALS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

CITY OF LONDON EC3
S Michael, Cornhill, Vestry
Wed Jul 19 1995 3h7 (18)
5081 Stedman Cinques
Comp. P N Mounsey
1-2 Timothy J Barnes
3-4 David F Moore
5-6 Paul N Mounsey(C)
7-8 Philip A B Saddleton
9-10 P Quentin Armitage
11-12 Michael P Moreton

BATH & WELLS D.A.

WEDMORE, Som.
The Laurels
Wed Jul 26 1995 2h39 (14)
5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. C K Lewis
1-2 Adrian P Beck
3-4 Alex Hunt
5-6 Robin G Turner
7-8 Barrie Hendry(C)

BACKWELL, Avon
S Vincent
Thu Aug 3 1995 2h29 (15)
5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. C K Lewis
1-2 Jennifer M Taylor
3-4 James R Taylor
5-6 Alex Hunt
7-8 Barrie Hendry(C)

HERTFORD C.A.

COMBE MARTIN, Devon
1 Kingsley Terrace
Tue Aug 8 1995 2h50 (15)
5057 Grandsire Caters
Comp. M J Morris
1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3-4 James R Taylor
5-6 John R Southey
7-8 Roger Baldwin(C)
9-10 Jennifer M Taylor

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LICHFIELD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

MELBOURNE, Derbys.
45 Blanchcroft
Sun Aug 20 1995 2h17 (11)
5088 Kent T.B. Major
Comp. T B Worsley
1-2 Ruth H Smith
3-4 Lucy Smith
5-6 Robert B Smith(C)
7-8 Clive M Smith
2,900th peal: 5-6. To mark the birth of Emily Bloom, daughter of Wendy & Graham, b.4/8/95 at Leeds, Yorkshire. The band also wish to associate this with the forthcoming 80th birthday of Jack Roper of Melbourne, Australia, on 30/8/95.

ST.JAMES'S GUILD

LONDON
S Mary-le-Bow, Belfy
Wed Aug 16 1995 2h40 (15)
5000 Spliced S. Royal
(4m: 1280 Superlative No.2, 1240 each London No.3, Cambridge, Yorkshire: 101 com.atw.)
Comp. R C Kippin
1-2 Alison K Regan
3-4 Paul N Mounsey
5-6 David C Brown(C)
7-8 Robert C Kippin
9-10 Mark Regan
First spliced Surprise royal on handbells: 7-8.
In memoriam Charles H Kippin.

LATE PEAL

SOUTHWELL D.G.

EAST RETFORD, Notts.
S Swithun
Mon May 8 1995 3h8 (23)
5040 Plain Bob Royal
Comp. D A Holland
1 John A Coates
2 Bryan Birkett
3 Nicholas J Parkes
4 John E Salmon
5 Martin J Elliott
6 R Michael Lane
7 Brian F G Freeman
8 Roger A Smith
9 Andrew R J Hall
10 David A Holland(C)
First royal: 6; Circled tower: 2. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of VE-Day. £1

QUARTER PEAL

GARGRAVE, Yorks. 5 Aug, 1260
Stedman Triples: Keith Buckingham 1, Judith Williamson 2, Susan Buckingham 3, Colin Reed 4, Beryl Reed 5, Robert Lee 6, Geoffrey Parker(C) 7, Ian Lloyd 8.



LUSCR Summer Tour to Ireland – the "cast" (see report overleaf).

LUSCR Tour to Ireland – July/August 1995

The Summer Tour to Ireland had been planned for years – for so many years, in fact, that most of us felt confident that it would never happen. So it was with something of an air of disbelief that 51 past and present students, partners, offspring, friends, and even 3 long-suffering non-ringers assembled on Friday 28th July at Ballymena. It was finally upon us. Chris Turner collected maximum style points for hitching the final leg to the camp site, after travelling by ferry, train and bus with a handy one-man tent. Les Greens, inevitably, brought le fridge and full batterie de cuisine, as well as the dinging suite, which was convenient for the rest of us and a darned nuisance to Sue.

We kicked off next day with a gentle 230 miles and four towers. At the beautiful Church of Hillsborough, London and Yorkshire royal and Grandsire caters were well struck to set the standard, maintained at Lurgan, where Lincolnshire, Bristol and Stedman were among methods rung on the heavy eight. Enniskillen was the one that nearly got away. Roger enjoyed borrowing a posaphone in the Church to request assistance with a key for the trapdoor, rather more than the ensuing Bristol royal in which he crashed off the line, and is not about to be allowed to forget it. Finally, the grand cathedral at Derry, with its fascinating history. Here, even the tower captain was caught out, when he discovered his key was incompatible with the newly changed lock. All was soon put to right however, and Stedman caters and Cambridge royal scored on the heavy ten. Thanks to Andrew Hudson an excellent meal was provided in Ballymena, where Gill Carey commenced what was to be an in-depth study of Guinness, and the ubiquitous good time was had by all.

On Sunday, in sweltering heat, we visited the Belfast towers, Holywood and Bangor. We got the better of Bristol royal, and quantities of ice cream and soft drinks. Some visited the open-air museum at Holywood, while others went to the beach. Our first quarter peal, Grandsire Triples featuring the senior member of the group, was well rung, and we all managed to find St. Thomas's, despite the cryptic traffic system and impossible directions in the tour guide. For some inscrutable reason Pudsey and two courses of Bob triples were rung at Bangor. Mike and Penny collected the day's Banana Award for missing St. Donard's – twice. A jovial evening at a country Inn rounded off a second excellent day.

Ballymena bells are a delight to hear and handle, and two very pleasing quarters were scored on Monday morning. The afternoon was free for exploring the beautiful Antrim coast on another perfect day; then we finished at the unusual gatehouse tower in Carrickfergus, ringing 8-spliced on the fine Gillet eight, and spectacularly firing out on the instruction "plain hunt". The students yet again managed to start ringing a quarter of an hour early, and the day's leader yet again managed to arrive towards the end. A quarter of major in-hand, with an enthusiastic audience participation of all the mosquitoes in Antrim, was an unexpected triumph, with which the band wish to associate Tony, who rushed round at each course-end with a spray can of mozzie-deterrent.

Drumbo next morning definitely starred the two Simons; the impeccable Simon Ogier was at last spotted making a mistake, and Simon Lomas made every mistake it's possible to make in three leads of Belfast, after demanding to ring the 6th as "...it's the only one I'm sure of". We had these good bells for a peal, but Yorkshire major was stood up after 1½ hours of good ringing, to Cindy's dismayed disbelief, when two bells crossed over. Meanwhile, another band was attempting 7-Surprise minor at Newcastle. This tapped round in 2 hours 11 minutes, and the group emerged in a state best described as molten, declaring that they had to ring fast as the oxygen was running out. Sue said it was "interesting ringing in an oven..." but she wasn't in a hurry to repeat the experiment. The rest of us held our breath and enjoyed short touches. On to Rostrevor where a group of kind parishioners provided a very welcome tea.

At our overnight camp at Bettystown they claimed that cleanliness was "personally overlooked by the management": and so it undoubtedly was. Next morning we were met at Drogheda by a jovial Fred Dukes; the ringing was varied and generally good. In Dublin there was time for a spot of culture-grabbing before St. Audoen, where the bells hand in one of the ancient defensive towers of the city. Fiona tried the "look – no hands" technique here, to the consternation of spectators. At Blessington we found an anti-clockwise ring of ancient bells, some excellent Guinness and a pleasant restaurant for our evening meal.

The heavy eight at Bray turned out to be a bit tricky; those who indulged in gateaux and coffee had a more agreeable morning than those who lost a quarter of Stedman triples. We made up for this however on the splendid bells at Arklow, where the general ringing included Double Norwich and Double Dublin, and a fine peal of Bristol was scored on another sweltering afternoon. People not peal ringing enjoyed the cheerful town and beach. A long drive to Waterford brought us our final tower of the day, where kind and resourceful locals rallied round to find a key for us.

Friday, so it must be Wexford, an appealing harbour town. We had been warned of trouble with the tenor frame here, so were grateful to be allowed to ring all ten for part of our visit, and the front eight for the remainder of the time. The drive from Wexford to Kilkenny passes through pretty villages and countryside, and Kilkenny itself is a tourist centre with a splendid castle – and equally splendid pubs. After lunch we had a good ring on the fine eight at St. Canice's cathedral, then a long haul back north for the remaining Dublin towers. The heavy ten at Christ Church cathedral we found challenging if rewarding. The same could probably be said of the rest of the evening, which included an excellent Italian meal followed by the inevitable way to spend a warm evening by the Liffey, in company with thousands of locals and tourists of all nationalities.

In the morning we were all startlingly bright-eyed and alert for our nine o'clock start at John's Lane; wonderful stuff this Guinness. Almost everybody made it to the ringing room despite the thoroughly alarming ascent. Sixty feet of spiralling metal staircase is fine for admiring the tracery of the west window, or the roof beams – if you're not concentrating on putting your feet on the bars, not through them, that is. Betty, who met a determined ascending group when she was half-way down, found herself doing circus tricks without the aid of a safety net. Hung so high in the tower, the ten bells (anti-clockwise) also have a few unexpected tricks, especially the tenor, which responds with alacrity to the instruction "two to three". However, the bells are easy to hear and go well with care. The twelve at St. Patrick's seemed tame by comparison, though here also the weight of the bells and difficulty in hearing the front ones called for maximum effort. This is a grand twelve with a wonderfully homely ringing room. The rest of Saturday was, as they say "at leisure", though most of us met for a pub supper arranged by the ringers at Limerick.

On Sunday we relished the two good rings in Limerick, and scored a pleasing quarter of Grandsire caters at Mount St. Alphonsus. The remainder of the day was blissfully peaceful – for everyone except the cook, that is, who had rashly invited about thirty people to a "mega spag bol" party on the camp site, and who spent the afternoon issuing frantic demands for assistance to those unwise enough to be obviously awake. By eight o'clock the nutmeg was grated, we had tracked down the elusive parmigiano, the wine and the party were flowing. A high spot of the evening was the results of the Quiz – thirty questions digging up the youthful indiscretions of society members past, some mythical, some obscure. They had kept the more competitive gossips in the group busy all week. Of course everybody knew who was going to win, and that although points mean prizes, you don't necessarily want the prize....

All too soon it was Last Day, with our first ring in the peaceful Church at Doneraile. Time to get in all those methods we had been meaning to tackle. Bandon must be the only tower I have visited where the tower captain has actually left a note claiming "...the bells are in dire condition...". Instantly spotting their potential for a striking competition, Chris Frye organised six bands and a judge. The rapidly-wrinkling 60s team, Dodsons, Glovers and Greens (sorry Sue!) nipped up the ladders first with the agility reserved by the experienced for towers where something may be about to break. They found that the bells are pleasant to listen to, and nothing like as black as painted, though the fifth had a mind of its own. Between mirth at Rog's attempts to tame it and a creative interpretation of Annable's London they blew their chances. Students B cunningly had two goes, but judge Andrew Aspland was equal to this ploy so they failed to beat Students A. The visitors rang disturbingly good Grandsire doubles. The 70s team of Fries, Cockses, Maurice and Gill Carey, who take these things seriously, waited till last and won handsomely, with everybody else respectably close together, except the 80s wizards. The final Banana Award goes to their Bristol 16 star, Nick Green, who formed a particularly hostile relationship with the wheel-slipping fifth, reducing the rest of the band to total hysteria. The bells, incidentally, are scheduled for repair shortly, but nevertheless we thoroughly enjoyed our ring.

The very last tower was Cork cathedral, a fine heavy eight to finish. One of the most successful tours ever, thanks to the excellent welcome everywhere, a mixture of good, grand and challenging rings, and the best of company. Many thanks to Tog and Sue for all their hard work in organising it.

Donation £20

PEALS

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

NEWCASTLE, Co. Down
S John
Tue Aug 1 1995 2h 11 (3)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each York, London, Bourne, Ipswich, Norwich, Beverley, Cambridge)
1 Penny J Durrant
2 Christopher J Frye
3 Nicholas J Green
4 Susan J Green
5 Roger G Green(C)
6 Mike Pidd

YORKSHIRE ASSN.

ARKLOW, Co. Wicklow
S Saviour
Thu Aug 3 1995 3h 17 (22)
5024 Bristol S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Wendy Piercy
2 Kathryn P Cocks
3 Andrew R Aspland
4 Stephen J A Ollerton
5 Simon D Ogier
6 Nicholas J Green
7 Mike Pidd(C)
8 Alan M Glover

QUARTER PEALS

Hollywood, Co. Down. 30 Jul.
1260 Grandsire Triples:
Elizabeth Calvert 1, Brian Haigh 2, Gillian Glover 3, Roger Green 4, Maurice Calvert(C) 5, Tom Bush 6, Brian Heys 7, Alan Glover 8.
Ballymena, Co. Antrim. 31 Jul.
1346 Yorkshire S. Maximus:
Roger Green 1, Alan Glover 2, Gillian Glover 3, Kathryn Cocks 4, Michael Dodson 5, Simon Ogier 6, Christopher Frye 7, Stephen Ollerton 8, Nicholas Green 9, Andrew Aspland 10, Christopher Turner 11, Mike Pidd(C) 12.
Ballymena, Co. Down. 31 Jul.
1253 Grandsire Cinques:
Judith Frye 1, Gillian Carey 2, Maurice Calvert 3, Susan Green 4, Cindy Maude 5, Roger Green(C) 6, Brian Heys 7, Penny Durrant (1st on 12) 8, Wendy Piercy 9, Anthony Cocks 10, Alan Glover 11, Simon Lomas 12.
Antrim, Co. Antrim. 31 Jul.
1264 P B Major: Roger Green 1-2, Gillian Glover 3-4, Christopher Turner 5-6, Alan Glover(C) 7-8.
Limerick, Co. Limerick (Mount S. Alphonsus). 6 Aug. 1277 Grandsire Caters: Maurice Calvert 1, Alan Glover 2, Penny Durrant 3, Gillian Glover 4, Susan Green 5, Nicholas Green 6, Roger Green(C) 7, Christopher Frye 8, Mike Pidd 9, Wendy Piercy 10.
O'Brien's Bridge, Co. Clare. 6 Aug. 1260 P B Minor: Maurice Calvert 1-2, Roger Green 3-4, Alan Glover(C) 5-6.
O'Brien's Bridge, Co. Clare. 6 Aug. 1260 P B Minor: Simon Lomas 1-2, Mike Pidd 3-4, Roger Green(C) 5-6.

Quarter Peals

Ermington, Devon. 30 Jul, 1320 Doubles (3m): Ann Roffe 1, Penny Alexander 2, J A Stott 3, J Rose 4, D J Crocker(C) 5, Barbara Schofield 6. To celebrate the Augmentation of the "Stott" band by the addition of a 6lb. 80z. treble, Andrew John, delivered on 12/7/95. £1.20

Frittenden, Kent. 8 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Sims 1, Pamela Manger 2, Peter Sims 3, Simon Sims 4, Edgar Bourne 5, Arthur Bourne 6, David Manger(C) 7, Alan Bourne 8. To celebrate 150th Anniversary of Frittenden Village School, at one time attended by 4, 5, 6, 8 and by the sons and daughter of 1 & 3. Also: on 16 Jul, 1260 Single Oxford B Triples: Linda Borton 1, Alan Bourne 2, Simon Sims 3, Oliver Gausden 4, Peter Sims 5, Pamela Manger 6, David Manger(C) 7, Arthur Bourne 8. To welcome the Bishop of Maidstone on the occasion of his Deanary Walk. A birthday compliment to 7. £3

Gittisham, Devon. 27 Jul, 1260 Doubles (6m/pl): Celia M Deem 1, C C Deem 2, B Horrell 3, R J Quick 4, N E Deem 5. £1

Groby, Leics. 1 Aug, 1260 Double Oxford B Minor: I Mellor 1, Sue J Scott 2, T E Gardner 3, W J Thornton 4, R J Scott 5, F W Fisher(C) 6. As a 95th Birthday compliment for HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, on 4/8/95. £1

Guildford, Surrey. (S Nicolas). 13 Aug, 1320 Norwich S Minor: Julian Morgan 1, Mollie Lodge (1st in m) 2, Sally Schupke 3, Doug Lodge 4, Richard Marsh 5, Roger Bull(C) 6. £1.20

Hanbury, Worcs. 11 Aug, 1264 P B Major: Martin Powell(C) 1, Alan Hartley 2, Victoria Walton (1st in m) 3, Alma Grasebrook 4, Jennifer Walton 5, Simon Adams 6, Philip Saunders 7, Jeffrey Webb 8. To celebrate the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr & Mrs H B Webley of Hanbury. This was by special request of the Rector and Church Wardens. £2

Hawkey, Hants. 12 Aug, 1280 Bristol S Major: J H Hunt(C) 1, Blanche Hunt 2, Jacqui Dunster 3, Rachael Seamons 4, D M Hughes 5, R Wilson 6, S E Wood 7, S B Dunster 8. £1.60

Headcorn, Kent. 12 Aug, 1260 Single Oxford B Triples: Jean Vidler 1, Linda Borton 2, Peter Sims 3, Pamela Manger 4, Edgar Bourne 5, Alan Bourne 6, David Manger(C) 7, Arthur Bourne 8. To celebrate the marriage of Kirsten Hall and Simon Barber. £1.60

High Halden, Kent. 11 Aug, 1260 Single Oxford B Minor: Linda Borton 1, Pamela Manger 2, Edgar Bourne 3, Peter Sims 4, Alan Bourne 5, David Manger(C) 6. 1st minor in the m; 3. £1.50

Hinckley, Leics. 15 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Davenport 1, Eileen Goodall 2, Martin Mellor 3, Alan Hough 4, Bob Bacon 5, Geoff Goodall 6, Colin Loke(C) 7, Frank Mellor 8. £1.60

Kemsing, Kent. 23 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Michael Cursons 1, Janet Raynor 2, Jenny Williamson 3, Fraser Clift(C) 4, Michael Williamson 5, Godfrey Croughton 6. For Evensong and as a wedding compliment to our newest recruit, Cathy Baker who was married to Peter Chadwick on 15/7/95. £2

Kewstoke, Som. 4 Jun, 1260 St Simons B Doubles: Jenny Spence 1, Joanne Spence 2, Mark Endacott 3, Philip Spence 4, Clifford Nicholls(C) 5, John Widgery 6. Also: on 18 Jun, 1260 St Remigius B Doubles: Kit Lee 1, Jenny Spence 2, Mark Endacott 3, Clifford Nicholls(C) 4, Philip Spence 5, John Widgery 6. £2.40

Kingsbury Episcopi, Som. 7 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): Susan F Irvine 1, Stephanie Shillito 2, Margaret A Harper 3, D L Brown 4, R J Dean(C) 5, W F Jennings 6. Compliment to Mrs. Doris Smith on her 100th birthday. £1

Knapton, Norfolk. 6 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): L Pinnington 1, Barbara Salmons 2, Karen Linklater 3, S Stranks 4, R Jones(C) 5, M Grace 6. As a 95th birthday compliment to HM Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother. £1

Knightsbridge, Middx. (Imperial College). 9 Aug, 1280 Bristol S Major: Prudence Fay (1st B) 1-2, Roger Bailey(C) 3-4, Simon Gay 5-6, Stuart Cox 7-8. £1

Langford, Oxon. 5 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: Trudie Plank 1, Julie Miles 2, Michael Hurst 3, David Miles(C) 4, Simon Barnes 5, Neil Fisher 6. Happy Birthday! To the Queen Mother. £1

Leeds, Kent. 9 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: M Hitchcock 1, J Williams 2, T Laws 3, T Munt 4, M Williams 5, D Williams(C) 6. 1st B minor as C; 6. Also: on 16 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: F Asprey 1, J M Yeo 2, G D Heth 3, T Munt 4, M A Birkbeck 5, D Elphick(C) 6. Also: on 30 Jul, 1280 P B Royal: Malcolm Hitchcock 1, Graham Heath 2, Janet Yeo 3, Reggie Gillard 4, Tim Munt 5, Trewin Laws (1st in m) 6, Richard Young 7, Malwyn Williams (1st in m & of royal) 8, Darren Williams 9, Michael Birkbeck(C) 10. £3.60

Liss, Hants. (S Mary). 13 Aug, 1260 Oxford T B & St Clements C B Minor: D J Cooper 1, Valerie Williams 2, R A Routh 3, D M Hughes 4, A T Collins 5, S E Wood(C) 6. 60p

Ludlow, Salop. 5 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Victoria Walton 1, Desiree Jones 2, Jennifer Walton 3, Christopher Lees 4, Duncan Hyde 5, Jeffrey Webb 6, Martin Powell(C) 7, Robin Drinkwater 8. Immediately following the marriage of Laurence Nicholas and Rachael Dodd, fellow bellringers at Droitwich. £2

Lyddington, Rutland. 4 Aug, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: David Murcott 1, Janet Ingram 2, Janice Atkinson 3, Sue Hobson 4, Paul Phillips 5, Christopher Groome(C) 6. For the 95th birthday of HM The Queen Mother. 90p

Marston-on-Dove, Derbys. 24 Jul, 1272 Minimus (8m): Noreen Atkinson 1, Helen A Mitchell (most minimus) 2, S R Alliss 3, R H Daw(C) 4. 80p

Mears Ashby, Northants. 17 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Katherine Payne 1, Jack Hadley 2, William Callis 3, Rachael Pratt 4, Peter Barker(C) 5, Keith Barker 6. To celebrate the 80th birthday of William G Callis (3), and 63 years of ringing at Mears Ashby, many at Tower Captain. £3

Offton, Suffolk. 27 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Joanna M Steward 1, D Perry 2, B E Whiting(C) 3, Christine C Jennings 4, Louise R Steward 5, Sylvia F Perry 6. Also: on 16 Jul, 1260 P B Triples: Christine C Jennings 1, Sylvia F Perry 2, A Knights 3, Janet Hohl 4, K S Hohl 5, Louise R Steward 6, B E Whiting(C) 7, D Perry 8. For "O For a Thousand Tongues" Service. Also: on 18 Jul, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: B E Whiting(C) 1, Karen Woods 2, Janet Hohl 3, Louise R Steward 4, K S Hohl 5, R N Earey 6. Also: on 25 Jul, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Janet Hohl 1, Christine C Jennings 2, B E Whiting(C) 3, K S Hohl 4, R N Earey 5, Karen Woods 6, R J Munnings 7, Louise R Steward 8. Also: on 8 Aug, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Karen Woods 1, B E Whiting(C) 2, Janet Hohl 3, R J Munnings 4, K S Hohl 5, Christine C Jennings 6, Louise R Steward 7, R N Earey 8. £5.50

Orlinsbury, Northants. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Freda Willgress 1, Joanne Holmes 2, Victoria Samson 3, Timothy Samson 4, John Holmes 5, Ian Willgress(C) 6. For Evensong and to celebrate the birth on 28/6/95 of Alfie Valerie Russo. Also: on 10 Aug, 1320 St Clements, L B & P B Minor: Ian Tear 1, Victoria Samson 2, Timothy Samson 3, Steven Harrell 4, Paul Mason(C) 5, Kenneth Wildman 6. 1st in combination of m's for all and on the bells. £2.40

Pampisford, Cambs. 3 Aug, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Nicola Thompson 1, Katherine Wright 2, Ian Davies 3, James Boulton (1st minor) 4, Sean Houlihan 5, Andrew Down(C) 6. Birthday compliment to the Queen Mothers 95th Birthday. 25th Q together; 2, 6. £1.20

Privett, Hants. 12 Aug, 1280 Bristol S Major: J H Hunt(C) 1, Blanche Hunt 2, Rachael Seamons 3, D M Hughes (1st in m) 4, J H B Deane 5, R Wilson (1st in m) 6, R A Barber 7, S B Dunster 8. £1.60

Ratby, Leics. 6 Aug, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Mark Pendery 1, Laura Murch 2, Francis Fisher 3, Lucy Clarke 4, Ian Mellor 5, Anthony Haywood 6, Pamela Fisher(C) 7, Neil Simpson 8. To celebrate HM The Queen Mother's 95th Birthday, and for the completion of the refurbishment of the clock faces, a gift to the village from Simon and Sharon Michlmayr clock restorers. £1.60

Rayleigh, Essex. 2 Jul, 1260 P B Triples: Kathy Neville 1, D Pye 2, Julie Pye 3, Diana Belcham 4, S Smith 5, D E Belcham 6, G Lucas(C) 7, D Jolly 8. For

Evensong and a welcome to Abigail Hughes, 2nd Grand-daughter for Mike & Kathy Neville (treble ringer). Also: on 9 Jul, 1320 Kent T B Minor: Sheena Booth 1, Angela Belcham 2, Julie Pye 3, Lydia Roberts 4, G Lucas 5, D E Belcham(C) 6. For Evensong. Also: on 16 Jul, 1272 P B Minor (tenor cover): Kathy Neville 1, D Pye 2, Julie Pye 3, Diana Belcham 4, L Beale 5, D E Belcham(C) 6, G Lucas 7. For Morning Parade Service. 1600th Q and 700th as C; 6. Also: on 16 Jul, 1280 Barking S Major: Julie Pye 1, Diana Belcham 2, R Dunhill 3, J Harpole (700th Q) 4, M Hallett 5, G Lucas 6, C Chapman 7, D E Belcham(C) 8. For Evensong. 1st in m by all. Also: on 23 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan Smith 1, Julie Pye 2, Lydia Roberts 3, G Lucas 4, D E Belcham(C) 5, L Beal 6. For Evensong and a 2nd Wedding Anniversary compliment to Andrew & Fiona Belcham. Also: on 25 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Susan Smith 1, Kathy Neville 2, Julie Pye 3, D E Belcham(C) 4, D Pye 5, D Jolly 6. A Golden Wedding Anniversary compliment to Mr & Mrs E J Smith, parents of the 2nd and parents-in-law to treble and 5th. Also: on 30 Jul, 1320 Spl. Doubles (4m): D W Belcham 1, Julie Pye (1st spl.) 2, Sheena Booth 3, Angela Belcham 4, G Lucas(C) 5, S Smith 6. For Evensong. £4.20

Reading, Berks. (91 Waverley Road). 9 Jul, 1312 Cambridge S Major: Joanne P Druce 1-2, June D Winter 3-4, E J Wells(C) 5-6, D G Winter 7-8. Also: on 16 Jul, 1260 Wellington Little Court Major: Joanne P Druce 1-2, June D Winter 3-4, D G Winter 5-6, E J Wells(C) 7-8. 1st in m for all. Also: on 23 Jul, 1264 Double Oxford B Major: Joanne P Druce 1-2, June D Winter 3-4, E J Wells(C) 5-6, D G Winter 7-8. 1st in m in hand for all. Also: on 6 Aug, 1312 Superlative S Major: Joanne P Druce 1-2, June D Winter 3-4, E J Wells(C) 5-6, D G Winter 7-8. £2

Rudgwick, W Sussex. 3 Aug, 1296 L B Major: Linda Etherington 1, Brenda Etherington 2, Val Clay 3, Michael Etherington 4, John Taylor 5, Terry Madigan 6, Mike Gibbey 7, Rik Clay(C) 8. 1st in m; 4, 5, 6. 1st as C. To mark the Queen Mother's 95th birthday. £1.60

Shoreham by Sea, W Sussex. 8 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Elkin Shepley (1st away from cover) 1, Jim Lilley 2, Julie Locke (1st Grandsire) 3, Ian Vaughan(C) 4, Andrew Knight (1st Grandsire) 5, John Carter 6. £1

St Columb Major, Cornwall. 14 Aug, 1274 P B Triples: Andrew Belcher 1, Claire O'Callaghan 2, Nikki Trewolla 3, Andrew Rodliffe 4, Alan Rodliffe 5, Revd. Robert Law 6, Phil Tremain(C) 7, Peter Merrifield 8. Arranged to compliment Revd. Robert Law on being appointed Rural Dean of Pydar. £1.20

Stockton, Shrops. 27 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A R Pooler 1, Samantha J Jeff 2, Ginette S Pardoe 3, J M Spencer 4, A W Gordon(C) 5, J L Ward 6. £1

Stoke upon Trent, N Staffs. (S Peter ad Vincula). 23 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth V Walton 1, Margaret Burton 2, Vilma P Pugh 3, Geoff Burton 4, Wendy Daw 5, Helen Mitchell 6, R H Daw(C) 7, K Brown 8. For Evensong. Also: on 3 Aug, 1296 Gonville B Major: W E Evans 1, Wendy Walters 2, Jenny Beech 3, Helen A Mitchell 4, A P Walters 5, Wendy Daw 6, P V Mellor 7, R H Daw(C) 8. 1st in m for all. Compliment to Jeff & Christina Pearson (regular members of the "N. Staffs Alphabet Band") on their 4th Wedding Anniversary. £1.60

Sutton Maddock, Shrops. 27 Jul, Doubles (1m/3v): A R Pooler 1, J M Spencer 2, J L Ward 3, Ginette S Pardoe 4, A W Gordon(C) 5. £1

Tewkesbury, Glos. (Abbey). 15 Jul, 1344 Lincolnshire S Maximus: Cyril Wratten 1, Hilda Ridley 2, Nina Byrne 3, John Ridley 4, Jane Bull 5, John Cornock 6, Francis Byrne 7, Andrew Ward 8, Ian Unsworth 9, David Franklin 10, Andrew Bull 11, Alex Byrne(C) 12. £2.40

Thornfalcon, Som. 27 Jul, 1260 Doubles (11m): Jean Gay 1, David Gay 2, Joe Beaumont 3, Bryan Williams 4, Clifford Nicholls(C) 5. £1

Weedon Bec, Northants. 21 Jul, 1250 Pudsey S Major: R F Waddy 1, Jennie Paul(C) 2, Jadwiga Bienek 3, B J W Foley 4, Rosemary Hemmings 5, R Watkin 6, R O Batye 7, S M Ruddlesden 8. 60p

West Wycombe, Bucks. 4 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Brian Edwards 1, Colin Haggard 2, Ann Young 3, Josie McLoy 4, John Young(C) 5, Peter Rose 6. 95th Birthday compliment to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. £3

Westbury, Wilts. 4 Aug, 1250 Rutland S Major: Vivienne Rigby 1, Anthony Fortin 2, George Massey 3, Christopher Cooper 4, Robert Beck(C) 5, Adrian Beck 6, John Gilbert 7, Michael Stone 8. To mark the 95th birthday of the Queen Mother. £1

Weston-super-Mare, Som. (S John Baptist). 25 Jun, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Andrea Freeman 1, Sue Field 2, Jean Gay 3, Marion Newman 4, Joe Beaumont 5, Colin Freeman 6, David Gay 7, Clifford Nicholls(C) 8. 1st S major as C; 8. £1.60

Winscombe, Som. 11 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: John Matthews 1, Andy Rains 2, Pru Matthias 3, Lawrence Croucher 4, John Mills 5, John Boorman 6, Clifford Nicholls(C) 7, Mike Oldham 8. £1.60

Wistaston, Ches. 19 Jul, 1260 Stedman Triples: K Brown 1, C W Machin 2, C P Cheshire 3, P Atkins 4, R H Daw 5, Helen A Mitchell 6, F R Morton(C) 7, W E Evans 8. Also: on 26 Jul, 1280 Lessness S Major: R Bugler 1, N Sherratt 2, B Corbishley 3, R B Mitchell 4, P W Gay 5, Wendy Daw 6, R S Starkie 7, R H Daw(C) 8. 1st in m; 6, 8. £1.60

Worcester, Worcs. (All Saints). 19 Jul, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Simon Wilmshurst 1, Robert Havard 2, Nicola Mason 3, Nina Byrne 4, Andrew Hartley 5, Alan Hartley 6, John Clements 7, James Hustler 8, Alex Byrne(C) 9, David Franklin 10, Charles Hayward 11, Stuart Piper 12. 1st in m; 4, 7, 8, 11, 12. Also: on 31 Jul, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Simon Wilmshurst 1, David Franklin 2, Stuart Piper 3, Graham Slade 4, Paul Evans 5, Alex Byrne(C) 6, James Hustler 7, Barbara Piper 8, David Beacham 9, Anthony Barnfield 10, Robert Havard 11, Michael Clements 12. 1st in m; 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12. Also: on 8 Aug, 1344 Bristol S Maximus: Simon Wilmshurst 1, Andrew Hartley 2, Charles Hayward 3, David Franklin 4, Michael Clements 5, Stuart Piper 6, John Clements 7, Paul Evans 8, David Beacham 9, Graham Slade 10, Alan Hartley 11, Alex Byrne(C) 12. £7.20

Worle, Avon. 30 Jul, 1260 Doubles (11m): Jennifer Spence 1, C A Swatton (25th Q this year) 2, J G Cook 3, P J Spence 4, D Hawkings (C, 425th Q) 5, W Hawkings 6. For Morning Service. Also: on 6 Aug, 1260 Doubles (8m): J F S Lambard 1, D Hawkings 2, M Endicott 3, B G Williams 4, J S Boorman(C) 5, C A Swatton 6. For Morning Service and compliment to Adrian and Becky Wood on their 1st Wedding Anniversary – this Q was rung as part of the ringers contribution to the "Auction of Promises" in aid of S Martin's School and "purchased" by the family. £1.20

Yapton, W Sussex. 17 Jul, 1272 Canterbury Minimus: Gill Crowley 1, Sheila Phillips 2, Daphne Moore 3, Marjorie Murphy 4. In thanksgiving for the life of Mrs E Osborn, mother of 3. 1st in m for all, jointly conducted. £2.50

Yardley, W Mids. 6 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M Ann Bailey 1, E Anthea M Tinline 2, M G Powell 3, S E Adams 4, K F A Copestake 5, J B Webb 6, M Chester(C) 7, E J Franklin 8. Prior to Evening Service: and to celebrate the 95th Birthday of HM The Queen Mother, also retirement compliment to treble ringer. £2

York, Yorks. (The Minster). 4 Aug, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Rachel Storr 1, Emma Ashford 2, Lynne Stretton 3, Doreen Sanderson 4, Trevor Elliott 5, Peter Sanderson 6, Christine Potter 7, Timothy Bradley 8, David Potter(C) 9, Jeffrey Ladd 10. 95th Birthday compliment to HM The Queen Mother (on the back 10). £1

Four quarter peals were rung in South Somerset (Curry Rivel, Huish Episcopi, Crewkerne, and Chard) on Friday 4th August to celebrate the Queen Mother's 95th birthday. A fifth quarter (Stedman) was lost at Ilminster, but this attempt and all of the successful ones were followed by Firing – the full 95 blows. Few of the ringers had ever fired (intentionally) before, but with 95 opportunities to get it right, unanimity was approached by the end – arguably the closest that ringers ever get to such a state! The bands, one of which included 82 year old Alf House, survived temperatures in the eighties with great fortitude. The ringers made their mark – in the form of rings of sweat on the ringing chamber floors!

Curry Rivel, Som. 4 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: R W Davis 1, Liz Rendell 2, Margaret Astridge 3, Juliet S Stoy 4, E F Hancock 5, P Rendell 6, D G Astridge(C) 7, F G Hollard 8. For 95th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, followed by 95 firings.

Huish Episcopi, Som. 4 Aug, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Margaret Astridge 1, Valerie J Stone 2, M C Harris 3, B Shingler 4, T Spearing 5, J Knipe 6, R W Davis 7, D G Astridge(C) 8. For 95th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, followed by 95 firings. 50th Q together; 3, 5.

Crewkerne, Som. 4 Aug, 1280 P B Major: R Haines 1, Sandra Haines 2, Syliva Furzey 3, P J Vaughan 4, Valerie J Stone 5, G Button 6, M C Harris 7, D G Astridge(C) 8. For 95th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, followed by 95 firings.

Chard, Som. 4 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: Alf House 1, C Cox 2, M C Harris 3, Mandy Spearing 4, Lesley A Knipe 5, J Knipe 6, D G Astridge(C) 7, A Cox 8. For 95th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, followed by 95 firings. £7

Adelaide, S Australia. (S Peter's Cathedral). 16 Apr, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Amanda Harris 1, Anne Haskard 2, Dorothy Williams 3, Brian Cox 4, Matthew Ball 5, Ian Harris(C) 6. Also: on 16 Jul, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Diana Bleby 1, Amanda Harris 2, Dorothy Williams (1st S major) 3, Clive Smith 4, David Bleby 5, Matthew Ball 6, Philip Goodyer 7, Ian Harris(C) 8. Annual

Aldborough, N Yorks. 28 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: John Mitchell 1, Jo Mitchell (1st inside) 2, Maureen Lowe 3, Geoffrey Johnson 4, Wendy Winter(C) 5, Kenneth Lancaster 6. For 30th Wedding Anniversary of John and Jo Mitchell. Also to mark the retirement of Jo Mitchell from 26 years as a primary school teacher. £1

Aldeburgh, Suffolk. 18 Aug, (No. of changes not given) P B Doubles: Sharon Bantoft 1, Michael Baldry 2, Michael Peters 3, Richard Rapior 4, Michael Rolph (C) 5, Tim Whiting 6. To celebrate the 65th birthday of William Ling, father of the treble ringer.

Alwalton, Cambs. 22 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Rebecca Ely (1st doubles) 1, Lesley Ely 2, Max Clark 3, Brian Bunting 4, Andrew Farmer(C) 5. Also: on 27 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Stacey Pope 1, Carolyn Chegwidzen 2, Max Clark 3, Graham Drage 4, Andrew Farmer(C) 5. £2

Avebury, Wilts. 11 Aug, 1296 Canterbury S Minor: Martin Strange 1, Philip Hacker 2, Jim Burry 3, John Romain 4, Ken Webb 5, Derrick Bailey(C) 6. To celebrate the birth of Thomas Colin Romain (grandson of 4). 1st in m by all. £1.20

Barnes, London SW13. 28 Apr, 1250 Rutland S Major: Brian Price 1, Mike Wigney 2, Mark Gosden (1st R inside) 3, Edmund Hartley 4, James Ingham 5, Lucinda Reeve(C) 6, Jay Bunyan 7, Jill Hupman 8. Also: on 19 May, 1280 Superlative S Major: Penny Bradsell 1, Mark Gosden 2, Mike Wigney 3, Edmund Hartley 4, Brian Price 5, Jay Bunyan 6, Lucinda Reeve 7, Jill Hupman(C) 8. 1st Superlative; 2. Also: on 26 May, 1260 P B Minor: Jill Hupman 1, Patricia Chapman 2, Jonathon Gregson 3, Mike Wigney(C) 4, Adrian Udall 5, Edmund Hartley 6. To celebrate the birth of Samuel Thomas Gosden. Also: on 16 Jun, 1272 London S Minor: Brian Price 1, Lucinda Reeve 2, Edmund Hartley 3, Jill Hupman 4, James Ingham 5, Mike Wigney(C) 6. £5.60

Barton Turf, Norfolk. 6 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): N Whittell 1, Joan Badger 2, D Badger 3, R Goodwin 4, R Jones(C) 5, M Murfin 6. As a compliment to Mr & Mrs Robin Woolley on the birth of a son, Michael.

Basingstoke, Hants. (S Michael). 30 Jul, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Esme Weaver 1, D Saville 2, Lynne Jordan 3, B Constant 4, J Soar 5, K Walpole 6, Barbara Foster 7, P Jordan(C) 8. 1st C major; 2, 5. Congratulations to Toby and Kathy Arkless on the birth of a son today. £1.60

Battle, E Sussex. 30 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Dennison 1, Louise Hodson 2, Simon Lawrence 3, Patrick Denne 4, Alan Turner 5, Malcolm Parry(C) 6, Stephen Bailey 7, Bryan Forster 8. Half-muffled in memory of Peter Turner father of the 5th ringer. £3

Benfieldside, Durham. 6 Aug, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: David Holliday 1, Niki Springford 2, Sonia Irwin 3, Yvonne Collingham 4, Russell Collingham 5, Alex Britton(C) 6. For the Queen Mother's 95th birthday and the Durham Diocese Millennium. £2

Benhillon, Surrey. 4 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: Patricia C Stocken 1, Ann Murrells 2, Rosemary Cryle 3, T A Thomas 4, Gwen A Kenny 5, L Murrells 6, J D Cheesman 7, P W S Richardson 8. For Queen Mother's 95th birthday. Annual

Bidford-on-Avon, Warks. 1 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): Pam Crane 1, Michael Selby 2, Sandra Parker 3, John Smart(C) 4, Frank Spiers 5, Richard Parker 6. To celebrate the birthday of Sandra Parker and Jane Hall. Also before ringers housewarming at No.5 New House. £2

Bisley, Glos. 27 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: I D Bucknell 1, Gill Day 2, Lisa Trinder 3, R J Day 4, Rachel Saunders 5, P A Barton 6, R E Bucknell(C) 7, R W Smith 8. Half-muffled in thanksgiving for the life of Mr. D Clarke D.F.C. former Churchwarden. Also: on 23 Jul, 1280 Cambridge S Major: R W Smith 1, Gill Day 2, R E Bucknell 3, R J Day 4, A P Hendy 5, H E Ferris 6, I D Bucknell 7, P G Holden(C) 8. For Evensong. £1.60

Boston, Lincs. 16 Jul, 1260 Single Oxford B Minor: T J Greeston 1, Rhoda Reynolds 2, P H Reynolds 3, Kathryn M Smith 4, Judith J Williamson 5, M J Smith 6. For Evensong. Also a get well compliment to Tony Singleton of Frampton.

Brighton, E Sussex. (S Nicolas). 11 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): J H Lilley 1, Marion E Huang 2, Margaret C Ellis 3, A V Brown 4, H F Pettifer(C) 5, S F J Tyler 6. 1st in 2 m's; 2. On the back 6. £1.20

Broadclyst, Devon. 8 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy Campbell 1, Richard Shere 2, Robert Franklin 3, Janine Field 4, Alan Sinden(C) 5, Ian Campbell 6, James Kirkcaldy 7, George Retter 8. 1st Grandsire triples; 4. £1

Caddington, Beds. 10 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: Robert Jones 1, Sheona Masterton (1st inside) 2, Lucy Shepherd 3, Michael Barker 4, Tony Cobb 5, Alan Shepherd(C) 6. £1

Caterham, Surrey. (S Mary). 10 Aug, 1320 St Clements B Minor: Pat Jenkins 1, Noel Gibbin 2, Fraser Kerr 3, David Wallis 4, Nigel Goodship 5, Richard Wallis(C) 6. On St Lawrence's Day for the Novocentenary of St Lawrence's Ancient Church, just across the road. £1.25

Charminster, Dorset. 30 Jul, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: Yvonne Hall 1, Mavis White 2, Susan Smith 3, Mark Ball 4, Christopher White(C) 5, Andrew Smith 6. For Evening Service. £1.24

Churchdown, Glos. 8 Aug, 1320 London S Minor: A Rothwell 1, Samantha Hovey(C) 2, Janet Fox 3, Catherine Leach 4, M Malvey 5, M Davies 6. 1st L minor; 2. 1st minor as C; 2.

Clyst Honiton, Devon. 1 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: Wendy Campbell 1, Rob Franklin 2, Tony Osborne 3, George Retter 4, Tony Appleton 5, Andrew Nicholson 6, Ian Campbell(C) 7, Alan Sinden 8. In memoriam Dorothea Louise Pring, died 26/7/95 aged 104, mother-in-law of George Retter. £1

Derby, Derbys. (Cathedral). 7 May, 2880 Minor (4m): Sarah Evans 1, Pat Halls 2, Brian Tomlinson 3, Chris Beckhelling 4, Elizabeth Heaton 5, John Heaton(C) 6. For VE-Day, and in support of the Childrens Society Appeal. Also: on 23 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Pamela Timms 1, Pat Halls 2, Jane Boden 3, Brian Tomlinson 4, Elizabeth Heaton 5, John Heaton(C) 6. For Evensong. Also: on 30 Apr, 1440 Cambridge S Royal: Elizabeth Heaton(C) 1, Frances Haynes 2, Meriel Hughes 3, Pat Halls 4, Brian Tomlinson 5, John Heaton 6, Roy Meads 7, Cheryl Dodge 8, Richard Hamby 9, Anthony Cotton 10. For Evensong. Also: on 25 Jun, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: John E Heaton 1, Meriel Hughes (1st in m) 2, Caroline Peverett 3, Cheryl Dodge 4, Jane Boden 5, Elizabeth Heaton(C) 6, Brian Tomlinson 7, Roger Lawson 8, Tim Peverett 9, Richard Hamby 10. For Evensong. Also: on 9 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Meriel Hughes 1, Patricia Halls 2, Jane Boden 3, Chris Beckhelling 4, John Heaton(C) 5, Michael Mallender 6. For Evensong. Also: on 16 Jul, 1280 Spl. S Major (7m): Tim Peverett 1, Elizabeth Heaton 2, Caroline Peverett 3, Pat Halls 4, Gordon Halls 5, Pamela Timms 6, Paul Jopp 7, John Heaton(C) 8. For Evensong. Also: on 20 Aug, 1280 Cambridge S Royal: Frances Haynes 1, Alistair Smith 2, Jane Temple 3, Roger Lawson 4, Jane Boden 5, Elizabeth Heaton 6, Brian Tomlinson 7, Roy Mears 8, Paul Jopp 9, John Heaton(C) 10. £8.40

Combe in Teignhead, Devon. 7 Aug, 1260 Doubles (8m/v): J M Levin 1, Anne Stenning 2, W E Dunn(C) 3, B Horrell 4, B G Williams 5, A V Edwards 6. £1

Desborough, Northants. 6 Aug, 1320 S Minor (3m): Liz Betts 1, A R Wignell 2, Helen Coleman(C) 3, B Yeomans 4, N A Churchman 5, D Kingman 6. Congratulations to Nick & Sarah Toseland, on the birth of their son Matthew James. For Evening Service. 60p

Drighlington, W Yorks. 1 Aug, 1264 P B Major: Edna Sullivan 1, Harold Barron 2, Peter Dawson 3, John Gibson 4, Robert Appleby 5, Graham Rhodes 6, Jeffery Cooper 7, Alexander Marsh(C) 8. To celebrate the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Graham and Pamela Rhodes of East Bierley this day. £1

Edmonton, Middx. 6 Aug, 1320 P B Doubles: Jackie McFadden 1, Pam Donovan(C) 2, Debbie Malin 3, Steve Jakeman 4, Barry Chick 5, Steve Woodroffe 6. A birthday compliment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. £3

Erpingham, Norfolk. 10 Aug, 1260 Doubles (3m): Karen Linklater 1, R Jones 2, T Williams 3, Claire Williams 4, S Stranks (1st in 3m as C) 5, M Murfin 6. Also: on 14 Aug, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Fayth Shreeve 1, Ray Balls 2, John Smith 3, Stuart Brown(C) 4, Danny Phillips 5, Derick Pardon 6. Before Sung Mass on the Patronal Festival, the Feast of the Assumption of the B.V.M. £1

Ewyas Harold, Herefs. 13 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m/v): Esther Colby 1, Vicki Rees 2, Andrew Colby 3, Nick Cooper-Tomkins 4, Michael Powell(C) 5, Philip Watkins 6. In memoriam of Ernest Reece buried 12/8/95, one time Churchwarden and Church Treasurer. Supporter of the recent bell restoration. £1.20

Exeter, Devon. (Cathedral). 30 Jul, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Wendy Campbell 1, Julie Sinden 2, Sue Sawyer 3, Rob Franklin 4, Colin Barr 5, James Kirkcaldy 6, Ian Campbell(C) 7, Neil Deem 8, Peter Sawyer 9, James Grant 10. On the back 10 for Evensong. Also a 40th birthday compliment to Tricia Kirkcaldy. £1

Exeter, Devon. (Pinhoe). 6 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: Wendy Campbell 1, Tony Osborne 2, John Langabeer 3, Janine Field 4, George Retter 5, Rob Franklin(C) 6. For Evensong. £1.20

Farnworth, Lancs. 13 Aug, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Joseph Thornley 1, James Andrews 2, Lindsay Smith 3, Jane Dey 4, Jean Barnes 5, Keith Taylor 6, Alan McNutt 7, Geoffrey Smith(C) 8. For Evensong. £2

Farnworth-with-Kearsley, Lancs. 9 Aug, 1280 Spl. S Major (Std. 8 & A,E,F,G): Carol Dawes 1, Keith Taylor 2, Jean Barnes 3, Lindsay Smith 4, Barry Hale 5, Geoffrey Smith 6, John Preston 7, James Andrews(C) 8. Most m's for all. A compliment to Lt. Michael A Preston on being commissioned into the Royal Logistics Corps. £2

Frodsham, Ches. 4 Aug, 1250 Spl. S Major (C,Y,N,R): Denis Maddock 1, Helen Mitchell 2, Desiree Jones 3, Duncan Hyde 4, Robert Peers 5, Sally Wright 6, John Oultram(C) 7, Eric Jones 8. A 95th birthday compliment to HRH The Queen Mother (4/8/95) and also a 125th Anniversary compliment to The British Red Cross (4/8/95). £1

Germansweek, Devon. 12 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: Jane Doidge 1, Andrew Mudge 2, Yvonne Porter 3, John Rose 4, Peter Bazley(C) 5. 1st Q after rehanging of the bells. £1

Gt Baddow, Essex. 11 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: Anne Edwards 1, Laura Chittenden 2, Sarah Troubridge 3, R Brown 4, P Thrussell 5, S A Waters(C) 6. 80th birthday compliment to Harry Carter. £1.20

Hackney, London E8. 1 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: Tracey Coley 1, Stephen Coley 2, Debbie Malin 3, Ruth Jakeman 4, Keith Barber 5, David Bailey 6, Stephen Jakeman(C) 7. For Ash Wednesday. £3

Henbury, Bristol. 11 Aug, 1260 P B Triples: Judy Morton (1st triples) 1, Stephen Bateman 2, Jane Usher 3, Graham Sparey 4, Robert Crane 5, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan(C) 6, Mary Friskney 7, John Middleditch 8. £1.60

Hickling, Norfolk. 16 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Joan Larter 1, Lawrence Hassall 2, Jocelyn Gardiner 3, Aubrey Forster 4, Gilbert Larter(C) 5. Half-muffled in thanksgiving for the life of Maggie Steel resident of Hickling. £1

Histon, Cambs. 13 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: Chris Clare 1, Tess Muncey 2, Mavis L Driver 3, Janet F Coleby 4, C R F Muncey(C) 5, T J English 6. For Evensong. £1

Hornchurch, Essex. 8 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A R Stevenson 1, Elizabeth D Hull 2, Kim D Logan 3, Lois E Carrington 4, N P Booth 5, T G Hull 6, J W Stephenson(C) 7, M O'Connor 8. For Evensong and to congratulate Andy Stevenson on his 18th birthday. £1

Huntington, N Yorks. 30 Jul, 1272 S Minor (4m): Gillian Potter (1st TB) 1, Angela Nix 2, Christine Potter 3, Doreen Sanderson 4, Ronald Sanderson 5, Peter Sanderson(C) 6. £1

Hursley, Hants. 13 Aug, 1260 P B Triples: Alison Hamlin 1, I McCallion 2, Wendy Ling 3, Christine McCallion 4, R Reed 5, J Dodd 6, D M Salter(C) 7, M McTiffin 8. As an 80th birthday compliment to Mr W Barnes, and for Evensong. £1

Husborne Crawley, Beds. 12 Aug, 1280 Spl. S Major (C,Y,N,S): Lucy Shepherd 1, Robert Churchill 2, David Adams 3, Jad Bienek 4, John Pemble 5, Robert Churchill 6, Richard Horne 7, Alan Shepherd(C) 8. £1.50

Kingsclere, Hants. 9 Aug, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Helen Piper 1, Catherine Gardner 2, Graham Wright 3, Colin Hares 4, Barry Pointer 5, Graham Hedges(C) 6. To congratulate Mark on gaining a BA (Hons) degree. Sponsored in aid of Kingsclere Bell Restoration and Maintenance Fund. Also in memory of Philip G Taylor. £1.20

Knaresborough, N Yorks. 25 Jul, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Yvonne Morgan 1, A Yardley 2, Jean Hopper 3, Sue Wilson 4, W Hudson 5, J S Leech(C) 6, A Carter 7, W Todd 8. A Silver Wedding compliment to Alan & Jan Carter. £1.60

Lammas, Norfolk. 8 Aug, 1260 Doubles (3m/5v): Barbara Salmons 1, R Goodwin 2, L Pinnington 3, M Murfin 4, R Jones(C) 5. A belated birthday compliment to Percy Newton and wishing him better health next year to be with us. £1

Leesfield, Lancs. 11 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: David Lax (Oldham) 1, Cathy Inston (Oldham) 2, Nigel Alcock (Moorside) 3, Brian Hayes (Leesfield) 4, Derek Thomas (Oldham, C) 5, Thomas Hartley (Oldham) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Revd. Alfred T P Harrison, former vicar of Leesfield, who was buried today. £6

Litcham, Norfolk. 9 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: R Goodwin 1, Barbara Salmons 2, T Williams 3, Claire Williams 4, P Bayes 5, L Pinnington(C) 6. As a compliment to Mr & Mrs Robin Woolley on the birth of a son, Michael. £1

Little Walsingham, Norfolk. 9 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m/4v): Barbara Salmons 1, R Goodwin 2, R Jones(C) 3, Karen Linklater 4, P Bayes 5, S Stranks 6. As a belated welcome to Father Keith Hayden, as parish priest. 2 & 3 rang in the Q at S James, Cowley, Oxford, which was a farewell to Father Keith. £1

Liverpool, Mers. (Pier Head). 14 Aug, 1287 Stedman Caters: S S Meyer(C) 1, Christina D A Haggard-Jones 2, Celia F Hughes D'Aeth 3, N C Willasey 4, P D Hughes 5, G C Sparling 6, R R Moore 7, L J Mitchell 8, P L Furniss 9, B Hale 10. £1

Maidenhead, Berks. 11 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R W Mogg 1, A L Pearson 2, E G Silvey 3, J S Mason 4, D T Young 5, Doreen Young(C) 6, V Mitchell 7, R Rance 8. Half-muffled for funeral service of Revd. Roy Clarke - "Church Ambassador" of Maidenhead area and well loved by many. £1

Marston, Oxford. 13 Aug, 1260 Doubles (4m): Sally Harrison 1, T Abbott (1st in 4 m) 2, R Jones 3, H Deam 4, B Abbott(C) 5, A Hughes 6. For Service and as a compliment to Cyril and Violet Turner (grand-parents of Helen Wharton, a local ringer) on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. £1.31

Milverton, Som. 26 Jul, 1260 Southrepps Triples: Brian Samuels 1, Anne Stenning 2, Wilf Dunn 3, Brian Horrell(C) 4, Dean Bowden 5, John Levin 6, Ron Trickey 7, Fred Gardner 8. Birthday greetings to Mrs A I Samuels. 150th Q together; 1, 7. £1.31

Monken Hadley, Herts. 6 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: Sheila Spreadbury 1, Caroline Cox 2, Jeremy Platten 3, Arthur Price 4, Alan Spreadbury(C) 5, Jon Spreadbury 6. A farewell compliment to Fr. Andrew Davey. £1.50

Perth, W Australia. (S George's Cathedral). 13 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: John Townsend 1, Pat Sewell 2, Laura Ivey 3, David Knewstubb 4, Devena Haggis 5, Mary Townsend 6. For Evensong. Annual

Polstead, Suffolk. 4 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: Charles Ablitt 1, John Hobson 2, Ed Hynard(C) 3, Sue Freeman (1st inside) 4, Richard Walker 5, Rolie Whiting 6. For the Queen Mother's 95th birthday. £1

Pott Shrigley, Ches. 13 Aug, 1320 Kent T B Minor: D J Bradshaw 1, A R Mays 2, Christine Kettley 3, R S Starkie 4, A J Wootton 5, B Schofield(C) 6. 1st in m inside; 3. To mark the 80th birthday of Rene Wrigley. 60p

Pylle, Som. 12 Aug, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Valerie J Stone(C) 1, Jenny Burton 2, E J Chivers 3, M J Horseman 4, P G Neil 5, T Marshall 6. 60p

Radyr, S Glam. 12 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: J Goodfellow 1, Moira Jenkins 2, T T Lewis 3, Wendy Lewis 4, A J T Jones 5, D Llewellyn(C) 6. To celebrate the wedding of Margaret Young to Michael Webb (daughter of two Radyr ringers). £1

Redditch, Worcs. (S Stephen). 14 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): Anthony Freeman 1, A J Barnfield 2, Sara Freeman 3, Ian Clarke 4, Jennifer Freeman 5, Elaine Clarke 6. Jointly conducted by 2 & 5. In memorium Wilf R. Jackson, died 21/7/95, one time ringer at this church. £1

Rewe, Devon. 12 Aug, 1260 Doubles (8m/v): A V Edwards 1, A F Lee 2, W E Dunn(C) 3, J M Levin 4, B G Williams 5. £1

Salford Priors, Warks. 7 Aug, 1280 Vancouver S Major: L Ann Mew 1, C F Mew(C) 2, G D Payne 3, E C W Lupton 4, G Sandwell 5, J W Nicholls 6, M W Sayers 7, G C Hemming 8. 1st in m; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. £2

Selborne, Hants. 4 Aug, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Di Hart 1, Joy Martin 2, Rachael Seamons 3, D M Hughes 4, R A Barber(C) 5, D Hart 6. 1st at Stedman; 1, 2, 3. A birthday compliment to HM The Queen Mother. 60p

Southwick, Hants. 3 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: Eileen Jayne-Wood 1, Jacqui M Dunster 2, Blanche M Hunt 3, J H Hunt(C) 4, A A J Buswell 5, S B Dunster 6. An eve-of-birthday compliment to HM The Queen Mother, and the C. 60p

Spelsbury, Oxon. 12 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: Christine Harris 1, G Clifton 2, K Wakefield 3, Claire Tarrant 4, R Stevens(C) 5, T Martin 6. Birthday compliments to R Datson and K Wakefield. £2

Stanbridge, Beds. 2 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Lucy Shepherd 1, Margaret Pemble 2, Gemma Raikes 3, Michael Barker 4, Sarah Ward 5, Alan Shepherd(C) 6. £1

Stinchcombe, Glos. 6 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: Terry Chivers 1, Ken Clutterbuck 2, Patrick Wooster 3, Jane Bull 4, Andrew Bull 5, Andrew Ward(C) 6. For Evensong. £1.20

Stoke in Teignhead, Devon. 7 Aug, 1260 Southrepps B Minor: A V Edwards 1, Anne Stenning 2, B G Williams 3, B Horrell 4, J M Levin 5, W E Dunn(C) 6. £1

Thakeham, W Sussex. 24 Jun, 1260 P B Minimus: Erica Pritchard 1, Graham Heath(C) 2, Richard Verrall 3, Christine Butterfield 4, Kevin Pritchard 5. For the 70th Anniversary of the recasting of the back five bells by Gillett & Johnston of Croydon. 1st minimus by all. £1.20

Towcester, Northants. 12 Aug, 1260 P B Triples: B C Masters (1st on 8) 1, H L Wilby (1st in m inside) 2, A Wilby 3, Joanna L Woolley 4, Alli Brookbanks 5, H F Nickerson 6, James Clatworthy(C) 7, Nigel Brewer 8. For a flower festival. £1

Trysull, Staffs. 8 Aug, 1260 Doubles (3m): A S J Ridyard 1, V Clarke 2, A J Compson 3, D Jackson(C) 4, J Rollason 5, Arthur Elliot 6. Birthday compliments to 6. £1

Whilton, Northants. 11 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Townley 1, John Townley 2, Murray Coleman(C) 3, Harold Haynes 4, Janet Bowers 5, Colin Stanton 6, Bryan Williams 7, Denis Pearson 8. 1st Q on the new bells, on the 1st Anniversary of trial ring. £1

Worcester, Worcs. (All SS). 6 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Alison Briggs 1, Jenny Beacham 2, Anna Loynes 3, Simon Wilmshurst 4, David Beacham 5, Charles Hayward 6, David Franklin 7, Tim Munslow 8. For the Ecumenical Peace Service on the 50th Anniversary of the Hiroshima bomb. £1.60

Worcester, Worcs. (S John in Bedwardine). 2 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: Ann R Smith 1, T W Lewis 2, Revd. E Wood 3, Canon A Webb 4, T Sparkes (C) 5, N G Davis 6. To celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs Vera Wintle this day. 60p

Wroxham, Norfolk. 7 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: D Badger 1, Barbara Salmons 2, R Goodwin 3, Joan Badger 4, Simon Stranks 5, L Pinnington (1st minor as C) 6. £1

Acton, London W. 3 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Pauline Hibbert 1, Martin How 2, Penny Bradsell 3, Adrian Odal (1st in m) 4, Mike Wigney (C) 5, Robert Maddalena 6. £1.20

Addington, Surrey. 9 Aug, 1320 York S Minor: Eric Godfrey (C) 1, Jo Hobson 2, Catherine Butler 3, John Perrin 4, James Foster 5, Ian Wiltshire 6. To welcome Millicent Newall, born 3rd August, cousin of 2. £1

Affrison, E Sussex. 25 Jul, 1260 PB Doubles: Alan Foulkes (1st on treble) 1, Pauline Kennard 2, Jenny Wells 3, Nick Cant 4, Chris Slade (C) 5, Keith Rogers 6. With best wishes to Chris & Shirley Slade in their new home in Worcestershire. £2.50

Alrewas, Staffs. 5 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S P Ferguson 1, Judith Williams 2, A J Marson 3, S R Alliss 4, A J Hall (C) 5, P Barker 6, B J Townsend 7, J I Daubner 8. For the 95th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, God bless her. £1.60

Angmering, W Sussex. 8 May, 1260 PB Minor: Helen Plater 1, Sarah Hammond 2, Martin Spencer 3, Alan Tettmar 4, Caroline Jones (C) 5, Adrian West 6. To celebrate VE Day. Also 4 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Chris Dart 1, Sarah Hammond 2, Caroline Jones 3, Alan Tettmar 4, Adrian West (C) 5, George Coulson 6. To celebrate the wedding of Helen Plater & Julian Bickers on 3 June 1995. £2

Ash-next-Sandwich, Kent. 11 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (678 cover): Sid Knott 1, Jane Lawrence 2, Brenda Chatfield 3, Brian Lawrence 4, Derek Chatfield (C) 5, David Cave 6, Nigel Miller 7, David Kingsford 8. Ruby Wedding compliment to Dr & Mrs David Cave. £1

Ashbrittle, Som. 3 Aug, 1260 Wainfleet Place Doubles: W E Dunn 1, Jane Beveridge 2, Sally Wheeler 3, A F Lee (C) 4, J M Levin 5. 1st in m by all. £1

Binsted, Hants. 8 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sheila Haytree 1, Janet McKernan 2, Andrew McAnulla 3, Ken Williamson 4, Harry Glover (C) 5, Geoff Evers 6. 60p

Birkenhead, Mers (Oxton St Saviour). 27 Jul, 1260 PB Royal: Charmian Eastwood (1st Royal) 1, Joanne Hendy (1st Royal) 2, Alison Carpenter 3, R Maudsley (1st Royal) 4, E T Carvell 5, C W Neale (1st in m) 6, G E Price 7, A J Martin 8, R T J Tinkler 9, C J Eden (1st Royal as C) 10. 18th birthday compliment to Alison Carpenter and Chris Neale. Also to celebrate the birth of Thomas Christopher, first born of Chris & Joy and 4th grandson of Min & Alex Martin. £2

Bradpole, Dorset. 12 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sandra Haines 1, Ivan Andrews 2, Christopher Longridge 3, Roger Smith 4, Raymond Haines (C) 5, Timothy Andrews 6, Bernard Gildersleve 7, Kenneth Abel 8. For the licensing of the Revd Maureen Allchin by the Bishop of Sherborne. £1.60

Bramshott, Hants. 19 Aug, 1320 Kent TB Minor: David Cameron 1, Violet Potter 2, Kenneth Tidy (1st in m) 3, Richard Casserley 4, Kate Cameron 5, Keith Matthews (C) 6. £1.20

Bromsgrove, Worcs. 9 Jul, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Steve Bowley (1st TB Royal) 1, Helen Normington 2, Roy Williams (C) 3, Claire Redstone 4, Paul Evans 5, Ross Bradley 6, Chris O'Mahony 7, A J Barnfield 8, James Normington 9, Andrew Hartley 10. For Evensong and to celebrate Peter Worrall's ordination as Deacon on July 2nd, to serve in this parish. Also 13 Aug, 1282 Albanian S Royal: David Bagley (C) 1, Catherine Leach 2, Paul Evans 3, Graham Slade 4, Ross Bradley 5, Claire Redstone 6, Mark Davies 7, A J Barnfield 8, James Huster 9, Roy Williams 10. For Evensong. £4

Bures, Suffolk. 15 Aug, 1280 PB Major: Claire Reeve 1, Evelyn Reeve 2, Tracey McKenna 3, E C Hynard 4, B Gibbons 5, J Reeve 6, D W Brooks 7,

L Mills (C) 8. Half-muffled in memory of L D Mills, father of 8 and grandfather of 3, tower captain at Bures for nearly 50 years, whose funeral took place this day. Also commemorating the 50th VJ anniversary. £2

Burghill, Herefs. 11 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Kate Price (1st Triples) 1, Joanna Gilbert 2, Elizabeth Donovan 3, John Harrold (C) 4, Michael Powell 5, Nick Cooper-Tomkins (1st Triples) 6, Robin Drinkwater 7, Patrick Gilbert 8. First birthday compliment to Rhiannon Drinkwater. £1

Buriton, Hants. 19 Aug, 1260 St Clements Minor: David Cameron 1, Violet Potter (1st in m) 2, Kathie Matthews 3, Richard Casserley 4, Kenneth Tidy (1st in m) 5, Keith Matthews (C) 6. £1.20

Canterbury, Kent (Cathedral). 23 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G F Gray 1, M P Gilham 2, Clare Larter 3, Josephine Horton 4, Susan Record 5, K A F Record 6, P H Larter (C) 7, D R Love 8. For Evensong. £1

Canterbury, Kent (St Stephen). 6 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: Eileen Palin 1, S C Palin 2, Charlotte Dadd (1st in m) 3, K A F Record 4, M A Calder (1st in m) 5, D H Niblett (C) 6, Susan Record 7, Ruth Niblett 8. For Evensong. 80p

Cattistock, Dorset. 2 Aug, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Sandra Haines 1, Ivan Andrews 2, Mandy Spearing 3, David Ellery 4, Raymond Haines (C) 5, Bernard Gildersleve 6, Timothy Andrews 7, Mark Harris 8. £1.60

Cherry Hinton, Cambs. 13 Aug, 1260 PB Doubles: Claire Downs 1, David Webber 2, Katherine Wright (C) 3, Ian Davies 4, Andrew Downs 5, Derek Wright 6. In celebration of the life of Judy Wright, wife of 6 & mother of 1 & 3, mother-in-law of 5 and very good friend of the bellringers. £3

Cheshunt, Herts. 23 Jul, 1260 Stedman Triples: Clare Watson 1, B E Bradstock 2, P Ellis 3, J R Towers 4, Rosemary Scott 5, R Durrant 6, R Sales (C) 7, A J Crowther 8. £1.60

Chiddingfold, Surrey. 19 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): Christopher Tallis 1, Sue Evans 2, Lynda Davis 3, Brian Belchamber 4, Harry Glover (C) 5, Tony Tallis 6. A farewell to Rev Charles Ramsden, on exchange from San Francisco. £1.20

Chipstable, Som. 13 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m/1p): Audrey Westall 1, S J Smith 2, J A S Green 3, Anne Stenning 4, J M Levin (C) 5, F C Gardner 6. For Eucharist. £1

Claremont, W Aus. 18 Aug, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Suzanne Biddis 1, Mary Townsend 2, Anne Parkin 3, Pat Sewell (1st in m) 4, Neville Parkin (C) 5, Ron Chapman 6. For the visit of Anne, Neville & Pat to Western Australia. Annual

Claybrooke, Leics. 4 Aug, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Jill Beccher 1, B Birkett 2, Val Goode 3, G N Goodall 4, M Vernon 5, J Vernon 6, A J Rowan (C) 7, T M Astill 8. £2

Cobham, Surrey. 15 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: P Watkins 1, Mabs Ostley 2, D Wren 3, Rev Pauline Smith 4, R Hayward 5, P J Ostley (C) 6, B Childes 7. By the Sunday Service band over the Flower Festival Weekend. £5

Coffinswell, Devon. 1 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: J Lidstone (1st on treble) 1, Dani Martin 2, Judy Martin 3, T Morris 4, S K Glanfield (C) 5, Claire Beck 6. £1.20

Combe in Teignhead, Devon. 29 Jun, 1272 PB Minimus: Judy Martin 1, Dani Martin 2, Claire Beck 3, S K Glanfield (C) 4, J Lidstone 5. For the Revd Bob Southwood, ordained 20 years ago today. £1

Crewkerne, Som. 23 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Fiona Cumming 1, Mandy Spearing 2, Peter Vaughan 3, Sandra Haines 4, Raymond Haines (C) 5, Mark Harris 6, Graham Button 7, Irvin Johns 8. £1.60

Croydon, Surrey (St John). 17 Aug, 1280 Kent TB Major: Eric Godfrey (C) 1, Stephen Theobald 2, John Perrin 3, Jo Hobson (1st major) 4, Martin Foster 5, James Foster 6, Ian Wiltshire 7, Richard Wallis 8. £1

Darley Dale, Derbys. 5 May, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Pauline Taylor 1, Angela Truelove 2, I Duff 3, R L Taylor 4, P Mehew 5, J E Dakin 6, P D Taylor (C) 7, Helen Taylor 8. For VE Day. Also 6 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Truelove 1, Jonathan Francis (1st in m) 2, I Duff 3, C W Longden 4, P Mehew 5, P D Taylor 6, S Humphrey (C) 7, R L Taylor 8. £3.20

Desford, Leics. 9 Aug, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Claire Rowan 1, M Vernon 2, Val Goode 3, B Birkett 4, A J Rowan (C) 5, R J Angrave 6. £1

Doneraile, Cork. 2 Aug, 1260 Single Court Minor: Julia Lysaght (1st minor) 1, Catherine Nevin 2, Alison McCormick 3, Louise Pink 4, N J Goodship 5, A D Pink (C) 6. 60p

Durleigh, Som. 6 Aug, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): G Davis 1, Sally Wheeler 2, Valerie Stone 3, A F Lee (C) 4, J M Levin 5, J Bailey 6. For Evensong. £1

Dursley, Glos. 13 Aug, 1280 PB Major: I Unsworth 1, Karen Hudston 2, J Taylor 3, N Martin 4, Jane Bull 5, A Bull 6, Elizabeth Byrne 7, F Byrne (C) 8. In thanksgiving for the life of Dr Patricia Frankau. 80p

Ely, Cambs. 8 Jul, 1260 PB Triples: N Sutton 1, Rosemary Palmer 2, Marion Holland 3, W Murrells 4, S Smith 5, R Palmer (C) 6, I Holland 7, B Hullah 8. To launch the start of Ely St Mary's Crossover weekend. £1

Exeter, Devon (St Mark). 2 Aug, 1280 PB Major: Neil Deem 1, Janet Coles 2, Richard Shere 3, Edward Summers 4, John Quick 5, Derek Conway 6, Neville Gibbings 7, Donald Carter (C) 8. Birthday compliment to Antony Gibbings, brother of 7. £1.60

Feckenham, Worcs. 20 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: Alan Jones 1, Sheila Lawes 2, Eric Styler 3, Stuart Holbeche 4, A J Barnfield (C) 5, Tim Haslam 6. £1.20

Flamstead, Herts. 11 Aug, 1440 S Minor (7m): Lucy Shepherd 1, Richard Horne 2, John Ewer 3, Alan Shepherd 4, Brian Watson (C) 5. £1.50

Folkestone, Kent. 25 May, 1380 Doubles (5m incl Stedman): Rob Moody 1, Carole Moody 2, Janice Leeke 3, Mike Godfrey 4, Charles Sinden (C) 5, David Wilkinson 6. Before Solemn Eucharist on Ascension Day. Also 6 Aug, 1260 Doubles (3m incl Stedman): John Criddle 1, Maureen Popple 2, Raymond Lucas 3, Chris Cooper 4, Charles Sinden (C) 5, Wendy King 6. For Evensong. £2

Fordham, Cambs. 15 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: L Harvey 1, P Taylor (1st inside) 2, Rosemary Palmer 3, C Bell 4, R Palmer (C) 5, P Wilding 6. Silver Wedding compliment to Dr & Mrs S Taylor on the 50th birthday of Dr Taylor. £1

Fownhope, Herefs. 4 Aug, 1260 Doubles (4 m/v): Emma Jenkins (1st away from cover) 1, Nick Cooper-Tomkins 2, Mandy Harrold 3, John Harrold (C) 4, Patrick Gilbert 5, Joanna Gilbert 6. Birthday compliment to Pat Gilbert. £1

Froyle, Hants. 8 Aug, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jenni Ingham 1, Andrew McAnulla 2, Ken Williamson 3, Janet McKernan 4, Harry Glover (C) 5, Don Gribble 6. 60p

Glasgow, Strath. 16 Jul, 1320 S Minor (2m): Sylvia Dick 1, Liz York 2, Rose Hancock 3, Bev Ouzman 4, Robert Hancock 5, Marcus Wheel (C) 6. For Evensong. Also 6 Aug, 1264 PB Major: Liz York 1, Rose Hancock 2, Bev Ouzman 3, Margaret Williams 4, Steve Taylor 5, Terry Williams 6, Marcus Wheel 7, Robert Hancock (C) 8. To welcome the birth of a daughter, Eleanor, to Hilary & Tom Blyth. Also 13 Aug, 1260 PB Doubles: Jennifer Tomkinson 1, Joan Kemp 2, Andrew Darling 3, Steve Taylor 4, Terry Williams (C) 5, Margaret Williams 6. For Evensong. £5

Graham, Lincs. 6 Aug, 1260 PB Royal: V P Evans 1, S Caddy 2, M W Townsend 3, A Shipman 4, T Wylie (C) 5, G Pepper 6, B Kipling 7, M F Ward 8, I D G B Ansell 9, W N Ansell 10. £1

Grayshott, Hants. 2 Aug, 1280 Bristol S Major: Harry Glover 1, (illegible) 2, Brenda Mayle 3, Anne Pratt 4, John Mayle 5, William Barter 6, Tom Page 7, John Couperthwaite 8. £1.60

Great Casterton, Leics. 27 Jul, 1264 Minor (3m): Shirley Harris 1, Kate Scott 2, Guy Scott 3, Peter Boreham 4, Peter Warboys 5, Brian Harris (C) 6. Also 3 Aug, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Shirley Harris 1, Sue Jones 2, Sue Hobson 3, Peter Boreham 4, Brian Harris 5, Derek Jones (C) 6. £2

Haselbury Plucknett, Som. 19 Jul, 1440 Minor (2m): Jan Sapiezynski 1, Sandra Haines 2, Robert Davis 3, Patricia Tucker 4, Raymond Haines (C) 5, Patrick Tucker 6. £1.50

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

Heathfield, Som. 3 Aug, 1260 Doubles (10 m/v): Jane Beveridge 1, A F Lee (C) 2, Sally Wheeler 3, W E Dunn 4, J M Levin 5. £1

Hemingford Grey, Cambs. 19 Aug, 1280 PB Major: Bridget White 1, Elisabeth Buist 2, P D F Buist 3, Susan Marsden 4, C A Johnson 5, N R Norris (1st inside on 8) 6, D P Buist 7, M V White (C) 8. Immediately after, and to celebrate, the wedding of the Revd John Coyne (RAF Chaplain and Honorary Curate to the parish of St James Hemingford Grey) to Susan Page. £1

Hinton on the Green, Worcs. 1 Aug, 1280 Hydrogen S Major: Ruth Halling 1, Claire Redstone 2, David Bagley 3, Mike Clements 4, James Hustler 5, Paul Evans 6, A J Barnfield 7, Roy Williams (C) 8. £2

Horringer, Suffolk. 9 Jul, 1440 S Minor (10m): Rosemary Palmer 1-2, I M Holland 3-4, R Palmer (C) 5-6. £1

Horsington, Som. 14 Aug, 1260 Doubles (4m): Kevin Newport 1, Jean Mills-Smith 2, Tim Mead 3, Malcolm Davey 4, Kenneth Laver (C) 5, Adrian King 6. Diamond Wedding compliment to Mr & Mrs W Hawkins, parents of 2, grandparents of 6. £1

Horsley, Derbys. 15 Apr, 1274 Cambridge S Minor: Elizabeth Heaton 1, Mary Cox 2, Alec Hetherington 3, Sandra Moore 4, Chris Gregory 5, John Heaton (C) 6. Following the marriage of Jane Haddock & Graham Atkinson. 60p

Huish Champflower, Som. 6 Aug, 1260 Cliffords Pleasure Bob Doubles: Anne Stenning 1, S J Smith 2, Audrey Westall 3, J A S Green 4, J M Levin (C) 5, F G Gardner 6. For Family Eucharist. £1

Ilminster, Som. 25 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Angela Johnson 1, Bryony Dorrington 2, Lesley Knipe 3, Juliet Stoy 4, Gordon Rendell 5, Johan Nash-Smith 6, Jeffrey Knipe (C) 7, Bernard Brown 8. For the close of the Ilminster Millennium Celebrations (ref p804 in RW dated 28.7.95). Also 12 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Ward 1, Juliet Stoy 2, Lesley Knipe 3, Terry Mockridge 4, Stanley Huish 5, Johan Nash-Smith 6, Jeffrey Knipe (C) 7, Bernard Brown 8. For the wedding of Sarah Louise Puddock & Sean Donoghue. £2

Kessingland, Suffolk. 18 Jun, 1320 Doubles (3m): Caroline Maxwell 1, Pamela Harris 2, M J Parker (C) 3, Nancy Taylor 4, Elizabeth Sutherland 5, I Harris 6. For Evensong. £1

Kettleburgh, Suffolk. 14 Aug, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Colin Spreadbury 1, Don Price 2, Ben Waterson 3, Mary Garner 4, Mike Whitby 5, Gill Waterson (C) 6. 20th wedding anniversary compliment to Rob & Persephone Booth. £1.50

Kibworth Beauchamp, Leics. 29 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: John Burbidge 1, Harry Gearing 2, Alison Iliffe 3, Anthony Fisher 4, Edward White 5, Peter Mayne 6, Terry Iliffe (C) 7, Alan Behagg 8. Prior to the licensing by Thomas, Bishop of Leicester, of the Revd Steven Lee as priest-in-charge of the Benefice of Kibworth with Smeeton, Westerby & Saddington. Also to mark Harry Gearing's 50 years in ringing. 75p

Kidlington, Oxon. 18 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brigitte Daniel (1st triples) 1, Jane Marlow 2, R P Burgess 3, B R White (C) 4, R W Daniel (1st triples) 5, J E Simms 6, T P Franklin 7, J K W Beale (1st triples) 8. For the 70th birthday of Trevor Marlow, father of 2. £1

Kineton, Warks. 13 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): James Trewin 1, Christine Cooke 2, Gwyneth Adams 3, George Adams (C) 4, Mark Evans 5, Len Walker 6. For dedication service of new communion chalice, tower roof, flagpole and weather vane. £1.20

Langford Budville, Som. 3 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sally Wheeler (C) 1, Jane Beveridge 2, W E Dunn 3, J M Levin 4, A F Lee 5. £1

Leckford, Hants. 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (20 m/v): P Myers 1, Carol Waller 2, Helen Piper 3, J R Waller 4, K G Waller (C) 5. £1

Llandaff, S Glam. 20 Aug, 1260 PB Doubles: Sue Nam 1, Myra Jenkins 2, D J Llewellyn 3, P Rogers (1st inside) 4, J C Baldwin (C) 5, Alison Vesey 6. For Evensong. 65p

Long Ashton, Avon. 18 Aug, 1280 Ealing S Major: J H Gilbert 1, E T Lee 2, R G Edwards 3, M J Horseman (1st in m) 4, A E Cox 5, G Sparey (1st in m) 6, A H Ball 7, J Brain (C) 8. 60p

Longstock, Hants. 25 Jun, 1260 Doubles (17m): Carol Waller 1, K G Waller (C) 2, Helen Piper 3, P Myers 4, J R Waller 5. £1

Lyminge, Kent. 17 Aug, 1250 Rutland S Major: Catherine Dixon 1, Ruth Niblett 2, Josephine Horton 3, D H Niblett 4, Fr N de Keyser 5, S J Dixon (C) 6, C J Robinson 7, M P Gilham 8. 1st wedding anniversary compliment to Cathy & Simon Dixon. £1

Malvern Wells, Worcs. 9 Jul, 1280 Cambridge S Major: David Bagley 1, Chris Phillips 2, Ruth Halling 3, Claire Redstone 4, Helen Normington 5, Chris O'Mahony 6, James Normington 7, Roy Williams (C) 8. Also 7 Aug, 1280 Wye S Major: Ruth Halling 1, Matthew Higby 2, Helen Normington 3, Kate Walker 4, James Normington 5, Roy Williams (C) 6, Claire Redstone 7, David Bagley 8.

Melksham, Wilts. 5 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Emily Willis 1, Amanda Fell 2, David Godwin 3, Peter Thorn 4, Robert Purnell (C) 5, Geoff Fell 6. 95th birthday compliment to HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. £1

Monewden, Suffolk. 14 Aug, 1440 Minor (2m): Katharine Salter 1, J M Thorley 2, R J Munnings 3, Mary Garner 4, F C J Arnold 5, D G Salter (C) 6.

Nether Stowey, Som. 18 Aug, 1296 Plain Minor (2m): Mary York 1, Valerie Stone 2, E J Chivers 3, H T Ferris 4, G Brown 5, M J Horseman (C) 6. Birthday compliment to Valerie Stone and Michael Horseman – both within "the octave". 80p

Nether Wallop, Hants. 12 Aug, 1260 New Bob Doubles: F C Moulard 1, Carol Waller 2, J R Waller 3, B Pointer 4, K G Waller (C) 5, M Hayward 6. In thanksgiving for the life of Major Billy Jepson-Turner. Robert Hayward (son of 8) wishes to be associated with this Q. £1.20

Newington-next-Hythe, Kent. 17 Aug, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): Anne Oakley 1, Jane Kennett (most m) 2, Vanessa Martin 3, Clare Larter (C) 4, P H Larter 5, P O Elderton 6. £1

Nottingham, Notts (St Peter with St James). 24 Jul, 1584 Pudsey S Maximus: David Wilson 1, Elizabeth Heaton 2, Patricia Halls 3, Timothy Wilie 4, Cheryl Dodge 5, Jane Boden 6, John Heaton (C) 7, Philip Hudson 8, Peter Lacy 9, Richard Hamby 10, Paul Jopp 11, Timothy Peverett 12. Called round peal following miscall. £1

Over, Cambs. 26 Jul, 1260 PB Minor: Susan Marsden (C) 1, Marian Perryman 2, Norman Norris 3, Marion Robinson 4, James Skillings 5, Geoffrey Perryman 6. Half-muffled for the funeral of Ada Bavin, aged 96, life-long church member. £5

Peterborough, Cambs (Cathedral). 6 Aug, 1584 Cambridge S Maximus: Brian Harris (C) 1, Shirley Harris 2, Freda Willgress 3, Ernest Orland 4, Kenneth Hesketh 5, Andrew Farmer 6, Frank Coles 7, John Roffe 8, Alison Willgress 9, Christopher Groome 10, Ian Willgress 11, Paul Carless 12. For Evensong. £2.80

Philadelphia, Penn (St Martin-in-the-Fields). 6 Aug, 1260 Doubles (5m): Alex Meloscia (1st as treble) 1, Eileen Butler (C) 2, Bruce Butler 3, David Mills 4, Donald Trumpler 5, Mary Meloscia 6. To mark the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima. £1

Polebrook, Nthants. 2 Aug, 1260 PB Doubles: Gill Johnston 1, Doreen Denning 2, Mike Keck 3, John Dowling 4, Bob Gardner (C) 5. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs D Blake, a well-known parishioner. £3

Portsmouth, Hants (St Mary, Portsea). 13 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: K J Matthews 1, B Salmons 2, H M Matthews (1st in m) 3, A F W Burbidge 4, J Hollis 5, L Bennington (C) 6. To mark the birthday of 3's father Ronald Plant, aged 75, and birthday of Mrs J Presley, fellow ringer. £1

Reddish, Gtr Man. 4 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L H Jones 1, J Lacy 2, Dorothy Eccles 3, P Boucher 4, P Beard 5, E Yates 6, R F Eccles (C) 7, D Vyse 8. Prior to Festal Eucharist for Dedication Festival and in thanks for an amicable settlement to the "noise nuisance" litigation with Stockport MBC. £2

Redditch, Worcs (Ipsley). 4 Jul, 1260 Reverse Bob Minor: John Newbould 1, Steve Bowley 2, A J Barnfield 3, Claire Redstone 4, Paul Evans 5, Roy Williams (C) 6. £1

Romsey, Hants. 13 Aug, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: Christopher Woodruffe 1, Joanne Waller 2, Carol Waller 3, Jonathan Waller 4, Barry Pointer 5, Andrew Palk (C) 6, Ken Waller 7, Mike Hayward 8. For Evensong. 1st in m: 2, 4 & 7. £2

Ropley, Hants. 8 Aug, 1260 PB Doubles: Andrew McAnulla 1, Mary Gribble (1st attempt inside) 2, Jenni Ingham 3, Janet McKernan 4, Harry Glover (C) 5, Ken Williamson 6. 80p

Saddleworth, W Yorks. 14 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: Brian Heys (circled tower) 1, Peter Kirby 2, Louise Bland 3, Alan Combs 4, Ian Anderson 5, Maurice Calvert (C) 6, Karl Grave 7, Arthur Talbot 8. £1.50

Soberton, Hants. 18 Aug, 1280 London S Major: Jacqui Dunster 1, Rachael Seamons 2, Barbara Salmons 3, Betty Daysh 4, L Rinningson (1st in m & 50th Q) 5, R D Wilson 6, R Barber 7, S B Dunster (C) 8. 16th birthday compliment to 5. 80p

South Harting, W Sussex. 19 Aug, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Kathie Matthews 1, Kate Cameron 2, Richard Casserley 3, David Cameron (1st in m) 4, Keith Matthews (C) 5, Kenneth Tidy 6. £1.20

Speldhurst, Kent. 4 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karol Leevies 1, Zena Seal 2, Catherine Lewis 3, Margaret Pettett 4, W Butcher 5, F Lewis 6, E Roughley (C) 7, C Saunders 8. Wedding compliment to Laura Ayara-Perez & Alan King. £2

St Albans, Herts (St Peter). 6 Aug, 1260 PB Triples: Rosemary Duke 1, W J Southam 2, Christine Carter 3, A G G Smith 4, A R Cobb 5, A J Crowther 6, G A Duke (C) 7, J E Ewer 8. For Evensong and a 65th birthday compliment to Don Fellows and 42nd wedding anniversary compliment to Don & Eileen Fellows. £2

Stoke in Teignhead, Devon. 3 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): Judy Martin 1, Danni Martin 2, Claire Beck (C) 3, Rev R A Southwood 4, S K Gleanfield (C) 5. Birthday compliment to 3 & 5 (joint Cs). £1

Stow Bardolph, Norfolk. 26 Jul, 1260 Doubles (2m): Janet Waterfield 1, P G Waterfield 2, D J Howlett 3, N F Greenacre 4, P J Waterfield (C) 5, B B Hullah 6. 50p

Streatham, London SW (St Leonard). 30 Jul, 1260 Doubles (7m): A E Hughes 1, Gill Tomlinson 2, E J Adams 3, A A Nunn (C) 4, P Valuks 5, M Shelley 6. £1

Swanmore, Hants. 1 Aug, 1296 Surfleet S Minor: Andrew Pickett 1, Graham Wright 2, Barry Pointer 3, Charlotte Colliss 4, Jonathan Waller 5, Andrew Palk (C) 6. 1st in m: 2, 3 & 5. £1.20

Tanworth in Arden, Warks. 11 Jul, 1280 Painswick S Major: Roy Williams 1, Claire Redstone 2, Ruth Halling 3, Ross Bradley 4, Graham Slade 5, Tim Munslow 6, David Bagley (C) 7, A J Barnfield 8. 70th birthday compliment to Arthur Halling. £2

Tewkesbury, Glos. 6 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: Iris Davis 1, Sarah Garle 2, Nick Hopkins 3, Claire Redstone 4, Richard Hart 5, Ruth Halling 6, Roy Williams (C) 7, Bob Rivers 8. For Morning Service. £1

Thatcham, Berks. 6 Aug, 1280 Cambridge S Major: William Butler (C) 1, Marion Stevens (1st S Major) 2, Angela Brown 3, A D Smith 4, Anthony Smith 5, Peter Brown 6, Ronald Christopher 7, Michael Till 8. Birthday compliment to 1, who can now spend his tokens. 50p

Thorverton, Devon. 17 Aug, 1296 PB Caters: C C Deem 1, Maureen Hawkins 2, R Franklin 3, Janet Coles 4, R Shere 5, B Horrell 6, B E Samuels 7, R J Quick 8, D J Hawkins 9, A J Spear (1st on 10) 10. £2

Tilehurst, Berks. 23 Jul, 1250 Cambridge S Major: June Winter 1, Daphne Howcutt 2, Joanne Druce 3, Eunice Wark 4, G M Brown 5, C R Cairns (1st S major as C) 6, E J Wells 7. Ruby Wedding compliment to Daphne & Derek Howcutt, married at St Mary Templecombe 16.7.55. £1

Wells, Som (Cathedral). 13 Aug, 1259 Grandsire Caters: E T Lee 1, Jennie Taylor 2, R G Edwards 3, M J Callow 4, A E Cox 5, C Bryant 6, J R Taylor (C) 7, J H Gilbert 8, J Brain 9, M W Baker 10. For Evensong. Branch Q by Chew Branch members. £2

Westminster, London WC (St Clement Danes). 6 Aug, 1250 Superlative S Major: S G Jakeman 1, Prudence Fay 2, Janet Barter 3, Maryanne Roach 4, Ruth Foreman 5, M T Sprackling 6, J P Adams 7, M J Wigney (C) 8. 100th together 1 & 7. £2

Winterborne Whitechurch, Dorset. 9 Aug, 1304 Grandsire Doubles: Joanne Edwards 1, David Gill 2, Judith Robertson 3, Tim Edwards (1st in m) 4, Ross Robertson 5, Nik Gill 6. To celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Tim & Silvie Edwards. £1.20

Obituary

Maurice Herbert Carlyon

The Best in the West...

Our bell tower captain, Maurice Herbert Carlyon, passed away aged 82 years, and was buried to the sound of his beloved bells on 22nd August 1995.

Born in "Little Australia", he lived and worked throughout his life in Mawgan in Meneage and the surrounding district, involved with Mawgan Church and bells for 67 years. Training many bellringers throughout Cornwall he would always appear with a band at Festivals, in fact the current Mawgan band came late in life to ringing taught by Maurice. Some of the unseen work of a tower captain – splicing, greasing, painting and replacing stays, all part of a bell master's lot, Maurice carried out with dedication and the annual removal of birds' nests and twigs, probably five or six dustbin bags full, he did right up to his last year.

He could be seen having a quiet smoke after a long trip up and down the tower, before climbing once more to complete the task.

The church and tower will find it difficult to fill the gap left by the passing of a true Christian gentleman.

M.B. m.d.

Albert G. Fuller

Albert was a ringer at Burwell in Cambridgeshire for 65 years, and until recently he was the most faithful Sunday service ringer in the band. At the age of 80 he was still ringing for services and weddings at Burwell, Newmarket and Exning. He had also been a chorister at Burwell, as a boy soprano and later as a fine tenor.

Albert was born in Burwell in 1913, the youngest boy in a family of six children, and spent almost the whole of his life in the village. To many people he was always known as "Inky" Fuller from a schoolboy prank involving a bottle of ink: the victim was actually his eldest brother but the nickname was applied to all three boys. Albert worked at the local brickworks from 1930 until it closed in 1971, and then he ran a mobile fruit and vegetable business around the village. In 1940 he was called up into the army, but in that year brick-making became a reserved occupation and he was sent back to Burwell, subject to recall at 24 hours notice. This was never revoked nor was he formally demobilised, so he claimed to be on 24 hour recall for the rest of his life.

He learnt to ring in 1929 with three school-friends. The teaching methods were rough and ready – they were given the rope of a bell that was up and told to get on with it! This was when the five old bells on plain bearings were rung from the ground floor and the ropes were very long. All four boys persevered and eventually mastered plain hunt which was all they rang at Burwell before the war.

After the war some people regarded the old five as unringable, but Albert always maintained that there was nothing wrong with them. In 1955 they were rehung and augmented to eight, and with Richard Housden as captain there was a revival of ringing at Burwell. As well as Albert the band included George Orbell, Toby Sargeant, David & John Coupenhwaite, Albert's daughter Delphine, and Brenda Carter who still rings with us.

Albert was one of five first-pealers, all local ringers, in a peal of Plain Bob Doubles at Burwell in 1956, and rang peals of Bob Major in 1958 and Bob Minor in 1960 and 1961. He also rang peals at Swaffham Prior.

Most of the present band got to know Albert after he returned to ringing at Burwell in the early eighties after a few year's absence. He was a valuable asset and good company, providing the band with his views and experiences of life. His lively and outspoken wit defused awkward moments and helped keep pretension and pomposity to a minimum. Living near Newmarket all his life he was naturally interested in racing, and there was often a review of the winners and losers backed the previous afternoon before we started ringing on Sunday.

Climbing the stairs at Burwell and the vertical ladder at Exning became increasingly difficult for him in 1994, and his absences for hospital treatment became more frequent. He last rang at Burwell just before Christmas and died on Sunday July 30th. There was a large congregation at his funeral, and ringers from six different towers took part in half-muffled ringing before the service. He was buried in sight and sound of the church which he had served so well for so many years. We will miss him very much, and extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Alice and to all the family. May he rest in peace.

Burwell, Cambs. 8 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: Joan Lonsdale 1, David W Sweet 2, Leslie H Harvey 3, Jonathan P Hardy 4, Phillip J Wilding (C) 5, Christopher L Bell 6. Rung half-muffled following the funeral of Albert G (Inky) Fuller, a chorister and ringer at Burwell for 70 years.

Burwell, Cambs. 3 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles: Brenda Carter 1, Nancy McCree 2, Evelyn Kirby 3, Dee F Smith 4, David Gilbert (C) 5, Henry J Miller 6. For Albert Fuller – to celebrate his life and dedication to ringing.

A sad occasion

The funeral of Sophie Hook, the seven year old girl found dead on the beach at Llandudno, took place at Great Budworth in Cheshire of Friday 11th August at 11 a.m.

At Great Budworth we only have three ringers and, with a slightly difficult eight, ringing is generally confined to a branch practice on the last Thursday of the month. The branch then lend us ringers for a service ring on the first Sunday of the month. It fell that the Sunday we were due to ring was also the Sunday following this tragedy and it was possible that the family would attend the service at Great Budworth. It seemed wrong to ring, especially since we don't ring every week.

I rang the Vicar, the Rev. Derek Mills, for advice. It turned out that the family were still in Colwyn Bay and would be attending a service there. We decided that we should ring but half-muffled as this would reflect the feeling within the village. With six ringers including myself we rang some well struck Bob Doubles on the back six.

After the service I offered to arrange ringing if the family wished it whilst the muffles were on. I was quite surprised when the family accepted the offer and I was left to get a band together at very short notice and with weddings to compete with.

However, this was done, and at 10.30 on the Friday morning, eight ringers were in the tower to ring the funeral in. We had, for the sake of the striking, decided to keep to call changes and after a few rounds to settle down the striking was very good. At three minutes to eleven we finished ringing leaving the tenor to toll the

party in. Unfortunately what we did not know was that the party which was travelling from Colwyn Bay and included police officers from there, had been delayed on the motorway and arrived about ten minutes late leaving us to toll the tenor for longer than we would have liked.

All the band went down into a packed church and joined the service in which Sophie's favourite poem was read, her favourite tune played on the violin and a lesson was read by a policewoman from Colwyn Bay. Sophie's former school teacher paid tribute to Sophie's character. As one of the ringers remarked afterwards, "This teacher had some difficult tasks in her time but this had been the most difficult".

Following the funeral we rang the party out, again ringing call changes. We had permission to ring a quarter peal afterwards but it was felt by all the ringers that that was sufficient.

The funeral was on local television news programmes as well as being broadcast on Radio 4, who used the bells as a background to the commentary, fading them down whilst the commentator spoke. Obviously I did not hear this broadcast but it was quite by chance I rang Peter Hayward of Mills Hayward Associates on Friday evening. Peter had been listening to Radio 4 and he told me it came across very well.

I can now only thank the ringers who came at such short notice. They are: Jim Blowers from Dunham Massey, Jen Darling from Stretton, Gerald Bowen from Weaverham, Richard Starkie from Macclesfield, Bill Gibbons from Goostrey, Ivor Nichols from Macclesfield, John Oultram from Frodsham (cond), and John Birks from Great Budworth.

JOHN BIRKS.

Ralph E. W. Wenban

1921-1995

Ralph Wenban who died on the 15th August 1995 first learnt to ring at Ashford in Kent at the age of 14, being taught by his father the late William Wenban. During the war Ralph served in the RAF and was stationed at RAF Bibury in Gloucestershire where he met Joyce they were married in Bibury in 1946. After demobilization they moved to Harrow Weald and it was in this neighbourhood that he rang peals for the Middlesex County Association and the Hertford County Association.

Moving to the Cotswolds in 1951 Ralph joined the Fairford tower and was a valuable member until 1957 when he moved to Bibury where he was as always a loyal Sunday Service ringer and also Church Verger for over 20 years. It was here that he taught Joyce and their children to ring. Ralph rang 33 peals for the Gloucester and Bristol Association and held various offices in the Cirencester Branch including secretary and ringing master and lastly chairman until his illness in 1990. Ralph was a devoted family man, very proud of his wife, children and grandchildren, he was a keen gardener and excellent ringer. Ralph was cremated privately and a memorial service when his family were joined by many ringers and friends, this was followed by a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples which was rung open to celebrate Ralph's life. He is survived by his wife Joyce, three sons and three daughters to whom we extend our deepest sympathies.

J. TUCKER

Fairford, Glos. 23 August, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Tucker 1, Eileen Godwin 2, Elizabeth Pearce 3, Peter Bartlett 4, Peter Harris 5, Patrick Bartlett 6, John Pearce (C) 7, David Pitts 8. Rung after the Memorial Service for Ralph E. W. Wenban.

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Night from Wednesday to Thursday w.e.f.
October. No practices 9th November, nor January
11th. Ad No 4226

FROME, St JOHN'S. There will be no practice on
Saturdays 23rd September or 21st October due to
the Carnival and a concert. 4219

HALESOWEN, WEST MIDLANDS. St John the
Baptist. Tower repairs are taking place and
ringing has ceased until further notice. The band
will practise at St Michael's, Brierley Hill, West
Midlands, Tuesdays 7.45pm. 4224

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Saturday Meetings and Practices

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tea at 5pm. Evening ringing at Fincham from
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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. NE District Service,
Meeting and Practice on Sat September 23.
Afternoon ringing at Ardleigh from 3-4pm; Little
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4.30pm. Tea and Meeting will be held at Great
Bromley Village Hall followed by evening ringing
at Great Bromley. Names for tea to David
Wenden (01206 250260) by September 20. 1257

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23, 7-9pm. All welcome. 1306

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Practice, Saturday September 23, Weedon, 7.30-
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Meeting, Sat September 23, Nottingham, St Mary
(12), 6.30-7.30pm; Nottingham, St Peter (12), 7.45-
9pm. All welcome. 1283

DERBY D.A. Chesterfield District. Quiz Night,
Saturday September 30 at the White Hart,
Eckington, starting 7.30pm. Buffet provided.
Team names asap to Secretary, 0114 248 5109. All
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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting
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Stoneleigh 5.45-6.30. 1326

OXFORD D.G. Vale of White Horse Branch.
Autumn Meeting, Saturday September 30 at
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Mitchell (01367 820693) by Wed Sept 27. 1298

PETERBOROUGH D.G. Towcester Branch. Sat
September 30. Branch Striking Contest and
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discussing if structure of Guild can be
developed to further aims of Guild. 1010

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30 at Kirk Deighton, 3.30-5pm, followed by tea
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Burnup (Tel 01937 583809) by previous
Wednesday please. Evening ringing at
Knaresborough, 6.30-8pm. All welcome. 1287

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. October
General Meeting, Saturday October 7,
Hartshorne 2.30-3.30pm; Repton 3.15-4.15pm.
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Lies, Damn Lies and Statistics....

I could not help thinking how apt was this title for the article on page 932, which I presume was written by Roger Bailey, an acknowledged master in this field. As author of the fax which was read out at the Central Council meeting in Salisbury (report p.718), I have, perhaps naively, been hoping for the last three months that he would address the issue that was raised. Nevertheless, we at least know how he has been spending his time.

Such is the smokescreen that I to in the 1995 report, except to indicate it had grown considerably. It was reported back to me that these points were entirely accepted and, indeed, as the RW report quotes: "...RB accepted that they were fair".

I feel it would be useful to go back to the beginning of this saga. I take a keen interest in compositions, and from time to time send in one of my own for publication. Typically, in recent years, these have been on the higher numbers, and reflect what we have been ringing in Birmingham. I believe that the value of publication in *The Ringing World* (as opposed to, say, collections) is to communicate to others – conductors and composers – current ideas and developments, thereby triggering off other lines of thought. Moreover, from a historical viewpoint, it is important to be able to look back and trace how ideas have developed and tastes have changed over time.

As a previous chairman of the Peal Compositions Committee, I also know how difficult it can be to keep up to date with publication, and I have certainly experienced pressure from impatient composers. Some delay is inevitable but also desirable. There needs to be independent checking for truth; preparation for publication in a meaningful and consistent format; and, perhaps, some informed comment. Some compositions merit priority, others the reject slip. But there is a need, and a duty, to keep the backlog under control.

I had been concerned for some time about the situation for the higher numbers of bells – nine and above. I was aware not only that compositions I had submitted had not appeared after 18 months or more, but other composers were similarly placed. In fact, Maximus compositions were becoming an endangered species! This prompted me to do an analysis of the situation. In 1994, I counted just over 50 compositions; there were no peals of Maximus, but eight of Stedman Cinques which has been prepared for publication and reviewed by David House for the PCC. Moving into the first quarter of 1995, 34 were published, but only two were on more than eight bells. Commendably, a page in March contained several dating back to 1990 and 1991; regrettably, in the circumstances, committee members were publishing their own compositions (some unpealed) after only a few weeks.

It was against this background that I asked my CC representative to raise these points and sent him a fax which summarised the details. I was conscious that Roger had, in his 1994 report to the CC, indicated that efforts would be made to reduce the backlog which was reported to be 50; the evidence was that these efforts had not materialised and the matter was not referred to in the 1995 report, except to indicate it had grown considerably. It was reported back to me that these points were entirely accepted and, indeed, as the RW report quotes: "...RB accepted that they were fair".

I note that he now claims he was "caught on the hop". Not only is this uncharacteristic of Roger, but since he was informed of the

contents of the fax the night before, it is largely untrue. Instead of responding to the issue of the backlog, he has chosen, instead, to demonstrate that he is just as productive as chairmen before him (including me). On the same page as the article, under "Composition Review", the "Composition Black Hole" now appears to be a proud boast. And, just to add salt to the wound, the very worthy composition that had sat in that black hole for so long, appears alongside one from a committee member in response to "a little conundrum" that was raised just five weeks ago!

So let me spell it out: (i) this is not an issue between Roger Bailey and Rod Pipe – it is more important than that; (ii) there is a backlog of major proportions which demands attention from Roger and his team; (iii) significant areas of composition are being neglected, notably on the higher numbers; (iv) the current efforts of committee members, commendable though they may be, are unhelpful in present circumstances and should instead be directed to reducing the backlog.

Only Roger knows the extent of the problem, why it has been allowed to develop, and only he can address these issues. I could suggest, in the interests of open government and freedom of information, that he should now publish statistics of the backlog, but I fear that would be a mammoth task. Nevertheless, he and his committee should: (i) conduct an inventory; (ii) categorise the compositions and set priorities; (iii) allocate responsibilities for checking or publication between committee members; (iv) enlist outside help, as in the case of David House with Stedman Cinques (many would be willing to assist, me included); (v) tighten up the system to ensure a consistent and accurate style. I look forward to his next report to the Council.

Birmingham.

ROD PIPE.

P.S. Since writing this, I learn from the Editor that a swallow has been sighted. Let us hope it is the herald of a glorious summer!

Ringer's Handbook – peal of Stedman Triples

1. I have recently been looking for a simple and regular peal of Stedman Triples for my first attempt at calling this principle. I turned to the *Ringer's Handbook* by Powell, and on page 116 I found what I was looking for, namely the Peal composed by J. W. Washbrook sometimes described as Washbrook's Variation of Thurstan's.

2. My next step was to write out the first and last row of each 'six' so that I could better understand the construction of the Peal. I followed the instruction for the first three blocks as printed, namely:

VI	S	H	L	Q
V				

	x		x	
	x	x		x

S
S=Single

I then worked through 4A, the unaltered version of Thurstan's block bringing up 143256 as printed on page 116.

3. Now comes the problem. The next section is printed as follows:

VI	S	H	L	Q
V				

	x		x	
	x	x		x
	x			

S				
		x		

This does not compute and from there on in it is impossible to bring up the rounds after pricking out the succeeding blocks. Fortunately, I had some Stedman Gurus as friends and so I put the problem to them. The answer is that this peal is so symmetrical that the third pair of Bobs at 'S(3,4)' above appears to be in the wrong place. I have underlined it for emphasis. If this block is changed to the following, then the Peal comes round after 5040 changes and the succeeding description works out.

VI	S	H	L	Q
V				

	x		x	
	x	x		x
		x		

S

x

By the way, the course ends are correct as printed, namely:

126453

241563

(345261)

435216

4. I am not sure how this misprint has been allowed to persist for so long and I have not been able to assess whether an erratum has been published, but if it has not, then may I suggest that attention is brought to this error in an otherwise excellent publication – especially for nuggets like me.

FRANCIS MILNER.

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Young Yorkshire ringer to other Yorkshire ringer who is rather thin on top:

"Are you battery powered or solar powered?"



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Around and about

The programme "See Hear" BBC1 Sunday 8th October at 10 a.m. (repeat BBC2 10 October midday) features Rosalyn Bucknall ringing at Graffham (more details on the making of the programme later).

We very much regret to report that Eddie Rapley died in hospital on Saturday 9th September.

The handbell ringers that sometimes appear between programmes on London's Carlton TV are from the Sound of Brass.

This was one of several promotions used by Carlton since January 1993. However, a new high tech promo featuring searchlights appears to have taken over.

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C. BUSWELL.

It was a unique experience for South Norfolk ringers to be asked to ring for the Prince of Wales when he visited South Lopham church. Prince Charles was there to attend a concert as part of "Music in Country Churches", organised by the Norfolk Churches Trust, of which he is Patron. The church has the finest Norman tower in the county (apart from Norwich Cathedral), and the village is proud of its historic ring of six, with a 21 cwt tenor. A good quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung as the audience arrived, amid tight security. As the Royal helicopter touched down on the stubble field beside the church, a signal to the ringers ensured that the bells rang out to greet him; and his walk to the church was accompanied by excellent call-changes.

PAUL CATTERMOLLE.
South Lopham, Norfolk. 8 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara Cattermole 1, Paul Cattermole (C) 2, Jane Grandfield 3, Alice Cattermole 4, Betty Baines 5, Ian Grandfield 6. Rung immediately before his arrival, to commemorate the visit of HRH The Prince of Wales. The bells were also rung to welcome the Prince as he walked from his helicopter to the church. £1.60

The Vale of Evesham can fully oblige Philip Gray (p.927) with the type of conductor he has not heard for some time; Gerald in full flow is a sound (and a sight) to behold. Those so conducted can truly lay claim to having rung a peal.

C.M.P.

BELL CLUB AWARDS

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

Gold

Adam Ashman (Allendale).

Blue

Helen Winn, Samantha Skillen and Yvette Skillen (all from Bidston); Bethany Deslauriers (Deerhurst); Sarah Gooding, Susie Page, Becky White, Simon Barber and Lesley Overton (all from Hughenden).

Diabetics peal

On Saturday, October 7th, a sponsored peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major will be attempted at Knowle (West Midlands) with all money raised going towards diabetic research. All of the ringers are insulin-dependent diabetics with an age range from 21 to over 80. If anyone would like to sponsor this peal, please would they contact me.

If any other ringers with diabetes would like to join us on that day I would be happy to arrange for a few local towers to be available (maybe even a quarter peal?). Please let me know at 10 Rodborough Road, Dorridge, Solihull B93 8ED (01564 773374).

RUTH SHEPHERD.

"Wild Girl" reference your personal notice. We don't need to publish your name - but we do need to know who you are.

The incredible performance of six ringers who rang eight peals of Minor in eight different towers in 24 hours on Saturday 9th September will be fully reported in due course. Further to the note on this week's Bellfounders' Gift Page we hear that one Leicester incumbent very much appreciated the fact that five of those involved either as participants or back-up were in their places in the ringing chamber of St Mary de Castro on the Sunday morning following their 24 hour marathon.

"What an excellent article on St. Luke's, Liverpool" (front page September 8 issue) writes David Cawley, who sends his best wishes for the project. Gordon Corby, also commenting on the article, points out that the Ron Edwards referred to is most probably the late brother of Ralph Edwards.

Alan Buswell's records indicate that, so far, 661 quarter peals rung on VE Day (May, 8th) have been published.

I was very interested to see the picture on page 927 of *The Ringing World* showing the visit of the Ladies Guild to Gillett & Johnston's Foundry on 5th May 1920.

There appear to be the copes of six bells with their attendants and an elbow on the left of a seventh person, so this could possibly be the casting of a ring of eight bells.

I have searched my Gillett & Johnston records and can find no such castings on this day, indeed to cast six or eight bells on the same day would be very unusual. One wonders therefore whether this is a pose for the occasion.

ALAN A. J. BUSWELL.

Weight and see, I suppose ... I'm a bit concerned about publication of *The Ringing World* after October 1st if the authorities find the Editor continuing to uphold the traditions of the Exercise by continuing to print tenors in imperial weights in the peal columns.

Are there printing facilities at Parkhurst?

JOHN BRAIN.

Fortunately no unit of weight is included in the peal columns so only ringers know that the number printed refers to tons.

We'll take John's comment with a gram or two of salt. - Ed.

On the quiz programme "Today's the Day" (BBC 2) to be transmitted on Thursday 19 October there will be footage featuring the late Fred Sharpe of Launton, Oxon. Fred is seen with his collection of handbells. The contestants are then asked a question related to bells. As one of the contestants was Hilary Aslett and the other was Nic Paul, a former bellringer and member of a bellringing family, they had a rather unfair advantage. Fortunately the answer they gave was correct!

A quarter peal rung on 7th September marked Peter Newing's last day as Rector of Elkstone. However we understand that this does not mean a move from Brimpsfield for Peter and Angela - it's a part of a major reorganisation carried out by the Bishop.

Elkstone, Glos. 7 Sept, 1260 PB Minor: Angela Newing 1, D Greenaway 2, P Covey-Crump 3, Janet Covey-Crump 4, S Dann 5, P Newing (C) 6. Rung on the conductor's last day as Rector of Elkstone.

Our congratulations to Andrew Wilby who rang his 1,000th peal on Sunday 27th August. Conducted by his son Michael the band, who rang Bristol S. Maximus at Towcester, included Andrew's wife Ann

The first peal for 37 years was rung at Bristol St Thomas the Martyr on Sunday September 17th by a band representing the Bristol Society. The peal of Plain Bob Triples was rung in 3 hours 14 minutes, conducted by Keith Scudamore. Derek Carr and David Ware rang the 29 cwt tenor

What is green and fits in your pocket? What does every smart ringer have? What is really good value? Whatever it is it will be advertised in our issue of 13 October.

On the 23rd of February I had a phone call from a young woman who said she was interested in learning to ring. On the 28th of February she had her first handling lesson, and since then has made rapid progress. She rang her first quarter peal on the 17th of September. It was a well struck quarter and Jane rang competently throughout, never making a mistake. Jane's brother Michael started a week after Jane, and his progress has been almost as rapid. Watch this space!

MIKE CLAYTON.

Christchurch NZ Cathedral. 17 Sept, 1260 P B and Grandsire Doubles: Jane Robins 1, Alan Batten 2, Michael Clayton (C) 3, Peter Perry 4, Bob Bennett 5, Jim Reeve 6. First Quarter - 1. First Quarter in the Southern Hemisphere and first in more than one method - 2. Rung to note Residentiary Canon Brian Thomas' transfer to the Parish of Geraldine and to mark 21 years of the Wizard's residence in Christchurch.

MORE NOTICES

ELY D. A. Wisbech District. Meeting on 23 September. Tea is now at Fincham at 4.30pm Not at Shouldham. 1335

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