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Incident Number 890

A New Record: Eight Peals in One Day by the same band in Eight Different Towers



The Record Band. Left to right: Andrew Mills, Andrew Farmer, Sally Mason, Colin Turner, Frank Rivett, Peter Ellis

On Saturday 9th September 1995, a band of six ringers set a new record by scoring eight peals in one day – all rung at different churches.

Some months ago, Sally Mason and Peter Ellis decided that it would be a challenge to beat the record number of peals rung in a day. Peter had been in the band that set a record of six peals in 1989; Sally was a member of the band which beat this record by ringing seven peals in 1990. It was thought that with careful planning it should be possible to ring eight peals at different churches within one day. A date was chosen and it was agreed that we would attempt eight six-bell peals.

Planning the route was in itself a challenge. The first three peals and last peal would need to take place during 'anti-social' hours. All rings of bells needed to be pealable in well under three hours and the towers had to be reasonably close together. Sally had some time at home in the Spring convalescing after an operation and therefore had time to formulate a route and book the towers. It was really a bit like a game of snakes and ladders – if one tower proved to be unavailable at the required time it was back to square one! A route was eventually finalised that started in North East Leicestershire, progressed up the West side of Lincolnshire before ending in Nottinghamshire. An information sheet was produced and sent to each tower explaining what

we were trying to achieve. This appeared on church notice boards and in church magazines and resulted in a most welcome amount of support and enthusiasm in all the villages we visited.

Choosing the band was also difficult. Contrary to popular belief there *are* quite a few ringers who are more than a little insane and the number of ringers who were keen to participate exceeded the number of ropes available. It was with great regret that some ringers had to be excluded and we thank them for being so understanding.

Friday was preparation day. Andrew Mills muffled Sproxton's front six and then went on to check the ropes and fittings at the other six towers. There was more work than anticipated in some of the towers where ropes were adjusted, spliced or changed for spares we had brought with us. Candles and a camping lamp were set up at Sempringham Abbey where there is no electricity. At Ossington, Sally lifted up the lid of the organ to look at the keyboard. She was quite surprised to find a mouse sitting under there tucking into a old hymn book. The lid was quickly replaced and the mouse was left in peace to finish his meal!

The relevant Police Authorities were notified of the ringing that was about to take place,

particularly that which would be taking place at unusually early and late hours. The police were extremely helpful and wished us well in what we were trying to achieve. The event was entered on their computer and assigned to Incident Number 890.

At 11.30pm (appropriately in the light of the full moon) six ringers and two support crew members – Kingsley Mason and Nicola Crichton – assembled at Saltby. As Nicola is good at sums she was chosen to be tower donation monitor. A power-crazed look swept her face when all the money was handed over to her. Would she abscond on a shopping spree before the attempts were over?

At ten seconds past midnight 'Go Kelso' was called and Incident 890 was underway. The novelty of ringing on fully muffled bells in the early hours of the morning helped the peal to pass extremely quickly. In what seemed like no time at all, a good peal had been scored and it was soon time to move a mile down the road to Sproxton.

At 2.37am the second peal commenced. One or two ringers yawned but were soon enlivened when a large spider decided to crawl around the circle. It stayed for the duration of the peal. Fortunately, no one appeared to be frightened. It was perhaps just as well that Frank did not realise that the spider crawled up the inside of his trouser leg at one point! At 4.49am, with two good peals behind us, we were on the way to the third tower.

The candle-lit belfry at Sempringham looked like fairyland when the peal commenced at 5.48am. The band were able to watch day break whilst the peal of 41 Surprise Minor was in progress. During the peal a couple of horses and their riders were observed taking an early morning gallop across the nearby fields. Had the nine o'clock horses arrived early, or were the Canadian Mounties arriving to stop incident 890? By 8.12am, the third peal had been scored. The band was still looking remarkably fresh despite having forsaken a night's sleep in order to ring 15,120 changes.

At Silk Willoughby we decided that a short coffee break was in order before starting the fourth peal. The end of this at 11.19am marked the half way point: four down and, hopefully, *only* four more to go.

Then on to Martin where the public toilets next door to the church provided welcome relief. The church was open for the sponsored Cycle Ride; the church visitors and local ringers were extremely interested in what we were doing. Starting at 12.09pm, the band was able to watch visitors cycling up and down the church path. During the course of the day we had completely lost track of time. Although it felt like tea-time, Peter was amused to discover that his watch only showed 1pm! 'That's all' was called at 2.31pm. Only three more peals to go now.

Before starting at Blankney we decided that another coffee break had been earned. As at the
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A NEW RECORD - continued

previous tower, the church was being visited by cyclists and still more interest was shown in our efforts. We did comment that we had seen cyclists at other towers during the day. However, we had not come across any at Saltby and Sproxton, and had encountered only a horse at Sempringham. The band and support crew enjoyed sitting out in the sunshine for a whole five minutes the sixth attempt beckoned. At 5.39pm the peal came round and there were only two left to go. The end now seemed in sight.

At Wellingore we were greeted by Barbara Clipsham who had kindly raised the bells for us, thus allowing the support crew a well-earned rest. Yet again, the church was being visited by cyclists. In Wellingore churchyard Sally accidentally gained the stimulus she needed to keep her awake during the remaining two peals - nettle rash! Why is there never a dock leaf behind you when you need one? At 8.39pm, peal number seven ended and a local lady dashed into the tower to congratulate us and say how much she had enjoyed the ringing. She wished us luck for the remaining peal: ahead lay the relatively long journey to Ossington, our final tower.

It was now 9.30pm and we were at our ultimate destination. Gone were the cyclists: gone the horse: deserted the organ, the mouse having devoured only half the hymn book - or was he even now up the tower gnawing our carefully checked ropes? Five thousand and



Support Crew - Nicola Crichton

forty changes later, the eighth peal came round at 11.46pm. History had been made. The support crew came in to greet us, Nicola still having enough money for the final tower donation! After a few group photographs, all returned to their respective psychiatric wards for a well-earned rest.

A record eight peals had been rung in one day by the same band at eight different towers. The ringing during the day had been excellent with very few errors and a high standard of striking throughout. The participants claimed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and hardly any blisters (Sally's nettle rash excepted!) were in evidence. Colin said that he had had a good and full day out. Although we had driven past one of the few towers that he had not yet grabbed, he said he had resisted the temptation to ask whether we had time to stop off for a little ring!

It is believed that the band rang more changes in the same day on tower bells than had ever before been rung (the Extent of Major rung at Loughborough Bellfoundry finished after midnight). They also spent more time peal ringing in one day (18 hours 42 minutes) than had been done before, on either tower or hand bells.

A total of 42 different Surprise Minor methods were rung during the course of the day. Peter Ellis conducted all the peals becoming the

first person to have called eight peals in one day. This included calling an extent of each of the 41 Regular Surprise Minor methods - the first person to do this in one day - and one peal in which the 41 methods were rung in the same peal.

All members of the band had rung over one thousand peals and therefore a new record has been set for the number of peals rung by a band of thousand pealers in one day. Sally Mason had already rung more trebles in a day than anyone else and more peals in a day than any other woman but has now increased this figure from seven to eight.

The support crew played a vital part in the proceedings. They acted as the team taxi drivers, went ahead of the band to collect keys and raise the bells and revisited towers after the peals to lower bells, remove muffles, retrieve ropes, leave donations and lock up. Their role was probably more exhausting than that of the ringers. The band are indebted to Kingsley and Nicola for their hard work without which the event could not have been successfully achieved.

Thanks also go to Hemel Hempstead, St Peter's, Nottingham, Sunningwell and Shelford for the loan of their muffles; to Martin Church for allowing us to borrow a box to use at Sempringham and to Colin's dad for the use of his camping lamp.

Finally, many thanks to the ringers, incumbents and parishioners for their enthusiastic support and the use of their bells; without them history could not have been made.

SALLY MASON.

NB: A 'therapy' peal attempt was arranged for the following day at Wanlip, Leicestershire. This included four members of the eight-in-a-day band and one of the support crew.

Unfortunately, the attempt only lasted four extents before the tenor ringer asked to stop. And to think that he'd not been deterred the previous day when he'd managed eight peals on the trot!

Details of the peals are on p.1083.



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Back to full strength

A Ready Mix Concrete executive, an accountant, an Insurance Company executive, a Eurostar Parcels supremo and an economist (the five directors) accompanied by a House of Lords auditor (Central Council Secretary and Company Secretary), the RW Editor and occasionally a professor (President of the Central Council), meet at least five times a year to plan and supervise all aspects of the production of *The Ringing World*. As already announced the five directors invited Mrs Maureen Frost to join the Board after the resignation of Director No 6, Bob Cooles, and the Board should therefore be back to full strength for its important budget meeting in November. Our new director is...



Maureen Frost at Sturminster Marshall.

Maureen was born in Kent and went to school in Canterbury. She learnt to ring at St Mildred's, Preston which was then a newly refurbished ring of five.

She rang her first quarter at Goodnestone in 1972, conducted by Derek Carr. Further Q.P's and a couple of peals followed in the next few years mostly in the West Country.

Maureen worked as a teacher in Horsham, Sussex and Warminster, Wiltshire until she married Alan N. Frost (at St Mary's, Wingham) in 1980 and settled in Dorset.

The couple have two children, Timothy 13 and Roberta 11. Their arrival necessitated a break from ringing but Maureen always took an interest in what was going on.

She re-emerged as P.R.O. of the Dorset County Association a few years ago and gets the jobs no-one else wants, such as speaking to the W.I., checking the D.C.A. Tower Directory, filling in forms and writing reports for the R.W.

Maureen works as a Correspondent for the local newspapers and as a Supply Teacher. She shares her family's interest in Natural History and keeps honeybees.

Special day at Newbold-on-Avon

Sunday 24th September 1995 was to be a special day in the calendar of St. Botolph's, Newbold-on-Avon as this was the day set aside to celebrate the bi-centenary of the church clock. The veteran clock, made by a blacksmith in 1795 still ticks away the time, high in the church tower even after defying one attempt to electrify the winding mechanism. It requires winding twice a week which entails climbing three turns of the spiral staircase. It keeps excellent time, and chimes every hour, on the hour.

Expatriates of Newbold were invited to attend a celebration lunch and afternoon service, at which past clergy preached.

A Quarter Peal of Plain Bob Doubles was rung after the lunch on the back 6 of the ten bells. Some of the guests took part and also swelled the local band to enable the 10 bells to be rung for the Service.

The presence of Aubrey Eveleigh for the weekend gave us the chance to ring an excellent Quarter Peal of Grandsire Caters on Friday evening as a belated 100th birthday compliment to Mrs Hilda Clarke. A previous Quarter Peal attempt on Mrs Clarke's birthday had failed owing to a broken rope.

Whilst ringing for the service on Sunday, Aubrey asked if it would be possible to attempt a first Quarter for our junior member Steven White. All agreed and this was quickly arranged for Monday 25th September at 7pm. The successful Quarter Peal was rung on the front 6 and was Steven's first attempt, congratulations Steven!

Thank you to all who took part in these three Quarter Peals and those who rang for the Sunday Services. JOHN SLACK

Newbold-on-Avon, Warwickshire. 22 Sept, 1296 Grandsire Caters. Jenny Thorne 1, Hilary Aslett 2, Avril Harris 3, Aubrey G Eveleigh (C) 4, Rachael M A Weedon 5, T G Hill 6, Stan M Ruddleston 7, John F Thorne 8, John Slack 9, A E Gillias 10. Belated 100th birthday compliment to Mrs Hilda Clarke. £1

Newbold-on-Avon, Warwickshire. 25 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Doubles. Steven White (1st attempt) 1, Avril Harris 2, Carole A Eveleigh 3, John Slack 4, Aubrey G Eveleigh (C) 6, Bev Newcombe 6. £1

Newbold-on-Avon, Warwickshire. 24 Sept, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles. Kathie Morley 1, Avril Harris 2, Rev. David Smith (C) 3, John Slack 4, Aubrey G Eveleigh 5, Nick Morley 6. For the bi-centenary of the Church clock and for Harvest Festival £1

First peal congratulations

Colin S. Joyce, Deborah J. S. Bearder, David Barraclough, Daniel Jones and to Keith M. Taylor who completed his first peal as conductor.

Education Matters

(An occasional column with news and views from the Central Council Education Committee)

The CC Education Committee has been increasingly concerned with communication recently, and the weekend of September 23rd-24th gave plenty of evidence of this. The first Education Officers' Conference was held at Leicester on the Saturday, and will be separately reported in full. At the Education Committee meeting just down the road at Sharnford the following day it was inevitable that a fair amount of time would be devoted to a follow-up discussion. Partly in order to pat ourselves and the other participants on the back, because we agreed that we had found the day very rewarding, and also to discuss the best way to progress further what had always been seen as one step in the direction of establishing and maintaining better communications with association education officers throughout the exercise. We decided to hold further events every year, probably a national conference every two years with three regional conferences in each intervening year. The regional gatherings will provide a choice of dates and, we hope, encourage co-operation and complementarity in the provision of training among neighbouring associations. A further way of helping this process will be the publication of our growing list of association and branch education officers. This will be done in the forthcoming second edition of the *Training Directory*, which will also contain a more comprehensive list than before of the training resources available to those in need, both customers and providers.

Turning to our own role as providers of training, we made further progress with the detailed planning of the our new weekend courses on Tower Captaincy to be held in February and November 1996. We were also very pleased to have to plan the delivery of the full set of our recently relaunched seminar series to one association in the early part of next year. We have of course been communicating regularly with associations for some time, and we made some decisions about the content and distribution of the next edition of the *Education Newsletter* to be published in December.

We are now approaching the end of the triennium, and would like to achieve as tidy as possible a handover to the new committee when the time comes. There was encouraging evidence that several publications, and possibly the video, which have been on the work-in-progress list for some time will be discharged by May 1996, and others, such as the ambitious *Tower Manual* project, which are still in the early stages, will at least have a sufficiently well defined structure to enable them to be taken forward by our successors.

We were as usual grateful for the generous hospitality and meeting space provided by the Franklin family, and although we overshot slightly beyond our target closing time of four o'clock, most of us were able to get home in daylight.

PHIL GAY

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Letters



Guides pictured at Cannock in 1960.

Girl Guides and ringing

I write in response to Bernard Townsend's question as to whether the teaching of Guides to ring for their badges is worth the effort (RW 22nd September, p.976).

In *The Ringing World* dated 4th March 1960, the above photograph and article entitled "Ringers among Staffordshire Girl Guides" appeared. This described how, in September 1959, a group of ten Guides and their Captain started to learn to ring at St Luke's Church, Cannock.

Six months later, seven of the girls, assisted by a local ringer on the tenor, rang rounds and call changes for Holy Eucharist and Mattins. We were taught by George Bradbury, tower captain who devoted hour long sessions to us; we quickly gained bell control and joined the regular practice. The element of friendly competition together with the objective of achieving our badges ensured a keen interest, and a year later two of us had gained our badges and I had rung my first peal. Encouraged by the presence of other youngsters, two of the choirboys also learnt to ring, and during the next few years they became the core of the regular ringers.

By 1967, several had moved away but at least six of us were regularly attending. I believe that two still ring occasionally at Cannock.

After a break of about ten years, I returned to ringing in 1982 and now ring two or three times a week in the Bath and Wells D.A. During the past 13 years I have seen at least 15 learners of various ages drop out within a year or two of starting to ring, and feel that the six Cannock Guides still attending after seven years represent a good return on investment.

I am sure that Guides, who already show a commitment to others are no more likely to drift away than anyone else and should be given the opportunity to learn to ring. It is true that there is no requirement to continue regular ringing after attaining the badge. However, given the atmosphere and encouragement of a good tower, gaining the badge is merely the catalyst for a potential lifetime of ringing.

The secret of retaining young ringers is to allow them to progress as quickly as they are able, to set goals for them to achieve and to ensure that they feel valuable members of the team.

In view of the constant need for new ringers, I hope that we will all recognise the importance of encouraging anyone who shows an interest in the art, whatever their initial motive.

MARGARET HARPER
(née GUTHRIE)

Ilminster

Teaching Bell Handling

Like Mr Pargeter, I have enjoyed the correspondence on the above topic and perhaps points from my own 30 years' teaching experience at Goostrey may be of interest:

Firstly, I am not in favour of teaching bell handling during regular practices, it embarrasses the learner to be watched by those who can ring, as he/she struggles with handling problems. It also wastes the time of other ringers, and a single tolling bell is a nuisance externally. I confine learning to tied clapper sessions on Saturday mornings. The learner is, however, invited to come to watch on practice nights, when early acquaintance with change-ringing can be gained.

My proficiency test is for the learner to ring a bell unaided from balance to balance (without touching the stay) for ten consecutive whole pulls. This usually takes three or four sessions, after which open ringing on practice nights can begin.

Secondly, I use the traditional method of teaching, where the instructor works on the rope with the learner with the bell up, gradually removing his influence until the learner has complete control (which is what a car driving instructor does with his dual control). A point I soon discovered is that if the instructor catches the sally above the learner, the shake of the sally below confuses him/her, so I handle below the learner. This involves me in considerable gymnastics but it gets result quicker – and keeps me fit!

When teaching how to take a coil when ringing down, I frequently suggest that the learner should practise on the clothes line at home; once I received the amusing reply "We only have a washing machine at home!"

WILLIAM F. GIBBONS.

Guides return

Further to Bernard Townsend's letter asking about the return for teaching Girl Guides, I taught two in 1992. They were valuable members of the band for 14 and 16 months (counting from their first to their last Sunday service) during which time, they rang for 34 and 28 Sunday Services respectively. On four occasions, we would have met short without one of them. I have never doubted that it was worthwhile teaching them; I'm not sure whether this analysis reinforces that opinion or not! It's a pity they're not still with us, but I haven't been put off – I now have four more, within a few weeks of their first Sunday appearances.

RICHARD PARGETER.

Balsham, Cambridge

P.S. I wonder who taught the 'adults who came out of the woodwork', and what that person felt about the value of teaching them?

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Following the Society of Rambling Ringers Annual Tour, this year visiting North Humberside and Yorkshire, I would like to thank all the ringers and incumbents for making the necessary local arrangements, for meeting us and for making us feel so welcome at the 81 towers we visited.

I am pleased to be able to report that we were able to send donations to the Yorkshire Association Bell Repair Fund of £130 and the York Guild of Church Bellringers Bell Repair Fund of £50. This was in addition to the total of £160 given to towers requesting individual donations.

A big thank you to everyone concerned.

JANET M. DEW,
Honorary Secretary,
The Society of Rambling Ringers.

Frequency and loss

Peter Wenham's and Philip Gray's letters on frequency, length of bell control lessons and loss of learner.

15 minutes a month, as any worthwhile teacher knows well, is a complete waste of time – hardly worth adding "and of energy". Further, such a practice is likely to take place in the middle of a band's practice when the pupil will be embarrassed by so many onlookers and the band bored to bits. I could suggest suitable people in the NHS whom a teacher using such a method should see.

Philip rightly writes about muscles. PE teachers will say that muscles "forget" more quickly than memories, so the more frequent the bell control lessons are, the better. A lesson a week and at a separate time from the band's practice, though possibly before it, is normal. Without doubt a lesson each day in the first week is ideal but is rarely practicable. It should not be thoughtlessly dismissed however – holidays for instance. Two or three lessons each week in the first fortnight is certainly possible if the teacher and pupil put themselves out.

The cost of a simulator may not be large but is nonetheless huge in comparison with the three very inexpensive ways of **quietening** a bell illustrated in *A Tutors Handbook* (soon to be re-issued). They are Fred Sharpe's Launton No 1: a clapper bar with a metal clapperette at one end; his No 2: a cord tied to the clapper and to the headstock which allows the clapper to move about an inch from the bell and so strike it; and a tyre muff.

Simulators compared with these three come into their own at the rounds stage and I won't belittle their advantages. But if a learner has real control of the bell – *self control* – then it must surely be more fun (it really can be fun) to ring with real people. Often we start learners ringing "whole pull and stand" at Wakefield and an experienced ringer accidentally on purpose doesn't manage to stand his bell – everybody laughs and all tension is removed.

All give the opportunity which Philip properly advocates of co-ordination of muscles, ear and rhythm. All good strikers can ring a completely tied bell and pin-point the exact moment that the bell should strike. They can in consequence tell immediately if a live bell is odd struck. This ability is due to experience and the co-ordination of the three factors. By the way (and I shall no doubt as usual be accused of quibbling) Iris Lemare, a highly qualified musician, says that the correct word is **time** not rhythm, but the point is the same.

A teacher and pupil may together agree, after a couple of lessons, that ringing is not for him or her. But after that, *if the pupil has agreed to be a Sunday service ringer*, a condition in many towers, the fall out rate should be negligible. If it is big it is probably the teacher's fault due to infrequency of lessons, failure to use a good teaching system or "hands on" when the open rounds stage is reached.

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Rung Derby Cathedral, 16/7/93.

Wormshill – the Real Story

by Richard Offen

When, in 1978, I took over from Alan Berry as Advisor on Bells to the Diocese of Canterbury, I inherited a large amount of correspondence on St Giles' Church, Wormshill and its quest to possess a ring of bells. Very soon I also found myself in correspondence and discussion with the Churchwarden and Squire of the Parish, Michael Nightingale, who had set his heart on having a ring cast by Joseph Hatch, the celebrated 17th century Ulcombe bell-founder. Needless to say, such bells, although fairly profuse in Kentish towers, do not come on to the transfer list all that often and those that *might* have been available were far too large to fit the tower. So began a long process of persuasion to get the parish to look at other possibilities.

At about this time it became clear that the Parish Church of St Gregory, Canterbury was to be declared redundant and I was asked to try and find a suitable home for the delightful chime of three Whitechapel bells which the open gable contained. These bells had been cast from the metal of the previous bells during the incumbency of the Rev'd Derek Ingram Hill, a well known Canterbury cleric and non-ringing bell enthusiast.

Finally, after the usual protracted negotiations and legal wrangling, it was decided that St Gregory's should be converted into an arts centre for the nearby Christ Church Teacher Training College and the proceedings for "change of use" got under way. Because of the need for scaffolding to reach the bells, it was finally agreed that the contractors undertaking the conversion would remove the bells, under supervision as part of their contract.

It was a heart-stopping morning when the bells were removed by builders who refused to take any notice of those present with experience of removing bells: "they knew what they were doing" – the rest of us were not nearly so sure, especially when they nearly dropped the treble off the scaffolding! Once safely on the ground the bells – which still had no new home to go to! – were loaded into the back of my estate car and transported to our house where, for the next two years they became a permanent fixture outside the kitchen window. It says a lot for the tolerance of our neighbours that not once did they complain about the occasional chiming of the bells by interested visitors – not even when Richard Jones, Chris Dalton and Mark Regan chimed Stedman Singles very loudly on them one Saturday evening!

Wormshill was an obvious home for this ring and, after much further deliberation, negotiation and counting of pennies, the scheme which has eventually produced the present six came into being. In order to cut costs it was decided that one of Mr Nightingale's own companies, an iron foundry in Sittingbourne, would fabricate the steel grillage bell frame to plans purchased from Whitechapel and that the K.C.A.C.R. bell-hanging squad would carry out the hanging.

It was then that we discovered that Wormshill's original Richard Phelps bell was badly cracked in the crown. It soon became apparent that there was no way the Parish was going to allow it to be recast or even have its canons removed – much further deliberation!

Eventually, with a Faculty granted, the Phelps' bell back from the welders and tuned to fit the Canterbury three, work in the tower could commence. It was a cold November one Saturday morning when the K.C.A. gang assembled to carry out the work of hanging four bells, "shouldn't take long to get this little lot up

and ringing", commented an optimistic member of the team. Little did he realise that the Sittingbourne steel fabricators couldn't read a drawing properly and seemed incapable of measuring to the Whitechapel pin-point accuracy with which we had become so accustomed in Kent over the years! It required a fair bit of ingenuity and hard work, not to mention extra drilling, to get everything to fit together as it should. So much for the earlier optimism!

The morning's difficulties were all forgotten however by the time lunch was over. Over the course of many years voluntary jobs in the towers of Kent, the K.C.A.C.R. bellhanging crew have been treated to some pretty lavish picnics in ringing rooms and at the back of dank, cold churches, but never before has roast beef with all the trimmings, followed by apple pie and cream been served up to the ravenous mob – in the charming surroundings of an elegant farmhouse dining room, complete with a roaring log fire! Needless to say the afternoon's labours were rather slow in re-commencing and, it has to be said, did not reflect the normal vim and vigour for which the K.C.A. team was justly renowned!

By the end of the afternoon all four bells were in action and, in spite of being deafening in the ground floor ringing room, handled well and sounded very good – for a 1, 2, 3, 6 of a ring of six! So at last, Wormshill had a ring of bells. I still remember the tone of disbelief in David Cawley's voice when I phoned him to tell him the good news! But there were still two empty pits to be filled and not a Hatch bell in sight!

It was soon after this that I conceded defeat, upped sticks and moved to the rural tranquility of Shropshire, vowing to retire from the search for redundant bells for parishes with firm views on what they wanted and stick to enjoying our newly found nice little G & J restored six ... "our fourth and fifth could do with better designed canon-retaining headstocks", I remarked enthusiastically, "don't even think about it until you've finished rehanging the House", snarled 'er indoors!

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Having been responsible for the first phase of work to get St Giles' Wormshill a ring of bells, I was therefore delighted to read your cover article on the successful augmentation to six. I feel sure that my predecessors as Bell Advisors to the Diocese of Canterbury, namely David Cawley and Alan Berry, would wish to join me in congratulating Michael Nightingale and everyone at Wormshill for the successful completion of a very long held ambition to see a ring of six hanging at Wormshill. I know that, like me, David and Alan spent an inordinate amount of time in trying to find a suitable ring of bells for this small tower and to fit the parish's even smaller budget!

Having matched the St Gregory's Canterbury bells to the Wormshill bell, there still remained the problem of finding suitable bells to make the fourth and fifth of the ring. Just before I left Kent for Shropshire, news came of the pending redundancy of Leysdown Church on the Isle of Sheppey, with its chime of three. These were soon offered to Wormshill in the hope that they could be recast into the two missing bells. At this point I left the county, with no final decision having been made.

I was therefore interested to read that the Leysdown bells have been retained at Wormshill "just in case". In my day on the Canterbury D.A.C., redundant bells were offered to a parish as a gift, provided that they were used in the church to which they were offered. It would be interesting to know where these bells actually



"Pssst! Did you ask?"

"Yeah! He said they're practising Bob Doubles! He's running in! T'other's running out! And she's making the Bob!"

"Weirdos!"

"Yeah!"

Well – look at it this way!

Making bobs in Plain Bob doubles is *easier* than ringing plain leads because the work at bobs is all plain hunting.

- If you were going to make seconds place you run out – which means that you have a "free lead" of plain hunt before actually making seconds place.
- If you were going to dodge 3-4 down you run in – which again means that you have a "free lead" of plain hunting before actually dodging 3-4 down.
- If you were going to dodge 3-4 up you make the bob – which is just a plain hunt up to fourths place (you are counting places, aren't you?) and back to lead. (Long fifths next time.)

All this must be simpler than dodging!

There is just one more thing about bobs that should always be explained to pupils:

- If you are making long fifths when a bob is called you are not affected – *but* – instead of striking over two bells in the sequence A-B-A-B you now strike over three bells in the sequence A-B-B-C. Pupils should be made aware that they strike twice over the same bell, handstroke and backstroke, in the middle of the "four blows" when a bob is called.

PDW

are now and if Wormshill really intends to keep these bells indefinitely? Surely the Leysdown three should be returned to the diocesan authorities so that they can be offered to another parish where they can be put to use.

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2345678	W	H
42365	3	S
3426587		S

6 part, calling 3W only in any one part.

S = 1456. S = 1478.

18 each 5678, 6578, 5687, 6587.

Also true to Lincolnshire

Cambridgeshire completed - at last!

By conducting a peal at Wisbech on 23rd September 1995 I achieved a long standing ambition to call a peal on all the rings of 8 or more bells in Cambridgeshire.

It was as an irrational teenager (some might say I still am, at heart) that I set out on this venture by calling a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Burwell. On that date Sir Winston Churchill and Gary Winston Lineker were, no doubt, celebrating their respective 89th and 3rd birthdays whilst the best selling record in the UK featured the Rodgers and Hammerstein song which became the anthem of the supporters of Liverpool Football Club. At that time there were just 17 rings of such but by completion the number had nearly doubled to 32 as a result of augmentations (8), changes in county boundaries (8) and new rings (2). Before I am accused of being unable to count, which usually only occurs after the nth + ? pint, I should point out that some rings fall into more than one category. In comparison to the prolific feats of some of the modern day 'Have car will travel' brigade progress towards completion would appear to have been exceptionally slow. It must be borne in mind, however, that at any one time not all the rings have been available for peals for reasons such as unfriendly local residents, trouble with the tower/installation or straightforward 'concerned tower captains' (1995 *Ringing World* pages 880/953).

When, in 1979, I followed the example of the conductor of my first peal and emigrated south



At the beginning of this year we celebrated the 25th ringing anniversary, of somebody who in my mind is very special. She is often quite prominent in the ringing world, however I decided it was time some of us, i.e. me showed her some appreciation.

So please forgive me AUNTY MANDY!!!! You have done a lot this year for everybody, you have spent time going round visiting towers, finding time to ring quarter peals with me and others (Nogging, Loiver and Fruitbat to name but a few). Despite also being elected Association Education Officer at the last AGM, you still found time to run this years annual Bath and Wells ringers camping weekend.

So hats off to you Aunty here's wishing you all the best and hoping we get another excellent 25 years of ringing out of you.

AWEN.

P.S. Here is a photo of Aunty looking as silly as ever with hubby Terry.

to the county of Gooch, Riddleys et al, I had reduced the number required to complete to just three. Of course two were (and still are) very difficult to obtain for peals, whilst the third was impossible as a result of difficulties which arose following an evening peal by a touring band. As a result the project was put on hold for sometime. During the ensuing years I made various trips north to ring on augmented rings before my enthusiasm for completing the assignment was rekindled by the aforementioned 'closed shop' not only becoming available but being re-hung as a bonus.

This did not mean that completion was a formality as the following two examples prove. At one of the new rings, peals by visiting bands are restricted to two a year and are allocated by ballot with the attempt to take place on a specific date. Winning this lottery was the easy part as I found to my cost in terms of a spiralling telephone bill which, for once, I could not blame on my loquacious daughter. It is amazing how burdensome it is to obtain the required number of people to ring a peal at a comparatively rare, prestigious tower for a 9 am start on a Bank Holiday Monday. My problems were increased by the number of people who dropped out shortly before the due date. Not for the first time (or the last) did I question my sanity in organising peals for this can, at times, be a thankless task. In the event both the writer and the former master of a well known society rearranged holiday plans to ring in the successful attempt.

Some time later permission had been given for a peal at one of the 'delicate' towers to mark a significant event. It was whilst examining the ropes prior to the attempt that I glibly remarked that I had known ropes break even after checking. How I regretted those words when, after more than two hours good ringing, the third rope broke. Fortunately permission was subsequently granted for a successful attempt on a national occasion.

One of the highlights, in my opinion, was Fordham Surprise Major at Fordham on the date of my parents' Golden Wedding Anniversary. This was rung in the church in which they were married and in the tower where I was taught to ring. The other high spot was the unforgettable sound of the 8765s of Bristol on one of my favourite rings, the superb Taylor 8 at the Roman Catholic in Cambridge. Our peal was, alas, the last peal on the bells for almost 20 years for reasons so clearly explained by Paul Seaman in his letter to *RW* on page 132 (8 February 1991).

Over the years I have enjoyed regular visits to the 'peal factories' of Meldreth and Trumpington whilst I have fond memories of Over and the original 'Exhibition' in the company of Messrs Ginn, Lucas and Murfet. Some rings are probably good for 'just the one'. Such is my lack of willpower that I have made return trips to several of these towers particularly at the time when the illustrious captain of a certain 10 bell tower was completing his peals on these rings.

Ringing encompasses team work and I would not have achieved this aim by myself. I should like to express my gratitude to those who have rung (and drunk) with me over the years. Special thanks are accorded to Roger Palmer for his initial encouragement and his efforts (not always successful) to keep me on the straight and narrow during my formative years and to George Bonham for making a lot of the latter day arrangements especially at some of the rarer towers.

The final question is, what next? For some time I have not kept detailed ringing records. I have, nevertheless, somewhat bizarrely retained a battered calendar from an ancient diary recording the dates of the year on which I have rung peals. Perhaps I will be tempted to complete the umpteen outstanding ones even though I can foresee a particular problem with 25 December. As an eminent Bedfordshire ringer said when discussing this topic 'The only purpose for ringing a peal on Christmas Day is when you have rung peals on the other 365 dates in the year'. Just watch the peal columns for progress.

ALAN M BARBER

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The Annual Dinner of the Durham and Newcastle D.A. was held on 16th September, the venue again being St. Mary's College, Durham. The College, which is the only location for the dinner which many younger members of the Association can remember, again proved the ideal setting with more than 60 members, non-ringing spouses and guests sitting down to an excellent meal.

In the interval between the loyal toast and the speeches a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on handbells by Ron and Conrad Warford, Oliver Cross and David Hird. This was followed by the Association's Grand Prize Draw in aid of the St Hilda's, South Shields Bell Restoration Appeal. It was announced that the Draw had raised almost £900 towards the Appeal.

The Association President, The Rev'd Neville Vine in opening the formal proceedings of the evening recalled the occasion when, while officiating at a wedding he had an unfortunate experience with a wasp which crawled up his leg and ended up stinging him in that part of his anatomy which is normally used for sitting on.

After this the main speaker, The Rev'd Norman Banks, Vicar of Whitley Bay had a difficult act to follow. In proposing the toast to the Association Father Banks advocated the view that each generation should leave something for the benefit of future generations, one of his own aims being to leave a ring of ten bells at Whitley Bay where there are only eight currently. In replying on behalf of the Association Christine Richardson picked upon his theme saying that this was consistent with the aims of the Association and speaking about the contribution bells and bellringers can make to the Church.

The evening ended with a ceilidh, the usual excellent bar facilities augmented by Conciliation Ale direct from the barrel providing the refreshments necessary to sustain dancing until past midnight.

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Kent Minor

by Steve Coleman

About six weeks after I took up ringing, someone bought me a copy of *The Nine Tailors* as a present. I didn't understand the ringing parts at all, but I was fascinated by the atmosphere of the peal. Mastering Kent immediately became my goal, and now that I can ring Bob Minor, I feel I am ready to start on it. Please guide me.

Phillip R.

In the village of Leeds in Kent in the middle of the eighteenth century, was a first class method ringing band. They rang lots of peals - or, at least, what in those days was lots of peals - and they had a particular taste for very long ones. Their tower captain was a truly remarkable man named James Barham, and under his leadership they actually succeeded in ringing the entire extent of Plain Bob Major - all 40,320 different changes - in 27 hours.

They did it on the 7th and 8th April 1761, but needless to say, they didn't do it with just eight ringers. They did do it, though, with just 13 ringers, and those 13 rang in shifts, each of them ringing for many hours at a time. And the conductor was James Barham, who had previously rung for nearly 15 hours in a failed attempt six years earlier.

In recent decades there have been many exceptional long lengths rung - including the extent of major by only eight ringers at Loughborough Bell Foundry in 1963 - and the skill and endurance of those involved leaves me dumb with admiration. But for me, James Barham's achievement in 1761 stands head and shoulders as the greatest ringing feat of all time. Not only must his strength and staying power have been extraordinary, but his conducting ability was way ahead of his time. Most remarkable of all was his determination and vision.

Yet, impressive as James Barham's ringing achievements were, they are virtually unknown to the great majority of ringers today. He came onto the scene, he rang for a great many years, and he made his mark. But he departed leaving us with almost nothing.

Almost nothing, that is, except for his great and largely unattributed legacy. He and his band invented Kent.

Treble Bob

Exactly how and why James Barham and his band invented Kent, we will come to in a moment. But first let's look at what Treble

Bob - which he *didn't* invent - is all about.

All the methods we've looked at so far, have the Treble plain hunting. In the doubles methods it hunts out to fifths place, and in the minor methods it hunts out to sixths place, but it does nothing more than plain hunt. In Kent, though - and in other Treble Bob and Surprise methods - the Treble does a *treble bob hunt*. Or as we normally say, it *treble bobs*.

And in case you have never seen it before, here is what the Treble's path looks like.



When you first see it, it looks a bit daunting. But if you can manage Plain Bob Minor, it won't take you long to get the hang of it. You simply,

Dodge 1-2 up
Dodge 3-4 up
Dodge 5-6 up
Lie behind
Dodge 5-6 down
Dodge 3-4 down
Dodge 1-2 down
Lead.

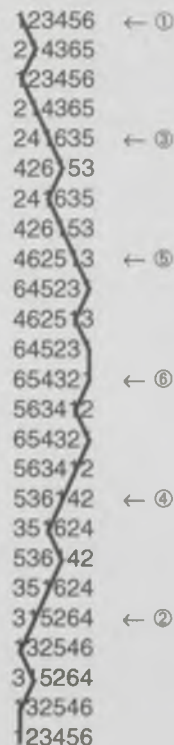
And then you do it all over again and again until someone says, *That's all*.

I say, *simply*, but you will find that dodging in one place so soon after dodging in another, is decidedly breath-taking to begin with. And in addition, dodging in 1-2, as well as being very difficult to get used to, is extremely easy to forget, particularly when you are dodging down.

Some people think of treble bob as taking three steps forward and one back - like life - but most ringers find it easier to remember the dodging positions.

Treble Bob Practice

And since it's so difficult to begin with, you and your band may well want some treble bob practice before launching into Kent. And to get that practice, a course of *pure treble bob* will do very well. Here is a picture.



A moment's study will show you three things. It is short, so there's no need to concentrate too long. Everyone does the same thing, so you all practise what the Treble does in Kent. And it's *false*, so every change gets rung twice. For that reason some people get a bit snooty about ringing it other than for practice, but as a practice method it serves very well.

It is, though, pleasantly musical. And if you and your band want to ring it over and over again on a Sunday morning, go ahead.

The Method Itself

And now for Kent itself. There's a whole blue line on the next page, [Not reproduced here but see page 30 of your *Ringing World Diary* - Ed.] and when you've got to the end of this paragraph you can have a look at it. But don't start learning it yet, as I'm going to talk you through it.

You can see that there is a lot of treble bobbing but there is also some other stuff that doesn't look much like treble bobbing at all. Nevertheless, it really isn't anywhere near as difficult as it looks at first glance, and to make it even easier, we are going to divide it up.

The Slow

First, *the slow*. This *slow* is nothing whatsoever like *the slow* in Stedman, but it is called *the slow* nonetheless. At one time it used to be called *the slow hunt bell*, but although you may find the term in older books, almost no one calls it that nowadays.

When you are in the slow, you are said to be the *slow bell*, and if you don't ring it when you ought to, people will shout, "Slow bell," at you. This will not be a comment on your striking but a statement of where you should be.



Learn it as a piece of work all by itself. It starts when you get down to the front and find the Treble there waiting for you. You then,

Dodge with the Treble,

Do lead and seconds repeatedly until the Treble comes back down to join you again,

And,

Dodge with the Treble once more, before going back up to 3-4.

All that shouldn't be too hard, and in fact it isn't. As long as you know when to start it and when to finish it, the rest comes easily enough. Some people remember where the slow comes in the rest of the blue line. But whether you do that or not, make a special effort to cement in your mind which bell is the Treble. Every time you get to lead, ask yourself, "Am I taking the Treble off?" If you are, dodge with it and carry on with the slow.

Of course, you have to finish the slow as well as start it. And you may find it all too easy to keep on doing lead, seconds, lead, seconds, ad infinitum. So to avoid this, remember that the end makes itself known by two signals.

The Treble takes you off

And,

You have made seconds over all the other working bells in turn.

Most Kent ringers look for both signals. They look to make seconds over everyone, and then they see the Treble joining them on the front.

Interestingly, very few Kent ringers actually count the number of times they make sec-

onds. If you want to know, in Minor it is four. But you will find it astonishingly difficult to keep track.

The Rest of It

And except when it isn't, the rest of Kent is treble bob *without any dodges in 1-2*. You dodge in 3-4 up, 5-6 up, 5-6 down and 3-4 down, but you do a normal whole pull lead on the front without any 1-2 dodging at all.

That is so straightforward after your treble bob practice that I shall say nothing more about it.

The Places

And that leaves us with the bits where you aren't treble bobbing - *the places*. These all occur in 3-4. *Places down* are like this.

2 3 4 5



And *places up* are like this.

2 3 4 5



They are absolutely identical to the places you ring in Reverse Canterbury Doubles and they are quite easy to remember. The difficulties are putting them in at the right time and ringing them correctly.

When to Ring Them

Let's look at the first problem first. The essential point is that a set of Kent Places takes exactly the same number of changes to complete as a dodge, and they put the bells into exactly the same position that a dodge would. These two pictures show that to be true.

132546	132546
123456	123456
211465	211465
124956	123456
214165	214865
241635	241635

But the places are needed because they prevent the repetition of changes that would occur with a dodge. In the second picture rounds occurs twice - as does 214365 - but in the first it doesn't.

So the essence of Kent is that some 3-4 dodges are replaced by places. And that is James Barham's great legacy. He invented a method in which instead of doing your places, you can dodge by mistake. And apart

from a crunch at the time, it will make absolutely no difference a moment later.

Interestingly, by the time he invented Kent in the early 1770s, *Oxford Treble Bob* - then often known as *Union Treble Bob* - had been around for many years. But the places in Oxford have to be got right or the bells immediately get into a real pickle, whereas Kent places can be got wrong with impunity. In effect, James Barham invented the *fudger's charter*, and there will certainly be times when you are as grateful to him as all other Kent ringers have been.

Avoiding the Crunches

But even though you *can* crunch with impunity, you would obviously far rather not. So how do you remember which 3-4 dodges should be replaced by places and which shouldn't?

There are three systems. The first and most widely used, is to notice whether the Treble is *below you* when you are in 3-4. And by *below you* I mean whether it is in 1-2. If it is, you make places. If it is not, you dodge. And a look at the blue line will confirm this.

But this begs the question, how do you know whether the Treble is below you, and the answer is that, on your way *up* from the front, you check to see whether you have rung over the Treble by the time you get to thirds place. If you have, it is below you. If you haven't, it isn't.

Similarly, on your way *down*, you check to see whether you have rung over the Treble by the time you get to fourths. If you have, the Treble is above you. If you have not, it is below you.

If you actually ring over the Treble in fourths, do *not* make places. Dodge with it instead. It may be below you when you are in fourths but it will not be below you when you are in thirds. Besides, you know that it must dodge with you because it never makes places, so *you* must dodge with it.

The Second Method

The second method is nothing to do with the Treble. You remember that after ringing the slow, your next two times in 3-4 up will be places. Check this on the picture. Your 3-4 up after that, is a dodge, as is the following 3-4 down. But the subsequent two 3-4 downs are places. The slow then comes immediately after the last places down.

This method is not easy and takes a lot of concentration, but some people like it.

The Third Method

And the third method is the same as the second method except that you don't try to remember when the places down begin. Instead you just look out for when you dodge

3-4 down with the Treble. The next two 3-4 downs are then places.

This last method, like the first, works just as well for Kent Major, Royal and Maximus as it does for Minor. Many ringers use it.

Making the Places

But even when you ring the places at the right times, you can still find the ropesight extremely tricky. If you have this problem yourself, these rules should help.

The two blows in fourths are always over the same bell.

The two blows in thirds are always over different bells, one of which is the Treble.

And,

You take the Treble at your second blow in thirds in your first places down, and your first blow in thirds in your second places down. And the same in your places up.

If you don't have ropesight problems, you won't need to bother with this. But if you do, Kent places can be a nightmare.

The Bobs

And that brings us to the Bobs. The great majority of Kent Minor is rung in plain courses, so if you take a while before learning the bobs, no-one will mind very much. But when you eventually do get round to them, you will find them very different from Bob Minor bobs.

Here is the picture, but in case you think it looks too awful to learn anything from, the rules are below.

351624	
345264	
352606	
342504	← "Bob" called here
325606	
123504	
213506	
125304	
215306	
251436	

1. The bell leaving the slow is unaffected.
2. The bell going into the slow is unaffected.
3. The bell doing its second lot of places up, immediately adds onto them its first lot of places down, and so does,

two blows in thirds,
four blows in fourths,
two blows in thirds,

and goes back down to lead again. This is rather like ringing a stepladder, and is definitely fun when you've cracked it.

Pudsey Surprise Maximus

The internal tenors together falseness of Pudsey Surprise Maximus (c) is

H-M	M-W	W-H
H-M	c ₃ :42653	c ₁ :35246
		c ₄ :36254
M-W	c ₄ :36254	c ₂ :42536
W-H	c ₂ :42536	c ₁ :35246
	c ₃ :42653	

and there are no real problems in stringing together 10 courses, terminating in 42536 after the Wrong in the 10th course to produce a standard length of 5042.

James Clatworthy has submitted four compositions. The first keeps 6 in sixths place throughout, one of the 964 available with this property, though none has five '56 course ends. To achieve that, it is necessary to move the 6 from its home position in at least one course as in the second composition. The third example includes the whole of the "64523" course with its little bell music, while the last offers two '65 course ends at the expense of one lead of 64523. Roger Bailey has produced a very traditional offering. This basic structure is capable of many variations allowing the balance of '56 and '65 courses to be varied according to taste. Colin Woods has a composition with exclusive

4. The bell that is dodging 5-6 up when the bob is called, does two more dodges in 5-6 up, making three dodges in all.
5. And, the bell that is dodging 5-6 down when the bob is called, does two more dodges in 5-6 down, also making three dodges in all.

Not surprisingly, these last two ways of being affected are the most difficult. To begin with, most ringers find it very hard indeed to count three dodges, and they often end up ringing two or four instead. Even when they get it right, they find it a real puzzle to work out when their next lot of places are due.

Indeed, it is so difficult, that I really do recommend you trying to come to terms with the first or third methods above. If you can't, though, you will need to remember that each bob delays the onset of your places down by exactly one 3-4 down occasion.

Giving it a Go

And if you've got all the way to this paragraph, you're probably very serious about giving Kent a go. And a good thing too. It is a step forward, it is a challenge and it is a real pleasure as well. Think of those eighteenth century men of Kent delighting in the novelty they'd just created, and wondering if anyone would still be ringing it in 200 years time. With a bit of practice you will.

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This article is an extract from Steve Coleman's new book The Method Ringer's Companion.

combination course ends although whether this feature produces the optimum music for Pudsey is again a matter of taste. DWB

5042 *Pudsey S Maximus James Clatworthy

23456	W	H
42356	-	-
54326	-	3
34256	2	-
24536	2	-
32546	-	-
(42536)	8	-

5042 Pudsey S Maximus James Clatworthy

23456	M	W	H
32456			3 (--S)
43256		SS	-
24356		SS	-
54326		S	-
62345	-	-	-
(42536)	-	8	-

5042 *Pudsey S Maximus James Clatworthy

23456	M	W	H
45236	-	-	-
25346		2	-
54326		2	-
62345	-	-	-
34625	-	-	-
32546	2	-	-
(42536)	-	8	-

5042 *Pudsey S Maximus James Clatworthy

23456	M	W	H
34256		3	2
53246		-	-
32465	S	S	2
64523	-	-	-
32546	-	-	-
(42536)	-	S	-

5042 Pudsey S Maximus Roger Bailey

23456	M	W	H
34256			3 (S-S)
54236		S	-
34265	S	S	4 (-S-S)
63245	-	-	-
(42536)	-	-	-

5042 Pudsey S Maximus Colin Woods

23456	M	W	H
42356			-
52364	S	S	-
42365	S		3
62354	S	S	-
34256	S		-
32546		-	2
(42536)		S	-

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* The 3 compositions marked *Pudsey are also true to Prittlewell (which additionally has e falseness).

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Peal Reports

Cambridge University Guild Week – 1995

'PREPARE TO DIE' – Perhaps the inscription from the old tenor at Croft should have been transferred to that at Ewerby. Unfortunately, Guild Week began in, what is now, a traditional way. The 15cwt (in D) tenor at Ewerby proved to be too much even for our 'fresh-faced young(ish) tenor ringer' and the peal attempt came to grief three courses from the end. We later found at last that the bell was on plain bearings and hadn't been oiled. Our success rate improved subsequently.

Our base was th Lincolnshire College of Agriculture at Riseholme, Lincoln and over fifty members took part in the ringing, either staying at the College, camping, or visiting by the day. The prize for travelling the fustest must go to Ron Edge from Charlestown, USA, who rang his first Guild peal for 42 years. He brought with him his 'handbells' which were odd pieces of brass tubing and cut for pitch on the same lathe as Watson & Crick used for their model of the DNA molecule.

The peal band at Scofton-with-Osberton came to the conclusion that there should be a closed season for peal ringing, when the absence of any ventilation resulted in Rod Lebon standing in a puddle of sweat by the end of the peal. Other peal 'highlights' included the first by Jo Hobson, and later in the week in Guild tradition, a 'bobs only' composition was called. This time it was Grandsire Major and was believed to be the first peal in the method rung using bobs only. Tim Milner was suitably attired for such as auspicious occasion in cufflinks, a waistcoat and an amazing pair of orange, yellow and white striped shorts!

We had a trip around Bateman's Brewery, Communion in the Ringers' Chapel at Lincoln Cathedral, visited a former residence of Dickon Love at Scotter and had our usual Guild Week Meeting. This included a report from learned members of the Committee considering the Latin motto. Later, Tim Milner misheard the reasons for the Central Council disallowing a particular peal as being something to do with 'two dumb blondes and a stimulator'. It was time to retire to the bar.

"We're here to enjoy ourselves" – "Not when I'm running the ringing" (Hazel Rothera), but we did enjoy ourselves, and our thanks are due to Robin Heppenstall for organizing an excellent week. We're looking forward to Kent – 1996. Donation £20 L.M.W.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

SCOFTON-with-OSBERTON, Lincs, S John

Sun Aug 20 1995 2h28 (4)

5056 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. C H Martin

- 1 N C Sturgess (Wolfson)
- 2 B H Taylor (Trinity)(C)
- 3 R B S Oakeshott (Clare)
- 4 A Johnson (Trinity Hall)
- 5 H M Rothera (Trinity Hall)
- 6 L M Walters (New Hall)
- 7 J R N Lebon (Selwyn)
- 8 D R Love (St John's)

LEA, Lincs, S Helen

Sun Aug 20 1995 2h49 (14)

5040 Surprise Minor

(4m: (1,7) Cambridge

(2) London (3,5) Primrose

(4,6) Norwich)

- 1 J D Shanklin (Magdalene)
- 2 H F Pettifer (Corpus Christi)
- 3 J K Hobson (Girton)
- 4 J H Foster (Downing)
- 5 R O Hall (Sidney Sussex)(C)
- 6 C N Sheasby (Pembroke)

First peal: 3; First peal as conductor.

WELTON, Lincs, S Mary

Mon Aug 21 1995 2h41 (10)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Chester, Annable's London, Bourne, London, Beverley, Norwich, Cambridge)

- 1 J H Foster (Downing)
- 2 H M Rothera (Trinity Hall)
- 3 P K Williamson (Trinity)
- 4 C M G Ockleton (Peterhouse)
- 5 J R N Lebon (Selwyn)
- 6 J D Shanklin (Magdalene)(C)

200th tower-bell peal for the Guild: 6.

LOUTH, Lincs, S James

Mon Aug 21 1995 3h48 (31)

5024 Bristol S. Major

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 P A B Saddleton (Trinity)(C)
- 2 A Johnson (Trinity Hall)
- 3 A W Kilgour (St John's)
- 4 P F Windley (Jesus)
- 5 C H Rogers (Emmanuel)
- 6 D R Love (St John's)
- 7 R O Hall (Sidney Sussex)
- 8 B H Taylor (Trinity)

INGOLDMELLS, Lincs.

SS Peter & Paul

Tue Aug 22 1995 2h52 (14)

5008 Double Norwich C.B.

Major

Comp. R O Hall

- 1 R D Edge (Queen's)
- 2 A S Watt (Pembroke)
- 3 H F Pettifer (Corpus Christi)
- 4 A E Holroyd (Queen's)
- 5 N C Sturgess (Wolfson)
- 6 C R Hill (Jesus)
- 7 R O Hall (Sidney Sussex)(C)
- 8 P W Hill (Hughes Hall)

First peal for the Guild for 42 years: 1.

HARMSTON, Lincs.

All Saints

Wed Aug 23 1995 2h45 (11)

5088 Grandsire Major

Comp. B H Taylor

- 1 B H Taylor (Trinity)(C)
- 2 H Muirhead (Newnham)
- 3 T N Milner (Peterhouse)
- 4 A E Holroyd (Queen's)
- 5 K A Whittaker (Christ's)
- 6 F A N Finch (Trinity)
- 7 D R Love (St John's)
- 8 J D Shanklin (Magdalene)

Believed to be the first peal in the method using bobs only.

HEYDOUR, Lincs.

S Michael & All Angels

Wed Aug 23 1995 2h58 (13)

5040 Stedman Triples

Comp. P A B Saddleton

- 1 M S Threlfall (Girton)
- 2 A Johnson (Trinity Hall)
- 3 P A B Saddleton (Trinity)(C)
- 4 K F Hindmarch (Homerton)
- 5 J R N Lebon (Selwyn)
- 6 R B S Oakeshott (Clare)
- 7 C H Rogers (Emmanuel)
- 8 V Nutton (Selwyn)

100th peal as conductor.

SURFLEET, Lincs.

S Laurence

Thu Aug 24 1996 3h14 (12)

5042 Cambridge S. Maximus

Comp. R W Pipe

- 1 B H Taylor (Trinity)
- 2 L M Walters (New Hall)
- 3 H M Wool (St John's)
- 4 S C Walters (Pembroke)
- 5 A E Holroyd (Queen's)
- 6 P K Williamson (Trinity)
- 7 C H Rogers (Emmanuel)(C)
- 8 C M P Johnson (St John's)
- 9 J R N Lebon (Selwyn)
- 10 P A B Saddleton (Trinity)
- 11 D R Love (St John's)
- 12 R O Hall (Sidney Sussex)

250th peal: 9; 100th peal

together: 11 & 12.

DONINGTON, Lincs.

S Mary & The Holy Rood

Thu Aug 24 1995 3h8 (14)

5184 Spiced S. Major

(8m: 1120 Rutland, 896

Yorkshire 704 Bristol, 672

each Cambridge,

Lincolnshire; 448 each

Pudsey, Superlative; 224

London: 119 com.atw.)

Comp. R J Parker

- 1 A R Heppenstall (Selwyn)(C)
- 2 H Muirhead (Newnham)
- 3 M S Threlfall (Girton)
- 4 J D Shanklin (Magdalene)
- 5 V Nutton (Selwyn)
- 6 R B S Oakeshott (Clare)
- 7 A W Kilgour (St John's)
- 8 H F Pettifer (Corpus Christi)

100th peal: 7.

CITY OF LINCOLN, Lincs.

Cathedral of BVM & S Hugh

Sat Aug 26 1995 3h28 (24)

5007 Stedman Cinques

Comp. T Hooley

(Corpus Christi)

- 1 H M Rothera (Trinity Hall)
- 2 L M Walters (New Hall)
- 3 H M Wool (St John's)
- 4 D R Love (St John's)
- 5 A W Kilgour (St John's)
- 6 B H Taylor (Trinity)(C)
- 7 P K Williamson (Trinity)
- 8 P F Windley (Jesus)
- 9 V Nutton (Selwyn)
- 10 P A B Saddleton (Trinity)
- 11 R O Hall (Sidney Sussex)
- 12 C M G Ockleton (Peterhouse)

50th peal together: 2 & 11.

QUARTER PEALS

Gainsborough, Lincs. 20

Aug, 1280 Rutland S Major:

A S Watt 1, L M Bland 2, F A N Finch 3, J S Hargreaves 4, The President 5, N C Childs 6, I J Anderson(C) 7, C M G Ockleton 8.

Stickney, Lincs. 22 Aug,

1320 London S Minor: I J

Anderson 1, P A B Saddle-

ton 2, L M Bland 3, J B

Wrenbury 4, D R Love 5, J D

Shanklin(C) 6.

Swineshead, Lincs. 24

Aug, 1280 Lincolnshire S

Major: L M Bland 1, J S

Hargreaves 2, I J Anderson

3, H M Rothera 4, C M G

Ockleton(C) 5, L M Walters

6, N C Childs 7, P A B

Saddleton 8.

Owston Ferry, Humbs. 25

Aug, 1320 Norwich S Minor:

G R Boys-Stones 1, J D

Shanklin 2, A Johnson 3, V

Nutton 4, F E Roberts 5, D R

Love(C) 6.

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handwriting – but can
our typesetters?
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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

BIRMINGHAM, W Mids.

S Martin's

Sat Aug 26 1995 3h53 (39)

5120 Bristol S. Sixteen

Arr. R W Pipe

- 1 Alan D Flood
- 2 John N Hughes-D'Aeth
- 3 Roderick W Pipe
- 4 David J Dearnley
- 5 Paul Needham
- 6 David P Hilling
- 7 Anthony M Daw
- 8 James Clatworthy
- 9 Andrew Blacklock
- 10 Peter Border
- 11 David J Pipe(C)
- 12 Colin G Wright
- 13 P Quentin Armitage
- 14 Stephen A Coaker
- 15 Paul N Mounsey
- 16 Michael P A Wilby

Circled the tower: 11.

EVESHAM, Worcs.

Bell Tower

Fri Sep 1 1995 3h42 (36)

5184 Bristol S. Maximus

Comp. J Clatworthy

- 1 Christopher M Povey
- 2 David J Dearnley
- 3 Richard J W Tibbetts
- 4 Simon M Alford
- 5 David P Hilling(C)
- 6 Christopher H Rogers
- 7 Matthew J Hilling
- 8 Andrew Blacklock
- 9 P Quentin Armitage
- 10 Stephen A Coaker
- 11 Paul N Mounsey
- 12 Michael P A Wilby

A tribute to the memory of

W B Cartwright who died on

28/8/95, a member of the

Society since 1932.

SOUTH CROYDON, Surrey

S Peter

Thu Sep 7 1995 3h18 (30)

5040 Yorkshire S. Royal

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Matthew J Hilling(C)
- 2 Michael P Moreton
- 3 Andrew J W Tibbetts
- 4 Richard J W Tibbetts
- 5 Andrew Blacklock
- 6 David P Macey
- 7 Christopher J Ridley
- 8 Timothy J Billings
- 9 David J Dearnley
- 10 Nigel Thomson

50th peal: 6; Completes the

circle: 1.

CITY OF LONDON, EC1

S Sepulchre-without-

Newgate, Holborn Viaduct,

Sun Sep 10 1995 3h20 (28)

5090 Bristol S. Maximus

Comp. R W Pipe

- 1 John Hill
- 2 Ian P Hill
- 3 David P Hilling(C)
- 4 Matthew J Hilling
- 5 Peter S Bennett
- 6 Mark C Bennett
- 7 Noel J Diserens
- 8 Brian P Diserens
- 9 Roderick W Pipe
- 10 David J Pipe
- 11 Andrew W R Wilby
- 12 Michael P A Wilby

By a band of fathers (odd

bells) and sons (even bells).

A.N.Z.A.B.

CLAREMONT, W Australia
Christ Church
Mon Sep 18 1995 2h35 (6)
5040 Cambridge S.Minor

- 1 Devana P Haggis
 - 2 Mary L Townsend
 - 3 Catherine S White
 - 4 Glyn V Green
 - 5 Herbert W Woolven
 - 6 William T Perrins(C)
- First peal of surprise: 1 & 4.
Annual

CHESTER D.G.

LYMM, Cheshire
S Mary Virgin
Sat Sep 16 1995 3h3 (29)
5056 Plain Bob Major

- Comp. J R Pritchard
- 1 Colin S Joce
 - 2 Roy E Taylor
 - 3 Ivor R Nichols
 - 4 Stefan R Zientek
 - 5 John Birks
 - 6 Gordon Birks
 - 7 Keith M Taylor(C)
 - 8 James E Andrews
- First peal: 1;
also as conductor. £2

COVENTRY D.G.

ALLESLEY, W Mids.
All Saints
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h48 (12)
5088 Lincolnshire S.Major

- Comp. W Barton
- 1 Lesley M Grove
 - 2 Christopher W Foxall
 - 3 Beverley A Winter
 - 4 Michael Chester(C)
 - 5 Raymond Winter
 - 6 Simon E Adams
 - 7 George Pluckrose
 - 8 Ian D Thompson
- Circled the tower 3 times: 8.
A farewell compliment to
Rev'd Jean Burrows, curate,
leaving for St James the
Great, Thorley.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL
CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON,
Warks, S Botolph
Sat Aug 26 1995 2h52 (12)

- 5040 Redcliffe S.Royal**
Comp. C J Sedgley
- 1 Simon J Davies
 - 2 Claire F Edwards
 - 3 Paul A Cammiade
 - 4 Catherine N Merlane
 - 5 Frances Dodds
 - 6 John R Peverett
 - 7 Douglas J Beaumont
 - 8 Ian Roulstone(C)
 - 9 Ian R Fielding
 - 10 Alan Regin
- 500th peal: 3.

SHOREDITCH, London E1
S Leonard
Thu Aug 28 1995 2h50 (8)
5248 Bristol S.Major

- Arr. I R Fielding
- 1 Paul A Cammiade
 - 2 Simon J Davies
 - 3 Katherine A Hinchliffe
 - 4 Catherine N Merlane
 - 5 Peter M Fleckney
 - 6 Oliver D Cross
 - 7 Ian R Fielding(C)
 - 8 Alan Regin
- A birthday compliment to
the conductor.

SHOREDITCH, London E1
S Leonard

- Fri Sep 8 1995 3h18 (25)
5042 Bristol S.Maximus
Comp. J Clatworthy
- 1 Richard M Hobbs
 - 2 L Miranda Buck
 - 3 Paul A Cammiade
 - 4 Alan Regin
 - 5 Christian Peckham
 - 6 Alison K Regan
 - 7 Roderick R Horton
 - 8 Richard A Pearce
 - 9 Douglas J Braumont
 - 10 Peter M Fleckney
 - 11 Ian G Campbell
 - 12 Ian R Fielding
- First peal of Bristol Surprise
maximus: 2 & 5. To the
memory of John L Regin,
died on 8/9/94.

CHIEVELEY, Berks.

- S Mary Virgin
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h50 (11)
5120 Spliced S.Major
(8m: 640 each Bristol,
Cambridge, Lincolnshire,
London, Pudsey, Rutland,
Superlative, Yorkshire:
159 com.atw.)

- Comp. P Needham
- 1 Stephen A Wheeler
 - 2 Alison M McCormack
 - 3 Anthony J Crowther
 - 4 Shirley E McGill
 - 5 Simon J Davies
 - 6 Ian Roulstone(C)
 - 7 Richard L Thumwood
 - 8 Alan Regin

HUNGERFORD, Berks.

- S Lawrence
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h33 (12)
5024 Bristol S.Major
Comp. A J Cox
- 1 Shirley McGill
 - 2 Alison M McCormack
 - 3 Simon J Davies
 - 4 Anthony Crowther
 - 5 Richard L Thumwood
 - 6 Claire F Edwards
 - 7 Stephen A Wheeler(C)
 - 8 Alan Regin

DERBY D.A.

TICKNALL, Derbys.

- S George
Sat Apr 22 1995 2h45 (9)
5088 Bristol S.Major
Comp. S J Ivlin
- 1 Robert C Graves
 - 2 Rosemary R A Ross
 - 3 Brian A Tomlinson
 - 4 Rev David H Sansum
 - 5 David Spencer
 - 6 Canon Frederick Ross
 - 7 Simon C Melen(C)
 - 8 Peter Marriott
- For the Patronal Festival. £2

WEST HALLAM, Derbys.

- S Wilfrid of York
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h37 (9)
5056 Cambridge S.Major
Comp. Johnson's varn.
- 1 W Arnold Morley
 - 2 John H McTear
 - 3 Karen F Hindmarch
 - 4 Brian A Tomlinson
 - 5 Ian Duff
 - 6 Anthony P Cotton
 - 7 Peter R Haycock
 - 8 John V Chadwick(C)
- First peal of Surprise major: 3.

GREASLEY, Notts, S Mary
Mon Sep 18 1995 2h41 (13)
5024 Spliced S.Major
(4m: 1280 each Bristol,
Cambridge; 1248
Superlative, 1216 London:
108 com.atw.)

- Comp. A J Pitman
- 1 Simon C Melen
 - 2 David J Marshall
 - 3 Mark R G Smith
 - 4 Joanne E Marshall
 - 5 Simon Humphrey
 - 6 Peter S Lacy
 - 7 F Gordon Faulks
 - 8 Richard I Allton(C)
- A 30th birthday compliment
to Joanne Marshall.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE
RINGERS**

BRATTON FLEMING, Devon
S Peter
Sat Sep 2 1995 2h55 (14)
5040 Beverley S.Minor
(7 different extents)

- 1 Michael R Rose
- 2 Mervyn C Way
- 3 Terry R Hampton
- 4 Jill M Hansford
- 5 Michael J Hansford
- 6 Robert D S Brown(C)

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE
D.A.**

NEWCASTLE, Tyne & Wear
S Nicholas Cathedral
Wed Sep 6 1995 3h9 (17)

- 5088 Kneeworth S.Major**
Comp. T Hooley
- 1 Rachael H Dyson
 - 2 Ian Tilling
 - 3 Barbara M Wheeler
 - 4 John E Anderson
 - 5 Christopher M Richardson
 - 6 George S Deas
 - 7 Stephen B Bell
 - 8 Ronald R Warford(C)
- First in the method by all
and for the Association.
400th peal: 3.

EMBLETON, Northumberland

- Holy Trinity
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h55 (11)
5040 Minor
(2m: 4 extents Kent T B,
3 extents Plain B.)
- 1 Deborah J S Bearder
 - 2 Susan J Hanson
 - 3 Mungo B Stacy
 - 4 Ron B Hanson
 - 5 David Barraclough
 - 6 R Mark Philipson(C)
- First peal: 1 & 5; First peal of
minor: 2, 3 & 4; First peal of
minor as conductor. £3

TIDESWELL, Derbys.

- S John Baptist
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h47 (13)
5120 Glasgow S.Major
Comp. R R Horton
- 1 I M Heading
 - 2 Matthew J L Durham
 - 3 G Jessica Davies(C)
 - 4 Barbara Davies
 - 5 Richard A M Turner
 - 6 Kelvin Appleby
 - 7 Richard S Starkie
 - 8 Kristopher King
- First Glasgow: 2, 3, 4, 6 & 8
and as conductor. First peal
on the bells since the re-
hanging of 3, 4, 5 & 7.

SUNDERLAND, Tyne & Wear
S Michael
Fri Sep 15 1995 2h48 (12)
**5120 Openwoodgate S.
Major**

- Comp. J Lockwood
- 1 George S Deas
 - 2 John E Anderson
 - 3 Barbara M Wheeler
 - 4 Rachael H Dyson
 - 5 Ian Tilling
 - 6 Christopher M Richardson
 - 7 David Hird(C)
 - 8 Raymond A Hutchings
- First in the method for all
and for the Association.
350th peal for the
Association: 3.

BAMBURGH, Northumberland

- S Aidan
Fri Sep 15 1995 2h57 (13)
5088 London S.Major
Comp. J W Washbrook
- 1 G Jessica Davies
 - 2 Barbara Davies
 - 3 Anne E Davies
 - 4 Dorothy G Barton
 - 5 Oliver D Cross
 - 6 Stephen L Nicholson
 - 7 Conrad D Warford
 - 8 David V Craggs(C)
- First peal of London
Surprise major: 4; 150th
peal: 5; 50th peal in 1995: 1.

ELY D.A.

BEDFORD, Beds, S Paul
Sun Sep 10 1995 3h21 (28)

- 5024 Spliced S.Major**
(8m: 640 each Bristol,
Pudsey, Rutland,
Superlative, Yorkshire;
608 each Cambridge,
Lincolnshire, London:
120 com.atw.)
- Comp. N J Diserens
- 1 Catherina E Griffiths
 - 2 Thomas W Griffiths
 - 3 Wendy Piercy
 - 4 George E Bonham
 - 5 Mike Pidd
 - 6 Timothy W Griffiths
 - 7 Robert Dennis
 - 8 John P Loveless(C)
- First peal of 8-spliced: 6.

GUILDFORD D.G.

GUILDFORD, Surrey
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
Sat Sep 16 1995 3h37 (30)

- 5042 Yorkshire S.Maximus**
Comp. S Jenner
- 1 Richard H Burton
 - 2 M Jane Booth
 - 3 Jeremy R Pratt
 - 4 Oliver Coldrick
 - 5 Toby Arkless
 - 6 William A Barter
 - 7 A Terence Collins
 - 8 Mark P Jacot
 - 9 Christopher H Rogers
 - 10 David J Tubbs
 - 11 Glenn J Poyntz
 - 12 Peter J Joyce(C)
- Belatedly to mark the 50th
anniversary of VE-Day and
VJ-Day, and prematurely for
the conductor's 50th
birthday. £5

REIGATE, Surrey
S Mary Magdalene
Sat Sep 16 1995 2h58 (19)
5040 Lincolnshire S.Royal

- Comp. J H Fielden
- 1 Judy E Couperthwaite
 - 2 Beryl R Norris
 - 3 Anne M Anthony
 - 4 David G Thorne
 - 5 Jackie Roberts
 - 6 Vernon B Bedford
 - 7 Tom Page
 - 8 W John Couperthwaite(C)
 - 9 Graham L Naylor
 - 10 Mike Pidd
- To welcome John Peter
Toby Arkless, and as a 50th
birthday compliment to
Peter Joyce.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL
D.A.**

RODBOURNE CHENEY,
Wilts, S Mary
Sat Aug 19 1995 2h33 (8)
5040 Plain Bob Minor

- 1 David J White
 - 2 Natalie J Williams
 - 3 Jane Williams
 - 4 Debbie J Barnes
 - 5 Mark Edwards
 - 6 Philip J Ockwell(C)
- To celebrate fifty years since
the end of WW2.
First minor: 2 & 3. 50p

KENT C.A.

MAIDSTONE, Kent
All Saints
Tue Sep 5 1995 3h7 (32)

- 5002 London S. Royal**
Comp. J Clatworthy
- 1 Catherine N Merlane
 - 2 Thomas Cullingworth
 - 3 Philip H Larter
 - 4 Vanessa J Martin
 - 5 Rev David W Grimwood
 - 6 Michael A Birkbeck
 - 7 Ian G Campbell
 - 8 Fr David A Gibbons
 - 9 John B Keeler(C)
 - 10 Thomas M Barlow
- To celebrate the
reordination of David
Gibbons as a Catholic
Deacon at St Teresa's
Church, Ashford, on 31/8/95.

CANTERBURY, Kent
S Stephen
Sat Sep 16 1995 2h41 (10)

- 5152 Lincolnshire S.Major**
Comp. S Humphrey
- 1 Phillip R J Barnes
 - 2 Simon J Dixon
 - 3 Donald H Niblett(C)
 - 4 Christopher J Robinson
 - 5 Clare J Larter
 - 6 Stuart C Palin
 - 7 Malcolm J Lodwick
 - 8 Philip H Larter
- A welcome to Rev'd Philip
Down, instituted as Rector
of St Stephen's on the
previous evening. £1.20

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MAIDSTONE, Kent

All Saints

Tue Aug 29 1995 3h21 (32)

5152 Spliced S.Major

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

Comp. N Smith

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

First 23-spliced: 2, 4, 5 & 6. A silver wedding compliment to Jill & Derek Carr (22/8/70); also a wedding compliment to Emma & Ian Tapsell (26/8/95), with the band's best wishes.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

HEYWOOD, Lancs, S Luke

Fri Sep 15 1995 3h7 (22)

5056 Hopwood D.Major

Comp. J Brannan

- 1 Walter E Wilkinson
- 2 Peter C Randall(C)
- 3 Geoffrey Fothergill
- 4 John P Partington
- 5 Alan McNutt
- 6 Andrew J Webster
- 7 Geoffrey R Gardner
- 8 Peter G Bellamy-Knights

First peal in the method.

A wedding compliment to Louise Livesley, a local ringer, & Alex Reeves, married in this church on 19/8/95.

Hopwood D.Major:

-5-4-5-56.3-4-34.1.34-34.1
le18 Jx

LEICESTER D.G.

CHILVERS COTON, Warks.

All Saints

Mon Sep 18 1995 2h47 (13)

5040 Guinate S.Royal

Comp. C J Sedgley

- 1 Brian G Warwick(C)
 - 2 Elizabeth A Betts
 - 3 Winifred M Warwick
 - 4 Rosemary R A Ross
 - 5 Brian S Chapman
 - 6 Burley P Morris
 - 7 Patricia A M Halls
 - 8 Revd David H Sansum
 - 9 Philip J H Hudson
 - 10 Canon Frederick Ross
- 200th peal: 4; 1,200th peal: 5; 50th peal of Surprise royal as conductor in 1995. First peal in the method. A farewell to Revd Justin Welbey, assistant curate, leaving to become vicar of Southam.

Guinate S.Royal:

-3-4-5-6-7-8-6-47-58.4.9
le12 1573 fce's(in) cps (out)
B c

CLAYBROOKE, Leics.

S Peter

Tue Aug 29 1995 3h11 (12)

5184 Spliced S.Major

(8m: Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire: – no other detail given)

- Comp. (not given)
- 1 Susan M Wykes
 - 2 Gail L Wade
 - 3 Richard J Angrave
 - 4 Michael Angrave
 - 5 Mark J Pendery
 - 6 Roland H Cook
 - 7 E Alan Jacques
 - 8 Mark A Boylan(C)
- A 16th birthday compliment to the 3rd ringer.

SALTBY, Leics, S Peter

Wed Aug 30 1995 2h53 (13)

5039 Grandsire Caters

Comp. T Hooley

- 1 Gail L Wade
 - 2 Ian N Robinson
 - 3 Elizabeth Betts
 - 4 Timothy Wylie
 - 5 David Kingman
 - 6 Mark Boylan(C)
 - 7 Frank E Coales
 - 8 Brian E Mozley
 - 9 Philip J H Hudson
 - 10 Winifred M Warwick
- Circled the tower: 10.

SALTBY, Leics, S Peter

Mon Sep 11 1995 2h46 (12)

5040 Mina S.Royal

Comp. C J Sedgley

- 1 Brian G Warwick(C)
 - 2 Elizabeth A Betts
 - 3 Winifred M Warwick
 - 4 Brian S Chapman
 - 5 Timothy Wylie
 - 6 Burley P Morris
 - 7 F Barry Brown
 - 8 Gail L Wade
 - 9 Philip J H Hudson
 - 10 George Pluckrose
- For Harvest Festival. First peal in the method.

Mina S.Royal:

-3-4-5-6-7-8-6.34.7.234.58-9
le12 1573 fce's(in) cps (out)
B a1 c

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.

Bellfoundry

Wed Sep 13 1995 2h18 (6)

5040 Echotsebi S.Royal

Comp. C J Sedgley

- 1 Brian G Warwick(C)
 - 2 Elizabeth A Betts
 - 3 Winifred M Warwick
 - 4 Ian N Robinson
 - 5 Gail L Wade
 - 6 Burley P Morris
 - 7 Frank E Coales
 - 8 Brian E Mozley
 - 9 Philip J H Hudson
 - 10 David Kingman
- A birthday compliment to George Pluckrose. First peal in the method.

Echotsebi S.Royal:

-3-4-5-6-7-8-4-5-36.2.9
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LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.

Bellfoundry

Tue Sep 12 1995 2h23 (6)

5040 Plain Minor

(3m: 3 extents Plain B, 2 extents each St Clements, Single Oxford B.)

- 1 Daniel Jones
- 2 Richard C L Brown
- 3 David W Clarke
- 4 Timothy Wylie
- 5 Alan E Jacques
- 6 Roland Beniston(C)

First attempt: 1.

BRAMPTON ASH,

Northants, S Mary

Thu Sep 14 1995 2h42 (11)

5040 Minor

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

- 1 Brian G Warwick(C)
- 2 Gail L Wade
- 3 Elizabeth A Betts
- 4 Paul M Mason
- 5 Philip J H Hudson
- 6 George Pluckrose

2,200th tower-bell peal: 1.

SALTBY, Leics, S Peter

Wed Sep 20 1995 2h45 (12)

5040 Spliced S.Royal

(4m: 1320 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 1200 each Yorkshire, Rutland: 105 com.atw.)

- Comp. S Jenner
- 1 Brian G Warwick(C)
 - 2 Elizabeth A Betts
 - 3 Winifred M Warwick
 - 4 Gail L Wade
 - 5 Timothy Wylie
 - 6 Burley P Morris
 - 7 Philip J H Hudson
 - 8 Brian E Mozley
 - 9 Frank E Coales
 - 10 David Kingman

LICHFIELD**ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY**

KINGSBURY, Warks.

SS Peter & Paul

Tue Sep 5 1995 2h59 (17)

5088 Lincolnshire S.Major

Comp. W Barton

- 1 Michael Maughan
- 2 Jaqui T Bates
- 3 Andrew E Else
- 4 Zoe A P Ogden
- 5 John F Mulvey
- 6 Maurice F Edwards
- 7 Matthew Lawrence(C)
- 8 Andrew C Ogden

First peal in the method: 2; first in the method as conductor.

KINGSBURY, Warks.

SS Peter & Paul

Tue Sep 19 1995 2h59 (17)

5024 Glasgow S.Major

Comp. W E Critchley

- 1 Richard Chantler
 - 2 Sally A Mason
 - 3 Andrew E Else
 - 4 Matthew Lawrence
 - 5 John F Mulvey
 - 6 Andrew C Ogden
 - 7 Michael Maughan(C)
 - 8 Andrew W Gordon
- First in the method: 4 & 6; 100th peal: 4.

LITTLE WENLOCK, Salop.

S Lawrence

Sun Aug 13 1995 2h37 (9)

5040 Doubles

(12m/25v: (1,2) Grandsire (3,6) Reverse Canterbury (4) Southrepps (5) Clifford's Pleasure (7,10) St Nicholas (8) St Giles (9) Lapley (11,14) Winchendon Place (12) St Miles (13) St John (15) Huntley (16) Ezneih (17) Obediah (18) Huntley (19,22) St Remigius (20) Church Greasley (21) Horsley (23) Kennington (24) April Day (25) St Simons (26) St Albans (27) Eynsham (28) Elford (29) St Martin (30) St Paul (31) St Leonard (32) Austrey (33) Eynesbury (34) St John Evangelist (35) St John Baptist (36) St Wenceslas (37) St Osmund (38) St Ambrose (39) St Ninian (40) St Felix (41) Seighford (42) Plain B.)

- 1 James L Ward
 - 2 Rachel D Carter
 - 3 Matthew Lawrence
 - 4 Andrew C Ogden
 - 5 Andrew W Gordon(C)
- For the VJ-Day celebrations.

MAVESYN RIDWARE,

Staffs, S Nicholas

Fri Aug 11 1995 2h43 (8)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each York, Durham, Bourne, Beverley, Ipswich, Surfleet, Cambridge)

- 1 Zoe A P Rook
- 2 Rachel D Carter
- 3 Matthew Lawrence
- 4 Anthony R Marsden
- 5 David J Bateman
- 6 Andrew C Ogden(C)

50th peal in 1995: 6; 25th peal: 4. To celebrate the forthcoming marriage of Zoe Rook to Andrew Ogden on 19/8/95.

CODSALL, Staffs.

S Nicholas

Tue Aug 15 1995 2h46 (9)

5024 Bristol S.Major

Comp. M Coleman

- 1 Fr John C Greatbatch
- 2 Zoe A P Rook
- 3 Andrew W Gordon
- 4 David N James
- 5 Matthew Lawrence
- 6 Andrew J Else
- 7 Michael Maughan(C)
- 8 Andrew C Ogden

To celebrate the forthcoming marriage at Codsall of Zoe Rook to Andrew Ogden on 19/8/95.

KINGSBURY, Warks.

SS Peter & Paul

Tue Sep 12 1995 2h56 (17)

5024 Spliced S.Major

(4m: 1712 Cambridge, 1248 Superlative, 1280 London, 1184 Bristol: 105 com.atw.)

Comp. A J Pitman

- 1 Sally A Mason
- 2 Andrew C Ogden
- 3 Zoe A P Ogden
- 4 Matthew Lawrence
- 5 Andrew E Else
- 6 John F Mulvey
- 7 Michael Maughan(C)
- 8 Andrew W Gordon

Completes the circle: 2.

LINCOLN D.G.

NETTLEHAM, Lincs.

All Saints

Mon Sep 4 1995 2h36 (9)

5040 Surprise Minor

(12m: (1) Alnwick (2) London, Wells, Cunecastre (3) Wearmouth (4) Berwick (5) Beverley, Cambridge, Surfleet (6) York, Durham (7) Westminster)

- 1 Ruth Richardson
- 2 Geoffrey R Parker
- 3 John F Underwood
- 4 Martin F Mitchell
- 5 Paul F Curtis
- 6 Christopher P Turner(C)

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

LEICESTER, Leics.

S Martin's Cathedral

Sat Sep 9 1995 3h21 (25)

5042 Superlative S.**Maximus**

Comp. R I Allton

- 1 Richard J Andrew
 - 2 Susan D Sparling
 - 3 Katrina A Lenton
 - 4 Stephen N Whittleton
 - 5 Christopher K Cooper
 - 6 Richard I Allton(C)
 - 7 Colin Woods
 - 8 Richard R Moore
 - 9 Geoffrey C Sparling
 - 10 Peter L Furniss
 - 11 Lenard J Mitchell
 - 12 Marc Hart
- First Superlative Surprise maximus for the Society, completing the standard-8.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

READING, Berks.

S Laurence

Sun Sep 10 1995 3h7 (23)

5088 Spliced Maximus

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

Comp. R W Pipe

- 1 E Jane Sibson
- 2 Alison K Regan
- 3 Phillip R J Barnes
- 4 John N Hughes-D'Aeth
- 5 David E House
- 6 Graham G Firman
- 7 Linda M Garton
- 8 Paul S Seaman
- 9 Ian Roulstone(C)
- 10 Derek E Sibson
- 11 Ian G Campbell
- 12 Ian R Fielding

In connection with the 50th anniversary of the Society.

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MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.

WINDSOR, Berks.
S John Baptist
Sun Jun 11 1995 2h53 (17)
5184 Plain Bob Major
Comp. F T Blagrove
1 Brian Matthews
2 Howard Oglesby
3 Andrew Clark-Maxwell
4 L Roy Woodruff
5 William J Stungo
6 Michael J Palmer
7 Walter Lee
8 Frank T Blagrove(C)
For Trinity Sunday. £3

WINDSOR, Berks.
S John Baptist
Sun Jul 23 1995 2h52 (17)
5056 St Clements C.B. Major
Arr. F T Blagrove
1 Monica Blagrove
2 Howard Oglesby
3 Reginald Gillard
4 L Roy Woodruff
5 Norman Phillips
6 Walter Lee
7 Andrew Ellis
8 Frank T Blagrove(C)
In memory of Edgar George Swift. £2

WINDSOR, Berks.
S John Baptist
Sun Aug 20 1995 2h55 (17)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. A J Pitman's 12-part
1 Frank T Blagrove(C)
2 Kevin J Beer
3 Howard Oglesby
4 Andrew P Sparling
5 Alan Rix
6 William J Stungo
7 William Birmingham
8 Brian Matthews
For the 50th anniversary of VJ-Day, remembering also the victims of aggression 1931-45. £1

WINDSOR, Berks.
S John Baptist
Sun Sep 10 1995 2h55 (17)
5096 Triples & Major
(2m: 2520 St Simons Bob Triples, 2576 St Clements C B Major: 5 com.)
Adapted from J Holt's 12-part by F T Blagrove
1 Monica Blagrove
2 Howard Oglesby
3 William J Stungo
4 L Roy Woodruff
5 Norman Phillips
6 Walter Lee
7 Frank T Blagrove(C)
8 Michael J Palmer
Remembering those who died in the Battle of Britain.

HARROW WEALD, Middx.
All Saints
Sat Sep 16 1995 2h50 (7)
5024 London S. Major
Comp. S Ivlin
1 Dorothea M Robotham
2 Robert A Partridge
3 Andrew J W Tibbetts
4 John J Ford
5 Howard J Wastling
6 John R Mayne(C)
7 Frank T Blagrove
8 Frank C Price
200th peal together: 6 & 7.

NORTH AMERICAN GUILD

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C.
S James
Sat Aug 26 1995 2h56 (9)
5088 London S. Major
Comp. J W Washbrook
1 Beverly A Ward
2 Simon A Rudd
3 John P Loveless(C)
4 William J H Breeler
5 John I Mabe
6 John Owen
7 Amanda M Richmond
8 Linda M Garton

NON-ASSOCIATION

BOUGHTON-under-BLEAN, Kent, SS Peter & Paul
Sat Aug 10 1995 2h40 (12)
5024 Bristol S. Major
Comp. S J Ivlin
1 James H Foster
2 Samantha J Hovey
3 Hugh F Pettifer
4 Hazel M Rothera
5 F Anthony N Finch
6 Michael J Trimm
7 Ian R Fielding(C)
8 Andrew I Blacklock

HEPTONSTALL, Lancs.
S Thomas
Sat Sep 2 1995 2h53 (16)
5152 Ytterbium S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Caroline J Carter
2 Gail L Wade
3 Michael J Trimm
4 James R S Sawle
5 Paul Male
6 Christopher M Rudge
7 Terry M Astill
8 Mark A Boylan(C)

SUDBURY, Suffolk
S Peter
Sat Sep 9 1995 3h12 (20)
5040 Yorkshire S. Royal
Comp. Traditional
1 Mary E Hall
2 Ian K Bushell
3 Heather A Kippin
4 Teresa L M Adams
5 John P Loveless(C)
6 Eleanor J Kippin
7 Jason R Turnock
8 Alan P Mayle
9 Ian G Campbell
10 Robert C Kippin
First on 10: 4. Remembering Leslie D Mills of Bures, Suffolk, who died on 9/8/95. Les was the driving force behind the project to restore and augment these bells, silent for the previous 25 years and now in a redundant Church, in 1978.

TOLLESBURY, Essex
S Mary
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h54 (7)
5000 London S. Royal No. 3
Arr. R C Kippin
1 Yvonne A Towler
2 John P Loveless
3 Heather J Kippin
4 Eleanor J Kippin
5 Vanessa Powell
6 Mary E Hall
7 Mark C Liebenrood
8 Alan P Mayle
9 Robert C Kippin(C)
10 Ian G Campbell

ISLEWORTH, Middx.
All Saints
Sat Sep 16 1995 2h53 (16)
5080 Spiced S. Royal
(8m: 640 each Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London No.3, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative; 600 Yorkshire: 74 com.atw.)
Comp. R R Horton
1 Stephanie J Pattenden
2 Lucinda J C Reeve
3 Roger D Bailey
4 James W Belshaw
5 Vanessa Powell
6 Michael T Sprackling
7 Nicholas W H Simon(C)
8 Dennis A Hewitt
9 Simon J Gay
10 Ian G Campbell
Most spliced Surprise royal: 6. £1

OXFORD D.G.

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, E Riding, Most Holy & Undivided Trinity
Mon Aug 28 1995 3h26 (25)
5090 Bristol S. Maximus
Comp. J Clatworthy
1 S Kathleen M Baldwin
2 Colin M Turner
3 Mark Regan
4 Philippa M Whittington
5 Ian Roulstone
6 Alison K Regan
7 Roger Baldwin
8 Stephen A Coaker
9 Claire F Edwards(C)
10 Michael E C Mears
11 Frank W Rivett
12 Alan Regin
800th peal: 5.

AMERSHAM, Bucks, S Mary
Sat Sep 9 1995 3h2 (19)
5042 Cambridge S. Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Joanne P Druce
2 Charlotte Everett
3 Michele Ellender
4 Cathy M Martin
5 M Ann Bethell
6 Valerie J Simmonds
7 Alison A Turner
8 Katharine J Firman
9 Diana M Bridle
10 Rebecca S Bruce
11 Patricia M Newton(C)
12 Claire F Edwards
First on 12: 7. First 12-bell peal for the Guild by a Ladies band.

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

HASELBECH, Northants.
S Michael AA
Fri Sep 15 1995 2h47 (15)
5152 Jacaranda S. Major
Comp. M A Coleman
1 James M Bence
2 Elizabeth A Betts
3 Frank E Coales
4 David Kingman
5 Ian N Willgress
6 Barry R Care
7 Nicholas A Churchman
8 Murray A Coleman(C)
Circled the tower in 8 peals: 5; 1,750th peal: 8. First peal in the method.
Jacaranda S. Major:
c -3-4-2-23-34-3-56-1

COTTESBROOKE, Northants, All Saints
Wed Sep 13 1995 2h56 (14)
5088 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. N J Pitstow
1 Alan E Chantler
2 James Hedgcock
3 Jon Spencer
4 Robin Wilson
5 David J Spencer
6 Michael D Fiander
7 Garry W Mason
8 David P Westerman(C)
First Surprise major: 1 & 3; First peal of Surprise major by the Guilsborough Branch. First peal on the bells since augmentation to 8. In memory of Peter L Westerman of Yelvertoft, Northants., father of the conductor.

ST.JAMES' GUILD

CITY OF LONDON, EC2
S Botolph, Bishopsgate,
Fri Sep 15 1995 3h10 (17)
5152 Glasgow S. Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Jill S Leggitt
2 Claire F Edwards
3 Simon J Davies
4 Paul A Cammiade
5 George H Campling(C)
6 David J Dearnley
7 Ian R Fielding
8 Alan Regin

GREAT ILFORD, Essex
S Mary Virgin
Mon Sep 18 1995 2h18 (7)
5024 Bristol S. Major
Comp. M A Coleman
1 J Alan Ainsworth(C)
2 Paul A Cammiade
3 Stephen A Wheeler
4 Simon J Davies
5 James W Belshaw
6 Ian G Campbell
7 Alan Regin
8 David J Dearnley

SOUTHWELL D.G.

NOTTINGHAM, Notts.
S Peter
Tue Sep 12 1995 2h48 (8)
5088 Kenninghall S. Major
Comp. J W Griffiths
1 David Stainsby
2 Ruth Richardson
3 George A Dawson
4 Peter S Lacy
5 R Brian Mills
6 Paul F Curtis
7 Simon Humphrey
8 Richard I Allton(C)

BALDERTON, Notts, S Giles
Sat Sep 16 1995 2h48 (8)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. A J Corrigan
1 Barbara Crabtree
2 Helen Young
3 Harold F Gibson
4 Beryl N Reed
5 Peter A Sharp
6 H Geoffrey Wells
7 Colin W Reed(C)
8 John Dodd
Specially arranged for the conductor to mark 50 years as a bellringer. £2

SALISBURY D.G.

HOLT, Wilts, S Katharine
Sun Sep 10 1995 2h51 (9)
5040 Cambridge S. Minor
(7 extents)
1 Richard O Humphries
2 Jonathan Nibbs
3 Marion Moyes
4 Martin Moyes
5 Philip S Gaisford
6 Robert Purnell(C)
300th peal: 1. Arranged in celebration of the 25th wedding anniversary of Martin & Marion Moyes. £3

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

EDINBURGH, Lothian
S Cuthbert
Mon Sep 18 1995 2h48 (7)
5040 Spiced S. Minor
(12m: (1) Cambridge, Ipswich (2) Primrose, Norfolk (3) Primrose, Berwick, Hexham (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth (5) York, Durham (6) Beverley, Durham (7) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet)
1 Clare Y Caley
2 Susan E Bryce
3 Marcus A Wheel
4 W John Grainger
5 Paul N Harden(C)
6 Michael G Barker
Most minor methods: 2 & 5. A 65th birthday compliment to John Caley. £1.50

SUFFOLK GUILD

BUXHALL, Suffolk, S Mary
Sun Sep 10 1995 2h52 (15)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Beverley S, Cambridge S, Oxford T B, Kent T B, Double Oxford, St Clements, Plain B.)
1 Catherine A Colman
2 Josephine M Beever
3 John L Girt
4 David F Webb
5 Winston S Girling(C)
6 Julian Colman
50th peal together: 2 & 5. First peal since the recasting of the 3rd.

SUSSEX C.A.

HORSHAM, W Sussex
S Mary
Sat Sep 16 1995 3h12 (22)
5021 Grandsire Caters
Comp. J N Longridge
1 David D Smith(C)
2 Simon M Alford
3 George Francis
4 Jennifer A Smith
5 Margaret J Tilley
6 Margaret Thomas
7 Geoffrey C Rix
8 Richard Verrall
9 Jeremy D Alford
10 Peter Rebbeck
In affectionate memory of Eddie Rapley.

BOLNEY, Sussex
S Mary Magdalene
Sat Sep 16 1995 2h56 (13)
5040 St Simons C.B. Triples
Comp. CCC Triples No.2
1 Charles J Shepherd
2 Roy M Cox
3 Valerie J Howard
4 Louise G Pink
5 Richard A Hutchings
6 James H Lilley
7 Alan R Baldock(C)
8 Hugh F Pettifer
50th together: 2 & 7; 75th
together: 3 & 7; 100th Sussex
tower together: 6 & 7; First
peal in the method by all
except 7.

In affectionate memory of
Eddie Rapley, much loved
friend of all the band, who
died on 9/9/95, aged 75 years.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

BASINGSTOKE, Hants.
S Michael
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h56 (14)
5280 Kent & Oxford
T.B. Major
(Worcester varn.)
Comp. H W Wilde
1 Stephen J Donovan
2 David J Baverstock
3 Barbara A Foster
4 Patricia D Tæuber
5 Emma J Southerington
6 Dennis A Chapman
7 George E Evenden(C)
8 Stuart J Heath
First in variation by all.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSN.

GREAT HAMPTON, Worcs.
S Andrew
Sat Aug 12 1995 2h44 (12)
5152 Lincolnshire S. Major
Comp. C K Lewis
1 Julie Hooper
2 H T Keith Haslam
3 Simon E Adams
4 Christopher Lees
5 Alan E Hartley
6 John H Smart
7 Andrew J Hartley
8 Gerald C Hemming(C)
A ringers' birthday
compliment peal for Thomas
W Lewis of Worcester (85th
on 9/8/95) and Amy Thomas
of Hinton-on-the-Green (88
today). Also for Elizabeth,
HM The Queen Mother (95
on 4/8/95); also to
commemorate the 50th
anniversary of VJ-Day.

ROCK, Worcs.
SS Peter & Paul
Sat Aug 26 1995 2h50 (13)
5088 Lincolnshire S. Major
Comp. C J Sedgley
1 H T Keith Haslam
2 Paul R Smith
3 Catherine R Taylor
4 Christopher Lees
5 John W Nicholls
6 John H Smart
7 Gerald C Hemming(C)
8 Arthur C Berry
First of Lincolnshire: 2.
A birthday compliment to
Gerald Hemming for his
63rd (on 30/8/95).

ELMLEY LOVETT, Worcs.
S Michael & All Angels
Tue Sep 19 1995 2h47 (9)
5088 Aldenham S. Major
Comp. J Pigott
1 Marie J Pennington
2 Alan Roberts
3 Andrew N Stubbs
4 David A Chiswell
5 Simon J T Wilmshurst
6 H T Keith Haslam
7 Stephen D Brown
8 Martin D Fellows(C)
In memoriam Eric E Speake
of Coseley.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.

LEEDS, W Yorks.
S Anne's Cathedral (RC)
Wed Aug 30 1995 2h39 (9)
5184 Rutland S. Major
Comp. J M Jelley
1 Stephen Ollerton
2 C Barrie Dove(C)
3 Gordon J Yarnold
4 Judith M Talbot
5 Simon Ogier
6 Robert A Appleby
7 Kelvin R Britten
8 Andrew R Aspland
Circled the tower 6 times: 2;
50th peal: 3; 100th peal: 4.

LEEDS, W Yorks.
S Anne's Cathedral (RC)
Wed Sep 13 1995 2h37 (9)
5056 Zulu Land S. Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Jeffrey P Cooper
2 Gordon J Yarnold
3 Trevor C Ledger
4 Neil Turner
5 C Barrie Dove(C)
6 Robert A Appleby
7 Peter C Kirby
8 Simon J T Smith
To celebrate the birth of
Francesca Louise Leng.

HANDBELL PEALS

BRISTOL SOCIETY

BEDMINSTER, Windmill Hill
51 Gwilliam Street
Fri Sep 8 1995 2h20 (15)
5152 Plain Bob Major
Comp. D C Brown
1-2 R James Cook
3-4 Kathryn L Carter
5-6 Stephen J F Mitchell
7-8 David C Brown(C)

CHESTER D.G.

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire
28 Mardale Court
Tue Sep 12 1995 1h50 (11)
5040 Minor
(4m: (1) Single Oxford (2,3)
Plain (4,5) Kent T B (6,7)
Oxford T B)
1-2 William F Gibbons
3-4 Michael C E Hodge
5-6 Frank R Morton(C)

HOLMES CHAPEL, Cheshire
28 Mardale Court
Tue Sep 19 1995 2h31 (15)
5040 Plain Bob Royal
Arr. C K Lewis
1-2 William F Gibbons
3-4 John R Scott
5-6 Michael C E Hodge
7-8 David N Young
9-10 Frank R Morton(C)
200th peal in-hand: 5-6.

ELY D.A.

MILTON, Cambs.
117 The Rowans
Sun Apr 23 1995 2h9 (11)
5056 Kent & Oxford T.B.
Major
(Ilkeston varn.)
Comp. M C W Sherwood
1-2 Adam W Kilgour
3-4 Paul S Seaman
5-6 David C Brown(C)
7-8 Michael G Purday
First peal on the bells.

FOWLMERE, Cambs.
5 St Mary's Walk
Thu Aug 31 1995 3h (18)
5148 Liathach Alliance
Maximus
Comp. Traditional
1-2 Paul N Mounsey
3-4 Lesley H M Boyle
5-6 David C Brown(C)
7-8 Gareth Davies
9-10 John P Loveless
11-12 Barry R M Johnson
First peal in the method.
Liathach Alliance Maximus:
-5-4-5-36-4-7-58-6-9-70-8-
8-9-8-8-8-E 1e1T 19E7

HERTFORD C.A.

BOREHAMWOOD, Herts.
10 Red Lodge
Sun Sep 17 1995 1h58 (13)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each York,
Durham, Norwich,
Netherseale, Bourne,
Ipswich, Cambridge)
1-2 Richard J Tibbetts
3-4 John R Mayne(C)
5-6 Dorothea M Robotham

LEICESTER D.G.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, Leics.
106 Beaumont Road
Mon Sep 11 1995 2h57 (15)
5040 Wigston S. Maximus
Comp. J M Jelley
1-2 Rupert A Clarke
3-4 Robert B Smith
5-6 ohn M Jelley(C)
7-8 Simon C Melen
9-10 Roland H Cook
11-12 David J Marshall

LICHFIELD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

LICHFIELD, Staffs.
2 Abnalls Lane
Tue Sep 12 1995 2h13 (15)
5040 Plain Bob Major
Comp. D C Everett
1-2 Helen R Jarvis
3-4 Lucy Smith
5-6 David C Everett(C)
7-8 Clive M Smith
In memory of Eric E Speake
who died recently. He was a
fine gentleman and a friend,
not only of the ringers in
this peal but also many
ringers within the Exercise.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

KNIGHTSBRIDGE, Middx.
Imperial College (Huxley)
Mon Sep 11 1995 2h27 (15)
5024 Spliced S. Major
(4m: 1184 Bristol, 1280 each
London, Cambridge,
Superlative: 109 com.atw.)
Comp. A J Pitman
1-2 Simon J Gay
3-4 Michael J Trimm
5-6 Roger Bailey
7-8 Ian R Fielding(C)
First spliced in-hand as
conductor.

MIDDLESEX C.A.

LONDON, Imperial College
Wed Aug 9 1995 2h24 (15)
5088 London S. Major
Comp. S Ivin
1-2 Christopher A Gould
3-4 Michael J Trimm
5-6 David C Brown(C)
7-8 Roger Bailey
First London in-hand: 1-2.

ST.JAMES' GUILD

LONDON, St Mary-le-Bow
(ringing chamber)
Wed Aug 16 1995 2h40 (15)
5000 Spliced S. Royal
(4m: 1280 Yorkshire, 1240
each London No.3, Bristol,
Cambridge: 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

Composition Corner

5,280 (5,016, 5,088) 8-10 Spliced Surprise Maximus by Jeffrey Brannan

23456	M	W	H	8 methods	9 methods	10 methods
42356			-	11G	11G	11O
62354	s			G, 3H	F, 3H	F, 3H
52346	s	s		8H, 9G, 5P	8H, 9F, 5P	8H, 9F, 5P
34265	s	s	-	5P, S, 5N	5P, S, 5N	5P, S, 5N
23465			-	11B	11B	11B
42365			-	11C	11C	11C
63245		s	s	6N, 5S	6N, 5S	6N, 5S
62345			s	11Y	11Y	11Y
34256	s	s	-	5S, P, G	5S, P, F	5S, P, F
23456			-	11G	11G	11G

Methods: Belvoir; Cambridge; Barford (F); Newgate (G); Horsleydown; Lincolnshire (N); Oldham; Pudsey; Superlative; Yorkshire. All arrangements have all the work of each method for every bell; the 8 and 9-method peals may be reduced to 5,088 by ringing first course CCCGCCC; the 10 method peal to 5,016 by ringing Lincoln Little for Oldham.

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OXFORD D.G.

SALTBY, Leics, S Peter
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h15 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Kelso,
Wooler, Sandiacre, Bacup,
Bamborough, York,
Durham)
1 Sally A Mason
2 Andrew M Farmer
3 Colin M Turner
4 Andrew B Mills
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
6 Frank W Rivett
Started at 10 seconds past
midnight with the bells fully
muffled.

SPROXTON, Leics
S Bartholomew
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h12 (4)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each
Canterbury, Morpeth,
Alnwick,, Newcastle,
Berwick, Hexham, Bourne)
1 Sally A Mason
2 Frank W Rivett
3 Colin M Turner
4 Andrew M Farmer
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
6 Andrew B Mills
Started at 2.37am with the
bells fully muffled.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs
S Andrew
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h24 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
(41m: (1-5) Carlisle, Chester,
Munden, Northumberland,
Whitley, Sandiacre, Wooler,
Alnwick, Newcastle,
Morpeth, Canterbury,
London, Wells, Lincoln,
Coldstream, Kelso,
Cunecastre, Cambridge,
Ipswich, Bourne, Hull,
Norfolk, Primrose, Beverley,
Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham,
York, Durham, Norwich,
Bacup, Stamford,
Rossendale, Bamborough,
Netherseale, Wearmouth,
Lightfoot, Westminster,
Allendale; (6) Warkworth;
(7) Annable's London)
1 Sally A Mason
2 Andrew M Farmer
3 Frank W Rivett
4 Andrew B Mills
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
6 Colin M Turner
Started at 5.48am.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, Lincs
S Denys
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h22 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Lincoln,
Coldstream, Rossendale,
Stamford, Lightfoot,
Wearmouth, Primrose)
1 Sally A Mason
2 Colin M Turner
3 Andrew B Mills
4 Andrew M Farmer
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
6 Frank W Rivett
Started at 8.57am

MARTIN, Lincs, Holy Trinity
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h22 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Whitley,
Northumberland,
Warkworth, Annable's
London, Netherseale,
Beverley, Surfleet)
1 Sally A Mason
2 Frank W Rivett
3 Andrew M Farmer
4 Colin M Turner
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
6 Andrew B Mills
Started at 12.09pm.

BLANKNEY, Lincs, S Oswald
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h27 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each
Cunecastre, London,
Fryerning, Chester,
Munden, Norfolk, Ipswich)
1 Sally A Mason
2 Colin M Turner
3 Frank W Rivett
4 Andrew B Mills
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
6 Andrew M Farmer
Started at 3.11pm.

WELLINGORE, Lincs
All Saints
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h24 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: Wells, Carlisle, Hull,
Westminster, Allendale,
Norwich, Cambridge)
1 Sally A Mason
2 Andrew M Farmer
3 Andrew B Mills
4 Frank W Rivett
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
6 Colin M Turner
Started at 6.15pm.

OSSINGTON, Notts
The Holy Rood
Sat Sep 9 1995 2h16 (6)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each London,
York, Durham, Norwich,
Beverley, Surfleet,
Cambridge)
1 Sally A Mason
2 Colin M Turner
3 Andrew M Farmer
4 Frank W Rivett
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
6 Andrew B Mills
Started at 9.30pm.

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Quarter Peals

Port Sunlight, Mers. 21 Aug, 1344 Spliced S
Major (3m): Brenda Humphreys 1, Alison Carpenter
2, C B Pemberton 3, R T J Tinkler 4, P F Humphreys
5, P D Hughes (C) 6, Susan Sparling 7, E R Jones 8.
To congratulate Alison Carpenter on gaining a
place at Nottingham University. £1.60

Prittlewell, Essex. 13 Aug, 1280 Cambridge S
Major: Hilary Brown 1, Peter Sloman 2, Penny
Sloman 3, Allen Cansdale 4, Michael Hallett 5,
David Hill 6, David Church 7, David Sloman (C) 8.
To celebrate the Silver Wedding Anniversary of
Penny & David Sloman. £2

Reading, Berks (St Laurence). 9 Jul, 1264 PB
Major: K G Baker 1, Alison Leach 2, J Norton (1st
major) 3, R A Elmes 4, Monica Trow 5, Stephanie
May 6, B F L Groves 7, S A Rossiter (C) 8. For
Evensong. Also 16 Jul, 1282 Cambridge S Royal:
S A Rossiter (C) 1, Alison Leach 2, K G Baker 3,
Bobbie May 4, Jane Cubley 5, N Deadman 6, P
Warren 7, Stephanie May 8, B L F Groves 9, J R
Martin 10. For Evensong. Also 30 Jul, 1280
Cambridge S Major: Bobbie May 1, Ali Mountford
2, Ann Osborne 3, Ken Baker 4, Doug Beaumont
5, Alison Leach 6, Stephanie May (C) 7, Roy
Harris (500th Q) 8. £3.80

Reading, Berks (St Mary). 2 Jul, 1280 Spliced S
Major (8m): Catherine Sherwood 1, Cathy Martin 2,
Alison Leach 3, P Brown 4, S A Rossiter (C) 5, Helen
McGregor 6, R T Harris 7, B F L Groves 8. For
Ordination Service. Also 4 Aug, 1295 Spliced Major
(7m): N Deadman 1, Alison Leach 2, Jane Cubley 3,
Eunice Wark 4, Stephanie May 5, E J W Manley 6, R
T Harris 7, S A Rossiter (C) 8. In honour of the
Queen Mother's 95th birthday. £1.60

Redbourn, Herts. No date given, 1260 PB
Doubles: Carol Tough 1, Diana Reading 2,
Benjamin Tough (1st inside) 3, John Ewer 4,
Christopher Tough (C) 5, Liz Middleton 6. Prior to
the confirmation service at which Tom Tough was
a candidate. £1.50

Shalford, Surrey. 26 Aug, 1280 Yorkshire S
Major: David Hester 1, Pam Giddins 2, Lynne
Crighton 3, Jennifer Hepburn 4, Derek Giddins 5,
Graham Nayler 6, Sally Schupke 7, Julian
Morgan (C) 8. £1.60

Shardlow, Derbys. 22 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: Roy
Simpson 1, Marie Crocker 2, Teresa Mather-Sharp
3, Alec Hetherington 4, Steven Sharp 5, Mark
Smith (C) 6. To celebrate the engagement of Ann
Marie Crocker and Mark Smith on 11 August. £1

Shenfield, Essex. 27 Aug, 1260 PB Doubles: J
Dickenson 1, Marion Brewster (1st inside) 2, D G
Mayell (C) 3, A P Brewster 4, V J C Dale 5, R G
Butt 6. For Evensong. 60p

Sherston, Wilts. 13 Aug, 1260 Doubles (3 m/v):
Eunice Overend 1, D A Strong (C) 2, Kay Exell 3,
J M Howarth 4, G H Edwards 5, M S Pike 6.
Completes circle for 25th time (13th as C) - 2. For
Evening Service. 60p

Shincliffe, Co Durham. 20 Aug, 1296
Cambridge S Minor: Bernard Gilby 1, Keith
Hayton 2, Jean Woodward 3, Joanne Gardner 4,
Chris Cooper 5, Kelvin Appleby (C) 6. For
Evensong.

Shinfield, Berks. 6 Aug, 1320 Norwich S Minor:
Jeff Wallace 1, Bobbie May 2, Ali Mountford 3, Ken
Baker 4, Simon Wood 5, Stephanie May (C) 6. A
get well compliment to the Revd S Baker. £1.50

Shipbourne, Kent. 24 Aug, 1296 Cambridge S
Major: Rachel Lewis 1, Alan Dickinson (1st in m)
2, Ann Jenner 3, Celia Dickinson 4, Stan Jenner 5,
Peter Dickinson (C) 6. £1

Silsoe, Beds. 24 Aug, 1320 Cambridge Six:
Sarah Watson 1, Philip Watson 2, Howard
Collings 3, Mickey Ridgway 4, Penny Watson (C)
5, Catherine Watson 6. £1.50

Sketty, W Glam. 27 Aug, 1260 PB Doubles: Isla
Naylor 1, Annabel Hennessy (1st inside) 2, Hilary
Rose 3, Patrick Wagstaff 4, Julia Johnson (C) 5,
Eifion Francis 6. In honour of the Vicar of Sketty
being made a Canon of Brecon Cathedral. £1

Slough, Berks. 10 Aug, 1280 Spliced S Major
(3m): Lloyd Cartwright 1, Chris Venn 2, Reggie
Gillard 3, Rebecca Bruce 4, Darren Williams (most
spliced) 5, Trevor Woodward 6, Brian Watson 7,
Clive Buswell (C) 8. 50th together 1 & 3. £1.60

Southwold, Suffolk. 27 Aug, 1260 PB Triples:
Janet Carter 1, John Mortimer 2, Julia Johnson
3, Helen Price 4, Sarah Plummer (C) 5, Alan
Carter 6, Michael Carter 7, Michael Sage 8. For
Evensong and as a compliment to Michael J
Carter on his retirement. £2

St Leonards on Sea, E Sussex. 14 Aug, 1260
Grandsire Doubles: D J Mence 1, A D Pink (C) 2,
J Rumball 3, S L Brown 4, Jenny Parker 5, Louise
Pink 6. Half-muffled in memory of Alan Spencer,
husband of Joyce who is a member of the local
band. £1.60

St Leonards on Sea, E Sussex (23 Albany
Road). 13 Aug, 1320 Netherseale S Minor: Louise
Pink 1-2, P M J Bradford 3-4, A D Pink (C) 5-6.
Also 22 Aug, 1272 Ipswich S Minor: Louise Pink
1-2, P M J Bradford 3-4, A D Pink (C) 5-6. 50th
together in hand: 1-2 & 3-4 and 3-4 and 5-6. Also
26 Aug, 1320 Annable's London S Minor: Louise
Pink 1-2, P M J Bradford 3-4, A D Pink (C) 5-6.
50th Q together in hand for the band. £1.50

St Peter-in-Thanel, Kent. 2 Jul, 1260 PB
Doubles: Vivienne Key 1, Sue Cook 2, Michael
Cook 3, Reg Foreman 4, Sonia Stockwell (C) 5,
Bill Bamforth 6. For the Ordination of Jeremy
Ganger (to be curate at St Peter's) and Michael
Asquith, son-in-law of 4. £2

Stamford St Martin, Lincs. 22 Aug, 1320
Norwich S Minor: Judith Corby 1, Lois Webb (1st
in m) 2, Paul Carless 3, Roger Osborn (1st in m)
4, Terry Maddison 5, Robin Rogers (C) 6.
Remembering Ted Burrell, ringer at Bourne, who
died 17 August 1995, aged 78. £1.25

Stanwell, Middx. 23 Aug, 1260 PB Doubles:
Ben Harris 1, Mark Instone 2, Hazel Warren 3,
Stephen Gamble 4, Derek Beesley (C) 5, Ian
Harris 6. For VJ Day. £1

Staveley, Derbys. 20 Aug, 1320 PB Doubles: Ian
Ridgewell 1, Alison Yeomans 2, Nicola Yeomans
3, Victor Nixon 4, Matthew Yeomans (C) 5. For
Evensong. Also 24 Aug, 1320 PB Doubles:
Thomas Stocks 1, Alison Yeomans 2, Nicola
Yeomans 3, Ian Ridgewell 4, Matthew Yeomans
(C) 5, Stanley Margerson 6. Half-muffled before
the funeral service of Len Jenkins, verger of this
church. £2.20

Sturry, Kent. 24 Aug, 1440 PB Minor: P Elderton 1, Wendy Browton (1st inside) 2, Josephine Horton 3, P R Russell 4, J R Whittlesea 5, A L Andrews (C) 6. To welcome the birth of Mary & Andrew Ellis' daughter. £1.20

Sutton Courtenay, Oxon. 7 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D P Jenkins 1, Alice Auckland 2, J H Napper 3, L S Jenkins 4, M P Gear 5, J A Pratt 6, A J Jenkins (C) 7, I Spalding 8. For VE Day Anniversary. Also 14 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (678 cover): Caroline Blacker 1, J H Napper 2, D P Jenkins 3, P E Gear 4, L S Jenkins (C) 5, Alice Auckland 6, I Spalding 7, C A McKenzie 8. Also 25 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: L S Jenkins 1, Alice Auckland 2, D P Jenkins 3, J H Napper 4, J L Smith (C) 5, C A McKenzie 6. Also 9 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D P Jenkins 1, J H Napper 2, J L Smith 3, J A Pratt 4, M P Gear (C) 5, L S Jenkins 6. Also 13 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J Pearce 1, D P Jenkins (1st Triples inside) 2, A J Jenkins 3, J A Pratt 4, J H Napper 5, M P Gear 6, J L Smith (C) 7, L S Jenkins 8. For Choral Evensong. Also 15 Aug, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: L S Jenkins 1, J H Napper 2, J L Smith 3, J A Pratt (1st in m) 4, M P Gear (1st in m) 5, A J Jenkins (C) 6. For the 50th anniversary of VJ Day. 1st S Minor by the Sunday Service band. £5

Thatcham, Berks. 21 Aug, 1260 PB Royal: Raymond Walsh 1, Gwynneth Clay 2, Ben Constant (1st Royal) 3, Jon Soar (1st on 10) 4, Michael Till 5, Michael Clay 6, Lynne Jordan 7, Barbara Foster 8, Peter Jordan 9, Martin Hough 10. £2

Theberton, Suffolk. 28 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: Catherine Allen 1, Judith Allen 2, Elizabeth Allen 3, David McLean 4, Andrew Crowe 5, Rachel Allen (1st minor as C) 6. To congratulate the C on her GCSE results. 80p

Thorpe Bay, Essex. 23 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Julie Sentence 1, Hilary Woolner 2, Mo Venus 3, Phil Harrison 4, Robert Ferro (C) 5. On the front 6, having met short for practice night. £1

Towdnack, Corn. 19 Aug, 1260 Zurich S Major: Andrew Climo-Thompson 1, Vanessa Climo-Thompson (C) 2, Dominic Beer 3, Helen Toombs 4, Sarah Moore 5, Clive Temperton 6, Michael Wycherly 7, Ian Self 8. 1st in m for all. Birthday compliment to 7. £1.60

Uplyme, Devon. 20 Aug, 1272 PB Minor: Irene Barrett 1, Jeremy Harris (25th this year) 2, Ken Furzey 3, Stanley Huish 4, Sylvia Furzey 5, Mark Harris (75th PB as C) 6. During the church flower festival to commemorate the 50th anniversary of VJ Day & the end of the Second World War. 50th together 2 & 5. £1.20

Wallasey, Mers (St Nicholas). 27 Jul, 1280 Spliced S Major (8m): M A Humphreys 1, A P Foster 2, J S T Willasey 3, P D Hughes 4, R Peers 5, Susan Sparling 6, E R Jones 7, G C Sparling 8. Silent and non-conducted. All inside ringer (including 5) drew for bells on arrival. £1.60

Warnham, W Sussex. 2 Jul, 1280 Rutland S Major: Simon Alford (C) 1, Carole Sweatman 2, Isabel Woodward 3, Margaret Oram 4, Neil Carter 5, Ian Oram 6, George Francis 7, Edward Woodward 8. For Evensong. Also 9 Jul, 1280 London S Major: Judith Baldwin 1, Isabel Woodward 2, Basil Pink 3, Jenny Smith 4, Jeremy Alford 5, Edward Woodward 6, Simon Alford (C) 7, David Smith 8. For Evensong. Also 16 Jul, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Margaret Oram 1, Simon Alford 2, Isabel Woodward 3, Carole Sweatman 4, Ian Oram 5, George Francis (C) 6, Leslie Weller 7, Edward Woodward 8. Also 23 Jul, 1280 Spliced S Major (2m): Jeremy White 1, Isabel Woodward 2, Margaret Oram 3, Carole Sweatman 4, Chris Eterington 5, Ian Oram (C) 6, Edward Woodward 7, George Francis 8. For Evensong. £3.20

Watford, Herts. 5 Jun, 1282 Spliced S Royal (8m): Janet Macey 1, Richard Hunt 2, Ian Blake 3, Ray Smith 4, Guy Morton 5, Kathleen Baldwin 6, Stuart Talbott 7, John Peverett (C) 8, Andrew Alldrick 9, Roger Baldwin 10. 1st 8-spliced Royal: 3, 4 & 5. Also 29 Jul, 1945 Grandsire Triples: John Postlethwaite 1, Andrew Alldrick 2, Ian Redway 3, David Wicks 4, Ray Smith 5, James Gamble 6, John Peverett (C) 7, Guy Morton 8. Golden Wedding Anniversary compliment to Dennis & Betty Laud, married on 28 July 1945. £3.60

West Camel, Som. 28 Aug, 1260 Doubles (3m): C J Reeves 1, D R Reeves (most m) 2, K L Laver 3, S J Redmond 4, P A Reeves (C) 5, T Mead 6. For Church Fete. £1.20

West Wycombe, Bucks. 18 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joel Reitz (1st Triples) 1, Lyn Young 2, Peter Rose (1st inside) 3, Josie McCloy 4, Richard Dean 5, Roy Woodruff 6, John Young (C) 7, John Hearn 8. Farewell to Joel Reitz & Richard Dean; Joel returning to USA & Richard to Australia. £2.50

Westerleigh, Avon. 27 Aug, 1260 Doubles (4m incl Stedman): C Musty 1, B Angell 2, M Blanchard 3, B Hardwick 4, H T Ferris (C) 5, A Fox 6. To mark the retirement and wedding anniversary of the Revd Keith Jones & his wife Eileen. Also birthday compliment to Mary Ives. £2

Whitchurch on Thames, Oxon. 9 Aug, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: John Cornelius 1, Rosemary Morgan 2, Ken Baker 3, Jim Reed 4, Simon Wood 5, Stephanie May (C) 6. Birthday compliment to 3. £1.50

Winford, Som. 13 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: H M Ball 1, F S Ford 2, Pat Stokes 3, A E Cox 4, C Hobbs 5, A H Ball (C) 6. For Evensong.

Winterborne Whitechurch, Dorset. 21 Aug, 1272 PB Minimus: Dawn Doar (1st minimus) 1, Toby Doar (1st ins & minimus) 2, Niki Gill 3, David Gill 4, Kate Brice (1st as cover) 5. £1

The Malvern Link Summer Tour

Saturday July 29th looked like being, and indeed was, just like the week or so that had preceded it, hot and sunny. Just the sort of day that outing (or should we now say tour) organisers pray for. This was to be a somewhat nostalgic tour for the organiser having been stationed at Melksham in the old days but nostalgia is not what it used to be.

The earliest we could collect the minibus was 8 o'clock. Signing documents, filling up with fuel followed and collecting people and leaving Malvern at 8.30 only gave an hour and a quarter to get to Malmesbury, our first tower. This would be rather tight at the best of times but with a few miles tailback on the short stretch of motorway we did use caused us to be 15 minutes late at the first tower. Fortunately the small group travelling by car were on time and the local tower minder did not have to worry that we would not turn up. Malmesbury was chosen because the organiser had, many years ago, cycled down from Malvern to attend the opening of the then new ring of eight. We were joined here by Dr. Teresa Goatham of Gillingham, Dorset. Teresa had been a pupil in the surprise major group on the Hereford course and, being nearly local to the area, was invited to join us for the day. Although ringing time was shorter than expected everyone who wished to got a ring.

Yet another traffic queue near Chippenham made us rather tight for time at Melksham but in the event we were only a few minutes late. Here we were met by the master of The Salisbury

Diocesan Guild Mr. R. (Bob) Purnell who, unfortunately for us, had to rush off to ring for a wedding. Not having to rush we made good use of the bells and produced some good striking (and just a little not so good). The balcony has been an improvement to a good ring.

As we passed what used to be the back of the old R.A.F. camp, memories came flooding back but we were unable to find the pub by the hump backed bridge at Semington. We did find a, not too over grown, path to a fast flowing stream, which we think must have been the river Kennet. Here some of us had our picnic lunch. One of the party visited the local hostelry and made friends with the publican and may even have sold him a brewery (but that's another story).

By now, Alison Hodge was driving the minibus and got us within a few yards of the tower door at Trowbridge. The organiser remembered Trowbridge as a nice little twelve but some of the party (no names no pack drill) maintained that they were a poor lot. In this case the organiser's memory was not faulty. We enjoyed all the ringing on these bells which ranged from rounds to Kent Max. and Yorkshire Royal. We even had a request for "the method we don't mention" cinquies (from a Malvern Priory ringer of course) and rang it. Our thanks must go to the local ringer who let us in and made up the band for some of the twelve-bell ringing.

North Bradley is a little village no more than three miles from Trowbridge town centre. We did eventually see church road and arrived at the lovely little church with a minute or two to spare. By now it was getting difficult to persuade the ringers to go inside and ring but we managed the course of Rutland we had promised Teresa. Mr. Slatford, the local tower captain, was a great help to us in looking after the less experienced ringer in our party, since those not ringing had gone back outside. Someone found the organiser's name on a nineteen fifty something page of the visitors book. This was together with the name of a pupil, another R.A.F. man he was teaching there when stationed at Melksham.

Arriving at Urchfont, with its nearly dried up village pond, we were met outside by our friends John and Sybil Somers and inside we were welcomed by Mr and Mrs Dark who introduced us to the bells. When John had suggested Urchfont his comments were "a nice country eight and pretty village", we had no cause to disagree with this. We did, however, have the problem of the sun shining through a very large clear west window into a ground floor ringing room. This, together with some tired ringers, made the gaps between touches longer than usual.

We were able to park the minibus within a few feet of the next tower, that of the B.V.M. in Devizes. The very first thing we saw, on getting down from the bus, was not the tower but a tea shop open for custom. This 17 cwt. six (yes, six) are of good tone but do take some ringing. We



Malvern ringers on tour – photo Ruth Morris

managed a number of methods including Cambridge but the heat of the day had taken its toll of many of the ringers. Unfortunately the Stedman being rung for Mrs Osborne, who met us with the key, had to be called to a halt. After a few photographs in the churchyard it was decided that, since the cafe by the gate was still open, we would try to get a cup of tea. On asking if he could cater for seventeen the proprietor said "yes, come in, I will bring some pots of tea and coffee and you can help yourselves". What a find this was, not only is the proprietor pro ringing but his assistant rings at Bishops Canning. Added to this the cafe is open until 8 o'clock in the evening.

After saying good-bye to Teresa and the car contingent Gerry Edwards took over the wheel for the drive home. This we did without a stop since, much to the surprise of some members of the exercise, there are ringers who don't spend time drinking in pubs.

Our thanks go to the parishes who allowed us to ring their bells but a special thanks must go to the most friendly ringers who met us and helped make our day such a success. R.G.T.M.

Rutland Royal

For many years now that august body, the Welsh Colleges' Society of Change Ringers, has held four regular official activities per year, namely the Easter Tour, Summer Tour, Autumn Tour and (just to be different name-wise) the Dinner and AGM Tour (how original!). The vast majority of these gatherings have been reported (some at length!) in the pages of this journal, and rightly so, for such a Society which really has no one home base relies strongly on such means for publicity and recruitment, and for this we are sincerely grateful. By attending fifty consecutive WC tours (and many more unofficial ones in-between) it does not take much mathematical knowledge to work out that this amounts to nearly thirteen unbroken years with the Society. This particular author has just passed this milestone and could probably rightly be pointed in the direction of the nearest asylum – after all, twelve plus years of sleeping on church/village hall floors of varying standards with thirty to forty 'friends', queuing for limited washing facilities and coping with some mega snorers does prompt many dubious comments. However, if number fifty was anything to go by, the Society will have me around for some time yet! Fifty consecutive tours had qualified me for a card signed by my mates, but the long standing medal turned out to be the honour of writing the report of 'number 50' for 'the comic' – hence, here we are, the 1995 Summer cycling tour of the Welsh Colleges' Society – Rutland and its surrounding area – and a right royal time was had by all!

It was back in February of this year at the Society's AGM that Peterborough had won the vote for the venue of the '95 Summer tour. 'Not very coastal' came one reply (referring to the WC tradition of being by the sea for the Summer tours). 'But nice and flat' came another response eagerly thinking of cruising the Fens on pushbikes. However, post AGM came the Secretary's problem – Karen could not find enough towers within cycling distance of Peterborough to fill a four day tour. Never mind, initiative was brought into play, an executive decision was made (very handy having the Society Master being the Secretary's partner and living in the same house!) and a move was made. 'Left a bit, up a bit, fire'. Rutland it was to be, so 26th to 30th July saw an invasion that Cornwall experienced last Summer. One wonders whether the 'Seven Stars Inn' in Stithians Cornwall has recovered yet from the onslaught of a year ago. This year 'The Old White Hart' in Lyddington won the honour of being the Summer tour pub, and well frequented it was too by us all over those four days in July.

The lack of the sea and its associated pleasures this Summer was entirely recompensed by the beautiful countryside of Rutland. This is indeed one of 'Middle England's' least known treasurers, and apart from the area making news recently in trying to revert to becoming England's smallest County by succeeding in unitary authority status,

Rutland remains a quiet, relaxed and generally unspoilt place. Just right for the pleasures of a Summer cycling tour, especially with this Summer's hot dry weather, the rolling countryside (very rolling when it came to cycling!) and generally lovely bells.

Lyddington, an extremely pretty village full of Rutland's ironstone houses and cottages, was our tour base. Goodness knows what the holidaymakers in the Old School House holiday home joined on to the Old School Village Hall thought of the invasion of thirty odd bellringers and accompanying bikes – so much for a quiet peaceful holiday! The garden tables at 'The Old White Hart' just up the road from the Hall proved to be a good gathering point for WC members from far and wide that Wednesday evening.

Thursday dawned all too early – the common tour complaint of cold church halls certainly wasn't to be repeated this time. In fact we slept each night with the main Hall door open to try to cut down on the heat problem. This tour saw a gradual ease into activity – a lie-in, unheard of on a Summer tour (although a lie-in in a sleeping bag on a village hall floor can hardly be described as luxury!). The real reason for this was the cancellation of the first tower – Glaston. 'Subject to confirmation' on the tour sheet got confirmed as 'not on!' However, bike tyres pumped up and sunglasses on we set off later on for the first ringing and still we managed to arrive late. In fact the first cyclist arrived two minutes before the end of the scheduled ringing at Upper Hambleton – good job that the car 'wimps' had arrived on time! Hambleton, surrounded on three sides by the huge expanse of Rutland Water, gave us opportunity for a variety of doubles methods on the pleasant heavy sounding five rung from the back of the Church, before a leisurely ride into the nearby 'County' town of Oakham with its resplendent Church and spire. Unfortunately we did not do justice to this ring of eight – our striking was far from good, particularly in the 'attempt' of Belfast. Apologies then to any local ringers who happened to hear us that morning. We fared better with Rutland Major (what else!) and indeed, as would have been expected, this became the method of the tour!

A long leisurely lunchbreak before afternoon ringing saw most of us enjoying an al fresco lunch by the side of Rutland Water. A WC rounders match was completed by the 'keenies' – some of us 'oldies' needed recuperation and a rest however after a morning of cycling activity not normally experienced by our legs! Anglian Water had successfully developed the tourist potential of Rutland Water and good perimeter cycle paths enabled us to move on to Edith Weston via the isolated lakeside Georgian splendour of Normanton Church, now a museum, and rescued from oblivion by the locals who did not want to see their Church disappear under the waters.

5-spliced Minor at Edith Weston turned out to be the only failure there, and once we had coped with the 'interesting' ladder entry to the gallery ringing room everything else happily succeeded. It was but a short hop to nearby North Luffenham and its impressive Church where the bells had been restored and augmented in 1989. This nice going six saw a variety of methods rung, neatly rounded off with a rendition of '60 on Thirds' ably called by Pat.

Ringing over for the day, we cycled slowly back to Lyddington, enjoying the views, the countryside of cornfields and combine activity and pushing bikes up the hills! The return journey incorporated a 'nutters route' for some – others opted for a safer ride via the interesting turf maze at Wing. 33 miles of cycling (these bike computers are all the rage now!) had led to a hearty appetite. The 'ringers tea' back in the Hall soon disappeared before a happy evening was spent up the road at 'The Old White Hart'.

The first ringing of the Friday took place at nearby Uppingham (following a killer of a hill only half a mile after setting off from the Hall) where those Society members who had rung here before commented that the ringing room had moved up a floor to above the vestry. More

Rutland Major and Spliced Surprise before an enjoyable cycle to the two nearby villages of Belton-in-Rutland and Hallaton. This was certainly the area of pretty villages and all seemed well in the world with cycling, ringing, appreciating the local countryside and sampling the local ale. We seemed to make such a hit with the lunchtime pub in Tur Langton that the chef there asked us to comment on his latest vegetarian dish offering free taste trials for all who were willing. Kibworth Beauchamp was the post lunch tower where the other eight of the day saw us being adventurous in the Spliced market. It was a long haul onto Medbourne, back close to Hallaton again. Karen hadn't purposely arranged a ten mile trip to ring at one tower and then back again – the lack of any available eights in the nearby area had meant more miles needed to be covered to avoid a surplus of six bell ringing. We didn't complain too much, and neither did the proprietor of Medbourne's village shop who did a roaring trade in ice creams!

The cycle home to Lyddington saw the only major bike casualty of the tour – disaster at Drayton. My front wheel spindle decided that it had had enough and wheel separated from forks. Pat and Kevin sprang into the 'knights of the road' mode and secured enough emergency repair work to enable me to limp slowly back to base. Two days of cycling had sent visions of showers into many minds, so the nearby Stamford Leisure Pool was for some the highlight of Friday evening.



Disaster at Drayton

Saturday dawned with the reappearance of that bull of distinction 'Big Boy Barney' who appeared as mysteriously as he had disappeared at the Cardiff Students Dinner earlier in the year. No ransom note either! This last full day of cycling appeared at least on paper to be the easiest – only 30 miles today and fewer hills. Caldecott was our first port of call a few miles down the road from Lyddington. The special Minor methods of the tour, Stamford Surprise and Rutland County were the order of the day here. Weldon's light eight in the heart of the village, very nearly swamped by the industrial developments of new town Corby, allowed more Rutland and Spliced Surprise Major to be attempted. Unfortunately (or fortunately for some as the case may be) enough people hadn't learnt Belfast for another attempt – oh well, better luck on the Autumn tour in Swansea. One more tower before lunch – Bulwick, a few miles down the A43 and having to cope with thundering juggernauts. The Church here was handily placed opposite the village shop and local pub, the 'Queen's Head'. Too handy as far as the ringing leader was concerned. Most people opted for a drink, a quick grab and a drink again. Nevertheless, the committed coped with this five bell tower and its 'interesting' treble!

Another extended lunchbreak meant an easy journey to King's Cliffe, the first ringing of the afternoon and time for further liquid refreshment at the village's 'Cross Keys'. The cruciform Church with central crossing incorporated a

wrought iron spiral staircase to the ringing room. Not St John's Lane, Dublin standard but a few careful steps were needed nonetheless. A forest 'nutters route' that turned out to be quite tame led to the final tower of the day at Harringworth where the village is dwarfed by the spectacular, but now disused Welland Viaduct. The cold flagstones of the Church proved irresistible to hot and sweaty cyclists – much needed relief in the horizontal position!



Horizontal relief

So back to the Hall and the traditional end of tour meal, this time it being a barbeque. However limited space outside the Hall meant that the food was cooked inside, finished off on the traditional charcoal and eaten back inside. At least the spirit was there. Naturally, the last evening was spent in usual style, although we missed Tim leading us in the traditional WC communal singing. 'The Old White Hart' certainly didn't miss Tim!

Considering the above it certain seemed momentous that we were all up, breakfasted, packed and had cleared and tidied the Hall by 9.30am on the Sunday morning. The reason for this was a longish haul (by car now for most of us) to Sunday service ringing at Stamford, All Saints and at Market Deeping. Lyddington's bells just started to ring out as we were leaving the village, so an extra tower was visited by some of us. Later on once we had successfully negotiated the myriad of Peterborough's roundabouts we found a city centre pub that was both open and serving food to while away an hour or two before the final ringing of the tour – joining the locals for Evensong ringing at the Cathedral. This turned out to be an excellent finale with a very pleasurable hour being spent on these lovely bells in the company of the local ringers and the tower captain, Brian Harris, an old friend of the WCs particularly those from the north west.

So, that was it – homeward bound. Time to put the bike back into hibernation for another year. Number 50 hit the dust, but this author is already looking forward to number 51. See you in Swansea in October. As Summer tours go this one will certainly rank high in the list of memorable and enjoyable get togethers. Thanks to Pat who 'masterminded' us, to Karen who organised it and us with her usual excellent calm efficiency, to Alison, Karen et al who fed us superbly and not least to all the local ringers and incumbents who welcomed us to their towers. Rutland is indeed a right royal place – the 'Secret' County, and long may it stay that way, unspoilt yet welcoming at the same time.

Donation: £5

P.J.L.

Acton, London W. 24 Aug, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Roberto Maddalena 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Pauline Hibbert (1st in m) 3, Nicholas Ley 4, Edward Mould (C) 5, James White 6. £1.20

Argyll (Killeen Farmhouse). 28 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: D R Moore 1-2, M Murphy 3-4, 4, T M Payne 5-6. Birthday compliment to C (but C not given!). 60p

Arundel, W Sussex. 9 Sep, 1280 Bristol S Major: Kate Weston 1, Joan Peel 2, Geoff Rix 3, Ruth Reeves 4, Valerie Howard 5, Margaret Sherwood 6, Roy Cox 7, Colin Spencer (C) 8. Reduced from a peal attempt after one intending ringer was bitten by a cow shortly before leaving to ring! Thanks to Geoff for standing in at short notice. £1

Ashted, Surrey. 3 Sep, 1260 PB Minor: Margaret Gray 1, Gillian Laver 2, Richard

Trueman 3, Angus Gray 4, Jon Laver 5, Anthony Gordon (C) 6. For Evensong. Retirement compliment to 1 & 40th birthday compliment to Anne Anthony (Banstead). £1

Barton Seagrave, Nthants. 5 Jun, 1260 Doubles (12m): Jane Sibson 1, Jean Aldwinckle 2, Michael Downham 3, Richard Hall 4, William Hulme (C) 5. On the feast of St Boniface, Bishop and Martyr. Also 19 Jun, 1260 Doubles (12m): Jean Aldwinckle 1, Michael Downham 2, Ray Berryman 3, Richard Hall 4, William Hulme (C) 5. Within the octave of St Botolph, patron saint of the church. Also 26 Jun, 1320 St John Doubles: Jane Sibson 1, Jean Aldwinckle 2, Michael Downham 3, Richard Hall 4, William Hulme (C) 5. On the feast of St John, 4th century martyr. Also 3 Jul, 1260 Doubles (8m): Jane Sibson 1, Jean Aldwinckle 2, Michael Downham 3, Tim Samson 4, William Hulme (C) 5. For the feast of St Thomas. Also 10 Jul, 1260 Doubles (12m): Derek Carter 1, Jean Aldwinckle 2, Richard Hall 3, Alan Bull 4, William Hulme (C) 5. A compliment to the Revd Clive Evans, ordained deacon by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, July 9th. Also 24 Jul, 1260 Doubles (11m): Jean Aldwinckle 1, James Mossop 2, William Hulme 3, David Mossop 4, Richard Hall (C) 5. Also 14 Aug, 1260 Doubles (11m): Richard Sharman 1, Jean Aldwinckle 2, Michael Downham 3, Richard Hall 4, William Hulme (C) 5. £3.50

Bexhill-on-Sea, E Sussex. 10 Sep, 1260 PB Minor: Daphne Nelson 1, J M Swift 2, Rosemary Hodge 3, S Brown 4, R Kennard 5, Catherine Nevin (C) 6. For Evensong & to celebrate the conductor's 10 years ringing at Bexhill. 76p

Blaydon, Tyne & Wear. 26 Aug, 1320 PB Doubles: M Sartoria 1, Enid Softley 2, Brenda Softley 3, S K Wallace 4, K King (C) 5, Victoria McIntyre (1st Q) 6. All rung prior to the service commemorating the 150th anniversary of the church. Also 26 Aug, 1329 Minor (Kent TB & Cambridge): Gillian King 1, Kristopher King 2, Barbara Davies 3, Norman Johnson 4, Jessica Davies 5, Duncan Walker (C) 6. Also 26 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): Edward Robinson 1, Barbara Davies 2, Gillian King 3, Kristopher King (1st in m as C) 4, Simon Mitchell 5, Jessica Davies 6.

Boothby Pagnell, Lincs. 6 Sep, 1260 PB Singles: J Greenhough (C) 1, B Kipling 2, M Smith 3, 4. £1

Bosbury, Herefs. 1 Sep, 1260 PB Minor: Emma Jenkins (1st minor) 1, J E Harrold (C) 2, Beverley Drinkwater 3, N P Cooper-Tomkins 4, P D Gilbert 5, R Drinkwater 6. With thanks to the "Lichen Arms". £1.20

Bowers Gifford, Essex. 20 Aug, 1296 Rev TB III Singles: Richard Dunhill (1st on 3) 1, Dennis Stott 2, Gordon Lucas (C) 3, 4. Believed to be the 1st in the p. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of VJ Day. £1.41

Bredon's Norton, Worcs. 10 Sep, 1272 Kent TB Minor: Caroline Evans 1, Rosamund Long 2, J Attwood 3, P Sagar 4, A D Evans 5, C E Slade (1st in m as C) 6. For Evensong. £1.20

Bristol, Avon (St Mary Redcliffe). 9 Sep, 1253 Grandsire Cinques: Charles Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 1, Jackie Hobbs 2, Clare Pipe-Wolferstan 3, Mary Friskney 4, James Cook 5, Michael Hobbs 6, Ian Hill 7, Graham Sparey 8, David Ware 9, Steven Bateman 10, Clive Bryant 11, Keith Scudamore 12. For the launching of The Matthew, a replica of the ship in which John Cabot set out to discover Newfoundland 500 years ago. £2

Chelmsford, Essex. 10 Sep, 1284 Lincolnshire S Royal: Andrew Dickinson 1, Rowena Marshall 2, David Sparling 3, Paul Cammiade 4, Adrian Malton (C) 5, John Armstrong 6, Colin Chapman 7, Colin Newman 8, John White 9, Brian Meads 10. For Evensong. £1

Chichester, W Sussex. 10 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jonathan Spencer 1, Ruth Reeves 2, Andrew Mumford (1st inside) 3, Richard Harrison 4, Roy Cox 5, Andrew Reeves 6, Colin Spencer (C) 7, Hamish McNaughton 8. Compliment to 3 before leaving to start his studies at Plymouth University. £1

Chiseldon, Wilts. 10 Sep, 1260 Doubles (4m): John Wiltshire 1, Katrina Lenton 2, Colin Wilkins 3, Marc Hart 4, David Mumford (C) 5, John Stephens 6. To mark the last service at Chiseldon by the Revd Neil T Pollock after 9 years as Rector. £1

Coity, Mid Glam. 18 Aug, 1260 No method given: M Johns 1, Andrea Lyons 2, M Revill 3, C Nash 4, B D Morgan (C) 5, F G Custeron 6. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of VJ Day and the 25th wedding anniversary of Chris & Jan Nash. £1.50

Coventry, W Mids (Stoke). 2 Sep, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: I D Thompson 1, Penny McKenzie (1st S inside) 2, M G Cole 3, M Chester 4, Andrea Bennett 5, R A Sheasby (C) 6. Belated wedding compliment to Quinton & Alison Howell (29.7.95). also 10th birthday compliment to Jenny McKenzie, daughter of 2. Also 3 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles: P Craig (1st away from cover) 1, Andrea Bennett 2, C N Sheasby 3, M G Cole 4, R A Sheasby (C) 5, Janice Sheasby 6. To mark the retirement of Chief Inspector Mervyn J Kimberley after 30 years service in the Warwickshire Police Force. £2.40

Croydon, Surrey (St John). 10 Sep, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Peter Humphries 1, Denise Harden 2, Carol Brown 3, Eric Godfrey 4, Andy Brown 5, Martin Foster (C) 6. For Evensong. £1

Dorridge, W Mids (10 Redborough Road). 1 Sep, 1260 PB Minor: Ruth Shepherd 1-2, Adam Shepherd 3-4, Mark Shepherd (C) 5-6. 1st Q on the refurbished bells. 21st birthday compliment to Mark Shepherd. £1

Dowlis Wake, Som. 18 Jun, 1269 Grandsire Doubles: Awen Kimmis 1, Joy Petrie (1st in m) 2, Mandy Spearing 3, Terry Spearing 4, Mark Harris (C) 5. 1st Q on the rehung bells. £1

Dursley, Glos. 10 Sep, 1260 Stedman Triples: Anne Pope 1, I Unsworth 2, R Byrne 3, R Grover 4, Elizabeth Byrne 5, Jane Bull 6, J Taylor (C) 7, A Bull 8. Retirement compliment to Father William Dee after 10 years' ministry at St Dominic's RC Church, Dursley. 80p

Egmont, Notts. 21 Aug, 1260 PB Singles: J Greenhough (C) 1, M Smith 2, B Kipling 3, 4. Believed to be the 1st Q on the bells. £1

Epsom, Surrey (Christ Church). 2 Sep, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Kate Cameron 1, Pauline Smith 2, Linda Armitage 3, Michael Bale 4, Anne Anthony 5, Paul Beeken 6, Richard Trueman 7, Alan Smith (C) 8. Birthday compliment to Kate (50) and Anne (40). £1.60

Fobbing, Essex. 11 Aug, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Julie Pye (1st in p) 1, Andrew Martin 2, Dennis Stott 3, Clive Garraway 4, Gordon Lucas (C) 5.

Geddington, Nthants. 20 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): Don Shiells 1, George Shiells 2, Clare Leaton 3, Ken Jackson 4, Bob Jackson (C) 5. For VJ Day. 50p

Gloucester, Glos (Cathedral). 3 Sep, 1282 Pudsey S Royal: Francis Byrne (C) 1, Ruth Stickland 2, Elizabeth Byrne 3, Frances Mulvey 4, David Burt 5, Jon Hill 6, Jane Bull 7, Peter Holden 8, Andrew Bull 9, Ian Unsworth 10. For Evensong. £2

Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 3 Sep, 1284 Yorkshire S Royal: R H French 1, R J Munnings 2, S D Pettman (C) 3, D E Pegg 4, A-M Lea 5, J M Thorley 6, P V Stannard 7, I W Mitchell 8, D C Price 9, T M J Bailey 10. For the anniversary of the birth of Cecil W Pipe. £2

Guernsey, CI (Vale). 3 Sep, 1260 Eynesbury Bob Doubles: Susie Bean 1, Nicky David 2, John David 3, Peter Gallienne 4, Michael Bubb (C) 5, Harry White 6. 1st & probably last Q in m for all. 80th birthday compliment to mother of 2, birthday compliment to 3 & engagement compliment to Daniel Shaw. Also 9 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles: Kate Price 1, Susie Bean 2, Philip Lenfestey 3, Helen Tucker 4, Michael Bubb (C) 5, Richard Pearson 6. Wedding compliment to James Toynton & Susan Durham, sister of 1. £2.40

Hackney, London E (St John of Jerusalem). 7 Sep, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Mark Herbert 1, Prudence Fay 2, Simon Carter 3, John Thorp 4, Martin Sutcliffe 5, John Ashcroft 6, Andrew Barham 7, Peter Blight (C) 8. £1.80

Hadlow, Kent. 10 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles: Ray Taylor 1, Marian Pickard (C) 2, Gordon Bubb 3, Roger Pickard 4, Peter Romney 5, Graham Poole 6. To celebrate the Patronal Festival. £2

Hailsham, E Sussex. 10 Sep, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Evelyn Evenden 1, Jill Bramley 2, Sandra Titherly 3, Roy Fuller 4, Tim Smith 5, Rev David Smith 6, Alan Baldock (C) 7, Christine Baldock 8. For Evening Parade Service. 80p

Obituary

H. L. Roper

Leslie Roper died, in his 96th year, in Brooklands Nursing Home, Selby, after a short illness.

Leslie was brought up in North London but spent his career in the customs department in Sudan, the last part of it as director of customs. His funeral was on 21st September, St Matthew's Day – an appropriate day for a customs officer.

Leslie and his wife Madeline, who died some 20 years ago, were very proud of their family. Three daughters: Prue Roper who emigrated to the States, Ann Ramsay who lives in Altrincham and Jo Moreton who lives in Wakefield. Four grandchildren: Ann and Hugh have a daughter Elizabeth whom Ken Lewis taught to ring, Jo and Wilf have two sons Adrian and Ralph and a daughter Frances all of whom ring. Four grandchildren, the eldest, Alison, is already a ringer. Four generations of ringers.

Leslie retired in 1949 to his home in Adderbury. He had heard a little about ringing from a friend and decided to learn. There was a call change band at Adderbury then but he went to an Oxford Guild meeting – probably at Great Tew – where he discovered change ringing and where he met Marie Cross. So he went to Deddington to learn change ringing and kept up a friendship with their ringers.

He gradually converted Adderbury to a change ringing band which was able to ring Surprise Major by 1964.

He had been told by a perceptive ringer that he himself would never make a change ringer (though he could ring Stedman Triples) and he accepted that gracefully. In consequence he concentrated on a number of different approaches. First and foremost was the teaching of the band at Adderbury, especially younger ringers. He would take a car load to Helmdon on Mondays, to Wicken on Thursdays and to a Guild meeting on Saturdays. These numerous opportunities certainly paid dividends as most of those ringing at Adderbury in the 1950s and 1960s are still ringing.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters . . ."

There were two big contributions to the Oxford Guild: he made an annual analysis of its peals and he became its librarian. He was made a Vice President and remained one until his death, serving in that capacity for 31 years, the longest holder of the office.

He was an Honorary Member of the Central Council from 1960 to 1971 and served on the Peals Analysis Committee – the result no doubt of his previous experience in the Guild.

Another contribution to the exercise was to make, voluntarily, an annual index to *The Ringing World*. He was extremely disappointed when after some years he was told that the index was not needed but that it would be printed if he paid for it. Curious, even harsh treatment? He thought it very ironic when comparatively recently the index has been revived.

In 1964 Leslie and Madeline moved to Gateforth, Yorkshire, to be nearer some of the family and since then there have been weekly visits one way or another.

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Hereford, Herefs (All Saints). 10 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: N Cooper-Tomkins 1, Margaret Eisel 2, Jo Gilbert 3, J E Harrold (C) 4, M V Powell 5, J C Eisel 6, F Shallcross 7, P D Gilbert 8. After British Legion Drumhead Service to complete celebrations for the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. The tenor was recast in 1921 as a memorial to the Hereford Guild members who fell during the First World War. £1.60

Histon, Cambs. 10 Sep, 1344 PB Major: Tess Muncey 1, Chris Clare 2, Rob Walker 3, Evelyn Kirby 4, David Rydeheard 5, David Upchurch 6, Chris Muncey 7, Michael Purday (50th as C) 8. Farewell compliment to Michael Purday and David Rydeheard, both leaving Histon. £1

Kensington, London W. 10 Sep, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Patrica Medley 1, N Simon 2, Kathy Davies 3, Rachel Billinge 4, Kathy Parker 5, S Gay (C) 6, M Brady 7, D Holdridge 8, Stephanie Pattenden 9, Lucinda Reeve 10. For Evensong. £3

Ketteringham, Norfolk. 6 Sep, 1260 Doubles (2m): Lorna Ranger 1, Kerry Davidson 2, Caroline Edge 3, Mary Parker 4, Robin Parker (C) 5, Roy Wiles 6. Silver Wedding compliment to Mr & Mrs Roy Wiles on 5 September. Mr Wiles was allowed to ring tenor cover as a treat. £1.50

Kingsclere, Hants. 3 Sep, 1260 Mixed Doubles (2m/v): Susan Reynolds 1, Gillian Gardner 2, Helen Piper (C) 3, Catherine Gardner 4, Claire Gardner 5, Keith Reynolds 6. In celebration of the baptism of Jack Joseph. Sponsored in aid of Kingsclere Bell Restoration & Maintenance Fund. Also 10 Sep, 1260 PB Triples: Gillian Gardner 1, Susan Reynolds 2, Helen Piper 3, Paul Myers 4, Shirley Hedges 5, David Reynolds 6, Graham Hedges (C) 7, Keith Reynolds 8. For St Mary's Patronal Festival and in memory of Freddie Bancroft. Sponsored in aid of Kingsclere Bell Restoration & Maintenance Fund. £2.80

Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. 10 Sep, 1299 Stedman Cinques: Jeremy Pratt (C) 1, Sue Unsworth 2, Elva Ainsworth 3, Jenny Orchard 4, Shirley McGill 5, Anne Pratt 6, Stephen Theobald 7, Simon Plackett 8, Hilary Small 9, Geoff Paul 10, Nigel Orchard 11, Paul Flavell 12. For Evensong. Wedding anniversary compliment to Hilary & Elva. £1.60

Knowle, W Mids. 3 Sep, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Laura Mackay (1st TB on 8) 1, Brian Chase 2, Jill Erskine 3, Ruth Shepherd 4, Ann Smart 5, Jayne Shipley (1st in m) 6, Colin Baugh 7, Stephen Shipley (C) 8. For Evensong. 21st birthday compliment to Mark Shepherd and Silver Wedding compliment to Malcolm & Ruth Shepherd. £1.60

Paul's Tours

Leicestershire was the county upon which Paul's tour for 1995 was centred. We stayed at the Harborough hotel, within sight and sound of that most noble edifice – St Mary's, Melton Mowbray where we were invited to join with the local band to ring for the Sunday morning service. However we were not confined to Leicestershire and during the week crossed county boundaries to ring in Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Rutland.

It is understood that Rutland is about to regain its county status, but those who know it, as well as the local residents, have continued to think of it as England's smallest county with many an attractive village – whatever it may have been to officialdom.

Northamptonshire may rightly be known as the county of spires but its northern neighbour has interesting examples of such architecture and five of our seven towers in the smallest county bore ample evidence. St Nicholas, Cottesmore had a ring of six which we greatly enjoyed for their music as well as their splendid going order. St Nicholas also has the R.A.F. chapel, recently fully refurbished and displaying a model of that famous wartime aircraft "The Mosquito" suspended in the chapel "at height of three choirboys".

At Plumtree we enjoyed the majestic six in St Mary's where we also enjoyed the recently restored roof with its intricate gilding. On this day we had six six bell towers as well as two eights. Cotgrave was the lunchtime eight which were much appreciated. Challenging was the adjective

used to described the 1 cwt six at Kinoulton, which followed that lovely eight at Colston Bassett. Buckminster, where the bells are rung from the chancel had much to command our interest. At Saltby we were privileged to ring the light ten dedicated to men of the U.S. airforce who worked on a nearby wartime airbase.

A course of St Remigius was rung for the patron saint at Long Clawson. Most will remember them, not only because the bells are rung from the chancel, but because of the very long draught. This visit will be recalled with much pleasure and some amusement.

There were other observations during the week which added to our interest and pleasure.

At Melton Mowbray a pump was installed in the church in 1840 so that the grooms could provide a drink for the master's horses whilst the masters were in church. This pump is still in working order.

Ten or more mistle thrushes were seen on a sports field adjacent to St John's, North Luffenham.

Jacob sheep were grazing in the churchyard at Holme Pierrepont.

At Somerby gentlemen wore jackets to ring from the chancel in sight of the congregation.

A great flock of geese was seen in a steep valley to the sound of Croxton Kerrial church.

A foot strap at the tenor ringers position at Wymondham – not used during our visit!

It is not realistic to write a note about every visit during this enjoyable tour, however it is necessary to thank Paul Stannard for his efforts and keen attention to detail. Our grateful thanks.

Donation: £5

B.B.



On tour with Paul Stannard.

Although practically blind and confined to a wheel chair during his last years, his mind and memory did not fail. He frequently talked of ringing events like the Stoke-on-Trent Council Meeting and the interminable discussion on Minimus peals. Before every recent Council Meeting he asked to be remembered to friends Teddy Barnett, Fred Dukes and Ken Lewis.

In the Sudan he showed his versatility by becoming an expert wood craftsman and made a large number of very difficult jigsaw puzzles which are still much used. Definitely not cardboard. When his wife died he began to go to cookery classes in Selby and became what his teachers – who became his friends – called a *cordon bleu* cook.

WILF MORETON.

Mollington, Oxford. 20 Sept, 1260 Doubles (4m): R G Smith 1, C T Wightman 2, K Abbott 3, Diana Reeves 4, R A Reeves (C) 5, B J E Salter 6. Rung in memory of Mr H L Roper who introduced the conductor to change ringing and who was also instrumental in getting a band started at Mollington.

Denise (Denny) Ann Thistle

1950-1995

Denny joined our band at Audley, Staffordshire in 1986 exchanging her role as schoolteacher for that of pupil. This pupil did well – and soon picked up the rudiments of handling, joining our Sunday service ringing in quick time.

She rang regularly until February 1991, when sadly health problems intervened curtailing her ringing activities for a while. On recovering from that illness she was able to return to ringing in September 1992. This return, however, was only to be of some nine months duration when further health problems surfaced again and she was unable to continue. Throughout the years she was with us as an active ringer, her attendance and punctuality were a joy to witness. Those two qualities of course being absolutely priceless in an activity such as ours.

During her long illness her ready smile and bubbly personality were never very far away. There can be no doubt that Denny's immense faith comforted her beyond measure and her great courage in the face of adversity was an example to us all.

The bells of St James' were rung half muffled at her funeral service conducted by the Rev Peter Davies on the 18th September. We are grateful for the fond memories she left behind.

R. C. PROCTOR

Jeffrey B. Gorrod

1923-1995

The Eastern Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association has been saddened by the death of Jeff Gorrod, of Lowestoft. After bravely enduring six months of illness, he died peacefully, with his family around him, on the 11th September.

Jeff Gorrod became a member of the Association in 1957 as a consequence of a revival of ringing at Carlton Colville. He was taught to ring by another stalwart of the Eastern Branch, Peter Kindred. The good-humoured banter between those two, as they reflected on their respective roles as pupil and teacher, from a standpoint of maturer years, was a regular source of merriment and entertainment to their friends.

A committed member of the Association, Jeff could always be relied on to make a positive contribution. Locally, at Carlton he served as secretary of the PCC and as a churchwarden

and, having also assumed the role of tower captain, it was not long before he was drawn into membership of the Branch Committee. At Carlton, he continued to sustain ringing and carried on the task of training others in the art. In 1973, having by then moved to north Lowestoft and joined the St Margaret's band, he became the Secretary of the Eastern Branch.

By profession, Jeff was an engineer in local government and his painstaking and practical outlook on life was reflected in his approach to branch affairs. In partnership with successive Branch Chairman, Peter Kindred and Norman Cossey, meetings, ringing arrangements and events were all conducted smoothly and with a quiet efficiency which was characteristic of all that he did. Jeff served as Eastern Branch Secretary for 12 years. In appreciation of his work, he was elected as a Vice-President of the Norwich Diocesan Association in 1985 and, as expected took an active part in the Association through his continuing membership of the Standing Committee.

In his home tower, Jeff was a loyal and reliable member of the band. Having encouraged his own children, Philip and Christine, in the art, he could always be relied upon to support the efforts of all who came to learn to ring. A capable method ringer himself, it seemed he was most content gently ringing the tenor at St Margaret's, Lowestoft, to well-struck Triples. Over the years he certainly made the job his own and the steady beat that he could sustain benefited many a novice, during the first tentative steps into ringing to an eight-bell rhythm and thereafter on progression to quarter peal standard. As a result, Jeff rang numerous quarter peals, often on the tenor, smiling happily at the efforts of those below him to keep their place and keep to his beat. By his own admission, three hours seemed too long to stand at the end of a bell rope and so he only rang two peals.

Looking back, the tenor ringing may have arisen from an ulterior motive. Jeff Gorrod was a committed Christian and, just as Carlton Colville and the Eastern Branch had recognised his worth, so it was that he also assumed office at St Margaret's, serving as churchwarden for four years. From the ground floor ringing chamber, the tenor ringer's position offers a commanding view of comings and goings at the back of the church: Jeff could roll the tenor along, with his ear tuned in to the beat, and still exercise his other role as a custodian of the building. Sometimes, we even had to stop, to release him for other duties! Quite often, too, he was drawn away on some errand before we could even lure him into the tower to ring: an active and energetic man, he leaves many memories of the miles he must have covered, as he strode around the church during the four years as churchwarden, attending to the needs of clergy, congregation or the fabric.

For a hobby, Jeff was also an enthusiastic photographer and the church is indebted to him for the many pictorial records which he produced over the years. Perhaps most notable is a revealing set of pictures of the ornate woodwork and timbers of the ceiling, which he obtained by clambering up the scaffolding during a major restoration project. His last project was to chronicle the emergence from the ground of the new rectory, built in the grounds of the church hall. Jeff was also interested in sound recording. In addition to producing recordings of ringing, he made a practical contribution to church worship by recording special services and events, either as a permanent memento of the occasion or for the benefit of others unable to attend in person.

As well as good ringing, Jeff also appreciated good music. He sang with local choirs and also became a devotee of tune ringing on handbells. Together with his wife Pauline, he formed and led the Britannia Handbell Ringers and encouraged many to take part in this particular form of music, including his daughter Christine. The Britannia Handbell Ringers gave many concerts and provided entertainment at a wide variety of events, not only for St Margaret's and in Lowestoft but also further afield, including participation in the activities of the Handbell Ringers of Great Britain, of which Jeff was one of the founder members.

On the 22nd September, St Margaret's Church, Lowestoft was filled for a service of thanksgiving for the life of Jeff Gorrod, reflecting the respect and esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. All aspects of his life were represented in the congregation, which included the President and many members of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

That evening a quarter peal was rung at Jeff's former tower, Carlton Colville, by a band that included the latest young recruits with whom he had rung at Lowestoft. On the following day, a half-muffled quarter peal was rung at St Margaret's following the interment of his ashes in the churchyard. That evening a band comprised of past and present officers of the Eastern Branch and of the Association took part in a peal in his memory at Somerleyton.

DAVID McLEAN.

South Walsham, Norfolk. 21 Sept, 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: Emma Hubbard (1st Q) 1, Jenny Forster 2, Lawrence Hassall 3, Malcolm Davey 4, Aubrey Forster (C) 5. In thanksgiving for the life of Jeffrey B Gorrod and to celebrate the obtaining of regular employment (3).

Carlton Colville, Suffolk. 22 Sept, 1260 Doubles (2m): Elizabeth Allen 1, Catherine Allen 2, Rachel Allen 3, Sybil McLean 4, David McLean (C) 5, Celia Burd 6. In memory of Jeff Gorrod, of Lowestoft, formerly tower captain and churchwarden at this church. 25th quarter peal and first in more than one method inside, 2.

Lowestoft, Suffolk. 23 Sept, 1288 Plain Bob Triples: Elizabeth Allen 1, Rachel Allen 2, Judith Allen 3, Liz Sutherland 4, Sybil McLean 5, Tony Sutherland 6, David McLean (C) 7, Andrew Crowe 8. Half-muffled, in memory of Jeff Gorrod, a member of the local band, a former churchwarden and a Vice-President of the NDA.

Catfield, Norfolk. 23 Sept, 1260 Doubles: (6m) Jennie Forster 1, Andrew Lubbock 2, Jocelyn Gardiner 3, Roy Wiles 4, Aubrey Forster (C) 5, George Riseborough 6. In memory of Jeff Gorrod, of Lowestoft.

John Gittos Davis (Jack)

Wolverhampton

Jack Davis died on 2nd September 1995 aged 74 after a short discomfiting illness. He was a regular member of the band at Trysull for many years, but also at Willenhall and before then at Pittingham. While he used to sometimes get lost in a method, his great joviality endeared him. Jack was Wolverhampton born and bred and a painter and decorator by trade. He was a basic, good honest man, down to earth, always with a hearty laugh.

During the services he would sing at the top of his voice and it was a delight to be with him. A real good Christian who will be sadly missed. He was buried at Trysull on 11th September and the bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service.

On 16th September an open Quarter Peal of Bob Doubles was rung in thanksgiving for his life as follows: 1. Mary Shaffery, 2. V. Clarke, 3. A. J. Compson, 4. J. A. Cutts, 5. Fr. J. Greatbatch (C), 6. R. Davis.

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JOPP. Paul and Ruth are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their son, Samuel Charles on 15th September. 3235

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Yorktown, Surrey. 8 Oct 1995, 1260 PB Minor: D Weldon 1, Sally Turner 2, I Smith 3, T Daniels 4, A Day 5, D Pearson (C) 6. Ring to celebrate the birth on September 14th of Claire Louise, daughter of David & Kathy Pearson. Ad No 3237

Thanks

I THANK ALL WHO RANG quarter peals and peals and sent cards and donations and came to the party to celebrate my 60th birthday. It was all a lovely surprise, and I do appreciate all the hard work that must have gone into it. I decided to give the donations which amounted to £570 to the Barrow Bell Fund project which is now well under way. Janet Stannard, Barrow. 3238

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WELSH COLLEGES SOCIETY. Autumn Tour October 27-29 to Swansea. Meeting to be held on Saturday evening. All new members welcome. For information, contact Karen 0115 973 0852. Ad No 4252

Annual Dinner

NORWICH D.A. Eastern Branch Annual Dinner, Sat November 11, Imperial Hotel, Gt Yarmouth, 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets £14 from Lizzie High (01603) 720351. All welcome. 1311

Record Length Attempt

I WISH TO GIVE NOTICE of an attempt by the Cambridge University Guild to ring 14784 London Surprise Major at Llanfeugan on Nov 4th 1995 commencing at 10am. R.O.H. 4250

Weekday Meetings and Practices

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. South Eastern District Practice at Danbury on Wednesday October 25 from 8pm. Everyone welcome. 1350

LEICESTER D.G. Loughborough District. Evening Meeting, Wednesday October 25, Loughborough Bell-Foundry, 7-8pm. Loughborough Parish Church 8-9pm. All welcome. 1403

OXFORD D.G. North Bucks Branch have borrowed Northampton St Giles for a tenbell practice on Friday Oct 20, 7.30-9pm. Special methods: Stedman Caters and Little Bob Royal. 1397

Saturday Meetings and Practices

COVENTRY D.G. Quarterly Meeting advertised in last week's issue is of course on **Saturday** October 21.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. NE District. Practice on Saturday October 21. This will be held at St Nicholas Church, Harwich from 7-9pm. All welcome. 1414

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. Northern District. Our next practice will be at Bocking on Saturday October 21 from 7.30 to 9pm. All welcome, especially those who are learning Grandsire Caters and Little Bob Royal. 1433

HERTFORD C.A. Bishop's Stortford District Practice, Saturday October 21, Thorley (6, 8 cwt). Business meeting 7pm, ringing 7.30-9pm. Special method: Kent. Everyone welcome. 1460

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Manchester Branch. Evening Meeting, Sat October 21. Ringing at Manchester Cathedral, 7-9pm. All welcome. 1462

BATH & WELLS D.A. Bath Branch AGM, Sat October 28. Ringing at Weston, 3-4.30pm. Service and tea before meeting. Names for tea to Keith Wilkinson (01225 859619). Ad No 1445

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Luton District. Saturday October 28. Quarterly Meeting. Afternoon ringing (3.30-4.45pm) at Dunstable (8). Tea (5pm). Meeting and evening ringing at Houghton Regis (6). **Please note changed arrangements.** Special methods: Little Bob and Double Court. 1455

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. Aylesbeare Branch. Sat October 28, Monthly Practice, Pinhoe, 7-9pm. All welcome. 0129

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting at Harworth on Sat October 28. All welcome. 1440

ESSEX A.C.R. N/W District. Saturday October 28. Ringing, Roydon 3.30-4.30pm. Service, Waltham Abbey, 5pm, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Waltham Abbey. Names for tea to Stuart Ricketts (01992 764415) by Oct 26 please. 1454

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. Hereford District. Autumn Quarterly Meeting will be held on Saturday October 28 at Woolhope, ringing from 3-4.30pm followed by Service, tea and meeting. Names for teas to Barbara Fox please, Tel 01531 660289. Ad No 1409

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. Church Stretton District. Saturday October 28, District Meeting at Clun, 6.30-8.30pm. All welcome. 1446

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD Southern Branch. Evening Meeting at Folkingham on Sat October 28, 7-9pm. Thelwall, Netherseale. 1234

NORWICH D.A. Eastern Branch. Practice Meeting, Saturday October 28, Great Yarmouth, 7-9pm. All welcome. 1310

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Autumn General Meeting, Sat October 28. Interdistrict six-bell striking competition at Chiswick at 2.00pm, followed by handbell competition. General ringing at Acton, 4pm, with service at 5pm, followed by tea at 5.45pm and business meeting to adopt the proposed new rules. 1458

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. E.B.S.B. Saturday October 28, Lorna Newton Striking Competition Final at Penn commencing 4pm, followed by tea at 5.15pm. Results and Half Yearly Meeting at 6.15pm. Branch Practice 7-9pm. Names for tea to Alison Bayley (01494 725686) by Wednesday October 25 please. 1450

PETERBOROUGH D.G. Northampton Branch Evening Meeting, Sat October 28, 7.00pm, All Saints, Northampton. Practice month at Pitsford on Thursdays November 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, 8.00-9.00pm. 1420

SOUTHWELL D.G. Half Yearly Meeting and Open Day in the Mansfield District, Saturday October 28. For details see RW Issue October 13. 1437

SUFFOLK GUILD. South West District. Evening Practice, Sat October 28 at Lavenham (8), 7.00-9.00pm. All welcome. Note: **Change of Venue** from Sudbury St Peter to Lavenham for this practice. 1447

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Taunton Branch. AGM and Instructors Training Course, Saturday November 11 at St James, Halse. Training Course 1.00-5.00pm, followed by Service, Tea and Annual General Meeting. More information on training course from Mr F Sage, 01823 276797. Names for tea by 8.11.95 to Mr K Beale, 01823 432500. Ad No 1406

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St. George's, Dunster

By the beginning of October seven of our clappers should be at Taylor's, Loughborough, for refurbishing of the clapper units and replacement of the crown staple units to the seventh and the tenor. We expect our bells to be out of action until the end of October.

The work is going to cost in the region of £1,000 and as we have a major church restoration appeal with insufficient funding so far, the ringers felt the PCC could not be asked to bear this additional cost. The ringers therefore decided they would meet the cost themselves.

After buying a new set of ropes last year for £802 the tower maintenance fund was somewhat depleted, but as the Dunster band are keen that the bells and fittings should be kept in a good state of repair they are making generous personal donations to achieve this. Also local voluntary help with dismantling of the clappers and transposition has helped to keep the costs down.

We welcome visiting bands at Dunster and we do not think it unreasonable to expect a donation towards maintenance (although no amount is stipulated except for quarter peals and the one annual peal attempt). Most of this ringing is entirely for pleasure and most other pleasurable pursuits are very costly by comparison.

M.A.T.

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Hypochondria, is this the tower captain's burden?

I recently ventured, whilst participating in a theory session in the back bar of a local hostelry, to confide in a person who was afflicted by something which caused him to slur his words. I believe his name to be Doogan Drinkmore. As a result of that conversation (mostly mumbling into his beer by the said Doogan) I have plucked up the courage to consult you on a serious problem I have encountered at a local tower where I have been ringing. I assume you will treat this matter as confidential, as I intend to go back there and ring again! Let us just say that it is a six bell tower between Hoo and Cliffe.

My problem is this. Our Tower Captain, a fine man in every sense of the word, known to throw the occasional wobbler when ringing down, but otherwise first rate, has, over the years developed peculiar habits, when in the tower. These habits have a medical background. It was first noticed, about two years ago, that he took to lying down on the floor of the tower between methods. His reason was that he had a bad back, which was met with ridicule by the male ringers and outright derision by the ladies, who cast deep suspicion on his motives. He was counselled by other responsible members of the band, which was unsuccessful for obvious reasons, and eventually gave up the practice after he was trampled on, on several occasions, when he failed to rise on the call of 'look to, treble's going'.

Until recently, he kept things within bounds, medically speaking. Naturally he caught flu, beri beri, malaria and fowl pest, and a bad dose of epesootic lymphangitis, but it is strongly suspected he was playing the sympathy card at these times.

Recently we have had an influx of redundant ringers from Hoo. As a result of fiscal mismanagement their bells have been snatched back by a finance company – failing to keep up the payments! – they were 'conned' anyway, they did not even ring in the same direction as normal towers, and the ropes were known to be waggly! but I digress....

Now our leader has a new audience, not versed in his hypochondrial ways. He, in consequence developed gout! I ask you, Gout. He tells us it's been caused by being forced to drink cheap port at a certain farmer house in Hoo. So now we have him laying down, or hopping about on one foot when ringing. This has caused him problems, because he is known to waggle his ringer at other ringers during a touch. Then disaster struck, he crushed the said finger with a five pound hammer and was struck dumb campanologically. The cheshire cat grin, famed in and out of the region, is still there, but is sometimes intermixed with grimaces of pain, directed mainly at a medical friend, who has thus far wisely ignored his attempts to persuade her to give him a full medical examination in the vestry.

Last evening, he informed us that he had an injury to his chestal area caused by a high speed crash when go carting. Another member, he of the Constabulary, has put it about that mental illness is now the problem. Picture the scene. One hand on bad back, Goutridden foot poised delicately in mid air, other hand clutching chest in afflicted area, said finger visibly throbbing and he bravely insists on participating in ringing a full peal!

My question is, if he passes away within the tower area, during a wedding ring, possibly whilst being forced into the hunt, can we legitimately share out his fee amongst the surviving ringers, or must it go to his next of Kin?

PERPLEXED OF THE HOO PENINSULA IN KENT

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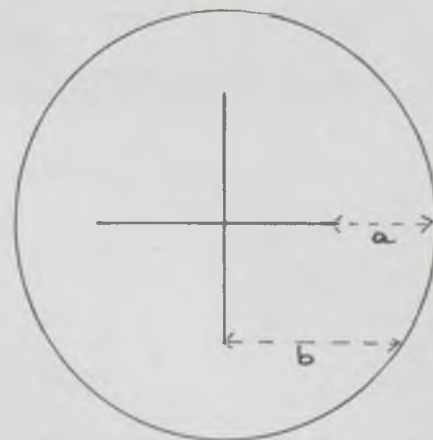
The Norwich D.A. striking competition on Saturday 30th September attracted a record number of entries, 23 in total!

The call change section had nine bands enter and was held at Bergh Apton. The judges, Chris Gould, Ann and Hannah Wilby, adjudicated as follows: 9th place Gt. Yarmouth "B", 8th Oulton and Ludham, 7th Ludham, 6th Gt. Yarmouth "A", 5th Hickling, 4th Knapton, 3rd Carbrooke and Watton, 2nd St. George Colegate, Norwich and the winners were East Dereham.

In the change ringing section held at Norton Subcourse ten bands took part, judged by Sue Ferrie and Andrew Wilby. The bands were placed as follows: 10th Hickling, Ludham and Oulton, 9th St. George Colegate "C", 8th Gt. Yarmouth, 7th Intwood and Ketteringham, 6th St George Colegate "B", 5th Gimingham, 4th Diss, 3rd Norton Subcourse, 2nd Carbrooke and Watton and the winners were St. Peter Mancroft.

After tea the ringing moved to Blofield for the inter Branch Eight Bell Trophy, a set piece of St. Clement's C.B. Major.

Judged by all five judges they unanimously decided on the following placings: 4th Eastern



Puzzle Corner No. 139

by Angela Newing

The Latest Project from the Eccentric Millionaire

As regular readers of this column will know, any puzzle whose number ends in a '9' concerns Mr Ivor Fortune, who has financed a good number of bell schemes and projects over the last twenty odd years that Puzzle Corner has been in existence.

He has just enhanced the ringing room of his local church by adding a circular window, the design of which is shown in the accompanying diagram. The cross is in the centre of the window which is high up in the north wall where it is inaccessible to the ringers without a ladder. Because it is in the north wall, it doesn't cast a shadow into the ringing chamber.

One of the younger ringers wanted to know the dimensions of the cross, so he asked Mr Fortune last practice night. He should have known that eccentric millionaire's never give direct answers to such questions as this, but always make them into puzzles. What he did tell young Kevin was that the two distances which I have marked as 'a' and 'b' on the diagram were 25 inches and 45 inches.

If you can tell Kevin (who is no good at geometry) the size of the cross (which has equal arms), please send your entry to Angela Newing, The Rectory, Brimpsfield, Gloucester GL4 8LD to Arrive by 3rd November 1995. The first drawn on that day will earn its sender a small prize.

Solution to Puzzle Corner No. 138

A Family Affair

Everyone who entered – and there were many – got full marks in this little exercise in logic. Ann is married to Barry. Their two children, Clare and Elsie, are married to Dave and Frank. Clare and Dave's children are George and Harriet. Harriet has recently married Ian.

The winning entry came from one of our 'regulars' who I don't think has ever failed to submit a solution, T. P. Hughes of Stourport-on-Severn.

Branch, 3rd Northern Branch, 2nd Southern Branch, and the winners the Western Branch.

Our thanks go to the incumbents of the three churches for the use of the bells, to the local ladies at Bergh Apton for the splendid tea and to all the judges for coming to Norfolk to help us. Well done to all bands who entered, the quality and enthusiasm of ringing throughout the day does credit to the Association. Congratulations to the winners. We look forward to next year's competition!

N.M.T.

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0930	Chirton	6, 10 cwt
0945	Urchfont	8, 21 cwt
1015	Market Lavington	6, 14 cwt
1030	West Lavington	6, 12 cwt
1045	Great Cheverell	6, 11 cwt
1100	Bratton	6, 11 cwt
1115	Westbury	8, 35 cwt
1145	Steeple Ashton	6, 21 cwt
1200	Keevil	6, 21 cwt
1215	Hilpertown	6, 7 cwt
1230	Holt	6, 9 cwt

LUNCH BREAK

1330	Bradford, Christ Church	8, 12 cwt
1345	Westwood	6, 4 cwt
1415	North Bradley	8, 13 cwt
1430	Berkley	4, 11 cwt
1445	Corsley	6, 12 cwt
1515	Horningsham	6, 16 cwt
1530	Maiden Bradley	6, 14 cwt
1545	Longbridge Deverill	8, 13 cwt
1600	Sutton Veny	6, 9 cwt
1630	Heytesbury	6, 22 cwt
1645	Norton Bavant	5, 10 cwt
1700	Warminster	8, 25 cwt

Trowbridge (12, 25 cwt) will be available at 1900, for the local 10 and 12 bell practice: visitors welcome

All towers confirmed, and open for one hour barring unforeseen circumstances. Day tickets £8 available at the first eight towers; otherwise 50p per tower. Notes on the route available at all morning towers

Please note that Berkley and Horningsham are extremely difficult bells, and ringing at Berkley will be limited to rounds only

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Around and about

One of the most remarkable augmentation schemes ever is nearing completion at Knottingley - where? - Knottingley, where the A1 crosses the M62. Details of this project which has resulted in a ring of 10 (tenor 12½ cwt) which includes the existing single bell will be published shortly but Fr. Hugh Lawrance tells us that the opening and consecration of the new ring of 10 will be on Saturday 9th December at 2 p.m. ALL ringers, families and friends will be welcome, light refreshments served after the service with "as much ringing as we can cram in!"

We hear that Burley P. Morris (of Sapcote, Leics) is scheduled to ring his 1,000th peal on Monday 16th October. It will be of Yorkshire S. Royal at Sapcote (specially chosen by him) and will be conducted by Brian G. Warwick (with whom he has rung 496 peals). Burley is, of course, 83 (and a half!) years old, and has special connections with the Peterborough Guild as he learnt to ring at Warkton, near Kettering.

We hope to hear that the attempt was successful - Ed.

Ringling World Diaries are already streaming out of the office on their way to their proud new owners. The diary is a sort of "Peter Lilley identity card" for ringers - flash it in the right place and you are instantly recognised as a *bona fide* ringer! Have you ordered your copy yet? (standard diary £4.50 including VAT and p&p - £4.35 each for two or more to the same address). Anne the Admin at the RW office looks forward to hearing from you - cheques to "The Ringing World" please.

The Public Relations Advisory Group is holding its next meeting on Saturday 28th October. The lengthy agenda includes discussion of a paper on "Recruitment, Training and Retention of Ringers" by John Barnes.

Mrs. Sue Brown, IT Coordinator, Weobley High School was pictured in an RM advert in the *Times Educational Supplement* of 6 October. This high tech lady however was photographed in her other capacity as Tower Secretary of St. Mary's, Eardisley, with bellrope in hand.

No longer "unringable". Following an appeal over the last 12 months, St. Peter's, Cookley, near Kidderminster now has a light ring of six in place of the old heavy (12 cwt) six. Dedication of the new ring will be during the 6.30 p.m. evensong on Sunday 22nd October by the Rt. Rev. Philip Goodrich, Bishop of Worcester. Full report later.

On Remembrance Sunday, 12th November Independent Television proposes to televise live to the whole nation, the Service of Remembrance from St. Mary-de-Haura, Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex.

St. Peter's, Bandon, Ireland lost a very valued and senior member of the band when Jack Boyd tragically died on 1st October. Jack had been a ringer for many years and will be sadly missed by the many friends he had. The bells were rung half-muffled for the morning service on Sunday 15th October in his memory.

Congratulations to Jean Bell who rang the treble to a peal of Yorkshire Major at Cotgrave, Notts on 7th October. Her previous peal was Plain Bob Minor in the same tower for the Silver Jubilee in June 1977.

The attempt to ring 10,560 Newgate Surprise Maximus on handbells on 18th October unfortunately had to be postponed.

We missed one date from the ASCY practices notice at the end of last month. The ASCY practice on October 24th is at Cornhill.

The augmentation scheme at Cannock has, we understand, hit upon a rather serious snag with the ringing chamber floor being declared unsafe - presumably the floor will have to be strengthened/replaced before the new 10 sound out next March.

At the risk of wasting even more space may I recommend to Simon Poole (London Victory p.1025) that he purchase a copy of *Method Splicing* which will enable him to understand how to use two methods to ring a third.

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

A quarter peal published on page 1064 was wrongly attributed to Orwell, Cambs. The correct detail is:

Bourn, Cambs. 29 Aug, 1280 PB Major: Carol Pudsey 1, Paul Haskell 2, Richard Fletcher 3, Marion Perryman 4, Ian Munro 5, Bruce Hicks 6, Timothy Dickens 7, Geoffrey Perryman (C) 8. Golden wedding compliment to John and Nancy Wilkinson. Nancy is learning to ring with the Bourn Benefice band. £1.60

Number Three

I was most interested to notice the comments of Mr. Saddleton on page 1025 of *The Ringing World* in relation to London Royal. How could we have ever got ourselves into such a muddle? Everyone must know that it should be London Surprise Number Three Royal.

I got out a few books to see which authority had it right. Confusion reigns.

Method 300 cops out as it states only "London No3" with no mention of Surprise or Royal.

Composition 500 has "London Surprise Royal No 3".

Standard 70 has "London (No 3) Surprise Royal".

The diary, which must be the touchstone of truth, has "London Surprise Royal (No.3)".

Wilson has "London No. 3" and so too does the *C.C. Collection*.

Microsil has "Londonno3".

I think we need some advice on the use of brackets, the use of "Number" and "No." and "3" and "three" as well as word order. These things must be very important.

A.J.B.

BELL CLUB AWARDS

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

Gold

Sally Greenley (Buckden).

Red

Philip Ladd (Wakesfield Cathedral); Anne Braysler and Simon Rolin (Buckden).

Green

Diana Kidson (Wanborough); Thomas Ashton (Barford); Amber Murray-Smith, Mike Murray-Smith, Margaret Murray-Smith, Simon Foulds and Stuart Wilkinson (all from Buckden).

Blue

Andrew Hargrave, Edmund Lawrance and Paul Lethbridge (all from Knottingley).

Stephen Russ, on a recent weekend in the Channel Islands rang in his 5000th tower, counting 4's and above. As his father Ron is several hundreds ahead of that figure, are they the first father and son duo to achieve the 5000?

We hear that Alan Smith of Leatherhead celebrated 50 years of ringing on 15th October. A presentation was made at the morning service and handbells were rung.

We very much regret to report the death of Stuart Warren of Stoke Golding. Mr Warren died on Saturday 14th October and the funeral service will take place at Stoke Golding on Friday 20th October at 12.45 pm.

Melbourne Parish Church bells were successfully test rung on Saturday 14th October following augmentation to ten in a new metal frame with all new fittings. One of the test ringers was Cathy Brown, of Marietta, GA, who came to the UK to witness the casting at Whitechapel last week of the new eight to be installed there early next year.

The bells now sound much quieter from outside, as the louvres have been largely closed off and the remaining openings have been fitted with sound control doors. Temporarily they sound a little too loud inside the church, but this will be corrected as soon as a new trapdoor is installed.

As advertised in last week's *Ringing World*, the bells will be available for open ringing on Sunday 22nd October from 2:30 - 4:00 pm, everybody welcome. Sunday ringing will resume tomorrow from 9:20 - 10:00 am and 6:00 - 6:30 pm, and practices are held almost every Tuesday evening from 7:30 - 9:00 pm (call 01332-862347 to confirm). The first peal attempt was also scheduled for the 15th October.

Peter Trotman

We regret to report the sudden death of Shropshire ringer Reg Pooler at the Association's Striking Competition on Saturday 14th October.

MORE NOTICES

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. The following towers will be open for ringing prior to the Snowdon Dinner, in conjunction with the Whirlow Course Reunion on 21st October. West Tanfield 1100-1200; Sharow 1430-1530; Ripon Cathedral 1630-1725. All welcome. 1468

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