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Triennial Survey of Bell Restoration Funds 1991-1993 – Final Report

1. Introduction

1.1. Every three years the Bell Restoration Funds Committee of the Central Council undertakes a survey of the funds operated by affiliated societies for Bell Restoration. The purpose of the survey is to:

- Establish the level of activity in raising funds for and making grants towards bell restoration.
- Provide information on sources of income, including fund raising methods and the investment of funds.
- Assist the committee in its work on bell restoration funds and related activities.

1.2. The survey form, requesting information broadly similar to the previous survey, was mailed to all affiliated societies in August 1994 with a request for its completion and return by the end of December. Survey forms were returned by all societies with Bell Restoration Funds by 22nd May 1995.

1.3. It is recognised that many ringers, either individually or in groups, raise very significant amounts of money each year for a great variety of ringing and associated projects. No attempt has been made to quantify this level of activity as any result would be incomplete and understate the position.

1.4. All societies have their Bell Restoration Fund registered as a Charity and 15 societies, compared to 9 at the previous survey, are fully registered as a Charity thus enabling them to benefit from recovered tax on members annual subscriptions that are made by way of a covenant.

2. Restoration Funds – Key Data

1990 data has been adjusted for societies that did not return forms for the previous survey so as to provide meaningful comparisons.

3. Income Source

	% of Total Income	
	1993	1990
Interest on investments	19.08	33.84
Covenants (including Recovered Tax)	4.97	5.07
Gift Aid	15.48	1.10
Fund Raising Events	19.89	17.23
Peal Fees	1.23	1.16
Donations – Parishes	8.55	7.79
– Other	16.84	11.20
Bequests	0.38	3.45
Subscriptions	5.29	6.86
Transfers from Other Funds	4.51	6.95
Other (including Collections at Meetings)	3.78	5.35

4. Investment Analysis

	% of Total Investments	
	1993	1990
Building Society	8.59	12.37
National Savings Bank	11.25	16.27
Bank High Interest	19.43	18.79
Bank Deposit	3.29	3.86
Local Authority/Income Bonds	2.06	2.79
Stocks, Shares and Unit Trusts	7.43	7.72
Current A/cs and Cash	1.13	0.68
C of E and Diocesan Boards of Finance	33.79	26.08
CIOF; CAF; CHARINCO	12.09	9.79
Loans	0.06	0.92
Other	0.87	0.73

5. Other Fund Raising and Funds

	1991	1992	1993	1990
Funds Raised for Specific Projects	£3.9k	£6.7k	£32.5k	£47.5k
Branch Funds – Year End Capital	£21.0k	£24.8k	£18.1k	£10.7k

6. Work Eligible for Grants

	% of Societies	
	1993	1990
Bell Restoration	100	100
Augmentation	92	81
Sound Control	73	67
Preventative Maintenance	69	60
Fabric Repairs	46	50

7. Assistance other than Financial

	% of Societies	
	1993	1990
Inspections and Advice	96	95
Project Planning	85	76
Appeal Planning	71	62
DIY	83	79
Band Instruction	79	83
Preventative Maintenance	83	83

8. Analysis and Interpretation of Information

8.1. Members of the Bell Restoration Funds Committee will be studying the Key Data, Income Sources, Investment Analysis and other information in detail and will report their conclusions in *The Ringing World* in due course.

8.2. However, from an initial comparison of the information on Income, Grants and Accumulated Capital, it is clear that there has been a significant shift from the trend of many past years when the ratio of income to grants paid has, with few exceptions,

remained in the region of 2.0. The Income to Grants Paid Ratio for this three year survey (detailed below) suggests that more societies are now prepared to make grants on the basis of projected income rather than waiting to accumulate the income first.

1985 2.00; 1986 2.10; 1987 2.01; 1988 1.71; 1989 1.62; 1990 1.90; 1991 1.69; 1992 1.38; 1993 1.22.

9. Acknowledgements

I would like to take the opportunity of expressing the thanks of this Committee to the Officers of Societies who have kindly assisted with this survey, which is the first time I believe we have had a 100% response. The information collected will be of great assistance to the work of this committee.

ERIC BILLINGS
Bell Restoration Funds Committee

	1991	1992	1993	1993 3 Yrs	1990 3Yrs
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Income	224.9k	236.1k	241.3k	702.3k	493.1k
Grants Paid	132.8k	171.0k	197.1k	500.9k	281.5k
Average Grant	995	1,239	1,181	1,128	733
Year End Capital	748.7k	787.7k	821.3k		
Unpaid Grants	n/a	n/a	173.8k		
Capital Cover for Grants	5.6 Years	4.6 Years	4.2 Years		
Income per Member	7.35	7.62	7.75	7.58	
– Variance to Previous Year	8.77%	3.69%	1.59%		
– Variance to 1990	8.77%	12.79%	14.58%	30.61%	
Grant per Member	4.34	5.52	6.33	5.40	
– Variance to Previous Year	21.93%	27.26%	14.53%		
– Variance to 1990	21.93%	55.18%	77.72%	63.25%	
Capital per Member	24.48	25.44	26.36	25.43	
– Variance to Previous Year	9.38%	3.93%	3.60%		
– Variance to 1990	9.38%	13.68%	17.77%	34.42%	

BOOK REVIEW

Peace and Good Neighbourhood

The story of the bells of St. Luke's Church, Liverpool 1817-1965

by Bryan J. McCahey

In the late 19th century, a well-produced book was often described as 'nicely got up'. This phrase comes immediately to mind on receiving a copy of this new book, for the quality of presentation is excellent, with very careful attention to detail. The book is case bound, with a printed dust wrapper, and was printed on the printing machine from R.M.M.V. Aureol, the last passenger vessel to sail from Liverpool (in March 1972). With great effect, each chapter heading and the initial letter of the chapter is printed in red, with a nice decorative motif at the head of the page.

St. Luke's Liverpool, is well-known for the metal frame of 1828, almost certainly the first cast-iron frame installed anywhere in the country, and a remarkable piece of engineering. In this frame was installed a ring of eight bells cast by William Dobson of Downham, originally supplied to Newton Heath, Manchester, but too heavy for that tower, and which languished in a warehouse for ten years before installation at St. Luke's. These bells were destroyed in an air raid in 1941 and the remains of the metal were finally sold in 1965. In between 1828 and 1941 the tower had its ups and downs, with periods when the bells were not rung and other periods when the bells were much used.



St. Luke's Church, Liverpool c.1900 when the eight bells were still in situ.

photo supplied by David Cawley.

The main body of the book consists of the usual preliminaries, then 37 pages of text, followed by two pages of references. There are two appendices, one giving details of the first true peal on the bells (Kent Treble Bob Major in 1844) and the last peal (Cambridge Surprise Major in 1931), another giving a numbered list of known peals on the bells. (A peal of Kent TB Major rung in 1829, the first on the bells, which is considered to have been false is amusingly numbered 0!) Finally, there is a bibliography listing not only the printed sources consulted but also manuscript sources, and the book is completed by 14 plates of illustrations.

Because of the interest of the bells and frame, much has already been written about the tower and the temptation in producing this book would be just to collate what has already appeared in print. However, it is clear that this temptation has been resisted and that much original research has done among both printed sources – such as newspapers – and manuscript sources. Thus previously published information has been both amplified and extended. In the introduction the author states that he has, where possible, allowed original sources to speak for themselves in the form of quotations, and joined them by providing linking material. In this he has succeeded admirably, and provided a very readable and interesting text.

As to whether anything major can be added to the account, a study of the sources consulted makes this seem unlikely. More detail can always be added, of course. Fred S. Owen, the last tower captain, joined the Lancashire Association in 1926 and was the only member attached to the tower until 1934. Presumably a

new band was then taught as the 1934-5 report gives five new members of the Association attached to the tower. Three out of the five rang their first peal, Plain Bob Major at St. Francis Xavier's, Liverpool, on 6th May 1935, and the names of all five appear as members of the band at St. Francis Xavier's in the Association report for 1935-6, leaving Fred Owen on his own again. There must be a story behind this!

As a librarian, the first thing I do when I look at a book is to skim through rapidly to get the feeling of the book. Some things stand out from the page. In this case the superb and no doubt decorative ringers' jug stood out, as did the name of the ringer who called the last peal on the bells, James C. E. Simpson. He died in 1952 at the early age of 43: I can remember the late Ted Cawser speaking in very high terms of him, both as a person and as a ringer. The second thing that I do is to look at the index at the back – but in this case there isn't one. On reflection it doesn't really need one as the book is not that lengthy. However, I think perhaps a list of the plates would have been an advantage.

The book is a very worthwhile addition to any ringing library, and the proceeds from the sale of the book will be used to aid the work of the Merseyside Bell Restoration Group, who hope ultimately to restore St. Luke's and install a ring of bells once again. At £12.50 it may seem slightly expensive, but a well printed and presented book such as this is not cheap to produce, and I am glad that corners were not cut to produce a cheaper but poorer book. I hope that we will soon hear that the limited edition of 500 copies has been sold and that a reprint is called for.

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Restoration of the Abbey

Thursday 19th October was a notable day in the life of Westminster Abbey. On that day a Service of Thanksgiving was held to celebrate the completion of the most extensive programme of restoration of the Abbey since the time of Sir Christopher Wren. The restoration has taken 22 years and has cost £25million. All the exterior stonework has been inspected and cleaned and any parts showing signs of decay have been replaced. The ornate Henry VII Chapel, from which the scaffolding has only recently been dismantled, looks especially splendid with gleaming white stonework inside and out and with weather-worn mediaeval sculpture replaced. A magnificent new stained glass window has also been installed in the Chapel.

The Service of Thanksgiving was attended by Her Majesty the Queen and by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh in his capacity as President of the Westminster Abbey Trust which has been responsible for raising funds for the restoration.

The Abbey ringers played a full part in the proceedings and the instructions were precise. "Before the Service ring up to 2.48pm; stop while the choir sings the Te Deum; recommence at 2.56 and stop when the signal is received that the Queen has arrived, expected to be at 2.59. After the Service ring for 25 minutes."

Three courses of Stedman Caters, a bob course of Grandsire Caters, a course of Cambridge Royal and some more Stedman nicely filled up the time slots, plus rather a lot of rounds while we awaited the stop signal - most unusually, the Royal Party was a few minutes late arriving.

Further ringing was required that evening. The Dean and Chapter had asked that to mark this very special occasion a peal should be rung. As this was a notable Abbey occasion it was considered appropriate that a member of the Abbey's staff, Emma St. John-Smith, should join nine members of the Abbey Company of Ringers for the peal attempt. Furthermore, the Abbey service sheet was unequivocal in its statement that 'a peal of 5055 Stedman Caters... will be rung on the Abbey bells this evening beginning at 6.15pm'.

The peal band met the Abbey's expectations and the peal was successful - in three hours and seventeen minutes. Welcome refreshment was provided in The Jerusalem Chamber and was much appreciated. Thus concluded a splendid and memorable occasion at Westminster Abbey.

First peal congratulations

Noel Tuitt, Gareth F. S. Bennett, Diane M. Hart, David Hart, Ian Orchard, Mick Priestley and to Michele Ellender who completed her "first as conductor" peal.

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The Bob Minor was going well when suddenly someone forgot to lead after making seconds to the treble. The Tower Captain shouted "Lead again" and all was well. "We've come a long way," said the Captain. "If I'd shouted 'Lead again' six months ago, everyone would have led. Now only the culprit did!"

(from Lincoln DG Central Branch Newsletter)

100th anniversary at St. Giles

Attempts for peals of Grandsire Triples in North Staffordshire have had an unfortunate tendency to failure this year - perhaps something to do with the unaccustomed temperatures! Two cases in point were attempts to ring Holt's ten-part for the 100th anniversary of the first peal at St. Giles, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

The first attempt, on Saturday 29 July - the exact anniversary - broke down early in the second half, after we had negotiated the first Holt's bob single perfectly. As all the band were available a second attempt was hastily arranged for the following day. We rang the full length, but due to an unnoticed shift in the last part, the peal didn't come round cleanly. Needless to say, we were just a little annoyed, having rung 4½ hours in tropical temperatures for nothing. It was especially unfortunate for Steve Wilcox, whose first peal this would have been.

On the next convenient date, 28 October, conditions were much more comfortable, and the peal was successfully rung without major incident. Steve Wilcox and Ralph Mitchell of the original band were not available, and their places were taken by Stefan Zientek and Howard Malkin.

K. BROWN.

Wormshill bells dedicated

On Sunday, 8th October, the Rt. Rev. Dr. David Say, K.C.V.O., a former Bishop of Rochester, dedicated the newly augmented ring of six at St Giles, Wormshill at the Parish Harvest Festival. Prior to the service, six members of the Kent County Association rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor. This was the second quarter peal on the ring of six, although the old four bells (1, 2, 3 and 6) had been quartered once in 1990 and the remaining bells (4, 5) were quartered several times when they hung as bells 1 and 2 of the ring of three at West Bretton, Yorkshire. The project to install the bells was managed by Michael Nightingale of Cromarty and took 51 years to achieve.

The dedication took place at the end of the service when the Bishop moved to the ground floor ringing room, blessed and sprinkled it with holy water (brought from Cromarty, Scotland). Once the ring was dedicated, the Bishop named each bell, one at a time ... Mary, Magdalen, Gregory, Mirren, Regulus, Giles. After the pronouncement of its name, the bell was made to ring for one whole pull, although when his turn came, the County Chairman had a little difficulty in standing his bell (as Mrs. Nightingale put it afterwards: "I didn't think that Gregory was ever going to stop!"). The bells were then rung together in rounds as the congregation looked on. The ringers were:

Helen Gigney 1, Dickon Love 2, Tom Barlow 3, Jackie Barlow 4, Peter Romney 5, Brian Butcher 6.

Following the service, a magnificent harvest supper was provided that must have been one of the best country spreads to be seen. In the afternoon, two of the ringers went back to the church, and joined by four others, they attempted a peal which unfortunately was lost. The remaining ringers went on to the Swale District's other recently restored ring of bells at the neighbouring village of Bicknor.

Following the article on p. 901, there was some debate as to the founder of the West Bretton bells. I will agree with the experts who claim the bells are by Samuel Smith II - it would appear that we were given false information by the Wakefield Diocese! I have also checked the inscriptions on the bells, and find that we were also misinformed about these. Therefore, to put the record straight, the inscriptions on the front three bells (formerly from the church of St Gregory the Great in Canterbury) are as follows:

Treble. [Mears & Stainbank Foundry Mark only]

2. [Mears & Stainbank Foundry Mark only]

3. THESE THREE BELLS

WHICH WERE CAST BY C. & C. MEARS IN 1851
WERE RECAST BY MEARS & STAINBANK IN 1963

[Foundry Mark]

D. R. LOVE

Wormshill, Kent. 8 Oct, 1260 PB Minor: Helen M Gigney 1, Dickon R Love 2, Thomas M Barlow 3, W Emma S Cundiff 4, Peter M Romney 5, Brian G Butcher (C) 6. Prior to the Wormshill Harvest Festival and the Dedication and Naming of the Bells.

Superlative marks 50 years

A peal was rung at St. Michael with St. Paul, Bath on 21st October as a compliment to Bath Abbey Tower Master Eric Naylor on the 50th anniversary of his first peal.

Eric first handled a bell in 1943 and, come the end of the war, quickly rang his first peal. It was conducted by his brother George and the band also included his brother and sister-in-law.

Eric suggested that we should ring Grandsire Triples as for his first peal on 20th October 1945 at St. Margaret, Rainham, Kent but he was persuaded to learn half lead bobs in Superlative instead! Our congratulations to him.

MIKE STUBBS.



"I do wish Bill wouldn't come straight to practice from the pig farm".

- from Lincoln DG Central Branch Newsletter.

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Letters

Rope control and bell control

The recent correspondence on teaching handling has raised some interesting issues, to which Mr Berriman has now replied. He dislikes the common approach of teaching with the bell up. I believe he does so for three main reasons.

- 1) he perceives this as dangerous
- 2) he does not like the constant input from the tutor

3) he considers the student will gain in confidence when progressing from the safe 'down' position, but will lose confidence if starting from the dangerous 'up' position.

He reckons these lead to an 80% drop-out rate.

Whilst Mr Berriman's analysis appears plausible, it misses some very important points. As a physicist he sees a down bell as stable and therefore inherently safer than an up bell. One cannot dismiss the safety aspect, and we should all be aware of the dangers. However, our collective experience tells us that accidents are rare (how often have you been injured whilst ringing? And I don't count blisters!), and are usually avoidable. His reference to the dangers belies his inexperience.

As a teacher he would prefer the student to copy the tutor, with minimal verbal instruction and no interference from the tutor on the rope – learning by example and experiment. 'Watch what I do, now try it yourself' would seem to summarise his approach. You have to do this starting with the bell down.

Unfortunately this approach misses the fundamental point. Bell handling is about two separate (though related) functions: one is 'rope control' – the business of keeping the rope in the right place at the right time, and the other is bell control – which allows the ringer to balance the bell, to stand the bell and to ring it at different speeds. It is bell control that is essential for change ringing. If you start teaching with the bell down in the way Mr Berriman suggests, you come to 'bell up' rope control towards the end of the sequence, having learned a deal about 'bell down/bell halfway up' rope control along the way (e.g. letting out/making coils). You learn next to nothing about bell control (i.e. making it go quickly/slowly and balancing).

Starting with the bell up I would expect the student to experience balancing and setting during the first lesson. I want the student to learn bell control, because ultimately (as a change ringer) this is the essential skill. I want to teach bell control as soon as possible because it is this basic skill, when developed sufficiently, that allows the student to ring with others. Using his 'copying and experimenting' approach you avoid this skill for too long.

Bell handling (for a change ringer) is not about ringing up and down, and this perhaps is the crux. As a change ringer I see ringing up and down as incidentals to the main event. Mr Berriman is not a change ringer, as a physicist he sees ringing up and down as a vital part of a cycle: 'ring up, ring with the bell up and then ring down'. He wants ringers to have control of the bell at all levels between up and down, but I suspect that if his bell got out of control, his solution would be to lower the bell and start

again. Hardly practical whilst ringing with others! From experience, we know that the right thing to do is to get the bell up to the balance and hold it there, ready to join in again. I want to get to these important balancing skills straight away so that I can develop them more fully. Ringing up and down can follow along later.

I recognise that in some circumstances 'bell down' may be more appropriate. It is certainly safer (if safety becomes an issue), and if the student does lack confidence this approach might be beneficial. But Mr Berriman's way will invariably take longer, because you are delaying the point at which the essential skill of controlling the bell near the balance is first introduced. If the student is confident and able, why build this delay?

I am sure the 80% drop-out rate is taken out of context. It may be a reflection of some towers, but not in any where I have rung regularly. He has taken a worst case and made it the norm. I suppose if you started ten pupils all at once you might lose eight pretty quickly, but this would be a result of too many students not getting enough attention rather than the teaching method used. Teaching ten students bell down would generate the same drop-out rate if you didn't give each one enough time. The tendency is to lose recruits once they can ring rounds, when they (to a greater or lesser extent) have already mastered bell handling. It is the step onto change ringing that causes the problem, usually because they have insufficient bell control to perform the task asked of them. (See 'Rounds to Bob Doubles' by my father.)

Of course there are some who have one lesson and then give up. This is not because of the teaching method used, but because ringing is not for them. After one lesson I want students to make a commitment before I teach them any more. In my case it's quite stiff – they have to commit to at least six months, and to come at 8.45 each Sunday morning once they are ringing rounds. But at least in their one lesson they have some feel for what handling a bell will be like. Under Mr Berriman's system they would be asked to make that commitment on the experience of getting the bell a third of the way up! I might find it hard to retain any recruits on that basis.

So, whilst Mr Berriman appears to win the argument, experience tells us he is wrong. Ringing is not as dangerous as he makes out, and we do not have accidents at the rate he imagines. We get on with the business in hand, that is to teach bell control in preparation for change ringing. Ringing up and down are incidentals, not part of the main process. We do not suffer an 80% drop-out rate, and if we do lose recruits it is usually once they can ring rounds or because they are unable to make the necessary commitment.

Teaching bell down is no more right or wrong than teaching bell up, but experience teaches me that bell up is usually more effective.

ADRIAN M MORETON

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I am the parent of a mentally handicapped son who loves Church Bells. We have the "Bells of the Cotswolds" which is no longer available. We have to make several copies as they are played continuously.

May I appeal to anyone who has tapes, videos or records of "Bell Ringing". I am willing to pay for these, also cover postage.

He is expecting Santa Claus to bring bell tapes.

RITA KING.

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Insulting footnote!

I am rather puzzled! Why does the peal at Shoreditch (RW p.1127) require a footnote?

Isn't it obvious that it was rung by an all-women band? While this might well be the first on the new bells by such a band, there have also been peals by bands of men. I don't recall the first of these, which I suspect was a College Youths peal, having a similar footnote, though presumably it was specifically arranged to be all-male!

To add a footnote usually indicates that there was something noteworthy about the peal. I have no doubt that the peal in question was a very good one, but the implication of this footnote is that the band "managed" to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques on a not particularly heavy, very easy going 12, and that this represents some sort of remarkable achievement. How insulting!

We are approaching (next February) the centenary of the first peal rung by a woman. It is 83 years since the first ladies peal. These were undoubtedly historic events and were notable achievements in their day, and their anniversaries are certainly worthy of commemoration, but we've come a long way since then, and patronising footnotes such as the one for the Shoreditch peal do absolutely nothing to further "the cause" of women's ringing. Indeed, some of the most noteworthy peals by all-female bands in recent years have been deliberately published without a footnote. Such performances speak for themselves.

So come on! It's all been done before. Do we really need to waste valuable space in *The Ringing World* with unnecessary footnotes? After all, just think how much extra space we'd have for really important and historic things such as compositions of . . . but perhaps that's the subject of another letter!

LINDA GARTON.

Royston, Herts.

Rings in Kent

I doubt if anyone who has rung at Tunstall, Kent since 1975, would concede that the bells were anything other than a dismal lot, but Dickon Love really has laboured the fact to the point of tedium, both in his recent article on the final chapter in this unfortunate ring's life and just about everything else he has written in this journal during the last year or so. Why so many derogatory comments? Who was he trying to convince? Do I detect some form of subtle sniping going on? It was surely clear to all who heard the bells that there was nothing wrong with them that careful treatment under the sledgehammer wouldn't cure!

On a more serious note however, I would like to just point out that whilst the homogeneity of the bell metal will have undoubtedly been a contributory factor to the failure of the ring to respond to tuning, most of the problem lies in the profile to which the bells were cast. I can think of several bells which are equally as porous as the Tunstall examples, but are of excellent tone. Bells of the Tunstall period by Mears have a fairly bad reputation for their tone and, before they were tuned, the two trebles at St Stephen's Canterbury immediately spring to mind as excellent examples of small bells with extremely wild harmonics. These two bells, did however respond to tuning far better than expected and gave Tunstall reasonable hope that their ring would do the same. I have to say that we were all very surprised at the time of the Tunstall restoration that the ring was worse

after tuning than before. They still remain the only ring I have ever come across that has not shown even a marginal improvement following tuning.

Whilst writing, I would also like to correct Dickon when he states that Gillett & Johnston only cast three rings of eight for Kent after 1923. They did, in fact, cast four, which, in chronological order, are Eltham, Lydd, Frittenden and Bromley. During this period the firm also cast the magnificent ring of ten at Rochester Cathedral.

Although perhaps not exactly fitting his criteria of a complete ring of eight cast after 1923, Taylors did, in 1935, produce the splendid ring at the Annunciation, Chislehurst, where seven bells were cast to fit with the existing 1932 Gillett bell. Also in this category comes the pretty little eight at St Michael's, Maidstone, where Whitechapel cast seven smaller bells to fit a redundant Gillett bell of the same vintage as the Chislehurst example. If you count these two, it makes the score Taylors 5, Whitechapel 11!

I do congratulate the ringers at Tunstall on their persistence in the quest for a good ring of bells and only hope that the new ring comes up to Mr Love's apparently exacting standards – rumour has it that even the ring Canterbury cathedral is hard pushed to do that, certainly in terms of the go of the back bells at any rate!

RICHARD OFFEN

Great Ness, Shrewsbury

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Re the October 20 issue of *The Ringing World*. I would like to say, as a ringer of a few years who finds it hard to understand most published books on bell ringing, that the Kent Minor by Steve Coleman is excellent. A learner's book which takes you through Bob Doubles and Minor was good but since then life and learning ringing has been hard.

How learners like myself wish for such help and advice. To receive such help with Cambridge Minor and Stedman Doubles would be excellent if Steve could be persuaded to share his ability to reach learners. Please present this case to him as there are many more like myself who can't make "head nor tail" out of looking at the numbers. We fail to see because we know not what we are seeking.

Thank you from a delighted reader.

C. NORTH
(Halifax Tower)

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Mr. Edward Cribley of Stroud has been convalescing after an accident and was lent around 100 copies of *The Ringing World* to aid his recovery. Very good therapy, he tells us, but he takes us to task for the number of mistakes and printing errors he noticed.

He drew our attention to a bell-shaped series of "Unrules" published in *The Friend*, a Quaker weekly, of 25 August – and yes, most of them refer to us at some time or another.

Unrules of grammatical utterances:

- correct spelling is essential;
- use apostrophe's correctly;
- don't use no double negative;
- try not to ever split infinitives;
- about them sentence fragments;
- verbs has to agree with their subjects;
- when dangling, watch your participles;
- don't use commas, which aren't necessary;
- join clauses good, like a conjunction should;
- just between you and I, case is also important;
- make each pronoun agree with your antecedent;
- proofread your writing to see if you any words out;
- do not write run-on sentences they are hard to read;
- check for typing errors marring your individual vice.

An international occasion

Weddings are always occasions for diverse groups of people to come together. That was more than the case in Mytholmroyd on the 9th September as many people gathered from around the world for the marriage of Ali Mitchell and Luis Silva dos Santos.

Ringers were well represented as Ali's family and friends, mainly with connections to the Hereford ringing course, joined in the celebrations. A peal attempt in the morning at Burnley was unfortunately a non-started. This was due to certain youngsters not waking up their guests and an exhaust falling off. Even though we did have eight ringers present we thought it more prudent if Anne didn't ring! A quarter peal was rung though and it enabled us to get back to Hebden Bridge with plenty of time to arrange our dress and get along the valley to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Mytholmroyd.

Ali and Luis met whilst Ali was living in Brasil and the whole day had an international flavour to it. Many of the guests came from all around Europe and it was a joy to have the service celebrated by a Brazilian priest and friend of Luis.

After the beautiful service, witnessed by a packed congregation we were treated to such delights as watching Ali and Luis African dancing. The face painted children has a wonderful time, as did the adults watching them.

As the evening continued Ali's mother, Jean, thanked Ali and Luis for all their efforts in putting on such a wonderful party. Ali responded by thanking everybody for all their help in making the day run so smoothly. The whole day had been a real team effort. As the evening went on a few Not-Hereford tapes were dusted off and danced away to.

It was indeed a memorable day and one which all those present will remember for a long time to come. I'm sure both Luis and Ali would have loved to get back to normality as the final guests left on Sunday afternoon but it was not to be. That though is another story and one for someone else to tell.

FRED

Burnley, Lancs. 9 Sept, 1280 Yorkshire S.Major: Paul Rayner 1, Fred Mitchell 2, Bob Pruden 3, Gordon Thompson 4, Paul Thompson 5, Clare Mitchell 6, Connie Rayner 7, Andrew Sibson (C) 8. Rung with the best wishes of the band to Ali Mitchell and Luis Silva dos Santos on the day of their wedding.



Ali Mitchell and Luis Silva dos Santos.



Still one short! Paul and Anne Thompson.

– photos Roger Lawson.

Erin Project Update

Present score now Erin 7, Ringers 3. The latest attempt failed with only 180 changes to go.

It is interesting to note that the human reaction to lost quarters is no different to the reaction to other traumatic events.

Firstly there is disbelief and an unwillingness to accept the true state of affairs. When the firing first starts one is often left in a dream like state and some individuals can even be heard to mutter phrases like "I do not believe this!"

Then follows anger, blame allocation and threats of retribution. These usually take the form of arguments about who went wrong on the front and threats of relegation to the tenor for future attempts.

The next phase is the acceptance of the reality, combined with a sort of fatalistic depression. This phase can be prolonged. I must now set about the grim task of trying to round up enough hope and optimism to stage another attempt. It will not be easy. Anyone interested in Erin Doubles?

A.J.B.

Sponsored Beer Drink!!

Can you drink 100 pints of different real ale in 100 days? Well, here's your chance to prove it!

At Colliers Wood in London, we have recently started an appeal to raise £25,000 to re-hang and re-tune the bells. At one of our weekly project meetings to think up ways of raising money, we struck on the idea of a sponsored beer drink. The ultimate bellringing event, not involving ringing!

You know how these things develop and before long we had a plan: So, on 1st January 1996, a group of Colliers Wood ringers, husbands, and friends begin the demanding challenge to drink 100 DIFFERENT real ales in the first 100 days of 1996. Not too difficult, you may think, but how many real ales can you name?

If you would like to take up the challenge, please contact Chris Stanley for a sponsor form. If not, why not just sponsor Chris Stanley, 3 Princess Court, 115 Hartfield Road, Wimbledon SW19 3TJ. Tel: 0181 544 1190?

The sacrifices some ringers are prepared to make in the cause of Bell Restoration! – Ed.

Grantley Hall, 1995

The end of September – another Grantley weekend coming up – where has the year gone? Anyway, no time for contemplation. The usual dash up the M1/A1, the usual traffic. Driving in among the tankers, artics and coaches must be good practice for close formation flying with the Red Arrows – except that they haven't got to cope with the kamikaze types swapping lanes with nil clearance.

The journey makes the peace and quiet of Grantley all the more remarkable; once inside the gates the real world seems left behind. Meandering along the half-mile drive to the Hall the current water shortage in these parts was apparent, the river Skell alongside the drive barely trickling over its weirs.

Part of the fun of arriving early, of course, is to watch others coming in. Familiar confident faces and the usual greetings; anxious new faces enquiring, "Bellringers?" – and visibly relaxing when they found that we were. Booking in, congregating in the bar (where else?), a good dinner, then David Town lost no time in getting yet another Grantley (the 37th?) under way. Having made sure that we were all thoroughly organised for the next two days he concluded by stating that the bar would NOT re-open until the time stated for the end of the first lecture period. (Cries of "Shame".)

We were all rather anxious about a pessimistic weather forecast for the weekend, but we needn't have worried. In the traditions of true Yorkshire hospitality the rain belt went through on Saturday night so the only inconvenience was a rather wet visit to Ripon Cathedral that evening.

And, group by group, the customers tell their stories:

GROUP 1 (Tutor: Andrew Slade)

Although infants in bellringing terms this was a group of very mature students. (The youngsters were all confined to the advanced groups.) Like everyone else we started with some theory, to show us a lot about bell moves that we hadn't understood. And we were given the "Quiz" questions, which were designed to get us talking to others on the course and to ensure that we all buy a Ringing World Diary for next year!

During the Saturday ringing sessions we had our bell handling faults detected and corrected, then rattled through call changes to plain hunt, starting on three bells and progressing to four, five, six, seven and eight. Then again, from different places. Was that really me plain hunting on the ten at Ripon Cathedral?

Having worn out our helpers we had a new set for Sunday. They were ringing uncalled bobs in the Bob minor as we were plain hunting again, this time without knowing the route in advance. Is this the first glimpse of ropesight? – yes, I think so.

Andrew remained remarkably patient and positive with us throughout the weekend, for which we are very grateful. It was a real bonus that this achievement occurred in the delightful area around Ripon, based in accommodation of stately proportions with food to match. Our quiz winner was duly awarded a Grantley Hall chocolate hedgehog – well done, George!

Margaret Walpole

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Waiting for the band to arrive on practice night? Tie a clapper or two to practise handling and the skill of shortening/lengthening the rope when dodging.



Grantley Hall, the assembled cast 1995.

GROUP 3 (Tutor: Clive Smith)

What better way to spend a weekend than driving through the glorious Yorkshire countryside, sun shining in a blue sky, on the way to yet another tower! Such was the good fortune of all of us who attended Grantley this year and, for those of us in Group 3 with Clive, the added pleasure that we had all met on previous courses.

A small group, four men and one woman (who was very well looked after, thank you, gentlemen!) stated their personal aims, agreeing on Bob doubles/minor – with calls – and perfecting ropesight.

Excellent organisation, small groups, plenty of helpers at each tower resulted in each student ringing with a group of experts. The best way to learn! Plenty of time at each tower, and by the end of the weekend Christine Gillay, Douglas Marr, John Whippey, Andrew Forman and Michael Pennock had all improved significantly.

Thanks to Clive Smith and the many helpers – for their patience and understanding, to the staff at Grantley Hall for comfortable accommodation and good food, and to David Town for organising it again this year.

Christine Gillay

GROUP 4 (Tutor: David Town)

Young at heart and very willing but oh, so slow to learn. Thank you, David, from all of us, Norma, Arthur, Rosemary, John, Ros, Cathy and Peter for your excellent instruction. During the weekend we learnt from scratch at least one new method, with touches of Grandsire, Kent and Stedman achieved with varying degrees of success. We have plenty to chew on in the year ahead.

We rang in six towers, including Ripon Cathedral, during the weekend. All went as smoothly as we have come to expect from this superb course – apart from an unexpected hitch at St. Wilfrid's Harrogate. "Good luck" said the helpful local ringer with the key – referring, we recognised a quarter-hour later, to the difficulty in finding the ringing chamber. After many false starts and dashed expectations we found it – amazingly spacious and newly decorated with the sun shining in. Well worth the trip.

Thank you to all the organisers and helpers. We hope to be back next year.

Peter and Cathy

GROUP 5 (Tutor: Bob Smith)

We came from all points of the compass to enjoy the tuition and hospitality of Grantley Hall this year. From the North, Alnwick; the East, Northallerton; the South, Braunston and the West, Lytham. After dinner and introductions we gathered with Bob Smith and our menu was decided as Surprise major and Stedman triples. So Friday evening passed with "dodge twice places dodge twice miss two" (just to prove that

some things do eventually stick in the brain) then off to the bar to fortify ourselves for Saturday.

Bright and early on a beautiful autumn morning, bound for Sharow. Some Plain bob and Grandsire to wake us up, then Cambridge, Yorkshire (how appropriate) and Lincolnshire. Back to Grantley for coffee and another theory session.

This time it was Stedman that got dissected. Now we all know that Stedman is a cinch if you go into the front the right way. We now know that there are at least six different ways to decide. How could we go wrong – easy! By the time we got to the front some of us had forgotten the first five and missed the last one!

Saturday afternoon was a long haul – Thirsk. No problems with Stedman here except the afore-mentioned, then a re-run at Easingwold. A new tower for me; posh new ropes helped keep us on our toes.

Back to Grantley for an early dinner, then general ringing at Ripon Cathedral, always the highlight of a Grantley weekend. Back to the Hall for a night-cap; one of the ladies in our group complained about the brand of beer, which must be a good sign for a successful ringing career. The trouble with us being there one only weekend in the year is that it is difficult to convince the Hall of ringers' needs. However, some of us can remember when there wasn't even a proper bar so, thankful for small blessings, we went to bed.

Sunday – more theory revision and back to Sharow for another practical. Sunday lunch, handbells, course photos, the sad leaving for another year plus one month. Then we headed South – fine for those of us going home that way – to Birstwith St James, tucked on the hillside above the village where we went through our repertoire very creditably before departing. Another great weekend, we learnt a lot. Thanks to all concerned.

Richard Waddy

Sunday lunchtime saw the weekend drawing to a close but – what was this? – SIX handbell ringers forming a circle? Just that, a short touch of Treble-Bob maximus by Lucy Smith 1-2, Andrew Slade 3-4, Jenny Town 5-6, Bob Smith 7-8, David Town 9-10, Clive Smith 11-12, followed by vigorous applause. Announcement by David that next year's course will be on 1st-2nd-3rd of November. Thanks by David to tutors and helpers. Thanks from the mob to David for organising it and to the Hall staff for looking after us. Photographs on the lawn, fond farewells, then off to our final towers and homeward roads, leaving the peace and tranquillity of Grantley Hall for others to enjoy in their turn.

Pity about the convoy of steam traction engines travelling at 5 m.p.h. on the road back to the A1...

P.D.W.

Four Davids in action at Simpson's in the Strand

"The Christian Church is now bucking the trend of many decades. Christianity is no longer in decline. One in seven adults go to church. The Church has 6.5 million adult members in Britain (about 14.7 of the adult population). Six new churches start up every week". This was the optimistic message, a summary of the recently published findings of the Christian Research Association, which **David Hilling**, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths delivered as he proposed the toast to "The Church" at the Society's annual dinner on November 4th held once again at Simpson's in the Strand. Ringers are in the communications business, he claimed, delivering the Christian message wide and far.

After a brief discussion in which he cast the Society's officers in the role of Star Trek characters (Kench for Spok, Stubbs for Bones, Smith for Scottie, Blacklock for Sulu and of course himself for Captain Kirk in conflict with the Society of Royal Klingon Youths), the Master returned to earth and stated that:

"Bellringers care. They care for the church as an active institution and for its message and values. Similarly ringers care for the furtherance of the ringing exercise and its message and values. Ringers care for the architecture and fabric of churches, cathedrals and abbeys; – and ringers care for church bells and fittings and their maintenance. Ringers care for the wellbeing and success of the clergy and of church people; – and ringers care for fellow ringers, and that is wholly evident in this vibrant Society".

The response to the toast to "The Church" was given by **Canon David Burgess**, Vicar of St. Lawrence Jewry, who appeared somewhat dismissive of his superiors. He was not, he said, speaking on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Church Commissioners. They could "dig their own holes". Nor did he intend preaching on sin and damnation – the evidence before him was only too clear! He did however wish to express thanks to Dennis Randall who looked after the bells and ringing at Jewry and who was kind enough to consult him after any decision about ringing had been taken. In the last resort, David claimed, the bells speak of the Church when the clergy perhaps do not do their job.

The toast to "The Ancient Society of College Youths" was proposed by a shrivelled, impotent nervous wreck. Well, that's how **David House**, a former Master from way back in the 1970s, described himself. Always eagerly anticipated the man from Brighton did not disappoint. Hugh



Senior Steward Paul Smith, Master David Hilling and Junior Steward Andrew Blacklock.

Grant, Cynthia Payne and Lucy Reeve all received a mention in the first minute. A few more "names" were knocked before he admitted the shock he had felt when, a couple of years ago, a fellow called John Fielden proposing the same toast claimed that the Society had gone downhill in the mid 1970s with a succession of weak Masters. He, David House, had been Master in 1975 which was about as "mid" as you can get! Perhaps he could remind Mr. Fielden that in that particular year the Society came second in the first ever 12-bell competition (not even in the Final this year) and 291 attended the Dinner at Bucklersbury House (159 this year – although this is a maximum for the venue).

Honour assuaged he then congratulated the Master on a very successful year and commented on two particular memories. The first, the death of Charles Kippin who had taught him a great deal of his early ringing and the second, the election to the Society of 14-year-old Andrew Tibbetts, a young man who had already achieved so much. Finally Mr. House expressed appreciation of the contribution made to the excellent year by the Secretary, Tony Kench and looked forward to a successful 1996 under the mastership of D. Paul Smith.

The response to the toast to "The Society" was, as is traditional, given by the Secretary, **Anthony R. Kench**, who welcomed all to the Dinner, particularly parties from Somerset, Scotland, Worcester and Appleton. Old friends back after some time included Roger Fry, Giles Galley, Jeff Ladd, Chris Pickford, George Pipe and Jack Pryor.

There were 850 currently on the mailing list and 27 new members had been elected since the last Dinner.

Sadly there were quite a lot of obituaries to report as well. These included two double Past Masters, Jim Prior and Ted Duffield, who were remembered with some emotion at the beginning of the year. Jim of course had been Secretary of the Society for 18 years, and Ted had been longest serving member with 76 years membership, the last surviving pre-war Master.

More recently the Society had lost Charlie Kippin, who had also been a member over 70 years and was remembered as one of ringing's larger-than-life characters. All stood to remember: Ernest W. B. Razzell of Croydon, elected 1948; Anthony R. Carter of Harpenden, elected 1962; James G. A. Prior of London, double Past Master and Past Secretary, elected 1932; Edward P. Duffield of Colchester, double

Past Master, elected 1918; William W. T. Daniel of Swindon, elected 1929; Thomas T. Yeomans of Cardiff, elected 1964; Albert Greenhalgh of Westhoughton, elected 1960; Christopher S. Leach of Jersey, elected 1987; Dr. D. J. Neal Smith of Twickenham, elected 1955; W. J. Peter Wishart of Marske by the Sea, elected 1988; Sidney O'Shaughnessy of Plymouth, elected 1946; Gilbert W. Rendell of Hardington Mandeville, elected 1964; W. Harry M. Smith of Shepton Mallett, elected 1948; Horace Myatt of Loughborough, elected 1952; Robert S. Anderson of Newcastle-under-Lyme, elected 1963; Jack Ariss of Wellesbourne, elected 1968; Cecil T. Clarke of Bridgwater, elected 1963; E. George Swift of Chalfont St. Peter, elected 1979; Roydon Davies of Croydon, elected 1948; Reginald G. H. Abbott of Bishopstoke, elected 1948; John T. Parsons of Preston, elected 1963; Charles H. Kippin of Chandlers Ford, elected 1923; John Euston of London, elected 1932; Geoffrey J. Lewis of Hanley Swan, elected 1928; William B. Cartwright of Selly Oak, elected 1932; Edgar Rapley of Horsham, elected 1941; Eric E. Speake of Woodsetton, elected 1957; Philip G. Taylor of Highclere, elected 1969; Henry L. Roper, formerly of Adderbury, elected 1961; Brian F. Pidgeon of Ottery St. Mary, elected 1953; Leslie Walters of Combe Martin, elected 1960; John R. Cotterill of Geat Barr, elected 1967; Stuart D. V. Warren of Stoke Golding, elected 1979; Thomas J. Southam, formerly of St. Albans, elected 1951.

Welcomed to the list of those with over 50 years membership of the Society was Jeff Birt (elected 1945) who was joined at the Dinner by Don Clift (1940); Dennis Laud (1939); Bert Brightly (1936) and Stan Mason (1936). Two distinguished members with over 60 years membership were also present. Ray Cousins (1932) and Jack Crampion (1929).



The Junior Steward in conversation with Doug Beaumont, the recently elected Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The Secretary added his tribute to the Master who had presided over a very successful year, particularly with a peal day which had provided 19 from 28 attempts with 250 members taking part. David Hilling had provided a very strong platform for handing over to his successor. Finally he thanked David House for proposing the toast to the Society – the two important attributes of humour and good ringing were both exemplified by the proposer.

A high standard of handbell ringing is always expected on this occasion and the performance at this, the 358th Annual Dinner, certainly did

(continued overleaf)



Canon David Burgess, Tony Kench and Stephen Coaker.

ASCY DINNER—continued

not disappoint. Spliced Maximus was superbly rung by: Clarke Walters 1-2, Graham Firman 3-4, John Hughes D'Aeth 5-6, Peter Townsend 7-8, Quentin Armitage 9-10, Paul Mounsey (C) 11-12. To perform to this standard on such an occasion requires great talent – and nerve.

The Society's Junior Steward, **Andrew I. Blacklock** had his first taste of speaking at the Annual Dinner as he welcomed the guests and, responding on their behalf, was **David Thorne**, Editor of *The Ringing World*. After this the final toast of a splendid evening was proposed by the Master to "The Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago".

1694/95. **Peter Bradshaw**. Joined the Society in 1682 and his entry in the name book indicated he was a man of some means. He was elected a steward in 1688 and was one of the leading members in the 1690s. At that time the College Youths were regularly practising Grandsire Caters at St. Sepulchre's but the bells were causing problems. The ninth had to be recast in 1686 and a few years later it again became cracked but the Church Wardens were hesitant to spend any more money on the bells. The College Youths were anxious to continue practising on the ten so they offered to have the ninth recast and rehung at the Society's expense within six weeks. The Vestry gratefully accepted the offer but took the precaution of obtaining a written Bond of Guarantee from Peter Bradshaw and two other members of the Society. The Church authorities stipulated that the new bell was to be of "the same weight and goodness and metal as it now is or better and if any weight should be wanting they should pay to the Church Wardens the value thereof and take care that they do no damage to the other bells". Peter Bradshaw was again elected Master in 1723.

1794/95. *Not known.*

1894/95. **William Burkin**. Was a native of Nutfield, Surrey where he learned to ring on the six bells of that Parish. He joined the Society in 1880 along with his brother John Burkin. William Burkin was connected with Nutfield all his comparatively short life having served that church both in the belfry and as a choirman. He later held the office of verger at Nutfield, and was Master of the College youths for three consecutive years. William Burkin died on the 13th February 1904 aged 42, after a trying illness leaving a young widow and infant child. His obituary in *Bell News* said that he had rung nearly 100 peals.

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Saturday, 14th October saw the Canterbury District of the KCACR's ADM. This year ringing took place in the afternoon at the Cathedral. Although the majority of the ringing consisted of "Rounds, rounds and more rounds" it did allow many of the less experienced members of the District to have their first taste of ringing on twelve. As well as members from the District there were a number of visitors from other Districts and some from far away. After the ringing the majority of those present attended the normal Cathedral Evensong.

After the service members made their various ways to St. Dunstan's Hall for tea, which had been prepared by the local ringers, with a little help from a few friends. Some 60 people attended the tea and the meeting that followed.

The Chairman, Mike Little, welcomed everyone to the meeting and the business got under way. Reports of the District's activities over the past year were given by the principal

officers, and in his report the Chairman told the meeting that he would not be standing for re-election. He had been Chairman for four years and thought it was time for a change.

After the reports had been given, the Officers for the coming year were elected. Ian Young was elected to the Chair as successor to Mike Little. The Secretary, Matthew Nixon, made a valiant attempt to pass on the job to someone else but was unsuccessful and so was re-elected for the coming year. Dave Sheekey and Stuart Palin were elected as District Representatives to the County Committee. Jo Horton remains as Assistant/Competition Secretary and Phil Young remains Newsletter Editor.

When it came to the election of the Ringing Masters it was disclosed that although three written nominations had been received before the meeting, two names had subsequently been withdrawn, leaving just one nomination. As it is usual for the District to have two ringing Masters drastic measures had to be taken and a very unsuspecting Tim Dawes was steamrollered into the job before he had time to think or say no. Therefore, along with Simon Dixon, who has had the job for a number of years (he is a glutton for punishment) he (Tim) will be the Ringing Master for the next year. Other Committee Members elected were Alan Andrews, Hazel Basford and Len Huckstep.

All the other items of business were rapidly dealt with before ringing recommenced at St. Dunstan, under the guidance of the newly appointed Ringing Master. A variety of methods were rung, from rounds, through spliced plain minor, and surprise, although the course of Surfleet needed a bit more looking at by the person who requested it! The only other excitement was when the Ringing Master managed to fall off the blue line in the Cambridge especially rung for him!

After a brave attempt by a visitor from another District to extend the ringing past eight o'clock the majority won the day and opted for liquid refreshment in the "Tap and Spire". This was greatly enjoyed well into the night. P.R.Y.

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During the glorious summer of October, the Hertford CA Western District held their annual Improvers' Striking Competition. Always in October, and always (so far) at Little Gaddesden, the weather cannot always be guaranteed to be nice as it was this year. In fact, the sunshine must have enticed people out, and by two o'clock there was quite a crowd of 'improvers' and the more experienced, both inside and outside the church. So eager were people to be involved that there were not enough jobs to go around, and some had to be content with gossiping on the sun-warmed wall of the churchyard – it's a hard life!

Thirteen 'improvers' had put their names forward for entry, and they were soon divided into four teams, made up to the appropriate number by experienced 'volunteers'. Here we must thank one visitor from Bristol, who thought he was in for a quiet weekend – but he did have a nice tea! Under the guidance of the team leaders, each band had ten minutes' practice before the competition proper – five minutes of prescribed call changes. The concentration was wonderful to behold, and as some of the competitors had never rung outside their home tower before, their efforts were even more commendable.

The competition drew to a close slightly before four o'clock, leaving time for some general ringing before the service, and two of

the special methods, Single Court and Oxford Treble Bob, made an early appearance. Roger Turner conducted Evensong from the Prayer Book, welcoming some of us – as he said – some two and a half hours late, but none the less warmly for that. Following the singing of the hymns and the psalms, the more energetic amongst us walked down to the Village Hall for tea, while the rest – perhaps more hungry – took to their cars. The tea at Little Gaddesden is always highly appreciated, consisting as it does of jacket potatoes, sausages and baked beans, as well as bread and jam and home-made cakes, and it did not take us long to dispose of the spread and look to the business meeting.

Roger Turner was voted into the chair, and ably guided us through the agenda. Hemel Hempstead were warmly congratulated on winning the county 6-bell striking competition, something that has not occurred for some time, and our second team, Redbourn, had come fourth. As we were second in the county 8-bell competition, we consider that we have done quite well this year! Members were also reminded of forthcoming events: the Quiz Evening, the Quarter Peal Day and the Surprise Major Practice. A busy time ahead. At the end of the meeting, the Ringing Master gave his comments on the Improvers' competition. He had been impressed by the standard, particularly by the improvement as practice gave way to test piece, and everyone had thoroughly earned the certificates which they received.

We returned to the church for evening ringing, when the final special method of Wooler Surprise Minor made several appearances, and the touch of Spliced came to grief when the conductor called for Oxford. A bit of excitement was generated by a broken stay (not the fault of an improver), and even more by the antics of those trying to thread the rope back through the two sets of rope guides. At eight o'clock we called it a day (or evening) and adjourned to the Alford Arms for a few pints and a chance to put the world to rights. PENNY WATSON.

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The Cumberlands' First USA Tour

Conceived by Peter Fleckney as a weekend in Washington, developed by Derek Sibson, excellently compiled by Alan Regin and executed as follows:

Friday, 13th October, and the band assembled in Washington from all parts of the globe. Alan Regin via Charleston, Miami and Jacksonville; Derek and Jane via New England and a visit to their daughter; and the rest of the party (Paul Cammiade, Rachel Carter [not yet a Cumberland], Simon Davies, Peter Fleckney, Andrew Gordon, Chris Groome, Andrew Sibson and Ian Willgress) via London. Departure from gate 13 at Heathrow, 13 clues in both the Independent and Telegraph crosswords before getting stuck and through immigration desk 13 at New York. Good job we were not superstitious!

We meet up with Derek and Jane at New York with an onward flight to Washington (Dulles). So far so good! Two hire cars picked up at the airport, Derek edged his way on to the wrong side of a dual carriageway and corrected his error by driving one half of the car over the central reservation. Once I had stopped laughing, I made a mental note to travel in a different car. Alan joined us in the early hours having driven up in the third car from Philadelphia. The 13th was over without incident!

Saturday, 14th, started with torrential rain making sightseeing difficult, so the Air and Space Museum filled the gap waiting for the rain to stop before some cultural sightseeing in the steamy heat and an early evening peal of Yorkshire S.Royal at the Old Post Office Tower. Today, Derek drove through his first American red light.

Sunday, 15th, Sightseeing, Bristol S.Royal at the Cathedral followed by a light banquet sized snack with Joe Fickus and John King en-route to a curry house. Today, Derek discovered that a curry can be a pleasant experience, and that it is possible to park facing the wrong way in a one-way street for several hours without anyone noticing.

Monday, 16th, an early start to avoid the congestion caused by the Million Man March in Washington, and a tour round Philadelphia taking in the Liberty Bell. Some of the party went to look around Christ Church, which houses an unringable eight. A peal of Spliced at St.Martins in the Fields, followed by an evening with Bruce and Eileen Butler who did a roaring trade in NAG shirts and non-resident NAG memberships. Checking into the Hotel near Burlington provided an interesting finish to the day. The receptionist was Austrian and had a similar level of understanding as Manuel from Fawley Towers.

Tuesday, 17th, a spot of general ringing at Burlington to meet up with Linda Rankin, and then through the centre of Manhattan to Brewster. Once we had all found it Stan Jenner's peal of 5-spliced was scored, while the extras took a walk through the surrounding countryside. In the evening we were joined by Nicola Sibson and Matthew.

Wednesday, 18th, through the superbly coloured countryside to Kent where a peal of London S.Royal came to grief after 75 minutes when a strand broke on the tenor rope below the sally causing it to unravel at great speed.

Thursday, 19th, a peal of Cambridge S.Royal on the challenging bells at Hingham and on to our last stop-over point just outside Boston. An attempt at Advent was preceded by some of the band watching Derek being pulled over by the police with lights flashing and megaphone blaring, right outside the Church. No arrests were made for what was some no-notice obscure Boston traffic offence. The peal unfortunately was arrested after an hour following a somewhat late start and an obscure Bristol ringing offence. Simon recommended a restaurant called Victoria Station where the walls were covered with railway totems. Most of us managed to meet in a huge car park to discover that it had been closed some three months before. Two of the party did not find it at all.

Friday, 20th, a non-ringing day, where Peter and Andrew Sibson indulged in some serious stamp hunting in Boston, Alan and Ian went on a 4-hour boat trip to spot whales, and the remainder explored the Pilgrim landing town of Plymouth and the surrounding Cape Cod countryside.

Saturday, 21st, an attempt at Smith College, Northampton didn't survive. Peter managed to lose his wallet while taking a photograph of his namesake town. After visiting the bank to find out how to cancel his credit cards, he went to the police station to have his wallet returned to him intact in less than 15 minutes and before the police could book it in! Would the same happen here? An evening peal of spliced at Advent was successful and at a meal in Chinatown afterwards Alan was presented with a print of Boston Old North Church, with the thanks of all of us for his superb arrangements.

Sunday, 22nd, Service ringing at Advent and Old North was followed by our last peal at Advent. At last, after waiting for the whole tour, we were rewarded with those immortal words 'Big Bob'. As soon as we finished we raced to the airport (estimated speed of 1.25mph) through the worst traffic ever seen and just made the check-in on time.

A great holiday, many thanks to all concerned with its organisation, and to those who gave us a great welcome when we arrived.

Donation £5

P.A.C.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Old Post Office Tower
Sat Oct 14 1995 3h12 (26)
5040 Yorkshire S.Royal
Comp. D E Sibson
1 Simon J Davies
2 E Jane Sibson
3 Paul A Cammiade
4 Andrew D Sibson
5 Christopher J Groome
6 Ian N Willgress
7 Andrew W Gordon
8 Derek E Sibson(C)
9 Alan Regin
10 Peter M Fleckney

WASHINGTON, D.C.
Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul
Sun Oct 15 1995 3h15 (32)
5000 Bristol S.Royal
Comp. D E Sibson
1 E Jane Sibson
2 Simon J Davies
3 Paul A Cammiade
4 Christopher J Groome
5 Andrew D Sibson
6 Andrew W Gordon
7 Ian N Willgress
8 Derek E Sibson(C)
9 Alan Regin
10 Peter M Fleckney

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.
St Martin in the Fields
Mon Oct 16 1995 2h32 (4)
5280 Spliced S.Major
(6m: 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 832 each Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative: 127 com.atw.)
Comp. S Jenner
1 Paul A Cammiade
2 Simon J Davies
3 Christopher J Groome
4 E Jane Sibson
5 Andrew D Sibson
6 Derek E Sibson(C)
7 Andrew W Gordon
8 Alan Regin

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BREWSTER, NY.

Melrose School Chapel
Tue Oct 17 1995 2h41 (8)
5152 Spliced S.Major
(5m: 1184 Cambridge, 1120 London, 1088 Superlative, 896 Bristol, 864 Lincoln: 121 com.atw.)
Comp. S Jenner
1 Christopher J Groome
2 E Jane Sibson
3 Ian N Willgress
4 Andrew D Sibson
5 Alan Regin
6 Derek E Sibson(C)
7 Peter M Fleckney
8 Andrew W Gordon

HINGHAM, Mass.

Memorial Hall Campanile
Thu Oct 19 1995 3h2 (19)
5040 Cambridge S.Royal
Comp. J Clatworthy
1 Simon J Davies
2 Paul A Cammiade
3 E Jane Sibson
4 Alan Regin
5 Andrew D Sibson
6 Christopher J Groome
7 Andrew W Gordon
8 Derek E Sibson(C)
9 Ian N Willgress
10 Peter M Fleckney

BOSTON, Mass.

Church of the Advent
Sun Oct 22 1995 2h55 (19)
5056 Bristol S.Major
Comp. M A Coleman
1 Ian N Willgress
2 E Jane Sibson
3 Simon J Davies
4 Paul A Cammiade
5 Andrew D Sibson
6 Derek E Sibson(C)
7 Peter M Fleckney
8 Alan Regin
A birthday compliment to Alan Regin.

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

BOSTON, Mass.

Church of the Advent
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h55 (19)
5088 Spliced S.Major
(5m: 1344 Rutland, 960 each Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 928 Superlative, 896 Cambridge: 104 com.atw.)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Derek E Sibson(C)
2 Rachel D Carter
3 Simon J Davies
4 Paul A Cammiade
5 Christopher J Groome
6 Andrew W Gordon
7 Ian N Willgress
8 Peter M Fleckney
First peal of spliced: 2.

BATH & WELLS D.A.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset
SS Peter & Paul
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h41 (14)
5024 Rutland S.Major
Comp. A Kench
1 Robert Perry(C)
2 Anne Agnew
3 Janet E Crispin
4 Joseph St J Beaumont
5 Adrian P Beck
6 Robert E Beck
7 Jenny M A Astridge
8 David J Purnell
First in the method: 3.

DITCHEAT, Som.

S Mary Magdalene
Sat Oct 21 1995 3h25 (24)
5152 Superlative S.Major
Comp. C I Rowson
1 David J Buckley
2 Janet E Crispin
3 Edward J Chivers
4 David J Purnell
5 Eric T Lee
6 Jenny M A Astridge
7 Barrie Hendry
8 Joseph St J Beaumont(C)
First in the method & 45th birthday compliment: 2; Circled tower: 3. To commemorate 70 years membership of the Bath & Wells Association by Walter T Higgins.

BATH, Avon

S Michael with S Paul
Sat Oct 21 1995 3h4 (14)
5248 Superlative S.Major
Comp. A J Cox (slightly re-arranged)
1 Robert A Lewis
2 Eric Naylor
3 Matthew R T Higby
4 Jody A Hillier
5 Giles R Wood
6 David J Kelly
7 Mark C Liebenrood
8 Michael J Stubbs(C)
Circled the tower: 3. For the 50th anniversary of Eric Naylor's first peal.

ANSFORD, Som.

S Andrew
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h32 (4)
5040 Cambridge S.Minor
(Comprising: 1x2160, 1x1440, 2x720)
1 Beverley Perry(C)
2 Dean P B Lee
3 Kate C Walker
4 Jenny M Alderson
5 Richard F Bowditch
6 Leslie E Perry
First of Surprise inside at first attempt: 2. A compliment to Walter Higgins of Ditchheat - 70 years a member of the Bath & Wells D.A. £2

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BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

HOWDEN MINSTER,
E Yorks, S Peter
Sun Oct 29 1995 3h27 (22)
5120 Bristol S. Major
Comp. A M Barber
1 Mandy L C Bartlett
2 Michael J de C Henshaw(C)
3 Dinah M Rhymer
4 Mark J Lane
5 Simon P Hartley
6 John M Goldthorpe
7 David S Johnson
8 Neil Donovan £2.20

CHESTER D.G.

GREAT HAMPTON, Worcs.
S Andrew
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h55 (12)
5120 Bristol S. Major
Comp. A Knights
1 Timothy M Davis
2 Ian Friend
3 Alan J Wootton
4 Alastair J Hopkins
5 Stefan R Zientek
6 Simon Humphrey
7 Geoffrey R Gardner
8 Denis Mottershead(C)

CHELFORD, Cheshire
S John Evangelist
Tue Oct 18 1995 2h34 (8)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each London
S, Lincoln S, Oswald D,
Wath D, Carisbrooke D,
Norwich S, Cambridge S.)
1 Ivor R Nichols
2 Norman Sherratt
3 Richard S Starkie
4 Barry Corbishley
5 Harold Dowler
6 Raymond H Daw(C)

WALLASEY, Merseyside
S Nicholas
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h58 (17)
5152 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. C K Lewis
1 Peter D Hughes
2 Alexander J Martin
3 Charles B Pemberton
4 Robert W Winstanley
5 Raymond Watkin
6 G David Adams
7 G Martin Roscamp
8 Colin Woods(C)
For the birth of Louise
Catherine Watkin, grand-
daughter of the 5th ringer.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

SHOREDITCH, London E
S Leonard
Tue Oct 24 1995 3h36 (25)
5000 Spliced S. Royal
(4m: 1280 Yorkshire, 1240
each Bristol, Cambridge,
London No.3: 101 com.atw.)
Comp. R C Kippin
1 Simon J Davies
2 Alan Regin
3 Ian K Bushell
4 Paul A Cammiade
5 Graham A Duke
6 Peter M Fleckney
7 Linda M Garton
8 Claire F Edwards
9 Ian R Fielding
10 John P Loveless(C)

HOLT, Norfolk, S Andrew
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h58 (7)
5152 Lincolnshire S. Major
Comp. R F B Speed
1 Mary C Poyner
2 Beryl N Reed
3 John P Loveless(C)
4 Colin W Reed
5 Christopher E J Kilgour
6 Mary E Hall
7 Harry Poyner
8 Hannah M Woor

DERBY D.A.

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter
Thu Oct 12 1995 2h42 (14)
5056 Spliced S. Major
(8m: 768 Rutland, 704
London, 640 each Pudsey,
Superlative; 576 each
Bristol, Cambridge,
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire: 119
com.atw.)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Ian Duff
2 Patricia A M Halls
3 Jane E Boden
4 Pamela J Timms
5 W Arnold Morley
6 Neil J Morgan
7 F Gordon Faulks
8 John V Chadwick(C)

MELBOURNE, Derbys.
SS Michael & Mary
Sun Oct 15 1995 3h3 (15)
5040 Plain Bob Royal
Comp. H J Tucker
1 Canon Frederick Ross
2 Rosemary R A Ross
3 Erica Stewart
4 Ruth H Smith
5 Ian N Robinson
6 Brian A Tomlinson
7 Philip J H Hudson
8 John F Mulvey
9 E Alan Jacques
10 Robert B Smith(C)
First peal on the bells since
rehauging and
augmentation to ten.

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter
Sat Oct 19 1995 2h48 (14)
5184 Falmouth S. Major
Comp. M A Coleman
1 Neil J Morgan
2 Patricia A M Halls
3 Rev David H Sansum
4 Ian Duff
5 W Arnold Morley
6 Robert J Marchbank
7 Richard L Taylor
8 John V Chadwick(C)

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
Tyne & Wear
S George, Jesmond
Wed Oct 18 1995 2h56 (18)
5024 Rutland S. Major
Comp. J Morgan
1 John E Anderson
2 Rachel H Dyson
3 Barbara M Wheeler
4 Christopher M
Richardson
5 Andrew J Cairns
6 Raymond A Hutchings
7 Oliver D Cross
8 Ronald R Warford(C)

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
Tyne & Wear
S John Baptist
Fri Oct 27 1995 2h44 (11)
5088 Bishops Frome S. Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 George S Deas
2 Barbara M Wheeler
3 John E Anderson
4 Ian Tilling
5 Raymond A Hutchings
6 Rachael H Dyson
7 Ronald R Warford
8 David Hird(C)
First in the method for all
and the Association. 900th
peal for the Association: 3.

ELY D.A.

MELDRETH, Cambs.
Holy Trinity
Fri Oct 20 1995 2h53 (10)
5040 Little Chef Little S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Christopher J Pickford
2 John G Gipson
3 Hannah M Woor
4 Geoffrey Pearson
5 Walter Hunt
6 John P Loveless(C)
7 David J Garton
8 Ian K Bushell
First peal in the method. A
compliment to Derek
Sibson, currently holidaying
(away from Little Chefs) in
the USA. His return is
eagerly awaited by that
Company! Also, a welcome
to William Henry Johnson,
second son of Barry &
Helen, born 19/10/95.
Little Chef Little S. Major:
-5-4-5-2-3-2-6 2nds place le.
(E, 16482735)

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL D.A.

CHIPPENHAM, Wilts, S Paul
Sat Oct 7 1995 2h40 (13)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. J Pladdys No.14
1 Elisabeth A G Bowden
2 John Pladdys(C)
3 Richard L Thumwood
4 Michael J Hobbs
5 Brian V Mountjoy
6 Michael J Stone
7 Peter G C Ellis
8 Simon J Poole

MALMESBURY, Wilts.
S Paul
Sat Oct 7 1995 2h28 (11)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. J W Washbrook No.1
Arr. J Pladdys
1 Elisabeth A G Bowden
2 Richard L Thumwood
3 John Pladdys(C)
4 Michael J Hobbs
5 David A Strong
6 Peter G C Ellis
7 Simon J Poole
8 Michael J Stone
A wedding compliment to
Cathy Hobbs & Stephen
Carter, married at St
Stephen's, Sparsholt on
23/9/95. 100th peal for the
Association: 2.

DURSLEY, Glos.
S James Great
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h58 (19)
5088 London S. Major
Comp. R Baldwin
1 Ian P Unsworth
2 Jane D Bull
3 Andrew M Bull
4 S Kathleen M Baldwin
5 Stuart P B Talbott
6 Roger Baldwin
7 Claire F Edwards
8 Francis M Byrne
Completes the standard-8:
2. A compliment to David
Wood on completion of 50
years as a member of
Dursley Parish Church choir.

BRISTOL, Avon
S James Priory
Sat Oct 21 1995 3h14 (28)
5040 Cambridge S. Royal
Comp. H Poyner
1 David J Spencer
2 Catherine C Watson
3 Christopher P Darvill
4 Adam J Jenkins
5 Stephen J Bateman
6 James R Gibb
7 Charles H P Pipe-
Wolferstan
8 Ian P Hill
9 Derek J Carr(C)
10 Julian T Watson
First peal on the bells since
refurbishment of the bells
and ringing chamber, with
thanks to all those who have
helped.

GUILDFORD D.G.

EGHAM, Surrey
S John Baptist
Sat Sep 23 1995 2h56 (16)
5000 Spliced S. Royal
(4m: 1280 Superlative No.2,
1240 each Cambridge,
Bristol, London No.3: 101
com.atw.)
Comp. R C Kippin
1 Joan Summerhayes
2 Vanessa J Martin
3 Clare J Larter
4 Ruth Blackwell
5 Geraldine Forster
6 John B Keeler(C)
7 Michael A Birkbeck
8 Fr David A Gibbons
9 David R Cox
10 Phillip H Larter

ISLEWORTH, Middx.
All Saints
Sun Oct 15 1995 2h58 (16)
5040 Farmer's Glory S. Royal
Comp. M Pidd
1 Judy E Couperthwaite
2 Graham L Nayler
3 Bery R Norris
4 Martin J Turner
5 William A M Barter
6 Roger Bailey
7 Glenn J Poyntz(C)
8 W John Couperthwaite
9 Mike Pidd
10 Peter J Joyce
For Harvest Thanksgiving
and Festival. Also as a 50th
birthday compliment to
Peter Joyce. First peal in the
method, previously rung in
spliced.

EGHAM, Surrey
S John Baptist
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h57 (16)
5019 Stedman Caters
Comp. F E Darby
1 Alison H Cole
2 Ian Cole
3 Peter Humphrey
4 Joan Summerhayes
5 Matthew C Webb
6 Christopher K Hill
7 Raymond E Finch(C)
8 Peter N Felton
9 David R Cox
10 Robert M Wood
First peal of Stedman
caters: 1 & 5.

HEREFORD D.G.

NORTON CANON, Herefs.
S Nicholas
Thu Oct 19 1995 2h28 (8)
5040 Doubles
(8m/20v: 2 extents each
Stedman, St John,
Winchendon Place, St Miles,
St Leonard, St Paul, St
Martins, Cliffords Pleasure,
Reverse Canterbury,
Southrepps, April Day,
Kennington, Plain B,
Grandsire; 1 extent each
Lapley, Heyford, St Nicholas,
St Giles, Eynsham, St
Ignatius, St Albans, St
Simons, Sarraat, Churchill, St
John Divine, May Day,
Northrepps, Reverse St
Bartholomew)
1 Margaret J Hope
2 Frederick R Harris
3 Andrew L Mainwaring(C)
4 W Anthony Price
5 John W Hope
Most methods inside: 4, and
as conductor. Birthday
compliment to Karen
Mainwaring.

HERTFORD C.A.

ALTON, Hants, S Lawrence
Sat Sep 30 1995 3h4 (18)
5056 Bristol S. Major
Comp. R Baldwin
1 Tom Page
2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3 Jennifer M Taylor
4 Diana M Bridle
5 James R Taylor
6 John R Southey
7 Roger Baldwin(C)
8 Ian R Fielding

(Hatfield Guild of College Youths)

DATCHWORTH, Herts.
All Saints
Sat Oct 7 1995 2h50 (8)
5040 Doubles
(4m: 10 extents Grandsire, 16
extents Plain B, 8 extents each
St Simons, St Martins B.)
1 John J Ford
2 W Robert E T Goss
3 Stanley Huckle
4 John Nicholson
5 Shane A Saunders(C)
6 Noel Tuitt
First peal attempt: 6; First
doubles & most methods: 4.
£1.80

NAVESTOCK, Essex

S Thomas

Mon Oct 9 1995 2h40 (10)

5040 Surprise Minor

(16m: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastre (2) Durham, York, Beverley, Surfleet (3) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York, Durham (4) Berwick, Hexham (5) Norwich (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)

- 1 Andrew M Farmer
- 2 Peter M Fleckney
- 3 Richard J Tibbetts
- 4 Richard Sales
- 5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
- 6 Colin M Turner

100th peal this year as conductor.

MONKS KIRBY, Warks.

S Edith

Sat Oct 21 1995 3h26 (24)

5024 London S. Major

Comp. S J Ivin

- 1 Dorothea M Robotham
- 2 Richard J Tibbetts
- 3 Heather A Kippin
- 4 John M Jelley
- 5 A John Illingworth
- 6 Frank C Price
- 7 John R Mayne(C)
- 8 Robert C Kippin

ST. ALBANS, Herts, S Peter

Sat Oct 21 1995 3h17 (24)

5040 Cambridge S. Royal

Comp. A N Tyler

- 1 Rosemary J Duke
 - 2 Richard J W Tibbetts
 - 3 Andrew J W Tibbetts
 - 4 Rosemary E Scott
 - 5 William J Southam
 - 6 John J Ford
 - 7 Shane A Saunders
 - 8 Anthony J Crowther
 - 9 Richard Sales
 - 10 Graham A Duke(C)
- A farewell to our vicar, Revd Allan Medforth, on his retirement after 23 years at St Peter's.

SOUTH MYMMS, Herts.

S Giles

Fri Oct 27 1995 2h52 (11)

5040 Spiced S. Minor

(30m: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre

(2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle, Sandiacre (3) London, Wells, Cunecastre (4) Westminster, Allendale (5) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale, Annable's London (6) York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull)

- 1 Dorothea M Robotham
- 2 Andrew J W Tibbetts
- 3 Heather A Kippin
- 4 Richard J W Tibbetts
- 5 John R Mayne(C)
- 6 Robert C Kippin

Most minor methods to a peal: 3.

KNEBWORTH, Herts.

SS Mary & Thomas

Sat Oct 21 1995 2h45 (12)

5056 Idbury S. Major

Comp. C Middleton

- 1 Brian Bladon
- 2 Richard L Thumwood
- 3 Anthony H Smith
- 4 William Butler
- 5 Brian C Watson
- 6 Russell A Brown
- 7 Peter G C Ellis(C)
- 8 Colin M Turner

A golden wedding compliment to Mr & Mrs Ron Spicer of Burleigh Farm, Knebworth.

WALLINGTON, Herts.

S Mary

Mon Oct 23 1995 2h45 (8)

5040 Spiced S. Minor

(22m: (1) Carlisle, Chester, Munden (2) Alnwick, Newcastle (3) London, Wells (4) Rossendale, Stamford (5) York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham (6) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull (7) Norwich)

- 1 David Redfearn
 - 2 Dorothea M Robotham
 - 3 Andrew J W Tibbetts
 - 4 Walter Hunt
 - 5 Richard J W Tibbetts
 - 6 John R Mayne(C)
- 1,500th peal of Surprise on tower bells: 2.

BERKHAMSTED, Herts.

S Peter

Sat Oct 28 1995 2h50 (16)

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp. Holt's original

- 1 Gareth F S Bennett
- 2 Dorothea M Robotham
- 3 Roger W F Turner
- 4 Martin S H Macdonald
- 5 John R Mayne(C)
- 6 Jonathan D Chamberlain
- 7 David J Sheppard
- 8 David Burbidge

First peal: 1; 250th peal on the bells: 8. Specially arranged to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the first peal on these bells, which was also Grandsire triples on 28/10/1845.

KENT C.A.

LYDD, Kent, All Saints

Sat Oct 14 1995 3h3 (15)

5184 Spiced S. Major

(8m: 768 each Bristol, London, Rutland; 576 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative: 144 com.)

Comp. N Smith

- 1 Arthur P King
- 2 Clare J Larter
- 3 Vanessa J Martin
- 4 Margaret H Ross
- 5 Keith R Wakefield
- 6 Richard A Birch
- 7 Mark P Gilham(C)
- 8 Philip H Larter

First 8-spiced: 4. A 21st birthday compliment to Margaret Ross.

EAST FARLEIGH, Kent

Parish Church

Tue Oct 10 1995 2h34 (7)

5024 Belfast S. Major

Comp. A N Tyler

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

A silver wedding compliment to Malwyn & Doreen Williams.

CANTERBURY, Kent

S Stephen

Sat Oct 21 1995 2h28 (10)

5056 Pudsey S. Major

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Michael J Little
 - 2 Roger H Pocock
 - 3 Lee M McCormack
 - 4 Catherine N Merlane
 - 5 Stephen A Wheeler(C)
 - 6 Fr David A Gibbons
 - 7 Andrew M Farmer
 - 8 Richard A Pearce
- First in method: 2.

LEEDS, Kent, S Nicholas

Sun Oct 22 1995 2h58 (17)

5043 Stedman Caters

Comp. J Carter

- 1 Ian R Fielding
 - 2 Catherine N Merlane
 - 3 Ian K Bushell
 - 4 Alison McCormack
 - 5 Josephine D Horton
 - 6 Richard A Pearce
 - 7 Dickon R Love
 - 8 Andrew M Farmer
 - 9 Stephen A Wheeler
 - 10 Lee M McCormack
- First of Stedman caters: 3.

LINCOLN D.G.

SLEAFORD, Lincs, S Denys

Wed Oct 18 1995 2h58 (19)

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp. J J Parker's 12-part

- 1 Ruth Richardson
- 2 Judith J Williamson
- 3 Paul F Curtis
- 4 Geoffrey R Parker
- 5 Philip H Reynolds
- 6 Michael J Smith(C)
- 7 Keith N Buckingham
- 8 Robert Sutton

First peal of triples as conductor; 25th peal together: 6 & 7.

SPALDING, Lincs.

SS Mary & Nicolas

Wed Oct 25 1995 3h2 (15)

5056 Spiced S. Major

(8m: 768 each London, Rutland; 640 Bristol, 576 each Pudsey, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Superlative, Cambridge: 142 com.)

Comp. N Smith

- 1 Leslie G Townsend
- 2 Sally A Mason
- 3 Ruth Richardson
- 4 Robin H Rogers
- 5 Martin F Mitchell
- 6 Christopher J Sharp
- 7 Peter A Sharp
- 8 Paul F Curtis(C)

LINCOLN, Lincs, Cathedral

Sat Oct 21 1995 3h3 (9)

5152 Lincolnshire S. Major

Comp. T Hooley

- 1 Margaret A Parker
 - 2 Heather L E Peachey
 - 3 Stephen C Townsend
 - 4 Ruth Richardson
 - 5 Geoffrey R Parker
 - 6 Leslie G Townsend
 - 7 Paul F Curtis
 - 8 Peter A Sharp(C)
- On the Richardson eight.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

MIDDLETON, Lincs.

S Leonard

Sun Oct 1 1995 2h50 (11)

5040 Little Bob Major

Comp. S H Wood

- 1 John P Partington
 - 2 Joseph Thornley
 - 3 Anthony J Smethurst
 - 4 Lindsay F Smith
 - 5 J Frederick Howard
 - 6 Geoffrey H Smith
 - 7 A Peter Ogden
 - 8 Andrew J Webster(C)
- To mark the 50th anniversary of Christian Aid, and as a get-well compliment to Barbara Ogden, wife of the 7th ringer.

ACCRINGTON, Lincs.

S James

Sun Oct 15 1995 2h47 (11)

5040 Spiced S. Royal

(5m: 1920 Rutland, 960 Yorkshire, 720 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey: 101 com.)

Comp. C Woods

- 1 Alan McNutt
 - 2 Alison J Brittliff
 - 3 Diana J Handley
 - 4 John Cornock
 - 5 Geoffrey Fothergill
 - 6 Geoffrey R Gardner
 - 7 James E Andrews
 - 8 Walter E Wilkinson
 - 9 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
 - 10 Colin Woods(C)
- 600th peal: 3. To welcome Phoebe, a daughter for Paul & Ann Thompson.

LEICESTER D.G.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.

Bellfoundry

Mon Oct 23 1995 2h26 (6)

5056 Sansum D. Major

Comp. A J Pitman

- 1 Brian G Warwick(C)
- 2 Patricia A M Halls
- 3 Winifred M Warwick
- 4 Burley P Morris
- 5 Brian S Chapman
- 6 Canon David H Sansum
- 7 Philip J H Hudson
- 8 George Pluckrose

A compliment to David Sansum on his appointment as Honorary Canon of Derby Cathedral.

First peal in the method.

Sansum Delight Major:

-3-4-25-236-4-1.56.2-7
le.12 1573 fce's B D O a

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH

D.A.

CADOXTON, W Glam.

S Catwg

Wed Oct 18 1995 2h36 (7)

5040 Stedman Doubles

(42 extents)

- 1 Alwyn R Lewis(C)
- 2 Robert E Hardy
- 3 Simon Farrar
- 4 John A Vesey
- 5 Andrew C John
- 6 Richard Hall

First Stedman: 3.

A compliment to Jonathon & Helen Lewis on the birth of their daughter, Emily Rose.

80p

NON-ASSOCIATION

VICTORIA, B.C., Canada

Christ Church Cathedral

Thu Aug 31 1995 3h21 (29)

5040 Plain Bob Royal

Comp. H J Tucker

- 1 Martin D Fellows(C)
- 2 Simon J T Wilmshurst
- 3 Terence J Madigan
- 4 Ross G W Robertson
- 5 Richard Sales
- 6 Frederick M Mitchell
- 7 David Beacham
- 8 Philip M Saunders
- 9 Raymond H Daw
- 10 Michael E Brown

In memoriam Eric E Speake of Coseley (died on 30/8/95 at Mission City, B.C.), and Sydney Anderson of Vancouver.

WESTMINSTER, London

The Abbey

Thu Oct 19 1995 3h17 (30)

5055 Stedman Caters

Comp. D E House

- 1 Simon M Alford
 - 2 Jeremy R Pratt
 - 3 Emma St John-Smith
 - 4 W John Couperthwaite
 - 5 Christopher H Rogers(C)
 - 6 Keith J Matthews
 - 7 Michael P Moreton
 - 8 David C Brown
 - 9 D Paul Smith
 - 10 John Armstrong
- Following a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the completion of the Abbey restoration of the Abbey.

N. STAFFORDSHIRE ASSN.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME,

Staffs, S Giles

Sat Oct 28 1995 2h56 (16)

5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp. J Holt

- 1 Eric Nixon
- 2 Dennis J Pitstow
- 3 Philip Daniels
- 4 Stefan R Zientek
- 5 David C Powell
- 6 Ken Brown
- 7 Philip W Gay
- 8 Howard E Malkin

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OXFORD D.G.

BODICOTE, Oxon
S John Baptist
Sat Aug 26 1995 2h32 (8)
5024 Spliced S.Major
(4m: 1280 each London,
Cambridge, Superlative;
1184 Bristol: 111 com.atw.)
Comp. A J Pitman
1 Timothy G Pett
2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3 Nicola J Crichton
4 Brian Bladon
5 John Cornock
6 Frank W Rivett
7 Roger Baldwin(C)
8 Peter G C Ellis

£6

READING, Berks.

S Laurence
Sat Oct 7 1995 3h17 (23)
5040 Bristol S.Maximus
Comp. I R Fielding
1 Helen J Piper
2 Brian Bladon
3 Colin M Turner
4 Katherine J Firman
5 Bernard F L Groves(C)
6 Timothy G Pett
7 William Butler
8 Robert J Crocker
9 Geoffrey K Dodd
10 John R Martin
11 Robert B Smith
12 Robert H Newton
2,000th tower-bell and
3,000th peal: 5.

SANDHURST, Glos.

S Lawrence
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h42 (15)
5152 Molybdenum S.Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Brian Bladon
2 Bernard F L Groves
3 Nicola J Crichton
4 David C Brown
5 Peter G C Ellis
6 Martin J Turner
7 Anthony J Cox(C)
8 Colin M Turner

HEMPSTED, Glos.

S Swithun
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h40 (10)
5024 Mercury S.Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Nicola J Crichton
2 Brian Bladon
3 Martin J Turner
4 Peter G C Ellis
5 Anthony J Cox
6 David C Brown
7 Bernard F L Groves(C)
8 Colin M Turner
1,000th peal for the Guild: 4.

BROUGHTON IN FURNESS,

Cumbria, S Mary Magdalene
Sat Oct 21 1995 3h14 (12)
5042 Cambridge S.Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe adapted
1 J Alan Ainsworth(C)
2 Maurice F Edwards
3 Roger Baldwin
4 Diana J Handley
5 John E Anderson
6 Richard C Stevens
7 S Kathleen M Baldwin
8 Peter H Gardner
9 Hilary F C Small
10 Leslie Boumphrey
11 Hugh Neill
12 Claire F Edwards

PRIORS NORTON, Glos.

S Mary Virgin
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h40 (10)
5024 Bristol S.Major
Comp. N Smith
1 Jennifer M Taylor
2 James R Taylor
3 S Kathleen M Baldwin
4 Stuart P B Talbott
5 Andrew M Bull
6 Claire F Edwards
7 Roger Baldwin(C)
8 Peter Bridle

NORTH NIBLEY, Glos.

S Martin
Sun Oct 15 1995 2h55 (12)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Beverley,
Norfolk, Annable's London,
Norwich, Bourne, Ipswich,
Cambridge)
1 Nicola J Crichton
2 Mervyn C Way
3 Brian Bladon
4 Barrie Hendry
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
6 Colin M Turner
A compliment to Ian Crichton
on gaining OAP status.

HIGHCLERE, Hants.

S Michael & All Angels
Thu Oct 19 1995 2h37 (11)
5056 Unnilpentium S.Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Richard T Coxhead
2 Peter Border
3 Geoffrey K Dodd
4 Colin M Turner
5 Peter Bridle
6 Helen J Piper
7 Bernard F L Groves(C)
8 Robert J Crocker

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.

All Saints
Sat Oct 21 1995 3h25 (30)
5042 Yorkshire S.Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Diana M Bridle
2 Patricia M Newton
3 Douglas J Beaumont
4 Cathy M Martin
5 David F Moore
6 Peter Bridle
7 Robert H Newton(C)
8 Stuart P B Talbott
9 George Whiteside
10 Stephen A Rossiter
11 Philip A B Saddleton
12 E John Wells
A compliment to Doug
Beaumont on his election as
Master of the SRCY.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, Beds.

All Saints
Sat Oct 28 1995 2h50 (11)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. J J Parker's 12-part
1 John E Hearn
2 James P Blond
3 Kelvin R Britton
4 Hugh Thomas
5 Walter Lee
6 John H Napper
7 L Roy Woodruff(C)
8 John Young

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WAREHORNE, Kent

S Matthew
Sat Oct 28 1995 2h40 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Lincoln,
Wooler, Alnwick, Norwich,
Netherseale, Hull,
Cambridge)
1 William Butler
2 Brian Bladon
3 Nicola J Crichton
4 Andrew M Farmer
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
6 Colin M Turner

OXFORD SOCIETY

OXFORD, Oxon
Lincoln College
Sat Sep 23 1995 2h48 (7)
5088 Yorkshire S.Major
Comp. N J Pitstow
1 Judith M Passant
2 Catherine M A Lane
3 D Kay Chamberlain
4 Sonia C Tucker
5 Charlotte Everett
6 Elizabeth E Wein
7 Tina R Stoecklin
8 Michele Ellender(C)
First peal as conductor.
Believed to be the first
Ladies peal for the Society.

SOLIHULL, W Mids.

S Alphege
Sat Oct 21 1995 3h38 (21)
5007 Stedman Cinques
Comp. D E Parsons
1 N David Lane
2 Alex F Byrne
3 Catherine M A Lane
4 Charlotte Everett
5 Tina R Stoecklin
6 Michele Ellender
7 David C Woodward
8 Clive Holloway
9 Brian R White(C)
10 John H Napper
11 Peter Border
12 Bernard J Stone

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.
All Saints
Sat Sep 23 1995 3h14 (30)
5040 Yorkshire S.Royal
Comp. M A Coleman
1 Gail L Wade
2 Jane E Boden
3 Elizabeth A Betts
4 Rev David H Sansum
5 Michael J Hawkins
6 Richard L Taylor
7 Michael P A Wilby
8 Andrew W R Wilby
9 James M Bence
10 David Kingman(C)

PAULERSPURY, Northants.

S James
Sun Oct 1 1995 2h55 (15)
5040 Plain Minor
(1 extent each Double
Oxford B, St Clements B; 5
extents Plain B. – 7 different
callings)
1 Elizabeth A Betts
2 Victoria Samson
3 Andrew R Wignell
4 Hugh F Nickerson
5 Timothy F W Samson
6 David Kingman(C)
Most methods: 2 & 5. A
wedding compliment to
Paul & Gill Mason, married
the previous day.



The ladies peal band at Lincoln College. Front row (L to R):
Judith Passant, Katie Lane, Kay Chamberlain, Sonia Tucker.
Back row (L to R): Charlotte Everett, Elizabeth Wein, Tina
Stoecklin, Michele Ellender.

NASSINGTON, Northants.

S Mary & All Saints
Fri Oct 13 1995 2h40 (9)
5040 Doubles
(25m: 1 extent each
Reverse, Canterbury,
Twineham, Bampton,
Fifield, S Ouen, St Simons,
St Martins; 2 extents each St
Osmund, Eynesbury, St
Nicholas, Winchendon, St
Remigius, Huntley, New,
Huntspring, St Vedast,
Blaisdon, Westminster,
Blackburn, St Hilary,
Dragon, Shipways, Reverse
Canterbury, Plain B.)
1 William H Hulme
2 Colin M Turner
3 Andrew M Farmer
4 Robert J Crocker
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
100th peal together as a
foursome: 2, 3, 4 & 5.

KINGSTHORPE, Northants.

S John
Fri Oct 13 1995 2h47 (15)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Wells,
Lightfoot, Carlisle,
Primrose, Bourne, Norwich,
Cambridge)
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
A farewell compliment to
Canon Michael Baker,
leaving for Towcester &
Easton Neston.

WALGRAVE, Northants.

S Peter
Sun Oct 29 1995 2h54 (13)
5040 Stedman Doubles
(15 callings)
1 William H Hulme
2 Rachel D Carter
3 Frank E Coales
4 M J Bill Blowfield
5 Peter M Fleckney(C)
First peal of Stedman
doubles for Rachel.

MAIDWELL, Northants.

S Mary
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h48 (8)
5040 Minor
(3m: 1x1440 Cambridge S,
1x720 Double Oxford B, 4
extents Plain B.)
1 Elizabeth A Betts
2 Brian G Warwick
3 Andrew R Wignell
4 Burley P Morris
5 David Kingman(C)
6 Timothy F W Samson
1,000th tower-bell peal: 4;
100th peal this year: 2. Rung
'open' in thanksgiving for
the life of Frank Wright,
churchwarden at Maidwell.

WESTON BY WELLAND,

Northants, S Mary
Wed Oct 25 1995 2h30 (5)
5040 Doubles
(21m: 2 extents each All
Saints, Grandsire,
Shipways, Westminster,
Blackburn, St Hilary,
Dragon, New, Huntspring, St
Vedast, Blaisdon, Reverse
Canterbury, St Nicholas,
Winchendon, St Remigius,
Huntley, Plain, St Simons,
St Martins, St Osmund,
Eynesbury)
1 Michael D Fiander
2 Andrew M Farmer
3 Nicholas A Churchman
4 Peter G C Ellis(C)
5 Colin M Turner
Most methods: 3. With
thanks to Michael Fiander
for standing in at short
notice, replacing Frank
Green (who, unusually, was
desperate for a lock-out!).

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BRANCEPETH, Co Durham
S Brandon
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h54 (13)
5184 Spliced S.Major
(4m: 1344 each Cambridge,
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire;
1152 Rutland: 150 com.)
Comp. M C W Sherwood
1 Barbara M Wheeler
2 Clare Y Caley
3 Jane H Weller
4 Peter J Williamson
5 Craig J C Taylor
6 Susan E Bryce
7 W John Grainger
8 Paul N Harden(C)
First peal of spliced: 3 & 5;
75th peal together: 2 & 8. £2

SOUTHWELL D.G.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.
Bellfoundry
Thu Oct 19 1995 2h33 (6)
5040 Kimberley Hall S. Royal
Comp. Traditional
1 Sally A Mason(C)
2 Ruth Richardson
3 George A Dawson
4 R Brian Mills
5 Andrew D Higson
6 Richard C L Brown
7 Maurice F Edwards
8 Paul F Curtis
9 Murray A Coleman
10 R Kingsley Mason
First peal in the method.
Kimberley Hall S. Royal:
-3-4-5-6-7-38.4-4.5-36-34.9
le. 12

WILLOUGHBY on the WOLDS,
Notts, S Mary & All Saints
Fri Oct 20 1995 2h17 (6)
5040 Spliced S.Minor
(28m: (1) Lightfoot,
Wearmouth, Netherseale,
Stamford, Rossendale,
Annab's London (2)
London, Wells, Cunecastre
(3) Canterbury, Morpeth (4)
Cambridge, Ipswich,
Bourne, Primrose, Norfolk,
Hull (5) Sandiacre,
Northumberland, Carlisle
(6) Westminster, Allendale
(7) Beverley, Surfleet,
Berwick, York, Durham)
1 Sally A Mason
2 Ruth Richardson
3 Andrew M Farmer
4 Paul F Curtis
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
6 Colin M Turner
A 1995 '100 Club' peal.

WANLIP, Leics.
Our Lady & S Nicholas
Sun Oct 29 1995 2h28 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
(17m: (1) London, Wells (2)
Carlisle (3) Cambridge,
Ipswich, Bourne, Primrose,
Norfolk, Hull (4) Annab's
London (5) Beverley,
Surfleet, Durham, York (6)
Westminster, Allendale (7)
Norwich)
1 Nicola J Crichton
2 Richard C L Brown
3 Andrew M Farmer
4 Sally A Mason
5 Peter G C Ellis(C)
6 Colin M Turner

SUFFOLK GUILD

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk
All Saints
Fri Oct 20 1995 2h35 (10)
5040 Minor
(10m: (1) Double Court B (2)
Norwich S (3) Single Oxford
B (4) Cambridge S (5)
Double Oxford B, Allerton B,
Lakesend B, St Clements B
(6) Kent T B (7) Plain B: 31
com.)
1 Katharine J Salter
2 Mary Allum
3 J Martin Thorley
4 Michelle W Chapman
5 David G Salter(C)
6 Robin D Allum
500th peal as conductor for
the Guild.

LAVENHAM, Suffolk
SS Peter & Paul
Wed Oct 25 1995 3h14 (21)
5056 Sonning S.Major
Comp. A J Pitman
1 Frank C Price
2 Andrew J W Tibbetts
3 George W Pipe
4 Susan L Apter
5 Richard J W Tibbetts
6 David C Brown(C)
7 Andrew I Blacklock
8 Mark Regan

KETTLEBURGH, Suffolk
S Andrew
Thu Oct 26 1995 2h42 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each London,
Wells, Durham, York,
Beverley, Cambridge,
Norwich)
1 Dorothea M Robotham
2 Brian E Whiting
3 Michael T Sprackling
4 Adrian Knights
5 John R Mayne(C)
6 George W Pipe

GREAT BARTON, Suffolk
Holy Innocents
Fri Oct 26 1995 2h29 (8)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Norwich
S, Single Oxford B, Oxford T
B, Double Oxford B, Kent T
B, Cambridge S, Plain B.)
1 Katharine J Salter
2 David G Salter(C)
3 Frank C J Arnold
4 Winston S Girling
5 Mary E Mitchell
6 Clive J Dunbavin

BRANDESTON, Suffolk
All Saints
Sun Oct 29 1995 2h32 (7)
5040 Minor
(12m: (1) York S (2) Bourne
S, Caithness S (3) Double B,
Fulbeck B (4) Oxford T B (5)
Pinehurst B, St Clements B,
Buxton B, Double Oxford B
(6) Cambridge S (7) Plain B.)
1 Katharine J Salter
2 Mary E Mitchell
3 Mary Allum
4 David G Salter(C)
5 Robin D Allum
6 Clive J Dunbavin

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SUSSEX C.A.

SEAFORD, E Sussex
S Leonard
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h54 (13)
5056 Yorkshire S.Major
Arr. J E Hawes
1 Betty Green
2 Linda Perkins
3 Luke D Perkins
4 Ann Smith
5 Edward G Mould
6 Robin B Green
7 John E Hawes(C)
8 Ian V J Smith
First peal on 8 and of
Surprise: 3. A birthday
compliment to Luke Perkins.

STEYNING, Sussex
S Andrew
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h49 (12)
5056 Bristol S.Major
Comp. C K Lewis
1 Terry Madigan
2 Ruth E Reeve
3 Valerie J Howard
4 Catherine M Lewis
5 Margaret L Sherwood
6 Frank W Lewis
7 Roy M Cox
8 Colin R Spencer(C)

HAMMERWOOD, E Sussex
S Stephen
Tue Oct 24 1995 2h37 (6)
5040 Plain Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Buxton,
Childwall, Double Oxford,
Pinehurst, Plain B, Single
Oxford, St Clements B.)
1 Marion E Huang
2 Jacqueline M Hunter
3 Ian V J Smith
4 Louise G Pink
5 John E Hawes(C)
6 Ann Smith

WINCHESTER &
PORTSMOUTH D.G.

BENTWORTH, Hants.
S Mary
Sat Oct 28 1995 2h33 (8)
5040 Doubles
(6p/m: 2 extents Stedman, 8
extents each Reverse
Canterbury, St Simons, St
Martins, Plain B, Grandsire)
1 Diane M Hart
2 Simon E Wood
3 David M Hughes
4 William J Stungo
5 Roger A Barber(C)
6 David Hart
First peal: 1 & 6.

NEWPORT, IoW.
S Thomas Canterbury &
S Thomas Apostle
Sun Oct 29 1995 3h3 (16)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. Holt's original
1 Ian Orchard
2 Vivien C Stacey
3 June M Mitchell
4 Aubrey G Eveleigh
5 Graham A Nobbs
6 David A Weir(C)
7 Paul T Young
8 Julian M Atkins
First peal: 1. For Evensong.
A golden wedding
anniversary compliment to
Jim & Marjorie Arkless.



Dave Billings accepting his peal board.

Pettistree Farewell

"The end of an era" may be a cliché, but it is an appropriate phrase for the evening of Wednesday 27th September, 1995, in *The Greyhound Inn* at Pettistree, Suffolk. This is the pub where the Pettistree ringers and regular visitors have congregated every Wednesday evening after ringing practice since the bells were restored in 1986, and undoubtedly by many ringers in days of old. The welcome received by the ringers from Dave Billings, the publican, and his wife Jean, has been as warm as the log fire in winter. We have enjoyed Dave's caustic wit and have appreciated the regular donation that has found its way into the Pettistree Bell Fund tin.

Now the time has come for Dave and Jean to retire, and as they have been so supportive of the ringers, a peal was arranged and rung for them. A speedy calligrapher was found to record the peal, and a local picture framer managed to frame the script in record time. The resultant peal board was presented to them on their last evening, after ringing practice, with the best wishes of the Pettistree ringers and friends for a long and happy retirement.

S.M.J.Stanford

SUFFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS

PETTISTREE, Suffolk
SS Peter & Paul
Fri Sep 22 1995 2h40 (7)
5040 Norwich S.Minor
Comp. R Bailey

1 Glenys Fear
2 Mary S Garner
3 Katherine J Eagle
4 John L Girt
5 David I Stanford
6 Michael G Whitby(C)

Specially arranged for Dave & Jean Billings on their retirement from *The Greyhound Inn*, Pettistree, in appreciation of their support of the Pettistree ringers. £5.50

WORCESTERSHIRE &
DISTS. ASSN.

SEELY OAK, Birmingham
S Mary
Wed Sep 6 1995 2h55 (12)
5088 London S.Major
Comp. J Washbrook
1 Alan Roberts
2 Roderick W Pipe
3 Norman J Goodman
4 Gary M Haslam
5 Nicholas J Green
6 H T Keith Haslam
7 Martin D Fellows
8 David J Pipe(C)
Half-muffled in memoriam
William Baden Cartwright,
buried at this Church earlier
this day.

PERSHORE, Worcs.
S Andrew's Parish Centre
Sat Oct 21 1995 2h41 (9)
5056 Nailstone S.Major
Comp. Rev H Law James
1 Julie Hooper
2 Christopher E Slade
3 John W Nicholls
4 Ian D Thompson
5 Simon E Adams
6 John H Smart
7 H T Keith Haslam
8 Gerald C Hemming(C)
To mark the 900th anniversary
year of St. Wulstan's death,
the last Saxon Bishop of
Worcester and founder of the
present Cathedral, with the
visit to Worcestershire this
week by Dr George Carey,
Archbishop of Canterbury, for
the 'Celebration of Faith'
Service.

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

NORTON, Evesham, Worcs.
S Egwin

Sat Oct 7 1995 2h44 (13)
5056 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. A Knights
1 H T Keith Haslam
2 Catherine R Taylor
3 John W Nicholls
4 Peter J F Quinn
5 Christopher Lees
6 John H Smart
7 Gerald C Hemming(C)
8 Stephen D Brown
100th peal: 3; 1,111th peal: 7.

SEELY OAK, W Mids.

S Mary
Sat Oct 14 1995 2h44 (12)
5056 Lincolnshire S. Major
Comp. E A Barnett
1 Nicholas J Green
2 Catherine R Taylor
3 H T Keith Haslam
4 Simon E Adams
5 John H Smart
6 Jeffrey B Webb
7 Gerald C Hemming(C)
8 Andrew J Hartley
50th peal together: 5 & 7;
50th peal of Lincolnshire
S. major: 3.

HALLOW, Worcs.

SS Philip & James
Sat Oct 28 1995 3h6 (22)
5152 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 H T Keith Haslam
2 Catherine R Taylor
3 Paul R Smith
4 Alan E Hartley
5 John H Smart
6 Nicholas J Green
7 Gerald C Hemming(C)
8 Stephen D Brown
Half-muffled in memory of
Lucy Tringham, aged 23, of
this Parish, on the day of her
funeral, and of her four
colleagues who all tragically
died in a road accident in
Swaziland on 13/10/95.

HANDBELL PEALS

HERTFORD C.A.

WATFORD, Herts.
15 Harford Drive
Wed Oct 18 1995 2h10 (13)
5024 Spiced S. Major
(4m: 1280 each London,
Cambridge, Superlative;
1184 Bristol: 111 com.atw.)
Comp. A J Pitman
1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3-4 John R Mayne
5-6 Roger Baldwin(C)
7-8 Dorothea M Robotham

KENT C.A.

MEOPHAM, Kent
34 Orchard Drive
Wed Oct 18 1995 2h38 (15)
5104 Spiced Royal
(2m: 4880 Kent T B, 224
Bastow Little Court: 28 com.)
Comp. C T Osenton
1-2 Peter Beresford
3-4 John W Gander
5-6 Christopher T Osenton(C)
7-8 Frank J Matthews
9-10 Rhian N Bagshaw

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH
D.A.

TAFFS WELL, Cardiff, Mid
Glam, 104 Glan-y-Ffordd
Wed Sep 27 1995 2h23 (12)
5056 Ashted S. Major
Comp. R R Churchill
1-2 Helen Dancer
3-4 Robin R Churchill
5-6 Robert E Hardy
7-8 Marcus A G Williams(C)
First peal of Ashted in-
hand for the Association
and by all the band. £1

CARDIFF, Mid Glam.

20 Windlass Court,
Cardiff Bay
Fri Sep 15 1995 2h40 (12)
5040 Lincolnshire S. Royal
Comp. J H Fielden
1-2 Helen Dancer
3-4 Robin R Churchill
5-6 Gareth Dancer
7-8 Robert E Hardy
9-10 Marcus A G Williams(C)
First peal of Lincolnshire
royal in-hand for the
Association and by all the
band. On the second
anniversary of the first
handbell peal of maximum
for the Association. £1

OXFORD D.G.

READING, Berks.
18 Sandhills Way, Calcot
Fri Oct 6 1995 2h52 (17)
5042 Cambridge S. Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1-2 Patricia M Newton
3-4 Robert B Smith
5-6 Bernard F L Groves(C)
7-8 David F Moore
9-10 Graham A C John
11-12 Robert H Newton
1,000th handbell peal: 5-6.

ASTON ROWANT, Oxon

The White House
Wed Oct 18 1995 2h16 (14)
5088 Bristol S. Major
Comp. C J E Wyld
1-2 Patricia M Newton
3-4 Philip A B Saddleton
5-6 Bernard F L Groves(C)
7-8 Robert H Newton

LATE PEALS

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD,
BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM
S Philip's Cathedral
Thu May 11 1995 3h21 (31)
5040 Bristol S. Maximus
Comp. D G Hull
1 Elisabeth M Green
2 David G Hull
3 Stephen J Mills
4 Cecilia E C Lansberry
5 David J Pipe(C)
6 John E Harrold
7 Andrew J Hartley
8 Roderick W Pipe
9 Paul Needham
10 Frederick R Shallcross
11 Michael P A Wilby
12 Andrew J Mitchell
First 12-bell peal: 4. £5

Sally Mason's Peal Tour 1995 – Oxford Area

The ninth annual peal tour was centred around Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, for the third successive year. Yet again, the *Sun Inn* lived up to the high standards that we had experienced on our previous visits: good accommodation, excellent food and plentiful real ale.

We had made the acquaintance of Horace – the "Sun Inn's" pet Vietnamese pig last year and had likened him to a famous northern 'Strapper'. On arriving at the Sun we were rather concerned to see a poster advertising a Bank Holiday Monday 'Hog Roast'. Was this the end for Horace?

A total of 15 peals were scored from the 16 attempted. As there were more ringers than there were ropes available over the Bank Holiday, some ringers were 'sub-contracted' to other peals at Bodicote, Waltham Abbey and Ashdon (arranged by Peter Ellis) and Oxford Cathedral (arranged by Clive Holloway).

After the peal at East Hagbourne on the Monday, we were greeted by a couple asking whether we had been ringing the bells all morning. We assumed that we were about to receive a complaint. However, we were pleasantly surprised to learn that the couple were from Scotland and had been holidaying in the village. They had thoroughly enjoyed the ringing and wished to thank us! On the Monday afternoon we pealed the anti-clockwise eight at Benson before returning to the Sun Inn where we were relieved to see that Horace was still alive and well! We were pleased to be able to partake of the 'five-pints-in-a-jug-for-the-price-of-three' special offer on the Hook Norton bitter. The Irish barman got confused and tried at one stage to turn the 'offer' into three for the price of five. We soon put him right on this! The evening passed very quickly as we listened to Simon Poole's endless repertoire of very funny jokes. Simon was not quite so amused by the suggestion that he could not count his recent peal at Liverpool Cathedral as he did not have a whole bell to himself.

The Tuesday towers were selected highlights from previous tours, namely Hook Norton and Bicester. At Hook Norton, Ruth's tail-end came untucked early in the peal. Fortunately she was able to cope; she made sure her tail-end was well secured with tape in the following attempts. An excellent peal of Cornwall was rung at Bicester. Ian commented that Kingsley must have been very frustrated as this was the second excellent peal that he had listened to on these first-rate bells and he still had not rung a peal on them! In the evening we were disappointed to discover that the special offer on the beer had ended. It had been a one-day-only offer in order to keep the queues down at the bar on the Bank Holiday Monday. Nevertheless, we continued to partake of the beer in the hope that our frequent presence at the bar may cause congestion thus warranting reinstatement of the special offer.

On Thursday evening, Tudor demonstrated his new video camera on which he captured some of Simon's joke-telling. So Simon had made the big screen at last! By this stage of the week, Simon's repertoire was starting to dry up and he was telling us jokes that we had heard earlier in the week. As luck would have it, he decided to have an early night!

There were sufficient ringers available on the Friday to warrant arranging three attempts. The afternoon peal allowed us to settle an old score at East Ilsley where we had lost our only peal the previous year. A Friday evening attempt had been arranged at Sunningwell. This would have been the first peal of minor to be rung on a SAM peal tour. However, the attempt came to grief in the fourth extent thus allowing us more time for the traditional last night socialisation.

On Saturday morning we were sorry to learn of Eric Speake's death earlier in the week. The peal of 8-spiced at Brackley was rung in memory of him.

During the course of the week we experienced good ringing, good company, excellent food and accommodation, and many complimentary comments from people who had enjoyed listening to our ringing. We received a warm welcome from the towers that we visited and we thank them for kindly allowing us to use their bells.

This year, Sally did sufficient of the organisation to warrant losing her traditional 'figure-head' status. However, a great deal of the planning and organisation was carried out by Kingsley; we wish to thank him for all his hard work which ensured yet another successful and enjoyable week.

Sally A. Mason

Note: Shortly after the peal tour, Jenny Mitchell was unexpectedly taken into hospital where she underwent surgery. We wish her well for a speedy recovery.

SOUTHWELL D.G.

BENSON, Oxon, S Helen
Mon Aug 28 1995 2h55 (14)
5184 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. P J Flavell
1 Paul F Curtis
2 Ruth Richardson
3 Tudor P Edwards
4 Sally A Mason
5 Andrew D Higson
6 John Cornock
7 Peter G C Ellis
8 Ian Butters

HOOK NORTON, Oxon

S Peter
Tue Aug 29 1995 3h14 (20)
5024 Bristol S. Major
Comp. S J Ivin
1 Sally A Mason
2 Tudor P Edwards(C)
3 Ruth Richardson
4 John Cornock
5 Martin F Mitchell
6 Paul F Curtis
7 Simon J Poole
8 R Kingsley Mason

BICESTER, Oxon, S Edburg

Tue Aug 29 1995 2h53 (15)
5024 Cornwall S. Major
Comp. R F B Speed
1 Sally A Mason
2 Tudor P Edwards
3 Ruth Richardson
4 John Cornock
5 Richard C Stevens
6 Ian Butters(C)
7 Simon J Poole
8 Paul F Curtis
375th different tower for a
peal: 7; 400th peal for the
Guild: 3; 100th peal
together: 1 & 3.

OXFORD, Oxon

S Andrew, Headington
Wed Aug 30 1995 2h40 (7)
5040 Double Norwich C.B. Major
Comp. R I Allton
1 Sally A Mason
2 Tudor P Edwards
3 Ruth Richardson
4 Martin F Mitchell
5 Maurice F Edwards
6 Paul F Curtis
7 Simon J Poole
8 Ian Butters(C)

LONG CRENDON, Bucks.

S Mary
Thu Aug 31 1995 3h3 (17)
5040 Lincolnshire S. Royal
Comp. J H Fielden
1 Sally A Mason
2 Ruth Richardson
3 Carol A Marchbank
4 Tudor P Edwards
5 Paul F Curtis
6 Trevor W Marchbank
7 Ian Butters
8 Simon J Poole
9 Colin M Turner
10 R Kingsley Mason(C)

NON-ASSOCIATION

(No Assn. given)

BRISTOL, Avon
S Michael on the Mount Without
Sun May 7 1995 2h43 (12)
5040 Minor
(4m: 1 extent London, 2
extents each Single Oxford
B, Cambridge S, Plain B.)
1 Clare O'Callaghan
2 Mick Priestley
3 Louisa Holt
4 Dave Bassford
5 Dave Spencer
6 Jeff Tozer(C)
First peal: 2.

GUILDFORD, Surrey
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
Sat Aug 26 1995 3h41 (30)
5042 Lincolnshire S.
Maximus
Comp. M A Coleman
1 Sally A Mason
2 Tudor P Edwards
3 Ruth Richardson
4 Colin M Turner
5 Ian Butters
6 Graham M Bradshaw
7 Martin F Mitchell
8 Paul F Curtis
9 Maurice F Edwards
10 Simon J Poole
11 Michael Maughan
12 R Kingsley Mason(C)
900th peal: 10; 50th different
12-bell tower for a peal: 3.

OXFORD, Oxon
Magdalen College
Sat Aug 26 1995 3h6 (19)
5040 Cambridge S. Royal
Comp. P Border
1 Sally A Mason
2 Tudor P Edwards
3 Ruth Richardson
4 Nicola J Crichton
5 Graham M Bradshaw
6 John Cornock
7 Andrew D Higson
8 Paul F Curtis
9 Michael Maughan(C)
10 Ian Butters
700th peal: 4.

EAST HAGBOURNE, Oxon
S Andrew
Mon Aug 28 1995 3h6 (21)
5088 Uxbridge S. Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Sally A Mason(C)
2 Ruth Richardson
3 John Cornock
4 Ian Butters
5 Andrew D Higson
6 Peter G C Ellis
7 Paul F Curtis
8 R Kingsley Mason
100th peal together: 1 & 7.

CHOLSEY, Oxon, S Mary
Sun Aug 27 1995 2h45 (10)
5120 Spiced S. Major
(9m: 1728 Bristol, 896
Ealing, 768 London, 576
Rutland, 384 Cambridge,
192 each Yorkshire,
Lincolnshire, Superlative,
Pudsey; 138 com.)
Comp. M A Coleman
1 Tudor P Edwards
2 Graham M Bradshaw
3 Ian Butters(C)
4 Ruth Richardson
5 Paul F Curtis
6 Martin F Mitchell
7 Andrew D Higson
8 R Kingsley Mason

BRACKLEY, Northants.
S Peter with S James
Sat Sep 2 1995 3h8 (13)
5056 Spiced S. Major
(8m: 768 each Rutland,
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire,
Pudsey; 566 each
Cambridge, Superlative;
448 Bristol, 384 London: 141
com.)
Comp. M C W Sherwood
1 Sally A Mason
2 Tudor P Edwards
3 Carol A Marchbank
4 Graham M Bradshaw
5 Martin F Mitchell
6 Trevor W Marchbank
7 Michael Maughan(C)
8 Ian Butters

ASTON CLINTON, Bucks.
S Michael
Thu Aug 31 1995 2h51 (13)
5152 Oxfordshire S. Major
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Sally A Mason
2 Ian Butters(C)
3 Carol A Marchbank
4 John Cornock
5 Martin F Mitchell
6 Maurice F Edwards
7 Trevor W Marchbank
8 Simon J Poole



Group photograph L to R: Tudor Edwards, Trevor Marchbank, Carol Marchbank, Mike Maughan, Martin Mitchell, Ben Mitchell, Sally Mason, Louise Mitchell.

ISLIP, Oxon, S Nicholas
Wed Aug 30 1995 2h40 (8)
5376 Superlative S. Major
Comp. R B Grimmett
1 Sally A Mason(C)
2 Ruth Richardson
3 Tudor P Edwards
4 John Cornock
5 Simon J Poole
6 Paul F Curtis
7 Ian Butters
8 R Kingsley Mason
100th peal together: 1 & 5.

WEEDON BEC, Northants.
SS Peter & Paul
Sat Sep 2 1995 2h50 (15)
5056 London S. Major
Comp. R Baldwin
1 Sally A Mason
2 Ruth Richardson
3 John Cornock
4 Paul F Curtis
5 Simon J Poole
6 Andrew D Higson
7 Michael Maughan(C)
8 R Kingsley Mason
In memory of Eric Speake of
Coseley, Staffs.

CLANFIELD, Oxon
S Stephen
Fri Sep 1 1995 2h53 (13)
5088 Lessness S. Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Sally A Mason
2 Ruth Richardson
3 Carol A Marchbank
4 Tudor P Edwards
5 Trevor W Marchbank
6 Peter G C Ellis
7 Paul F Curtis
8 R Kingsley Mason(C)

EAST ILSLEY, Berks
S Mary
Fri Sep 1 1995 2h41 (8)
5184 Bolton S. Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Sally A Mason
2 Tudor P Edwards
3 Ian Butters(C)
4 Carol A Marchbank
5 Martin F Mitchell
6 John Cornock
7 Simon J Poole
8 Trevor W Marchbank



Tudor puts his feet up before the peal at Benson.

Quarter Peals

Abbots Leigh, Avon. 30 Sep, 1296 Norwich S Minor: P Bridges 1, T Phillips (1st in m) 2, P G Neil 3, B Stirland (1st in m) 4, G L Sparey 5, G A A Taylor (C) 6. For the 50th birthday of P G Neil. £3

Alrewas, Staffs. 16 Sep, 1280 PB Major: Valerie Ridgman 1, Amanda Chaddock 2, Jill Butcher (1st in m) 3, Lesley Brown 4, Rev S J Morris (1st in m) 5, D Hall (1st in m) 6, T Ridgman 7, M Maughan (C) 8. £1.50

Ashbrittle, Som. 6 Oct, 1296 Minor (2m): A V Edwards 1, N A Williams (1st plain and S) 2, B G Williams 3, Sally Wheeler 4, A F Lee (C) 5, W E Dunn 6. £1.20

Ashill, Norfolk. 1 Oct, 1440 S Minor (2m): Amanda Richmond 1, Christian Peckham 2, Shirley Drew 3, David Riley 4, Roger Peckham (C) 5, Simon Rudd 6. Prior to Harvest Festival Evensong. £1.20

Aspley Guise, Beds. 24 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles: Simon Humphries (1st Q) 1, Robert Churchill 2, Amber Thompson 3, Peter Phillips 4, Roger King (C) 5, Elizabeth Churchill 6. Birthday compliments to 3, 4 and 6 and good wishes to Amber Thompson and James Humphries starting university shortly. £2.50

Bacup, Lancs (St Saviour). 24 Sep, 1260 Cambridge S Minor: H Parkinson 1, K Hartley 2, Helen Rigby 3, J Kershaw 4, Anne Pettifor (C) 5, D

R Pettifor 6. Retirement compliment to the Revd D H Kingham, Vicar of this parish for 22 years. Rung just prior to his final evensong. £1

Bakewell, Derbys. 8 Oct, 1252 Lincolnshire S Major: Jonathan Francis 1, Gill Pearson 2, I Duff 3, J Franklin 4, J Thorpe 5, R L Taylor 6, C Longdon 7, F Pearson (C) 8. For the Revd Albert Harby on his move to Boston, Lincolnshire. £2

Barking, Suffolk. 24 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles: Mary Odam 1, Linda Lee (1st inside) 2, Valerie Mayhew 3, Philip Day 4, David Barnard (C) 5, Stuart Lee 6. Farewell compliment to the Revd Susan Bailey. £1

Barnwood, Glos. 24 Sep, 1280 PB Major: Frances Mulvey 1, Tim Poole 2, Hannah Poole 3, Grahame Groves 4, Chris Poole 5, Dave Turner 6, Keith Poole 7, Tom Hinton (C) 8. For Harvest Festival and 80th birthday congratulations to Joan Burke. £1.60

Basingstoke, Hants (St Michael). 10 Sep, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: Heather Kippin 1, Pauline Underwood (1st in m) 2, Keith Walpole 3, John Foster 4, Nick Blyton 5, Peter Jordan 6, Tony Arkless (C) 7, Chris Kippin 8. Also 1 Oct, 1260 Stedman Triples: John Foster 1, Rosalind Turrell (1st S Triples) 2, Kathy Arkless 3, Esme Weaver 4, Nick Burton 5, Keith Walpole 6, Barbara Foster (C) 7, Philip Turrell 8. For Patronal Festival. £3.20

Bath, Avon (St Michael with St Paul). 1 Oct, 1264 PB Major: Carla Osborne (1st on 8) 1, James Hillier 2, Lizzie Slade (1st ins on 8) 3, Maggie Willans 4, Jody Hillier 5, Andrew Phillips 6, Giles Wood 7, Dave Kelly (C) 8. For Harvest Festival. £1

Benenden, Kent. 1 Oct, 1259 Grandsire Triples: Karen Lebon 1, Mike Godfrey 2, Charlotte Edmond 3, Janice Leeke 4, Geoff Waters 5, Simon Sims 6, Rod Lebon 7, Frank Wenham 8. In celebration of the ordination to the priesthood of Jacques Desrosiers (Benenden) and Richard Wood (Folkestone). £1

Beoley, Worcs. 1 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: M Barlow 1, R Simmons 2, Ann Simmons 3, M Sreeves 4, A J Barnfield 5, R Smith 6. For Harvest Evensong. £1.20

Birchington, Kent (All Saints). 10 Jun, 1260 PB Doubles: David Sheekey 1, Revd David Russell 2, Emma Rothery 3, Peter Russell 4, Michael Little (C) 5, Lynda Thomas 6. Half-muffled in memory of the Revd Tom O'Neil. £2

Birmingham, W Mids (King's Norton). 8 Oct, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Ruth Halling 1, Clare Redstone 2, Richard Jones 3, Paul Evans 4, Catherine Taylor 5, Roy Williams (C) 6, David Bagley 7, Ross Bradley 8, Anthony Barnfield 9, Anthony Daw 10. Specially arranged for the 80th birthday of Edith Pinder, aunt of 8. £2.50

Bishopstoke, Hants. 3 Sep, 1260 PB Royal: J Waller 1, C Waller 2, C Govier 3, J Hodkin 4, J Waller 5, K le Marechal 6, K Waller 7, P Watts 8, J A Hodkin 9, G J Wright (1st on 10 as C) 10. £2

Blithfield, Staffs. 6 Oct, 1320 Minor (Cambridge and PB): S R Alliss 1, Suzanne Alliss 2, Lucy Smith 3, S P Ferguson 4, C M Smith 5, Rachel Carter (C) 6. £1.20

Blo Norton, Norfolk. 14 May, 1260 PB Minor: Stephen Young 1, Paul Cattermole (C) 2, Jane Grandfield (1st minor ins) 3, Alice Cattermole 4, Ian Grandfield 5, Betty Baines 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of VE Day. £1.20

Bournemouth, Dorset (St John). 9 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Nancy Bramley 1, Shirley Brown (1st on 8) 2, Barbara Goldsworthy 3, Richard Boyce 4, Peter Goldsworthy 5, M L Jasper 6, K Fleming (C) 7, Angie Jasper 8. £2

Bressingham, Norfolk. 25 Sep, 1260 Doubles (2m): Chris Beesley 1, Tony Baines 2, Jane Grandfield 3, Ian Grandfield 4, Betty Baines (C) 5, Peter Willan 6. In thanksgiving for the life of Robert Bloom on the eve of his funeral. £1.20

Brighthelm, IOW. 1 Oct, 1260 Minor (2m): Katie Woods 1, June Mitchell 2, Beccy Noyes 3, Margaret Downer 4, Barry Downer 5, Stephen Noyes (C) 6. Prior to evening service of healing. £1

Bristol, Avon (St Michael). 17 Sep, No method given: David Bassford 1, Louisa Holt 2, Andrew Rodcliffe 3, Nathan Jones 4, Clare O'Callaghan (C) 5, Jeffrey Tozer 6. For Evensong. £1.20

Bromborough, Mers. 11 Sep, 1259 PB Triples: Janet Roxburgh 1, Joanne Hendy 2, Lindsey Jones 3, Alison Carpenter 4, Max Pemberton 5, Ernie Carvell 6, Steve Hughes (C) 7, Don Peers 8. £1.60

Bromley, Kent (SS Peter and Paul). 24 Sep, 1260 Stedman Triples: Christine Webb 1, Rachael Backhouse 2, Rosemary Tuhey 3, Freda Cannon 4, Frank Matthews 5, Rhian Bagshaw 6, David Kingston (C) 7, Edward Robinson 8. For Frank Gates' 80th birthday. £1

Buckden, Cambs. 10 Sep, 1260 Doubles (2m): David Griffiths 1, Elizabeth Griffiths 2, Helen Boocock 3, John Boocock 4, Adam Greenley (C) 5. 25th wedding anniversary compliment to the Revd Richard Bending and his wife Sue. £1

Buckland Dinham, Som. 29 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P Elderton 1, Dora Westlake 2, Sarah Westlake 3, J F S Lambard 4, M Calder 5, D J Westlake (C) 6, A R Shallish 7, E C Westlake 8. Also 6 Oct, 1260 Stedman Triples: J Brain 1, Mary York 2, B H Shackleton 3, Valerie Stone 4, G Brown 5, E J Chivers 6, M J Horseman (C) 7, H T Ferris 8. £1.80

Burghill, Herefs. 22 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Kate Price 1, Jane Mason 2, Jo Gilbert 3, Sarah Allen 4, M V Powell 5, P D Gilbert 6, J E Harrold (C) 7, N Cooper-Tomkins 8. £1.60

Burnham-on-Sea, Som. 17 Sep, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Frances Phillips 1, J F S Lambard 2, T Phillips 3, R ? 4, E C Westlake 5, D J Westlake 6, A R Shallish 7, J Comer 8. For Songs of Praise Service. £1

Calne, Wilts. 8 Oct, 1260 Stedman Triples: J Leary (C) 1, P Thorn 2, G Harper 3, Sophie Leary 4, P Lucas 5, B S Bishop 6, D Orledge 7, K Webb 8. For Choral Evensong marking the end of the Calne Music and Arts Festival. £2

Cheadle, Staffs (RC). 1 Sep, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Helen Matheson (1st TB) 1, Christina Pearson 2, Andrew Pounton (1st in m) 3, Eric Pearson 4, Alan Walters 5, Jeff Pearson (C) 6. 60p

Chester, Ches (Cathedral). 1 Oct, 1296 PB Major: Anna Hambleton 1, R Peers 2, Lindsey Jones 3, R T J Tinkler 4, G E Price 5, G W Phillips 6, P M J Newton 7, S W Hughes (C) 8. £1.60

Chester, Ches (Handbridge). 20 Aug, 1260 PB Minor: B W Griffith 1, Tig Barker 2, Irene James 3, Fiona Harrison 4, Helen Mitchell (C) 5, C Mitchell 6, J D Stockton 7. For Sunday Evensong to commemorate VJ Day. £1.50

Cheswardine, Salop. 7 Oct, 1260 PB Triples: A Smith 1, F Smith 2, Judith Speake 3, Jane James 4, J Speake 5, Sue Perry 6, B Tyler (C) 7, J Williamson 8. To celebrate the Induction of the Revd Brian Peace to the parishes of Cheswardine, Hales, Hinstock, Childs Ercall, Sambrook and Stoke-on-Tern. £1

Chiddingfold, E Sussex. 28 Sep, 1260 Doubles (9m): R Tappington 1, Revd D Smith 2, Sonia Harriyott 3, Margaret Bennett 4, T D Waterman (C) 5, R C Neal 6. For the opening of Chiddingfold Festival. Also 8 Oct, 1260 Doubles (7m): Marion Hollands 1, M S Cotgrove 2, Sonia Harriyott 3, Margaret Bennett 4, T D Waterman (C) 5, H Bailey 6. For Chiddingfold Festival. £1.60

Chilham, Kent. 1 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: Janet Godfrey 1, Chris Godfrey (C) 2, Andrew Rickards 3, Mark Harding 4, Tim Dawes 5, James Rickards 6. To celebrate the engagement of Michelle Sutton to David S Godfrey (youngest son of Janet and Chris Godfrey). By the Sunday Service band, prior to Matins, on the back 6.

Chilton Trinity, Som. 28 Sep, 1260 Huntley Place Doubles: S Chambers 1, Valerie Stone (C) 2, G G Davis 3, M Holder 4, G Brown (circled tower) 5. 1st in m by all. For Harvest Evensong. £1

Clapham Common, London SW (Holy Trinity). 1 Oct, 1320 Doubles (2m): Keith Anderson 1, Irene Rich 2, Nicholas Simon 3, Katherine Parker 4, James Ingham (C) 5, Matthew Hosking 6. For Evensong. £1.50

Clerkenwell, London EC. 23 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R Lawrance 1, Kathy Parker 2, Rachel Billinge 3, M Braby 4, N Simon 5, K Anderson 6, S Coaker (C) 7, Juliet Lawrance 8. After the wedding of Sara Cragg and David Lambert. £2.40

Clevedon, Avon (St Andrew). 22 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sue Riley 1, E Lee 2, Margaret James 3, M J Callow 4, L M Callow 5, J Riley (1st of Triples as C) 6, D James 7, N Dixon 8. On the eve of the wedding of Diana Riley, the elder daughter of 1 and 6. £2

Clodock, Herefs. 6 Oct, 1260 Stedman Doubles: J E Harrold (C) 1, E W Taylor 2, R Drinkwater 3, N Cooper-Tomkins (1st in m) 4, Jane Amson 5, Emma Jenkins 6. £1.20

Coddington, Notts. 1 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Bache 1, Michael Bache 2, Derick Kirton 3, Geoffrey Wells 4, Frederick Tomlinson (C) 5, Peter Ackley 6. For Harvest Festival. £1

Coventry, W Mids (Stoke). 16 Sep, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: S A Deakin (1st TB) 1, Jean Harrison 2, Janice Sheasby 3, M G Cole 4, D G Harrison 5, R A Sheasby (C) 6. Farewell compliment to treble, leaving for Nottingham University. Also 20th wedding anniversary compliment to 2 and 5. £1.20

Coventry, W Mids (Walsgrave-on-Sowle). 22 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles: P M Deakin 1, Helen Hancox 2, R Abbott 3, Sarah Matterson (1st inside aged 4, R A Sheasby (C) 5, P Craig 6. To mark the Induction at St Chad's of the Revd Nerissa Jones (Coventry's first lady vicar). £1.20

Crewkerne, Som. 17 Sep, 1260 PB Triples: Joanna Heathorn 1, Mary White 2, John White 3, Peter Vaughan 4, Graham Button 5, Sandra Haines 6, Raymond Haines (C) 7, Derek Ballard 8. £1.60

Cumnor, Oxon. 24 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M Hall 1, Jenny Dyer 2, A Dyer 3, Barbara Payne 4, P Day 5, N Clarke (C) 6, Rosemary Smith 7, R Taylor 8. For St Michael's church Patronal Festival and to congratulate Mr and Mrs Talboys on their Ruby Wedding anniversary. £1

Danehill, E Sussex. 24 Sep, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: A Booher 1, K Penfold 2, P Penfold 3, J Woolgar 4, A J Butcher 5, D Woolgar (1st in m as C) 6. For the Church Users Service during the Living Water Campaign. 1st in m for all. £1

Diss, Norfolk. 17 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Kathleen Tebble 1, Stephen Young 2, Ruth Young 3, Betty Baines 4, Gale Hodgkinson 5, Tony Baines 6, Michael Hodgkinson (C) 7, Geoffrey Tebble 8. To celebrate the Pearl Wedding Anniversary of 4 and 6. £1.60

Ditchat, Som. 24 Sep, 1260 PB Triples: Katie Pearce (1st on 8) 1, Robert Davis (circled tower twice 2, Janet Crispin (1st in m) 3, Patricia Tucker 4, Matt Hillyard 5, Robert Wellan 6, Patrick Tucker (C) 7, Jan Sapiezynski 8. For Evensong. £1

Ducklington, Oxon. 1 Oct, 1320 Kent TB Minor: Fred Barnes 1, Sarah Dale (1st in m) 2, Simon DeBanks (1st in m) 3, Christine Putt 4, Ashley Chaloner 5, Roger Barnes (C) 6.

Dunstable Priory, Beds. 30 Sep, 1312 Quanton S Major: Liz Middleton 1, Brian Watson 2, Lucy Shepherd 3, John Ewer 4, Robert Tregillus 5, Richard Smith 6, David Adams 7, Alan Shepherd (C) 8. Also 7 Oct, 1280 Spiced S Major (5m): Lucy Shepherd 1, Michael Barker 2, Richard Casserley 3, David Adams 4, Robert Tregillus 5, Roger King 6, Alan Shepherd (C) 7, Richard Horne 8. £3

Durleigh, Som. 1 Oct, 1320 Norwich S Minor: G G Davis 1, A F Lee (2,200th Q) 2, Sally Wheeler 3, Valerie Stone 4, D J Leigh (1st in m) 5, G Brown (C, 1st in m) 6. For Harvest Evensong. £1.20

Dursley, Glos. 1 Oct, 1280 Ashtead S Major: F Byrne 1, Elizabeth Byrne 2, Janet Fox 3, R Grover 4, J Taylor 5, A Bull 6, Jane Bull 7, P Pope (C) 8. 1st in m for all except 6. 80p

Eaton Socon, Cambs. 7 Oct, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Graham Hall 1, Catherina Griffiths 2, Susan Spencer 3, Elizabeth Griffiths 4, Wendy

Piercy 5, Eric Lane 6, Timothy Griffiths 7, Richard Stevens (C) 8. Wedding compliment to Ian Sallis and Alison Stevens (daughter of 8). £2

Enfield, Middx (St Andrew). 8 Oct, 1260 PB Minor: Jackie McFadden (1st minor) 1, Jinny Kufluk 2, Debbie Malin 3, Martin Sutcliffe (1st minor as C) 4, Nick Gander 5, Stephen Jakeman 6. For Evensong. £3

Eversholt, Beds. 10 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles: Graham Kemp 1, Robert Churchill (C) 2, Elizabeth Churchill 3, David Adams 4, Raymond Watkin 5, Peter Boon 6. £2.50

Evington, Leics. 8 Oct, 1260 PB Minor: Elizabeth Rudge (1st minor) 1, Ruth Jones 2, Joanna Johnson (1st inside) 3, Marjorie Coleman 4, Stephen Peverett 5, Christopher Rudge (C) 6. For Patronal Festival evensong. 70p

Ewyas Harold, Herefs. 8 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: Esther Colby 1, Kate Price 2, Vicki Rees 3, A Colby 4, M J Powell (C) 5, N Cooper-Tomkins (circ. twr since 6. For Sunday Service. £1.25

Exeter, Devon (St Thomas). 25 Sep, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Elaine Grant 1, Pat Yeo 2, Yvonne Porter 3, Sue Sawyer 4, Margaret Reeves 5, Janet Coles 6, Julie Sinden 7, Wendy Campbell (C) 8. £1.60

Farningham, Kent. 8 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Julian Hemper 1, David Hilling (C) 2, Hannah Saunders (1st in m) 3, Ann Saunders 4, Martin Luffman 5, Caroline Gould 6. For Harvest Festival Eucharist. £1.20

Flamstead, Herts. 6 Oct, 1440 Spiced S Minor (7m): Lucy Shepherd 1, Liz Middleton 2, John Ewer 3, David Adams 4, Brian Watson 5, Alan Shepherd (C) 6. £1

Folkestone, Kent (SS Mary and Eanswythe). 24 Sep, 1280 Superlative S Major: Janice Leeke 1, Charlotte Edmond (1st in m) 2, Margaret Ross (1st in m as C) 3, Raymond Lucas 4, Arthur King (1st in m) 5, Mike Godfrey 6, Richard Birch 7, Mark Gilham 8. 50th together 3 and 6. £1

Gamston, Notts. 17 Sep, 1320 Spiced TB Minor (4m): Michael Lane 1, Bryan Birkett 2, Mandy Freeman 3, Brian Freeman 4, Nicholas Parkes 5, Ernest Preston (C) 6. For Harvest Festival. £1

Gloucester, Glos (Cathedral). 1 Oct, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Mark Davies 1, Caroline Ellis 2, Catherine Leach 3, Catherine Heathcote 4, James Babbage 5, Simon Capewell 6, Colin Bramich (1st G Caters as C) 7, Stuart Tomlinson 8, Terry Jones 9, David Burt 10. For Evensong. £2

Godmanchester, Cambs. 8 Oct, 1260 PB Minor: Rhoda Oldfield 1, D F Murfet 2, M R Norris 3, J W Skillings 4, Susan Marsden 5, A J Stevens (C) 6. For Evensong and in memory of Mildred E Talling, grandmother of 5, who died on 5 April this year, and who would have been 90 the following day. £1.20

Grantham, Lincs. 1 Oct, 1260 PB Royal: V P Evans 1, Pandey Pearce 2, D A Frith 3, B Kipling 4, Kathryn Smith 5, T Wylie 6, M F Ward 7, B J Churchard 8, M J Smith 9. In memory of John E Cook of Coddington. £1

Great Casterton, Leics. 28 Sep, 1320 Westminster S Minor: Ann Blessett 1, Shirley Harris 2, Sue Hobson 3, Dorothy Chamberlain 4, Peter Boreham 5, Brian Harris (C) 6. 1st in m by all. Also 5 Oct, 1320 Westminster S Minor: Victor Chamberlain 1, Shirley Harris 2, Ernest Orland (1st in m) 3, Terry Maddison (1st in m) 4, Peter Boreham 5, Brian Harris (C) 6. £3

Great Totham, Essex. 26 Sep, 1320 Bourne S Minor: Bernard Taplin 1, Mary Roast 2, Patrick Saltmarsh 3, Edwin Parsons (1000th Q) 4, Ashley Law (C) 5, Joe Roast 6. £1

Guernsey, CI (Vale). 8 Oct, 1260 Doubles (1m/2v): Richard Pearson 1, Nicky David 2, Susie Bean 3, John David 4, Michael Bubb (C) 5, Harry White 6. For Deanery USPG Evensong. £1.20

Guildford, Surrey (St Nicolas). 1 Oct, 1280 PB Major: Richard Marsh 1, Jennifer Hepburn 2, Ann Pierce 3, Sally Schupke 4, Michael Bryant 5, Rod Pierce 6, Julian Morgan 7, Roger Bull (C) 8. To welcome Mr Bryant back from Australia. £1.60

Guildford, Surrey (Holy Trinity). 24 Sep, 1260 PB Triples: Jennifer Hepburn 1, Ann Pierce 2, Paul Wotton 3, Tim Lain 4, Jonathan Deane 5, Simon Macinulty 6, Roger Bull (C) 7, Rod Pierce 8. Farewell compliment to the Rector, the Revd Dr Kenneth Stevenson, leaving to become Bishop of Portsmouth. £1.60

Hackney, London E (St John Baptist). 5 Oct, 1440 PB and LB Major: Tracey Coley 1, Debbie Malin (1st in m) 2, Stephen Coley (1st in m) 3, Ruth Jarvis (1st in m) 4, John Adams 5, David Bailey 6, Stephen Jakeman 7, Andrew Barham (C) 8. For the Institution and Induction of the Revd John Pridmore, the new Rector. £3

Hadlow, Kent. 1 Oct, 1260 PB Minor: Ann Jenner 1, Marian Pickard (1st minor as C) 2, Roger Pickard 3, Gordon Bubb 4, Howard Rodgers 5, Stan Jenner 6.

Hanbury, Worcs. 5 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jeffrey Webb 1, Rosemary Clive 2, Victoria Walton 3, Alma Grazebrook 4, Jennifer Walton 5, Laurence Nicholas 6, Martin Powell (C) 7, Paul Platt 8. By special request of the Rector and Churchwardens as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs Winne Ford, one-time churchwarden. £1.50

Haselbury Plucknett, Som. 20 Sep, 1272 London S Minor: Mandy Spearing 1, Sandra Haines 2, Raymond Haines 3, Patricia Tucker 4, Terry Spearing 5, Patrick Tucker (C) 6. £1.50

Heathfield, E Sussex (Reynards). 1 Oct, 1260 PB Minor: Louise Pink 1-2, P M J Bradford 3-4, A D Pink (C) 5-6. 50p

Hempsted, Glos. 8 Oct, 1260 PB Minor: J A Taylor 1, Sarah Cook (1st Q) 2, Joyce Taylor 3, J P Hill 4, A Kilgour (C) 5, I M Taylor 6. 40th birthday compliment to 1. £1.20

Hendon, Middx. 5 Oct, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Ian Blake 1, Fiona Clode 2, Susan Falconer 3, Justin Baker 4, Julia Sheffield (1st S Major) 5, Stephen Russ (C) 6. 40th birthday compliment to 5 (26.10.95). £3

High Wycombe, Bucks. 1 Oct, 1260 Stedman Triples: George Whiteside 1, John Hearn (1st Stedman) 2, Susannah Bruce 3, Sheila Bruce 4, Patricia Newton 5, Robert Newton 6, Charles Botting (C) 7, Peter Bruce 8. For Evensong and to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Christian Aid. £1

Higham Ferrers, Nthants. 24 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Andrea Cox 1, Victoria Samson 2, W E Critchley 3, Freda Willgress 4, T F W Samson 5, J E Skerrett 6, I N Willgress (C) 7, F E Coales 8. For Harvest Festival. Also 1 Oct, 1320 London S Minor: Freda Willgress 1, Alison Willgress 2, W E Critchley 3, R E J Dennis 4, F E Coales 5, I N Willgress (C) 6. For Civic Service. £2

Hoo St Werburgh, Kent. 28 Sep, 1280 PB Major: Pauline Weller 1, A C Driver 2, Nicola Cottle 3, Verity McGlashan 4, D W Moore 5, G P Cottle 6, D R Moore 7, A D Vidgeon (1st major as C) 8. 1st Q on restored and augmented bells. 1st wedding anniversary compliment to 3 and 6. £1.60

Hook Norton, Oxon. 6 Oct, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Jill Roberts 1, M J Austin (1st S Major inside) 2, Sally Austin 3, B J Curtis 4, Sue Burchell 5, M J Kirk 6, T M Martin 7, G J Clifton (C) 8. 25th together 2 and 7. £1.50

Huish Champflower, Som. 1 Oct, 1260 Doubles (3m): F G Gardner 1, S J Smith 2, Audrey Westall 3, Anne Stenning 4, A F Lee (C) 5, J M Levin 6. For Harvest Family Service. £1

Hurstpierpoint, W Sussex. 27 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Juliet Holroyd 1, Joanne Hind 2, Heather Jordan 3, S W Brown (C) 4, D R Elliott 5, H W Brown 6, P T Hurcombe 7, A M Humphrey 8. In celebration and thanksgiving for the 25th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of our Rector, the Revd Michael Reeve. £1

Hythe, Kent. 17 Sep, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Arthur King 1, Catherine Spencer (1st Surprise) 2, Brian Butcher 3, Richard Birch 4, Chris Cooper 5, Margaret Ross (C) 6. For Evensong. £1

Ipswich, Suffolk (St Matthew). 26 Mar, 1260 PB Doubles: R N Earey 1, R J Munnings 2, A J Best (1st inside) 3, J E Williamson 4, S F Curl 5, Susan Williamson 6. £1

Islip, Oxon. 1 Oct, 1260 Doubles (2m/3v): W Haynes 1, Kathryn Grant (1st in 2m) 2, R Jones (C) 3, H Deam 4, Jonathan Beale 5, John Beale 6. For Service.

Kensington, London W. 24 Sep, 1282 London S Major: Stephanie Pattenen 1, D Baverstock 2, Kathy Davies 3, M Brady 4, N Simon 5, Juliet Lawrence 6, S Gay (C) 7, D Holdridge 8. For Evensong. £2.40

Kineton, Warks. 8 Oct, 1260 Doubles (5 m/v): Gwyneth Adams 1, Jill Price 2, George Adams (C) 3, Becky Newbury 4, Mark Evans 5, James Trewin 6. For Evensong. £1.20

Kings Bromley, Staffs. 27 Sep, 1260 Doubles (2m): Hazel Hall 1, C E Houlgrave 2, Lucy Smith (C) 3, C M Smith 4, S P Ferguson 5, A Whitfield 6. £1.20

Knighton, Powys. 23 Sep, 1260 PB Major: Eleanor Hammersley (1st Major) 1, H C Lewis 2, J W Hope 3, J P Ellams 4, J Powter (1st Major) 5, R Thomas 6, Margaret Anderson (C) 7, N H Anderson 8. During the "Made In Knighton" Festival weekend. £1.60

Lane End, Bucks. 23 Sep, 1260 Doubles (2m): Gill Bettidon 1, Ian Sparrowhawk 2, Peter Rose 3, Josie McCloy 4, Colin Meakes (C) 5, Colin Haggard 6. On the wedding day of Anne Sparrowhawk and Martin Allen. £2.50

Langford, Oxon. 1 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: N J Gardiner 1, Judy Venn 2, I A Fisher 3, B V Jones 4, E R Venn (C) 5, T R Stacey 6. For the Ordination of Christopher Rawson at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford this morning.

Lechlade, Glos. 23 Sep, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Joyce Sharp 1, G W Land 2, Judy Venn 3, B J Curtis 4, E R Venn (C) 5, P A Sharp 6.

Linton, Kent. 29 Sep, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Richard Young 1, Shona Colebrook 2, Graham Heath 3, Janet Yeo 4, Peter Smith 5, Philip Saunders (1st in m) 6, Mike Birkbeck 7, Darren Elphick (1st in m as C) 8. £1

Liss, Hants (St Mary). 1 Oct, 1260 PB Triples: Carol Waller 1, Jonathan Waller 2, Graham Wright 3, Joanne Waller 4, Barry Pointer 5, David Hughes 6, Ken Waller (C) 7, Andrew Palk 8. For Evensong. £1.60

Llandaff, S Glam. 17 Sep, 1280 DNCBM: Myra Jenkins 1, T T Lewis 2, R R Churchill 3, F B Jackson 4, J C Parker 5, A E Davies 6, J A Vesey (C) 7, D J Llewellyn 8. With compliments to the Cathedral Guild Ringing Master. For Evensong. Also 1 Oct, 1259 Grandsire Cinques: Myra Jenkins 1, T T Lewis 2, Ruth Stickland 3, J A Vesey 4, Maggi Churchill 5, P E R Brennan 6, N A James 7, R R Churchill 8, Rev G J B Stickland 9, C W Kipling 10, D J Llewellyn (C) 11, F B Jackson 12. For Evensong. £2

Long Newton, Glos. 31 Aug, 1272 Spliced TB Minor (Kent and Oxford): Kay Excell 1, Stephen Smith (1st spliced) 2, Jenny Hancock (1st spliced in the 3), Anthony Cox 4, John Plevin 5, Richard Gray (1st as C in these m) 6. £1

Lyne Regis, Dorset. 17 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Tucker (aunt, 1st on 8) 1, Mary Kinchin 2, Wendy Campbell (godmother) 3, John Kinchin 4, Kenneth Furzey 5, Andrew Nicholson (father) 6, Ian Campbell (C) 7, Martin Lloyd (godfather, 1st on 8) 8. For Evensong. Also rung by family and friends in celebration of the baptism of Sarah Elizabeth Nicholson (daughter of Andrew and Linda) earlier in the day. £1.60

Lymsham, Som. 7 Oct, 1260 Doubles (5 m/v): Valerie Stone 1, Anne Stenning 2, Jane Beveridge 3, A F Lee 4, J M Levin 5, Sally Wheeler 6. Following a wedding. Joint C: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. £1.20

Maisemore, Glos. 25 Sep, 1260 Pinehurst Bob Minor: Lizbeth Harbottle 1, Frances Mulvey (C, 1st in m) 2, Betty Cole 3, Len Edwards 4, Grahame Groves 5, Richard Davenport 6. Birthday congratulations to Elizabeth Hinton. £1.20

Malmesbury, Wilts. 3 Sep, 1260 PB Minor: Stephen Smith 1, Christopher Dixey 2, Johnathan Adkins 3, Peter Hatherell 4, John Plevin 5, Richard Gray (C) 6. For the Carnival Thanksgiving Service. 50th birthday compliment to Tony Cox. £1

Malvern Link, Worcs. 8 Oct, 1272 Kent TB Minor: Rosemary Davis (1st TB) 1, G W Edwards 2, G C Bagley 3, Ruth Morris 4, H A Tarry 5, R G T Morris (C) 6. £3

Mark, Som. 17 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J Comer 1, Sarah Westlake 2, J Creber 3, C Nicholls 4, Jane Carnell 5, E C Westlake 6, D J Westlake 7, H Durston 8. For the Sedgemoor District Council Civic Service. £1

Meopham, Kent. 8 Oct, 1280 PB Major: Linda Bear 1, Helen Vicary (1st inside) 2, Nicola Cottle 3, John Gander 4, Rhian Bagshaw 5, David Moore 6, Graham Cottle 7, Darren Moore (C) 8. For Meopham Parish Civic Service. £1.60

Nailesea, Avon. 22 Sep, 1260 Minor (2m): M Baker 1, Andrea Freeman 2, R Caton 3, C Freeman 4, R Baker 5, P Balmer (C) 6. £1

Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear (St Matthew). 21 Sep, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Lucy Weston 1, Kate Weston 2, Barbara Wheeler 3, R A Hutchings 4, A J Cairns 5, A P Schrocksnadel 6, D Hird (C) 7. For Patronal Service. £1

Oxford, Oxon (Christ Church Cathedral). 1 Oct, 1285 Grandsire Cinques: N D Lane 1, Katie Lane 2, D Ockwell 3, Louise Brand (1st Cinques) 4, I Anderson 5, J G Pusey 6, R Barnes 7, T Martin (1st on 12) 8, D C Woodward 9, C Holloway (C) 10, R H Abbott 11, B J Stone 12. For Ordination Service.

Oxford, Oxon (Cowley). 24 Sep, 1260 Doubles (6m/14v): R Goodwin 1, Jonathan Beale 2, C Smith (most m/v) 3, Mary Joseph (most m/v) 4, R Jones (C) 5, John Beale 6. For Harvest and as a welcome home to the St James' pilgrimsgate Walsingham (and a visit to their former priest, Father Keith, now Vicar of Little Walsingham).

Oxford, Oxon (Horspath). 17 Sep, 1260 Doubles (4m/6v): R Goodwin 1, Jonathan Beale 2, P Lucas 3, H Deam 4, R Jones (C) 5, John Beale 6. For the Patronal Festival of St Giles. Also 24 Sep, 1260 Doubles (3m/1p): R Goodwin (C) 1, T Abbott 2, R Jones 3, H Deam 4, R Abbott 5. For United Churches Service and in memoriam H L Roper, Vice-president of OGD.

Oxford, Oxon (Marston). 17 Sep, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sally Harrison 1, A Hughes 2, R Jones 3, H Deam 4, B Abbott (C) 5. For Harvest Festival.

Penarth, S Glam. 10 Sep, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Barbara Jackson 1, J A Vesey (C) 2, D A Jacklin 3, Kate Jacklin 4, Sara Jacklin 5, Martin Batten 6, J C Parker 7, F B Jackson 8. For Evensong. 1st S Major 4, 5 and 6. £1

Peterborough, Cambs (Cathedral). 1 Oct, 1320 PB Maximus: Judith Corby 1, Paul Carless (C) 2, Bryony Dorrington 3, Shirley Harris 4, Rosalind Knight 5, Paul Meyer 6, Christopher Groome 7, Phillip Green 8, John Roffe 9, Frank Coles 10, Brian Harris 11, Robin Rogers 12. For Evensong by members of the Cathedral Company. £3

Portsea, Hants (St Mary). 8 Oct, 1260 Mixed Doubles (7 m/v): K J Matthews 1, Hazel Matthews (1st multi m) 2, Barbara Salmons 3, B Greenwood 4, L Pinnington (1st multi m as C) 5, N Clark 6. For Evensong and in thanksgiving for the life of S H Osborne (uncle of 3). 80p

Potterne, Wilts. 10 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: Mark Wilkinson 1, June Bushell 2, Caroline Attwood 3, Peter Thorn (C) 4, David Cleaver 5, Mike Bolwell 6. Wedding anniversary compliments to Dave and Kath Cleaver, Caroline and Leslie Attwood and Mike and Monica Bolwell. £2.50

Poynton, Ches. 1 Oct, 1260 PB Minor: Sue Dyson 1, Frank Johnson 2, David Brooke 3, Barbara Merriman 4, Rosemary Spencer 5, David Friend (C) 6. To celebrate Harvest Festival, the culmination of an Open Week at St George's, Poynton. £1

Preston, Dorset. 23 Sep, 1272 Carlisle S Minor: Nick Garrett 1, David Cull 2, Chris Garrett 3, Sue Legge 4, Graham Colborne 5, Tom Garrett (C) 6. 1st in m for all. For Chris Garrett's 18th birthday. £1.20

Pucklechurch, Avon. 28 Sep, 1260 Doubles (3m): Barry Angell 1, Brian Angell 2, Bryan Hardwick 3, David Powell 4, Bert Ferris (C) 5, Nigel Smart 6. To celebrate the christening of Rebekah Anna Ruth Harvey, granddaughter of Brian Angell, on HMS Marlborough 24.9.95. £1

Pylle, Som. 10 Sep, 1260 Doubles (5m): Pauline Pearce 1, Robert Davis 2, Alexander Watt 3, David Mills 4, Brian Shingler (C) 5, Harry Good 6. For Evensong and the Village Garden Open Day. £1

Quorndon, Leics. 1 Oct, 1288 PB Triples: Colin Banton (C) 1, David Banton (1st Triples ins) 2, Anthony Lamont 3, Heather Lamont 4, Alastair Banton 5, Terrence Stirling 6, Elaine Banton 7, Sam Ferris 8. By members of the Sunday Service Band prior to Evensong as a compliment to Richard Stretton and Sallie-Ann Orton on their recent engagement. £1

Ramsey, Cambs. 1 Oct, 1284 PB Minor: Cathy Moulton 1, B C Bunting 2, N R Norris 3, C A Johnson 4, J W Skillings 5, A J Stevens (C) 6. For Harvest Festival and belated birthday compliment to Irene Gill and in thanksgiving for the life of Les Gill. Last Q prior to rehanging £1.20

Ratby, Leics. 17 Sep, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Ian Mellor 1, Lucy Clarke 2, Pam Fisher 3, Francis Fisher 4, Terry Gardner 5, Mark Pendery 6, Anthony Haywood (C) 7, Charles Toon 8. In memory of Joseph Pearson, great-uncle of 6, who died on 7.9.95. £1.60

Reading, Berks (94 Eastern Ave). 28 Sep, 1260 PB Minor: J R Martin 1-2, Helen McGregor 3-4, R A Elmes (C) 5-6. Also (No date given), 1260 PB Royal: Ralph Elmes 1-2, Helen McGregor 3-4, Jenny Carter 5-6, John Martin (C) 7-8, Ian Blagrove 9-10. 1st on 10 in hand: 1-2 and 9-10. £2

Redbourn, Herts. 1 Oct, 1272 S Minor (12m): Julie Parrish 1, Mary Rixon 2, Liz Middleton 3, A G G Smith 4, K Farnham 5, C J Tough (C) 6. In recognition of the Revd John Pedlar's 25 years of ordination and for Harvest Festival. £1.20

Redbourn, Herts (Swallow Stream, Chequer Lane). 1 Oct, 1280 PB Major: Katherine Hardy 1-2, Peter Mackley 3-4, Richard Butler 5-6, John Southey (C) 7-8. For the 50th anniversary of the founding of Christian Aid. £3

Sandridge, Herts. 17 Sep, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: A Telford 1, A W Jeffs 2, Sheila Foster 3, V Nutton 4, M Foster 5, R J Crocker (C) 6. For Harvest Evensong. £1

Sawbridgeworth, Herts. 26 Aug, 1344 Wembley S Major: Jeni Dodds 1, Rhoda Willson 2, L Luck 3, F E Warboys 4, T Taylor (C) 5, R E L Burbury 6, A S Dodds 7, C B Moore 8. 1st in m: 2, 5, 6 & 8. £2

Sedlescombe, E Sussex. 1 Oct, 1260 St Clements Minor: Duncan Button 1, Shona Colebrook 2, Graham Heath 3, Janet Yeo 4, Darren Elphick 5, Mike Birkbeck (C) 6. For Morning Service. With thanks to Eric Fellows and Fr Colin Pritchard. £1

Selborne, Hants. 30 Sep, 1260 PB Doubles: Jemma Rhodes (1st Q aged 10) 1, Rachael Seamons 2, S E Wood 3, D M Hughes 4, R A Barber (C) 5, A C Hough 6. 60p

Selby, N Yorks. 1 Oct, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: J M Wright 1, T A Crossley (1st Y Royal) 2, Victoria Turner (1st Y Royal) 3, P G Clark 4, A Sheppard 5, N Turner 6, R D C Richards (1st S Royal) 7, D Holland 8, A J Wood 9, R S Riley (C) 10. On the 50th anniversary of the founding of Christian Aid. £1.40

Shenstone, Staffs. 1 Oct, 1260 PB Triples: Janet Allen 1, J E Bark 2, Lesley Brown 3, A P Sheldon 4, D E Pomeroy (C) 5, V E T Holland 6, D M Webb 7, J I Daubner 8. For Evensong. £1.60

Sherburn-in-Elmet, N Yorks. 15 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Derek Bottomley 1, Wendy Leng 2, Hazel Calvert 3, Margaret Bottomley 4, Alan Sheppard (C) 5, Pamela Issatt (1st Q) 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of VJ Day on this day. £3

Sherston, Wilts. 8 Oct, 1260 Stedman Doubles: D A Strong (C) 1, Kay Exell 2, J M Howarth 3, M S Pike 4, A J Cox 5, C Bush 6. Before Evening Service. Compliment to Susan Harvey on her licensing as a Reader and a birthday compliment to Di Bush. 60p

Shorne, Kent. 8 Oct, 1260 PB Minor: Morag Todd 1, Rosemary Whitefield (1st in m) 2, Michael Todd 3, Jeremy Gilliland 4, John Whitefield 5, Roger Booth (C) 6. For Harvest Festival Evensong and to celebrate the 1st anniversary of the Institution of the Revd Paul Longbottom on 21.10.95. £3

Shottesbrooke, Berks. 24 Sep, 1260 Doubles (2m): Roger Martin 1, Virginia Coulson 2, Anne Yates 3, Simon Smith (C) 4, Derek Smith 5, Simon Graves 6. For Harvest Festival. £3

Shrewsbury, Salop (St Mary). 7 Oct, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: J R Scott 1, I W Taylor 2, I R Nichols 3, A J Jobson 4, A J Bradshaw 5, G A Edwards 6, R Starkie 7, H Dowler 8, R B Mitchell 9, F R Morton (C) 10. 50th birthday complimen to Harold Dowler. £1.20

Shrivenham, Oxon. 24 Sep, 1280 PB Major: Helen Pepler 1, Teresa Sugden (1st major) 2, Ann Stevens 3, Hilary Davis 4, N Saxton-Howes 5, G L Belcher 6, C Davis 7, A J Crabtree (C) 8. To welcome Fr Michael Hill, Archdeacon of Berkshire, to Harvest Festival. £1.20

Shrivenham, Oxon (4 Stallpits Road). 19 Sep, 1260 PB Minor: Gavin Culley (1st minor in hand) 1-2, Tony Crabtree 3-4, Joe Norton (C) 5-6. Farewell compliment to Joe Norton, off to Swansea University. £2

South Lopham, Norfolk. 4 Jun, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Peter Willan 1, Jane Grandfield 2, Betty Baines (C) 3, Ian Grandfield 4, Tony Baines 5, Chris Beesley 6. For Flower Festival. £1.20

Southampton, Hants (St Mary). 16 Sep, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Bob Farmer 1, George Evenden 2, Emma Southerington 3, James Hustler 4, Peter Hill (C) 5, Debbie Donovan 6. For Peatree Church Service. £1.50

Southampton, Hants (St Michael). 24 Sep, 1280 Spliced S Royal (8m): Jenny Orchard 1, Steve Castle 2, Stuart Heath 3, Chris Kippin 4, Steve Noyes 5, Christine Hill (C) 6, Steve Donovan 7, Nigel Orchard 8, Derek Jackson 9, George Evenden 10. Birthday compliment to 9. Also wedding compliment to Nick and Tracey Kimber, married at Chelsfield, Kent on 23.9.95. £1.50

Southport, Mers (Emmanuel). 9 Oct, 1280 Whalley S Major: G W Smith 1, Celia Hughes D'Aeth 2, Susan Meyer 3, B Hale 4, B J McCahey 5, C Woods 6, S S Meyer (C) 7. 1st in m for all except 7. £1

Southwark, London SE (Cathedral). 1 Oct, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Gill Tomlinson (1st on 10) 1, Sarah Tuppen (1st on 10) 2, Sue Rance 3, Edward Adams 4, Robert Barber 5, Lee McCormack 6, Anthony Nunn 7, Michael Uphill (C) 8, Michael Moreton 9, Chris Rance 10. For Michaelmas Ordination of Deacons by a band representing the Cathedral and ringing parishes in which some of the Ordinands are to serve (St Peter, South Croydon, St Mary, Putney and St Leonard, Streatham). £1

Sparsholt, Hants. 28 Aug 1994, 1260 Doubles (3m): Adrienne Pyne 1, Anthony Cotton 2, Chris Gould 3, Giles Wood (C) 4, Philip Rioch 5. For Sparsholt Course Evensong (with apologies for the late submission; the number of people who should have sent it up is greater than the number ringing!). £1

Standish, Gtr Man. 2 Oct, 1250 Lincolnshire S Major: S N Whittleton 1, Celia Hughes D'Aeth 2, Susan Meyer 3, S S Meyer (C) 4, P G Tidd (1st in m) 5, G W Smith (1st in m) 6, E W Runciman 7, B J McCahey 8. £1

Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex. 29 Sep, 1280 September S Major: Colin Holman 1, Mary Bone 2, Len Luck 3, Clive Moore 4, Frank Warboys 5, Alan Barber (C) 6, Angus Doods 7, Fred Bone 8. In memoriam Geoffrey Blake, a Life Vice President of the Essex Association, who died on 28 September. £1.60

Stratford St Mary, Suffolk. 8 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C Mayers 1, E Hynard (C) 2, Christine Green 3, J Hobson 4, C Abilt 5, R Whiting 6. 100th together 2 and 4 and 2 and 5. £1.20

Tadmerton, Oxon. 1 Oct, 1260 Doubles (5m): O Hemmings 1, Sally Austin 2, Emma Thomas 3, M J Austin 4, G J Clifton (C) 5, P G Brown 6. Before the first Eucharist taken by Keith Walklate, ordained at Oxford this morning. £1

Tenterden, Kent. 18 Jun, 1280 Rutland S Major: Rosemary Coney 1, Pam Manger 2, Louise Pink 3, J R Cooper 4, R A Lucas 5, M Marshall 6, D C Manger 7, R H Edwards (C) 8. Birthday compliment to Maisie Cooper. £1

Ticknall, Derbys. 1 Oct, 1277 Grandsire Caters: William Hall 1, David Spencer 2, Michael Davidson 3, Mary Hale 4, Colin Lord 5, Alan Jacques 6, Stuart Hale 7, Alan Mould 8, Peter Marriott (C) 9, Rosemary Ross 10. For Evensong. £2

Tiverton, Devon (St Peter). 8 Oct, 1260 PB Triples: Michael Roocroft (1st on 8) 1, Jean Parkinson 2, Lynette Gosling 3, Sheila Scofield 4, Wilfred Dunn 5, Leslie Boyce 6, Matthew Weighell (C) 7, Alan Edwards 8. For Harvest Festival and for the National Trust Centenary. £1.60

Usk, Gwent. 20 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D J Hughes 1, T J Morgan 2, Julia Morgan 3, R S Clench 4, A J Phillips (C) 5, N J Heal 6. For the VJ Service. 60p

Walkington, Humbs. 29 Sep, 1260 Minor (2m): Kathryn Pailing 1, Shirley Perry 2, Fiona Ellett 3, Alan Shingles 4, Christopher Baxter 5, Neville Pailing (C) 6. For Harvest Festival and 60th birthday compliments to Norman Castle. £1

Warwick, Warks (St Mary). 8 Oct, 1260 Doubles (3m): Stella Wilkinson 1, J Thornton 2, Peggy Thornton 3, P J Sealey 4, C F Mew (C) 5, R Bache 6. A compliment to Peggy and John Thornton for their 53rd wedding anniversary. £2

Watford, Herts. 24 Sep, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: Ian Redway 1, Rhona Cox (1st in m) 2, Dennis Laud 3, David Wicks 4, Alex Simpson 5, Ray Smith 6, John Peverett (C) 7. For Harvest Thanksgiving Evening Service. Also a compliment to the Revd Duncan Weaver, ordained priest at St Albans Cathedral earlier in the day. £1.60

Wells, Som (Cathedral). 7 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B A Wesre 1, D J Buckley 2, G A Darke 3, R J Gay (C) 4, R C Bowditch 5, M J A Orman 6, D J Cheeseman 7. To celebrate the 30th wedding anniversary of David and Jean Cheeseman and David's 30 years as virger. £1.50

Westbourne, W Sussex. 8 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Clarrisa Caroe 1, Jane Shutter 2, G Anthony 3, M Johnson 4, J Holliss 5, P M Wilkinson (C) 6, A Shutter 7. A farewell to the Revd Canon B J Marshall, Rector of Westbourne on his move to East Preston. £1.60

Wetheringsett, Suffolk. 8 Oct, 1260 Rev Canterbury Bob Doubles: Mary Allum 1, Michelle Chapman 2, G E Slack 3, R D Allum 4, J R Slack (C) 5. £1

Whichford, Warks. 1 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jill Roberts 1, Rob Harvey 2, Joan Johns (C) 3, Trevor Hobday 4, John White 5, Jeremy Hill 6. Before Harvest Festival. £1.50

Whitehaven, Cumbria. 1 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: Sally Thomas 1, Rose Jackson (1st inside) 2, M J Smith 3, Sandra Heddle 4, John Whitelock (C) 5, R C Last 6. For Harvest Festival. £1

Whitstable, Kent (Seasalter). 7 Oct, 1260 Doubles (2m): Stephen Jakeman (C) 1, John Legg 2, Isobel Legg 3, Malcolm Smith 4, David Cawley 5, Philip Jakeman 6. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the consecration of this church by Archbishop Howley on 9 October 1845. £3

Winston, Suffolk. 8 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G E Slack 1, Michelle Chapman 2, Mary Allum 3, J R Slack 4, R D Allum (C) 5. £1

Worthing, W Sussex (Heene). 1 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Theresa Worsley 1, Mark Banner 2, Leigh Lawson 3, Val Clay 4, Colin Chappell 5, Phil Simmonds 6, Rik Clay (C) 7, Kevin Pritchard 8. For Evensong and to mark the Revd E A Stone's 60 years as a priest. £1.60

Shropshire Association Quarters

Hodnet, Salop. 8 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Anna Sillitto 1, Helen Sillitto 2, Alastair Brierley 3, Gerald Mothershaw 4, Geoffrey Smith (C) 5, Susan Perry 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Ightfield, Salop. 22 Jul, 1260 Doubles (6m/4v/1p): Christine Johnson 1, Jaqualine Thompson 2, Geoffrey Edwards 3, Geoffrey Smith 4, Christopher Hughes (C) 5, Paul Dutton (1st Q) 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Cheswardine, Salop. 14 Aug, 1260 P B Triples: Andrew Smith 1, Susan Perry 2, Rachel Thompson (1st on 8) 3, Judith Speake 4, William Tyler 5, John Speake 6, Geoffrey Smith (C) 7, John Williamson 8. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Market Drayton, Salop. 16 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sharlett Davis 1, Rachel Thompson 2, Susan Perry 3, Geoffrey Smith 4, William Tyler (C) 5, Robert Craig (1st Q) 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Shrewsbury, Salop. (St Chad) 19 Aug, 1254 Grandsire Cinques: Wendy Gough 1, Dawn Offen 2, Judith Speake 3, Phil Rothera 4, Paul Lewis 5, Geoffrey Smith (1st on 12) 6, Brian Kear (C) 7, Edric Broom 8, David Gough 9, George Bonham 10, Richard Offen 11, John Crum 12. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Shrewsbury, Salop. (St Mary) 19 Aug, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Richard Offen (C) 1, Wendy Gough 2, Pamela Rabbetts 3, Paul Lewis 4, Edric Broom 5, Brian Kear 6, David Gough 7, Geoffrey Smith 8, James Ward 9, John Crum 10. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Bicton, Salop. 25 May, 1260 P B Minor: James Ward 1, Ian Cooper 2, Henry Mills 3, Gillian Glover 4, Eddy Davies 5, Brian Kear (C) 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Ruyton XI Towns, Salop. 21 Aug, 1320 P B Doubles: David Gough 1, Judith Speake 2, Pat Paddock (1st Q) 3, Wendy Gough 4, Brian Kear (C) 5, Eddy Davies 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Edgmond, Salop. 15 Aug, 1260 P B Triples: Abigail Hind 1, Christopher Wulkau 2, Mark Adams 3, Paul Lewis 4, Thomas Heath (1st inside on 8) 5, Daniel Corlett (1st on 8) 6, Edric Broom (C) 7, James Ward 8. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Tibberton, Salop. 12 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sue Perry 1, Lorna Bedford 2, Pam Rabbetts 3, James Ward 4, Edric Broom (C) 5. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

High Ercall, Salop. 12 Aug, 1260 Doubles (2m): Pam Rabbetts 1, Sue Perry 2, Chris Fraser 3, Edric Broom (C) 4, Brian Kear 5, Paul Lewis 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Chetwynd, Salop. 22 Jul, 1320 P B Minor: Andrew Smith 1, Edric Broom 2, Pam Rabbetts 3, Lorna Bedford 4, Peter Everall 5, James Ward (C) 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Hinstock, Salop. 22 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Andrew Smith 1, Pam Rabbetts 2, Lorna Bedford 3, Peter Everall 4, Edric Broom (C) 5, James Ward 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

Clive, Salop. 26 Jun, 1380 Stedman Doubles: Paul Lewis 1, Sue Perry 2, Edric Broom (C) 3,

Geoff Smith 4, Mark Adams 5, James Ward 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2, also to mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations.

Whitchurch, Salop. 7 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Richard Offen (C) 1, Geoff Smith 2, Sue Perry 3, Bill Tyler 4, Paul Lewis 5, Alastair Brierly 6, Brian Kear 7, James Ward 8. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Leaton, Salop. 14 Aug, 1260 Doubles (3m/v): Naomi Offen 1, Brian Kear 2, James Ward 3, Paul Lewis 4, Richard Offen (C) 5. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Shawbury, Salop. 19 Aug, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Edric Broom (C) 1, Paul Lewis 2, Chris Fraser (1st Stedman doubles) 3, Brian Kear 4, James Ward 5, Vernon Beddoes 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Moreton Corbet, Salop. 19 Aug, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: James Ward 1, Edric Broom 2, Sue Perry 3, Chris Fraser 4, Brian Kear 5, Paul Lewis (C) 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities of World War 2.

Bathwick Fashion

Friday 8 September

Oxford Bob Triples being the flavour of the month - also the method for the Baths and Wells 8-bell striking competition, which may or may not be a coincidence - it is the "tune" appointed for Patronal Festival ringing this evening.

And the quarter attempt rolls along happily enough, but ends abruptly when a rope breaks, six minutes or so from the end. This is frustrating

for everyone, not least for Charles Wainwright, who has made the trip from Dorset in vain.

Sunday 17 September

One expects Oxford Bob to be rung at Bathwick and Cambridge Surprise at St Michael's. Today it is the other way around, with quarters being attempted of Cambridge Major at Bathwick in the morning and Oxford Bob Triples at St Michael's in the evening. Alas, the Cambridge breaks down, whilst the Oxford Bob fails to come round, for whatever reason.

By now, it has been confirmed that the Bath Branch will enter two bands for the "8-bell", the quarter attempt at St Michael's being a practice for one of them. Full marks for being organised enough to arrange a practice ...

Wednesday 20 September

... which is more than can be said for the Bathwickites! However, as a token gesture, the Touch of the Day is given a run-through this evening, just to make sure the wheels go round.

Jonathan and Jo Gamble are welcome visitors, their first appearance at Bathwick since committing matrimony and fleeing the country last December. Both are well and happy, although they admit to missing ringing, for which there isn't much opportunity in Sarasota, Florida.

Saturday is the day of the "8-bell" - even so, it is decided to ring Oxford Bob on Sunday as well, to make good the Patronal Festival loss. The decision is greeted with ironic laughter -

"I suppose we'll be ringing it with the trophy on the table!"

Which just goes to show ...

Sunday 24 September

... that one shouldn't count one's eggs before they are added, even at Bathwick, because this is exactly what happens - here is the band, more or less as for the Competition, ringing Oxford Bob, and there is the Cup in all its glory, perched on the table alongside the visitors book, the specimen jar (for donations), three money-boxes (also for donations) and several pairs of parked reading glasses. And it has been won in true "Bathwick fashion", with the band meeting for its first practice the day after the competition!

R W W

Bath, Avon. (SMV Bathwick) 3 Sept, 1260 Union Triples (RWW): Liz Lane 1, Sheila Matthews 2, Maggie Willans 3, William Willans 4, Robin Stubbs 5, Linda Drew 6, David Floyd (C) 7, Eric Naylor 8. For Sung Eucharist. Also 10 Sept, 1259 Grandsire Caters (RWW): Linda Drew 1, David Floyd 2, Valerie Clewett 3, Sheila Matthews 4, Maggie Willans 5, Liz Lane 6, Andy Pickett 7, Jon Wrigley 8, William Willans (C) 9, Paul Clewett 10. For Sung Eucharist. Also 24 Sept, 1260 Oxford B Triples (A J House collection): Maggie Willans 1, Sheila Matthews 2, Robin Stubbs 3, Molly Waterson 4, William Willans (C) 5, Geoff Carter 6, Michael Powell 7, Linda Drew 8. For Sung Eucharist.

Four in a Day

Our attempt to ring five quarters in a day rapidly turned into an attempt to ring four quarters in a day following a miscall at Marshfield (also Grandsire). These quarters were rung to celebrate Matthew's impending move to Reading University and also as part of the Monmouth Branch Quarter Peal Fortnight.

Long live Grandsire - probably the best method ever! £4

Rumney, S Glam. 30 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Perry Turner 1, Ruth Dunn 2, Samantha Farrar 3, Matthew Turner (C) 4, Alison Briggs 5, Simon Farrar 6.

Llanedeyrn, S Glam. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Matthew Turner (C) 1, Alison Briggs 2, Samantha Farrar 3, Simon Farrar 4, Perry Turner 5, Ruth Dunn 6.

St Mellons, S Glam. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Dunn 1, Samantha Farrar 2, Alison Briggs 3, Perry Turner 4, Matthew Turner (C) 5, Simon Farrar 6.

Machen, Gwent. 1288 Grandsire Triples: Mary Jones 1, Martin Dunn 2, Ruth Dunn 3, Samantha Farrar 4, Alison Briggs 5, Matthew Turner (C) 6, Simon Farrar 7, Perry Turner 8.

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Obituary

Frank Tuffley

1904-95

Members of the Guild who have rung at Chieveley over the last fifty years will remember Frank Tuffley who always met them. He was always kind and courteous to us all, so it was with some sadness a number of us gathered together on 26 October to pay our last respects to him, and to let the sound of Stedman Triples float over his resting place.

Frank Tuffley was born in Gloucestershire three years into the start of Edward VII's reign. He was one of a family of eight, and grew up a country lad. An accident when young deprived him of some of his hearing, which kept him out of the army, but didn't prevent him joining the police force. It did, however, cause his swift discharge once they discovered it!

His family emigrated to Canada in 1921 and spent four years in Saskatchewan, where Frank developed an affinity for working with horses. On his return to England he lived at Mickleton, where he went up into the tower and tried to join the local band. They said they had eight ringers, and were not interested in teaching any more. They allowed him to

chime the five minute bell, and he taught himself to ring by swinging the bell higher and higher until it was up!

He joined the Oxford Diocesan Guild as a non-resident life member in 1930 and often used to cross the border and attend Chipping Norton branch meetings. At these he met Revd. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and was so impressed by the way he handled his rope he tried to copy his style. In 1946 he moved to Chieveley, where he was a gardener at nearby Priors Court.

So began an association with St. Mary's Chieveley, where he taught many young people to ring. He took great pleasure in seeing learners progress, and often took them out to branch practices. He was not a prolific peal ringer, but did enjoy them and was pleased to have rung them with ringers like Stella Davis, Geoff Dodd, Reg Rex and Reg Crook.

His connection with the church was complete though. He could not understand ringers who rang for service and then departed; although he loved the bells, the worship at the service was paramount. He served for a number of years as a churchwarden, faithfully fulfilling this duty along with that of tower captain.

Lack of notice of the funeral meant the church was not as crowded as one would have expected for so popular a local figure. The address by Revd Canon Colin Scott-Dempster painted an honest picture of this servant of the church, and the final words of the Ringers' Hymn were a fitting tribute as he was laid to rest in the churchyard near his beloved bells. W.B.

Chieveley, Berks. 29 Oct, 1260 PB Doubles: Robert Lewis 1, Zena Woodley 2, Peter Brown 3, Rod Brown 4, Graham M. Brown (C) 5, David Smith 6. Rung half muffled by the local band in memory of Frank Tuffley.

David J. Savill

David Savill began his ringing career at Odiham and then, in 1984, became a member of the St Michael's, Basingstoke band.

At St Michael's we were fortunate to have David's services as our Steeplekeeper and we owe the redecoration of the ringing chamber and the repainting of the bellframe to his enthusiasm. Also, we have tangible reminders of his skill all around us; the model bell and the money box which he made, the old door lock he renovated and mounted and each time we ring we shall take the ropes from the spider he made.

Dave probably wouldn't have regarded himself as the world's greatest method ringer but he greatly enjoyed ringing the methods in his repertoire - sometimes he triumphed over Cambridge, sometimes it eluded him. He was certainly one of our most dependable ringers for service, for weddings and for practice.

David delighted in the 'extras' ringing has to offer; quarter peals, outings, being a helper at training days, sometimes you could almost see him lick his lips in anticipation of something special.

He was a faithful supporter of District events and made a valuable contribution to the work of our District Committee on which he served as our Guild Executive Committee representative.

Perhaps above all we shall remember him for his great generosity and helpfulness with his time and craftsman's skills and for the pleasure of his company on the many social occasions which he loved.

We were all shocked and saddened by his sudden death on Tuesday 17th October and remembered him in prayers in the belfry the following evening. We remembered him too at our District Meeting the following Saturday, taking a collection for the BRF in his memory.



David Savill of Basingstoke.

As it happened the Sunday was our Ringers' Sunday, when the ringers of St Michael's and All Saints join together for Evensong and that service became a tribute to Dave's contribution as a ringer in the Church.

The large number of ringers at David's funeral on 30th October bore witness to just how many places Dave had visited and how many lives he had touched. A half-muffled quarter of Grandsire Triples on the bells he had tended so carefully bade him farewell as he left St Michael's for the last time. A.H.

Basingstoke, Hants. (S Michael). 30 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Esme J. Weaver 1, Lynne Jordan 2, Stephen R. Gibbons 3, Keith J. Walpole 4, John W. Foster 5, Peter Jordan 6, Barbara A. Foster (C) 7, John Turner 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of David J. Savill, Steeplekeeper at this Church.

Aldershot, Hants. 27 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Val Grossmith 1, Sylvia Page 2, Jennifer Hepburn 3, Elsie N. Smith 4, G. Kenneth Williamson 5, Harold P. Reed 6, Tom Page (C) 7, Harold Smith 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of David Savill by some of his friends in the Friday "Oldies" Group. Also in memory of Florence Williamson, mother of Kenneth Williamson; and Rose Tate-Mitchell, mother of Sylvia Page.

Donald Leonard Maning-Hooper

1904-1995

On Tuesday 3rd October 1995, ringers and friends met to ring half muffled for the funeral of Don Hooper aged 91 and his wife Gladys, aged 90 (they had recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary). Both Don and Gladys had died at home of heart attacks within minutes of each other.

Don was a ringer at Coleshill from 1937 to 1985 when he became unable to negotiate the steep spiral staircase to the ringing chamber and retired from regular ringing.

During his ringing career, he held the office of treasurer for many years and was instrumental in the fundraising and work to have the old eight recast and the ring augmented to ten, a task which was completed in 1978. Don was a regular ringer rarely missing a Sunday Service or practice night and helping to teach many young ringers over the years.

During his younger days Don, organised many outings and rang in many towers around the country, for which he became very well known.

Both Don and Gladys were buried at Coleshill, the bells were rung half muffled before and after the funeral service.

DAVID JACKSON

Pies, Puddings and Peaks

Based at a very comfortable hotel in Buxton for our annual ringing holiday we were able to visit towers in four counties, travelling through countryside varying from bleak and windswept hills to tree-lined river valleys and busy suburbs. The "scenic routes", so often an excuse for losing one's way, were sought out and enjoyed, and with the bells available at 31 towers as well as several for Sunday service we all had a chance to put our ringing skills to good use.

As usual we gathered after the Sunday evening meal to make last-minute arrangements, but with the extra pleasure of a very enjoyable and interesting talk about the Derbyshire towers we were to visit from Pat Halls, secretary of the Association. She showed us slides of most of the towers and had up-to-date information on the state of the bells, so we were well prepared when we set out each morning. The weather was very kind to us and any showers that did fall managed to avoid our party, and it was often sunny enough to allow lunch-time picnics to be leisurely affairs. A little rain on the last afternoon reminded us how near we were to Manchester! (sorry, Mancunians!) We managed to avoid any lock-outs, found all the bells reasonable easy to handle and mostly very tuneful. All due to the wonderful arrangements so ably made by this years organisers - Rodney and Shirley Swallow and Andrew Mays. At the wind-up meeting on Friday evening we thanked them for all their efforts to ensure we had a happy week, and a small presentation was made amid much applause. It was agreed to meet again in Lincolnshire on September 21st 1996. Best wishes were sent to five of our party who were unable to join us in Buxton and we hope we shall be at full strength next year. Two quarter peals were rung during the week. B.W.

Old Brampton, Derbys. 17 Sept, 1260 P B Minor: John Thornton 1, Iris Webb 2, Peggy Thornton 3, Barbara Wright 4, Angela Elliott 5, Rodney Swallow (C) 6.

Fairfield, Buxton, Derbys. 23 Sept, 1260 P B Triples: Doris Randall 1, Andrew Mays 2, Barbara Wright 3, Angela Elliott 4, Iris Webb 5, Rodney Swallow 6, David Stanworth (C) 7, Robert Randall 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. Midlands Area Practice: Wed Dec 6 St Martin's, Birmingham (16) at 8pm. - A.R.K. 1640

G. & B. D.A. BRISTOL. Branch Practice at Redcliffe, Thursday December 7 at 7pm. For SM refer SJB or DJC. 1581

LONDON C.A. December 8, Spitalfields. December 15, Bow. Both at 6.30pm. All welcome. 1586

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH D.A. Practice at Pontypridd on Thursday November 30, 11.00-12.30. All welcome. Please note: There will be NO practice in December. 1629

NORTHAMPTON, ALL SAINTS. Monthly practices are to be held regularly on the first Wednesdays of each month from 7.30-9pm commencing Wed December 6. The door will be open from 7.30-7.45pm then again at 8pm. ALL VERY WELCOME, PLEASE SUPPORT THEM. On those days practices at Kingsthorpe will not be held, otherwise as normal. 4260

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. Practice, Lockington, Friday December 1, 7.30-9.00. All welcome. D Stainsby, 0115 923 3506. Ad No 1633

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Leeds & District Branch. Evening branch practice on Friday December 1 at Batley, 8-9.30pm. All welcome. 1636

Saturday Meetings and Practices

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

PETERBOROUGH D.G. Daventry Branch. 8 bell practice, Saturday November 25, Whilton, 7.30-9pm. 1504

SOUTHWELL D.G. Mansfield District. Evening Meeting, Sat 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

BATH & WELLS D.A. Ilchester Branch. Quarterly Meeting at Martock (8), Sat December 2. Ringing 6-7pm and 8-9pm. Business Meeting 7-8pm. Method of the month: Bob Triples. 1602

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CHESTER GUILD. Chester Branch. Winter meeting and AGM on Sat December 2 at St James, Christleton (8, 12-1-26 in F). Ringing 3.30pm, Service 4.30pm, tea followed by meeting 6pm. Evening ringing 8.00-9.00pm at Chester Cathedral. 1621

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. Aylesbeare Branch. AGM at Woodbury on Saturday December 2. Ringing will commence at 3pm. Service at 4.30pm. Meeting to commence at 5.30pm. Tea and biscuits available at nominal charge. All welcome. 0131

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A. Northern District. Evening Meeting at Hexham on Sat December 2. Ringing from 6pm, seasonal refreshments in the Monastic Workshop 8pm. Names to Clive Moon (01434 681 561) by the previous Wed please. 1623

ELY D.A. Ely District. Monthly meeting, Saturday December 2 at Ely. Ringing 3pm, Advent service 4.30pm followed by tea. Evening ringing at Stretham. 1627

SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. Sat December 2, Bottesford (8). Ringing 7-8.30pm. Double Oxford Major and Grandsire Triples. No meeting January 1996. 4028

G. & B. D.A. BRISTOL. Branch Practice at St Matthew's, Kingsdown, Saturday December 2 at 7pm. All welcome! 1580

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL D.A. Wotton Branch. Saturday December 2, a seasonal social evening at North Nibley comprising a service at 7.30pm followed at 8pm by ringing and seasonal refreshments. 1565

GUILDFORD D.G. Leatherhead District. Nomination Meeting, Saturday December 2 at Merrow. Ringing from 3pm, Service 4.30 followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing at West Clandon. Names for tea to Jenny Lewin 01483 424431 by Thursday November 30 at the latest. 1613

K.C.A.C.R. Tonbridge District. Evening 8 bell Practice at Tunbridge Wells on Sat December 2 from 7-9pm. 1642

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Blackburn Branch Meeting, Sat December 2 at Gisburn, 3-4.30pm. Tea at Nelson 5pm followed by AGM and evening ringing to 8pm. Names for tea to Mrs Gail Wilkinson, 65 Oxford Road, Nelson BB9 8JZ 01282 605607 by Wed November 29. 1632

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Wigan Branch Meeting, Saturday December 2 at Newton. Ringing at 3.30-5.00 and 6.30-8.30pm. Tea and AGM at 5.30pm. Names for tea to Sue on 01925 225730. Ad No 1606

LINCOLN D.G. Eastern Branch. Quarterly Meeting, Sat December 2 at Alford. 6 o'clock start. 1628

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Southern District Ringing Meeting, Sat December 2. 4-5pm Ashford (Middx); 5-6pm East Bedfont (note times differ slightly from Middx Bell News). 1624

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. Sat December 2, AGM at Eccleshall, 3.30 to 4.15 Service followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to David Baskerville (01785 850764) by previous Thursday. M Jones. 1622

NORWICH D.A. Eastern Branch AGM, Pakefield, Sat December 2. Ringing 3pm. Service, tea and meeting. Evening ringing until 9pm. Names for tea by November 29 to Lizzie High (01603) 720351. All welcome. 1309

OXFORD D.G. North Bucks Branch. Quarterly Meeting at Downs Barn (8), Sat December 2. Ringing 3.30-4.30pm, followed by service, tea (5pm approx) and business meeting, then evening ringing. Names for tea please to Mrs Fiona Maybrey, tel 01908 562233, by Monday November 27. 1614

SALISBURY D.G.R. Devizes Branch. Monthly Meeting, Saturday December 2 at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Melksham. Ringing commences at 3pm. Service 4.30pm followed by tea. Those requiring teas contact G Fell 01225 708988. Evening ringing to follow. 1411

SALISBURY D.G.R. Mere Branch. AGM, Sat December 2. Ringing first at Semley, 2-2.30pm, then East Knoyle for service 4pm, tea, meeting and evening ringing. Numbers for tea to me, John Jenkins, 01747 825089. Ad No 1616

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. Nottingham District. Saturday December 2 at West Bridgford. Ringing at 4-5pm followed by service and tea. Quiz at 6.30pm. Names for tea to Sylvia Blackburn on 0115 922 0081 by November 26. 1641

SUFFOLK GUILD. SE District. Sat December 2, Annual District Meeting at Falkenham. Ringing 2.30pm, Service 4.30pm, followed by tea and meeting in Kirton Village Hall. Evening ringing St Matthew's, Ipswich. Names for tea to Cathy O'Leary 01449 711596 by Wed 29th please. 1630

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. Southern District Carol Service at North Ockendon on Sat December 9. Ringing 3pm, Service 4.30pm followed by coffee and mince pies. All welcome. 1620

K.C.A.C.R. Canterbury District. Christmas Social and Carol Service will be held at Lyminge on Sat December 9. Ringing from 3.30pm followed by service at 4pm. Meal and Social will follow afterwards in Lyminge Village Hall. Tickets, cost £4.00, available from John Criddle on (01303) 275318. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Meal followed by an evening's entertainment. Please order tickets by Saturday December 2. 1626

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- The Christmas double issue of *The Ringing World* will be for the weeks 22 December and 29 December.
We hope to post this out to you on Monday 18 December. Please note that Notices and Xmas Greeting Messages need to be received by us by Monday 11 December **at the latest**.
- First issue for 1996 is Friday 5 January and although we shall be able to include late news in that issue it would be very helpful if notices could be with us by 15 December if possible.

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Omega Doubles

While agreeing with Derek Jones (p.1025) that a Wallflower single is a standard call for Huntley Bob, and having no personal objection to the use of the name Omega for extents of Antelope Place Doubles using Grandsire and Omega bobs, I would like to correct the notation used to catalogue this variation.

In my article "Extents of Doubles Methods" in *The Ringing World* in 1986 (p.896) I proposed letters to complete the identification of the symmetric works above the treble when used as calls and introduced the two-letter notation for asymmetric works used as calls above the treble. The two-letter combinations should be chosen so that there is no ambiguity with respect to the places made while the treble is leading full. However, "om" is ambiguous since "o" (Wainfleet Place bob) has 145 places at the lead end while "m" (Shipway Place plain) has 125 places at the lead end and further investigation is necessary to determine that it is "os" (rather than "pm") that was, in fact, intended.

The following calls have been incorrectly notated:

	RW ref	ambiguous	correct
Satisfactory bob	93/118	ok	oa
Extraterrestrial			
extreme	93/163	et	eq
Amy omit	93/266	ut	uy
Burton bob	93/920	bu	br
Vermilion omit	93/1112	vm	vx
Dr. Who omit	93/1252	xk	xw
Golden bob	94/52	au	ar
Omega bob	95/673	om	os

While on the subject of Doubles variations, I have not noticed corrections to the following discrepancies.

- 1yu/h name Xenophanes (93/1147) or Zenophanes (93/1155)?
- 131c/3 Clayhanger (94/955), what are the calls?
- 182w/br (published as w/bu) name Callingford (95/360) or Callingwood (95/455)?

ANTHONY P. SMITH
Chairman, Methods Committee

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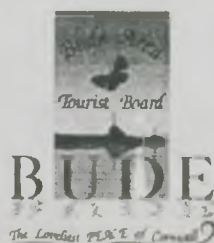
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Around and about

What is the connection between an American Indian Princess, the River Thames and an 18 cwt ring of eight bells?

If you're up to date on Disney, it won't be hard to think of Princess Pocahontas, the subject of their latest film.

If your history is good, then you'll know that in fact (but not in the film) she was taken fatally ill on board a ship in Gravesend Reach, on the River Thames, in 1617 and was, reputedly, buried at St. George's Church, which stands but an arrow's flight from the riverside.

This makes the third clue easy – St. George's Church has a fine ring of eight Taylor bells, rehung in 1923.

On November 8th, ringers from Rochester District were asked to ring at a ceremony in which the Mayor of Gravesham inaugurated floodlighting of the statue of Pocahontas which stands in the church grounds.

The actor whose voice is heard in the film as Chief Powhatan, Pocahontas' father, should also have attended the ceremony but smoke signals on the A2 must have been out of order for he did not appear.

We were asked to "ring the bells loudly" and we did our best, which drew appreciative comments from council officials and guests alike.

JENNIFER WATTS

The Ringing World of 10 November 1995 – front page "From one to ten – in one go".

The Ringing World of 1 January 1993. Dewsbury quarter peal footnote: "A compliment to Rev Hugh N Lawrance being instituted as Vicar at Knottingley on 8 Nov 1992. Unfortunately Knottingley only has a clock bell and a chiming bell. What are you going to do about it Hugh!?"

Well, we all know the answer and it didn't take too long. Well done Hugh!

J. P. COOPER

A quarter was rung at Yeovilton by members of the St. Bartholomew's band and the Royal Naval Guild for the acceptance of the Fleet Air Arm Roll of Honour into the F.A.A. Memorial Church, and for the second anniversary of the rededication of the church.

Yeovilton, Somerset. 10 Nov, 1260 Doubles (2m): Rev C J Luckraft, RN 1, Capt F Milner 2, Cdr N D Arnall-Culliford 3, Cdr A S Watt 4, Capt J R L Ingham (C) 5, Mr J W Harris 6. £1.20

May I suggest that the Board of Directors of *The Ringing World* be extended to include all regular postal subscribers who submit quarter peal reports with accompanying articles – with or without donations – so that they can be published within a week of being rung – rather than waiting up to 11 weeks. To add to this we were recently exhorted by Alan Buswell to submit quarter peal reports as soon as possible after they have been rung; most of us do, but still do not have the privilege of such speedy publication!

(NAME AND ADDRESS SUPPLIED).

News items often including quarter peals, even from non-directors, are published promptly. Routine quarters and lengthy tour reports do take longer to get into print – Ed.

We were very sorry to hear of the death on November 7th of Joyce Bode of Leek at the early age of 34. Joyce had had a long struggle against cancer throughout most of her adult life. Ringers from Staines, North Stoneham and Nottingham will remember her with affection as will members of the Cumberlands, a society she joined in 1990.

The bells of St. Luke's Church, Cannock have stopped ringing in anticipation of the present eight bells being augmented to a peal of ten.

They have stopped ringing a little earlier than was originally planned due to a fault found in the ringing chamber floor.

The present peal of eight bells will be removed on the 27th and 28th November. Four of the older bells are being sold and the remaining four bells which were cast in 1923 will be sent back to Taylors Bell Foundry at Loughborough.

On Friday 8th December 1995 the six new bells will be cast at the Foundry, which together with the four 1923 bells will make up the new ring of ten.

The ten bells will return to Cannock on March 4th 1996 and doing the following two weeks the new peal will be installed ready for the Dedication Service on Saturday, March 30th 1996, ready for Easter.

This augmentation which is costing in excess of £35,000 has been raised since March thanks to our donors and the supporters of various fund raising events. PETER BARKER, Secretary, St. Luke's Bell Restoration Committee.

A handbell peal of P.B. Royal was rung recently in Sussex in the somewhat stately time of 3 hours 22 mins – "We like to savour each change – or, if the truth be known, our brains do not work any faster" commented the conductor.

It hardly seems 12 months ago that Buckfast Abbey was filled with the sounds of ringers' voices raised in pre-Christmas praise, and once again preparations are beginning to be made for the now annual Devon Ringers Carol Service at the abbey: this year, the service will take place on Saturday 16th December at 3.00 p.m. As in previous years, the bells will be available from 1.30 p.m. onwards: the Kingskerswell Handbell Ringers will be playing during the service, and the collection will be for the Children's Hospice South West.

Refreshments will be available at the Grange, the abbey's own well appointed restaurant.

Going by the support of previous years for the service, anyone attending would be advised to be at the abbey by 3.00 p.m. at the latest, to be sure of a seat, and we once again look forward to welcoming friends from far afield.

BOB SOUTHWOOD.

Last week ITN midday news transmitted a feature which, we are told, included scenes of George Pluckrose ringing.

RW Calendars are now available. Those already ordered will be in the post this week. Price £3.60 inc p&p.

A memorial service for Tom Southam (died 1st Nov) will be held at St Peter's Church, St. Albans on Friday 1st December at 11 a.m.

We very much hope that as many as possible of his old friends will be able to join us.

JACK SOUTHAM.

At the Ancient Society of College Youths' Business Meeting on Tuesday November 14th, Paul Smith was elected Master, Andrew Blacklock Senior Steward and Quentin Armitage Junior Steward. Re-elected to office were Tony Kench as Secretary, Andrew Stubbs as Treasurer, Jim Phillips as Librarian and Stan Mason and Philip Chalk as Trustees. A.R.K.

We regret to report the death on 12 November of Mr. John (Jack) Nichols, author of *Bells through the ages*. Mr. Nichols died peacefully in his sleep the day after his 101st birthday.

We are sorry to report that Michael Brown of Sapcote is currently in the Cardiac Unit of Leicester Hospital. He rang the tenor to a peal of London Royal for his 65th birthday but a week later (on Armistice Day) suffered another heart attack. Our best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

The new bells at Tunstall, Kent were installed during the week beginning 13th November. The first ringing on the eight took place late on Friday morning.

Hallow bells rang out half-muffled yet again last week – this time for the funeral of their vicar, The Rev. John William Herbert (1942-1995), formerly of Suckley, Leigh, Alfrick and Malvern Link.

Further to Mark Damerell's letter (p.1167 RW 17/11/95) is it a case of a stitch in time saves Stedman Doubles? N.H.T.O.A.F.

MORE NOTICES

U.L.S.C.R. 50th Anniversary Dinner Day, Sat November 25 General ringing arrangements: 12.15-1pm St Margaret's, Westminster; 1.15-2.15pm St Saviour's Pimlico; 2.45-4pm Queen's Tower, Imperial College. 1647

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN. Bedford District monthly meeting, Sat December 2. Ringing at Milton Ernest (6), 6.30-8.30pm. All welcome. Further details from District Sec, (01234 363513). Ad No 1654

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