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## Bressingham, back to full circle

Towards the end of 1994, PCC member Chris Beesley asked fellow members Ted Mercer and Pat Bateson to join him to study the restoration of the bells at Bressingham. Why Chris chose two members whose joint knowledge of bells could be written on a pin-head remains a mystery, but perhaps enthusiasm can acquire knowledge as the story unfolds.

Research by Dr Paul Cattermole, Norwich Diocesan Adviser on Bells, revealed that the perpendicular flint tower at Bressingham was under construction in 1431 by a master mason who constructed at least two other towers in the area, at Pulham Market and Occold (Suffolk). The tower was intended to have four bells and the timber frame that was constructed for them remains almost complete. In 1480 a fifth bell was added across the well in the centre of the frame. This bell survives as the third of the new (1995) ring of six. The fourth bell was recast,

probably in the churchyard, in 1618, but in 1671 was cracked and again recast at Thrandeston by Henry Yaxley and now survives as the sixth of the new ring. At this time the bells were probably rung from what we now call the clock room floor, about half way up the tower.

In 1751 an attempt at "Fyleing out the Split of the Great Bell" was unsuccessful and it was recast in London. Currently this bell (the 14cwt old tenor) remains in the old frame and attempts are being made to rehang it as it was originally, where it will remain as the chiming clock bell. A suggestion that this bell should be recast as a smaller bell for the new ring (worth £900 as scrap!) was rejected to preserve the heritage of the village. Also in 1751 four unusual clappers were purchased. One survives in the tenor and is shaped like half an Edam cheese made in cast iron. Ropeguides were added and from this date the bells were rung from the ground floor of the tower.

The Bressingham bells were kept in good order until the end of the 19th century and were probably last rung in full circle in 1892. In 1902 it was reported that nothing short of a new frame and completely new fittings would be needed if the bells were ever to be rung again. Nothing happened until 1922 when, either due to lack of finance or enthusiasm, the two cracked bells were recast (they now survive as the fourth and fifth of the new ring), fittings were removed and all the bells were fixed for stationary chiming. By 1995 the sound left much to be desired.

### Anonymous offer

In the meantime, in 1988, John Oates presented to the PCC an approach by an anonymous donor to give £10,000 (£13,300 gross) to assist restoration of full circle ringing at Bressingham, provided the church was still being used for regular worship when the work was undertaken. The PCC was to fully support the work and raise any additional funds required to complete the project. At this time the PCC felt that with their existing responsibilities they were unable to take on a further fund raising commitment.

John continued to investigate possibilities with help from Paul Cattermole and invited Whitechapel to inspect the tower and to make proposals. Having taken a second opinion from Mr Clouston of Hartest which confirmed earlier reports and despite failing health, John formulated plans to achieve the objectives. During this time it became apparent that John himself was the "Anonymous Donor", and shortly before he died in September 1991 he repeated his pledge (now £14,000) to the Rector, Revd David Hunter and requested that Chris Beesley should act on his behalf in all matters relating to the bells. Chris set to work and in September 1992 was officially appointed by the PCC to investigate the possibilities. There was an unrelated problem within the PCC and Chris had to wait for a new PCC to be elected early in 1993 before he could really get to work.

### Committee formed

When Chris had persuaded Pat Bateson and Ted Mercer to join him to form the Bressingham Bells Restoration Committee a preliminary meeting was held with Paul Cattermole, Tony Baines (Belfry Repairs Adviser for the NDA) and the Rector. This meeting determined that with some necessary tower repairs and a new metal frame lower in the tower to minimise stress, four of the existing bells could be brought into the new frame with the old tenor left in the preserved old frame. Finances permitting, one, or even two new bells could be added as optimism ran wild. It was also suggested that a ringers' gallery might also be constructed.

Chris made contact with foundries and bell-hangers for proposals and cost estimates; Pat was appointed secretary and wrote to possible

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The participants in the church with the bells. Left to right: Chris Beesley, Peter Willan, David Craggs and Ted Mercer - photo Elizabeth Handy (0181 788 1610)



**BRESSINGHAM—continued**

grant sources while Ted examined the cost of ancillary work and local fund raising. It soon became apparent that to achieve six bells in a new frame the total cost would approach £44,000, while the value of John's gift was now about £20,000. The task was to close the gap. With fund raising in progress, volunteers started to appear. Norwich DA Ringers would take out the bells and prepare them for transport, local volunteers would clean and preserve the old frame. There was a small problem when English Heritage made an inspection and recommended restoration of the old frame. Fortunately, by demonstrating that proper consideration had been given to all schemes, it was agreed that a new metal frame was the preferred option. Ted met Gerald Flatters of Taylors at the church and learned a lot about bells in a short time. Gerald was very patient.

**Unanimous approval**

With detailed proposals now in place, and PCC approval now unanimous, the project was officially launched at a meeting in the local pub on 11th August 1994. We were now committed, and invited two more local residents to join the committee. Peter Willan brought his experience of restoration projects in Somerset, and David Craggs was known to arrange good fund raising events. Then there was a sudden change in our fortune. Tony and Betty Baines, both active and long-standing bellringers and former residents in the village offered to make and donate the new frame. The casting of two new bells came into sight and Peter Willan produced a large list of charities which might contribute. Peter and Pat got the job of writing to them, but enthusiasm dimmed with slow or negative replies. Then one morning £100 appeared, closely followed by another, so the rest of the letters were quickly sent out.

By January 1995 it was all systems go and the bells were lowered and taken to Taylors where inspection showed that the largest bell had a crack in the crown. This was repaired but our contingency fund had disappeared at a very early stage. When our worried faces were seen in the village a generous donor soon made good

the deficit. We now confirmed our flow chart for all the various stages of the work, including interruptions such as services and weddings in the church. When the builders came to make the holes for the frame we were pleased to confirm the solid construction of the tower, although that was not the opinion of the man making the holes.

**New bells cast**

In March a party went to Taylors to witness the casting of two new bells and see the progress of restoration of the others. It had been decided to leave the 1480 bell untouched and to tune the rest around that bell. Chris had some interesting discussions with Taylors about that. The new frame was installed by Tony with the help of volunteers, and in our budgets we had arranged to feed the volunteers and it is interesting to note that other villagers turned out to feed the volunteers at their own expense, at this and other times. The bells were returned to the church in late June ready for rehung by Taylors bell-hanger on 17th July again assisted by volunteers.

**Hallowing and Dedication**

It was intended to include the village schoolchildren in the dedication service but a date was set for 4th August when the school was



*The bells before the 1995 restoration project*



*St John the Baptist, Bressingham*

closed. Paul Cattermole recalled the ancient service called Hallowing, and on 13th July the children with teachers and parents attended. The Rector introduced the service before Chris talked to the children about bells. The children then dressed the bells at the base of the tower with posies before prayers written by the children. This was a really enjoyable experience and is to be recommended to other restoration projects.

When planning the dedication service with the Rector, Ted was concerned that normally, the actual dedication was over too quickly, without acknowledgement of the effort and commitment that had gone into the project. Although not a ringer, Ted proposed to Chris that the new frame should be acknowledged and then each bell should be introduced and chimed by named individuals or groups. Following the dedication the Rector would call for the bells to be raised, and then at the conclusion of the service should call for "The bells of Bressingham to be rung in full circle for the first time in over one hundred years". This meant that there could be no prior rehearsal with the Bressingham bells and Chris accepted the challenge. However, when Chris approached his fellow ringers (volunteers from the project) it was decreed that a rehearsal at Bressingham was necessary. A plan was therefore made for a quick rehearsal while Ted was known to be otherwise occupied. Ted found out after the event and by changing the Rector's script to "Let the *dedicated* bells of Bressingham be rung in full circle...", honours were even and typical of the enjoyment by all involved in the project. There was a full church when the bells were dedicated by The Venerable Peter Dawson MA, former Arch-deacon of Norfolk.

The following day the tower was involved in a "Tower Open Day" covering 36 towers from Oulton to Elveden organised by Betty Braines and the following Saturday we celebrated the restoration with a Barn Dance at Bressingham Steam Museum. The first quarter peal was rung before evensong on 13th August and Chris now has nine novices in training.

About £30,000 was actually paid out so in order to release the tower base for church use and to create an easier ring for training we are now well advanced with plans to install a gallery. Finally the author would like to thank Chris for the pleasure of being involved in this project.

TED MERCER  
Churchwarden, October 1995

**Details of Bressingham's new ring of bells, 1995**

Bell	Note	Date	Weight* cwt-qtr-lbs	Inscription	Foundry
1	E	1995	3-3-6	To the memory of John Oates, 1927-1991 O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound	John Taylor Loughborough
2	D	1995	4-2-2	David Hunter, Rector For ever in joy!	John Taylor Loughborough
3	C	1480 approx.	5-3-20	Sancte Johannes Ora Pro Nobis (St John Pray for us)	Reginald Chirch? Bury St. Edmunds
4	B	1922	6-1-10	Recast 1922	Mears & Stainbank London
5	A	1922	7-3-24	Recast 1922	Mears & Stainbank London
6	G	1671	8-2-20	Miles Graye made me, 1671 Henry Mallowes + William Rowt Churchwardens	Henry Yaxley (for Graye) Thrandeston
Clock bell	F nominal	1751	14cwt approx.	Thomas Lester of London made me, 1751	Thomas Lester London

**Additional notes:**

- Bell no. 3 Because of its great age, this bell has been left untouched and the other bells re-tuned around it  
 Bells 4 & 5 Recast in 1922 from ancient bells, which had become cracked  
 Bell no. 6 Found to be cracked in March 1995, but fortunately saved and preserved by modern welding techniques  
 Clock bell Too heavy for full-circle ringing at Bressingham but preserved as clock bell in old frame, may be re-hung for swing chiming  
 \* All weights are given in hundredweight, quarters and pounds





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### As others see us

"The Ringing World has always had an impressive air to its title. It sounds like some Pythagorean exemplar of the music of the spheres. In fact, it is the specialist magazine of campanologists, some of whom prefer to call themselves bell-ringers. The world of bell-ringing is distinguished by three main characteristics: enthusiasm, pedestrianism and mutual hatred. That is a difficult combination to pull off, but no more difficult than ringing 40,320 unrepeatable changes of Plain Bob Major (the fullest extent for eight bells), which has been achieved only once - from 6.52am on 27 July, 1963, to 12.05am on 28 July, at a bell foundry in Loughborough. This hardly seems right, for the place to ring bells is in a church tower. It is a peculiarly English obsession. The sound may not be musical in itself, but it is suggestive of country churchyards, cooing pigeons or cawing rooks, yew-trees, old men in braces and the language of the Prayer Book.

In foreign lands they try to play tunes on bells. Ridiculous. For example, at Bruges, only 3 hours 40 minutes away, if you happen to live in Waterloo Station, there is a carillon operated by electrical means that plays for a couple of minutes each hour. The effect is rather sick-making physically, if you happen to be in the bell-loft at the time. The destructive capacity of bells lies at the heart of *The Nine Tailors*, a detective novel by that sometimes feyly English writer Dorothy L. Sayers. There is no need to spoil the plot if you haven't read it, but what can be revealed is that the clues she planted amid the bell-ringing notation were all wrong. We are indebted to Nicholas Bagnall, a former literary editor of this newspaper and a keen subscriber to *The Ringing World*, for this information.

*The Ringing World* - founded in 1911; a full-colour advertisement, if you wish to reach 4,600 keen bell-ringers, will cost you only £360 - is not the newest or queerest of the many specialist publications that jostle for space on our newsagents' shelves or go out by post in little plastic wrappers. The competition to provide reading matter for apiarists, for instance, is very keen: among the rival titles are *Bee Craft*, *Bee World*, *Beekeeping*, *Beekeeping and Development*".

(from the *Sunday Telegraph* magazine of 29 October 1995 - sent to us by Mrs. Housden of Banstead).

Have you ever considered that the action of the old fashioned Singer sewing machine is the same as that of a bellrope? The needle doesn't just go up and down, it has a definite handstroke. When the needle bobs up at handstroke, the thread goes slack, and the shuttle goes through the loop so formed; this makes the stitch.

MARK DAMERELL.

We think we follow the thread of Mark's argument - Ed.

### First peal congratulations

William D. Watts, Duncan Large, Robert P. Tilt and to Andrew C. Pickett who completed his first peal as conductor.

On Sunday 29th October at Wakefield Cathedral, two of our youngest ringers rang together in their first quarter peal. Anne Cooper (aged 10) and Philip Ladd (aged 9) both began learning at Easter 1994 under the tuition of the Ringing Master, Adrian Moreton, and both have progressed together to the stage where they are regularly seen hunting to Cinques and Maximus. There was much demand for ropes in the quarter peal as the Coopers and Ladds can now field nine ringers between them so we were grateful to Adrian for standing down and allowing an equal balance of the two families to be achieved. Either Anne or Philip could have rung inside but Philip drew the short straw simply for the reason that he is a lot more used to being shouted at by his father than Anne. In the event no shouting was necessary, mistakes were few and far between and both youngsters gave performances that they can look back on with pride.

J.P.L.

**Wakefield, W. Yorks (Cathedral).** 29 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: Anne Cooper (1st Q-aged 10) 1, Philip Ladd (1st Q-aged 9) 2, Emily Cooper 3, Catherine Ladd 4, Jeff Ladd (C) 5, Robert Cooper 6. On the top six before Evensong ringing.

A peal was rung at Shaw-cum-Donnington on 8th October in honour of Bill Moffat's retirement as Tower Captain there after more years than he cares to remember. The band was specially made up of friends from the Newbury Branch of the Oxford Guild and members of the Highclere practice night band (from an unnamed neighbouring guild!), where Bill and Hazel have been regular visitors for a considerable time.

Bill came to listen to the latter stages of the peal and pronounced the performance satisfactory at the end! Brian Taylor, the Rector, whose suggestion brought the peal into being, also expressed his gratitude to Bill and Hazel for the many years' service they have brought to Shaw-cum-Donnington and hoped they would be available for many more of the multitude of weddings at the church every year.

The band attributes this peal, with all their best wishes, to both Bill and Hazel.

MIKE TILL.

Referring to the note in the issue of 3rd November: Holy Trinity, Batley Carr has not been made redundant. Most of its furnishings including the bells have been sold for other reasons. The bells are listed in Dove as a chime. In fact they are a ring and at least one peal was rung on them, and it is hoped that the peal board will be saved. The bells have been unringable, only able to be chimed, for most of this century.

W.F.M.



The Towcester Branch striking competition was held at Cosgrove this year. The main trophy was awarded for the most improved performance. This was won by the young band at Alderton. The judge, Derek Jones, presented the trophy to Kevin Haseldine, aged 9 years.

L.M.W.

**King's Cross.** The clock on Platform 8 chimes again after £30,000 worth of repairs. The noise is actually a tape recording because it would have been too costly to replace the original bells (they ceased to operate in 1924, and were removed in 1947). The three faces of the turret clock have been restored and regilded. (from *Rail* magazine).



"Oh, I do agree, Mrs. Bristlethwaite! It does sound strange! But we're doing our bit to support Dame Vera!"

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## Letters

### Hingham bells

In reply to the letter from James J. Rooke (RW p.1097) although I have only lived in Hingham for two years I understand the problem started about the turn of the century when it was decided to construct a new bellframe (in fact two four-bell frames) at a lower level in the tower. This then meant there was only one floor between the ringers and the bells. To deaden the sound it was decided to place on the Bell chamber floor bags of sand. This was all right until the bags rotted and all the sand began to fall down on to the ringers.

About this time a new church architect was installed and he was concerned about the weight on the floor of the Bell Chamber and asked for the sand to be removed. I understand there was about seven tons. This now meant the bells were very noisy but before anything could be done the problem of the new church heater arose.

As English Heritage would not allow any holes in the church walls to allow air to get to this heater there was a problem. One solution was to place the heater in the Ringing Room and allow air to get to it via the Bell Chamber, so long as the trap door was removed, making the bells even more noisy.

To overcome this problem it was suggested that we could ring from the ground floor, this would, I guess, add about 65 feet to the rope length. It was decided that this scheme could be all right if a new floor was constructed to ring from and the heater did not obstruct the ropes. It would still mean a long draught but it would be manageable.

Regrettably the faculty for the heater was obtained but no action was taken regarding the new floor. Although the heater does not obstruct the ropes, a control panel on the side of the heater does. Various ideas have been put forward to try and make the bells ringable again when a new floor has been constructed. A new floor seems to be agreeable to all but there have been problems on access; it is thought that this has now been sorted out and that a faculty will soon be granted.

GEOFFREY R. DREW

Hingham, Norfolk

### Bell turret, Chewton Mendip, 1880

The regular reference to ringing at Chewton Mendip, prompts the following enquiry.

In the Rev. Ellacombe's book on the "Bells of Gloucester", the supplement includes an article on "Dumb Bell Ringing". The first paragraph states: 'An apparatus for practising change ringing without bells has been lately erected at Chewton Mendip, Somerset, for the inventor, the Rev. Theodore Imayo. A description of this apparatus may be useful to others who are prevented from practising in the ordinary way, either by the want of a ring of church bells or by the objections of sensitive neighbours' – plus ça change!

The article gives dimensions for light, small bell pits, with a cast dumb bell with proper wheel attached; weighing 170 lbs – but claimed to give the same feel as a bell. A pneumatic apparatus actuated gongs just above the ringers' heads. The suppliers are noted, including hanging etc by a local tradesman, Mr John Batt.

Do the local ringers have any knowledge of this early bell simulator?

W. JOHN SAYSELL

Coulsdon, Surrey

### Ringers and the Church

I felt a small comment on Fr. John C. Greatbatch's article on October 13, 1995, "The Church was ringing," may be relevant. I quite agree that the main object of ringing is indeed to call the Faithful to prayer, but ringing does extend beyond this and has become a quite emotional subject going back hundreds of years. We know that one of the memories for people from these islands is that of the sound of church bells, which are such a feature of life and how this sound is yearned for by those resident abroad. Having spent many years living in Europe, I often compared the somewhat sad tone and different style of ringing of the continental bells with the lovely sounding peals of home. I felt so strongly, that when I returned three years ago to settle, I made an attempt to take up the art with which I am still struggling and probably always will. I am finding it most enjoyable, have met a lot of people on courses and at other towers, so although my ringing is not worthy of note, I have discussed the matter of the church and ringing with quite a number of different people of varying degrees of expertise.

Some ringers are indeed very devout church goers and attend services regularly. Others find that their feelings are not strong and in some cases, although still Christian, are of a different denomination. I would not pretend to describe myself as a regular worshipper, but since starting ringing, have found myself drawn back towards the church because of the close affinity between the Faith and ringing. In discussion, I feel that all ringers give gladly of their time to service ringing but some for a variety of reasons, feel that it is not incumbent upon them to attend every service they ring for.

We are all too aware that with the decline in Established attendance, churches have been forced to close and in others, bells are seldom, if ever, rung. On the other hand, there are many ringers who are happy to ring at other towers, in addition to their own and quite naturally, having given of their time at each church, feel disinclined to attend every service they have rung for. Indeed, to do so in many cases would mean them not being able to ring for their home tower. As an example, a person well known to me who happens to be a Catholic, thinks nothing of going to early morning mass in a church with no bells, moving on to a nearby parish, ringing and then driving straight round to his home bell tower and ringing there. If he were told that he should attend these other services he would certainly be less inclined to give of his time.

Recent times have shown that attendance is not what it was in the earlier part of this century, when to miss a service would give rise to comment. Today, congregations are fragile. We see that change can have a dramatic effect on attendance, some may be attracted but others will leave or look elsewhere and these may never return. The days when every village had a band of ringers has gone and even quite large parishes have difficulty filling each rope position. Many ringers do not need to be encouraged to embrace all aspects of the church but others, for a variety of reasons do and to impose strict conditions on them for service ringing, may result in their melting away. By all means encourage ringers to stay for services but before any demand is made, ask of them first why they leave. It may be that like my Catholic friend, they have attended their own service, have done their bit for their home tower and quite rightly do not wish to attend further that day.

HARRY GOOD

Bruton, Somerset

### Grandsire Major

Re the peal by the Cambridge University Guild at Harmston (RW 1078). As already mentioned the peal is not the first with bobs only. I have composed and rung two peals with bobs only, the first of which took place at East Molesey on 6th August 1988. There may have been earlier successes by other composers. I was not aware in 1988 that we might have achieved the first bobs only peal. Given the ease with which the out-of-course changes can be achieved with bobs, it surprised me to find peal compositions containing singles!

It pleases me no end that composers like Bernard Taylor are taking an interest in even-bell Grandsire. I have been a fan for many years and I was beginning to think that my only ally was Keith Scudamore. Are there any more even-bell Grandsire fans out there?

CHRIS M. J. STANLEY

Wimbledon

### Individual progress

Margaret Harper makes an extremely important and overlooked point in her letter (p.1072 RW 20 Oct 1995). Her penultimate paragraph explains exactly why many towers cannot keep young ringers and why, at many other towers, the tower captains do not wish to teach them.

It is very noticeable that at many towers where youngsters are learning to ring, they are not allowed to progress as quickly as they are able. Some tower captains insist on keeping the whole band progressing at the same rate, which in ringing is totally impossible. Youngsters love competition and it is essential to set clear and achievable goals on an individual basis if they are going to become competent ringers and a benefit to the exercise. Once bored they will give up.

Happily there are a good number of towers with a lively band of youngsters and no doubt this letter will prompt some response along that line.

Girl Guides learning together are more likely to stay with ringing as they are with friends of their own age. The two most likely reasons for youngsters giving up are (a) they know that they are not making or cannot make any real progress in their tower and (b) they have no one else of their own age at the practice with whom they can relate. Indeed it is a great shame if scouts and guides who have gained their bellringing badge have not enjoyed their ringing enough to want to continue.

ADRIAN MALTON

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It has been brought to my attention that I may be able to contact one of my customers, Miss Margaret Marsh, through the pages of your valuable magazine (a letter from her was published on p.1097 RW Oct 27th).

Due to a computer error, my firm has lost her address and I know only that it is in Dorset. I wish to get in touch to inform her that the appliance with which we recently supplied her is faulty and should be returned to us as soon as possible for replacement.

Thanking you in anticipation.

IAN SWINDELL, Managing Director,  
Clear-as-a-bell Hearing Aids.

Defford, Worcs.

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## A very special ring

Early in September, between visits to Italy and Ireland, we were told of the proposed visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to Malvern in October. The visit was to celebrate 900 years of St Wolfston, Bishop of Worcester and was part of the "Through the Church Door" project. Directly after the news of the visit appeared I was asked by one of the organisers if it was possible to do something in the way of bellringing for this important event.

As the main proceedings were to take place in the very large Wye Hall on the Three Counties Ground at Malvern Wells the feasibility of having the "Malvern Wells" belfry was discussed with David Bagley. It transpired that the Matthew Higby bells would be in Malvern Wells at the time of the visit and that they would be more suitable for this occasion.

Having been asked to put on something special I had said that we would supply a band of young ringers for the occasion. All we had to do now was to get our young ringers, aged between eight and twelve, to a standard worthy of the event. Practices at Malvern Wells indicated that most of the young ones could handle the bells but that their concentration span might be a problem.

On October 16th, the day before the visit, David and I had arranged to meet the organisers in the Wye Hall to discuss arrangements. The hall was a hive of activity with camera men, lighting men and seat assembly men all busy about their tasks. I was expecting that we would be tucked away in a corner out of sight and out of mind. How wrong can you be! We were placed in a central position in the very large entrance area and also in direct line with the main isle (gangway) up and down which the grand procession would take place.

We were to ring the congregation in, then after a choir rehearsed, ring the Bishops and Archbishop in and the congregation out (not at the same time). All that remained was to get on and do it.

On Wednesday 17th five young ringers and eight oldies (well not very oldies in most cases) gathered at 6 pm to have a short practice before the congregation arrived for a 7.30 pm start. Soon after we started they began to arrive.

Ringing was fairly continuous from 6 pm until about 7.15 pm except for a few minutes for the BBC to make some sound checks. Rounds were well practised by the youngsters and methods were rung by the oldies. Much interest was generated and Central Council leaflets were distributed.

The young ringers rang the Archbishop in (and out 2½ hours later) with no help from the oldies. The event went very smoothly, all cues were given and received on time and there was no hitch in the proceedings. The organisation was superb although the hall was very cold during the event. The young ringers did us proud.

Our thanks must go to Matthew Higby for the loan of his superb little ring and for turning up to help. Also we thank all who took part and made the event the great success it was.

At our tied practice on Thursday evening we were told by the youngsters that they had been on nearly all the TV channels. So excited were they that we didn't get much practice that night.

GEORGE MORRIS

Waiting for the band to arrive for practice night? Have a cassette player and a copy of John Harrison's *Listen to Ringing* cassette (£6.50 from C.C. Publications).

## Wed to a ringer

The last day of September dawned warm and sunny - a perfect 'summery' day for the wedding of Paul Mason and Gillian Clifton.

Paul learnt to ring as a young lad, at Twywell, but gave up in his teens for other rings! Gill had no idea of his secret past when she caught her milkman three years ago, nor did she have any idea how compulsive an addiction to ringing could be when Paul returned to it two years ago. He now has to juggle his thirst for peals, quarters and striking contests with trying to appease his wife.

Paul is a ringer in the Kettering branch of the PDG - Gill has not yet succumbed. A keen reader, she has steadfastly resisted the cajoling of Paul's fanatical ringing friends to 'give it a go', promising that if Paul reads a novel she'll have a bash!! (Was it his mother or his mother-in-law who was heard at the reception to say she would buy him a copy of Dorothy L. Sayers *The Nine Tailors*?)

The marriage took place early in the day and was followed by a blessing, officiated by the Rev. Richard Dorrington (a ringer) at Weekley parish church. Bryony Dorrington, his wife (also a ringer), sang a beautiful solo and the new Mr and Mrs Mason were rung out of church to a touch of Norwich S Minor (Paul's favourite method) by 'the Tuesday night quarter peal band' of which Paul is a member.

## Pleasant but slightly disappointing

This sums up the Hounslow Music Festival bell ringing section at Isleworth on 29th October. A pleasant Sunday afternoon with good ringing on tower and handbells was enjoyed. The disappointing aspect was that only four teams were involved despite publicity in *The Ringing World* from January. A satisfactory number of people requested details, but when it came to the event the story was "Sorry I could not get them altogether". Anyway now to the positive side. A good selection of tunes was played by the St. Mary's Harrow-on-the-Hill Handbell Company and were commented on favourably by adjudicator Charles Richards. For this they were awarded a first class certificate. This company very kindly agreed to give a further recital later in the afternoon.

For the call change ringing a young company from St. Mary's, Stanwell gave a creditable performance on the front six bells and were awarded a first class certificate. Then came two change ringing companies both ringing Grandsire Triples. Farnborough won the toss and decided to ring first. This put the adjudicators on their metal because they had problems in finding faults to mark off.

Consequently the award was an honours certificate and a rose bowl to keep for one year. Next came the Middlesex County Association team who had a hard nut to crack after Farnborough had rung. Nevertheless the adjudicators considered the ringing to be worthy of a first class certificate. The ringing of these two teams emphasised a fact which is well known: the team which regularly rang together had a distinct advantage over one where the ringers came from various towers in the Association.

Anyway it was well done to all participants and we hope they and others will come again on 27th October 1996 - the day when the *Ringing World Diary* tells us "Summer time ends". Time will tell. Grateful thanks were expressed to the adjudicators Frank Blagrove and Charles Richards.

H. W. ROGERS.



Gill and Paul Mason

After a few photos Paul, the vicar and his wife, the best man and his wife, and one other, rang a short touch and we even got a photo of the bride holding a bellrope (you never know! many of us have discovered that if you can't beat 'em you have to join 'em!!)

The following day Gill and Paul interrupted their honeymoon for a short while to listen to part of a peal specially arranged and rung at Paulerspury as a wedding compliment to them. With best wishes for the future to them from all their ringing friends.

E. A. BETTS

**Twywell, Northamptonshire.** 3 Oct, 1320 Norwich Surprise Minor: Alison R Willgress 1, A R Wignell 2, Helen R Coleman 3, F E Coales 4, N A Churchman 5, D. Kingman (C) 6. Wedding compliment to Paul and Gill Mason. Married 30th September - by the "Tuesday Night Quarter Peal Band".

On Saturday 23rd September the Coventry Diocesan Guild Ringing Competition Final took place at Hillmorton, Rugby. The judges were Alan Hartley and David Chiswell from the Worcestershire and Districts Association. They picked a spot near the canal to listen to the ringing which was made difficult at times by the occasional passing train.

The results as announced by the judges were as follows: Change-ringing: 1-Ilmington (16 faults); 2-Warwick (17); 3-Bulkington (26); 4-Allesley (30). Call Changes: 1-Stoke (36); 2-Bulkington (54); 3-Henley (67); 4-Newbold (73); 5-Aston Cantlow (75).

Congratulations to Ilmington on winning the change ringing competition for the first time. Stoke won the call changes competition for the second year running.

PAUL CRAIG.

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## Learning to ring: 2

I was very pleased to find that my article stimulated such interest in the Exercise. It even elicited responses from eminent authors like Wilf Mortens and Norman Chaddock so it does seem that there is something worth discussing.

But firstly I must thank all those who responded either through these columns or to me personally and especially those who rang me to discuss the matter and to invite me to their towers to see how they teach. I have been able to respond to some of these offers and the additional experiences have been very rewarding.

The replies included several professional and personal criticisms and while I think I can defend my position in both respects there is not really space to do so here.

As I explained in my first article, my complaint is not against my teacher who could not have been more kind, patient and considerate but against the teaching method being used. Subsequent events have strengthened my conviction that it is easier to start with the bell DOWN.

The most important factor in the present situation seems to be the number of active ringers who were taught UP. I was told that at present 95% of the teachers in the Exercise are UPPERS. But this means that about 95% of the Exercise have been taught by UPPERS, so the system has become self-perpetuating. It also means that the numbers now ringing are not a true measure of the overall success of the method, because all the people for whom it did not work have left and are therefore not counted in the statistics. One estimate given for the drop-out rate is 80%. It might not be entirely due to the teaching method but it would seem important not to use one which puts off good recruits.

The numbers element also makes this very much a David and Goliath situation for me. I was a bit uneasy about writing my first article because challenging a long established practice is usually dangerous and I had no idea how much flak I would have to take. In the event it was with increasing relief and pleasure that I found from successive issues of RW that the responses were almost without exception positive, welcoming and encouraging.

After my first article was published I was invited to have a couple of lessons from a local tower captain to demonstrate how he taught the UP method. Unfortunately I soon ran into the same difficulties as I had before – my underlying anxieties arising from the initial narrow target set, the high danger levels inherent in the method, the constant teacher intrusion into the learning sequence and the absence of any safety training. Again I have only praise for my teacher who was just as kind and considerate as the first one but the method gave me no confidence at all for the same reasons as before.

Later on I was invited to watch a training session in another tower conducted by another experienced teacher. At least one pupil's lesson mirrored my own perfectly. These experiences have reinforced my conviction that the UP course is unnecessarily difficult. I can't believe that I am the only one who finds this so. Presumably the others drop out without being able or willing to write articles like this.

Incidentally, when I said in my first article that my teacher was teaching by 'the book' I did not mean any specific book but by the generally accepted method. Even so, I was a bit surprised to see Wilf Mortens hiding his light under a bushel (or bell?) when as I understand it if anyone has written a definitive work it is he

himself. 'Methinks he doth protest too much!' Be that as it may, I have now read *The Elementary Handbook* by Cross et. al., *A Manual of Bell Control* by Norman Chaddock and *A Beginner's Handbook* by Malcolm Tyler but they all seem to suggest that there is not much difference between starting UP or DOWN.

The UPPERS I have listened to gave several reasons supporting their position. The first was based on tradition viz. – I teach UP because I was taught this way so were my father and grandfather before me – we have always done it this way – if it has worked for all this time it must be right. This approach seems to perpetuate existing practice, both good and bad, but it does not validate either.

The second reason was that 'this is what I want them to do on Sunday' so the initial aim of the course was being able to ring rather than the development of the basic skills of bell control.

The third reason was that starting UP allows the cycle to be broken into bits which can be taught separately and then fitted together into a complete cycle afterwards. The pupil is first taught backstroke by stages while the teacher completes the cycle. Then the pupil is taught the handstroke by stages while the teacher does the rest. Then the strokes are fitted together.

The justification for this approach is that the full cycle is too difficult for the pupil to tackle initially. This is true but only because one has started with the bell UP. A consequence of this is that the teacher has to be actively involved all the time, passing the bell and rope rapidly back and forth to and from the pupil at a rate dictated by the bell.

By contrast starting with the bell DOWN does not require the cycle to be broken up like this. Whole swings from side to side can be used throughout but with gradually increasing amplitude. The pupil is in control at every level and knows how to abort the sequence safely at any time. The teacher does not need to be actively involved except in a dire emergency. This is a much better basis for building pupil confidence.

Please note I am not suggesting that the initial stage is for the pupil to be taught to ring the bell up but to control the bell at every level from the bottom up. Ringing up emerges at the end of this stage as the natural conclusion of learning control. It is not the vehicle for teaching control.

There remains only one element which is impossible to assess without actually trying it. I said in my last article that I was surprised that I did not start with the lightest bell which has the least energy and momentum and therefore is the least dangerous and so should be the easiest to control.

The UPPERS say that it is not used to start adults because, being lighter, things happen too quickly and a slight over-pull has more dangerous consequences. This is no doubt true – if you start at the top. But it may not be true if you start at the bottom, where the small mass should contribute to increased safety and control because the bell can be stopped the more easily if necessary.

Moreover, the greater sensitivity required with the lighter bell could be a bonus because initially the pupil does not know how hard a hard pull is and he works up from zero level. There might also be fewer broken stays when adults taught on a heavier bell move to lighter bells – a problem identified by one private correspondent.

To summarise, the UP course seems to have three inherent difficulties.

1. It starts with the bell in its most dangerous position where it has maximum potential energy, and from where it generates maximum momen-

tum at the bottom. The rope travels at maximum speed and there is maximum whiplash as it changes direction so it is most difficult to control and puts the pupil under maximum time pressure.

2. The method then has to chop the cycle up into bits which require maximum intrusion of the teacher into the teaching sequence. It is dominated by the movement of the bell and not by the needs of the pupil.

3. The pupil is not taught from the start how to return the bell safely to rest. If anything goes wrong the pupil is told to stand back and allow the teacher to step in and save the situation. This destroys rather than builds pupil confidence.

By contrast starting DOWN removes these three difficulties:

1. It starts with the bell in its safest position which the pupil can easily control.

2. The method uses the complete cycle which can start by being small and easy and which the pupil can increase smoothly up to greatest difficulty with minimum teacher intrusion.

3. The pupil is taught to control the bell and rope in all its positions and return safely to rest whatever goes wrong.

It seems to me that DOWN wins hands down and I will permit myself a wry smile when I read Roydon Davies obituary and see that 'Each successive week he pulled the bell a little higher and let out a little more rope till the bell banged the stay. Gradually he taught himself how to control the rope and the bell...'

The replies so far show that some teachers are already working along these lines so I would like to expand my suggestions in more detail. They might then help to provide the basis for an alternative course which might be found easier by a wider range of recruits.

G. M. BERRIMAN

## Not the Guild Dinner

In the absence of a formal W&P Dinner this year, the Winchester District Chairman, by popular request, decided to organise a substitute. A big thank you is due to all those who made it a great success. The largest share of work fell on the shoulders of the Chairman, Mick Thomas and his wife Margaret. They had chosen the hotel and the menu, so had all the worry of whether it would be all right on the night and they had also printed tickets and menus and done the seating plan. Wendy Bishop and Colin Rogers, the evening's speakers, had come with well prepared contributions. A peal had been organised at Bishopstoke (although somehow Tony Smith only heard about it after it was meant to start so it was a bit late). Roy Le Marechal arranged for handbells to be rung (cleverly managing to exclude himself from actually ringing) and Wendy Ling had advertised it, and along with Roy, sold tickets.

All their efforts culminated in an excellent dinner at the Moat House Hotel on October 14th. Fifty-nine people came, and Winchester District members were very pleased to welcome friends from all of the other mainland districts, especially the Master, Barry Fry, who said grace. The food was imaginative and beautifully presented (all the courses were very good and the almond ice cream was especially delicious).

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was a "presentation" by Wendy Bishop – one time ringer at Winchester Cathedral – who had collected together 18 photos from the past of well-known ringers (to the evident surprise of some of those featured), and prepared them



for an overhead projector with very amusing results. They included childhood photographs of John Colliss obscured by his shock of hair (greeted by "oh how sweet"), an endearing Mark Esbester, Julia Cater at nine behind a pint of beer celebrating winning a skittles match and hardest to recognise, Chris Kippin in short trousers on a beach somewhere. From the hippie era was Roy Le Marechal with very long hair, Tony Smith also with long hair (but you couldn't see the sandals), and Bob Cater in his Buddy Holly glasses and a bright orange boiler suit claiming to be a civil engineer. A photo of the ladies' peal band in their bikinis during Guild Centenary Year was featured. There were photos taken at past District Socials and the finale showed Martin Waldron and Roy Le Marechal in all their glory at a Vicars and Tarts party of yesteryear (it was a rare picture of Martin SMILING and he wasn't dressed as a vicar). Wendy then proposed the toast to the District.

Mick then introduced Colin Rogers, an erstwhile colleague at Lansing Bagnall, who at one time had been the head of department to which Mick was promoted. Colin promptly left. Though perhaps not so well known at the dinner, Colin typifies the majority of our District members in that he is a loyal and regular ringer on Sundays and practice nights. His home tower is Wonston.

Colin thanked Wendy for her marvellous presentation and said that they had in a way chosen to talk about the same thing. Wendy had recalled some of the District's recent history and Colin intended to consider our ringing in a much wider context, successfully conveying even more of a sense of history. Starting with his own tower, Colin mentioned Nesta Smith, described as an "exquisite ringer" whose certificate of Guild membership from 1937 was framed in the tower. It was just the same as the more recent one, so there was continuity there. It was in our Guild that Alice White had made history by being the first lady to ring a peal, in Basingstoke in 1896. Colin quoted a manager of the Whitechapel Foundry, "Long after I'm dead, bells will be ringing out. It doesn't give me immortality but it gives me the next best thing". Colin finished with the words of Bernard Levin:

"Well, now, I know of no era or culture which, having the technology to make bells, did not do so. They are, indeed, one of the oldest symbols of mankind's feelings; bells, almost since time began, have accompanied solemn ceremonies and governed scenes of rejoicing, marked notable days and laid down the hearers' duty, warned of attack and signalled victory, roused the sleeping, harried the lazy, informed the unaware and, above all, called the faithful to prayer."

Thus we all make our contribution Sunday by Sunday, even though Colin felt that he personally probably deserved the District prize for "Least Improved Ringer"!

Mick brought the dinner to a close by expressing the hope that the Guild Dinner would be an annual event from now on and thanking all those who had made any contribution to the evening, in particular his wife, Margaret. Tony Smith then said a few well chosen words to thank Mick for being the driving force behind the Dinner. Many people stayed on for another hour enjoying the congenial company.

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### Revenge for Lancashire

On 9th October 1995, a beautiful day reminiscent of the lovely summer, the Yorkshire and Lancashire teams met at Ashton-under-Lyne for the annual Roses competition. Much Lancashire pride was at stake as Yorkshire had won for the past three years. The judge was carefully chosen – Ricky Shallcross had previously "done the honours" and placed Lancashire first on that occasion.

The Yorkshire team set a high standard to start proceedings, with an interesting touch of Erin Triples – this was judged to be the more accurate piece in the eight bell section. However, Mr Shallcross, who learnt to ring at Ashton-under-Lyne, said he enjoyed the slower speed of Lancashire's attempt. Lancashire then went on to ring the better of the plain courses of Cambridge Royal and although there was little difference in the number of faults between the teams, Mr Shallcross didn't seem impressed with either performance.

It was the course of Lincolnshire Maximus which determined the result. The front bells at Ashton are difficult to hear inside and the Yorkshire team were also uneasy with the method. In contract, the Lancashire team, who

Most of the Lancashire team.

had had practice on the bells, rang with confidence. The judge tactfully did not announce the number of faults incurred by either team, but Lancashire's victory was well deserved.



Ricky Shallcross (right) with the team captains.

Many thanks to the Lankies for organising a successful day (including the weather). H.B.

### Composition Corner

#### 5,152 8-Spliced Surprise Major by Marcus C W Sherwood

23456	V	B	H	Methods
23564				YN•BBR•
52364				RYNPC•
35264				LCYSC•
56342				LRL•NS
7823456	ss	-		P•B•S•

7-part. Contains 672 each Bristol, Cambridge, London, Lincolnshire (N), Rutland, Yorkshire and Superlative; and 448 Pudsey, with 146 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

#### 5,152 12-Spliced Surprise Major by Marcus C W Sherwood

23456	V	B	H	Methods
23564	ss	-		C•B•N•KR•
52364				UNSA•
35264				PUSYC•
56342				LRM•YC
7823456	3	-		P•B•B•S•

7-part. Contains 672 each Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative; 448 each Lincolnshire (N), Pudsey, Rutland, Uxbridge and Yorkshire; and 224 each Ashted, Cornwall (K), London and Lindum (M), with 153 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

#### 5,184 8-Spliced Surprise Major by Marcus C W Sherwood

23456	B	M	W	H	Methods
65432	-	-	-		R•Y•L•
36452			-	ss	LY•SNN•B•
46532			2	-	LS•B•R•
54632				-	RSPPC•
43526	-				PC•YY
43265	-			[-]	CN•BBR•[•]

6-part, omitting [-] in alternate parts. Contains 768 each Bristol, Rutland and Yorkshire; and 576 each Cambridge, London, Pudsey, Lincolnshire (N) and Superlative; with 120 changes of method and 24 each 5678's and 6578's.

#### 5,184 8-Spliced Surprise Major by Marcus C W Sherwood

23456	V	B	M	W	3/4	H	Methods
52436					-		RN•L
42635			-				L•SR
56234			-	ss			YNY•S•B•L•
23564				-	ss	-	RS•PN•B•C•
36245	ss	-			ss		C•B•P•P•B•C•
24365				-			[-] LY•R•[•]

6-part, omitting [-] in alternate parts. Contains 768 each Bristol, London and Rutland; and 576 each Yorkshire, Cambridge, Superlative, Pudsey and Lincolnshire (N); with 138 changes of method and 24 each 5678's, and 6578's (with 15 each off the front).



## On Ten and Twelve

by Steve Coleman

In a moment of madness I went to a Twelve. It was a meeting, and there were lots of ropes and lots of people, and they all looked very severe - including everyone I knew - and I was really nervous. I had studied hard - really I had - but it was a real disaster.

I started on the Treble to Grandsire Cinques but couldn't control it despite having rung Grandsire Triples inside for ages. Then I tried Plain Hunt Cinques on the Four, and that would have been O.K. except some old man stood behind me telling me every blow. I got home really fed up. But insanity is still with me, and I'm going again. Please give me some clues.

Sarah  
The North

Doubt it not, in your moment of madness you took the *big* step. No matter how good you are on eight, ringing on ten and twelve is a whole new world. But hang on in there and it *will* be worth it.

### The Nerves

Many tens and most twelves seem explicitly designed to overwhelm you with nervousness. They are big and austere, with long draughts, icy corners, aged and darkened peal boards, and a forbidding air of *history*. Just walking into them and seeing all the ropes is bad enough, but seeing the other ringers is the clincher. They are either as nervous as you are - and that's most of them, including the District ringing master who is terrified the ringing is going to be awful - or they are sublimely confident. The nervous ones will make you feel even more nervous, and the confident ones will make you feel inadequate. Oh dear!

Still, don't let it get you down. Go up to the most nervous ringer present - probably huddled in a corner miles away - and in a hushed whisper engage him or her in a little mutual worrying. That should make you both feel a lot better.

### The Bells

And then the bells themselves. A lot of tens and twelves aren't easy to control. The back bells are heavy, the front bells are light, and the ceiling is a long way up. Quite often they handle a little differently too. But difficult or not, all twelves share one problem. There is a big weight range between the Treble and the Tenor.

So here is the first tip. **Don't take the Treble to Cinques as an easy option.** The front two or three bells are almost never easy

to handle without practice, and to hunt up on them you need almost to stand at every blow. You also need to leave very large visual gaps after the big bells if you are going to strike in the right place.

In addition, a very large bell may have to be pulled *before* you in order to strike after you, and that can be very confusing indeed for your ropesight. And if your bell comes down too soon - or worse still, bumps the stay - you can be out of place, and out of control, in next to no time.

Similarly, don't take a large bell until you've had a lot of experience. The back bells are extremely important to the rhythm and they may need to be pulled at the same time as - or even before - the little ones in order to strike accurately after them. They are harder to control too.

And that leaves the middle ones. For preference go for the Five or Six. The striking is easier, the handling is easier, and the ropesight is easier. And any errors you do make will be much less noticeable to everyone else. You are already a method ringer and you have learnt the method on ten or twelve. Your chances of ringing well inside are far higher than your chances of ringing well on the Treble. Go for it.

### The Handling Problems

Of course, you will take every opportunity to ring Call Changes too. Only the real expert is in a position to turn down handling and striking practice. Work your way round to the very big bells and to the very small ones too. Give your total concentration to getting your handling and your striking as smooth and accurate as possible. Pay particular attention to the variations between what it looks like and what it sounds like. Being really at home with a bell in Call Changes will make it ever so much easier to ring the same bell in methods.

And when you ring a little bell, remember this overwhelmingly important point.

*The weight of the rope of a light bell significantly affects its handling.*

And this is so important that I have given it a paragraph of bold italicised type all to itself.

The point is that when you pull the handstroke, you have to pull hard enough to get the bell to go round **and** the rope to go up. Indeed, it needs to go up at least twelve feet if not more. The longer the draught, the heavier the rope, and the more the pull required. A light bell with a long draught requires a very significant pull just to get the rope to go up.

But at backstroke, the reverse is true. All the rope comes back down again and gives the bell a hefty pull in the process. So at backstroke you need do no more than guide the rope down.

I often demonstrate this by setting a very light bell at backstroke and then just tipping it off the balance by pulling the tail end with one finger. The bell travels right round and goes over the balance at handstroke without any pull at all. Indeed I often have to catch the sally quite firmly to protect the stay. But when I tip the bell off the balance at handstroke, it gets nowhere near the balance at backstroke, but just comes straight back down again.

So the moral is, pull **firmly** at handstroke and **gently** at backstroke. Getting this wrong is what causes so many people to get completely out of control on the front bells of tens and twelves - and, indeed, smaller rings too.

And in case you are wondering, the heavier the bell, the smaller the effect of the rope. The mathematics are rather complicated, but you can see that the weight of the rope on a Tenor is not a lot more than the weight of the rope on the Treble even though the weight of the bell is a great many times more.

Incidentally, don't let anyone con you into believing that only men and boys can ring heavy bells. That is absolute nonsense. Women and girls can ring them every bit as well, as long as they get the practice.

### The Methods

And now the methods. We haven't mentioned them yet, but with the basic ones you are unlikely to have any problem. The chart for Plain Bob is in Chapter 29. And with Grandsire, extra dodges get added on as the bells increase, in exactly the same way.

With Stedman, extra sets of **double** dodges are added on at each stage. So in Caters the two sets of dodging are

Double dodge 4-5 Up  
Double dodge 6-7 Up  
Double dodge 8-9 Up  
Double dodge 8-9 Down  
Double dodge 6-7 Down  
Double dodge 4-5 Down.

And in Cinques you add in a double dodge 10-11 up and a double dodge 10-11 down between your double 8-9 up and your double 8-9 down. You can find a lot more about Stedman Caters and Cinques at the end of Chapter 21.

Little Bob and Kent follow exactly the same rules as for Minor and Major, always remembering that when you treble bob, you dodge in 9-10 and 11-12 as well.

Surprise Royal and Maximus are rather more difficult, and it would take a good bit of this book to explain them all. But for when you get to them, here's a tip. Although Cambridge Royal and Maximus are relatively straightforward to **learn** after Cambridge Major, Yorkshire Royal and Maximus are far easier to **ring** because the ropesight is much easier. The ringing will probably be of a



higher quality too. So learn Yorkshire Royal and Maximus at the same time as learning Cambridge, and choose them for preference whenever possible.

### The Ropesight

But if the methods are fairly easy, the ropesight is another matter. And while your multi-bell ropesight is improving, it is just as well not to put too much strain on it. So many people ring on ten and twelve by learning the numbers.

Take Bob Maximus, for example. In a plain course the bells follow each other round in the order **2,4,6,8,0,T,E,9,7,5,3**, and this is what is known as the **coursing order**. So if you are ringing the Six, once you have led, you hunt up over **8,0,T,E,9,7,5,3,2,4**, and then you hunt down over them again in the same order.

Of course, somewhere you have to dodge - but you know where that will be - and somewhere else you have to pass the Treble - but you learn that as well. A whole course of Bob Maximus is then yours for the asking without the slightest trouble. Similarly, in Grandsire Cinques the bells follow each other in the order **3,4,6,8,0,E,9,7,5** with, of course, the Treble and Two popping in at intervals.

Bobs would be a problem except that in Bob Maximus they normally only affect the front bells, so you can use your ropesight on the front six and then follow **8,0,T,E,9,7** until you get back to the front six again. Grandsire is a bit more difficult, but **8,0,E,9,7** normally remain in a block even though they sometimes change their relative positions.

Kent and Little Bob follow the Plain Bob rules, although in Kent you have to take the slow bell out of the coursing order and replace it with the Treble. Stedman, though, is a real problem. You need a sharp brain indeed to ring **that** by numbers. Still, you do at least get three goes at each dodging position, so after two ranging shots, you should be right before it's time to move on.

### And Lastly

And when you can do it. When you can ring Cinques and Maximus with skill and confidence, do give a hand to those coming up behind. The "old man" who told you every blow in Plain Hunt, may not have been very helpful, but he certainly had the right idea. A little moral support goes a long way.

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

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## Easthampstead '95

This year Easthampstead '95, held during the last weekend of September, saw 34 students learning a wide range of methods from Plain Hunt to Belfast and much more besides. What actually goes on during the Oxford Guild's three-day residential ringing course? Let the students describe it themselves. . . .

### Group 1 - Doubles

Up, Down, Right up, With me, At the back, Hold it up. Do you know what these phrases actually mean?

We do now. These different expressions, used in towers across the country, were only a few of the many we learnt during our three days tuition at Easthampstead Park.

This was the first bell ringing course we'd attended, and to be honest, we arrived with some trepidation. To our delight, this proved to be unfounded as the welcome from our tutors and fellow students was warm and friendly.

On reflection the most important factor to emerge from our weekend at Easthampstead was the opportunity to ring with experienced volunteers whose striking, to our ears, was always perfect, and they were always in their place, whatever we were doing! To ring with such an accomplished band gave us the confidence to keep trying whether we were ringing Plain Hunt, Grandsire or Bob Doubles.

But for us, it wasn't just the volunteers who helped us to progress, it was eight-and-a-half hours of concentrated ringing, and tuition from dedicated tutors like Graham Firman. Their support and encouragement was immeasurable as we worked around five different towers. It was also heartening to hear words of encouragement from the other students in our group.

The optional lectures proved to be informative and entertaining. On Sunday, in particular, we "played" with John Harrison's computer programme called, Strike which is designed to improve your listening skills. Our other options with Graham Clifton were of a more "hands-on" nature: Rope Splicing, for which strong, dexterous fingers were needed and; tower inspection which we decided was not for the faint-hearted. We both thoroughly enjoyed these options, particularly the rope splicing as we were able to take advantage of the sunshine and have our lesson outside. To our delight our handy-work was much admired during lunch!

It would be remiss of us not to mention some of the social aspects of our weekend: pub

lunches and pre-dinner drinks where we could exchange the events of the day with others, and the Sing-along on Saturday evening led by Bob Gerhardt and Simon Cole, which ended up being a "lusty" affair.

In short, we both had a wonderful long weekend and would happily repeat the experience all over again. We also want to take this opportunity to thank Graham Firman and the other organisers for a job well done.

LAVINIA MITCHELL.

KATE MANSON.

### Group 2 - Doubles

The six students in the Doubles group were all from the Diocese, but from towers as far apart as Wing in Buckinghamshire and South Leigh near Witney in west Oxfordshire. All had mastered plain hunting and most opted for plain Bob, on which the course was therefore focussed. Kevin Lovell proved an excellent teacher, a diffident manner disguising his quick analysis of what was going wrong, and with a firm agenda to get people on steadily.

Surprisingly, some students had little experience of other towers, and had difficulty with unaccustomed drafts. Local tower-exchanges would have made a lot of difference.

The programme proved to be well balanced. The last day had looked dull, with only a Service Ringing option to relieve the lectures, and there was talk of "knocking off early", but the lectures, for example on Striking were very good value, and the day was well spent. There is little doubt we will be back soon.

TONY LAWRENCE

### Group 3 - Minor

With some trepidation I set off on Friday 28th September to join the other students on the ringing course. I was rather apprehensive as due to other commitments my ringing had been somewhat limited and I also hadn't a clue what to expect.

Within minutes of arriving I learnt two very good lessons - don't arrive late and don't leave your ordnance survey map at home. On my arrival at Bray I discovered my chosen group had already gone to the first tower - Hitcham. Hitcham wasn't on my road map but I was directed roughly towards its location. After stumbling across the village, (quite by accident as it wasn't on any signposts) the main aim of the weekend was set in motion.

Our group was under the guidance of Bill Butler, (he makes a lovely ugly sister, incidentally), who soon found out our aims for the

(continued overleaf)



Group 1 students and helpers.



weekend and endeavoured to help us fulfil them. Kent and Cambridge seemed the main methods and during the weekend, with the assistance of a stalwart band of experts and a theoretical session, these were more or less achieved.

Apart from method ringing we also participated in our own choice of 'options'. These involved lectures or activities on various aspects of ringing from ropehandling and calling Bobs to tower maintenance and ringing on computers. All very useful and something could be gleaned from them whatever level of ringing we had reached. Handbells were a popular choice and changes echoed down the corridors at various times throughout the weekend.

The three days were not all 'work'. An excellent pantomime was performed – it took all of four minutes, and community singing went on well into Saturday night. Extensive grounds surrounded the conference centre where we were based, and opportunities arose for us to explore them.

The rooms were comfortable, ensuite and, most importantly tea and coffee provided. Cooked breakfasts and evening meals were excellent and for our group at least the local hostels conveniently placed near our towers kept us well fed and watered during the day.

An enjoyable weekend was finished off with a service, led by ringers, Sunday lunch and final get together and discussion on events.

On thing puzzled me throughout the weekend though – why could I never find my way back to the conference centre?

DIANE HAWKSWOOD.

## Group 4 – Triples

The introduction to this, my first residential course on bellringing, was at Bray Village Hall. As we picked up our folders, colour coded for each group, it was clear from the outset that there had been a great deal of careful planning.

My group, of six students in all, was to focus on Grandsire and Steadman Triples with our tutor John Wells. His first seminar was based around an analysis of Grandsire. His second, the following morning, concentrated on Steadman. John clearly has a gift for clear explanation and although I already knew something about both methods I gained a much clearer understanding of how they are put together. A useful evening session took place at East Hampstead where, under the tuition of Kevin Lovell, we concentrated on rope handling on tied bells. This was a useful concentrated session and it helped me overcome one particular error in my handling technique.

On the Saturday evening, my option was learning about compositions with Graham John. This was an opportunity to touch on some of the more advanced aspects of bellringing and to get a feel for the objectives sought in composition.

On the Sunday I opted for two seminars with Graham Clifton from Whites of Appleton. First we had a go at splicing ropes which we did outside in the sunshine. Although it took a little longer than it should have done, I think we all found it very satisfying to finish a short splice under Graham's expert help.

Our Tower inspection in the afternoon was at Hurst and for me was an introduction into matters of bell maintenance. It was much more interesting than I had expected and by the end of it I quite envied Graham in his choice of occupation.

Of course a major part of the conference was the sessions of practical ringing. These were held at four local towers and were made possible by numerous volunteer helpers, all of which readily provided advice and explanations and again John Wells was in charge. It is very



*Rope splicing (in the sunshine) (l to r) Stirling Maguire, Lavinia Manson, Kate Mitchell, Simon Edwards (hidden) and tutor Graham Clifton.*

valuable to ring at other towers although I did find the bells at Old Windsor in particular rather a struggle. A course like this without practical ringing would not be complete. Nevertheless, one should not expect to see instant progress, especially on unfamiliar bells. However, by the end of the weekend I felt I had a better understanding of the aspects giving me difficulty in Grandsire and I was also progressing on St Helens Triples and Bastow Little Court Major, both helpful in learning Steadman. The problem now is getting enough ringers in my home Tower on a regular basis to keep up the practice!

SIMON EDWARDS

## Group 5 – Surprise Major

There were two Surprise Major groups at this year's Easthampstead course. Our group (Group 5) was led by Ken Darvill. The five students in this group were: Wendy Emeney – Rushden, Sylvia Harrington – Bray, Ann Jones – Aston Clinton, Anita Wilson – Bunwell, Simon Cole – Bicester.

The course started at Bray Church Hall on Friday 29th September 1995. Following a cup of coffee and a chance to meet all the tutors and students, we had our first theory session. Ken firstly discussed with us what we would like to ring and then went through some of the theory of Yorkshire and London Surprise Major. Following a very enjoyable pub lunch, we made our way to Cookham for the first of two practical sessions. We warmed up with plain courses of Cambridge and Yorkshire following which courses of London, Rutland and Lincolnshire were rung. Everyone then made their way in convoy to the second practical session at Burnham. Unfortunately the writer was unable to keep up with the cracking pace set by the rest of the convoy and being seemingly incapable of reading a map arrived rather red-faced about 20 minutes after the main party. Burnham are a lovely ring of 8 recast by Taylors in 1949. Ringing consisted of Cambridge, Yorkshire, London, Bristol, 4 spliced (CYRN), 8 spliced and a course of Belfast. After arrival at Easthampstead Park, the course introduction and our evening meal, it was time for the first of our option sessions. Most of the group had opted to do change ringing on handbells and methods rung included Plain Hunting on 8, Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and 3 leads of Kent Treble Bob Royal. An entertaining session of lapping on handbells rounded off the evening.

Following breakfast and a further theory session on Saturday morning, we made our way to the first tower of the day – Tilehurst. Again, a wide variety of Surprise Methods were rung including touches of Bristol. The writer managed to negotiate Reading town centre with considerable navigational help from his passengers and ended up at the Waggon and Horses in Twyford where much needed liquid

refreshment was enjoyed by all. Twyford was our second tower of the day and several good touches of spliced were rung here. By the time the last tower (Sonning) was reached some of the ringers were starting to flag a little and many of us took the opportunity to enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of chocolate fudge cake at the nearby tea shop. London was the main method rung at the last tower along with more touches of Bristol and spliced. The evening's entertainment started off with handbell ringing which was in turn followed by the traditional Saturday evening sing-song. Unfortunately Frank Price, the regular pianist was unable to come, so yours truly was drafted in at short notice to provide the accompaniment to the singing, which was led by Bob Gerhardt. There was a new addition to the evening's entertainment with a performance of 'Cinderella in four minutes' led by none other than the Guild Master, Patricia 'allwight' Newton.

Service ringing followed breakfast on Sunday morning which was in turn followed by more handbell ringing. There was a short ringer's service led by Bill Butler which included the Ringer's Hymn 'Unchanging God'. Lunch was followed by the last session of handbell ringing. All too soon it was time for our last meeting at which the students were invited to give their views on the course to the course organisers. So Easthampstead was over the another year. Many thanks must be given to Graham Firman and his team for their organisation of the course and for the many helpers and tutors who helped make the course possible.

SIMON COLE.

## Group 6 – Surprise Major

### Wokingham

I left work as soon as I could on Friday 29th September and made my way to Wokingham and on entering the first church saw that preparations for Harvest thanksgiving were well under way, and this formed the theme for the rest of the weekend. It was lovely to see all the different churches decorated and fragrant and during our own closing service on Sunday at Easthampstead we offered ourselves and our talent and our gift of ringing to God as our harvest offering. How appropriate.

### Seeds of Contemplation

Some of the churches were big and bleak, and artistic with the carrots beautifully part of a small arrangement and some were small and bulging and fruitful and it was lovely to see the variety. Back at home Sunday night I attended evensong at Cadmore End in my own parish of Lane End and the arrangements there included ripe blackberries and acorns, which seemed like seeds of us learning to ring and part of the harvest of learners, a wonderful thought or meditation to conclude the weekend.

The first person I met was John Harrison and he arrived at the church on his bike. Later I saw one of his previous bikes in a different position.

### The Stimulator

Yes, this was John's bike, upside down and on a mecano frame and built as a simulator and beautifully constructed geared mechanism. We had to queue up to have a go and it was well worth it and to add to the excitement we had to sign the visitors book too.

### Yorkshire Pudding

My personal goal was to learn Yorkshire Surprise Major. Well I am not sure if I have learnt it, but I did eat Yorkshire pudding at Sunday lunch, and I have certainly learned how



to write it out, and what bells starting positions are, and did ring Yorkshire loads and loads of times with people standing behind. I also learned how to explain what I did not know, so that the whispering in my ear would be what I needed at that time. Thank you to all who helped me, and honest I will do my homework.

### Cream Tease

In my group was a super family from Tiverton, Devon. Well I always thought we learned from them, but here they were on our course and it seems that in Devon they strike well but do not go in for methods so much. The family were George and Andrew Mudge and the little brother Philip was in another group. I did enjoy watching Andrew, the son, as you could literally see the light dawning on his face as he learned so quickly. He soon spliced the Rutland and Yorkshire and Superlative while I simply noticed that 3rds place bell was the same for Cambridge and Yorkshire.

### Stedman Crunchy Bars

On Saturday we spent the day practising in different towers and I sat in the back of the car with Godfrey of Newport Pagnall, twiddling our thumbs and discussing the Stedman crunch methods of knowing if your are going in quick or slow.

### Handbells

I also joined the Mudge family for handbells, I was trying to learn Bob Minor on 5-6 and Major on 7-8 and what fun we had as our brains travelled round the circle in opposite directions and then as we learned how to think of our pairs as one unit, not as separate bells.

### Bucket

I met a young lady from Shiplake called Dianne, well actually she said the Lane End Ringers know her as Bucket and John Cook of Hambleden used to tease her as she arrived at ringing on her scooter with her helmet held like a bucket. She shared a room with me, and we sat up in bed doing our homework. When we parted she said "I am glad I shared my room with a human being". When I told my children about this they said "she must have been a bellringer".

### Duet

Next year Simon said he wants to share his room with Bob, but Bob warned him he snores, so watch this space in 1996. Thank you to Simon and Bob for leading us in community singing, my favourite was "Oooh! Sir Jasper".



Simon Cole at the keyboard.

### Holiday

It was luxury at Easthampstead, lovely clean sheets, no cooking, no shopping, no washing up, the ladies I sat with at meal times from Group 2 really did appreciate not worrying about supper while they were trying to sort out their 3-4 down dodges in church.

### It Fits

On Saturday night we returned from our outings exhausted, blisters growing on our fingers and hands (how do you get blisters there) and were tempted to stay awake to watch a pantomime. It was all right. In fact Pat Newton's (sorry, Cinderella) favourite line was "all right" and in the end when we had all got the hang of it we did not have to wait for her to say it again before the laughter started.

### Mongolia

On Sunday the day dawned clear and bright, waking us with open curtains (Dianne and I had both forgotten our alarm clock) and we had some free time to walk in the graceful gardens of this stately home. I have never seen such huge holly trees. We talked about subjects like Mongolian Overtone Meditation. The sound of it, for we got a demo too, is a bit like bell harmonics. Also admired the splices some of the group had made during their session, better than my spliced major any day.

### Memories

We had time to remember last year, Joel Reitz now in the States, Pat Chapple was here again, and I was with Ann and Fred from Wiltshire. We spoke of George Swift and of the lovely booklet his local ringers have made in his memory. I wished I had been on this course years ago and many of the learners I spoke to said they wished they had heard of bellringing years ago, so we really do envy Andrew Mudge especially as he learns so easily.

### Books

We had time to preview the new Steve Coleman book, I shall be ordering my copy, and I bought loads of books from Bill Butler, thanks you Bill for bringing them along. The cartoons went down very well at Lane End, especially as I had cruelly written in names of local personalities in the appropriate places.

We had time to look at the map of Reading showing the huge numbers of towers visited by the course members this weekend, what a huge undertaking, and many thanks for all the helpers and arranging and booking done for us.

### Encouraging

When I got home to Lane End I made a mistake in Stedman Doubles and felt really gutted when I admitted that I was still unable to call 120 of Bob Doubles, well of anything. So this course has been no use to us at all they mocked. Oh well, see you again next year 13-15th September 1996.

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### Navigational aids

The Chew Branch of the Bath and Wells D.A. has two towers which are notoriously difficult to find.

Nempnett Thrubwell is in the middle of nowhere ("Its easy if you follow the map" someone once said in my hearing - problem is that the name of the place often obscures a goodly selection of the crucial lanes and only the trusty OS map has space for *all* of them. NB local folklore has it that an eye witness did once see a signpost to Nempnett Church). Nailsea (Holy Trinity) is best described as in the middle of somewhere (allow an extra half an hour to enjoy the full benefit of the newest housing estate plus a bit more in case the one way system has changed again).

In short, even stalwart local ringers go pale when asked to ring at either of these towers. Mention is made of sleeping bags, flasks of coffee and waiting until daylight to find your way home. (NB if you can find anyone to ask directions in Nempnett you'll need an interpreter).

Help is, however, at hand, the people who do signposts have recognised the tower grabbers dilemma and have come to your aid with this useful piece of directional information!

Good luck!

### North Wales Ringing School

The North Wales Association held a one day Ringing School at Hope, near Wrexham, on Saturday October 14, a very foggy day. The day started with a well illustrated talk on the history of bells and ringing with the theory of change ringing - including the importance of handling, listening and simple rules, not numbers. Then it was all up the tower to practise on the pleasant 6. The learners, sandwiched between more experienced ringers who nearly didn't go wrong, one or two at a time and progressing from plain courses to 120s of P.B. Doubles. After a welcome break for lunch we split into two groups with half going to Hawarden so the learners could get even more practice. Progress was made up to P.B. Minor in Hawarden - where there is no problem hearing the bells! The day was rounded off with an interesting and demystifying Central Council slide show on bell installations and maintenance. Much progress was reported by the learners, with some revelations such as the existence of coursing order. There were about 21 ringers in all with about 15 learners from across North Wales, Cheshire and Shropshire. Many thanks go to Ken Price for the idea and to Bill Court for directing the day and giving the presentations, and to Hope ringers for having us there and providing refreshments.

M. WILLIAMS



## Derbyshire Peel Week

This year it was the 25th Derbyshire peal week during which we managed to score 13 peal out of 20 attempts. We lost peals at Oadby, Greasley and Abbots Bromley due to conductor error; at Tuxford and Codsall because of firing-up; at Fairfield due to meeting short, and at Belgrave due to a broken rope. Thirty-five ringers were involved and everyone managed to score at least one peal.

The week followed the usual format of ringing peals in a different county each day, with Wednesday (in Yorkshire) being the most successful day with all the peals being scored; the peal at Penistone was the first with Yorkshire tail-ends for several of the ringers, and although we found the tail-ends to be rather a handful (literally) they certainly helped to keep blisters at bay. Thursday was tinged with sadness as Eric Speake, who died recently, should have been with us for one attempt. Eric White from Perth, WA., was able to ring one peal with us on the Tuesday. The week concluded with a meal and social evening on the Friday. Lis Bowden had spent most of her spare time during the week selling teddy bears in aid of the Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team who had rescued her after she had broken her ankle in the Lake District, and she even managed to sell the last two bears to some non-ringers who were sitting at the next table enjoying an evening out at the peal week meal venue - so although she had had the misfortune to be in four unsuccessful peal attempts, she was delighted at having sold 25 bears.

The first Derbyshire peal week took place in 1971 when eight out of 10 attempts were successful. I have been closely involved with the organisation of the peal week for the whole of the last 25 years, during which time there have been 450 attempts with 324 successful peals. This period of prolonged success could not have been achieved without the help and support of conductors and those individuals who are delegated to arrange the towers. I acknowledge their help with gratitude.

As I reflect on the happy times we have had, it is with some sadness that I have made the decision to give up organising the Derbyshire peal week and leave it to others to come forward, whose enthusiasm and competence may not be in decline like my own.

Gordon A Halls

### DERBY D.A.

ANSTEY, Leics, S Mary  
Mon Sep 25 1995 2h34 (10)  
**5056 London S.Major**  
Comp. S J Ivin  
1 Tony Laughton  
2 Eric O Davies  
3 Rev David H Sansum  
4 Clive W Longden  
5 F Gordon Faulks  
6 David Kingman  
7 Richard L Taylor  
8 Philip A Mehew(C)  
First of London: 2; 200th for the Assn.: 1; First in the method as conductor. In memoriam Eva Mehew, mother of the conductor, who died on 15/8/95 aged 91 years.

BIRSTALL, Leics.  
S James Great  
Mon Sep 25 1995 2h39 (10)  
**5088 Lincolnshire S.Major**  
Comp. C P Starbuck & S Humphrey (9600 reduced)  
1 Philip Dunderdale  
2 F Gordon Faulks  
3 Brian A Tomlinson  
4 Eric O Davies  
5 W Arnold Morley  
6 Roger J Lawson  
7 Philip J H Hudson  
8 David Kingman(C)

ASPLEY, Notts, S Margaret  
Tue Sep 26 1995 2h52 (8)  
**5184 Bristol S.Major**  
Comp. T G Pett  
1 John E Heaton(C)  
2 Richard L Taylor  
3 Elizabeth P Heaton  
4 Jane E Boden  
5 Philip J H Hudson  
6 Clive W Longden  
7 Raymond H Daw  
8 Philip Mehew

SELSTON, Notts, S Helen  
Tue Sep 26 1995 2h44 (14)  
**5056 Bristol S.Major**  
Comp. W E Critchley  
1 Patricia A M Halls  
2 Robert J Marchbank  
3 Eric S White  
4 Timothy Wylie  
5 Paul Jopp  
6 Anthony P Cotton  
7 Gordon A Halls(C)  
8 Simon Humphrey

PENISTONE, S Yorks.  
S John Baptist  
Wed Sep 27 1995 2h59 (14)  
**5184 Bloxham S.Major**  
Comp. H Poyner  
1 Simon C Melen  
2 Patricia A M Halls  
3 Winifred M Warwick  
4 Philip J H Hudson  
5 Robert J Marchbank  
6 Anthony P Cotton  
7 Gordon A Halls(C)  
8 E Gordon Faulks

DONCASTER, S Yorks.  
S George  
Wed Sep 27 1995 3h37 (30)  
**5184 Yorkshire S.Major**  
Comp. S Humphrey  
1 Clive W Longden  
2 Elisabeth A G Bowden  
3 W Arnold Morley  
4 Timothy Wylie  
5 Simon Humphrey(C)  
6 Richard L Taylor  
7 Nicholas J Parkes  
8 Philip Mehew

ECCLESFIELD, S Yorks.  
S Mary Virgin  
Wed Sep 27 1995 3h1 (14)  
**5024 Rutland S.Major**  
Comp. G Freebrey  
1 Ian Duff  
2 Patricia A M Halls(C)  
3 Elizabeth P Heaton  
4 Eric O Davies  
5 Philip J H Hudson  
6 Raymond H Daw  
7 John E Heaton  
8 Simon Humphrey

BARNSELY, Yorks, S Mary  
Wed Sep 27 1995 2h45 (13)  
**5024 Rutland S.Major**  
Comp. N Smith  
1 F Gordon Faulks  
2 Elisabeth A G Bowden  
3 Rev David H Sansum  
4 Philip Dunderdale  
5 Timothy Wylie  
6 Robert J Marchbank  
7 Anthony P Cotton(C)  
8 Paul Jopp  
First in the method as conductor. To congratulate Paul & Ruth Jopp on the birth of their son, Samuel Charles, on 15/9/95.

PENKRIDGE, Staffs.  
S Michael & All Angels  
Thu Sep 28 1995 2h54 (16)  
**5120 Spliced S.Major**  
(4m: 1440 Lincolnshire, 1280 each Cambridge, Yorkshire, Rutland: 74 com.atw.)  
Comp. J S Warboys  
1 John E Heaton(C)  
2 Winifred M Warwick  
3 Rev David H Sansum  
4 Peter S Lacy  
5 Raymond H Daw  
6 Robert J Marchbank  
7 Tony Laughton  
8 Simon Humphrey  
In memoriam Eric Speake.

TETTENHALL, W Mids.  
S Michael & All Angels  
Thu Sep 28 1995 2h51 (14)  
**5152 Lincolnshire S.Major**  
Comp. G A Halls  
1 Rev David H Sansum  
2 Patricia A M Halls  
3 Ian Duff  
4 Clive W Longden  
5 Raymond H Daw  
6 Richard L Taylor  
7 Gordon A Halls(C)  
8 Philip Mehew  
In memoriam Eric Speake, who would have been ringing with us today had he not died suddenly on 30/8/95.

## Peal Reports

NEW MILLS, Derbys.  
S George  
Fri Sep 29 1995 2h42 (13)  
**5056 Zelah S.Major**  
Comp. C Middleton  
1 Peter D Taylor  
2 Rev David H Sansum  
3 Elizabeth A Betts  
4 Ian Duff  
5 K Maurice Starkey  
6 Robert J Marchbank  
7 Richard L Taylor  
8 David Kingman(C)  
First of Zelah Surprise major by all the band.

AULT HUCKNALL, Derbys.  
S John Baptist  
Fri Sep 29 1995 2h47 (7)  
**5184 Ullesthorpe S.Major**  
Comp. H Poyner

1 Philip Mehew(C)  
2 Elisabeth A G Bowden  
3 Jane E Boden  
4 Timothy Wylie  
5 Pamela J Timms  
6 Roger J Lawson  
7 Philip J H Hudson  
8 Tony Laughton

CRESWELL, Derbys.  
S Mary Magdalene  
Fri Sep 29 1995 2h57 (12)  
**5056 Spliced S.Major**  
(8m: 768 each London, Rutland, Bristol; 576 each Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative: 142 com.)  
Comp. N Smith  
1 Denis A Smedley  
2 Philip Mehew  
3 Pamela J Timms  
4 Timothy Wylie  
5 Jane E Boden  
6 Patricia A M Halls(C)  
7 Gordon A Halls  
8 Nicholas J Parkes

### QUARTER PEAL

**Abbots Bromley, Staffs.**  
29 Sep, 1260 Stedman Triples: Elisabeth Bowden 1, Philip Mewhew 2, Elizabeth Betts 3, Ian Duff 4, David Kingman 5, Richard Taylor 6, Peter Taylor(C) 7, Jane Boden 8.

### Westhoughton's Bells Peel Again to celebrate the life of Albert Greenhalgh

September 9th was a happy occasion, as the bells of St.Bartholomew, Westhoughton, Lancashire rang out again in full peal - the first time in 18 months - to celebrate the life of Albert Greenhalgh.

Albert's death was reported in these columns earlier this year and various peals were rung at the time - but not, alas, at his own tower of Westhoughton, as the full restoration of the tower (now free-standing after the fire which destroyed the Church in 1990) was not yet completed.



Albert Greenhalgh

Albert was born in Church Street, within the sound of the bells, 88 years ago. His parents were both active at the Parish Church - his father, a bellringer; his mother, a member of the Mothers' Union. Not surprisingly, Albert joined the tower company over 70 years ago, and was later to become Tower Captain, a position he held for over 50 years, actively ringing until only a few months before he died. His name appears on the peal board recording the first peal (in 1934) to be rung on the bells after the re-hanging in 1930. Just three years earlier he had rung his first peal, at Blackrod (Grandsire Doubles) - the first peal to be rung by an all Westhoughton band since 1888. Albert lived for the

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The peal band, Front row (L to R): Roy Jolley, Geof Smith, Joe Thornley, John Illingworth, Jim Andrews. Back row (L to R): Geof Fothergill, Alan McNutt, Peter Bellamy-Knights.

bells. He looked after their maintenance right up to last summer. He used to wind the clock twice a week before the electric winding motor was fitted. Most importantly, he was a teacher. It would be difficult to count how many learned the art of change-ringing from him (including two 1,000 pealers!), but the result is that there are towers across the country where Albert's proteges ring and where the Art he loved so much will be passed down the generations. He was equally active on the social side – born, no doubt, of the camaraderie he experienced as a coal miner – organising numerous outings, dinners, fund-raising, not only for ringing but also as Treasurer of the Central Park Bowling Club. The writer recalls trips to Tyldesley baths and hikes over the moors to Branch ringing meetings with the group of lads who were all learning to ring at that time – not to mention an all-Westhoughton outing to ring at York Minster!

In 1968, the Westhoughton Sunday Service band rang the first peal of Westhoughton Surprise Major – all the other seven ringers having been taught by Albert! It was fitting, therefore, that our method should be rung for the first peal in the newly restored tower and that it should take place on Albert's birthday, 9th September (only two weeks after the engineers had given permission for full ringing to be resumed).

Four members of the original band (Roy Jolley, John Illingworth, Jim Andrews and Geof Fothergill) rang the same bells as in 1968. We were all pleased that Albert's widow, Ellen, (for whose 88th birthday some of us had already rung a peal at Hindley that same morning) joined us before the peal and listened to a large part of it. A tape recording was also made for her.

After the peal, we were brought very ample and welcome refreshments by Norma Fothergill and Lindsay Smith (a big thank you to them for all their support); also our rector, Revd Simon Tatton-Brown, who has been a staunch supporter of the tower and bells throughout the period of the restoration and Church re-building, came along to congratulate us and join in the celebrations. The band would also like to associate this peal with all the former Westhoughton ringers, and especially, Jack Ashcroft and Pauline Campling (nee Tallis) whose holidays prevented them from taking part.

At Albert's funeral Service our rector, Simon, had said, "... the bells of our Church tower have been muted these last few months because the tower needs to be strengthened following the Church fire. Plans for this work are in hand, and later this year they will ring out again, as Albert made them ring. May they also celebrate the life we commemorate this morning, proclaiming the good news of God, summoning his Saints to worship...". On 9th September, they did just that – and we all knew that Albert was listening with that beaming smile we loved so much.

Jim Andrews

#### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

WESTHOUGHTON, Lancs.

S Bartholomew

Sat Sep 9 1995 2h41 (14)

5024 Westhoughton S. Major

Comp. G Lindoff

- |                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Joseph Thornley         | 5 A John Illingworth     |
| 2 Peter G Bellamy-Knights | 6 Alan McNutt            |
| 3 Geoffrey H Smith        | 7 James E Andrews        |
| 4 Roy Jolley              | 8 Geoffrey Fothergill(C) |

To celebrate the life of Albert Greenhalgh.

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#### Dave's Rave in Yorkshire

August 1995 was the scene of the second David Purnell Rave. This time more people joined us and we took over a complete hotel. ... 'The Mount' in Malton.

The Traditional mix up with not everyone getting the room of their choice was repeated, and despite prior orders for copious quantities of Bass it is rumoured that Ralph Edwards had to be treated for dehydration when the amber nectar ceased to flow for about an hour on one of the evenings. This time, we were joined by the 'Welsh Wizard'. His unedited ramblings tell the story of the interaction between the country gentlefolk of Somerset and their friends from Durham, Yorkshire, Wales and Lancashire over the weekend.



David Purnell attended (or garrotted) by Barrie Hendry

The Mount Hotel in Malton  
Was the venue for the band,  
Where met the groups of  
ringers  
From towers throughout the  
land.

Pervert Purn from Petherton  
Was organiser of the show,  
But Jenny's barred and bolted  
door  
Dealt him a saddened blow.

He talked of changing sex to  
woman  
To enhance his macho fame.  
He'd make all men misogynists  
And the ladies cry with shame.

There was Hairy Bear from  
Wedmore  
With tiny Pat, his lass,  
Along with Ralph from  
Ashdown,  
The doyen of the mass.

Along with Christine Andrew  
From Ashton-under-Lyne,  
Was the 'buxom belle' from  
Newcastle,  
The City on the Tyne.

Barrie Dove from  
Knaresborough,  
Was t'only true-bred Tyke,  
With Bill the Bard from Bettws,  
Just west of Offa's Dyke.

Along with Mike from  
Bridgwater  
Came Viv, his latest crunch,  
So long on his expenses,  
As petrol, oil and lunch.

Alone they loved to hike,  
Away from all the bunch,  
Among the hills and dales  
With ice-box stuffed with lunch.

From Chilcompton came the  
Becks,  
The family in full force,  
With Farmer Bob from  
Farmborough,  
And Beaumont Joe, of course.

Old Farmer missed his cows so  
much  
He brought his dummy udder,  
But failed to fox blindfolded  
Purn,  
(Who knew faked teats from  
t'other).

The bearded beau from  
Bradley  
With Pauline at his side  
To bully all through peal  
attempts  
And many a pint imbibe.

From Ditchat hailed the  
Crispins:  
A sherry-loving lass;  
While Dave, her bowls-mad  
hubby  
Preferred his pint of Bass.

Among the one-day trippers  
Were stamper Paul and Pete,  
With Wilf and lovely Annie,  
So nervous, yet so sweet.

The ringing on the whole  
Was pretty good and crisp,  
With all five peals successful,  
And few blows bad or missed.

The dinner on the Saturday  
Inflated Purn's big ego;  
He picked us off, one by one,  
And gave us all our say-so.

The morning Service ringing  
On Sunday, our swan-song  
day,  
Was at the R.C.Church in  
Malton:  
(For which we had to pay).

To gin-full, sinful, Bass-filled  
Purn  
(For all the work well done),  
We truly give our grateful  
thanks  
For such good bells – and fun!

Now look we all to '96  
Both eager and excited,  
Each hoping every one of us  
Again to be invited.

#### BATH & WELLS D.A.

ILKLEY, W Yorks, All Saints  
Wed Aug 30 1995 3h4 (18)

5024 Rutland S. Major

- 1 Vivienne M Rigby
- 2 Barrie Hendry(C)
- 3 Christine Andrew
- 4 Michael J Stone
- 5 David J Purnell
- 6 Jenny M A Astridge
- 7 Ralph G Edwards
- 8 Rachel H Dyson

WHITBY, N Yorks, S Mary  
Thu Aug 31 1995 3h4 (19)

5000 Cambridge S. Royal  
Comp. R F B Speed

- 1 Rachel H Dyson
- 2 Janet E Crispin
- 3 William E Thompson
- 4 Pauline C Champion
- 5 Christine Andrew
- 6 Reginald T McKenzie
- 7 Jenny M A Astridge
- 8 Robert E Beck
- 9 Adrian P Beck
- 10 Barrie Hendry(C)

BRADFORD, W Yorks.

Cathedral of S Peter

Fri Sep 1 1995 3h7 (26)

5007 Stedman Cinques

- Comp. T Hooley
- 1 Barrie Hendry
  - 2 Christine Andrew
  - 3 Jenny M A Astridge
  - 4 Adrian P Beck
  - 5 Michael J Stone
  - 6 Pauline C Champion
  - 7 Joseph St J Beaumont
  - 8 Rachel H Dyson
  - 9 Robert Perry(C)
  - 10 Robert E Beck
  - 11 Reginald T McKenzie
  - 12 David J Purnell

SELBY, N Yorks, Abbey of

SS Mary & German

Sat Sep 2 1995 3h24 (26)

5040 Cambridge S. Royal

Comp. W Eric Critchley

- 1 R Ann Agnew
- 2 Janet E Crispin
- 3 Christine Andrew
- 4 Barrie Hendry(C)
- 5 Peter M Dawson
- 6 Alex E Marsh
- 7 Ralph G Edwards
- 8 Robert E Beck
- 9 David J Purnell
- 10 Adrian P Beck

OSSETT, W Yorks.

Holy & Undivided Trinity

Sat Sep 2 1995 3h27 (27)

5042 Yorkshire S. Maximus

Comp. R W Pipe

- 1 Michael J Stone
  - 2 Vivienne M Rigby
  - 3 William E Thompson
  - 4 Paul K Williamson
  - 5 C Barrie Dove
  - 6 Pauline C Champion
  - 7 Peter A Williamson
  - 8 Rachel H Dyson
  - 9 Joseph St J Beaumont
  - 10 Jenny M A Astridge
  - 11 Robert Perry
  - 12 Reginald T McKenzie(C)
- On the day following the  
50th anniversary of Paul  
Williamson's first tower-bell  
peal.

William E Thompson



**BATH & WELLS D.A.**

HIGHBRIDGE, Som, S John  
Sat Sep 16 1995 2h28 (3)  
**5184 Superlative S. Major**  
Comp. A J Cox  
1 Barrie Hendry  
2 David P Hammonds  
3 Peter G C Ellis  
4 Valerie J Stone  
5 Robert E Beck  
6 Joseph St J Beaumont  
7 D John Hunt  
8 Timothy F Collins (C)

**WITHYPOOL, Som.**

S Andrew  
Sun Sep 17 1995 2h32 (12)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(11m: (1) Morpeth; (2)  
Chester, Munden; (3)  
London, Cuneastre; (4)  
Berwick, Hexham; (5)  
Netherseale; (6) Westminster,  
Allendale; (7) Cambridge)  
1 Vivienne M Rigby  
2 Nicola J Crichton  
3 Barrie Hendry  
4 Michael J Stone  
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)  
6 Colin M Turner

**WOOTTON COURTENAY,**

Som, All Saints  
Sun Sep 17 1995 2h50 (10)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(1 extent each Lightfoot,  
Rossendale, Stamford,  
Wells, Bourne, Norwich,  
Ipswich)  
1 Vivienne M Rigby  
2 Nicola J Crichton  
3 Barrie Hendry  
4 Michael J Stone  
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)  
6 Colin M Turner  
For the flower and harvest  
festival.

**MIDSOMER NORTON, Avon**

S John the Baptist  
Sat Sep 23 1995 3h17 (22)  
**5040 Yorkshire S. Royal**  
Comp. John H Fielden  
1 Elisabeth A G Bowden  
2 Janet E Crispin  
3 Roy D Mills  
4 Barrie Hendry (C)  
5 Edward J Chivers  
6 Paul K Williamson  
7 Robert Perry  
8 Pauline C Champion  
9 Robert E Beck  
10 Adrian P Beck  
300th for the Bath and  
Wells: 4. First of Yorkshire  
Royal: 2.

**CHILCOMPTON, Som.**

S John the Baptist  
Sun Sep 24 1995 3h3 (20)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(22m: (1) Lightfoot,  
Wearmouth, Netherseale,  
Rossendale, Stamford,  
Annab's London; (2)  
Cambridge, Ipswich,  
Bourne, Primrose, Norfolk,  
Hull; (3) Beverley, Surfleet,  
Berwick, Hexham, York,  
Durham; (4) London, Wells,  
Cuneastre; (5) Norwich;  
(6,7) Cambridge)  
1 Valerie J Stone  
2 Jenny M A Astridge  
3 Edward J Chivers  
4 Barrie Hendry (C)  
5 Adrian P Beck  
6 Robert E Beck

**WEDMORE, Somerset**

St Mary  
Sun Oct 8 1995 3h23 (30)  
**5024 Sedburgh S. Major**  
Comp. A J Cox  
1 Nicola J Crichton  
2 Barrie Hendry  
3 Michael J Stone  
4 Colin M Turner  
5 D John Hunt  
6 Peter G C Ellis  
7 Timothy G Pett (C)  
8 Simon J Poole  
100th peal together: 6,8  
Circled the tower: 2  
Rung to welcome the Rev  
Elizabeth Cross as new  
vicar of Wedmore.

**BRISTOL SOCIETY****BARROW GURNEY, Avon**

SS Mary & Edward  
Wed Apr 26 1995 2h39 (12)  
**5056 Pudsey S. Major**  
Comp. A J Cox  
1 Joseph St J Beaumont  
2 John Owen  
3 Robert E Beck  
4 Paul J Williamson  
5 Jenny M A Astridge  
6 Anthony J Cox (C)  
7 John Hill  
8 Ian P Hill

**BRISTOL, Avon, S Stephen**

Sun Sep 3 1995 3h9 (19)  
**5016 Carter's Cinques**  
Comp. A J Cox (No 3)  
1 David C Brown  
2 Rebecca J Cox  
3 Elisabeth A G Bowden  
4 Margaret Whiteley  
5 Jennifer M Taylor  
6 Anthony J Cox (C)  
7 Kathryn L Carter  
8 Patrick J Bird  
9 Michael J Hobbs  
10 James R Taylor  
11 Martin J Whiteley  
12 Ian P Hill  
First of Carter's Cinques:  
1,3,4,7,8,11. To welcome  
Adam Michael Hobbs,  
second grandchild to Mick  
and Jackie Hobbs.

**BARROW GURNEY, Avon**

SS Mary & Edward  
Wed Sep 13 1995 2h43 (12)  
**5012 Spliced Triples & Major**  
(2m: 4928 Yorkshire S.  
Major, 84 Carter's Triples:  
2 com. atw.)  
Comp. A J Cox  
1 Brian P Diserens  
2 Jenny M A Astridge  
3 John Hill  
4 Adrian P Beck  
5 Michael J Hobbs  
6 Robert E Beck  
7 Anthony J Cox (C)  
8 Ian P Hill

Please send details as  
soon as possible after  
ringing and **PRINT**  
names to avoid mistakes.  
Peal forms are available  
free from **The Ringing**  
**World** office - please  
send SAE. Peals received  
more than four weeks  
after date of ringing are  
treated as late.

**CHESTER D.G.**

WISTASTON, Ches, S Mary  
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h40 (6)  
**5056 Plain Bob Major**  
Comp. F Bennett  
1 C Paul Cheshire  
2 Frank R Morton  
3 Nicholas J Green  
4 Malcolm Clarke  
5 Christopher J Henshall  
6 Hilary Howell  
7 Brian L Wetherall  
8 Jonathan A Howell (C)  
400th tower bell peal of  
Major: 2. First peal on eight  
bells: 7. First peal of Major as  
conductor. For the licensing  
of David Illing as a Church of  
England Reader, this day, in  
Chester Cathedral.

**COVENTRY D.G.****SOUTHAM, Warks, S James**

Mon Oct 16 1995 2h44 (15)  
**5040 Grandshire Triples**  
Comp. J J Parker (12 part)  
1 James Hughes  
2 John F Thorne  
3 Michael Chester  
4 A John Illingworth  
5 A Robin Guy  
6 Christopher W Foxall  
7 Simon P Rogers (C)  
8 Terence G Hill  
250th as conductor: 7. Rung  
for the annual 'Mop' fair,  
and also as a welcome to  
Rev. J P Welby as rector of  
Southam.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL  
CUMBERLAND YOUTHS****SHOREDITCH, London E**

S Leonard  
Tue Sep 5 1995 3h28 (25)  
**5088 Ariel S. Maximus**  
Comp. R W Pipe  
1 E Jane Sibson  
2 Elisabeth A G Bowden  
3 Simon J Davies  
4 Ian K Bushell  
5 Stephanie J Pattenden  
6 Ian R Fielding  
7 Simon J Gay  
8 Alan Regin  
9 Graham A Duke  
10 Derek E Sibson (C)  
11 Colin J E Wyld  
12 Stanley Jenner  
First peal in the method by  
all the band except 2.

**SHOREDITCH, London E**

S Leonard  
Sun Sep 17 1995 3h17  
**5040 Noseley S. Royal**  
Comp. D E Sibson  
1 Simon J Davies  
2 E Jane Sibson  
3 Christine M Carter  
4 David P Westerman  
5 Katherine A Hinchliffe  
6 Christopher J Groome  
7 Andrew W Gordon  
8 Derek E Sibson (C)  
9 Ian N Willgress  
10 Peter M Fleckney  
First peal in the method by  
all the band.  
(Weight not given).

**BUSHEY, Herts.**

S James the Apostle  
Sat Oct 7 1995 2h46 (12)  
**5088 Bristol S. Major**  
Comp. Stanley Jenner  
1 Linda M Garton  
2 Ian W Blake  
3 Jill M Hupman  
4 Michael J Wigney  
5 John P Loveless (C)  
6 Ian K Bushell  
7 Alan Regin  
8 Claire F Edwards  
On AGM day.

**DERBY D.A.****BREADSALL, Derbys.**

All Saints  
Wed Oct 18 1995 2h45 (14)  
**5024 Cambridge S. Major**  
Comp. T B Worsley  
1 Rosemary R A Ross  
2 Patricia A M Halls (C) 1  
3 Brian A Tomlinson  
4 Canon Frederick Ross  
5 Revd David H Sansum  
6 Gordon A Halls  
7 Peter D Taylor  
8 Philip Mehew

**ATTENBOROUGH, Notts**

St Mary  
Mon Oct 16 1995 2h51 (12)  
**5152 Chesterfield S Major**  
Comp Stanley Jenner  
1 Mark R G Smith  
2 Simon C Melen  
3 Richard I Allton (C)  
4 Peter S Lacy  
5 Joanne E Marshall  
6 David J T Wilson  
7 David J Marshall  
8 Simon Humphrey  
1st in method by all

**DRONOLDRE SOCIETY****DORE, S Yorks.**

Christ Church  
Sat Oct 14 1995 3h15 (11)  
**5952 Oxford T.B. Major**  
Comp. L Goodall  
1 Eileen Goodall  
2 Len Goodall (C)  
3 Joe Leary  
4 Liz Nowell  
5 Geoff Goodall  
6 Richard Farnsworth  
7 Clive Longden  
8 Philip Mehew  
This composition, rung for  
the first time, contains 144  
crus. £5

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE  
D.A.****SUNDERLAND, Tyne & Wear**

S Michael  
Fri Oct 20 1995 2h45 (12)  
**5120 Margidunum S. Major**  
Comp. W E Critchley  
1 Rachael H Dyson  
2 Barbara Davies  
3 Barbara M Wheeler  
4 Kristopher King  
5 Christopher M  
Richardson  
6 Stephen B Bell  
7 David Hird (C)  
8 Raymond A Hutchings  
First in method for all and  
the Association.

**HEWORTH, Tyne & Wear**

S Mary  
Sat Oct 7 1995 2h25 (6)  
**5040 Cambridge S. Minor**  
(7 extents, 5 callings)  
1 Aidan F Hedley  
2 Barbara Davies  
3 Janet R Jackson  
4 David Hird  
5 Oliver D Cross  
6 Ronald R Warford (C)

**ELY D.A.****MELDRETH, Cambs.**

Holy Trinity  
Fri Sep 1 1995 2h39 (10)  
**5056 Mustique S. Major**  
Comp. D W Beard  
1 Walter Hunt  
2 E Jane Sibson  
3 Ian K Bushell  
4 John G Gipson  
5 Michael G Purday  
6 Derek E Sibson (C)  
7 Ian W Davies  
8 Jason R Turnock  
First peal in the method.  
**Mustique S. Major**  
j -56-14-56-38-14-  
34.1258.36-16.78 1e18

**MELDRETH, Cambs.**

Holy Trinity  
Fri Sep 8 1995 2h40 (10)  
**5056 Eleuthera S. Major**  
Comp. D W Beard  
1 Geoffrey Pearson  
2 E Jane Sibson  
3 Michael G Purday  
4 John G Gipson  
5 Walter Hunt  
6 Derek E Sibson (C)  
7 Katherine A Hinchliffe  
8 Jason R Turnock  
Rung to mark the  
engagement of Nicola R  
Sibson to Matthew Robson.  
First peal in the method.  
**Eleuthera S. Major**  
j -58-14-58-56-38-14-  
34.1258-16-18 1e18

**MELDRETH, Cambs.**

Holy Trinity  
Fri Sep 22 1995 2h42 (10)  
**5056 Exumas S. Major**  
Comp. D W Beard  
1 Derek E Sibson (C)  
2 E Jane Sibson  
3 John G Gipson  
4 Geoffrey Pearson  
5 Ian K Bushell  
6 Robert E J Dennis  
7 Murray A Coleman  
8 Peter M Fleckney  
First peal in the method.  
**Exumas S. Major**  
mx 34-58-14-12-38-14-1458-  
14.36.58 1e18

**TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.**

SS Mary & Michael  
Sat Sep 30 1995 2h45 (10)  
**5024 Cambridge S. Major**  
Comp. J S Warboys  
1 E Jane Sibson  
2 Teresa J Bushell  
3 Ian K Bushell  
4 John G Gipson  
5 Graham A Duke  
6 Derek E Sibson (C)  
7 Ian W Davies  
8 Peter M Fleckney  
First peal inside: 2.



MELDRETH, Cambs.  
Holy Trinity  
Fri Sep 29 1995 2h43 (10)  
**5120 Andros S. Major**  
Comp. D W Beard

- 1 Donald F Murfet
- 2 E Jane Sibson
- 3 Ian K Bushell
- 4 John G Gipson
- 5 Walter Hunt
- 6 Derek E Sibson (C)
- 7 Katherine A Hinchliffe
- 8 Jason R Turnock

First peal in the method.

**Andros S. Major.**

k -56-14-56-38-14-58-36.12-18le18

#### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

TERLING, Essex, All Saints  
Sun Oct 8 1995 2h43 (11)

**5184 Inworth S. Major**

Comp. N R Aspland

- 1 Michael J Edwards
  - 2 Susan Page
  - 3 Simon J Davies
  - 4 Yvonne A Towler
  - 5 David L Sparling
  - 6 Paul A Cammiade
  - 7 Alan M Barber (C)
  - 8 James L Towler
- To welcome Revd. Dr  
Christopher Garland as Rector  
of Inworth cum Messing,  
Easthorpe & Copford.

First peal in the method.  
**Inworth S. Major**

-3-4-2-6-2-23-2-1 1h Mx. fch  
BD.

WEST HAM, London E15  
All Saints

Sat Oct 14 1995 3h12 (26)

**5040 Yorkshire S. Royal**

Comp. John Henry Fielden

- 1 John Armstrong (C)
- 2 Adrian C Malton
- 3 Anthony J Bloomfield
- 4 Anthony M Faulkner
- 5 Colin G Wright
- 6 Paul J Bloomfield
- 7 John W Stephenson
- 8 Christopher C M Pain
- 9 Colin G Newman
- 10 John I White

LITTLE BADDOW, Essex

S Mary the Virgin

Tue Oct 17 1995 2h37 (11)

**5056 Zephyr S. Major**

Comp. A M Barber

- 1 Michael J Edwards
- 2 Andrew J Dickinson
- 3 Rowena L Marshall
- 4 Yvonne A Towler
- 5 Alan M Barber
- 6 Adrian C Malton (C)
- 7 Brian G Meads
- 8 James L Towler

First in method by all and  
for the Association.

Completes S. Major

alphabet twice: 3,6. 300th  
for the Association: 3.

BISHOPS STORTFORD,

Herts, S Michael

Sat Oct 21 1995 3h12 (17)

**5120 Bristol S. Major**

Comp. A M Barber

- 1 Michael J Edwards
- 2 Jack S Dear
- 3 Maurice A Collings
- 4 Richard F Prime
- 5 Alan M Barber (C)
- 6 John A Hall
- 7 Brian J Willett
- 8 George E Thoday

#### GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL D.A.

BARROW GURNEY, Avon

SS Mary & Edward

Wed Jul 5 1995 2h41 (12)

**5152 Quartz S. Major**

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Jacqueline A Hobbs
- 2 Michael J Hobbs
- 3 Adrian P Beck
- 4 Robert E Beck
- 5 Anthony J Cox (C)
- 6 Jenny M A Astridge
- 7 Joseph St J Beaumont
- 8 Brian P Diserens

First peal in the method.

**Quartz S. Major**

d -38-14-1256-16-12-

58.16.34.56.78 £3

BRISTOL, Avon, S Stephen

Sun Jul 9 1995 3h15 (19)

**5186 Bristol S. Maximus**

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Elisabeth A G Bowden
- 2 Brian Bladon
- 3 Michael J Hobbs
- 4 Ian P Hill
- 5 Diana M Bridle
- 6 Stephen J Bateman
- 7 Adrian P Beck
- 8 Anthony J Cox (C)
- 9 Derek J Carr
- 10 Rebecca J Cox
- 11 Peter Bridle
- 12 John R Martin

£3

BRISTOL, Avon

Holy & Undivided Trinity

Fri Sep 1 1995 3h9 (21)

**5152 Addington S. Major**

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Anthony J Cox (C)
- 2 Diana M Bridle
- 3 Rebecca J Cox
- 4 John R Martin
- 5 Margaret Whiteley
- 6 Ian P Hill
- 7 Martin J Whiteley
- 8 Peter Bridle

BARROW GURNEY, Avon

SS Mary & Edward

Wed Sep 27 1995 2h45 (12)

**5120 Actinon S. Major**

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Joseph St J Beaumont
- 2 Ian P Hill
- 3 Jenny M A Astridge
- 4 Adrian P Beck
- 5 Christopher K Cooper
- 6 Robert E Beck
- 7 John Hill
- 8 Anthony J Cox (C)

600th peal: 7.

First peal in the method.

**Actinon S. Major**

h -56-14-56-1238-34-1238-16-58

BARROW GURNEY, Avon

SS Mary & Edward

Wed Aug 2 1995 2h44 (12)

**5056 Ruthwaite Lodge S.**

**Major**

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Vivienne M Rigby
  - 2 Adrian P Beck
  - 3 Elisabeth A G Bowden
  - 4 Michael J Stone
  - 5 Ian P Hill
  - 6 Robert E Beck
  - 7 Anthony J Cox (C)
  - 8 Reginald T McKenzie
- Rung to welcome Matthew  
William Baber, grandson of  
the treble ringer born two  
days previously.

First peal in the method.

**Ruthwaite Lodge S. Major**

b -38-14-56-16-12-1458-36-36.18 £3

BARROW GURNEY, Avon

SS Mary & Edward

Wed Aug 30 1995 2h43 (12)

**5056 Bristol S. Major**

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Richard J Bowden
- 2 Elizabeth A Coke
- 3 Elisabeth A G Bowden
- 4 Adrian P Beck
- 5 Robert E Beck
- 6 John Hill
- 7 Anthony J Cox (C)
- 8 Ian P Hill

#### HERTFORD C.A.

FULBOURN, Cambs.

S Vigor & All Saints

Sun Sep 17 1995 2h51 (10)

**5152 Spliced S. Major**

(23m: Tring, Uxbridge,  
Cornwall, Double Dublin,  
Bristol, Whalley, Watford,  
London, Tavistock, Glasgow,  
Birchanger, Cassiobury,  
Lindum, Superlative,  
Wembley, Ramsey, Jersey,  
Preston, Ipswich, Cray,  
Ashted, Sawley, Pudsey:  
160 com. atw.: each lead  
different)

Arr. A M Barber from N  
Smith

- 1 Roger Durrant
- 2 Bjorn E Bradstock
- 3 Ian K Bushell
- 4 Richard Sales
- 5 Nich R Wilson
- 6 Jason R Turnock
- 7 Adrian C Malton
- 8 Colin G Newman (C)

First peal of arrangement.

First each lead different:

2,4,5,7,8. **Birchanger S.**

**Major** rung for the first time.

b. 38-16-56-36-34-1458-36-58

STOTFOLD, Beds.

S Mary the Virgin

Sat Oct 7 1995 3h1 (11)

**5056 Green Tye S. Major**

Comp. A M Barber

- 1 Colin A Holman
- 2 J Richard Castledine
- 3 David J Hawkins
- 4 Jack S Dear
- 5 Maurice A Collings
- 6 Alan M Barber (C)
- 7 Richard F Prime
- 8 John A Hall

First peal in the method.

**Green Tye S. Major**

-3-456-2-236-4-5-2-5 1h F.  
fch BDKa.

ROYSTON, Herts.

S John the Baptist

Sat Oct 14 1995 3h6 (12)

**5152 Turramurra S. Major**

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Colin A Holman
  - 2 Donald F Murfet
  - 3 David J Hawkins
  - 4 Alan P Curtis
  - 5 Jack S Dear
  - 6 Maurice A Collings
  - 7 John G Gipson
  - 8 Alan M Barber (C)
- A get well compliment to  
Peter Flack.

KIMPTON, Herts.

SS Peter & Paul

Sat Oct 21 1995 2h35 (11)

**5040 Stedman Triples**

Arr. J Pladdys (No7)

- 1 John Pladdys (C)
  - 2 Charles F Pocock
  - 3 Roger D R Brown
  - 4 Edward P Brown
  - 5 Simon C Brown
  - 6 Ken Newman
  - 7 Robert J Crocker
  - 8 William D Watts
- First peal: 8. 60th birthday  
compliment to Roger Brown.

#### LANCASHIRE ASSN.

HINDLEY, Lancs, S Peter

Sat Sep 9 1995 2h36 (15)

**5024 Superlative S. Major**

Comp. N J Pitstow

- 1 Martin Pendlebury
  - 2 Geoffrey Fothergill
  - 3 Lindsay F Smith
  - 4 Jean Barnes
  - 5 Colin A Tester
  - 6 Geoffrey H Smith
  - 7 Keith M Taylor
  - 8 James E Andrews (C)
- First in the method: 3,6,7.  
An 88th birthday  
compliment to Mrs Elen  
Greenhalgh of  
Westhoughton.

FARNWORTH-with-

KEARSLEY, Lancs.

S John the Evangelist

Wed Sep 27 1995 2h45 (12)

**5088 Pudsey S. Major**

Comp. A Craven

- 1 Joseph Thornley
  - 2 James E Andrews (C)
  - 3 Lindsay F Smith
  - 4 Keith M Taylor
  - 5 Jean Barnes
  - 6 Geoffrey H Smith
  - 7 John Ashcroft
  - 8 Geoffrey Fothergill
- First in the method: 3,4,5 and  
as conductor. For the 30th  
anniversary of the  
conductor's first peal (26/9/65  
Plain Bob Major on the same  
bell: ringers of 1 & 7, who  
conducted, also took part).  
Also a 20th wedding  
anniversary compliment to  
Linda & Jim Andrews  
(27/9/95) and birthday  
compliments to Keith Taylor &  
Jim Andrews (28/9/95). £1

WALKDEN, Lancs, S Paul

Sat Oct 7 1995 2h53 (18)

**5040 Grandsire Triples**

Comp. J J Parkers 12-part  
(7 obs)

- 1 Frank N G Anderton
  - 2 Jean Barnes
  - 3 John B Shallcross
  - 4 Barbara Shallcross
  - 5 Andrew K Bradshaw
  - 6 Geoffrey Fothergill
  - 7 James E Andrews (C)
  - 8 David R Forsythe
- First of Triples: 5.  
28th wedding anniversary  
compliment to John and  
Barbara Shallcross.

#### LEICESTER D.G.

COUNTTESTHORPE, Leics.

S Andrew

Sat Oct 14 1995 2h35 (10)

**5184 Spliced S. Major**

(7m: 960 Cambridge; 768  
Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Rutland,  
Superlative, Yorkshire; 384  
London: 155 com.)

Comp. Marcus CW

Sherwood

- 1 Brian G Warwick (C)
- 2 Rosemary R A Ross
- 3 Winifred M Warwick
- 4 Brian S Chapman
- 5 G Barry Brown
- 6 Gail L Wade
- 7 George Pluckrose
- 8 Canon Frederick Ross

SAPCOTE, Leics, All Saints

Mon Oct 16 1995 2h41 (9)

**5000 Yorkshire S. Royal**

Comp. John R Ketteringham

- 1 Brian G Warwick (C)
  - 2 Elizabeth A Betts
  - 3 Winifred M Warwick
  - 4 Patricia A M Halls
  - 5 Brian S Chapman
  - 6 Burley P Morris
  - 7 Michael E Brown
  - 8 Canon David H Sansum
  - 9 Philip J H Hudson
  - 10 George Pluckrose
- 1000th peal: 6, at whose  
request peal was rung. A  
40th wedding anniversary  
compliment to Michael and  
Kathleen Brown of Sapcote.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.

Bell Foundry Campanile

Tue Oct 17 1995 2h30 (16)

**5088 Fordham S. Major**

Comp. J W Washbrook

- 1 Sally A Mason
  - 2 Ruth A Stretton
  - 3 Colin Lord
  - 4 Robert C Graves
  - 5 Frank Chambers
  - 6 Revd Reginald J Stretton
  - 7 Richard C L Brown (C)
  - 8 Stephen H Stanford
- 1,600th peal and 100th this  
year on a treble: 1.

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# **LICHFIELD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY**

LUNDY ISLAND, Devon  
S Helena  
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h51 (13)  
**5152 Yorkshire S. Major**  
Comp. C P Starbuck  
1 Christopher A Duckett  
2 Diana Hallchurch-Green  
3 John F Mulvey  
4 Lucy Smith  
5 S Geoffrey Pick  
6 John P Burton  
7 Clive M Smith  
8 Roger S Riley (C)  
In memory of Eric E Speake  
who was originally in the  
band for this peal attempt.

PELSALL, W Mids.  
S Michael & All Angels  
Sun Oct 15 1995 2h44 (7)  
**5040 Plain Bob Minor**  
1 E Ann Eden  
2 Duncan Large  
3 Dennis B Clive  
4 Martyn J Culverwell  
5 Jonathan P Healy  
6 Keith Williams (C)  
First peal: 2. First peal of  
minor as conductor. Rung  
to commemorate the 50th  
anniversary of the Second  
World War and a tribute to  
the local people who  
served.

# **LINCOLN D.G.**

WHAPLODE, Lincs, S Mary  
Sat Sep 16 1995 2h51 (12)  
**5040 Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each London  
S., Norwich S., Beverley S.,  
Cambridge S., Single Oxford,  
Plain Bob, Oxford T.B.)  
1 Keith N Buckingham  
2 Susan Buckingham  
3 Tim Flitcroft  
4 John M Goldthorpe  
5 Andrew J M Kaye  
6 Revd Kevin M Price (C)

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs.  
Abbey Church of S Andrew  
Sat Sep 16 1995 2h32 (7)  
**5040 Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each London  
S., Single Oxford,  
Cambridge S., St Clements  
C., Grandsire, Oxford T.B.,  
Plain Bob)  
1 Susan Buckingham  
2 Revd Kevin M Price (C)  
3 Keith N Buckingham  
4 Andrew J M Kaye  
5 John M Goldthorpe  
6 Andrew M Farmer  
100th peal together: 2 & 3.

GEDNEY, Lincs.  
S Mary Magdalene  
Sun Sep 17 1995 2h56 (14)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each Carlisle,  
Wells, London, Primrose,  
Ipswich, Surfleet, Norwich)  
1 Susan Buckingham  
2 Robert W Lee  
3 Tim Flitcroft  
4 Keith N Buckingham  
5 Andrew M Farmer  
6 Revd Kevin M Price (C)

SURFLEET, Lincs.  
S Laurence  
Wed Sep 6 1995 2h57 (12)  
**5040 Swindon S. Maximus**  
Comp. F T Blagrove  
1 Leslie G Townsend  
2 Judith M Corby  
3 E Jane Sibson  
4 Ruth Richardson  
5 Geoffrey R Parker  
6 John M Jelley  
7 Paul Carless  
8 Andrew M Farmer  
9 Kenneth J Hesketh  
10 Derek E Sibson (C)  
11 Robin H Rogers  
12 Paul F Curtis  
Rung to welcome the new  
vicar, the Revd. Tim  
Thompson.

# **LONDON C.A.**

DAVENTRY, Northants.  
The Holy Cross  
Sat Oct 14 1995 3h10 (19)  
**5000 Spliced S. Royal**  
(8m: 800 Bristol; 600  
Cambridge, London (No 3),  
Lincolnshire, Pudsey,  
Rutland, Superlative,  
Yorkshire: 75 com. atw.)  
Arr. J Belshaw  
1 Lee McCormack  
2 James W Belshaw  
3 Alison McCormack  
4 Shirley E McGill  
5 Peter V D Swift  
6 Richard M Hobbs  
7 Nicholas W H Simon (C)  
8 Dennis A Hewitt  
9 Graham N Naylor  
10 Simon J Gay

# **UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY**

CITY OF LONDON, EC1  
S Andrew  
Thu Oct 12 1995 3h (18)  
**5056 Bristol S. Major**  
Comp. Roger Baldwin  
1 Timothy G Pett  
2 Peter J Bennett  
3 Michael G Purday  
4 Reginald D P Gillard  
5 Clare J Larter  
6 Dickon R Love  
7 James R S Sawle (C)  
8 Ian R Fielding  
First Bristol: 4. Specially  
arranged & rung on the 50th  
anniversary of the ULSCR.  
Thanks to Vanessa Powell,  
who stood down as a result  
of over zealous organization.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE, Middx.  
Imperial College  
(Union Building)  
Thu Oct 12 1995 2h19 (15)  
**5248 Kent T.B. Major**  
Comp. Brian D Price (144  
crus)  
1-2 Nicholas W Jones  
3-4 Stuart M Cox  
5-6 Roger Bailey (C)  
7-8 Timothy G Pett  
Rung to mark the 50th  
anniversary of the University  
of London Society of Change  
Ringers, inaugurated at a  
meeting in this building on  
October 12th 1945.  
(a handbell peal)

# **NON-ASSOCIATION**

CROYDON, Surrey, S Peter  
Sat Sep 16 1995 3h9 (30)  
**5040 Cambridge S. Royal**  
Comp. Roderick W Pipe  
1 Nigel Thomson  
2 Andrew J C Brown  
3 Michael P Moreton  
4 Maurice F Edwards  
5 Ian Wiltshire  
6 J Alan Ainsworth  
7 Hugh Neill  
8 Paul Needham  
9 Clive Buswell  
10 Richard C Stevens (C)

BRIGHTWELL-cum-SOTWELL,  
Oxon, S Agatha  
Sat Sep 23 1995 2h37 (12)  
**5040 Grandsire Triples**  
Comp. A S Burbridge  
1 Katy E Haines  
2 Nicki Heyworth  
3 Sue M Haines  
4 Jenny A Orchard  
5 Lawrence Haines (C)  
6 Ian W Davies  
7 Nigel R D Orchard  
Rung by relatives and  
friends to mark the  
anniversary of the death of  
Joy Heyworth.

DUNSTABLE, Beds.  
Priory Church of S Peter  
Sat Oct 21 1995 3h15 (23)  
**5184 Superlative S. Major**  
Comp. C Forster  
1 D Graham Hull  
2 Jenni Mountford  
3 Rosalind J Keech  
4 Margaret Whiteley  
5 David A Potts  
6 Nicholas H Brett  
7 Andrew M Keech  
8 Michael P A Wilby (C)  
First in method: 2 & 5.

# **NORWICH D.A.**

THARSTON, Norfolk  
S Mary the Virgin  
Mon Oct 4 1995 2h24 (10)  
**5040 Doubles**  
(42 different sixscores:  
Stedman, Grandsire,  
Reverse Canterbury,  
Southrepps, Clifford's  
Pleasure, Little Aston, St  
Nicholas, St Giles, Lapley,  
Shareshill, Winchendon  
Place, St Miles, St John,  
Ryton, St Remigius, Church  
Gresley, Horsley, St Cleer,  
Huntley, Ezneih, Obediah,  
Omega, Plain Bob,  
Kennington, April Day,  
Seighford, St Simon, St  
Alban, Eynsham, Elford, St  
Martin, St Paul, St Leonard,  
Austrey, St Osmund, St  
Ambrose, St Ninian, St  
Felix, Eynesbury, St John  
Evangelist, St John Baptist,  
Wenceslas)  
1 Alice M Cattermole  
2 Paul Cattermole  
3 Jeremy W Spiller  
4 Jeremy W Warren  
5 David R McLean (C)  
A compliment on the 65th  
anniversary of their  
marriage to Mr and Mrs  
Harry T S Duffield of  
Tharston. £1

# **OXFORD D.G.**

THURSBY, Cumbria  
S Andrew  
Sat Sep 30 1995 2h16 (7)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each Lincoln,  
Morpeth, Carlisle,  
Rossendale, Netherseale,  
Berwick, Cambridge)  
1 Donald B Carter  
2 Ruth Richardson  
3 Sally A Mason  
4 Paul F Curtis  
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)  
6 Colin M Turner

BATHAY, Cumbria  
Holy Trinity  
Sun Oct 1 1995 2h27 (8)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(41m: (1-5) Carlisle, Chester,  
Munden, Northumberland,  
Sandiacre, Whitley, Wooler,  
Alnwick, Newcastle,  
Morpeth, Canterbury,  
Lincoln, Coldstream,  
London, Cuneastre, Wells,  
Kelso, Cambridge, Ipswich,  
Bourne, Primrose, Norfolk,  
Hull, Beverley, Surfleet,  
Berwick, Hexham, York,  
Durham, Norwich, Bacup,  
Stamford, Rossendale,  
Lightfoot, Wearmouth,  
Westminster, Allendale,  
Netherseale, Bamborough;  
(6) Warkworth (7) Annable's  
London)  
1 Donald B Carter  
2 Sally A Mason  
3 Ruth Richardson  
4 Paul F Curtis  
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)  
6 Colin M Turner

COTGRAVE, Notts.  
All Saints  
Sat Oct 7 1995 2h51 (17)  
**5088 Yorkshire S. Major**  
Comp. N J Pitstow  
1 Jean L Bell  
2 Trevor J E Woodward  
3 Marcia L Dieppe  
4 Robert Preston  
5 Reginald D P Gillard  
6 Rebecca S Bruce  
7 Lloyd S Cartwright  
8 Clive Buswell (C) £3

SHAW-cum-DONNINGTON,  
Berks, S Mary  
Sun Oct 8 1995 2h37 (7)  
**5040 Minor**  
(4m: (1) London S.; (2,5)  
Cambridge S.; (3,6) Kent  
T.B.; (4,7) Plain Bob  
1 Susan Gore  
2 J Martin Rice  
3 Geoffrey K Dodd  
4 William Butler  
5 Helen J Piper  
6 Michael K Till (C)  
First for the Guild: 1. 1401st  
peal: 4. 700th together: 3 &  
5. To mark the retirement of  
Bill Moffatt as Tower  
Captain here after many  
years and as an 80th  
birthday compliment to him  
for the end of the month.  
Rung before the evening  
service of dedication for the  
new Church Hall.

CROYDON, Surrey  
S John the Baptist  
Sat Oct 14 1995 3h34 (37)  
**5040 Cambridge S. Maximus**  
Comp. Frank T Blagrove  
1 Clive Buswell  
2 Hugh Neill  
3 William Butler  
4 Patricia M Newton  
5 Michael P Moreton  
6 Revd John D Nixon  
7 Maurice F Edwards  
8 Peter F Windley  
9 G Nigel Williams  
10 Robert H Newton  
11 Paul Needham  
12 Richard C Stevens (C)

ABINGDON, Oxon, St Helen  
Sat Oct 21 1995 3h (19)  
**5088 Spliced S. Major**  
(4m: 1344 Lincolnshire and  
Yorkshire, 1248 Cambridge,  
1152 Rutland, 98 com &  
atw)  
Comp M C W Sherwood  
1 Michael J C Cannon  
2 Bobbie May  
3 Nicholas J Clarke  
4 David C Ockwell  
5 David Burbidge  
6 Bernard J Stone  
7 Jon D Chamberlain  
8 Timothy G Pett (C)  
Rung for the wedding  
earlier in the day of  
Jeanette France, a local  
ringer, and Steve Thomas.

# **PETERBOROUGH D.G.**

BURTON LATIMER,  
Northants, S Mary Virgin  
Tue Sep 12 1995 2h51 (10)  
**5152 Moonstone S. Major**  
Comp. A J Cox  
1 Derek E Sibson (C)  
2 E Jane Sibson  
3 W Eric Critchley  
4 Geoffrey Pearson  
5 Tony Sansom  
6 Andrew J Parker  
7 Ian N Willgress  
8 Murray A Coleman  
First peal in the method by  
all the band.

WIGAN, Lancs.  
SS James & Thomas,  
Poolstock  
Sat Sep 16 1995 3h7 (25)  
**5120 Bristol S. Major**  
Comp. M A Coleman  
1 M J Bill Blowfield  
2 E Jane Sibson  
3 Andrew W R Wilby  
4 Andrew D Sibson  
5 S Clarke Walters  
6 Derek E Sibson (C)  
7 David J Garton  
8 Peter M Fleckney  
100th peal together: 1 & 8.

SPROXTON, Leics.  
S Bartholomew  
Wed Sep 20 1995 2h41 (8)  
**5024 Spliced S. Major**  
Comp. R R Horton  
1 E Jane Sibson  
2 Judith M Corby  
3 Ruth Richardson  
4 Maurice F Edwards  
5 John M Jelley  
6 Derek E Sibson (C)  
7 Robin H Rogers  
8 Paul F Curtis  
(No method details given).



**BILTON, Warks, S Mark**  
Wed Oct 4 1995 2h23 (7)  
**5040 Spiced S. Minor**  
(14m: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (2) London, Wells; (3) Carlisle, Chester; (4) Primrose, Norfolk; (5) Westminster, Allendale; (6) Surfleet, Durham; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)  
1 Michael D Fiander  
2 M J Bill Blowfield  
3 Andrew M Farmer  
4 Robert J Crocker  
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)  
6 Colin M Turner

**CLUN, Salop, S George**  
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h49 (13)  
**5019 Stedman Caters**  
Comp. J Pladdys  
1 James Hedgcock  
2 John Pladdys (C)  
3 Charlotte M Smith  
4 Anthony H Smith  
5 Michael D Fiander  
6 John R Ridley  
7 Robert J Crocker  
8 Simon J Poole  
9 C Michael Orme  
10 John Hyden

**PETERBOROUGH, Cambs.**  
Cathedral Church of SS Peter, Paul & Andrew  
Sat Oct 14 1995 3h20 (21)  
**5019 Stedman Cinques**  
Comp. C H Rogers  
1 Ruth H Smith  
2 Judith M Corby  
3 Paul L Carless  
4 John M Jelley  
5 Robin H Rogers  
6 Susan J Riley  
7 Robert B Smith  
8 John M Roffe  
9 Brian Harris (C)  
10 Christopher J Sharp  
11 Roland H Cook  
12 W John Riley  
First in method as conductor.  
First of Stedman: 8.

#### ST THOMAS SOCIETY

**CITY OF OXFORD**  
S Thomas the Martyr  
Mon Oct 30 1995 2h 50 (11)  
**5000 London No 3 S Royal**  
Comp J Clatworthy  
1 Bernard J Stone  
2 Nigel J Bailey  
3 Dorothy G Barton  
4 Claire F Edwards  
5 Colin M Turner  
6 Nicola J Crichton  
7 Sonia C Tucker  
8 Andrew J Graham (C)  
9 Peter Border  
10 Robin O Hall  
1st Peal of London S Royal: 3

#### SOUTH NORTHANTS. SOCIETY

**LONG CRENDON, Bucks.**  
S Mary  
Sat Oct 7 1995 3h8 (18)  
**5040 Kilmaccolm S. Royal**  
Comp. Traditional  
1 Richard Haseldine  
2 Jennie Paul  
3 Alan A Paul  
4 Andrew Haseldine (C)  
5 Ruth Stokes  
6 Christopher C Stokes  
7 Barry R Care  
8 R Owen Battye  
9 Barry E Saunders  
10 Graham C Paul  
First peal in the method.  
**Kilmaccolm S. Royal.**  
-7-6-7-5-8-34-78-3-6-4-50-4-9 F

**MOULTON, Northants.**  
SS Peter & Paul  
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h55 (11)  
**5040 Tillicoultry S. Royal**  
Arr. W E Critchley from J Wood  
1 Charles E Truman  
2 Alan A Paul  
3 Jennie Paul  
4 W Eric Critchley (C)  
5 Raymond A Vickers  
6 Graham C Paul  
7 Barry R Care  
8 Barry E Saunders  
9 R Owen Battye  
10 Christopher C Stokes  
First peal in the method.  
**Tillicoultry S. Royal.**  
-7-6-78-38-3478-38-34-5-4-1.  
J1

#### SUFFOLK GUILD

**COPDOCK, Suffolk, S Peter**  
Fri Oct 6 1995 2h30 (9)  
**5040 Minor**  
(4m: (1,2) Cambridge S.; (3) Oxford T.B.; (4) Kent T.B.; (5,6,7) Plain Bob)  
1 Frank C J Arnold  
2 J Martin Thorley  
3 Paul V Stannard  
4 Stephen J Bedford  
5 David G Salter  
6 Alan P Mayle (C)

**SPROUGHTON, Suffolk**  
All Saints  
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h26 (9)  
**5040 Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each Double Court, Norwich, Lakesend, Cambridge, St Clements, Kent T.B., Plain Bob)  
1 Katharine J Salter  
2 Mary Allum  
3 Frank C J Arnold  
4 David G Salter  
5 Robin D Allum  
6 J Martin Thorley (C)  
Birthday compliments to Martin A Waters (Birmingham) and Elis H L Boyle (Leeds) – grandchildren 4 & 5 of the conductor.

#### WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

**BAUGHURST, Hants.**  
S Stephen  
Sat Sep 23 1995 2h32 (6)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each London, York, Durham, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge)  
1 Catherine J Gardner  
2 Colin R Hares  
3 Geoffrey K Dodd  
4 Helen J Piper  
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)  
6 Allan G Keen  
First peal on the treble: 1.  
For Harvest festival.

**BISHOPSTOKE, Hants**  
St Mary  
Mon Oct 2 1995 2h45 (11)  
**5056 Cambridge S Major**  
Comp C Middleton  
1 Graham J Wright  
2 Sandra G Moore  
3 Jonathan Waller  
4 John P Colliss  
5 John C Hallett  
6 Barry Pointer  
7 Roy LeMarechal  
8 Andrew C Pickett (C)  
First peal as conductor and first peal of Surprise.

**SWINDON, Wilts.**  
Christ Church  
Sat Oct 7 1995 3h9 (22)  
**5040 Verulamium S. Royal**  
Comp. C K Lewis  
1 William E Thompson  
2 Christopher J Woodruffe  
3 Frank Osbaldiston  
4 Pauline C Champion  
5 Allan G Keen  
6 Patricia D Taeuber  
7 William H Dowse  
8 Reginald T McKenzie  
9 Andrew J Palk  
10 Brian J Woodruffe (C)  
First in the method:  
1,2,3,5,7,8, 10. 300th peal; 6.  
A birthday peal for the conductor.

**THORVERTON, Devon**  
St Thomas of Canterbury  
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h40 (15)  
**5040 Lincolnshire S Royal**  
Comp J Clatworthy  
1 John P Colliss  
2 Roy LeMarechal (C)  
3 Timothy E Barnaby  
4 Graham Naylor  
5 Simon J T Smith  
6 Michael E C Mears  
7 Wendy Bishop  
8 Brian J Woodruffe  
9 Martin B Hough  
10 Malcolm S Turner

**HAMBLEDON, Hants.**  
SS Peter & Paul  
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h46 (10)  
**5040 Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each Norwich, Beverley S., St Clements, Surfleet, Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Plain Bob)  
1 Catherine J Gardner  
2 Helen J Piper  
3 Graham Wright  
4 Barry Pointer  
5 Geoffrey K Dodd (C)  
6 Colin R Hares

**WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, Devon, St John Evan**  
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h52 (17)  
**5000 London S Royal**  
Comp J Clatworthy  
1 Timothy E Barnaby  
2 John P Colliss  
3 Wendy Bishop  
4 Simon J T Smith  
5 Graham Naylor  
6 Brian J Woodruffe  
7 Roy LeMarechal (C)  
8 Michael E C Mears  
9 Malcolm S Turner  
10 Martin B Hough

**UPHAM, Hants**  
Blessed Mary  
Mon Oct 23 1995 2h40 (7)  
**5056 Spiced S Major**  
(5m: 1472 Yorkshire, 1440 Cambridge, 736 Pudsey, 704 Lincolnshire & Superlative; 156 c.o.m.)  
Arr R LeMarechal (pysnyc)  
1 Philip A G Watts  
2 Jennie M Hodkin  
3 Roy LeMarechal (C)  
4 Ian M McCallion  
5 Christopher J Stubbington  
6 Graham J Wright  
7 Andrew C Pickett  
8 John C Hallett  
First peal of Spiced: 2,7,8.

#### YORKSHIRE ASSN.

**LEEDS, W Yorks.**  
S Anne's Cathedral  
Wed Oct 4 1995 2h34 (9)  
**5088 Velindre S. Major**  
Comp. J W Washbrook  
1 Jeffrey P Cooper  
2 Stephen J P Ollerton  
3 Caroline J Carter  
4 C Barrie Dove (C)  
5 Philip J Payne  
6 Simon D Ogier  
7 John Robinson  
8 Simon J T Smith  
100th peal on the bells: 4.  
Circled tower to peals: 2.

**LEEDS, W Yorks.**  
S Anne's Cathedral  
Wed Oct 11 1995 2h39 (9)  
**5184 Umberslade S. Major**  
Comp. H Poyner  
1 Simon J T Smith  
2 C Barrie Dove (C)  
3 Catherine M Ladd  
4 Stephen J P Ollerton  
5 Gordon J Yarnold  
6 Robert A Appleby  
7 Peter C Kirby  
8 Simon D Ogier  
Circled the tower to peals:  
1. 50th peal together: 2 & 6.

**LEEDS, W Yorks.**  
S Matthias, Burley  
Wed Oct 18 1995 2h40 (7)  
**5184 Xamavale S. Major**  
Comp. H Poyner  
1 Jeffery P Cooper  
2 Simon D Ogier  
3 Philip J Payne  
4 C Barrie Dove (C)  
5 Trevor C Ledger  
6 Catherine M Ladd  
7 Stephen J A Ollerton  
8 Simon J T Smith

**LEEDS, W Yorks, S Peter**  
Sat Oct 7 1995 2h53 (17)  
**5040 Plain Bob Triples**  
Comp. J Clatworthy  
1 Janine H Jones  
2 E Hannah Beck  
3 David J Spaul  
4 Jeffrey P Cooper  
5 Neil Turner  
6 Catherine M Ladd  
7 C Barrie Dove (C)  
8 Gordon J Yarnold  
Sponsored peal for the Leeds parish church appeal.  
Also to mark the 25th anniversary of the forming of the Leeds Branch of the Yorkshire Association.

**EVESHAM, Worcs.**  
All Saints & S Laurence  
Sat Oct 14 1995 3h20 (36)  
**5031 (No 2) Stedman Cinques**  
Comp. Lucinda J C Reeve  
1 D Paul Smith  
2 Deborah L Blagden  
3 Dickon R Love  
4 Lucinda J C Reeve (C)  
5 John E Harrold  
6 Andrew J Middlicott  
7 Angela Beardow  
8 Timothy J Barnes  
9 Neil Donovan  
10 Jeffrey Brannan  
11 Stephen A Coaker  
12 Ian G Campbell  
First on 12: 6. £3

**GRANTHAM, Lincs.**  
S Wulfram  
Sat Oct 21 1995 3h33 (32)  
**5080 Glenury-Royal S. Royal**  
Comp. Roderick R Horton  
1 D Robert Pettifor  
2 Alan J Ladd  
3 John Cornock  
4 Christopher Bostock  
5 Angela Beardow  
6 Paul Male  
7 Jeffrey P Ladd  
8 Jeffrey Brannan  
9 Ian G Campbell  
10 George H Campling (C)  
First peal in the method.  
**Glenury-Royal S. Royal**  
-56-14-56-30-14-14-50-12-12-50-14-14-50 1h 10 (1)

**WAKEFIELD, W. Yorks.**  
Cathedral  
Sun Oct 22 1995 3h5  
**5040 Yorkshire S. Royal**  
Comp. C W Roberts  
1 E Vivian Williams  
2 Alan J Ladd  
3 Catherine M Ladd  
4 Adrian M Moreton (C)  
5 Ralph N Moreton  
6 David Banks  
7 Robert Cooper  
8 George E Hancock  
9 Trevor Tarbatt  
10 Jeffrey P Ladd  
First Surprise Royal: 7. By members of the Sunday Service Band. Rung to mark the anniversary of the dedication of these bells, and the 30th anniversary of the augmentation that created the light ten. With best wishes to the parish and ringers of St Botolph's, Knottingley (this was the last peal on the lightest ten in the diocese).

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THORNHILL, W Yorks.  
S Michael & All Angels  
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h35 (9)  
**5056 Frankley S. Major**  
Comp. Alan M Barber  
1 Pamela A Hudson  
2 Andrew R Aspland  
3 Philip R Brook  
4 Susan Webb  
5 Ian North (C)  
6 Robert Haley  
7 R Adrian Davies  
8 Richard E Price  
50th peal for the  
Association: 4. 1,300th peal  
together: 5 & 8.

MIDDLEHAM, N Yorks.  
SS Mary & Alkelda  
Sat Oct 21 1995 3h11 (18)  
**5088 Froom S. Major**  
Arr. I North  
1 Ian North (C)  
2 Andrew R Aspland  
3 Judith M Talbot  
4 Stephen J A Ollerton  
5 Simon Ogier  
6 R Adrian Davies  
7 Richard E Price  
8 Robert Haley  
First peal in the method.  
**Froom S. Major**  
34-58.14-12-1238-14-  
38.16.34-38 mx

SHEFFIELD, S Yorks.  
Cathedral of SS Peter &  
Paul  
Sun Oct 22 1995 3h26 (34)  
**5042 Yorkshire S. Maximus**  
Comp. P Border  
1 Peter J Williamson  
2 John E Anderson  
3 Jane Weller  
4 Susan J Bryce  
5 Clare Y Caley  
6 Christopher Bostock  
7 W John Grainger  
8 Simon J T Smith  
9 Paul N Harden  
10 Andrew R Aspland  
11 Rachael H Dyson  
12 David Hird (C)  
First Yorkshire Maximus:  
2,3,4.

### EXCEEDINGLY LATE PEALS

Whilst going through the tedious process of getting my peal records up to date I have discovered two peals from 1989 which have not yet been published. I wasn't sure about this and Anthony Smith has confirmed my worst fears. My apologies to Stephen Coaker and Derek Sibson for smashing their respective late submission records and to David Dearnley who has the difficult job of keeping peal records up to date. I promise to keep silent about the punctuality of record peal publication and accuracy of normal peals for one year (*we suggest three years - Ed*). Humble donation of £10. MARK REGAN

### NON-ASSOCIATION

TILSWORTH, Beds.  
All Saints  
Sun Apr 23 1989 2h47 (9)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(840 each Cambridge,  
Primrose, Beverley,  
Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham:  
variable treble, atw.)  
1 Anthony H Smith  
2 Rosalind J Regan  
3 A Christine Smith  
4 Andrew P Reeve  
5 Mark Regan  
6 Mark J Smith (C)

ROTHERHAM, S Yorks  
All Saints  
Mon Oct 23 1995 3h26 (35)  
**5042 Albanian S Maximus**  
Comp R W Pipe  
1 Judith M Reading  
2 Dinah M Rhymer  
3 Simon J T Smith  
4 Ian Lloyd  
5 Christopher Bostock  
6 John Robinson  
7 Simon P Hartley  
8 Howell J Williams  
9 Adrian M Moreton  
10 Richard E Price  
11 Malcolm S Turner (C)  
12 Neil Donovan  
A Silver Wedding  
Anniversary compliment to  
Stuart and Jennifer Armeson  
(24-10-70)

CITY OF SHEFFIELD  
Cathedral Church of St  
Marie (R.C.)  
Fri Oct 27 1995 3h3 (25)  
**5056 Fluorine S Major**  
Comp Stephen H Wood  
1 Philip J Payne  
2 Neil Donovan  
3 Andrew Simpson  
4 Julia S Blatchford  
5 R Adrian Davies  
6 Simon J Reading  
7 Simon J T Smith (C)  
8 Malcolm S Turner  
Circles the tower: 2  
25th together: 5 and 7  
To celebrate the opening of  
Cathedral Square this  
afternoon by Neil Kinnock  
and for the completion of  
the South Yorkshire  
Supertram.

### HANDBELL PEALS

#### THE BATH & WELLS D.A.

MARSTON BIGOT, Som.  
Piglet in the Wild  
Thu Oct 5 1995 2h14 (15)  
**5040 Plain Bob Major**  
Comp. Nolan Golden  
1-2 Margaret Beamish  
3-4 Alex Hunt  
5-6 Tom Chapman  
7-8 Barrie Hendry (C)

MARSTON BIGOT, Som.  
Piglet in the Wild  
Thu Sep 14 1995 2h44 (15)  
**5040 Plain Bob Royal**  
Comp. Robert B Smith  
1-2 Margaret Beamish  
3-4 Alex Hunt  
5-6 James R Taylor  
7-8 Tom Chapman  
9-10 Barrie Hendry (C)  
First on 10 handbells: 3-4.  
First on 10 handbells as  
conductor.

#### CHESTER D.G.

WILMSLOW, Ches.  
9 Hawthorn Lane  
Tue Aug 22 1995 2h18 (11)  
**5056 Yorkshire S. Major**  
Comp. C H Hattersley  
1-2 John Cornock  
3-4 Neil D Lomas  
5-6 J David Atkinson  
7-8 David W Friend (C) £2

CRANAGE, Ches.  
Briarwood, Goostrey Lane  
Tue Oct 17 1995 2h7 (15)  
**5088 Kent T.B. Major**  
Comp. J Reeves  
1-2 David N Young  
3-4 John R Scott  
5-6 Michael C E Hodge  
7-8 Frank R Morton (C)  
A birthday compliment to  
Hazel Gibbons, wife of Bill  
Gibbons our usual ringer of  
1-2.

#### ELY D.A.

REACH, Cambs.  
Gable Farm Cottage  
Tue Oct 10 1995 3h8 (17)  
**5148 Eididh Nan Clach**  
**Geala A. Maximus**  
Comp. Traditional  
1-2 William H Jackson  
3-4 Lesley H M Boyle  
5-6 David C Brown (C)  
7-8 Gareth Davies  
9-10 Graham A C John  
11-12 John P Loveless  
First peal in the method.  
**Eididh Nan Clach Geala A.**  
**Maximus**  
-3T-14-5T-16-127T-38-149T-  
50-16-7T-18-18-ET. lead  
end 'B'

*You can read your own  
handwriting - but can  
our typesetters?  
If in doubt, print it out!*

### Judicial Jaunts in 1995

Take a farmer, retired vet, professor, radiographer, self-employed painter and decorator, retired school teacher, VAT expert, a number of spouses, some good towers in the Cotswold area, a weekend in August, mix them with two Devon call-change ringers and what do you have? The Annual Magistrates' Ringing Weekend.

We assembled in dribs and drabs at Malmesbury Abbey on Friday evening to renew old friendships and to make new ones.

Saturday we had a leisurely outing visiting Wotton-under-Edge where Mary was able to tell us about the organ which had been transferred from London and was reputedly played by Handel. Wickwar, up a winding lane to the top of the hill was followed by Chipping Sodbury. Lunch had been arranged in this old market town. John was more than ready for his - he had cycled to the morning towers - Diana acting as his support team.

Frenchay, with its very light bells, was the first tower after lunch. For those not ringing, the windows caused much discussion - was the rider on the white horse pictured in the west window the same as that mentioned in Revelation? Siston was followed by Bitton where, before we rang, we had almost a proper afternoon tea with cucumber sandwiches and tea from a silver teapot.

It has become customary to round the Saturday off with a dinner. Before we sat down for the excellent meal we were entertained, on the terrace of the hotel, by hot air balloonists preparing for their sortie into the evening air.

Ringing was arranged for Sunday morning but, as we were not all billeted together, good-byes were said until next time.

Grateful thanks must go to Maureen and David Perrett for hosting the gathering this year and for all the care and attention to detail (the route guide was first class). Another excellent weekend.

This year, being the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Magistrates' Association, it was deemed appropriate to attempt a peal to mark the occasion. A hot Saturday in July therefore found eight of our number gathered at Quainton where we made our first attempt with the doors wide open to keep ourselves as cool as possible. We did not succeed this time but managed a quarter-peal instead.

At our August weekend it was decided to have a second attempt and we met again, this time at East Ilsley, on 21st October, where we successfully rang Grandsire Triples. Bob Tilt was pleased to score his first peal having been disappointed at the first attempt. We all wish Mary Bliss a speedy recovery from the back trouble which caused her to drop out on the day before the peal and thank Peter Gould for standing in at short notice.

If you are a JP and a bellringer, of whatever experience, do contact Professor Angela Newing at The Rectory, Brimpsfield, Glos. GL4 8LD (tel: 01452-863621) who will gladly tell you more about the gatherings. C.M.B. & A.R.B.

#### MAGISTRATES' ASSOCIATION

EAST ILSLEY, Berks, S Mary  
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h46 (8)  
**5040 Grandsire Triples**  
Comp. Parker's 12-part

- |                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Diana F Day        | 5 Peter Sloman      |
| 2 Peter C Gould      | 6 Michael V Powell  |
| 3 Sheila M Cheeseman | 7 Alan R Baldock(C) |
| 4 Angela Newing      | 8 Robert P Tilt     |

First peal: 8.

Arranged to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Magistrates' Association. The band also wish to congratulate Ann & Paul Thompson of Broughton-in-Furness on the birth of Pheobie. £1.90



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# Quarter Peals

## First Quarter Congratulations

*The following quarter-peals have been specially sorted for early publication as they contain details of those ringers who have rung or conducted their first quarter-peal.*

*Our congratulations to them.*

**Brant Broughton, Lincs.** 18 Oct, 1320 P B Doubles: Kim Sergeant (1st Q.) 1, Sarah Garsed (1st inside) 2, Rowan Booth (1st in m.) 3, John Draycott 4, Fred Derry(C) 5, Mick Gilman 6. A birthday compliment to John Draycott. £1

**Brighouse, W Yorks.** 15 Oct, 1260 P B Minor: Julia Lum (ms unclear) 1, Helen Moore (1st Q.) 2, J Alison Williams 3, A Tina Newsome 4, A N Fawbert 5, E Lord(C) 6. £1

**Caddington, Beds.** 30 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: David Lloyd (1st att. - aged 12) 1, David Adams 2, Lucy Shepherd 3, Richard Horne 4, Alan Shepherd(C) 5, Gareth Lloyd 6. £1

**Catfield, Norfolk.** 9 Oct, 1260 P B Minor: Gerald King (1st Q.) 1, Jenny Forster 2, Ken Muttock 3, Lawrence Hassall 4, Jocelyn Gardiner 5, Aubrey Forster(C) 6. A birthday compliment to Stuart Hubbard. £1

**Chelsfield, Kent.** 8 Oct, 1260 Doubles (2m): Clare Pruden 1, Philippa Rooke 2, James Rooke 3, Michael Hall 4, Robert Pruden(C) 5, Brian Kemp (1st Q.) 6. For Evensong on Ringers' Sunday; also as a compliment to Tracey & Nicholas Kimber, married here on 23/9/95. £1.80

**Church Gresley, Derbys.** 8 Oct, 1320 Golden Sheaves Doubles: Mervyn Shurmer (1st Q.) 1, W G Hair 2, D Spencer 3, D P Jones(C) 4, K E Ballington 5, K M Pollock 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. 90p

**Church Leigh, Staffs.** 23 Sep, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sally Forrester (1st att.) 1, Christina Pearson 2, Sheila Allen(C) 3, Andy Pickett 4, Jeff Pearson(C) 5, Ray Birley 6. 60p

**Clifton, Beds.** 1 Oct, 1260 P B Doubles: Sheila Ashton 1, R Welsford 2, S H Ashton 3, J Buckenham 4, P Blackmore (1st as C.) 5, J Peacock 6. In thanksgiving for the life of Alderman, William Inskip, Lord of the manor of Shefford, beekeeper, farmer, and a true gentleman, who died aged 87 earlier this year. Conducted by Citizen Blackmore to whom he has passed on his beekeeping knowledge and 100,00 winged friends. £1

**Durleigh, Som.** 15 Oct, 1260 P B Doubles: David Leighton 1, Sally Wheeler 2, Peter Leigh 3, Gerald Brown 4, Valerie Stone(C) 5, Roger Leighton 6. 1st Q.: 1 & 6 (son & father). For Evensong. 60p

**Embleton, Northumberland.** 15 Oct, 1260 Doubles (2m/1p): Pat Younger 1, Sue Hanson 2, Deborah Bearder 3, Anne Hunter 4, David Barraclough(C) 5, James Stevenson (1st Q.) 6. For Evensong. £1.20

**Hammerwood, Sussex.** 1 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: Margaret M Furner (1st Q.) 1, Jacqueline M Hunter 2, Betty Green 3, Ann Smith 4, I V J Smith(C) 5. For Harvest Festival. £1

**Hawkley, Hants.** 1 Oct, 1260 P B Doubles: Doris Barber 1, Rachael Seamons 2, Diane Hart(C) 3, R A Barber 4, S E Wood 5, David Hart 6. 1st as C. For Harvest Festival. 80p

**Ingrave, Essex.** 8 Oct, 1260 P B Doubles: Thelma Smith 1, Caroline Lowe (1st Q.) 2, J Dickenson 3, Renee Page-Jones 4, R J Brown(C) 5, E A Potter 6. For Harvest Festival. £1.20

**Market Drayton, Salop.** 2 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Andrew Smith 1, Rachel Thompson 2, Cathy Gaskell (1st Q.) 3, William Tyler(C) 4, Ian Gaskell (1st Q.) 5, John Williamson 6. £3

**Minsterworth, Glos.** 15 Oct, 1260 Doubles (2m): A White 1, Kath White(C) 2, G Davis 3, T Williams 4, M White 5, Denise White (1st Q.) 6. In celebration of Timmy White's 1st birthday. The Whites being in order Grandfather, Aunt, Father, Mother. £2.40

**Nailsea, Avon.** 8 Oct, 1260 P B Doubles: Pauline McGibbon (1st Q.) 1, Christine Balmer 2, P Balmer 3, Sue Westgate 4, R Caton(C) 5, J McGibbon 6. £1

**Prittwell, Essex.** 8 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Richard Sloman (1st Q.) 1, David Sloman(C) 2, Allen Cansdale 3, Penny Sloman 4, Peter Sloman 5, David Church 6, Stephen Halliwell 7, Bernard Sadler 8. For the treble ringer's 13th birthday, and for Harvest Festival. £2

**Royston, Herts.** 30 Sep, 1260 P B Doubles (working bells 2-6): Avril L Hamilton 1, I R Sanders 2, Christine Horritt 3, Margaret M Horritt 4, E T Newnham 5, D E Coleman(C) 6, N Shewan 7, G A Hamilton (1st att.) 8. For the opening of Royston Festival 1995. 80p

**Ruislip, Middx.** 24 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Tim Palmer 1, Audrey Andrews 2, Mike Palmer 3, Christine Corfield 4, Ian Blake(C) 5, Robert Pridham (1st Q.) 6. £1

**Sandwich, Kent.** 1 Oct, 1260 P B Doubles: Hayley J Langley (1st Q.) 1, Lisa Potter 2, Ann C Lodwick 3, M J Lodwick(C) 4, G Potter 5, M A Langley 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. £1

**Seavington St Mary, Som.** 6 Oct, 1300 P B Doubles: Yvonne Nicholls 1, Fran Aelberry (1st Q.) 2, Mark Harris (C - 75th Q this year) 3, David Purnell 4, Reginald Beale 5, John Corby 6. £1.20

**Sharnbrook, Beds.** 1 Oct, 1260 P B Doubles: Jo A Webb 1, Linda J Liggett(C) 2, Barbara J Woplin 3, N C Ashford-Bowers 4, P J S Albon 5, Katie Liggett (1st Q.) 6. For Evensong. 60p

**Skillington, Lincs.** 13 Oct, 1320 P B Doubles: Verity Pearce 1, Faith Pearce (1st as C.) 2, S Caddy 3, Pandy Pearce 4, B Kipling 5. 50p

**Snaith, Humbs.** 15 Oct, 1260 P B Doubles: Ann Ramsker 1, Paul Wilcockson (1st in m. inside) 2, Anne Young (1st as C.) 3, Julia Ramsker 4, John Wright 5, Martin Worrall 6. To celebrate the life of Fred Young who died on 11/10/95 aged 83. £1

**South Wigston, Leics.** 8 Oct, 1320 P B Doubles: Craig Johnson (1st Q.) 1, B G Warwick 2, Winifred M Warwick 3, M J Nutter 4, N R H Robinson(C) 5, P K Adams 6. For Choral Evensong. £1

**St Peter-in-Thanel, Kent.** 10 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (468 covering): Gemma Bowers 1, Sue Cook 2, Michael Cook 3, Bill Bamforth 4, Reg Foreman 5, Rita Bowers 6, Sonia Stockwell(C) 7, Michael Bowers (1st Q.) 8. A farewell to the Bowers family as they move to Herne Bay. £2

**Theberton, Suffolk.** 24 Sep, 1260 P B Doubles: Penny Bedford (1st att.) 1, Trevor Hughes 2, Michael Peters 3, Richard Rapior 4, Stephen Bedford 5, Rod French(C) 6. £1

**Weedon Bec, Northants.** 14 Oct, 1320 P B Doubles: S M Ruddlesden 1, S H Broom (1st Q.) 2, R Watkin 3, R F Waddy 4, B J W Foley(C) 5, M Harvey 6. £1

**Wootton, Northants.** 1 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenni Cromar (1st Q.) 1, Dorothy Rice (1st inside) 2, Cecil Swann 3, Geoffrey Brown 4, Denis Pearson(C) 5. On the 100th anniversary of the re-dedication of the re-hung bells by Rt Revd Mandell, Lord Bishop of Peterborough. £1.50

**Guernsey, C.I. (S Pierre du Bois).** 17 Sep, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Beverley Perry 1, Rosemary Ball 2, Val Tucker 3, L E Perry 4, P Le Conte 5, P Lenfestey 6, D Shaw 7, R F Bowditch 8, A H Ball(C) 9, Jane Le Conte 10. £1

**Guernsey, C.I. (Vale).** 18 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Beverley Perry 1, Rosemary Ball (C, 1750th Q) 2, A H Ball 3, R F Bowditch 4, L E Perry 5, Jackie Bowditch 6. 60p

**Hailsham, Sussex.** 23 Sep, 1274 Grandsire Triples: Evelyn M Evenden 1, Louise G Pink 2, Sandra Titherly 3, Nicola J Dawkins 4, M Russell 5, G Titherly 6, A D Pink(C) 7, G Fitzhugh 8. Following the wedding of Sarah Porthouse, daughter of the Vicar of Hailsham, to James Roberts. 80p

**Halifax, W Yorks.** (S John). 17 Sep, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Iain Anderson 1, Louise Bland 2, Margaret Perrott 3, John Bryant 4, David Townsend 5, Geoff Perrott 6, John Thurman(C) 7, David Smith 8. For the Licensing of Revd. G Calvert as Lecturer of Halifax Parish Church. £1

**Hampton, Middx.** 10 Sep, 1260 P B Triples: Claire Hutchison 1, Philip Saddleton(C) 2, Alice Guban (1st triples inside) 3, Frances Day 4, David Miseldine 5, Christopher Rusby 6, David Ambler 7, Norman Edwards 8. Immediately following the Service of Thanksgiving for the Ministry of the Revd. Prebendary J A (Robin) Rogers, Vicar of S Mary the Virgin, Hampton, from 7/1/79 - 19/9/95. £3

**Hastings, Sussex.** (All Saints). 15 Sep, 1280 DNCBM: Catherine S Nevin 1, Brenda M Davies 2, Pamela A Manger 3, N J Davies 4, R R Kennard 5, D C Manger 6, Louise G Pink 7, A D Pink(C) 8. 1st in m as C. 80p

**Heathfield, Sussex.** (Reynards). 3 Sep, 1620 P B Royal: Ann Smith 1-2, I V J Smith(C) 3-4, Louise G Pink 5-6, A D Pink 7-8, P M J Bradford 9-10. Also: on 10 Sep, 1400 P B Royal: Ann Smith 1-2, I V J Smith(C) 3-4, Louise G Pink 5-6, A D Pink 7-8, P M J Bradford 9-10. 25th Q at Reynards. Also: on 13 Sep, 1320 Caithness S Minor: Louise G Pink 1-2, P M J Bradford 3-4, A D Pink(C) 5-6. Also: on 24 Sep, 1320 Caithness S Minor: Louise G Pink 1-2, P M J Bradford 3-4, A D Pink(C) 5-6. £2.60

**Hemyock, Devon.** 24 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lin Holway 1, Anne Stenning 2, D Bromwich 3, J M Levin 4, W R Trickey(C) 5, A Smith 6. Golden Wedding compliment to Mr & Mrs Art. Fuller. £1

**Hexham, Northumb.** 16 Sep, 1260 DNCBM: Neville Parkin 1, Pat Sewell 2, Anne Davies 3, Anne Parkin 4, Jane Kysow 5, David Hewitt 6, Clive Moon 7, Denis Crowe(C) 8. For the opening of this years Hexham Abbey Festival. £1

**Highweek, Devon.** 25 Sep, 1344 P B Major: A V Edwards 1, J M Levin 2, Anne Stenning 3, B Horrell 4, A F Lee 5, R Perry 6, B G Williams 7, W E Dunn(C) 8. 275th Q together; 7, 8. 300th Q together; 3, 5. £1

**Histon, Cambs.** 24 Sep, 1260 Doubles (2m): Rachel A Upchurch 1, Chris Clare 2, R F Walker(C) 3, D A Upchurch 4, C R F Muncey 5, T J English 6. For Evensong. £1

**Holbeach, Lincs.** 20 Aug, 1280 Spl. S Major (3m): N F Greenacre 1, Rhoda Reynolds 2, P H Reynolds 3, M A Walker 4, A D Walker 5, W N Ansell 6, I D G Ansell 7, P J Waterfield(C) 8. 1st spl. S major; 6, 7. To mark the 50th Anniversary of VJ Day. Also: on 10 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Cathryn A Walker 1, P J Waterfield(C) 2, Anglea M Clifton 3, M A Walker 4, A G Clifton 5, N F Greenacre 6, I D G Ansell 7, W N Ansell 8. £1

**Holcombe Burnell, Devon.** 21 Sep, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: D J Hawkins 1, Celia M Deem 2, Maureen E Deem 3, R J Quick 4, C C Deem 5, N E Deem 6. £1.20

**Hook Norton, Oxon.** 7 Sep, 1260 St Simons B Doubles: Joyce Windeyer 1, Jill M Roberts 2, Emma L Thomas 3, Sally A Austin(C) 4, M J Austin 5, O Hemmings 6, P G Brown 7. 1st in m; 3. Short for practice night. Also: on 22 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Doubles (4,6,8 behind): Joyce Windeyer 1, O Hemmings 2, Sally A Austin(C) 3, P G Brown 4, F J Faulkner 5, Pat Stratford 6, M J Austin 7, D W Clarke 8. Before the Harvest Thanksgiving Service & Supper. £2

**Horham, Suffolk.** 18 Sep, 1250 Bristol S Major: Josephine M Beever 1, Hannah M Kidger (1st blows in m) 2, Katharine J Salter 3, Michelle W Chapman 4, Mary Allum 5, Mary E Mitchell 6, R D Allum 7, D G Salter(C) 8. To congratulate the 4th ringer on passing her driving test. £1.60

**Hornchurch, Essex.** 23 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Goodwin 1, S O'Connor 2, G Walker 3, D Heath 4, J Stephenson 5, C Stephenson 6, D Ellisdon(C) 7, F Goodwin 8. By friends before the wedding of Judith Blackburn & Colin Newman, immediate Past District Master, to wish them every happiness in the future. £1.60

**Houghton Regis, Beds.** 24 Sep, 1260 P B Doubles: Bernadette Laidler 1, Laurence Cooper 2, Jad Bienek 3, Peter Boon 4, David Adams(C) 5, Barry Meacham 6. Prior to Father Geoffrey Neal's final service and in appreciation of his twenty years of ministry to the parish. £2

**Kenilworth, Warwicks.** 8 May, 1320 Doubles (4m/7v): John Powell 1, Colin Sweeney 2, Sarah Marklew 3, David Crawley 4, Edward Lupton(C) 5, Jeff Platten 6. For 50th Anniversary of VE Day. Also: on 21 May, 1260 P B Minor: Rosemary Spencer 1, John Powell 2, Sarah Marklew 3, Harry Bodenham 4, Peter Spencer 5, Edward Lupton(C) 6. Sponsored for Church Roof Appeal. Also: on 3 Sep, 1260 (m not given): Rosemary Spencer 1, Alan Brown 2, Jeff Platten 3, John Powell 4, Peter Spencer(C) 5, John Wale 6. Sponsored for Church Roof Appeal and to commemorate the 10th Wedding Anniversary of Doug & Jane Kempton. £1.50



**Kewstoke, Avon.** 3 Sep, 1260 Minor (2m): Jennifer Spence 1, Joanne M Spence 2, J G Cook 3, J E Greaves 4, P J Spence 5, J S Boorman(C) 6. 25th Q together; 4, 6. 50th Q together; 2, 6. To celebrate the bi-centennial of the landing in USA of William and Ann Denman (nee Boorman) in 1795 with the band's best wishes to the many descendants of these two persons. £1.20

**Kingskerswell, Devon.** 18 Sep, 1260 Minor (2m): Anne Stenning 1, A V Edwards 2, B G Williams 3, R Perry 4, J M Levin 5, W E Dunn(C) 6. £1

**Kingsteignton, Devon.** 25 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B Horrell 1, A F Lee 2, Anne Stenning 3, W E Dunn 4, R Perry 5, B G Williams 6, J M Levin(C) 7, A V Edwards 8. £1

**Kirby-le-Soken, Essex.** 12 Sep, 1260 P B Minor: Susan Beale 1, Tracey Patmore 2, John Beale 3, Elizabeth Huxley 4, Elizabeth Humphries 5, David Sparling(C) 6. To celebrate the marriage of Tracey Patmore to David Southgate. £1.20

**Launton, Oxon.** 24 Sep, 1269 Grandsire Doubles: P Clark 1, J Harris 2, R C Stevens(C) 3, M MacArthur 4, Sally Stevens 5, G James 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong. £1

**Leeds, Kent.** 9 Sep, 1264 P B Major: M N Pring 1, Shona Colebrook 2, F H Asprey 3, D Williams 4, R W Young 5, M J Hitchcock 6, T Munt 7, D W Elphick(C) 8. £1.60

**Linslade, Beds.** 17 Sep, 1260 P B Doubles (7,6,8 cover): Jan Cornfoot 1, Kate Tregillus 2, R Tregillus 3, Katherine Taylor 4, P M Dunn(C) 5, Marilyn Maund 6, G J Gill 7, N Peerman 8. For Evensong. A farewell compliment to the Revd. Dr. Michael Peel and his wife Daloni. £1

**Liss, Hants.** (S Mary). 27 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: D Hart 1, Di Hart 2, Valerie Williams 3, A T Collins 4, S E Wood(C) 5, A C Hough 6. For Evensong. Also: on 10 Sep, 1260 Doubles (2m): Brenda Hough 1, Joy Martin 2, Di Hart 3, R A Routh 4, S E Wood(C) 5, A C Hough 6. For Evensong at which Dr. Coggan was the Preacher. Also: on 17 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joy Martin 1, Julia Wood 2, Di Hart 3, Rachael Seamons(C) 4, S E Wood 5, D M Hughes 6, R A Barber (500th Q) 7, A C Hough 8. For Evensong. Also: on 24 Sep, 1260 Stedman Triples: Valerie Williams 1, Di Hart (1st Stedman triples) 2, R A Barber 3, Rachael Seamons 4, D M Hughes 5, A T Collins 6, S E Wood(C) 7, D Hart 8. £2.80

**Liverpool, Mers.** (Cathedral). 24 Sep, 1264 P B Major: Nicholas Basson 1, Sandra Mitchell 2, Martin Daniels 3, Ian Roche 4, Peter Bengier 5, Peter Furniss 6, Richard Moore 7, Lenard Mitchell(C) 8. For the collation and installation of Canon Noel Vincent as Canon Treasurer and the Revd. Paul Nener as Canon Diocesan. £1

**Llandaff, S Glam.** 24 Sep, 1584 Newgate S Maximus: Revd. J C Baldwin 1, T T Lewis 2, R R Churchill 3, S M Alford 4, Judith A Baldwin 5, R C Woodward 6, P E R Brennan 7, R E Hardy 8, M A G Williams 9, J A Vesey 10, C W Kipling(C) 11, D J Llewellyn 12. 1st in m; 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10. A birthday compliment to Judith Baldwin. For Evensong. £1

**London.** (S Vedast, Foster Lane). 17 Sep, 1260 Doubles (2m): Alban Forster 1, Rachel Billinge 2, Stephanie Pattenden 3, Michael Brady 4, James Ingham(C) 5, Keith Anderson 6. After the Eucharist and as a birthday compliment to 3. £1.80

**Loxton, Som.** 7 Sep, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Linda Drew 1, M Powell 2, Sheila C Matthews 3, R Caton 4, G V Skelly 5, A H Ball(C) 6. 60p

**Lyminge, Kent.** 18 Sep, 1280 Spl. Major (Double Norwich & Bristol): Cathy Dixon 1, Simon Dixon 2, Vanessa Martin 3, Emma Cundiff 4, Clare Larter 5, Mark Gilham 6, Neil Jones 7, Philip Larter(C) 8. In thanksgiving for the life of Sonia Betts. £1

**Marchington, Staffs.** 17 Sep, 1260 P B Minor: J Appleby 1, Eileen Fenwick 2, Noreen Appleby 3, D M Webb 4, Lucy Smith 5, C M Smith(C) 6. For Evensong. £2

**Melbourn, Cambs.** 24 Sep, 1280 Spl. S Major (8m): Marion Perryman 1, John Loveless(C) 2, John Gipson 3, Alan Boyd 4, Michael Beadman 5, Geoffrey Perryman 6, Walter Hunt 7, Linda Loveless 8. For Harvest Festival. 1st 8 spl; 4, 6. £1.60

**Melksham, Wilts.** 24 Sep, 1280 Rutland S Major: Patsy Thorn 1, Christine Purnell 2, Jenny Hancock 3, David Hacker 4, Graham Harper 5,

Peter Thorn(C) 6, Julian Ferrar 7, Bob Purnell 8. 1st R; 2, 3, 5, 7, & as C. By a local band for Patronal Festival, and to congratulate Arthur and Peggy Earl on their Ruby Wedding. £4

**Meopham, Kent.** 16 Sep, 1264 P B Major: Justin Nash 1, David Bagshaw 2, Frank Matthews 3, Bob Hinde 4, Jim Hedderwick 5, Rhian Bagshaw 6, John Gander 7, Gordon Dickens(C) 8. Farewell compliment to Justin Nash who is starting at Exeter University. £1.60

**Mere, Wilts.** 17 Sep, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Nigel Richards 1, Teresa Gotham 2, E A Barnett 3, Gillian Hunt 4, Judith Robertson 5, Robert Weller (1st S major) 6, Ross Robertson 7, John Hunt(C) 8. £1.50

**Minety, Wilts.** 25 Sep, 1260 P B Doubles: A R Woodward 1, Kay M Exell 2, Ruth E Birkett 3, I Best 4, J C Sheppard(C) 5, D J M Sheppard 6. Half-muffled as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Charles Boyce of West Compton, Tony Fursman and Ted Richards, both of Minety, whose funerals all took place 22/9/95. £3

**Mytholmroyd, W Yorks.** 11 Sep, 1250 Ashted S Major: Elizabeth Calvert 1, Maurice Calvert 2, Louise Bland 3, Arthur Talbot 4, Brian Heys 5, Iain Anderson 6, Ian Panton 7, Peter Kirby(C) 8. £1.60

**Northallerton, N Yorks.** 23 Sep, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Katie Town 1, Aubrey Mills 2, Rachel Town 3, David Town 4, Mark Murfin 5, Bill Buckle 6, Dot Salmon 7, Mark Place 8, Peter Town(C) 9, Jonathan Wilkinson 10. To celebrate the birth, on 8/8/95, of Amy Catherine Owens. 1st inside to Grandsire caters; 5, 1st on 10; 10. Also: on 26 Sep, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Aubrey Mills 1, Mark Place 2, Dot Salmon 3, Alwyn Shaw 4, John Limbach(C) 5, Bill Buckle 6, Robert Pardy 7, Tony Gee 8, Jennifer Town 9, David Town 10. 1st S royal; 6. A farewell from the local ringers to Bill Buckle on leaving the area. £3

**Northleigh, Oxon.** 24 Sep, 1260 Doubles (3m): E D Patching 1, Cathy Rowland 2, S J Cole 3, Louise M Brown 4, A C Cole(C) 5, P King 6. As a farewell to Revd. Sylvia Bareham. £1

**Offton, Suffolk.** 5 Sep, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: B E Whiting(C) 1, Karen Woods 2, Janet Hohl 3, K S Hohl 4, J Colman 5, Louise R Steward 6. Also: on 12 Sep, 1500 P B Minor: B E Whiting(C) 1, D Perry (1st minor inside) 2, K S Hohl 3, Janet Hohl 4, Louise R Steward 5, Christine C Jennings 6. Also: on 17 Sep, 1260 P B Doubles: S Thorne 1, Sylvia F Perry 2, Louise R Steward 3, B E Whiting(C) 4, A Knights 5, D Perry 6. For 'Harvest Praise' in Castle Farm barn. Also: on 19 Sep, 1280 London S Major: Janet Hohl 1, Louise R Steward 2, A Knights 3, K S Hohl 4, Catherine A Colman 5, R N Earey 6, W S Girling 7, B E Whiting(C) 8. On Catherine's birthday, her 1st of L & completes the standard 8 to Q's. £3.90

**Perth, W Australia.** (Cathedral). 24 Sep, 1260 P B Triples: Kathy Downs 1, Mary Lewin 2, Laura Ivey 3, Suzanne Biddles 4, Glyn Geen 5, David Knewstubb 6, Mary Townsend(C) 7, John Townsend 8. In thanksgiving for the life of Beryl Ralston, a member of the congregation. Also: on 24 Sep, (no. of changes not given) Doubles (2m): Mary Lewin 1, Laura Ivey 2, Glyn Geen(C) 3, Mary Townsend 4, David Knewstubb 5, John Townsend 6. For the Annual GFS Service. 200th Q; 6. Annual

**Pimlico, London SW1.** (S Saviour). 22 Sep, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Dennis Ellisdon 1, Lorraine Andrews (1st in m on 8) 2, Stella Shell 3, Prudence Fay 4, Richard Casserley (400th Q) 5, Michael Brady 6, Edward Mould 7, David Holdridge (1st S major as C) 8. £2.40

**Polstead, Suffolk.** 24 Sep, 1260 P B Minor: Ed Wade 1, Rolie Whiting 2, John Hobson 3, Michelle White 4, Charles Ablitt 5, Ed Hynard(C) 6. For Harvest Evensong. 75th Q together; 1, 6. £1

**Port Sunlight, Mers.** 12 Sep, 1344 Spl. S Major (6m): CNPRSY, a.t.w.): Brenda D Humphreys 1, Alison Carpenter (most m's) 2, C B Pemberton 3, P F Humphreys 4, P D Hughes(C) 5, Susan D Sparling 6, G C Sparling 7, A P Foster 8. £1.60

**Preston Plucknett, Som.** 24 Sep, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Robert Field (1st in m) 1, Margaret Bignell 2, Susan Cave 3, David Hammonds 4, Martyn Cave (1st inside in m) 5, Laurence Bignell(C) 6. For Harvest Festival. £1

**Radyr, S Glam.** 16 Sep, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: T T Lewis 1, J Goodfellow(C) 2, Myra Jenkins 3, Wendy Lewis 4, A J T Jones 5, Anne D Jones 6. For the 1995 Radyr Flower Festival - before the Morning Service. £1

**Sapcote, Leics.** 10 Sep, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Eleanor Rowan (1st on 8 & TB) 1, Kathleen M Brown 2, M E Brown(C) 3, Susan M Wykes 4, A J Rowan 5, B P Morris 6, M Angrave 7, R J Angrave 8. Also: on 24 Sep, 1250 London S Minor: Kathleen M Brown 1, B S Chapman 2, B P Morris 3, A J Rowan 4, M Angrave 5, M E Brown(C) 6. £1.40

**Sherborne, Surrey.** 24 Sep, 1260 Doubles (4m/1v): Eric Thornton 1, Mary Kelly 2, John Parker(C) 3, Michael Townsend 4, Bill Egerton 5, John Aston 6. For Evensong and to celebrate the elevation to the Grandmotherhood of ringer of 2nd, celebrating the birth of Oliver Anthony Kelly. £2

**Sherfield-on-Loddon, Hants.** 25 Sep, 1440 S Minor (2m): Eleanor Kippin 1, Barbara Foster 2, Heather Kippin 3, Keith Walpole 4, Nick Blyton 5, Chris Kippin(C) 6. £1.20

**Slough, Berks.** 14 Sep, 1322 Rutland S Royal: Marcia Dieppe 1, David Moore 2, Trevor Woodward 3, Clive Buswell 4, Lloyd Cartwright 5, Reginald Gillard 6, Rebecca Bruce 7, John Peverett(C) 8, Brian Watson 9, Peter Bruce 10. 1st blows in m; 3, 5, 6. 1st in m; 7, 9, 10. Also: on 24 Sep, 1250 London S Major: Marcia Dieppe 1, Reggie Gillard 2, William Birmingham 3, Anthony Crowther 4, Eileen Stevenson 5, Lloyd Cartwright 6, Stephen Wheeler(C) 7, Mike Birkbeck 8. 1st in m & completes std. 8; 2. For Evensong. £4

**South Croydon, Surrey.** 21 Sep, 1276 Cambridge S Minor: S R T Pocock 1, N Thomson 2, D M Jones (1st S) 3, M P Moreton 4, S E McGill 5, M J Uphill(C) 6. Also: on 24 Sep, 1264 P B Major: Kathleen A Matthews 1, Diane Reynolds 2, D M Jones 3, M P Moreton 4, M J Hilling 5, L M McCormack 6, S P MacMahon (completes the circle) 7, K J Matthews(C) 8. £2.80

**Southover, E Sussex.** 30 Jul, 1260 Stedman Triples: Tom Reeves 1, John Ashcroft 2, Susan Bassett 3, Hazel Craven 4, Phil Nancarrow 5, Nicholas Cullen 6, Richard Neal(C) 7, Tania Osband 8. As a Ruby Wedding compliment to Hazel & Arthur Craven. £1.40

**Southwark, London.** (Cathedral). 20 Sep, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Michael Trimm 1, Sara Hardy 2, Edward Adams 3, Mark Jones 4, Gavin Bennett 5, James Hardy 6, Gwen Rogers 7, Philip Rogers 8, Michael Palmer 9. £2

**Southwick, Hants.** 21 Sep, 1440 London S Minor: J H Hunt(C) 1, E Treagus 2, Betty J Daysh 3, L Pinnington (1st in m) 4, D J Livsey 5, D J Atkins 6. For S Matthew's Day. 60p

**St Leonards on Sea, Sussex.** (23 Albany Road). 19 Sep, 1320 Norfolk S Minor: Louise G Pink 1-2, P M J Bradford 3-4, A D Pink(C) 5-6. 50p

**Stevenage, Herts.** 24 Sep, 1260 P B Triples: Jill Adam 1, Alban Forster 2, Julia Forster 3, Neil Rashbrook 4, Julie Diserens 5, Simon Wilmot 6, Chris Forster(C) 7, Vince Ford (1st on 8) 8. To welcome Revd. Becky Totterdell on her appointment as Curate of this church. £2

**Stratfield Mortimer, Berks.** (S John). 21 Sep, 1260 Doubles (5m): Lorna Jones 1, Revd. J A Ellis 2, G P Hedges 3, P D MacNaughtan 4, J E Barsby(C) 5, I Taylor 6. In thanksgiving for the life of Beatie Taylor, mother of the ringer of the tenor. £2

**Sutterton, Lincs.** 26 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rhoda Reynolds 1, Kathryn M Smith 2, N Forvauge 3, Judith J Williamson 4, P H Reynolds 5, T J Freeston 6, M J Smith(C) 7, D Collin 8.

**Swindon, Wilts.** (Christ Church). 24 Sep, 1299 Stedman Caters: Brian Bladon 1, Mavis Drewett 2, Sheila Daniels 3, Pauline Wilton 4, Michael Stanley 5, Shirley Charity 6, James Daniels 7, David Bishop 8, Eric Sutton(C) 9, Roger Abbott 10. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

**Tadcaster, N Yorks.** 17 Sep, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Pamela Poles 1, Angela Poles (1st S) 2, Angela Pearson 3, David Raggett (25th Q) 4, Susan Webb (25th Q this year) 5, Philip Brook(C) 6. 50th birthday compliment to John Wilson, also a compliment to Alison Whiteley and Adrian Wattam, on their recent marriage. Also: on 24 Sep, 1260 P B Doubles: William Hambly 1, Stuart Raggett 2, Wendy Leng 3, Barry Nuttall 4, Susan Webb(C) 5, Pamela Poles 6. To celebrate Rod Coope's 50th birthday. Rung by Tad's Veteran Band. £1.20



**Tanworth in Arden, Warwicks.** 20 Sep, 1260 Stedman Triples: A J Barnfield 1, Beryl Hartley 2, Colin Baugh 3, Ann Smart 4, Jayne MacKay (1st Stedman triples) 5, Matthew Sreeves 6, Alan Hartley(C) 7, Francis Sreeves 8. £2

**Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset.** 3 Sep, 1260 Westminster Doubles: Teresa Goatham 1, Ann Smith (1st in m) 2, Robert Wellen 3, Judith Robertson 4, Ross Robertson(C) 5. For Evensong. £1

**Thatcham, Berks.** 2 Sep, 1250 S Major (2m): Marion Stevens 1, Jennifer Butler 2, Richard Marshall 3, William Butler(C) 4, Diana Bridle 5, Adrian Moon 6, Ronald Christopher 7, Peter Bridle 8. 50p

**Trowbridge, Wilts.** 24 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Oliver Brown 1, Veronica Newman 2, Gillian Lucas 3, Tony Fortin 4, Rob Quartley 5, Bernard Groves 6, Brian Coward(C) 7, Tony Longdon 8. To celebrate the 75th birthday of Doris Whiting newly appointed Verger at S James', at 2nd attempt after clapper break stopping the 1st. £1.50

**Tunstall, Kent.** 5 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D Williams 1, M Taylor 2, M J Hitchcock 3, M A Williams 4, Kathy Howard 5, Shona Colebrook 6, D W Elphick(C) 7, K Foxwell (1st on 8) 8. As a thanksgiving for the life of Mrs. Winifred May Smith b: 4/5/19 d: 22/6/95 and buried in Tunstall churchyard 29/6/95. A loving wife, mother & grandmother - mother-in-law of the tenor ringer. £1.60

**Turramurra, N.S.W., Australia.** (S James). 24 Sep, 1250 Yorkshire S major: Gordon Connon 1, Elaine Lee 2, Claire O'Mahony 3, Derek Sanderson 4, Graham Harman 5, Stephen Fox 6, Tom Goodyer (C) 7, Frank Lee 8.

**Ulcumbe, Kent.** 24 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: Shona Colebrook 1, Dot A Hooker 2, M A Williams 3, J Williams 4, M N Pring 5, D W Elphick(C) 6. £1.20

**Vancouver, B.C., Canada.** (Holy Rosary Cathedral). 16 Sep, 1260 P B Minor: David Forsyth 1, Eve Munns 2, Peter Munns 3, Jeff White 4, John Ball 5, Graham Walters(C) 6. Visitor from Beckington, Bath, England, ringer of 5. For the 28th Wedding Anniversary of Eve & Peter Munns (2 & 3), married 16/9/67. £3

**Wandsworth, West Hill, London SW15.** (Holy Trinity). 19 Sep, 1260 Stedman Triples: Stella Shell 1, Katherine Parker 2, David Beamish 3, Nicholas Simon 4, Lawrence Davies 5, Lucy Reeve 6, Francis Milner(C) 7, James Ingham 8. 1st touch of Stedman triples; 3. £2.40

**Warwick, Warwicks.** (S Mary). 24 Sep, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: D Randall 1, G W Randall 2, J Inley 3, G Sandwell 4, P J Sealey 5, R M Cox 6, S A Aitken 7, M W Sayers 8, C F Mew(C) 9, S P Rogers 10. £2

**Washford Pyne, Devon.** 16 Sep, 1260 P B Doubles: A F Lee 1, Anne Stenning 2, W E Dunn(C) 3, B G Williams 4, J M Levin 5, A V Edwards 6. £1

**Westminster, London WC2.** (S Clement Danes). 30 Jul, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Annette Hall 1, Jill Wright 2, Georgina Wright (1st S) 3, R G Butt 4, J A Hall 5, D C Heath 6, O C R Webster 7, C G Newman(C) 8, S G O'Connor (cover) 9. For Morning Service. £1.80

**Weston-super-Mare, Avon.** 24 Sep, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: Susan Field 1, Jean Gay 2, Marian Newman 3, Clifford Nicholls 4, David Gay 5, Bryan Williams 6, Joe Beaumont 7, Richard Newman(C) 8. For Harvest. £2

**Wetherby, W Yorks.** (S James). 23 Sep, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Angela Poles 1, Pauline Holland 2, David Raggett 3, John Manners 4, Peter Stretton 5, David Holland(C) 6.

**Wigan, Gtr. Man.** 24 Sep, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Helen J Woods 1, Celia F Hughes D'Aeth 2, Susan P Meyer 3, Carol L Dawes 4, Barbara M Shallcross 5, S S Meyer(C) 6, P L Davies (1st on 10) 7, B Hale 8, G W Smith 9, J B Shallcross 10. £1

**Winford, Som.** 10 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C Hobbs 1, Teresa Humphrey 2, F S Ford 3, R Caton 4, A H Ball (1000th Q as C) 5, J Mills 6. For Evensong. 60p

**Winstone, Glos.** 23 Sep, 1260 P B Doubles: Gill Waine 1, Gary Bliss 2, Angela Newing(C) 3, M Bishop 4, Revd. P Newing 5, N Waine 6. To welcome Revd. P Newing to the Parish and for the Licensing today of Charles Keen as a Parochial Reader. £1.20

**Wolborough, Devon.** 25 Sep, 1260 Middlesex B Triples: Anne Stenning 1, R Perry 2, B Horrell 3, W E Dunn(C) 4, J M Levin 5, B G Williams 6, A F Lee 7, A V Edwards 8. £1

**Wookey, Som.** 24 Sep, 1260 Doubles (2m): Penny Rowe 1, Judy Gay 2, David Buckley(C) 3, Janet Smith 4, Roger Gay 5, Brian Livings 6. For Patronal Festival and to wish Penny Rowe 'Good Luck' as she starts her course at Cambridge. £1

**Worcester, Worcs.** (All Saints). 17 Aug, 1260 P B Minor: Rebecca Walton 1, Helen Loynes 2, Victoria Walton 3, Anna Loynes 4, Alison Briggs 5, Sarah Morgan(C) 6. 100th Q; 6. For the 50th Anniversary of VJ Day rung by an all female band, who were aged between 12 and 21. The band consisted entirely of members of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Change-Ringing Association. The Q had been lost on the Monday, with only the last part to go, but luckily the second attempt went without a hitch. Also: on 24 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anna Loynes 1, Catherine Loynes 2, Helen Loynes 3, Jacqueline Walsh 4, Louise Glover 5, David Beacham 6, David Franklin(C) 7, Charles Hayward 8. 1st inside on 8 & in m; 2. 18th birthday compliment to Helen, and 15th birthday compliment to Catherine. £3

**Worle, Avon.** 27 Aug, 2222 Doubles (8m): J S Boorman (Circ. twr. twice) 1, J F S Lambard 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, P J Spence 4, D Hawkings(C) 5, W Hawkings 6. For Morning Service. Also: on 3 Sep, 1260 Doubles (11m): Kit Lee (most m's) 1, J F S Lambard 2, C A Swatton 3, B G Williams 4, D Hawkings(C) 5, J H Widgery 6. For Family Service. Also: on 10 Sep, 1260 Doubles (11m): Emma Rhys-Gill 1, J F S Lambard 2, C A Swatton 3, J G Cook 4, D Hawkings(C) 5, J H Widgery 6. For Morning Service. Also: on 24 Sep, 1260 Doubles (11m): Jennifer Spence 1, J G Cook 2, P J Spence 3, C A Swatton 4, D Hawkings(C) 5, J F S Lambard 6. For Family Communion at Harvest Festival. £4.80

### Four in a Day

**Slough, Berks.** 16 Sep, 1260 P B Minor: Janet Gillard 1, Ian Cole 2, Simon Smith 3, Marcia Dieppe 4, Reggie Gillard (cir twr) 5, Lloyd Cartwright (C) 6. On back six. £1.20

**White Waltham, Berks.** 1260 Doubles (5m inc Stedman): Janet Gillard 1, Reggie Gillard (100th Q in 95) 2, Simon Smith (C) 3, Ian Cole 4, Lloyd Cartwright 5, Marcia Dieppe 6. £1.20

**Winkfield, Berks.** 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Janet Gillard 1, Marcia Dieppe 2, Alison Cole 3, Reggie Gillard 4, Simon Smith 5, Lloyd Cartwright (C) 6. £1.20

**Hitcham, Bucks.** 1260 Stedman Doubles: Lloyd Cartwright 1, Alison Cole 2, Marcia Dieppe (C & 50th Q in 95) 3, Simon Smith 4, Reggie Gillard 5, Janet Gillard 6. £1.20

### Essex Association of Change Ringers

#### Northern District Q P Week

**Gosfield.** 16 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Kathryn Bishop 1, Jane Bishop 2, Ann Chapman 3, Mark Woolley 4, David Jarvis (1st Minor as C) 5, Michael Bishop 6. For Evensong.

**Great Yeldham.** 17 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Lucy Brewster 1, Nina Smith 2, Mike Brewster 3, Simon Randal-Nesbit 4, Trevor Smith 5, Alan Mayle (C) 6. 1st Q inside: 2.5.

**Gosfield.** 18 Jul, 1260 P B Doubles: Laurance Carter 1, Kathryn Bishop (1st att as C) 2, Clare Ould 3, Jane Bishop 4, David Jarvis 5, Michael Bishop 6.

**Witham.** 19 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Pat Chapman 1, Sue Marriott 2, Tom Monk 3, John Watson 4, Eric Brown 5, Peter Chapman (C) 6.

**Rayne.** 20 Jul, 1260 Double Oxford B Minor: Dennis Taylor 1, Kath Downs 2, Johanna Withams 3, Phil Clarke 4, John Warboys 5, Maurice Downs (C) 6. 1st in m by all except 5. Sponsored in aid of Church funds in memory of John Pees (1968/85) on the anniversary of his death.

**Halstead.** 21 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Nina Smith 1, Angela Gray 2, Doreen Middleton 3, Trevor Smith 4, Iain Mabbot (C) 5, David Kerrison 6. 1st Grandsire inside: 2.4.

**Gosfield.** 22 Jul, 1440 Minor (3m): Clare Ould 1, Jane Bishop 2, Kathryn Bishop 3, Helen Harpole 4, Michael Bishop 5, David Childs 6. Most m: 2.3. 15th birthday compliment to ringer of 3.

**Rayne.** 23 Jul, 1260 P B Minor: Rebecca Fuller 1, Johanna Withams 2, Phil Clarke 3, Dennis Taylor 4, Kathy Downs 5, Maurice Downs (C) 6. After Morning service.

**Great Easton.** 23 Jul, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Dennis Taylor (1st T B) 1, Kathy Downs 2, John Warboys 3, Maurice Downs 4, Andrew Taylor 5, John Harpole (150th as C) 6. £10

### Five in a Day

Saturday 16 September

**Winkleigh, Devon.** 1260 P B Triples: Maureen Hawkins 1, Don Salter 2, Edward Summers 3, Tony Morris 4, Janet Coles 5, Derek Conway 6, Derek Hawkins (C) 7, Ron Trickey 8.

**Holsworthy, Devon.** 1260 Grandsire Triples: Edward Summers 1, Don Salter 2, Janet Coles 3, Richard Shere 4, Tony Morris 5, Ron Trickey 6, Derek Hawkins (C) 7, Derek Conway 8.

**Bridgerule, Devon.** 1280 P B Major: Derek Conway 1, Maureen Hawkins 2, Ron Salter 3, Janet Coles 4, Richard Shere 5, Edward Summers 6, Ron Trickey 7, Derek Hawkins (C) 8.

**Stratton, Cornwall.** 1260 Stedman Triples: Maureen Hawkins 1, Janet Coles 2, Tony Morris 3, Richard Shere 4, Derek Hawkins 5, Edward Summers 6, Derek Conway (C) 7, Ron Trickey 8.

**St Stephen's by Launceston, Cornwall.** 1260 Oxford B Triples: Tony Morris 1, Maureen Hawkins 2, Janet Coles 3, Richard Shere 4, Don Salter 5, Derek Hawkins 6, Derek Conway (C) 7, Edward Summers 8. To mark retirement of 5. £6.00

### Quarters & Ramblers for Prestbury

What could be more enjoyable than a stroll through the Gloucestershire countryside on a lovely late-summer's day, hearing a quarter peal's final courses fade far behind, even as the next village's bells burst into rounds? That was Saturday 9th September for fifty walkers who journeyed nine miles from Prestbury, through Bishops Cleeve and Woolstone, to Winchcombe, to help raise money for Prestbury, St Mary's bell restoration fund. In all, about £500 was raised, including £70 from the five (attempted!) quarter peals rung along the route. Especial thanks to Winchcombe ringers for donating their wedding money.

The bell restoration committee at Prestbury have a target of over £30,000 to reach before the 250th anniversary of the bells in 1998. This is to cover eighth-turning and rehanging of the eight bells, and if possible, tuning. If you would like to help with the restoration, watch out for the Prestbury and Neighbours' Open Day in the spring of next year!

**Prestbury.** 1260 Stedman Triples: Mary Lynch 1, Catherine Leach 2, Hilda Ridley 3, Colin Bramich 4, Simon Ridley 5, Mike Seagrave 6, Mark Davies (C) 7, David Lynch 8. 1st Stedman Triples: 1.5, despite flying vacuum cleaner.

**Bishops Cleeve.** 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqui Hyde 1, Peter Baker 2, James Harling 3, Cathy Heathcote 4, Mark Davies 5, Ellis Boardman 6, Ray Talbot (C) 7, Peter Cresswell 8.

**Woolstone.** 1260 P B Doubles: Mark Davies 1, Penny Ellis 2, Cara Davies 3, Catherine Leach (1st doubles as C) 4, Simon Capewell 5, Peter Davies 6.

### Lincolnshire Revisited

There is, as we say, a first time for everything, and years ago I knew that it was only a matter of time before Brian would talk me into his "summer sojourn", returning to Lincolnshire for a second year. Being very much the "new boy" I was conscious that there may be an initiation ceremony lurking around the corner at any moment. Fortunately, I was relieved of such an event but Ralph's casual announcement on the first day that he had waded through a garlic and lentil curry the previous evening did have me worried!

The company for this "quarter extravaganza" was Ralph Earey (RNE), Christine Jennings (CCJ),



Adrian Knights (AK), David Salter (DGS), Katharine Salter (KJS), David Sparling (DLS), Brian Whiting (BEW) and Jonathan Williamson (JJEW), with help from "day boys" Owen Claxton (OPC) and Simon Griffiths (SG).

We set up "base camp" in The Crown at Surfleet - just across the road from the famous leaning tower which we did our best to straighten up during our three night stay. The only thing we found that worked was the consumption of copious quantities of Broadside after which the tower looked fine! Thankfully no one woke up the following morning still insisting that it was straight, otherwise we really would have been in trouble.

It was disappointing that London was lost at Heydour, where the method features in the tower's history - whatever would George have said? Traffic problems foiled our 10 bell attempts and Long Sutton abandoned in favour of a pint due to a double booking with another quarter peal band. The sad thing was all the pubs seemed to be boarded up - obviously they didn't realise that Uncle Arnie was coming, or maybe on second thoughts, they did! Must go back when the place is open. Nevertheless a good tour was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to the incumbents and tower captains of the churches which we visited, the local ringers who joined us, Philip Wilding (PJW), Peter Warboys (PW), Ian Ansell (IDA), Wayne Ansell (WNA), Brian for organising and Mr Knights for being such an efficient "Catering Manager" ensuring that the "Green Room" was fully stocked - it was so nice to see our old friend Gordon again, he's such a tonic! Hope we can partake next year and meet in the same spirit again.

J.J.E.W.

£15

### Wednesday 30 August

**Fordham, Cambs.** 1280 Cambridge S Major: BEW (C) 1, CCJ 2, DLS 3, PJW 4, DGS 5, AK 6, JJEW 7, RNE 8.

**Peterborough, Cambs.** (St Mary), 1344 Rutland S Major: CCJ 1, PW 2, JJEW 3, DGS (C) 4, RNE 5, BEW 6, AK 7, DLS 8.

### Thursday 31 August

**Sleaford, Lincs.** 1320 Bristol S Major: CCJ 1, BEW 2, KJS 3, DGS 4, JJEW 5, RNE 6, AK 7, DLS (C) 8.

**Caythorpe, Lincs.** 1282 Glasgow S Major: CCJ 1, DLS 2, JJEW 3, AK 4, KJS 5, RNE 6, DGS 7, BEW (C) 8.

**Sibsey, Lincs.** 1278 Lincolnshire S Major: DGS 1, CCJ 2, KJS 3, BEW 4, JJEW 5, DLS 6, RNE 7, AK (C) 8.

### Friday 1 September

**Ewerby, Lincs.** 1250 Yorkshire S Major: IA 1, KJS 2, AK 3, DLS 4, JJEW 5, BEW (C) 6, RNE 7, DGS 8.

**Bicker, Lincs.** 1280 Superlative S Major: DLS 1, AK 2, KJS 3, RNE 4, DGS 5, BEW 6, OPC 7, JJEW (C) 8.

**Spalding, Lincs.** 1312 Spl S Major (Std 8): BEW 1, AK 2, DGS 3, OPC 4, JJEW 5, SPG 6, DLS 7, RNE (C) 8. Bon voyage Ralph & Tessa

**Surfleet, Lincs.** 1344 Kent T B Maximus: CCJ 1, BEW 2, KJB 3, AK 4, SPG 5, JJEW 6, OPC 7, RNE 8, WNA 9, IDA 10, DLS 11, DGS (C) 12. 1st blows of Maximus: 9,10.

### Saturday 2 September

**Holbeach, Lincs.** 1296 DNCBM: CCJ 1, KJS 2, AK 3, BEW 4, MAW 5, JJEW 6, DGS 7, DLS (C) 8.

## The "Central Line Loop"

Ringers, just like most other people enjoying a day out, prefer to let someone else "take the strain".

The St Giles Thursday lunchtime band are no exception and last year ventured onto the notorious "Fenchurch Street Line" to ring at towers adjacent to that railway.

This year it was the turn of the loop at the eastern end of the London Underground Central Line and a party of 12 enjoyed six easy going rings in that area of Essex/Greater London.

There are six towers within walking distance of the line and several more which may be readily

reached by bus. It is certainly a recommended method of enjoying an outing without having to bother with driving, parking etc. It is also very reasonable if one uses a rail card (£3.80 at today's rate).

The day started on a very damp note as the ringers had to brave the first rain for six weeks - a thunder storm no less - as they dashed from the tower at Wanstead to the underground. Happily the weather cleared up later and allowed damp clothes to dry.

At Chigwell the group rang for a wedding and got paid but a very late bride did ensure that it was a rush to get to Woodford and Ilford on time.

Our thanks to Incumbents and Tower captains who permitted the group to ring.

If others are interested in a "loop line" tour the undersigned will be pleased to provide details.

It also appears probable that there are other "tours" which are just as accessible for bus/rail travel both in London and elsewhere and other ringers may wish to provide details.

D ELLISON (0181 550 7348)

## Ring the tenor Clive

Stedman Triples was the first quarter of the day. Careful band placing kept Clive out of trouble on the tenor. The conductor was trying out a composition in preparation for a significant birthday the following week and performed to perfection despite not quite hearing one of his own calls.

Bristol at Banstead was rung at a more sedate pace amid the rope noise from the 7th. A very good effort by Reggie for his first in method.

Following an excellent liquid lunch we made our way to Old Coulsdon where we were presented with a problem, eight ringers and only five bells. Three of the band sat in the luxury of the Parish Office with the handbells, whilst the others rang St Martin Doubles on the tower bells.

St Mary's Caterham was the next tower where a delayed wedding halted the afternoons activities. Michael offered his own words of "God Speed" which unfortunately fell on deaf ears. As the Pudsey finally got under way we found we were competing with a bag piper and then a thunderstorm. If the bride had arrived on time she may not have got so wet!

A quick dash to St John's and a near collision in the car park took some ringers by surprise. Evensong was at 6pm which meant we just had time to ring the Lindum. This was very much a team effort with Michael keen to give Chris a helping hand, and Lloyd keeping everyone in order.

The day concluded at Westerham with a quarter of Rutland. Despite touring the High Street several times we couldn't find a pub with enough room so we decided to visit a larger pub on the main road. If you enjoy a pub with an unfriendly atmosphere, cloudy beer and ignorant staff, then this is the place for you.

Sunday afternoon and the band reassembled at Iver. Yorkshire Major was the method but was the Iver jinx going to strike again? A small mishap in the fifth course was corrected and after 47 minutes the quarter was completed.

The pressure was intense as the band gathered at Beaconsfield to ring eight spliced for Evensong. Hardly a trip and an excellent finale to the weekend, and even time for a service touch of Stedman. Ring the tenor Clive! £13

### Saturday 9 September

**Epsom, Surrey.** 1265 Stedman Triples: L S Cartwright 1, B M Buswell (C) 2, Jane Kostelnik 3, Meryl Kennedy 4, R D P Gillard 5, C R McLean 6, R A Pearce 7, C Buswell 8.

**Banstead, Surrey.** 1280 Bristol S Major: L S Cartwright 1, R D P Gillard (1st in m) 2, Jane Kostelnik 3, B M Buswell 4, C Buswell 5, C R McLean 6, M J Uphill 7, R A Pearce (C) 8.

**Old Coulsdon, Surrey.** (Parish Office) 1260 P B Minor: M J Uphill 1-2, B M Buswell (C) 3-4, C Buswell 5-6.

**Old Coulsdon, Surrey.** 1260 St Martins B Doubles (10 dif ext): C R McLean 1, Jane Kostelnik 2, R D P Gillard 3, R A Pearce 4, L S Cartwright 5.

**Caterham on the Hill, Surrey.** 1280 Pudsey S Major: C Buswell 1, R D P Gillard (1st in m) 2, Jane Kostelnik 3, B M Buswell 4, R A Pearce 5, L S Cartwright 6, C R McLean (50th Q in 95) 7, M J Uphill (C) 8.

**Caterham Valley, Surrey.** 1280 Lindum S Major: M J Uphill 1, R D P Gillard 2, B M Buswell 3, Jane Kostelnik 4, C Buswell 5, C R McLean 6, R A Pearce 7, L S Cartwright (C) 8. 1st in m for all.

**Westerham, Kent.** 1280 Rutland S Major: Jane Kostelnik 1, B M Buswell 2, R D P Gillard 3, L S Cartwright 4, C R McLean 5, M J Uphill 6, R A Pearce 7, C Buswell (C) 8.

### Sunday 10 September

**Iver, Bucks.** 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Meryl Kennedy 1, B M Buswell 2, Jane Kostelnik 3, R D P Gillard 4, J C Davidge 5, C Buswell (C) 6, C R McLean 7, L S Cartwright 8.

**Beaconsfield, Bucks.** 1280 Spl S Major (Std 8): Patricia Moore 1, Claire Edwards 2, B M Buswell 3, Jane Kostelnik 4, L S Cartwright 5, K J Darvill 6, C R McLean 7, C Buswell (C) 8.

## In North Carolina

**Raleigh, NC.** 21 Aug, 1888 Bristol S Major: Margo Acomb 1, Jeni Firmager 2, Linda Garton 3, John Mabe 4, John Loveless (C) 5, John Owen 6, Simon Rudd 7, Amanda Richmond 8. Also 1260 Stedman Triples: Linda Garton 1, Margo Acomb 2, Amanda Richmond 3, John Mabe 4, John Loveless 5, Jeni Firmager 6, Simon Rudd (C) 7, John Owen 8.

**Cumberland Knob, NC.** 23 Aug, 1344 Oxford T B Major: Linda Garton 1-2, Amanda Richmond 3-4, John Loveless 5-6, Simon Rudd (C) 7-8.

**Roaring Gap, NC.** 27 Aug, 1440 Kent T B Royal: John Loveless (C) 1-2, Linda Garton 3-4, Amanda Richmond 5-6, Simon Rudd 7-8, John Owen 9-10. £6.50

## National Teachers' Guild Nottingham District

### Saturday 9th September

We ventured 'south' for our September event, given that Derbyshire, unlike Nottinghamshire, is in the Province of Canterbury! The usual six quarters were visited, with the single loss being at Swanwick where a rope came untucked with a couple of doubles extents to go. A lack of experience restricted the choice of method for the attempts, though we acquitted ourselves well on the very light eight at Pinxton, the back three here being rung by employees of Nottingham Trent University. The usual multi-doubles attempt was also successful at the last tower. Once again, thanks to all who took part, those who gave permission for the attempts and those who met us. Next event: 13th January 1996 (Mid-Notts). All those involved in education and their families, who like quarter peal ringing & who live in the East Midlands, or prepared to travel, will be most welcome.

**Greasley, Notts.** 1260 P B Triples: R H Jones 1, Jennifer Clarke 2, Anna Webb 3, G L Wilkinson 4, R E Tew 5, B Hinchliffe 6, R E H Woolley (C) 7, T R Wilkinson (1st on 8) 8.

**Pinxton, Derbys.** 1264 P B Major: R H Jones 1, B L Wilkinson 2, Jennifer Clarke 3, B Hinchliffe 4, Anna Webb 5, R E Tew 6, M Walton (1st Major) 7, R E H Woolley (C) 8.

**Pentrich, Derbys.** 1260 P B Minor: T R Wilkinson 1, Anna Webb 2, R H Jones 3, M Walton 4, G L Wilkinson 5, R E H Woolley (C) 6.

**South Wingfield, Derbys.** 1260 P B Minor: R H Jones 1, Anna Webb 2, M Walton 3, Jennifer Clarke 4, G L Wilkinson 5, R E H Woolley (C) 6. 75th tog: 4,6.

**Morton, Derbys.** 1260 Doubles (25m/v): Jennifer Clarke 1, B L Wilkinson 2, R H Jones 3, R E H Woolley (C) 4, B Hinchliffe 5, M Walton 6. £5

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## Derby District Q P Day

The annual Quarter Peal Day of the Derby District of the Derby Diocesan Association took place on Saturday, 16th September, 1995 at towers in the Alfreton area of Derbyshire. Twenty seven ringers took part of which 5 stood in at short notice to fill gaps created by a series of unfortunate, sudden illnesses and other major disasters. I trust that those who were forced to withdraw are feeling much better by the time they read this.

Nine quarter peals had been planned and nine good quarter peals were rung, although not all in exactly the methods originally intended. Each one was of benefit to at least one member of the band and several contained 'firsts', including one first quarter peal, by Tom Crouch (12) who rang extremely well by any standards.

The day was concluded in the traditional Derby manner, with too much to eat and drink in a fine local hostelry. Thanks go to all those incumbents and tower captains who gave permission for us to ring their bells, all the ringers who took part (especially those who stood in at short notice) and to me for organising the event.

J.E.H.

£12.40

### 16 September 1995

**Blackwell.** 1260 Doubles (2m): Thomas Crouch (1st Q aged 12) 1, John Chadwick 2, Elizabeth Heaton 3, Peter Sutton 4, John Heaton (C) 5, John Crouch 6.

**Shirland.** 1260 Spl Minor (2m): Keith Woolley 1, Jackie Burns 2, Jeanette Phoenix 3, Andrew Burns 4, John Heaton (C) 5, Richard Hamby 6. 1st spl: 2.3.

**Ashbourne.** 1260 Grandsire Triples: Arnold Morley 1, Andrew Burns 2, Jackie Burns 3, Sally Branson (1st in m) 4, Irene Randall 5, Brian Tomlinson (C) 6, Rev David Sansum 7, Keith Woolley 8. For the wedding of Suzannah Phillips and Gary Brewster. 39th anniversary of his ordination: 7.

**Belper.** 1260 P B Minor: Keith Woolley 1, Jackie Burns 2, Jane Temple 3, Pat Halls 4, Gordon Halls 5, Andrew Burns (C) 6.

**Tibshelf.** 1260 P B Minor: Jane Boden 1, Erica Stewart 2, Nigel Coupe 3, Elizabeth Heaton 4, Peter Sutton 5, John Chadwick (C) 6.

**Pinxton.** 1264 P B Major: Pat Halls 1, Gordon Halls 2, Brian Tomlinson 3, Jane Temple 4, Sally Bramson 5, Irene Randall 6, Philip Hudson (C) 7, Arnold Morley 8.

**Swanwick.** 1260 P B Minor: Pat Halls (C) 1, Rachel Coupe 2, Eric Davies 3, Gordon Halls 4, Philip Hudson 5, Mark Smith 6. Remembering with affection Eric Speake, whose funeral took place today.

**Crich.** 1260 P B Triples: Jane Boden (C) 1, Erica Stewart 2, Sally Bramson 3, Irene Randall 4, Philip Hudson 5, Richard Hamby 6, Peter Taylor 7, Tony Laughton 8.

**Heanor.** 1260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Heaton 1, Jane Boden 2, John Crouch (1st in m) 3, Brian Tomlinson 4, Peter Sutton 5, Tony Laughton 6, John Heaton (C) 7, Derek Camm 8.

## Fire Service Guild in Humberside or is now Yorkshire

Over the weekend September 1st, 2nd and 3rd the Fire Service Guild had an outing to the Whitby area for ringing, with our living base a few miles south at Market Weighton. The weekend started on Friday evening in the Market Weighton area with two quarter peals, details below. Then supper in a local watering hole.

Our coach left Market Weighton Fire Station at 8.45am. About thirty of us on the coach and one car following. When you have a very small baby you need a car just for the "you know whats". We left Market Weighton in the first rainfall for what seemed like years, it was in fact weeks. Our first stop was Scarborough, St Mary, a fine ring of ten which we put to good use. By now the rain was a storm, coming off the North Sea in stair rods. The next tower was just up the road at Scalby, St Laurence. Lunch next stop. The pub we used was sandwiched between the North York Moors and the North Sea, on a fine day a fine place, on a wet day a very wet place. However, the food was first

class and the beer even better. Its nice to have your second pint knowing all that needs to be done is sit on a coach, no drive. After lunch Whitby, St Mary, if you have never been inside St Mary at Whitby do try to go sometime. Its a church like no other in the country. You may or may not know that Bram Stoker, the author of Count Dracula has strong Whitby connections. When the Guild got to St Marys a wedding blessing was taking place. The bride, groom and most of the guests all in black, with make up (even some of the girls) to look like the famous count. It was then on to the headland of Flamborough, St Oswald. By now the rain had stopped, even a little blue sky could be seen. The last stop of the day was Bridlington, Priory Church of St Mary. Before ringing a most welcome cup of tea was offered by the ladies of the church. Your correspondent notes he must be getting old, by late afternoon on a ringing tour I now need a cup of tea more than a pint of beer. The bells are first rate. The tenor a little heavy and deep set, ask Chris Rogers. After the Priory Church it was back to Market Weighton for a Bar B Que in the Fire Station. The rain still holding off.

Sunday we rang at a number of local churches for service, morning coffee with our hosts and then home. A super weekend, even if it did rain. Our thanks to the Yorkshire members for the organisation. Our thanks also to incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the ringers who let us in.

The Fire Service Guild has its AGM weekend in October at the Fire Service College, Moreton in Marsh. Watch this space.

**Pocklington, Yorks.** 1 Sept, 1260 Stedman Triples: Ken Baker 1, Roger Brown 2, Jenny Hastings 3, Ken Phillips 4, Peter Knight 5, Andrew Phillips 6, Geoff Hebden (C) 7, Colin Hornet 8. 1st Stedman triples: 5. A welcome to James Peter Stansbury, first child for Margo and Rob, with the Guilds congratulations.

**Holme on Spalding Moor, Yorks.** 1 Sept, P B Doubles (No. of changes not given): Andrew Hebden 1, Michael Hebden 2, Clive Galloway 3, Jack Long 4, John Speak (C) 5, Michael Kernan 6. For the Fire-fighters of the World. £5

## Son et Lumiere

To be ringing in a New Year on August 25th may seem to some to be just a mite early, but.....

1996 sees the 50th Anniversary of the founding of The Inland Waterways Association, friend of the waterways, who campaign for the Retention, Conservation, Restoration, and the Development of the Inland Waterways of Britain to the fullest possible commercial and recreational uses. One of the ways in which the IWA tries to raise public awareness of the issues involved and to recruit further support for their campaign is by the staging of a National Waterways Festival at a significant venue each year, be it to protest at the lethargy of the bureaucracy in relation to certain Waterways, to publicise the restoration of a "Redundant" length, or, as in this case, to celebrate a past event. This years event was held in The City of Chester, the birth-place of L.T.C. (Tom) Rolt, whose epic journey along the canals aboard the narrowboat Cressy in 1944, recounted in his book *Narrow Boat*, was the inspiration for the founding of the IWA. The Festival was to include the Official Launch of a year of events to mark the Golden Jubilee.

So where is the link with ringing? Well, over the years we have come into contact with other ringers while attending various IWA events and it occurred to us that there might be a chance for ringers attending the Festival to add a unique contribution to the event. A general enquiry, made at last years Festival, confirmed our thoughts and planning began. We had one problem not normally encountered in arranging special ringing, the getting of sufficient competent people in the same place at the same time, was made more difficult by the nature of the event, as participants were expected to be occupied with other aspects of the Festival as well. It is, in particular, difficult to predict the time of arrival at a given point for a specific boat,

moving in the same direction and through the same locks as about two hundred or so other boats, without the added complications of a natural water shortage aggravated by drought.

Despite such difficulties on the water, plus a delayed flight from the U.S.A., we were able to field a band of six IWA Members to ring a quarter at Christleton (where Tom Rolt's father had been Churchwarden) on the Eve of the Festival. This was followed by a second quarter rung the following evening at St Mary's without the Walls, Handbridge.

After this second quarter the ringers returned to the Festival's camp-site, where they entertained onlookers with change ringing on handbells while the judging was taking place for the Illuminated Camping Unit Shield. The unit that they were ringing alongside (a caravan-with-awning) had been decked out as a church: - working church clock, weather vane (ditto), flag pole, several stained glass windows, and for the cognizant, jokes on the foundation stone, "war" memorial, notice board, and tombstones. However, the tower, suffering an unfortunate design fault, defied erection in a moderate breeze and in the frenzy of assembly (at the approach of the judging deadline) the Belfry Bat was overlooked! Despite the detractions, the results of this Son et Lumiere, we are sure, made all the difference for the judges in their difficult task of selecting a winner, for which we are very grateful, and will have the Shield inscribed accordingly, with THE DUNNING "FAMILY".

### Inland Waterways Association

**Christleton, Chester.** 25 Aug, 1260 P B Doubles: Shelagh Dunning 1, R Bindley 2, R C Graves 3, Elaine Scott 4, P J Scott (C) 5, A E Dunning 6. For the start of the Celebrations of the 50th year of Inland Waterways Association activity, and commemorating the involvement of L T C (Tom) Rolt, son of this parish. 1st Q for the IWA.

**Handbridge, Chester.** 26 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Stephenson 1, Alison Struckett 2, Jacqui Mack 3, R Bindley 4, R C Graves (C) 5, P J Scott 6, G Powell 7, D Struckett 8. £5

## Headcorn Outing Goes West...

The annual Headcorn Ringers' outing on 2nd September took members of the District to Wiltshire. The coach set off in overcast weather at 8 a.m., and arrived, just in time for elevenses, at the church of St John the Baptist, Mildenhall, in the middle of a torrential downpour. Minal (as it is called locally) is renowned for its fine Georgian interior, so while ringers took their turn to venture behind the cage-type door, the non-ringers admired their surroundings which became even more striking as the sun came out. The ground-floor six were put to good use in a variety of methods (including London), but soon we had to leave to make our way to St Mary the Virgin, Marlborough.

This old-fashioned ring of eight was soon resounding to Triples and Major, thanks to the efforts of the local steeple-keeper who had made a special journey that morning for essential repairs to the tenor. Call changes to Stedman and Pudsey were enjoyed here, then it was time for lunch, some going to the pub while others braved the town's racing-circuit traffic to cross to the chip-van parked in the market-place.

In the post-prandial conversations, it gradually became obvious that, somehow, communications had broken down as to the exact whereabouts of the coach; everyone seemed to have been given (or had heard) different directions... We all knew it was in a coach-park, but no-one positively knew how to get there! Anyway, most of the party found it eventually (via at least five different routes), and we were all glad when, after a short delay, the final missing family appeared on the scene in time for us to go on to our next venue, Avebury.

While some went to circle the stones (an ancient fertility rite?), others attempted to circle the tower of St James, this very light ring of six encouraging some ladies to take the opportunity to turn in the tenor; although a batch of call changes seemed to run away in the general excitement, this recent re-hang was deemed a total success.



By now the weather seemed set fair, and, bidding farewell to the stones now bathed in brilliant sunshine, Roy the Navigator guided us to the lovely eight at St Mary the Virgin, Bishops Cannings. The bells obviously knew Single Oxford and Stedman, and, although some of the call changes weren't actually called(!) by the conductor, everyone went away agreeing that this was the best tower of the day.

A refreshment-stop at Devizes (in the middle of its carnival) was next on the itinerary, and many of us were fortunate to find a cafe serving good hot mugs of tea and large slices of home-made fruit-cake; the thought of a pint of Wadsworths had just started to tempt some of the party but, unfortunately for them, it was now time to move onto St Michael & All Angels, Urchfont. Here the village-pond was completely drought-stricken, and three ducks looked rather lost and woebegone beside its cracked remains; however, the ground-floor ring of eight was a pleasant end to our ringing activities, even though we wished that those on the third bell would quieten it down a bit!

Having stopped for some fish and chips at the aptly-named Hungerford (and at the same time making subtle(?) use of the 'facilities' in the pub opposite), we arrived back at Headcorn at about 10.30 p.m. Our thanks go to all the incumbents and key-holders for allowing us to ring their bells, to our coach-driver for taking us so many miles safely, but most especially we thank Enid once again for making all the arrangements for such a lovely day. J.L.

## Rutland Branch Q P Day

23 September 1995

**Barrowden.** 1260 P B Doubles: David Thorne 1, Janice Atkinson 2, Janet Wilkins 3, David Hytch 4, David Murcott (C) 5, John Nicholls 6.

**Braunston.** 1440 Norwich S Minor: David Murcott 1, Janet Wilkins 2, Peggy Jennings 3, Ray Bailey 4, John Beadman 5, Christopher Groome (C) 6.

**Brooke.** 1320 Netherseale S Minor: Janet Wilkins 1, Ian Willgress 2, Paul Phillips 3, Ray Bailey 4, John Beadman 5, Richard Beadman (C) 6.

**Cottesmore.** 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Philip Heath 1, Sarah Dawson 2, Peggy Jennings (C) 3, Sue Hobson 4, Freda Willgress 5, Ian Willgress 6.

**Great Casterton.** 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Ann Blessett 1, Shirley Harris 2, Dorothy Chamberlain 3, Sheila Griggs 4, Lois Webb 5, Brian Harris (C) 6.

**Langham.** 1260 P B Minor: Peggy Jennings 1, Sarah Dawson 2, Sue Hobson 3, Freda Willgress 4, Philip Heath 5, Ian Willgress (C) 6.

**Lyddington.** 1260 P B Minor: Janet Ingram 1, Emma Dedynski (1st in m) 2, Sheila Griggs 3, Janice Atkinson 4, David Murcott 5, Christopher Groome (C) 6.

**Uppingham.** 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Griggs 1, Janice Atkinson 2, Freda Willgress 3, Peggy Jennings 4, Paul Phillips 5, David Murcott 6, Ian Willgress (C) 7, Christopher Groome 8. 1st in m: 2,4,5.

D.L.C.M.

£10

## "Go Primrose"

(...or Dot's Mob in the Mendips)

Friday 25th August saw the beginning of another of Dot Hooker's ringing weekends – this time to Weston-Super-Mare and the Mendips.

The Hungerford Arms at Farleigh Hungerford was the venue for most of us meeting for lunch. It was here that Primrose, one tower's lucky mascot, was last seen before being kidnapped.

The first tower of the weekend was Cheddar and, after a quick grab by everyone, a quarter-peal was attempted and proved successful – 1264 Plain Bob Major coming round in 48 minutes. It was here that a ransom note for the safe return of Primrose was found stuck under the wiper blade of the Hookermobile. On then to the hotel, near the sea where Dot checked in on our behalf and we were shown to our rooms (good job too otherwise some of us would never have found them – or disappeared, like poor Primrose). The evening meal commenced at 6pm and after

rearranging the tables that had so neatly been laid out in order to get the requested starter, David discovered that unfortunately he was not quite up to catching the flies on the ceiling this year – older buildings, taller rooms. Then Butterfingers (no names mentioned) knocked a full pint of lemonade and blackcurrant all over the green and lace tablecloth. We finally managed to sit down and consume our food before toddling off to the two evening towers: Worle, and Kewstoke where we joined in on their practice evening. The usual post-ringing exercise was then undertaken at the local inn and then for many back to the hotel for yet more liquid refreshment before a walk along the beach and a midnight paddle.

Up to this time no further sightings of Primrose were reported and her keepers were discussing whether the terms of the ransom note could be met.

Saturday morning proved to be quite funny when at breakfast it was reported that three of the taller gents had had to push their respective ladies to the sides of the beds in order to stretch out diagonally across the bed. The mind boggles at the antics some go to get a good night's sleep. Also some of the other night noises were reported including those from a neighbouring bedroom whose occupant was on an away weekend without his good lady and no doubt relishing having the bed to himself. The plumbing arrangements were discussed in detail over the full English breakfast with some having enjoyed nice relaxing hot showers, some invigorating cold ones and some no shower at all due to what was suggested might be a blockage.

The first tower of the day was Uphill which, as its name suggests is up a hill – a very steep hill – but what a fantastic view when we reached the top. Loxton was the next tower on the itinerary, boasting two towers, at least that's what it looked like, and after locating the correct one and parking in a farmyard, we managed a quick ring. Axbridge was the last tower before lunch: here we found the ringing room afloat with butterflies – we counted 11 but there were probably more that we missed. When asked to ring the treble to Bob Doubles one ringer had no idea that she was going to be "wound up" before starting to ring, the treble being adjacent to the clock mechanism.

A very nice pub, the Prince of Orange at Yatton, was chosen with everyone enjoying their food, especially one young man who had his favourite pudding of Black Forest Gateau. The afternoon towers were Yatton – where we almost had a lock-out – Churchill, and Congresbury – a heavy eight where almost everyone who could grabbed the sonorous tenor before we finished. Then it was back to the hotel to freshen up before dinner. The evening comprised a game of pontoon followed by Trivial Pursuit, the winners of which I am told only won through luck and not their general knowledge prowess. For those who wanted to, another evening stroll along the beach was enjoyed where one member of the group lost a sock (last seen half way down the Bristol Channel). Someone else tried to see if he could bounce when he fell over on the causeway but discovered very painfully that he was more likely to achieve bruises than elevation.

Sunday morning after breakfast it was off to ring at Compton Bishop where the traditional group photo was taken – once or twice by the David Baileys amongst us. At this stage, you might have wondered whether or not there had been any sightings of Primrose since Friday. Well at one point on Saturday she was seen in a white Vauxhall Astra, hanging from the sun roof with her legs out through the opening. What behaviour for a young lady! Since then there had been no further information and indeed her captors had made no further demands. Perhaps they were beginning to wonder just who they had kidnapped.

But back to the ringing. After Compton Bishop the rest of the day was our own to do whatever. Some chased back to Weston to ring for Service, some went visiting relatives, others limbered up by climbing Crook Peak before the afternoon games on the beach which were thoroughly enjoyed by all those who took part. It was here on the beach that we caught a glimpse of Primrose

being cuddled by young Master Barclay (Andrew, not Roy).

In the evening the delights of the pier were investigated with a visit to a cafe for Fish and Chips and then into the Amusement Arcade. The Crazy House and the Ghost Train proved to be the main attractions and the most fun. The last destination before bed was the hotel bar and a few more bevies to complete the day.

Monday morning came round all too soon and after breakfast and loading up the cars we set off to the last two towers of the weekend – Blagdon and Chew Stoke. At Blagdon, it was discovered that young Andrew had left his teddy back at Weston and Roy had to make a 40 mile round trip to retrieve it – or was it Primrose? After a pint and some lunch we made our way home at the end of yet another successful and enjoyable weekend away. Thanks to Margaret and David for providing the games on the beach, and most of all to Dot for organising the weekend. Here's to next year!

As a footnote you may wonder whether Primrose was finally returned to her keeper. The last sighting your correspondent had of her was being removed from the William's team car where she had been observed in a very compromising position with a young man half her size and age on the front ledge. Her keepers having finally caught up with her were aghast at the bad habits she had picked up whilst removed from their "safe keeping" and at the encouragement given by her captors. The last we saw of her was being safely put into a green Citroen ZX and being scolded by her "Dad". I wonder if she will be allowed to come next year?

P.S. In case you are wondering, Primrose is a small white bear dressed in a yellow jumpsuit!

SHONA COLEBROOK

**Cheddar, Som.** 25 Aug, 1264 P B Major: Dot Hooker 1, Shona Colebrook 2, Richard Young 3, Malwyn Williams 4, Malcolm Hitchcock 5, Roy Barclay 6, Michael Birkbeck 7, Darren Elphick (C) 8. For the Cheddar 'Past and Present' flower display and village exhibition by ringers from Kent. £5

## In Cornwall

**Truro** (Cathedral). 29 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Caters: R J Perry 1, M R Wycherley 2, Claire Sweetman 3, Debbie Couch 4, A J Davidson 5, Helen Tombs 6, Sarah Moore 7, S R Nankervis 8, A J Beer (C) 9, I P Self 10. 1st caters inside: 4,6.

**St Austell.** 29 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: M R Wycherley 1, Claire Sweetman 2, Sarah Moore 3, Debbie Couch (50th Q) 4, S R Nankervis 5, I P Self (1st Stedman triples) 6, R J Perry (C) 7, A J Davidson 8.

**Carbis Bay.** 1 Sept, 1320 Beverley S Minor: A R Climo-Thompson 1, I P Self 2, C W Temperton 3, Carolyn Howell (1st in m) 4, Helen Tombs 5, J T Watson (C) 6.

**Little Petherick.** 23 Sept, 1320 College Green D Minor: C W Temperton 1, I P Self 2, Debbie Couch 3, D H Beer 4, A R Climo-Thompson 5, Vanessa Climo-Thompson (C) 6. 1st in m by all.

**St Mabyn.** 23 Sept, 1318 Xarifa D Minor: Debbie Couch 1, Helen Tombs 2, Vanessa Climo-Thompson 3, Claire Sweetman 4, I P Self 5, A R Climo-Thompson (C) 6. 1st in m by all.

**St Endellion.** 23 Sept, 1320 Cabot D Minor: A R Climo-Thompson (C) 1, Claire Sweetman 2, Helen Tombs 3, Debbie Couch 4, C W Temperton 5, I P Self 6. 1st in m by all.

**St Minver.** 23 Sept, 1320 Turnon D Minor: Debbie Couch 1, Helen Tombs 2, C W Temperton 3, D H Beer 4, Claire Sweetman (C) 5, A R Climo-Thompson 6. 1st in m by all. £4.80

A quarter peal (almost) was rung at Mancetter, Warwickshire for Harvest Festival evening service on 1st October, 1995. 1240 changes were rung in three different methods, there should have been 1260 changes but the ringer of the fourth got caught in traffic and we were late starting.

The ringers were Matthew Knight treble, Tim Wykes 2nd, Tony Knight 3rd, Keith Whitehead 4th, Bob Bacon tenor (C). £1



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**BUSCR.** AGM will take place on Saturday 25th  
November at 5.30pm in St Monica's Hall,  
Edgbaston Old Church. Tour beforehand contact  
Jerry on (0121) 456 2584. Ad No 4282

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE  
RINGERS.** AGM, Monday 27th November, 8pm,  
Quarrell Room, Exeter College. 1595

**OPEN UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.** AGM in Cirencester  
area on Saturday November 18. First tower  
Siddington (map ref 035002) 10.15am. Names for  
tea please by Wed 15th and full details from David  
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which was badly worn. A service of rededication  
is planned for Friday 24th November at 7.30pm.  
There will be general ringing from 6.30pm, and  
again after the service until 9pm; and light  
refreshments will be served after the service in  
the Church Hall. Visitors are cordially invited to  
attend. 4281

## Association Announcement

**K.C.A.C.R.** Maidstone District. New Secretary Mr  
Fred Asprey, 01622 850539. Ad No 1532

## Weekday Meetings and Practices

**LEICS MID-WEEK.** Meeting at Ratby on Tuesday  
November 21. All welcome. 4275

**OXFORD D.G.** North Bucks Branch. Practice at  
Buckingham (8), Friday November 17, 7.30-9pm.  
Special method: Kent Major. 1540

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** Western Branch.  
Thursday November 23, 10 and 12 bell practice at  
Bradford Cathedral. All welcome. 1356

## Saturday Meetings and Practices

**DEVON GUILD.** Exeter Branch. AGM at Heavitree  
on Sat November 18. General ringing 2.45pm.  
Service 3.30pm. Tea and Meeting 4pm. Ringing at  
the Cathedral 6pm. Names for tea to Pat Yeo,  
please, by Nov 16: phone/fax 01392 860332. Also  
Monday November 13: Advanced/Surprise Major  
practice at Heavitree; Wednesday December 6:  
General ten-bell practice at Thorverton; Monday  
December 11: Advanced/Surprise Major practice  
at Heavitree. 1560

**E.D.W.N.A.** Meeting at Warsop, Notts on Sat  
November 18, 7-9pm. All welcome. 1601

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** Northern District. Our  
next Meeting will be at Castle Hedingham on Sat  
November 18 with the Service at 4.30pm,  
followed by tea and Meeting. Afternoon ringing  
will from 3pm at Castle Hedingham, and evening  
ringing from 7pm at Sible Hedingham after the  
meeting. Names for tea to Mike Whitaker on  
01787 277750 by Thurs November 16 please. 1552

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** NE District. Practice on  
Saturday November 18. This will be held at St.  
Peter's Church, Colchester from 7-9pm. All  
welcome. 1556

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.** Southern District Meeting  
at Fobbing on Sat November 18. Starts 3pm. 1488

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** Guildford  
District. Sat November 18, Nomination Meeting  
at Chiddingfold. Ringing 3.30, service 4.30, then  
tea, meeting and more ringing. Names for tea to  
Mary Pyner (01428 643600) by Tues November 14  
- best to call after 7pm. 1498

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** Bridgnorth  
District. Quarterly Meeting, Saturday November  
18 at Alveley. Ringing from 5.30pm until 6.00pm  
followed by service and meeting then ringing  
until 8.30pm. 1502

**HERTFORD C.A.** Bishop's Stortford District  
Practice, Sat November 18, Albury (6, 13cwt)  
7.30-9pm. Special method: Norwich Surprise  
Minor. Everyone welcome. 1604

**NORWICH D.A.** Western Branch. AGM, Saturday  
November 18. Ringing at Swaffham from 2.30-  
4.00pm, Service at Castle Acre 4.30pm, followed  
by tea at 5.00pm, meeting and evening ringing.  
All most welcome. Names to Jenny Bell, 01362  
860371 by Friday 17th at latest. 1516

**OXFORD D.G.** City Branch AGM, Saturday  
November 18 at Headington. The bells will be  
available from 3.15pm, service at 4pm followed  
by tea and meeting in the parish hall. Names for  
tea to Catherine Hughes on 01865 875154 by  
Wednesday November 16, please. 4274

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** Southern  
Division. Saturday November 18, Practice and  
Tower Captains Meeting. Ringing, Shoreham by  
Sea (8) 3.30. Tea 5.00. Coffee and tea available.  
Please bring your own food! Tower Captains  
Meeting 5.30. Evening ringing following meeting  
time permitting. 1600

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** Western Branch.  
Saturday November 18. Evening ringing at  
Keighley, 6.30-8.30pm. Special method: Double  
Norwich. 1353

**BATH & WELLS D.A.** Axbridge Branch. Saturday  
November 25, Practice at Worle, 7pm. Saturday  
December 9, Practice at Axbridge, 7pm. Saturday  
January 20, Quarterly Meeting at Winscombe,  
3pm. Ad No 1591

**BATH & WELLS D.A.** Crewkerne Branch.  
Quarterly Meeting, Saturday November 25,  
Broadway. Ringing from 3pm. Service at 4.30pm  
followed by tea, meting and further ringing till  
9pm. Names for tea to Terry Spearing (01460)  
53442. Ad No 1605

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** Luton District.  
Saturday November 25, Evening meeting at  
Husborne Crawley (8), 6.30-8.30pm. Special  
methods: Double Norwich and St Clement's. 1597

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.** Aylesbeare  
Branch. Sat November 25, Monthly Practice,  
Sowton, 7-9pm. All welcome. 0130

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.** Mid Devon  
Branch. AGM, Saturday November 25. Ringing  
3pm at Torre. Service 4.30pm at Torre. Tea 5pm at  
St Marychurch. Meeting 5.45pm at St Mary-  
church. Ringing 7pm at Babbacombe. Numbers  
for tea to Tony Morris on 01626 888288 by Nov  
18. Visitors will be most welcome. 1590

**DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.** Meeting at  
Sprotborough on Saturday November 25, 7-9pm.  
All welcome. 1587

**ELY D.A.** Wisbech District Meeting on Sat  
November 25 at Crimplesham, 2-5pm (later if  
need be). No tea. Plain Hunt practice. Visitors  
welcome. 1510

**G.&B.D.A. BRISTOL.** Branch Annual Service and  
General Meeting at St James, Sat November 25.  
Ringing 3pm, Service 4.30 followed by tea and  
Annual Meeting. Names for tea to J Watson, 72  
Shaldon Rd, Horfield, Bristol BS7 9NW, Tel 0117  
949 6422, please. 1579

**LADIES GUILD.** Central District. Saturday  
November 25, 6-8pm at Chalfont St Giles. Follow-  
up on conducting Stedman. Helpers very  
welcome. 1549

## SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 22nd November 1995

St Martin in the Fields

8.00 p.m.

following practice, 6.30-8.00 p.m.

1535



**LADIES GUILD.** Northampton and District Branch. Saturday November 25. Ringing Harpole (6), 4.30pm; Rothersthorpe (5), 5.30pm; Gayton (6), 6.45pm. Business meeting 6.15pm at Gayton. Pub games evening with refreshments at the Eykyn Arms, from 8pm. Details from and names to: Hilary 01327 830486. Ad No 1557

**LEICESTER D.G.** Leicester District AGM, Saturday November 25. Ringing at Ratby from 3pm. Service 4.30pm followed by tea and meeting in Church Rooms. Meeting commences 5.45pm. Evening ringing Kirby Muxloe until 8.30pm. Names for tea to Mark Penderly (0116-239 2714) by Wednesday November 22. 1603

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** Loughborough District. AGM at Hathern, Saturday November 25. Ringing 3pm, Service 4.30pm followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing until 9pm. Names for tea to Mr Tom Harris (01509 844141) by previous Wednesday. 1539

**LINCOLN D.G.** Southern Branch. Evening Meeting at Market Deeping on Saturday November 25, 7-9pm. St Lawrence Little Bob, Allendale. 1235

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** EBSB. Saturday November 25, Branch 12-Bell Practice at High Wycombe, 7-9pm. 1609

**PETERBOROUGH D.G.** Northampton Branch. Evening Meeting, Saturday November 25, 7pm, Hardingstone. Practice month at Dallington on Wednesdays December 6, 13 and 20, 6.30-7.30pm. 1569

**SALISBURY D.G.R.** Salisbury Branch. Winter Meeting, Saturday November 25. Ringing Chitterne 2.30, Service Codford St Peter 4pm, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing, all at Codford. Names for tea to Miss K Forbes, 01985 850250 by 22nd please. 1507

**SALISBURY D.G.R.** West Dorset Branch AGM on Saturday November 25 in Netherbury. Ringing from 3pm. Service 4.30. Tea, meeting, evening ringing. All visitors welcome. Numbers for tea please to Mrs D Davis, 9 Denziloe, St James Road, Netherbury, Bridport DT6 5LP, 01308 488693 or to Sec. Ad No 1438

**SOUTHWELL D.G.** Mansfield District. Evening Meeting, Saturday November 25, Greasley (8), 7-9pm. Please join us. 1589

**SOUTHWELL D.G.** Newark District. Saturday November 25, Southwell Minster. Ringing 3pm. Meeting 4.15pm followed by tea. Evensong 5.45pm followed by evening ringing. Names for tea (by Wed Nov 22) to Mike Smith (01623 882793). Ad No 1588

**SUFFOLK GUILD.** South West District. Annual District Meeting on Saturday November 25 at Cavendish (6) and Clare (8). Details as follows: Ringing at Cavendish 3.30-4.30pm followed by Service. Tea and ADM at Clare United Reformed Church Hall, 5.15-7pm. Ringing at Clare 7-9pm. Names/numbers for tea to: Andrew Stone, Acacias, High Street, Acton, Sudbury CO10 0AN. Tel: (01787) 881306, by Weds November 22. 1596

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.** Southern District. Saturday November 25. Regular district practice, Leatherhead (10) at 7.30pm. All Welcome. 1472

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.** Christchurch and Southampton District. Quarterly Meeting, Saturday December 2. Ringing St Peter's, Bournemouth, 2.30pm. Service 4.15pm. Tea and Meeting at Priory House, Christchurch. Evening ringing at Christchurch Priory. Names for tea to Mrs R Roberts, 01202 423457 by Nov 26 please. 1594

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** Sheffield and District Branch. Saturday December 9. Ringing at Ranmoor, Sheffield from 4pm. Meeting and Christmas Social 5.30pm onwards. Names for tea to Alf Greenwood (tel 0114 236 7013) by Monday November 28 please. 1610

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Judge, John Leary of All Cannings, listened to the ringing from a sunny spot in the garden of local ringer Jim Phippen - close by the churchyard walls. Tea, coffee and cold drinks were served throughout the afternoon by Margaret Higgins, John Phippen and Simon Bird - all members of the recently formed Buckland Dinham Band.

Following a period of general ringing at the end of the competition the judge gave a detailed appraisal of the performance of each band in turn and announced the results. Finally, Dan Olive, Rector of Mells with Buckland Dinham, Elm, Whatley and Chantry presented the Len Derrick Trophy to the organiser of the winning band, Linda Drew of Bathwick.

Place	Results Band	Marks
1	Bath	32
2	Frome	37
3	Bath 2	41
4	Taunton	42
5	Chew	49
6	Axbridge	58
7	Glaston	63
8	Cary	96
9	Ilchester	99
10=	Crewkerne	108
10=	Dunster	108

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## Around and about

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### The Arthur Hoare Memorial Competition.

This year the Welsh Inter-Guild Striking Competition was hosted by the St. David's Guild and held at St. Mary's Church, Tenby on a beautiful sunny afternoon, Saturday 28th October. The six bell tower bands competed first, followed by the eight bell guild bands, ringing the set touch of Grandsire Triples. After everyone had eaten as much tea as they could manage, the choral service was held at 5 p.m. taken by the Archdeacon, the Reverend John Harvey, Rector of Tenby. At the end of the service Mr. Richard Offen, the adjudicator, from Great Ness near Shrewsbury, gave the results of the competition as follows:

Winners for the first time The North Wales Association (37 faults); 2nd The Llandaff & Monmouth D.A. (37.5); 3rd The Swansea & Brecon D.G. (56); 4th Yet again The St. David's D.G. (85.5).

The competition next year will be held at Welshpool. Hosted by the North Wales Association the eight bell band method will be Oxford Treble Bob Major.

CHRISTIAN MOSES,  
Hon. Sec. St. David's Guild.

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I read with interest the report on eight peals in a day. Not for me, but congratulations to those involved.

Here's a challenge! There was at least a quarter of an hour between peals, giving a total of 1 1/4 hours. Select the day when the clocks go back by one hour, and you have 2 1/4 hours. Time for another peal!

RICHARD STEVENS.

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**Ap-peal-ing:** Train driver Dennis Randall based at Grove Park has retired after 47 years' service but intends to carry on as a volunteer bell ringer at St. Paul's Cathedral!

(from *The Mercury* of 2 November)

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It is hoped that the bells of Holy Trinity, Buckfastleigh will have rung out again on Armistice Sunday for the first time after the disastrous fire in July 1992.

The eight bells were sent to Soundweld for annealing and John Taylor & Co. provided all the new wheels, stays and sliders. All new bearings and new pulleys were also provided. Headstocks and clappers were overhauled.

All the new floors are now fireproof with the ringing room floor being concrete, until the bells are rung it will not be possible to guess how loud the bells will be but no doubt they will be a shade on the quiet side.

At the moment the tower is like a quarry with holes being bored all over the place and lots of re-pointing and building work being carried out.

Until the new glass screen is fitted into the East arch and a new west window is fitted there will be little or no general ringing.

The bells have been rehung by Arthur Fidler helped by Claude Nichols. When they wound the 17 cwt tenor bell back up the tower some 65 feet they checked the time and it took just 30 minutes - not bad for two 65 year olds!

### BELL CLUB AWARDS

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

#### Red

Anne Cooper (Wakefield Cathedral); Andrew McCaffrey (Prestbury, Glos); John Mark D. Williams (Wollaton).

#### Green

Lesley Overton (Hughenden); Sophie Littlechild and Tom Staite (Christchurch Priory).

#### Blue

Heather Crocker (Aston on Trent); Sophie Williams (Christchurch Priory); Andrew Mackintosh, Jenny Mackintosh, Hazel Sweetman, Georgina Zakotti and Ben Zakotti (all of Prestbury, Glos).

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There was an attendance of 80 (the highest for 10 years) at the Worcestershire & Districts Annual Dinner held last Friday at the County Cricket Club, Worcester. The same venue has already been booked for 8 November 1996. Members were saddened during an otherwise very enjoyable evening to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Ruth Jeffery, wife of the Association's President, the Dean of Worcester. Mrs. Jeffery had been a ringer in her youth.

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The British Legion's call for two minutes silence on Saturday caused some problems, particularly in Worcester and York. In both cases peals, dedicated to the memory of those who had given their lives in the service of their country, had been arranged to start at 10 a.m. Arrangements went ahead in York but the start of the Worcester attempt, after much adverse publicity, was postponed until after the two minutes silence had been observed in the City.

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Re *Choral Foundations* on BBC Radio 3 (RW pp.1095 and 1164). I think that the BBC have probably used a recording of the bells of each cathedral featured. The first programme in the series was on Canterbury Cathedral and they sought my permission to use the recording of the ring I made a few years ago (ringing Stedman Cinques). I have not been able to hear any of the programmes, so am not in a position to say if the same recording was used at the end of each edition.

R. OFFEN.

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**Date for the diary.** Christchurch District Open Day, May 6th 1996, hopefully all towers open. Proceeds to W. & P. D.G. BRF. Full details later.

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"Killer on the loose" was the rather disturbing headline in the *Hounslow and Chiswick Informer* of October 20th. The headline appeared above a large photograph of Harold Rogers up among the bells in Isleworth tower. London C.A. officers however can relax; the killer headline referred to a nearby article and Harold's only "crime" was organising the Hounslow Festival of Music.

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The six bells at Roborough, N. Devon have now been rehung with new steel headstocks. The 3rd and tenor bells were cracked in their heads and were sent to Soundweld for repair and all the other fittings were overhauled.

The bells were rung on Friday September 29th for the first time since ringing there stopped because the bells and headstocks were hitting the frame.

The rededication is to take place on Sunday November 19th.

Help in the rehanging was provided by Claude Nichols and Alan Bisett, one of the local ringers.

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After a recent College Youths practice, three members arrived at Bicester North Station. It is now midnight!

"Where's your car, Richard?"

"At home, Simon. Where's yours?"

"At home, Richard!"

"Where's yours, David?"

"Back at the lodgings!"

Three College youths walk home!

### Methods named

Quarter peals of TDMMs nos. 1675 and 1692 were rung at Towednack and Carbis Bay respectively, on Saturday 28th October. The band believes that these methods have not previously been rung and named, and, this being the case, would like to call them *Trendrein Delight Minor* and *Trencrom Surprise Minor* respectively.

ADAM J. BEER.

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T'would save space in the peal columns if after the place notation of all BGW's peals in new methods the lead head 1573 were omitted.

BLUE PENCIL.

### MORE NOTICES

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** Wirral Branch. Meeting, Saturday November 25, Neston. Bells (8) 3pm. Service 5.30pm followed by tea and evening ringing until 9pm. Tea FREE for those notifying Charmian Eastwood, tel 0151 336 4315 by Monday 20th at latest. 1615

**U.L.S.C.R.** Autumn General Meeting will be on Sunday November 26 at 12 noon at St Olave's Church Hall, Mark Lane EC3 Ad No 1617

**PETERBOROUGH D.G.** Towcester Branch. Sat November 25, Practice, Passenham, 7.00-7.45 and Stony Stratford, 8.00-9.00. 0372

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** Fylde Branch Annual General Meeting at St Anne's Parish Church, St Annes on Sea, on Saturday November 25. Ringing from 3-5pm, followed by tea and meeting. All visitors welcome. 1619

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.** Southern District AGM, Sat November 25 at St John's, Darlington. Ringing from 3pm, service 4.30pm followed by tea and meeting. Names to Mrs J Davison, 01325 487093 by Thurs previous. 1625

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