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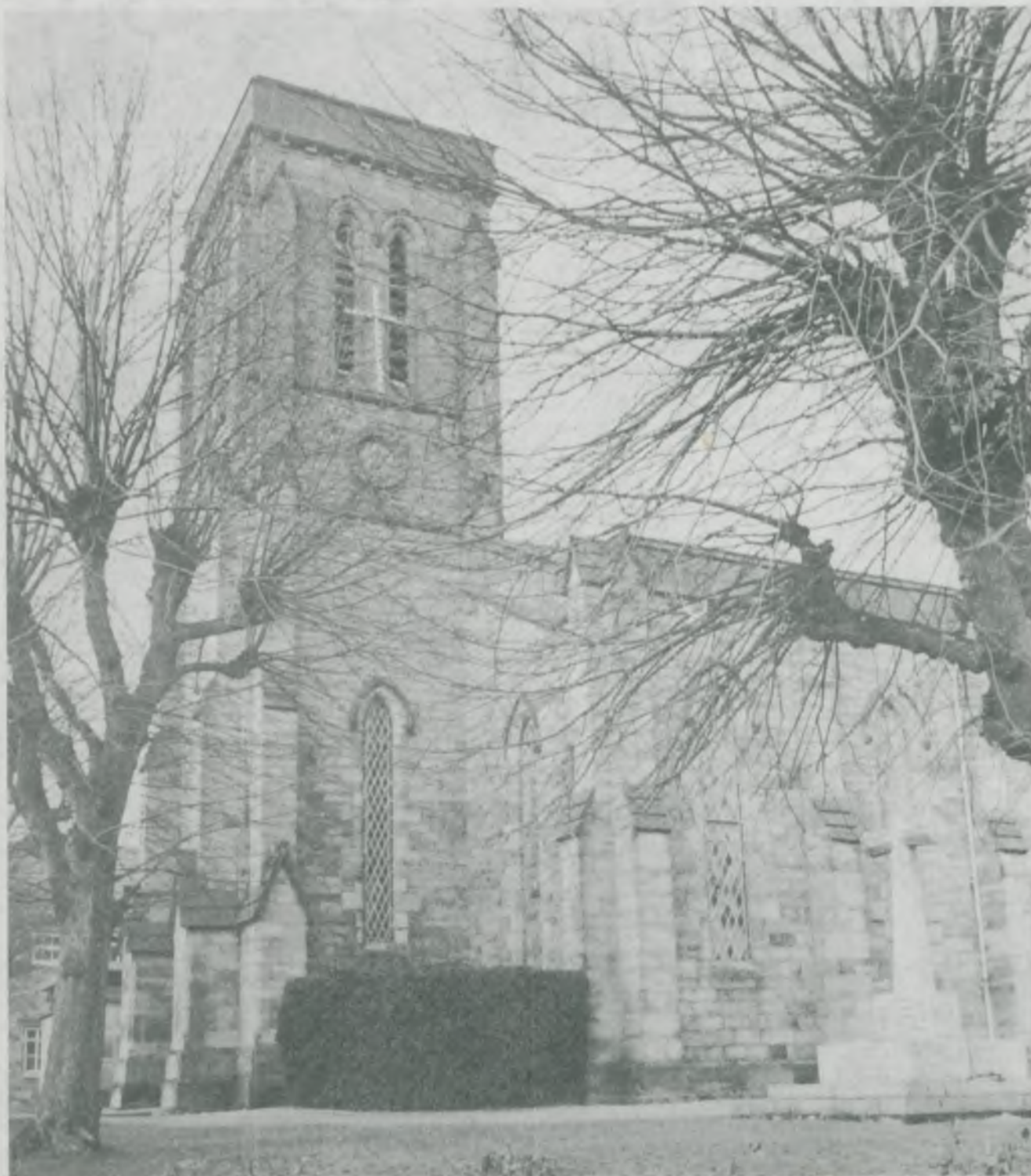
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St. Nicholas, Hereford

Cover Story:

ST. NICHOLAS, HEREFORD

St. Nicholas' Church, Hereford, stands sentinel over the new Wye Bridge on the north side of the river beside the very busy ring road. It was built in 1841, designed simply as a preaching hall, with a central pulpit and reading desk blocking the east end, with both the gallery and nave packed with box seats and benches, to accommodate nearly 600 people. Since then the interior has greatly changed and indeed improved with a fine east window depicting the Ascension, a carved oak reredos, lectern and Communion rails. The unsightly gallery has gone, and a fine two-manual Nicholson organ installed. Moreover, parishioners of St. Nicholas' are conscious of a much longer and on-going history, for the original Church dates back to the early Middle Ages, and indeed stood within the city walls near to the west front of the Cathedral, not far from the then busy River Wye - thus the dedication to the Patron Saint of Sailors. Relics of this building include a statue of St John the Baptist, the registers dating from 1556, and a magnificent silver flagon of 1732. This Church was demolished in 1840 to make room for traffic improvements, but the new Church was faced with its stone.

THE BELLS

The six bells in the tower are a complete ring by Abraham Rudhall 1 dated 1718, together with a small undated sanctus bell which bears no inscription or markings. The bells were tuned and rehung in 1958/9 by John Taylor & Co, Loughborough, in a new 'H' frame, providing two additional pits for future augmentation to eight by the addition of two trebles.

The first peal on the six appears to have been on June 7, 1930, and was of Grandsire Doubles, the traditional method rung in the tower at practices and for services for a number of years. It was not until the sixth peal of the bells in December 1960 that the bells were pealed to any other method. In all, there have been 23 peals, 14 of which have been of Minor methods.

John Taylor & Co. (Bellfounders) Ltd, are now responsible for the supply of the two new trebles, together with the necessary fittings to augment the ring to the full octave. The parish is not rich and immediately prior to setting about the task of raising the necessary money for the two new bells, many thousands of pounds had been raised by the parish for urgent restoration and modernisation work to the Church and Parish Institute building. There were some reservations about embarking on a project requiring so much money so soon after one large



Part of the band that rang at the rededication of the bells by the Ven T B Randolph, Archdeacon of Hereford, March 8, 1959.

appeal, but, faced with the prospect of ever-increasing costs with any postponement, and with help, enthusiasm and determination within the parish, sufficient money was raised or loaned to the parish by the end of November 1980 to enable the Rector and churchwardens to place an order for the work to proceed.

STEADY INCOME

The appeal opened with a service in Church on July 27, 1980, and has continued with a variety of events as varied as slide-shows, dances, sponsored walks, choral evenings, sales and handbell ringing, with more events to come. The income has been steady and has involved the parish in much work but frequently in enjoyment also. The parish is, of course, particularly grateful for the help and support which has been received from persons otherwise unconnected with St. Nicholas'.

The work now required to be completed in the belfry has given the local band of ringers an opportunity to spend time cleaning and painting the existing frame and fittings (a much larger job than previously estimated!). The presence of pigeons amongst the bells for a number of years has added to this work, but these (hopefully) have been effectively excluded, although their debris still remained.

It is hoped that with a modern ring of eight installed with a tenor of just under 10 cwt, the bells will be admirably suited for teaching and

training a band for regular service ringing at the Church and act as an unofficial centre for teaching ringing within an active district of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. Practices have been held on Wednesdays from 6 pm, and anyone of any ability and of any age has been welcomed.

The project has caused interest within the parish where previously the majority of parishioners had little idea of what went on in the tower. There has been opportunities for explanations to be given as to how the bells are rung, their sizes and weights, the care and attention they require and has brought more awareness of the part the ringers can play in the life of an active Church. Although the work is not yet complete, hopes are high that the tower will soon be more active than ever and positively contribute to the work of the Church and of the Guild in Hereford. The dedication has been initially arranged for April 10, 1981, when a large congregation is expected and will be welcomed.

Ladies' Guild

VICE-PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED

The Kent Branch held its annual District meeting at Sevenoaks on March 7, and 17 members and friends attended. Ringing began at 3 pm and covered a variety of methods before tea was taken at a nearby house by invitation of one of the members, Mrs J. Raynor.

The business meeting followed, at which Miss D. Colgate was re-elected as vice-president and Miss J. Pearce as secretary. Miss F. Cannon and Miss E. Todd were re-elected to the committee and Miss M. Andrews was elected to join them. Miss F. Cannon was re-elected to the central committee and Miss E. Todd was elected to join her. Three new members - Miss R. Steere (jun.), Mrs J. Darracott and Mrs B. Coode - were elected. The annual outing was arranged for October 31 and next year's ADM was fixed for March 13, probably at Mereworth (please watch the Ringing World for further details).

Arrangements for the 1981 and 1982 AGMs were discussed. The meeting closed with thanks to the ladies who provided the tea, the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr and Mrs Raynor for the use of their home. Members then went their several ways.

I.M.P.



Ringers at the rededication.

We lose because we win.
Gamblers,
Recollecting which,
Toss their dice again . . .

Emily Dickinson, *Bolts of Melody*, No. 533



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SLEEPLESS NIGHTS

The bells of Wimborne Minster, which have rung in various forms uninterrupted for the last 900 years, are likely to become the subject of a court case. A relatively new resident to the town who bought a house in the Cornmarket last year has complained to Wimborne District Council that the chimes of the Quarter Jack "make sleep impossible" and therefore constitute a nuisance.

Mr Leonard Baker, a jeweller from London who uses the house as a holiday home and for week-ends, has not only complained to the District Council about the bells, but also the Rector and the Department of the Environment.

When the Council's Health and Amenities Committee discussed the matter recently they agreed to take no action, but Mr Baker could, if he wished, pursue the matter in the courts under the Pollution Act.

Advice came from one councillor, Mr Ralph Ricketts of Pamphill, who suggested that Mr Baker should go to see his doctor and get some sleeping tablets.

In his letter to the Rector (Canon Douglas Strickland), who has just retired, Mr Baker suggested that the chimes could be switched off between 11 pm and 7 am so that he could have a good night's sleep.

It is impossible to alter the present mechanism," said Canon Strickland, "and while there must be a certain amount of sympathy for Mr Baker I don't think we would do it."

Wimborne's Mayor, Mr Fred Miller, lives within the same sort of distance from the Minster as Mr Baker and thought the whole business a nonsense. "One gets used to hearing the Quarter Jack. It's a lovely sound and part of Wimborne's heritage," he said.

"Surely if Mr Baker did not want to hear the bells then why did he buy a house which is within a stone's-throw of the Minster. This is the same sort of thing as people going to live in the countryside and then complaining about cow muck on the road. Mr Baker should think himself lucky to be able to hear the bells. I'm sure a lot of deaf people would love to hear the noise."

Support for Mr Baker was pretty thin on the ground in the Cornmarket, and his complaint raised a few laughs at the White Hart Inn which



SPONSORED CALL-CHANGE PEAL

I wonder if any of us really understood just what would be involved when, some months ago, our captain, Mr. D. J. W. Bath, announced that we would be ringing a sponsored call-change peal in February, in aid of the Church Roof Fund. It has, in fact, meant a considerable amount of hard work, not least for the captain himself, who has had the unenviable task of working it all out.

He seemed to appear each week with yet another pile of papers and cards with numbers and names on them, all designed to help us become a well organised band for the day. The sponsor forms themselves took some working out and then vast lists had to be kept so we could keep track of who had what. Every Tuesday evening saw us practising our call-changes and handing over our ropes to a new ringer without "setting" the bell.

All those calling the changes worked away at making their voices loud enough for everyone to hear, remembering themselves to change and sorting out the many clashes that ensued. The last practice before "Peal Day" saw most of us

pretty confused, rather short tempered, nervous and with sore hands.

However, Saturday, 21st February found us all at the tower on time and ready to go. We had 20 ringers in all and eight bells to ring making 1008 changes all told. The band changed at least two ringers approximately every 20 minutes and the callers, (we had five,) changed approximately every 30 minutes. This meant that our junior ringers could take part and not over-tax themselves and everyone got reasonable breaks.

We had to have an independent person with us throughout to check that all 1008 changes were made and after 3½ hours we were able to bring the bells down knowing we had achieved our objective. We expect to realise between £300 and £400 for the Church Fund and feel it was well worthwhile. Those taking part were, callers: Mr. D. J. Bath, Mrs. E. Greatrix, Mr. J. Fairchild and Mrs. L. Warrenner, and Mr. J. Eddy. Ringers: Mrs. P. J. Menear, Mrs. C. Lessiter, Mrs. J. Green, Mr. A. Axe, Mr. T. Axe, Rev. A. Hancock, Mst. A. Green, Mst. J. Green, Mrs. J. Fairbrother, Mr. J. Cleaver, Mrs. G. Bath, Mrs. A. Bath, Mst. C. Menear, Miss M. Durman, and Miss A. Brown. P.J.C.M.

LIKE OLYMPICS

In his address at a recent meeting to the Hinckley District at Earl Shilton, the Vicar (Rev A E Taylor) suggested that ringing bells is like taking part in the Olympic Games.

Like sport, ringing takes years of hard training to achieve high standards, and the result of such work could be heard in Earl Shilton. Like sport, everyone can enjoy ringing, no matter what level of competence they have achieved.

Other parallels can be drawn: the competition in sport and the friendly rivalry between towers; the team-work necessary for good results; the competitors in the Olympic Games are the representatives of their respective countries to the world, and a bellringer is a representative of the Church to the community; when a competitor wins, his or her country receives recognition from the world, just as when bells are rung the Church receives recognition from the community.

At the business meeting one member was elected and the ringers heard a report from Miss J Brown of the Guild committee meeting.

Mr M Brown confirmed that for the London outing in May a visit to the Carter ringing machine would be included.

S.B.

is two doors away. Mrs Jackie Richardson, who herself has just moved into the Cornmarket, said she noticed the bells at first but had become used to them.

Magistrates Clerk, Mr John Slow, said that if Mr Baker wished to take out a summons under the Pollution Act against the Minster there would have to be a special hearing convened to see if such a summons could be issued.

"Far be it for me to pre-judge anything the magistrates might do," he said, "but I think it unlikely that such a summons could be issued. After all, the Quarter Jack has been ringing for many years now and the gentleman in question moved to the area in full knowledge of the bells. But if this court was not to issue a summons then Mr Baker could apply to the High Court for a writ of mandamus."

-Newspaper Report.

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Truro D.G.

RE-ORGANISATION PAPER

At the agm at Callington on 7th March in the Town Hall, 55 ringers attended and adopted the reports and accounts. Mrs Anne Body was elected general secretary and Mr. P. Tremain replaced Hilary Davis (nee Dash) as a Central Council representative. The other officers were re-elected.

A paper on certain re-organisation to the affairs of the Guild was presented and will be debated at Branch meetings during the year. It will be further discussed and voted upon at the 1982 AGM.

In spite of the inclement weather a pleasant day was enjoyed by all.

D.W.B.

Coventry DG

NEW OFFICERS

The Coventry Archdeaconry District February meeting was held at Berkeswell on a bitterly cold afternoon, when about 30 ringers attended.

An enjoyable tea was taken in the Village Hall, and at the business meeting six new members were elected: Mr B Hornsby (Berkeswell), Mr Spencer (Kenilworth), Yvette Laughton, Richard Thompson, Ingrid Dunn, Joahanna Cooke (Allesley).

Officers elected were: Rev. David Smith (Newbold), District secretary, and Mr L Trevor (Chilvers Coton), and Miss Gaynor Winter (Allesley), committee members.

Mr Robin Hope was thanked for making the local arrangements, and Mrs Hope and Mrs Fletcher for providing tea. Ringing later continued at Honiley.

R.A.S.

L.U.S.C.R.

21st ANNUAL DINNER

The Liverpool University Society held their 21st Anniversary Dinner at the St George Hotel, Liverpool, on February 28, when 114 members and guests sat down and enjoyed an excellent meal. After the meal Katherine McDonald (O.C.M.) proposed "The Church" and Canon P Vandell (Sefton) replied with a very entertaining speech.

Alfred Plant (deputy master) welcomed the visitors and Christopher Pickford, on behalf of the visitors, spoke of his past and present associations with L.U.S.C.R. John Heaton (master) gave a résumé of the Society's activities over the past year. The speeches were completed in less than the 47 minutes predicted, and then dancing and much socialising rounded-off the evening.

Earlier in the day a tour around towers on The Wirral had taken place, and a peal of Cambridge S. Major was scored at Liscard.

Officers elected at the AGM on March 1 were: Sonia E Jukes (master), Jonathan M Williams (deputy master), Jon Partington (treasurer), Jeannette Grundy (committee member), Ann Emery (secretary), Salisbury Hall, Elmswood Road, Mossley Hill, Liverpool 18.



For the KCACR's Centenary a small party for members of the Maidstone District was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Farrant. The highlight of a splendid meal was a cake in the shape of a bell. The ringers (l to r): Tom Riley, Ron Farrant, Peggy Farrant, Martin Pring and Tim Wylie.

Oxford D.G.

AT KIRTLINGTON

The Bicester Branch AGM, held at Kirtlington on February 21, was attended by about 30 people including the deputy master (Mark Dobson) and Guild librarian (Philip Walker).

The Rev G Bennett conducted a short service and after tea the business meeting commenced, chaired by the Branch president (D Westcott). Mark Dobson accepted on behalf of the Guild officers an invitation to ring a peal at Kirtlington in November.

It was reported that Branch practices have been well attended and that inter-Branch practices and social events had been a great success.

The meeting expressed its appreciation to Cyril Kinch and Ted Evans for the way they produced the History of the Bicester Branch featured in the RW (February 27).

The secretary thanked Ted Evans (retiring ringing master) for the hard work he has put into the Branch: Ted is moving out of the area.

The quarter peals for the Centenary (January 17) were successful: 16 out of 17 were rung on the Saturday and only Launton had to be re-rung on Sunday.

Officers elected were: president, Rev D Westcott; vice-presidents, Rev M Scott-Joynt, Rev G Bennett and Cyril Kinch; secretary, treasurer, W Haynes; asst. secretary, Jane Singleton; Branch representative, C East; ringing master, R Stevens. In addition, three new members were elected.

The meeting closed with thanks to the ladies of Charlton who provided tea.

W.H.H.

'QUAKE' SHUTS CHAPEL, STOPS CHURCH BELLS

Cracks discovered since the recent earth tremors in Cornwall closed a Methodist Church and silenced the bells of a parish church.

Mullion Methodist Church was closed after cracks were found in the chapel's ceiling, and the six bells of Cury Parish Church hung silent after damage to the tower was spotted.

Two large cracks in the Mullion Chapel ceiling, with smaller ones running off them, appeared over the pulpit, and it was decided that services should be held in the schoolroom. The cracks, in the shape of a V, are approaching 10 feet long.

Mr Henry Oates, captain of Cury Parish Church for six years and a ringer for about 40 years, inspected the tower before practice was due to start on Friday (February 28).

In the north-west corner of the tower, about half-way up, he saw that six or seven joints between large granite blocks had split. Rain was getting through and "pouring" down the tower stairs.

Mr Oates, who is in the building trade, cancelled the practice. The advice of the diocesan architect was that the bells (tenor 10½ cwt) should not be rung until he had carried out an inspection.

Earlier this year the PCC at Cury decided to open a fund to enable the tower to be re-pointed, at an estimated cost of more than £2,000. — *West Briton report*

It wasn't too long ago that you could finance a pretty good war for what six months of peace costs today. — *Bill Vaughan*

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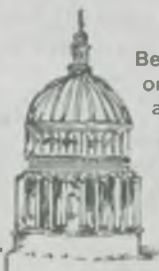
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BELLFOUNDERS' GIFT PAGE



Editorial:

RELIANCE (2)

How do I keep my band together? Why do so many of the experienced ringers make a habit of coming late to practices?

Yes, these are two points which crop up regularly at branch or guild meetings and committees, and are not easily - if ever - answered. To keep a band together is quite often a question of leadership. A leader must be a competent ringer, able to control the team with firm but generous actions; but above all be reliable in time-keeping and attendance. If he or she is always there on time, it is this reliance that encourages the others to follow that example.

Ringing, apart from its enjoyment, is largely a question of habit; and one has bad habits as well as the good ones. There are some ringers of whom it is said: he'll be late for his own funeral!

Unfortunately there are one or two individuals who take a delight in being late - perhaps in order to be noticed as they enter the tower. Others of course don't want to be included in the hard graft which often occurs at the beginning of a practice, when the rounds, call-changes and the like are rung for the beginners. Later on the higher methods and Spliced come along.

How much more satisfactory would be the practices if all the experienced ringers came along to lend a hand with the learners.

Utopia? Well, nearly; but certainly progress.

The band that rang the commemorative peal at Clare, Suffolk on February 28 thank Phillip Erith for standing in at 2 hours notice after another had to drop out due to illness. A.P.M.

John Ketteringham rang his first peal on March 8, 1951 and for the 30th anniversary he returned to All Saints, Leicester and called a peal of Lincolnshire S. Major. For a change the composition was by Simon Humphrey (but the No. 4 version). Two of the original band were able to ring: Alan Cattell and Michael Brown, but the other three members - John Thompson, Ted Clements and Colin Kirk (who conducted) - no longer ring.

AS YOU WERE

No. 131 in our series of old photographs of well-known ringers:



Last week: Peter Staniforth

A.P.C. (Pat Cannon) has now rung peals with 2,200 different ringers. This was achieved by his recent peal at Carshalton.

Salisbury D.G.

MAY BECOME SILENT

On March 14 the North Dorset Branch held their AGM at Stalbridge. In his report the joint ringing master (G. Warren) stressed the necessity for every member to recruit more ringers, as a number of towers in the area are likely to fall silent due to the lack of support.

The following were elected to serve: chairman, Rev F. W. Pugh; vice-chairmen, Miss R. M. Julius, Mrs M. M. Godley; secretary and treasurer, A. C. D. Lovell-Wood; ringing masters, G. Warren and J. C. Herbert; committee, R. Hedges and R. Ellis; Blandford Festival Committee, R. Sumner and G. Warren.

There was a report from Mr R. Hedges on Kington Magna bells, which said that the repair work on the frame should be done in the next month or so. A band of ringers will then need to be trained.

Three new members were elected. Those present (only 22!) were reminded to ring as many peals and quarters as could be arranged on July 29.

The chairman thanked his committee for their work during the year. The meeting was followed by tea and further ringing.

A.D.L.-W.

MRS. CANNON

We extend our sympathy to Mr. A. Patrick Cannon of Dorking on the recent death of his mother. Mrs. Cannon (senior) died in Horley Hospital on March 14 after an attack of bronchitis. In her late 90's she was very active until a short while ago and enjoyed life to the full. We remember Pat and Sylvia in their bereavement.

THE 1980 WINCHESTER RINGING SCHOOL (A student's appreciation)

It's not a course for the namby-pamby
Or those who want chips "just like Mummy's";
And the lie-a-bed on a Sunday morning
Will find cold toast and a queue. I'm warning
Don't enlist for a class too high:
You've only a couple of days to try
A new approach to the same old story.
'Tis better to cover yourself with glory:
Then you will follow and never frown
When Marcus Sherwood explains, with a laugh,
Just how to dodge in 4-5 down,
And not get way-laid in four and a half.
It's not a holiday, not a rest,
You start at 8 and continue your quest
For knowledge, without a doubt,
Until long after the stars come out.
Just as we were about to go
From the back of the hall a voice said "NO"
"I have a complaint.
Why haven't we rung the Cathedral bells?"
"We've climbed to the top and admired the view
We know what grease and paint to use.
We've stroked the sallies and spliced the ropes,
In dirt and grime we've had to grope
To learn about gudgeons, bearings and canons,

PRODUCING YOUR RINGING WORLD (14)



Much of the accounting is - or will be - completed by the computer. David Welch (office manager) and Gwen Cole are the operators, but the mistakes (if any) should be blamed on the computer.

JOHN ACRES

After many years of failing health, Mr. John Acres died in St. Mary's Hospital, Melton Mowbray, Leicester on March 18. He developed influenza which proved fatal. A report will appear in due course.

70th BIRTHDAY ISSUE

Extra copies of the special 70th Birthday Issue of The Ringing World are available (price 44p inc.) from Penmark House, Guildford.

First peal congratulations to Jeremy Piercy, Paul Cherry, C. Lynne Stretton, Charles J. Knight, Gillian Foxcroft, Mark E. G. Larner, Peter Jones, Jacque M. Sutton, Adrian M. Hargreaves. Omitted from last week: Joan A. Thorne, Claire E. Dobinson.

To check on sliders and pulleys and hammers.
And now you want to send us home!"
The little lady stamped her foot
In a most unladylike way.
"I won't", she screamed, "I won't go back to Bath and Wells
Until we've rung these Cathedral bells."
The Committee Members bowed their heads,
"We're truly very sorry," they said.
"We'll make amends"....
So while we dined on boiled hens,
They obtained the steeple-keeper's key,
And at exactly half past three,
Twenty-six pairs of feet once more
Trudged up the steps to the belfry floor.
The Ringing Master led the rise,
She is capable and wise.
Five from Somerset, one from Bow,
(No-one took part from around The Hoe.)
Three from Cheshire, two from Kent,
They all knew just how it went.
An hour later they lowered them down
They sounded beautiful over the town.
And what did the Locals have to say?
Their 'kip' disturbed on a Sabbath day.
I don't know - I was on my way -
Ask the Committee - perhaps they may.

V.L.

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LETTERS

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SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED

Sir, - I was intrigued by the letter from Australia (p.230) received by Mr. F. H. Simmonds.

I am surely not alone in thinking that if some of those who appear most frequently on this page were to couch their letters in similar fashion, the enjoyment thereof would be significantly enhanced for a great many readers. - Yours, etc.,

WENDY GOUGH (Mrs).

34 Claremont Close,
London N.

BELLRINGING TERMS -
"CURFEW"

Sir, - I read with interest, the article by C. A. Wratten to the BBC with particular reference to the above item. "This centuries-old tradition" has survived at St. Alphege, Solihull and is rung in much the same way as described in Edgar C. Shepherd's book - "The Tower and Bells of Solihull Church". An explanation may be of interest to both your readers and beginners.

At approx 3½ minutes before the hour, the church clock gives a signal of the approaching hour which is an indication for the curfew to be started. This is rung on the 8th bell, and after it has been raised into the ringing position, is then tolled slowly until the clock mechanism commences to chime the hour. The bell is then rung once between each stroke of the hour. The bell is then tolled slowly several times and then lowered. After a short period of time has elapsed the bell is then chimed with the date of the month.

The curfew at Solihull is rung at 8 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from the 29th September until 25th March. (On Tuesday there is a learner's practice and on Wednesday a Service at 8 p.m.)

According to the Parish Records an entry was made in 1774 when the amount of £2 was recorded for the curfew to be rung in that year. A payment is still received from the PCC which is currently £3 per year!

It would be interesting to compare notes with other churches where this ancient custom continues to be rung. - Yours, etc.,

RICHARD J. CANN

44, Ladbrook Road,
Solihull,
West Midlands.

Sir, - In his information about bell-ringing terms supplied to the B.B.C. and quoted in your 'For Beginners' article on 6th March. (p.217) Mr. C. A. Wratten refers to the ringing of the Curfew Bell and comments that it would be interesting to know if there is any parish where the tradition still survives. I believe that there are still a fair number of places where it is maintained, Burgh-le-Marsh being one of them. Our tower bells and the story of our Curfew tradition were the subject of a B.B.C. 'Church Bells on Sunday' programme broadcast about two years ago. For that programme I supplied the following information which may be of interest to your readers.

The tenor bell, gifted by John Holden and dated 1616, is still used for the ringing of the Curfew. It is rung each week-day night at 8.00 p.m. from Michaelmas to Lady Day, reckoned by the pre-1752 calendar (i.e. 11 days later than the present dates). To ring the Curfew the tenor

bell is raised and set, tolled long enough to say the 130th Psalm (Out of the deep have I called unto thee), lowered and then the date in the month chimed in tens. Until the early 19th century it was also similarly rung at 4.00 a.m. to mark the end of Curfew. In 1826 the hour was changed to 5.00 a.m., while by 1842 it had been further retarded to 6.00 a.m. At the beginning of the present century the ringing of the Morning Bell was discontinued.

There is a traditional story, told locally with slight variations, that during the early years of the 17th century the captain of a ship sailing the treacherous waters of the Wash, having lost his reckoning off the coast on a dark night, was given timely warning that he was dangerously near land, when he heard the bell at Burgh ringing the Curfew. When he reached safety he made enquiries to find what bell he had heard, and out of gratitude for his deliverance gave a piece of land in the Orby Field to provide a silken rope for the bell which had saved his ship and to ensure that the ringing of the Curfew should be continued for all time. The Parish still owns Bell-String Acre in what was part of the Orby Field, the rent from which was until recent times used to help pay for the ringing of the Curfew. However, for the past eight years the ringing has been maintained by a group of volunteers.

We also maintain the custom of ringing the Pancake (Shriving) Bell on Shrove Tuesday the tenor bell being raised and tolled for one hour from 11.00 a.m. until noon. - Yours, etc.,

JOHN VENABLES,

The Old Vicarage,
Burgh-le-Marsh,
Lincs.

Tower Correspondent.

BLUE PETER AND TEACHING

Sir, - C. W. Woolley has certainly researched the details of the Blue Peter programme (p.213) with two apparently private showings at the B.B.C. I am afraid I can not materially add anything further to the debate on what was said on the film or what was not, as after so many weeks since my "normal" viewing, I have only my impressions left of what was shown.

It is the impressions which have sunk in (and I suspect that is all most viewers are left with) and I regret to say they have not substantially changed. These impressions unfortunately do not allow me to come to quite the same conclusion as Mr. Woolley that: "the final scene showed... the learner... taking part, unaided, in some very passable rounds, looking every bit the average competent ringer". It all depends of course on how one defines those words "passable" and "competent", as Mr. Woolley undoubtedly knows after his long and full ringing career.

Whilst appreciating the constraints imposed by the filming, and that the teaching obviously was not done in five minutes, I still think it is sad that each stage of that teaching was not able to be done more thoroughly before moving to the next. The final rounds would then quite likely have been much more "passable" and the learner more "competent". The filming process of course would have been disrupted, but in my opinion, the impression remaining would have been more favourable.

Mr. Woolley's letter raises the question of what should a teacher accept as "passable" and "competent". It would be interesting to hear how other readers define the terms, and how they achieve what they are seeking. - Yours, etc.,

ROBERT CATER.

70 Buriton Road,
Winchester,
Hants.

REDUNDANT CHURCHES

Sir, - The topic of redundant churches and bells is becoming increasingly common country-wide but certain areas have, at present, little experience of the problems it brings. I am, therefore, asking on behalf of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, for help from those who have experience of such problems and who can offer suggestions for dealing with redundancy. In particular, how they have dealt with the bells; i.e. leasing the tower and bells; being given the bells to dispose of, either as scrap or a complete ring; aid in selling them to a third party, etc. - Yours, etc.,

CAROL N. J. FRANKLIN,

Hon. General Secretary.

58 Park View,
Sharnford,
Hinckley,
Leicester.

WELLS CATHEDRAL, SOMERSET

Sir, - I plead guilty to the recent geographic error in placing Wells in Avon rather than in Somerset. My apologies to David Buckley and others.

Avon is of course famous for its cosmetic products and not for its rings of ten bells. I shall in future do my utmost to place correctly towers, remembering always of course that both Wells and Pucklechurch (?) are in Somerset. - Yours, etc.,

ROBIN M. STUBBS.

30 Grosvenor Bridge Road,
Bath,
Avon or Somerset.

DOUBLES TANGLE

Sir, - Having bought a copy of the new Doubles Collection at the 1980 C.C. meeting I was naturally interested in the letters published last year from Anthony Smith (p.730) and Marcus Sherwood (p.878) commenting on the accuracy of the booklet. I have been awaiting with interest (though fortunately not with bated breath!) for the 'more detailed reply' from Frank Blagrove. As this has not yet appeared, I have been looking at the past debates on the subject and the minutes of past C.C. meetings.

It appears from these that the names Mr. Smith gives are correct, in so far as they are the most recent names published under the authority of the C.C., either in the 1961 Collection or the subsequent appendices and the occasional peal report of one or two previously un-named methods. Nowhere in his collection does Mr. Blagrove disclose the origin of any names he gives; Marcus Sherwood, however, also feels that these names are more accurate than the names accepted by the Council in past reports, which he dismisses as 'recent errors in the naming of methods'. Is it not the job of the Methods Committee to make recommendations to the Council, rather than to attempt to impose decisions upon it?

When the 'Doubles Tangle' was last extensively debated in the columns of the R.W. (in 1968) the (then) Editor said (p.687) "We are trying to compile this appendix in the open, rather than to present it as a *fait accompli* in book form". Unfortunately, this seems to be what has happened on this occasion.

With regard to variations, I believe that the point Mr. Smith is trying to make is that the ones he lists can, and should, be regarded as half-lead Splices of regular Doubles methods. This point was made back in 1968 by Frank Blagrove himself, so it is surprising that he has included them in the new collection. Mr. Blagrove cited the example of April Day, which, in the 1980 Collection, is given as Plain Bob

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St. Martin's Guild

THE 93rd HENRY JOHNSON
COMMEMORATION DINNER

The St. Martin's Guild Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner was this year held on Henry Johnson's actual birthday - 28th February. It had a change of venue: the Wroxton Suite, Royal Angus Hotel, Birmingham and 95 attended.

The chairman (the Rev. Brian Harris) asked the Archdeacon of Birmingham, (Ven. G. Hollis) to say grace and after a much enjoyed meal the chairman said it was fitting to follow the loyal toast with one to the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer. As is customary the company then honoured the memory of Henry Johnson in silence.

After an interval the chairman noted that we did not couple the toast of the Church with that of the State. He felt that if the administration of the St. Martin's Guild could not keep Ansells Brewery open, then we did not stand much chance with the rest of the country! He then introduced the Master of the St. Martin's Guild (Harold Fitter) to propose "The Church".



Ringers from Selly Oak and Harborne on table in front of picture.

had taken place in the Church of England over the last year, talking particularly of the Archbishop of Canterbury and of the New Prayer Book which had been criticized, much of it unfounded and inaccurate. There had also been a new move towards a covenant for unity with other churches. He recommended that those unsure in their faith should spend a week going round with a bishop, to confirmations etc., and

Lowndes and Richard Jones ('cellos), then entertained and being so popular had to give an encore.

The chairman proposing The St. Martin's Guild felt that their prosperity was assured, being a Guild prepared to stick out for standards and maintaining good striking. St. Martin's Guild struck awe and inspired confidence in other ringers. One appeared to be moving back into history as one walked into the ringing chamber at St. Martin's. "It is a Guild that has always had its personalities and though it is often said that there are none today, he quipped that the main qualification for being a personality is being dead! (laughter)

Richard Grimmer responding gave a brief account of the ringing throughout the year: winning the ten bell striking competition and coming second in the national 12 bell contest! The Guild rang 111 peals which equalled the record for a year. "We should strive to have every ring of bells rung on Sundays and must continue to teach more learners!"

David Bates proposing the health of the chairman said that Brian had a long ringing record, and had been in the 40,320 Plain Bob Major rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry in 1963. He also commented that Brian was joining the one-day a week brigade in becoming a clergyman. Brian has helped to get more bells rung in Staffordshire, many benefiting from his help and experience. Shirley (Brian's wife) was coupled with the toast.

The chairman drew the formal proceedings to a close by thanking the previous speaker for his kind words. He and Shirley had enjoyed the evening. The socializing then continued until late in the evening.

Wendy Walters.



The Bishop of Aston (Rt Rev Mark Green) replying to the toast to the Church. Mr and Mrs M Fitter are on the Bishop's left and the chairman on his right.

Mr. Fitter felt that the church must not be considered just the building but the people inside it. It is sad that campanologists are often referred to as a group of people seen rushing out of church as others go in. Many ringers do ring at more than one church on Sunday but unless we attempt to meet other members of the church and get more involved with its activities this could not be understood. We cannot expect to be called "church members" unless we are more involved; for example, it is useful to have a member of the tower on the P.C.C. Gratitude he said was due to the clergy for allowing us to ring their bells. We have free light and heat and it is

they would see the number of young people ready to show their faith today.

Grandsire Caters were then rung on the 103 year old Blews Bells by John MacDonald, Rod Pipe, Frances Bates, Richard Grimmer and John Anderson.

The chairman introducing John MacDonald to propose a toast to the visitors and did so in Music Hall style:

"Scintillating model of Syncopation. This personification of the quintessence of conducting genius. The effervescent personality converging to quinquagenarian lucidity and profundity. This campanological combination of Carlyle, Carroll and Cleese. I give you your very own John MacDonald."

John welcomed the guests and visitors individually, saying some came regularly, whilst others had been Birmingham ringers at one time. He also greeted the non-ringing visitors.

Jill Orme responded by saying she was determined not to become a ringing widow and travelled with her husband, to peal attempts. With their amazing ability to lose a peal so quickly I do not dare go much further than the churchyard, she added, quoted some amusing inscriptions from tombstones and church notice boards. The St. Martin's Guild made everyone welcome and this was a quality she hoped would be preserved.

"The Palm Court Trio" three members of the Guild, Christine Grimmer (piano), Mike



Handbell change ringing by Frances Bates, John Macdonald, Rod Pipe, John Anderson and Richard Grimmer.

The chairman (Rev Brian Harris) proposing a toast to the health and prosperity of the St. Martin's Guild.



good to know that many do make donations to the churches where they ring peals.

Replying, the Bishop of Aston, (Rt. Rev. Mark Green) spoke of some of the changes that



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APPLETON SOCIETY

APPLETON, Oxon.

S Laurence

Sat Mar 7 1981 3h (13)

5184 GRANDSIRE

CATERS

Comp. E Morris

- 1 Edward R Venn (C)
 - 2 Barbara H Payne
 - 3 Jennifer A Dyer
 - 4 Michele Ellender
 - 5 Andrew J Dyer
 - 6 Dennis A Leslie
 - 7 David C Woodward
 - 8 Stephen H Stanford
 - 9 Clive Holloway
 - 10 Bernard J Stone
- For 163rd anniversary of Appleton's bells.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.

BEDFORD, S Paul

Mon Feb 9 1981 3h23 (28)

5040 CAMBRIDGE S.

MAXIMUS

Comp. F T Blagrove

- 1 David I Stanford
 - 2 Shelagh R Melville
 - 3 Lynda M Lazzarini
 - 4 Philip R Jewell
 - 5 Jonathan R B Speed
 - 6 Martyn J Marriott
 - 7 Malcolm C C Melville
 - 8 Keith R Webb
 - 9 Robert L Piron
 - 10 Jeremy Piron
 - 11 Trevor W Groom
 - 12 Philip Mehew (C)
- First Maximus-8.
With compliments on the 80th birthday of the conductor's father.

EATON SOCON, Cambs.

S Mary

Sat Mar 7 1981 2h53 (13)

5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Comp. R Bailey

- 1 Jeremy Piercy
 - 2 Charlotte M Smith
 - 3 Paul Cherry
 - 4 Wendy Piercy
 - 5 Elisabeth Stevens
 - 6 Anthony H Smith (C)
 - 7 C Edward Jeffries
 - 8 George E Bonham
- First peal-1, 3.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIV. GUILD

CAMBRIDGE, S Andrew

Thur Mar 5 1981 2h45 (11)

5056 SPICED S. MAJOR

(8m: 768 each London, Rutland; 640 each Yorkshire, Superlative; 576 each Lincolnshire; Bristol, Cambridge, Pudsey; 121 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. P G K Davies

- 1 P A B Saddleton (Trinity)
 - 2 P L H Brooke (Caus)
 - 3 D M E Cook (Queens')
 - 4 P Lowen (Clare)
 - 5 L M Fuller (New Hall)
 - 6 J N Hughes-D'Aeth (Caus)
 - 7 J D Shanklin (Magdalene)
 - 8 C H Enzor (C) (Trinity)
- First 8-Spiced-3, 21st Birthday compliment to Philip Saddleton.

PEALS

CHESTER D.G.

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire.

S James, Sutton

Sat Feb 28 1981 2h42 (11)

5040 SPICED T.B. MINOR

(42m: (1) Dover, Fotheringay, Skipton, Balmoral, Chepstow D., Hull S.; (2) Ely, Bogedone, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Roshterne D., Bourne S.; (3) Abbeyville, Canterbury, Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh D.; (4) Marple, Taxal, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford, Willesden D.; (5) Braintree, Humber, Charlwood, St. Albans, Neasden, Wragby D.; (6) Morning Star, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury T.B., Disley D.; (7) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston T.B., Wath D.; 88 changes of method)

- 1 Sidney Hough
- 2 Peter Dyson
- 3 C Kenneth Lewis (C)
- 4 Neil D Lomas
- 5 David Butler
- 6 Simon Lomas

First in 42m-5 Farewell compliment to the Rev D W Moir (Vicar).

MIDDLEWICH, Cheshire.

S Michael AA

Sat Mar 7 1981 3h12 (20)

5184 BRISTOL S. MAJOR

Comp. S J Ivin

- 1 Peter Dyson
- 2 W J Charles Seddon
- 3 Simon Lomas
- 4 Martin J Kirk
- 5 C Kenneth Lewis (C)
- 6 Ivor R Nichols
- 7 William H Dowse
- 8 Neil D Lomas

First in method-2.

BOWDON, Cheshire.

B.V.M.

Sat Mar 7 1981 3h7 (18)

5152 YORKSHIRE S.

MAJOR

Comp. P S Muchlinski

- 1 Robert S C Mitchell
- 2 Sue Barrett
- 3 Barry V Jones
- 4 Derek J Barrett
- 5 F John Keddie
- 6 Andrew C D Mayes (C)
- 7 Christopher H Jenkins
- 8 Geoffrey R Gardner

DERBY D.A.

HEANOR, Derbys.

S Lawrence

Thur Mar 5 1981 2h53 (15)

5056 LONDON S. MAJOR

Comp. R Baldwin

- 1 Gordon A Halls (C)
 - 2 Richard Stevenson
 - 3 Jack V Chadwick
 - 4 Harold Taylor
 - 5 Dennis R Carlisle
 - 6 Robert J Marchbank
 - 7 Frederick Pearson
 - 8 Simon Humphrey
- 950th peal and 350th as conductor-1

SWINDON, Wilts, S Mark

Fri Mar 6 1981 2h57 (11)

5056 SPICED S. MAJOR

(8m: 768 each London, Rutland; 576 each Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative; 640 Bristol; 196 changes of method)

Comp. N Smith

- 1 Elisabeth A G Bowden
- 2 Patricia A M Halls
- 3 Roy A Meads
- 4 Diana M Bridle
- 5 Arthur F Hall
- 6 Anthony C F Perry
- 7 Gordon A Halls (C)
- 8 Paul J Flavell

50th together-7, 8.

WALSALL, Staffs.

S Matthew

Sat Mar 7 1981 3h13 (26)

5042 SUPERLATIVES S.

MAXIMUS

Comp. R E J Dennis

- 1 John V Chadwick
 - 2 Elisabeth A G Bowden
 - 3 Simon Humphrey (C)
 - 4 Philip Ramsbottom
 - 5 Timothy Swift
 - 6 Rev Frederick Ross
 - 7 Ian Roulstone
 - 8 David Kingman
 - 9 Robin J Turner
 - 10 John M Jenkins
 - 11 David J Marshall
 - 12 David Hird
- First Superlative Maximus-4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11. 250th for the Association-11.

BERKELEY, Glos.

S Mary V

Sat Mar 7 1981 2h55 (24)

5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Comp. Sir A P Heywood

- 1 Frances E Haynes (C)
- 2 Arthur F Hall
- 3 Patricia A M Halls
- 4 Janet S Foulds
- 5 Jill Danby
- 6 Gordon A Halls
- 7 Michael Foulds
- 8 Richard J Danby
- 9 Paul J Flavell
- 10 Roy A Meads

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

LAMERTON, Devon.

S Peter

Sat Feb 28 1981 2h53 (11)

5040 DOUBLES (7m/v: 6 extents each Rev. Canterbury, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Grandsire)

- 1 Mary Phillott
- 2 George E Mudge
- 3 Edward Barnaby
- 4 Canon Gordon W Ruming
- 5 Fergus M S Stracey (C)
- 6 Martin Crew

(Exeter Colleges Guild)

BRAMPFORD SPEKE,

Devon, S Peter

Fri Mar 6 1981 2h37 (6)

5040 MINOR (6m: 1 extent each Fulbeck, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge S.; 1 Plain Bob/St. Clement's)

- 1 Rosemary Money
- 2 Nicola J Crichton
- 3 Sally P Green
- 4 Christina R Cooper
- 5 Richard M Trueman
- 6 Stephen C Townsend (C)

UNIV OF EDINBURGH GUILD

ALLOA, Clackmannanshire.

S John Evan

Sat Mar 7 1981 2h50 (13)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Comp. J A Trollope

- 1 Stephen P Barnes
 - 2 David E Rydeheard
 - 3 Sally L Gosnold
 - 4 R Andrew Sutherland
 - 5 John G Harpole
 - 6 Toby Arkless
 - 7 Timothy J Bradbury
 - 8 David G F Chalk (C)
- First Major-4 On Guild Dinner Day.

STIRLING, Holy Rude

Sat Mar 7 1981 2h36 (7)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Comp. J A Trollope

- 1 Toby Arkless
 - 2 Sally L Gosnold
 - 3 John G Harpole
 - 4 C Lynne Stretton
 - 5 David G F Chalk
 - 6 Stephen P Barnes (C)
- First peal-4 100th tower bell peal-3. First as conductor. For the birth of Naomi Kate Davidson. On Guild Dinner Day.

ELY D.A.

MELDRETH, Cambs.

Holy Trinity

Tues Mar 10 1981 2h45 (10)

5056 FEERING S. MAJOR

Comp. C Middleton

- 1 Dorothea M Robotham
 - 2 Eric Edmondson
 - 3 Susan E Fielding
 - 4 Geoffrey Pearson
 - 5 Walter Hunt
 - 6 Thomas J Lock
 - 7 John G Gipson
 - 8 John R Mayne (C)
- First in the method for all and for the Association.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

BOCKING, Essex, S Mary

Sat Feb 21 1981 3h3 (18)

5088 YORKSHIRE S.

MAJOR

Comp. N J Pitstow

- 1 Penny Hill
 - 2 John R Peverett
 - 3 John R Martin
 - 4 Tim J Peverett
 - 5 Alan R Syder
 - 6 Peter Mayle
 - 7 Ronald Suckling
 - 8 Alan P Mayle (C)
- First Yorkshire-2, 3, 4. 300th peal and 50th on the bells-7.

BISHOPS STORTFORD,

Herts, S Michael

Sat Feb 28 1981 3h4 (17)

5000 JAYWICK S. ROYAL

Comp. Vermuyden's

- 1 Peter W Hill
 - 2 Richard F Prime
 - 3 Andrew P Smith
 - 4 Nicholas J Chesson
 - 5 John A Hall
 - 6 Paul J Bloomfield
 - 7 Michael J Howes
 - 8 K Paul Gilliver
 - 9 Alan M Barber (C)
 - 10 George E Thoday
- First on ten-3.
First peal in the method.
Jaywick S. Royal:
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14-50-14-50 1h. 12
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GOLDHANGER, Essex.

S Peter

Fri Mar 6 1981 2h49 (8)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's No.2 var.

- 1 Terry Earle
 - 2 Brian J Howard
 - 3 Andrew Blacklock
 - 4 Alan R Syder
 - 5 Neil V Avis
 - 6 Harry J Millatt
 - 7 Joe E G Roast (C)
 - 8 Yvonne A Towler
- First S. Triples-4.

BRAINTREE, Essex.

S Michael AA

Sat Mar 7 1981 2h54 (11)

5040 BELGRAVE S. ROYAL

Comp. A M Barber

- 1 Paul J Bloomfield
 - 2 John A Hall
 - 3 Richard F Prime
 - 4 Alan T Dixon
 - 5 Alan M Barber (C)
 - 6 Nicholas J Chesson
 - 7 John S Warboys
 - 8 Owen C R Webster
 - 9 Brian J Willott
 - 10 George E Thoday
- First Royal and 25th peal-7.
First S. Royal-4.

GLOS & BRISTOL D.A.

HANNINGTON, Wilts.

S John Bapt

Sat Feb 28 1981 2h38 (10)

5040 MINOR (3m: 2 extents

each St. Clement's, Cambridge S.; 3 Plain Bob)
1 Anita D O'Brien
2 C Howard Naylor (C)
3 Marc Hart
4 Christopher L Dunster
5 Anthony R Peake
6 Allan G Keen

First as conductor.

BRISTOL S Stephen

Wed Mar 4 1981 3h19 (19)

5004 STEDMAN CINQUES

Comp. R Inglis

- 1 Albert M Tyler
 - 2 Elisabeth A G Bowden
 - 3 Rebecca J Dick
 - 4 Anthony C F Perry
 - 5 Elva R Ainsworth
 - 6 Richard J Bowden
 - 7 Cecile Cross
 - 8 Diana M Bridle
 - 9 Peter J England
 - 10 Robert C Kippin (C)
 - 11 Anthony J Cox
 - 12 Elizabeth A Glasow
- First Cinques-4 Circled tower-12.

STRATTON St. MARGARET,

Wilts, S Margaret of Antioch

Fri Mar 6 1981 2h50 (8)

5440 SPICED S. MAJOR

(2m: 2880 Glasgow; 2560 Belfast; 79 changes of method)

Comp. W T Perrins

- 1 Zena F Wilton
 - 2 Anita D O'Brien
 - 3 Brenda H Sheppard
 - 4 Brian Bladon
 - 5 John C Sheppard
 - 6 A Terence Collins
 - 7 Anthony R Peake (C)
 - 8 Maurice A New
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Christ Church
Sat Mar 7 1981 3h19 (20)
5040 CAMBRIDGES S. ROYAL

Comp. A J Cox
1 Rebecca J Dick
2 Jill M Liddle
3 Elizabeth A Glasow
4 Janet House
5 Mark Adams
6 Neil Bennett
7 Anthony J Cox
8 Brian Bladon
9 Maurice A New
10 Robert C Kippin (C)
First Royal-5

GUILDFORD D.G.

NEWPORT, Gwent, Cathedral
Sat Feb 28 1981 3h11 (21½)

5042 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS

Comp. J Worth
1 Marcus A G Williams
2 Steven G Everett
3 Elizabeth A Clements
4 Richard J Clements
5 Simon M Alford
6 Joseph Leary
7 David C Everett (C)
8 William E Thompsonett
9 Michael G Clements
10 John E Harrold
11 Philip R Johnson
12 Brian J Underwood
First Treble twelve-6. First on twelve-1. First Y. Maximus-5, 11

HERTFORD C.A.

CHIPPING BARNET, Herts, S John Bapt
Sat Feb 28 1981 (ntg) (23½)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Comp. J R Pritchard
1 Kathleen A Matthews
2 Theo F Crowder
3 Robert A Richardson
4 David C Ely
5 Alan G Spreadbury
6 Keith J Matthews
7 Brian C Watson
8 Philip M Cuckson (C)
First on eight-2. First P.B. Major-6. Retirement compliment to Robert Richardson. Also to welcome Sarah Jennifer Watson.

ASHDON, Essex.

All Saints
Sun Mar 1 1981 2h53 (15½)
5088 SPICED S. MAJOR
(6m: 960 each Cambridge, Rutland; 864 Lincolnshire; 832 Superlative; 800 Yorkshire; 672 Bristol; 77 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. P G K Davies
1 Roger G R Collins
2 Leslie A Prime
3 Richard F Prime
4 Peter C Warboys
5 Alan M Barber (C)
6 John S Warboys
7 Walter Hunt
8 Jonathan D Shanklin
First Major inside-2

HERTINGFORDBURY, Herts, S Mary

Sun Mar 1 1981 2h38 (11)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR
(16m: (1) Netherseale; (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Bourne, Hull, Ipswich, Norfolk; (3) Norwich; (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York, Durham; (5) London, Wells; (6-7) Cambridge)
1 Andrew F Case
2 Eric Edmondson
3 Shane A Saunders
4 John J Ford
5 Robert J Crocker
6 David Kemp (C)
Most methods-3.

KENT C.A.

E. FARLEIGH, Kent
Sat Mar 7 1981 2h58 (7½)
5120 SPICED S. MAJOR
(6m: 960 each Bristol, Superlative; 800 each Cambridge, London, Rutland, Yorkshire; 149 changes of method)
Comp. S Jenner
1 Paul Sharp
2 Philip A Corby
3 Judith M Hayes
4 Ann Jenner
5 Thomas Cullingworth
6 John R Cooper
7 Richard W H Hayes
8 Stanley Jenner (C)

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LEICESTER D.G.

QUORN, Leics, S Bartholomew
Sat Feb 21 1981 2h45 (11½)
5088 SPICED S. MAJOR
(6m: 1344 Pudsey; 960 Superlative; 864 Bristol; 672 each London, Cambridge; 576 Watford; 149 changes of method)

Comp. A J Pitman
1 A James Poynor
2 Ernest W Rawson
3 Julian C Parker
4 P Mary Cheesewright
5 Brian L Burrows (C)
6 R Philip Graves
7 Derek P Jones
8 J Michael Roberts

BRISTOL, Avon, Cathedral

Sat Feb 28 1981 3h32 (21)
5376 SPICED S. MAJOR
(8m: 1334 each London, Rutland; 576 each Bristol, Superlative; 384 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Yorkshire; 125 changes of method)
Comp. A R Peake
1 P Mary Cheesewright
2 R Adrian Davies
3 Graham P Tucker
4 Brian L Burrows (C)
5 Julian C Parker
6 R Philip Graves
7 Gary J Audley
8 J Michael Roberts

SAPCOTE, Leics, All Saints

Fri Mar 6 1981 2h50 (9½)
5040 LONDON S. ROYAL
Comp. C K Lewis
1 Michael Angrave
2 Len Trevor
3 Roland H Cook
4 Murray A Coleman
5 David A Horns
6 R Philip Graves
7 Michael E Brown
8 Brian S Chapman
9 Brian L Burrows (C)
10 John M Jelley
1st London Royal-2, 7, 8

LEICESTER, All Saints

Sun Mar 8 1981 2h35 (8½)
5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR
Comp. S Humphrey (No.4)
1 Brian G Warwick
2 Alan Cattell
3 John R Ketteringham (C)
4 Michael E Brown
5 Edward W Colley
6 William A Holmes
7 John Harrold
8 Ian Butters
On 30th anniversary of conductor's first peal.

LINCOLN D.G.

THORNTON CURTIS, S Humbs, S Lawrence
Sat Feb 14 1981 3h (17)
5040 MINOR (Oxford, Kent T.B., Cambridge S., Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob)
1 John R Ketteringham
2 Roger Lord
3 Tony W Barker
4 William A Holmes
5 John H Parker
6 Michael W Crowder (C)
First in 7m-3. In memoriam Jack Tomlinson (tower captain), died this day.

HARLAXTON, Lincs, Ss Mary & Peter

Mon Feb 16 1981 2h40 (9½)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR
(4m: London, Wells, Norwich, Cambridge; 4 extents; 1x2160)
1 Richard E Manton
2 Philip B Shipman
3 J Neville Sharpe
4 William A Holmes
5 K Anne Cooke
6 Paul Needham (C)
200th peal-6.

N. AMERICAN GUILD

BOSTON, Mass, Church of the Advent
Sat Feb 14 1981 3h3 (19½)
5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR
Comp. S Humphrey
1 Linda C Woodford
2 Steven R Costenoble
3 Bonnie B Armstrong
4 Selim Earls
5 Geoffrey Davies (C)
6 Donald Trumpler
7 Eric R Trumpler
8 Peter K Domalavage
First Surprise-2. First in method-3, 7.

WATERTOWN, Mass, Perkins Institute

Sat Feb 28 1981 3h21 (22)
5008 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR
Comp. A M Barber
1 Geoffrey Davies
2 Donald Trumpler
3 Steven R Costenoble
4 Selim Earls
5 Peter K Domalavage
6 R Roger Savory
7 Richard S Dirksen (C)
8 Linda C Woodford
First in method-3, 7. 150th peal-2. Best wishes to John Owen for a speedy recovery.

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NORWICH D.A.

(St. Peter Mancroft Guild)

NORWICH, Norfolk, S Peter Mancroft

Sun Mar 1 1981 3h22 (36)
5021 GRANDSIRE CATER
Comp. J N Longridge
1 H William Barrett
2 David Cubitt
3 Alison L Kendall
4 Paul Cubitt
5 Clifford Bird
6 Stephen J Day
7 Richard P J Carter (C)
8 Martin Cubitt
9 Martin L Howe
10 Andrew J Salisbury
In memoriam Peter N. Bond.

OXFORD D.G.

OLNEY, Bucks, Ss Peter & Paul
Sat Mar 7 1981 3h8 (25)
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Cave's No.1 var, Washbrook's 6 Singles
1 Roger L E Burbury
2 John F Murray
3 B Douglas Hird
4 Derek Stainsby
5 Martin Petchey
6 Walter Lee
7 William Butler (C)
8 Charles J Knight
First peal-8 First Stedman-3, 4 First S. Triples-1, 5. Completes family-1. Guild Centenary Peal

Before posting peal reports, check that you have included all ESSENTIAL details

OXFORD UNIV. SOCIETY

HEADINGTON, Oxford, S Andrew
Thur Mar 5 1981 2h38 (8)
5152 SPICED S. MAJOR
(4m: 1280 London; 1312 Bristol; 1568 Cambridge; 994 Superlative; 107 changes of method, all the work)
Comp. A J Pitman
1 Barry M Garraway
2 P Quentin Armitage
3 Elizabeth A Niblett
4 Ruth Blackwell
5 Alan D Pink
6 Graham L Nayler
7 Adrian C Malton
8 David Jenkins (C)
First Spiced S. Major-5. 25th together-4, 8. 100th S. Major-8.

DEDDINGTON, Oxon, Ss Peter & Paul

Sat Mar 7 1981 2h54 (17)
5056 PUDSEY S. MAJOR
Comp. A J Cox
1 Elizabeth A Niblett
2 Sarah E Smith
3 David J Sheppard
4 Barry M Garraway
5 Alan D Pink
6 P Quentin Armitage
7 Adrian C Malton
8 David Jenkins (C)
First in method-2, 4, 5.

COMBE, Oxon, S Laurence M

Thur Mar 12 1981 2h34 (12½)
5040 MINOR (St. Clement's, Bourne, Norwich S., Single Oxford, London, York, Cambridge S.)
1 Ruth Blackwell
2 Adrian C Malton (C)
3 Harriet Earle
4 Elizabeth A Niblett
5 Barry M Garraway
6 Alan D Pink
Circled tower-2.

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

LYDDINGTON, Rutland, S Andrew
Sun Mar 8 1981 2h54 (12½)
5040 MINOR (Single Oxford, Cambridge S., Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Plain Bob)
1 Richard Shekelton
2 Katie L Maskell
3 D Sheila Griggs
4 Peggy E Jennings
5 Alf Waller
6 Christopher J Groome (C)
First in 7m-3 For Evensong Also to welcome the Rev Anthony Gough (Vicar)

READING UNIV. SOC.

SHOTTESBROOKE, Berks, S John Bapt
Wed Mar 4 1981 2h35 (10)
5040 MINOR (4m: 1 extent Kent T.B.; 2 each Cambridge S., St. Clement's, Plain Bob)
1 Gillian Foxcroft
2 Colin Ashcroft
3 Helen Izzard
4 Mark E G Larner
5 Stephen R Smith
6 Melvyn J Freeman (C)
First attempt-1, 4. First as conductor. By resident band First for the Society since 1972.

ST. THOMAS SOCIETY

NORTH LEIGH, Oxon, S Mary
Mon Mar 9 1981 2h29 (9½)
5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
(42 extents; 15 callings)
1 Guy M Nelson
2 Adrian C Malton (C)
3 Elizabeth A Niblett
4 David R Lester
5 Barry M Garraway
6 Edward D Patching
First S. Doubles by all except conductor.

SOUTHWELL D.G.

LOCKINGTON, Leics, S Nicholas
Sat Mar 7 1981 2h42 (14½)
5088 BRISTOL S. MAJOR
Comp. N J Diserens
1 Frederick Pemberton
2 Ruth Tysoe
3 Derek J Tysoe
4 Gerald A Flatters
5 Chris Birkby
6 Peter L R Hayward (C)
7 Malcolm P Taylor
8 George A Dawson
150th peal-5.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOC.

BLOXWICH, W. Mids, All Saints
Tues Feb 24 1981 2h54 (12½)
5088 YORKSHIRE S. MAJOR
Comp. Sir A P Heywood
1 Philip J Day
2 E Ann Williams
3 Diana J Linford
4 David Franklin
5 S Geoffrey Pick
6 Martyn G Reed (C)
7 John F Mulvey
8 Philip R Johnson
First in method-3

CANNOCK, Staffs, S Luke

Thur Feb 26 1981 2h50 (14)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Comp. C Charge
1 S Geoffrey Pick
2 Sonia A Cartwright
3 Matthew J Turnock
4 Diana J Linford
5 Clyde W Wallbanks
6 William N L Clubb
7 Martyn G Reed (C)
8 John F Mulvey
First Major-2, 6.

SUFFOLK GUILD

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, Essex, S Andrew
Sun Mar 1 1981 2h46 (8½)
5040 CAMBRIDGES S. MINOR
1 Christine A Hayes
2 Peter Mayle
3 Simon A Rudd
4 Roland C Whiting
5 Alan P Mayle
6 Richard A Knight (C)
First Surprise-4. Circled tower-5.

CLARE, Suffolk,
Ss Peter & Paul
 Sat Feb 28 1981 3h26 (28)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Comp. B Annable
 1 Richard A Knight
 2 Patricia M Bailey
 3 Christine A Hayes
 4 Peter Mayle
 5 Phillip G Erith
 6 Neil V Avis
 7 Alan P Mayle (C)
 8 Trevor N J Bailey
 For 200th anniversary of the first peal on the bells (27/2/1781, 5040 P.B. Major).
 19th Birthday compliment to conductor

(North-East District)
IPSWICH, Suffolk,
S Mary-le-Tower
 Sun Mar 8 1981 3h21 (35)
5016 P.B. MAXIMUS
 Arr E R Goate
 1 Christine B Pickup
 2 Adrian Knights
 3 Janice R Baldry
 4 J Martin Thorley
 5 Norman P J Cossey
 6 Trevor N J Bailey (C)
 7 Patricia M Bailey
 8 Stephen J Bedford
 9 Vernon B Bedford
 10 Ernest W Pye
 11 Michael A Baldry
 12 J Barry Pickup
 First on twelve-1. First P.B. Maximus-3, 8, 9, 10, 11

SURREY ASSOCIATION
CROYDON, Surrey,
S John Bapt
 Sat Mar 7 1981 3h14 (19)
5021 GRANDSIRE
CATERS
 Comp. E Bennett
 1 Roydon Davies
 2 Shirley M McGill
 3 Robert J Cooles
 4 C Martin Foster
 5 Richard C Stevens
 6 Eric Godfrey
 7 Keith G Game (C)
 8 Kevin Taber
 9 Andrew J Brown
 10 Peter G Humphries
 First on the light ten. Birthday compliment to Kevin Taber

CARSHALTON, Surrey,
All Saints
 Sat Mar 7 1981 2h52 (11)
5024 DOUBLE NORWICH
C.B. MAJOR
 Comp. Sir A P Heywood
 1 Wilfred E Dunn
 2 Sheila M Cheeseman
 3 Martin Morris
 4 Christopher Ridley
 5 T Alun Thomas
 6 Geoffrey Paul
 7 Christopher S Caryer
 8 A Patrick Cannon (C)
 First DNBC-2, 4
CATERHAM, Surrey,
S John
 Sat Mar 7 1981 3h3 (16)
5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
 Comp. R Bailey (2)
 1 Jennifer A E Terry
 2 Donald G Little
 3 Gavin D Bennett
 4 Anne E Parr
 5 Anthony W Gordon
 6 David J Atkins (C)
 7 Steven P Kelly
 8 Peter Jones
 First peal-8. To welcome the Rev Ian Kitteringham (Vicar). Association Centenary Peal.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.
SWANMORE, Hants,
S Barnabas
 Tues Feb 24 1981 2h30 (7)
5040 MINOR (6m: 2 extents)
 Bellfast S.; 1 each Cambridge S., Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford T.B., Grandsire)
 1 Betty J Daysh
 2 Charlotte K Olding
 3 David M Watson
 4 Graham M Hartless
 5 Martin B Hough
 6 Roy Le Marechal (C)
 (Alton/Petersfield District)
PRIVETT, Hants, Holy Trinity
 Fri Mar 6 1981 2h42 (12)
5056 CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR
 Comp. C Middleton
 1 Jacques M Sutton
 2 Adrian M Hargreaves
 3 Kenneth A Tipper
 4 R Hugh Routh
 5 James N Townsend
 6 Stephen N Hough
 7 Andrew D Barnsdale
 8 Michael J Young (C)
 First peal-1, 2

UPHAM, Hants,
Blessed Mary
 Sat Mar 7 1981 2h50 (7)
5056 CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR
 Comp. C Middleton
 1 David Fox
 2 Blanche M Hunt
 3 Kenneth S B Croft
 4 William F J Cope
 5 Christopher J Stubbington
 6 H Lyndon Hatfield
 7 William A Harris
 8 John H Hunt (C)
 350th peal-3. First in method-5. 50th peal-7.

SUSSEX C.A.
HORSHAM, Sussex,
S Mary
 Sat Feb 28 1981 3h8 (22)
5040 ROFFEY S. ROYAL
 Comp. I V J Smith
 1 Ann Jenner
 2 Valerie J Howard
 3 Anne E Franklin
 4 Ian H Oram
 5 P Jonathan Franklin
 6 Ian V J Smith
 7 Alan R Baldock
 8 David D Smith
 9 John A Howard
 10 Stanley Jenner (C)
 150th tower for a peal-7. First peal in the method.
Roffey S. Royal:
 -50-14-56-36-14-50-14-1450-14-50 i.e. 10. Bob 14. Gp. Lx. (An extension of Horsham S. Major).

GODSTONE, Surrey,
S Nicholas
 Mon Mar 2 1981 2h50 (12)
5184 ESSEX S. MAJOR
 Comp. S Jenner
 1 Edgar R Rapley
 2 Anne E Franklin
 3 Stanley G Ponting
 4 Margaret E Oram
 5 Ian V J Smith
 6 E C Gareth Higgs
 7 David D Smith (C)
 8 John A Howard
 250th for the Association-3. First in method by all except 1, and for the Association.

HANDBELL PEALS
CHESTER D.G.
BURNAGE, Manchester,
267 Kingsway
 Tues Mar 3 1981 2h39 (11)
5088 LONDON S. MAJOR
 Comp. J W Washbrook
 1-2 Neil D Lomas
 3-4 William H Jackson
 5-6 Peter C Randall
 7-8 J David Atkinson (C)
 First London in hand - 1-2.
MARPLE, Cheshire,
8 Pear Tree Close
 Thur Mar 5 1981 2h22
5088 OXFORD T.B. MAJOR
 Comp. T B Worsley
 1-2 Andrew G Craddock
 3-4 C Kenneth Lewis
 5-6 Andrew C D Mayes
 7-8 Stuart Bamforth

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS
GOLDERS GREEN, NW,
129 North End Road
 Tues Feb 24 1981 3h5 (15)
5040 KENT T.B. MAXIMUS
 Comp. R Peers
 1-2 Alison K Surry
 3-4 Linda M Garton
 5-6 Kevin I Lucas (C)
 7-8 Katharine J Firman
 9-10 Hilary K Derham
 11-12 Rosamund Rawlings
 First on 12 in hand - 3-4. First in method and of Maximus inside - 9-10.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION
DANBURY, Essex,
Kewset
 Mon Feb 23 1981 2h32 (15)
5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
 Comp. H Hubbard
 1-2 Joe E G Roast
 3-4 Nicholas E Tithecott
 5-6 Paul A Cammiade
 7-8 Kevin I Lucas (C)

NON-ASSOCIATION
MANCHESTER,
30 Ashfell Court
 Mon Mar 2 1981 2h12 (15)
5088 OXFORD T.B. MAJOR
 Comp. T B Worsley (3-pt)
 1-2 Janice Manterfield
 3-4 Gile B Thompson
 5-6 Len Goodall (C)
 7-8 Ian P Bell
 First in method-1-2.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.
DARLINGTON,
38 Swaledale Avenue
 Sun Mar 8 1981 2h5 (11)
5040 SPICED S. MINOR
 (13m: (1) Chester, Munden; (2) Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (3) Bourne, Netherseale; (4) London, Wells; (5) York, Durham; (6) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge; (7) Cambridge, Primrose)
 1-2 A David Park
 3-4 Roland Park
 5-6 Philip M Park (C)

YORKSHIRE ASSN.
WARLABY, N. Yorks,
The Paddock
 Mon Mar 2 1981 2h12 (15)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Comp. C K Lewis
 1-2 Elizabeth J Foster
 3-4 Christopher A C Ross
 5-6 John Limbach (C)
 7-8 Andrew J Slade
 In memoriam Peter Wilson (Warlabby).
 and
 Mon Mar 9 1981 2h15 (15)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Comp. J R Pritchard
 1-2 Elizabeth J Foster
 3-4 Christopher A C Ross
 5-6 John Limbach (C)
 7-8 Andrew J Slade

LATE PEAL
LEICESTER D.G.
SILEBY, Leics, S Mary
 Thur Jan 1 1981 3h20 (22)
5120 SPICED S. MAJOR
 (11m: 1280 London; 960 Rutland; 640 Cambridge; 320 each Cray, Yorkshire, Wembley, Pudsey, New Gloucester, Bristol; 160 each Lincolnshire, Superlative; 139 changes of method)
 Comp. A J Pitman
 1 John K Smith
 2 Ronald D Hughes
 3 P Mary Cheeswright
 4 Brian L Burrows (C)
 5 R Philip Graves
 6 Gary J Audley
 7 Ian Butters
 8 J Michael Roberts 661



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QUARTER PEALS

Abbots Leigh, Avon. 8 Mar, 1260 St Nicholas Doubles: J L Snawdon (1st on treble) 1, B R Moore 2, P J Harris 3, P G Neil 4, C M J Stanley (C) 5, Jane Curl (1st as cover) 6. 1st blows in the method by all. For Matins.
Addington, Surrey. 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Debby Brooks (1st Q) 1, Alison Godfrey 2, Pamela Wakeling 3, Dr Wendy Wallace 4, E G H Godfrey (C) 5, I Wiltshire 6. For Evensong.
Adelaide, S. Australia (St Cuthbert, Prospect). 21 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Ruth Simon 1, Elizabeth Hill 2, D Bell 3, P Goodyear 4, N Simon (C) 5, J Runelle 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs Inez Lamphée. (St Peter's Cathedral) 22 Feb, 1260 Minor (2m): N Simon (C) 1, B Cox 2, Anne Haskard 3, P Goodyear 4, Ruth Simon 5, D Bleby 6. For Evensong. Also 1 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: Sylvia Bedford 1, N Simon (C) 2, Ruth Simon 3, D Bleby 4, Philippa Lamphée 5, B Cox 6, P Goodyear 7, P Bedford 8. For Evensong.
Addington, Lancs. 7 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: S Wood (1; 1st Q) 1, Gillian Kirk (1st inside) 2, Audrey McNutt 3, P Wood 4, I McNutt 5, A McNutt (C) 6, M Hill (cover). In memoriam Rev Fred Howarth (a former vicar).
Alton, Hants. 7 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: L A Tremeer 1, Barbara A Weaver 2, Esmé J Weaver 3, R A Walsh 4, J Weaver 5, S R Gibbons 6, A J Purkiss (C) 7, A Hoar 8. To welcome to Alton Rev M Surman (Vicar) by band from Basingstoke (his curacy).
Alveston, Glos. 5 Mar, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): E Ann Simmons 1, I P Hill (circled tower) 2, Kim E Kennett 3, G L Sparey 4, A J Sinden (C) 5, Yvonne M Woodward 6. Most m/v-2, 3.

Arlecdon, Cumbria. 7 Mar, 1280 London S. Major: S Chandler (C) 1, S Richardson 2, Pat M Evans 3, Fiona J Chandler 4, Carolyn J Crawley 5, H Byrom 6, M G Evans 7, S J Crawley 8. 1st in m-2, 4, 6.

Ashover, Derbys. 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Triples: Jill Kirby 1, S Heading (1st Triples) 2, S Pilkington 3, J Underwood 4, J Heading 5, Angela Beardow (C) 6, A Heading 7, G Towe 8.

Balcombe, Sussex. 7 Mar, 1280 Hunslet Bob Major: Kathie A Matthews 1, W D Lanyon 2, Ann Gilbert 3, Carol V J Gilbert 4, F H Hicks 5, M W Gilbert 6, R A Richardson 7, K J Matthews (C) 8. 1st in m by all except 8.

Baltonsborough, Som. 11 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: K L Laver (C) 1, D Lesley J Parker 2, T E Rendell (1st in m) 3, R W Davis 4, R Parker 5, F R C Gratton 6. By Somerset Cuckoos.

Barton St David, Som. 28 Feb, 1260 Doubles (11m): F R C Gratton 1, M G Buckley (C) 2, R Parker 3, D Lesley J Parker 4, T E Rendell (most m inside) 5, W A Prescott 6. 21st Birthday compliment to Sally A Malcolm.

Basingstoke, Hants (All Saints) 4 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Barbara Stanton (1st Q) 1, Barbara A Weaver 2, J J Hill 3, S R Gibbons 4, R A Walsh (C) 5, C J Hitching 6. Half-muffled for Ash Wednesday. (St Michael) 7 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E R Purkiss 1, Barbara A Weaver 2, A Hoar 3, Esmé J Weaver 4, S R Gibbons 5, J Weaver 6, A J Purkiss (C) 7, G P Ellis 8. 1st Q-1, 8.

Bath, Som. (Abbey) 1 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Judy Barker 1, E Naylor (C) 2, G J Hawkins 3, S A Read 4, A Wrigley 5, M G Barker 6, P Devrell 7, E Williams 8. On St David's Day. For baptism of David Peter Cox. Also (St Michael with St Paul) 1250 Lincolnshire S. Major: J G Hobbs 1, Eve M Stevens 2, D J Kelly (C) 3, B Sarll 4, D Preston 5, M G Barker 6, G J Hawkins 7, Mary Kelly 8. In memoriam Gordon Robins.

David Peter Cox, who was baptised at Bath Abbey on March 1, is the son of Mr and Mrs Ian Cox. Ian is a ringer with the Abbey band, a member of the Abbey choir and is the Abbey crucifer.

Bishops Frome, Herefords. 5 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: D Turner 1, E C Biggs 2, R Turner 3, Catherine Hawkins 4, F M Seabright (C) 5, R L Price 6.

Blofield, Norfolk. 6 Mar, 1440 P.B. Minor: H William Barrett 1-2, K L Brown 3-4, K Frostwick 5-6. Silent and non-conducted in memory of Rev P N Bond.

Bodenham, Herefords. 8 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P Tomlinson 1, Kitty Glennie-Smith 2, S Morris 3, R Collins (1st in m) 4, Lilian Tomlinson (C) 5, D Budgen 6. For baptism of Cordelia Morris.

Bodicote, Oxon. 9 Mar, 1344 P.B. Major: J Gardner 1, C Gardner 2, Tina A Ruff 3, Anne D Thorne 4, Charlotte A Holmes 5, M W Sayers 6, C Holmes 7, B J Davis (C) 8. Half-muffled after the funeral earlier in the day of Lawrence Phipps.

Bradford Cathedral, Yorks. 11 Feb, 1260 Doubles (2m): Christina Walker 1, Christine Richards 2, Carina Walters 3, M Pidd 4, T J S Yates (C) 5.

Bradshaw, W. Yorks. 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: I S Lawson 1, M R Mann (1st inside) 2, Heather A Lawson 3, R Rushworth 4, G Mann (C) 5. 1st Q-1, 4. 1st by Sunday service band. For Service of Commitment of the Stewardship Mission.

Bredons Norton, Worcs. 22 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: G Stallwood 1, C Allard 2, M Bickmore 3, J Attwood, sen. 4, R Daniels 5, J Attwood, jun. (C) 6. For Evensong.

Brighouse, W. Yorks. 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Alison Priestley 1, Diane B Lord 2, Anne Worsman 3, Janet Maynard 4, Sally Mumby 5, E Lord (C) 6. 1st Q-4, 5. For St David's Day.

Bristol (St Paul, Southville). 1 Mar, 1260 Doubles (6m/v): N Williams 1, A J Sinden (circled tower nine times; C) 2, G L Sparey 3, W J Astle 4, Linda J De Havilland 5, E K Taylor 6. For Communion. (Holy Nativity, Knowle). 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Major: Kim E Kennett 1, E Ann Simmonds 2, C M J Stanley 3, J M Sudell 4, G S Clinton (1st Major inside) 5, I P Hill 6, G L Sparey 7, A J Sinden (C) 8. 1st Major-4. 6. For Evensong.

Bromsgrove, Worcs. 1 Mar, 1280 P.B. Major: R P Barrett 1, Beryl Hartley 2, Merylin A Barrett 3, Catherine M Shakespear 4, A J Hartley 5, S P Hartley 6, A E Hartley 7, P M Evans (C) 8. By Sunday service band in memoriam Frances Potter (35 years a ringer here).

Burstow, Surrey. 7 Mar, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: C H Macve 1, F H Hicks 2, R A Richardson 3, W D Lanyon 4, M W Gilbert 5, K J Matthews (C) 6.

The quarter peal rung on handbells at Blofield, Norfolk, on March 6 is believed to be the first quarter in hand rung silent and non-conducted for all. K.L.B.

Burton-on-Trent, Staffs (St Paul) 5 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: C K Atkinson 1, Noreen Atkinson 2, P Hughes 3, Susan Atkinson 4, J K Smith 5, D P Jones (C) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Reginald Stevenson (former churchwarden). Also 9 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M E Dukes 1, P Hughes 2, D P Jones (C) 3, Susan Atkinson 4, N Argust (1st Grandsire Doubles) 5, Noreen Atkinson 6.

Burwash, Sussex. 3 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Michelle Paul 1, Sarah Paul 2, S C Wellings (C) 3, Jacky Paul 4, Margaret Waterhouse 5, Penny Davenport 6. 1st Q-1, 6. 1st in m-2, 4. Birthday compliment to Sarah and Jacky Paul.

Caddington, Beds. 7 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sarah Turner (1st attempt) 1, N Jane Leach 2, Judith D Leach 3, R A Horne 4, Lucy Shepherd (C) 5, J R Pemble 6.

Caldicot, Gwent. 1 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: Julie R Bergdahl 1, Jacqueline S King 2, J A Long 3, J Leary 4, P J Bergdahl 5, G N Williams (1st in m) 6, D C Everett (C) 7, S Tyce 8. For Dewi Sant. Also Birthday compliment to Julie Bergdahl.

Camerton, Avon. 7 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J White 1, T Harden 2, D Willis 3, C Kortright 4, W Neath (C) 5, N Bull 6. 20th Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr and Mrs D J Jacquest.

Cardiff (University College). 4 Mar, 1260 St Clement's Bob Minor: R J Brooker (1st in m in hand) 1-2, R P Williams 3-4, W Gough (C) 5-6.

Carlton-in-Cleveland, N. Yorks. 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: T R York (1st away from cover) 1, Margaret Jobson 2, Elizabeth A Smith (C) 3, D Everett 4, A E Crosby 5, B Palmer (1st Q) 6. For Evensong. Also compliment to Brian and Mrs Palmer on the birth of twin daughters (Helen and Claire).

The quarter peal rung at St Martin's, Brighouse, on Sunday, March 1, was by members of the Sunday service band. It was the first quarter peal by such a band within the memory of anyone in the parish. E.L.

Charlton Kings, Glos. 1 Mar, 1280 P.B. Major: Maureen Panton 1, Yvonne Brawn (1st in m) 2, Marjorie Wratten 3, I R Panton 4, C A Wratten 5, R Sanders 6, M P Hartley 7, J R Ridley (C) 8.

Charlton Mackrell, Som. 28 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Sarah L Neal (1st attempt) 1, M G Buckley (C) 2, R Parker 3, D Lesley J Parker 4, F R C Gratton 5, W A Prescott 6. 21st Birthday compliment to Sally A Malcolm.

Charlwood, Surrey. 7 Mar, 1320 Doubles (3m): M Mellor 1, Margaret Shelley 2, Marion Dallison (C) 3, Corinne Brown 4, K Dallison 5, Jean Shelley 6. Half-muffled; thanksgiving for the life of Lady Farrer.

Cherry Hinton, Cambs. 23 Feb, 1260 St Clement's Bob Minor: S P Haynes 1, N d' A Laffoley (1st St Clement's) 2, R J Webber 3, M R Kitson 4, A G Parry (C) 5, J N Hughes-D'Aeth 6.

Chiselborough, Som. 9 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Hilary Venn 1, Elizabeth Rendell 2, N Cavill (C) 3, E Venn 4, P Rendell 5. Birthday compliment to P Rendell.

Chislet, Kent. 7 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Smith 1, Sue Mundy 2, Sally Maxwell (1st Doubles) 3, P M Stowell 4, D M Goss (C) 5, C Pout 6. 1st attempt-1, 2.

Church Broughton, Derbys. 25 Feb, 1272 P.B. Minimus: Christine Guneratne 1, D P Jones (C) 2, L Arthur (1st inside) 3, D Guneratne 4.

Clapham Common (St Mary, RC) 8 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: Ann Saunders 1, Olive L Rogers 2, J E Hawes 3, J Rae 4, I G Mills 5, D Hewitt 6, H W Rogers (C) 7, T Farmer 8.

Clare, Suffolk. 5 Mar, 1264 P.B. Major: I Ellingham 1, E J Smith (1st on 8) 2, N Wade 3, Christine A Hayes 4, B Lord 5, P Mayle 6, A P Mayle 7, R A Knight (C) 8. Birthday compliment to E J Smith and Michael Hayes (18). Also Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr and Mrs P Mayle.

Colchester (Shrub End), Essex. 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Pauline Millatt 1, Mary Williams (1st inside) 2, E Ann Williams 3, Anne V Jones 4, W J Brunt (C) 5, J Williams 6.

Coleshill, Warks. 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Joanne Ward 1, L Willis 2, E Conington 3, D Hooper 4, J Illingworth (C) 5, Fiona Cawley (1st Q) 6. For Evensong.

Cropwell Bishop, Notts. 8 Mar, 1320 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: C Warburton (1st Q) 1, Liz Harrison 2, Fiona Walters (C) 3, R A Chapman 4, J Reader 5. For Family Service.

The quarter of Stedman Triples at St Mary's (RC), Clapham Common, on March 8 was to welcome the new rector, Fr C Corrigan, CSSR, and six other members to St Mary's Community. It was also a 70th birthday compliment to Mr G Shanks.

Darfield, S. Yorks. 22 Feb, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Cheryl Budimirovic 1, C Walton (1st inside) 2, Kay Jobling 3, D Sunderland 4, M King (C) 5, J Baird (cover) 6, I McMillan (cover) 8. Pre-wedding compliment to C Walton. Also 28 Feb, 1260 P.B. Triples: Fiona Marshall 1, D Sunderland 2, B Marshall 3, Kay Jobling 4, N Marsden 5, A Fawcett 6, M King (C) 7, I McMillan 8. Prior to wedding of C Walton and Karen Millard (local ringers).

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Duffield, Derbys. 6 Mar, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: D W Parkin 1, C J Collins 2, Amanda Makin 3, Margaret Wragg 4, Rev D E Sansum 5, S Hutchingson 6, A J Wragg 7, D P Jones (C) 8.

Dunstable Priory, Beds. 7 Mar, 1280 P.B. Major: A H Tournay (1st Major) 1, N Jane Leach 2, Judith D Leach 3, J W Yates 4, Lucy Shepherd 5, M J Hazelton-Swales 6, R A Horne 7, L R Woodruff (C) 8.

Durleigh, Som. 28 Feb, 1260 Doubles (2m): W H Wilkinson 1, J P Nobbs 2, J M Stone 3, M J Stone (C) 4, Valerie Stone 5, C T Clarke 6.

Dursley, Glos. 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Triples: Christine Gummer 1, A Byrne 2, Heather Brown 3, J Daw 4, J Taylor 5, L Martin 6, F Byrne (C) 7, R Grover 8. To welcome back from Australia Eric Hoskin (Rector) and his family.

Ealing, Middx (St Mary). 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Susan Crowson 1, G T Sprackling 2, A H Fulwell 3, M T Sprackling 4, E H Goater 5, A M Cluer (C) 6, N F Felton (cover) 7. For Morning Service.

East Grinstead, Sussex. 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Triples: Janet Rees (1st Q) 1, Jacqueline Hunter 2, J A Howard 3, I V J Smith 4, M P Howard 5, E C G Higgs 6, J D Weaver (C) 7, C Blanks 8. For Evensong. Also 4 Mar, 1280 Spliced S. Major (8m): Jacqueline Hunter 1, Audrey Higgs 2, Valerie Howard 3, Judy Howard 4, M P Howard 5, E C G Higgs (C) 6, J A Howard 7, I V J Smith 8. For Ash Wednesday. Also 8 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: I V J Smith (C) 1, Jacqueline Hunter 2, Judy Howard 3, E C G Higgs 4, A N Brock 5, M P Howard 6, J D Weaver 7, C C Blanks 8. For Choral Evensong with Dean and Choir of Chichester Cathedral.

The Bredons Norton quarter peal on February 22 was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr J Attwood (senior) and to compliment him on his 60 years as a local ringer.

Eaton Bray, Beds. 7 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: D T Tearle (1st Q) 1, A Roberts (1st inside) 2, Jane W Hartley 3, Susan M Hartley (C) 4, P Day 5, J C Plater 6. By local ringers, in memoriam Bill Sear, tower captain.

Eckington, Worcs. 15 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M Bickmore 1, A C Berry (C) 2, E T Newbury 3, R Daniels 4, J Attwood 5, M Cowley 6, J Attwood 7, A Geden 8. For Evensong.

Edgbaston, W. Mids. 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Christine J Provost 1, Susan E Lord 2, P Rioch 3, Jennie M D Kimberley 4, Susan C Redmond 5, P N Harden (C) 6. For Evensong. By B.U.S.C.R.

Edinburgh (Fettes College). 6 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m/v): Helen F Westwood 1, Sally L Gosnold 2, R A Sutherland 3, T Arkless (C) 4, S P Barnes 5. For E.U.G.C.R. Dinner Day.

Egham, Surrey. 5 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: Carole White 1, Jeanette Finch 2, G Knowles 3, N Summerhayes 4, R Finch 5, D E Parsons (C) 6, C M White 7, M Knowles 8. 1st Q-3, 8.

Farnborough, Hants. 8 Mar, 1280 P.B. Major: B W White 1, A D Leach 2, J R Perrett 3, J M Ray (1st Major) 4, M J Turner 5, W J Couperthwaite 6, R J Walker 7, H P Reed (C) 8.

Farnham, Surrey. 10 Mar, 1260 P.B. Major: Mary Turner 1, S Rowe (1st inside) 2, D Elmore 3, Sheila Thomas 4, C Wells 5, M Turner 6, P R Collins 7, P Rowe (C) 8. For Confirmation Service.

Filton, Avon. 4 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): Mary Haslum 1, A Lawrence 2, Helen Blount 3, D Haslum 4, B H Goodliffe (C) 5, N Marshman (1st Q) 6. For Ash Wednesday.

Framlingham, Suffolk. 5 Mar, 1260 Minor (2m): Muriel R Page 1, Diana M Pipe 2, H W Barrett 3, E W Pye 4, L G Brett 5, J M Thorley (C) 6, C S Bloomfield (cover) 7. Half-muffled in memoriam Willoughby E Maulden.

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Fulbourn, Cambs. 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Triples: Christine C L George 1, Patricia M McCullagh (1st Bob Triples inside) 2, Joanne L Carr 3, C A Johnson 4, P A Law 5, P S Seaman 6, A G Parry (C) 7, G Holt 8. For Family Service.

Fulham, SW. 8 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: Olive L Rogers 1, Jennifer A Bradford 2, J W F Rea 3, E J Adams 4, R Eddy 5, H W Rogers 6, C M Meyer (C) 7, J T Shepherd 8. For Evensong.

Gamlingay, Cambs. 7 Mar, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: A J F Moon 1, P J S Albon 2, J A Boocock 3, R L Piron 4, O A Davis (250th Q) 5, P Mehew (C) 6. 1st in m-2, 3. Welcome to Jacqueline Boocock, born 2/3/81.

Glastonbury, Som (St John). 7 Mar, 1260 Erin Triples: G Brown 1, K Prime 2, P Leigh 3, A G Kent 4, M J Stone 5, E T Dibble 6, B J Wyde (C) 7, F W Sweet 8. 1st in m-3, 4.

Goodworth Clatford, Hants. 1 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): I Crabb 1, Anne Weale 2, K Warner (C) 3, G Dowling 4, J Wimlett 5, I Weale 6. For Parish Communion. And 1260 Doubles (3m): G Dowling 1, Rita Hooper 2, K Warner 3, J Wimlett 4, D Down (C) 5, D Cecil 6. For Evensong.

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Greasley, Notts. 8 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sally-Anne Harpham (13; 1st Q) 1, P Mary Beach 2, J D Beach 3, D W Camm 4, F G Faulkes 5, M J Dipper 6, D J Beach 7, D Coulson 8. For Evensong.

Guildford Cathedral. 8 Mar, 1306 Stedman Cinques: Gail Cater 1, Anne White 2, Sheila Thomas 3, Julia R Cater 4, C Caryer 5, P D Niblett 6, G Poyntz 7, T Wellen 8, G C Grant 9, M K Waldron 10, P J Gorrod (C) 11, R H Sams 12. For Evensong. Combined Cathedrals band, Guildford and Winchester.

Hackney, London. 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Ruth B Goulding 1, P K Staines (1st Minor) 2, Emma T L Hutchinson 3, J Ashcroft 4, P J Rayner 5, S G Jake-man (C) 6. For Evensong.

Halstead, Essex. 7 Mar, 1260 Doubles (4m): P W Webb 1, Penny Hill 2, R Suckling 3, T J Peverett 4, J R Martin (most m as C) 5, D Lidford 6.

Happisburgh, Norfolk. 1 Mar, 1260 Doubles (3m): G H Riseborough (1st Q) 1, Miss T Francis 2, I Symington 3, J Gardiner 4, G E Larter (C) 5, Mrs J Larter 6.

Haresfield, Glos. 8 Mar, 1260 Doubles (6m/v): P Sutton 1, Mandy King 2, Jacqui Pillinger (C) 3, Jill Prosser 4, A Hodges 5, Janet Wilkins (1st Q) 6. For Evensong.

Hatfield, Herts. 5 Mar, 1280 Spliced S. Major (8m): A F Case 1, S A Saunders (1st 8-Spliced S. Major) 2, E Edmondson 3, C Forster 4, J J Ford 5, G Penney (C) 6, R A Brown 7, D Kemp 8.

Hayes, Middx. 8 Mar, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Valerie M Payne 1, R G Chappelle 2, Linda S Payne 3, A F Thirst 4, C J Venn (C) 5, P S Venn 6. 1st Stedman Doubles-1, 3. For Evensong.

Heathfield, Som. 7 Mar, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): A F Lee (circled 4 times as C) 1, Pamela M Jenkins 2, C J Stevens 3, Helen M Jenkins (most inside) 4, Jane F Beveridge 5.

Hertford (St Andrew). 4 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D Kemp (sen) 1, J J Ford 2, Lillian James 3, S E James 4, J M Kemp 5, A F Case 6, D Kemp (C) 7, A MacKenzie 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Alan Maynard.

Hexham, Northumb. 10 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): D Diamond 1, Susan Hanson 2, R Hanson 3, K Arthur (C) 4, T Sewell 5, J Pescott (1st Q) 6. In memoriam Harry H Hall.

Henbury, Bristol. 6 Mar, 1264 P.B. Major: W Naylor 1, M J Stanley 2, C M J Stanley 3, Clare R Pipe-Wolferstan 4, G L Spary 5, D Huddleston 6, R Huddleston 7, C H P Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 8. For induction of Harold Barrington Trotter (Vicar).

Henlow, Beds. 8 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Heather A Jewell 1, R J Fuller 2, Glenys M Ellis 3, O A Davis 4, G L K Dann 5, P R Jewell 6, R J Ellis (C) 7, R R Perrey 8. Farewell and Wedding compliment to Bob and Glenys Ellis.

High Wycombe, Bucks. 8 Mar, 1250 Lincolnshire S. Major: Sarah J M Absalom 1, C M S Botting 2, Anka J Luzar (1st in m) 3, Katie A Stark 4, Patricia M Newton 5, Beverley J Botting 6, R W Luzar 7, R H Newton (C) 8. Birthday and Engagement compliment to Paul Overton and Allison Downer.

Hillingdon, Middx. 8 Mar, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Theresa A Haffenden 1, F W Goodfellow 2, T R Willis 3, R K Russ 4, D G Pickett 5, S F Saban 6, S Russ (C) 7, H Brown 8. For Evensong.

Horley, Surrey. 4 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Val Dearmun 1, Rosemary Strange 2, M Cattell 3, Carol Gosling (C) 4, D Whitehead 5, N Morley 6, R A Grant 7, F T Womack 8. Pre-wedding compliment to 2 and 3; also farewell compliment to 8.

Horsham, W. Sussex. 1 Mar, 1280 Bristol S. Major: T G Fox 1, Jennie A Smith (1st in m) 2, E F Fosberry 3, E R Rapley 4, Anne E Franklin 5, S G Ponting 6, D D Smith (C) 7, P J Franklin 8. For Evensong.

Houghton-on-the-Hill, Leics. 5 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: R D Hincks (1st Q) 1, R J Walllett 2, Ruth Walllett 3, Elizabeth Butler 4, J J Pawley (C) 5, D H Baker 6. For collation this day of Canon G P Davidson as Rector of Houghton-on-the-Hill with Keyham.

The two quarter peals rung at Goodworth Clatford on March 1 were for evensong and also a retirement and birthday compliment to J Wimlett (or to put it another way, to congratulate J Wimlett on promotion to the ranks of senior citizens).

Keele, Staffs. 7 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: S J Gay (1st Q) 1, Gill Smith 2, Helen Liebeck 3, D Carter 4, P W Gay 5, Verity Stokes 6. Birthday compliment to Helen Liebeck and David Carter.

Keevil, Wilts. 13 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Doreen Butler 1, Jill Lucas 2, C Mayell 3, R Godwin 4, S Cottle 5, J Lucas 6.

Kenilworth, Warks. 8 Mar, 1260 St Clement's College Bob Minor: Barbara Tomlin 1, P Bodenham (1st in m) 2, Jane H Spencer 3, K Davis 4, D P Crawley 5, D C Kempton (C) 6. For Evensong.

Kersey, Suffolk. 6 Mar, 1320 P.B. Doubles: Kate Bellman 1, M Gant 2, D Bellman 3, F Bigg 4, N F Whittell (C) 5, C Fletcher 6. 1st Q-1, 3. To welcome Rev Gerald Harrison as priest-in-charge of Elmsett, Aldham and Kersey.

Kineton, Warks. 15 Feb, 1260 P.B. Doubles: A Bull 1, A R Entwistle 2, Jenny Brown 3, M Wilcox 4, Kate Moir (C) 5, L Walker 6. 60th Birthday compliment to L Walker.

Knowle, W. Mids. 8 Mar, 1344 P.B. Major: Jane Cox (1st Major) 1, Beverley Winter 2, Doris Randall 3, Ruth Border 4, Joy Pluckrose 5, Amanda Slater 6, R A Sheasby 7, D C Kempton (1st Major as C) 8. Also 1260 Grandsire Triples: M D Anderson 1, Janice Anderson 2, Ruth Hawkins 3, S R Shipley 4, Carolyn S Topham 5, J A Anderson 6, Elizabeth Anderson (1st as C) 7, M Benton 8. For Evensong.

Langdon Hills, Essex. 22 Feb, 1330 Doubles (3m): D B Field 1, K I Lucas 2, S D Stott 3, K S Buick (most m) 4, G I Lucas 5, W F White 6. Also 1 Mar, 1272 London S. Minor: K Lucas 1, D Field 2, E A Bayford (1st London) 3, D Stott 4, D E Belcham 5, G Lucas (C) 6. Also 1260 Union Bob Doubles: Paula Francis 1, Avril Longley 2, G Lucas 3, B J Gray 4, K Lucas (C) 5, K Buick 6. 1st in m-2, 4. Also 8 Mar, 1320 P.B. Doubles: Paula Francis 1, W White 2, D Stott 3, D Field (C) 4, G Lucas 5.

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Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. 4 Mar, 1260 St Clement's Bob Minor: P Wilkins 1, Helen Corri 2, B Sadler 3, A Cansdale 4, Lydia Roberts (C) 5, R Folley 6. For Ash Wednesday; also 18th Birthday compliment to Karina Beal.

Leyton, E10. 6 Mar, 1280 8-Spliced S. Major: M Wareing 1, Amanda Warren 2, Jane Webster 3, Janice Keen 4, Cheryl Frost 5, A P Smith 6, S C Woolmer 7, O C R Webster (C) 8.

Lichfield, Staffs (St Michael). 28 Feb, 1260 Doubles (5 m/v): Claire Keeling 1, J P Coleman 2, A J Ellis 3, Gillian Eastwood (C) 4, A J Marson 5. Also 1 Mar, 1260 Doubles (6 m/v): A C Share 1, Claire Keeling 2, J P Coleman 3, Gillian Eastwood (C) 4, A J Marson 5. For Matins. Also 1272 Oxford T.B. Minor: J P Coleman 1, Claire Keeling 2, A C Share 3, D E Pomeroy 4, Gillian Eastwood (C) 5, A J Marson 6. For Evensong. Also 8 Mar, 1260 Doubles (15 m/v): G T Thomas 1, Gillian Eastwood 2, A C Share 3, D E Pomeroy (C) 4, A J Marson 5. For Evensong.

Liverpool Cathedral. 22 Feb, 1254 Grandsire Cinques: P C Randall (C) 1, Rosa E C Plant (1st Cinques inside) 2, D G Wild 3, N Clark 4, E W Runciman 5, R L Wallace 6, D Gibbons 7, A D Osborne 8, L J Mitchell 9, D J Thomas 10, G H Campling 11, P L Furniss/Julie Summersgill (1st Q) 12. Also (Pier Head) 1346 Yorkshire S. Maximus: J Cornock 1, P C Randall 2, D W Friend 3, L J Mitchell 4, R J Parker 5, A C D Mayes 6, D Gibbons 7, N Lomas 8, A F Scholfield 9, P L Furniss 10, D J Thomas 11, G H Campling (C) 12. For Evensong.

Lymington, Hants. 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Flora Stocker (lead) 1, Jean Lyon (lead) 2, Wendy Bennett 3, Rachel Wharmby 4, R Corke (C) 5, R Ingham 6. F Harris 7, F Webster 8.

March, Cambs. 8 Mar, 1260 Minor (2m): A Palmer 1, P Langton 2, Connie Van Sky 3, M Goakes 4, W Barter 5, T Bevis (C) 6.

Martinstown, Dorset. 18 Feb, 1296 Spliced Surprise (6m): Mary Owens 1, E Shuttleworth 2, A P Buttle 3, D Painter 4, T Garrett 5, E J Owens (C) 6.

Last year it was decided to ring a quarter peal when Brig Young (Wiveliscombe) reached his 62nd years' membership of the A.S. College Youths. Alas, Brig died last year, but the Rev Christopher Marshall and the ringers decided to go ahead and ring the quarter "in memoriam". Chris Marshall was unfortunately unable to ring in the quarter at Wellington on February 22.

Measham, Leics. 27 Feb, 1264 P.B. Major: J K Smith 1, Anne Kennedy (1st P.B. Major inside) 2, Marie E Kennedy 3, D J Ford 4, Amanda Makin 5, D A Hiorns 6, B G Meads 7, D P Jones (C) 8.

Messingham, S. Humbs. 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Carolyn Turner 1, Dinah Reed (1st inside) 2, Barbara Rand 3, W Bains 4, C Turner 5, I Till (C) 6. For Evensong.

Moorlinch, Avon. 28 Feb, 1272 Wells S. Minor: B J Wyld 1, J Robinson 2, D R Beadman 3, R J Atkinson 4, R R Warford (C) 5, R S Riley 6.

Mortlake, SW14. 7 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Hilary T Whitworth 1, Julia M Ring-Davis (1st in m) 2, Jane Dennison 3, V C Bradford 4, L R Freeman (C) 5, P Stockbridge 6. Wedding compliment to Deborah J Baynon and Mark P Rusconi.

Nether Stowey, Som. 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Andrea B Goddard 1, Sally K Wheeler 2, Vivien Freeman (1st inside) 3, Nancy Meadow 4, C R Freeman (C) 5, P Peckham 6. For Evening Service; also Birthday compliment to Vivien Freeman.

Nether Whitacre, Warks. 5 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R Dale 1, E Conington 2, Elaine Wright 3, P Taylor 4, G H Lane (C) 5, K Fox (1st Q) 6. 1st in m-4. Compliment to R Dale (tower captain).

Newport, Gwent (Cathedral). 4 Mar, 1264 P.B. Major: D A Hollister 1, Jenny V Mole 2, Helen L Thomas 3, G Dancer 4, J Leary 5, C J Aldridge 6, B J Hayman 7, P S Bennett (C) 8. For Ash Wednesday. Also 8 Mar, 1349 Grandsire Caters: Helen L Thomas 1, J Leary 2, Francesca Newman (1st Grandsire) 3, Gillian J Hollister 4, Helen Dancer 5, Jenny V Mole 6, P S Bennett (C) 7, G Dancer 8, B J Hayman 9, C J Hayman 10. For Evensong.

Newton St Lo, Avon. 11 Mar, 1320 Minor (2m): Esther M Byers 1, M G Buckley 2, Sally A Malcolm 3, B J Fowler 4, D B Carter 5, S C Berry (C) 6. By Somerset Cuckoos.



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Northallerton, N. Yorks. 7 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sallie Penman 1, Heather Woodburn (1st Triples inside) 2, Hannah Ross 3, A P Gee 4, A Shaw 5, A D Mills 6, C A C Ross (C) 7, G Penman 8.

Northowram, Yorks. 7 Mar, 1344 P.B. Major: Sally R E Tetlow 1, H N Lawrence 2, J C Clegg 3, Margaret Collins (1st Major) 4, D M W Threlfall 5, Frances A Fielden (C) 6, G Mann 7, D Smith 8.

Nottingham (St Peter with St James). 4 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: C R Morse 1, N A Westman (1st Stedman) 2, Elizabeth A Clements 3, Rebecca West 4, Dee F Allen (1st Stedman Triples) 5, D Stainsby 6, R E H Woolley (1st Stedman Triples, 1st Triples as C) 7, Judith L Dale 8. For Ash Wednesday Service.

Oxford (St Thomas). 21 Feb, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Elizabeth A Niblett 1, Katherine A Skinner 2, Isabel F Morris 3, R P Watson 4, B M Garraway 5, D R Lester (C) 6. Also (St Mary Magdalen). 1312 P.B. Major: Caroline M Greenwood 1, Katherine A Skinner 2, D J Sheppard (C) 3, R P Watson 4, D R Lester 5, B M Garraway 6, Elizabeth A Niblett 7, G L Naylor 8. Also (St Thomas). 22 Feb, 1260 Doubles (9 m/v): Caroline M Greenwood 1, Elizabeth A Niblett 2, R P Watson 3, Isabel F Morris (most m/v as C) 4, D J Sheppard 5, A A Ward 6. Also (New College). 1259 Grandsire Caters: Katherine A Skinner 1, R P Watson 2, Elizabeth A Niblett 3, Isabel F Morris 4, B M Garraway 5, D J Sheppard (C) 6, G L Naylor 7, A D Pink 8, P Q Armitage 9, A A Ward 10. 1st on ten-1, 2, 10. 1st Caters-8. Also (St Mary). 4 Mar, 1296 Durham S. Minor: Elaine M Hopper 1, R P Watson (1st in m) 2, A C Malton (C; circled tower) 3, B M Garraway 4, D Jenkins 5, A D Pink 6. For Confirmation Service. Also 10 Mar, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Katherine A Skinner 1, Elizabeth A Niblett 2, R P Watson 3, B M Garraway 4, A D Pink 5, A C Malton (C) 6. For the birthday of HRH Prince Edward. Also (St Thomas). 8 Mar, 1296 Beverley S. Minor: Caroline M Greenwood 1, Katherine A Skinner 2, Elaine M Hopper 3, Elizabeth A Niblett 4, B M Garraway 5, A C Malton (C) 6. For Morning Service. Also 11 Mar, 1296 Lightfoot S. Minor: A D Pink 1, R P Watson 2, Elaine M Hopper 3, B M Garraway 4, D K Barrington 5, A C Malton (C) 6. 1st in m-2, 3, 4, 5. Compliment to Graham Naylor on his Confirmation. Also 13 Mar, 1320 Wearmouth S. Minor: A A Ward (1st T.B.) 1, Elizabeth A Niblett 2, R P Watson 3, A C Malton (C) 4, B M Garraway 5, A D Pink 6. 1st in m-2, 3, 5, 6.

Pembroke, Dyfed. 10 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Betty M Rogers 1, P R Huntbach 2, E Foster 3, G P Norris 4, E Lingard 5, P C Rogers (C) 6, M Cowisill (cover) 7. Silver Wedding compliment to Bernard and Dorothy Street (PCC members).

Peterborough (St Mary). 1 Mar, 1320 Doubles (5m): G A Sharpe 1, A J Parker 2, A Christie (1st as C; 50th Q) 3, G Davis 4, M A Parker 5, N Twidle 6. For Evensong.

Prestwich, Lancs. 3 Mar, 1376 P.B. Major: Christine E Dennison 1, D C Powell (1st Major) 2, Hilary J M Griggs 3, M J Higgins 4, D P Swooner 5, S R Zientek 6, K J Lovell 7, A N Tyler (C) 8.

Romford, Essex. 22 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: Sarah Ablett 1, Debbie Tait 2, C W Tranter 3, Deborah Ablett 4, S Beaver 5, D C Heath (C) 6, W P Tranter (cover) 7. 1st inside-2, 5. For licensing of Rev Peter Beard.

Rotherham, Yorks. 8 Mar, 1287 Stedman Caters: G Beaumont 1, Jennifer Armeson 2, N Donovan 3, Marie Donovan 4, A Kett 5, S Armeson (C) 6, P Walker 7, D Nichols 8, I Coates 9, C D Munday 10.

Sawley, Derbys. 8 Mar, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: Abigail Hind (1st T.B.) 1, Sheila Marshall (1st Yorkshire) 2, Jill Birkby 3, Nicola Marshall 4, J M Jenkins (C) 5, D J Marshall 6, C Birkby 7, S Plackett 8.

Seend, Wilts. 11 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F Hartley 1, C Wheeler 2, S Cottle (C) 3, C Mayell 4, R Godwin 5, L Tucker 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs E G Cottle (conductor's mother), died February 6.

Sherborne St John, Hants. 8 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S R Cory 1, N Smith 2, Elizabeth J Cory 3, Amanda J Mummary 4, K C Gillings (C) 5, Hazel S Mitchell 6. Birthday compliment to Amanda J Mummary.

Shinfield, Berks. 8 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P Bennett 1, F Mitchell 2, Joan Bennett 3, J Clark-Maxwell 4, J Wallace (C) 5, Sarah Tindal (1st Q) 6.

Stanwick, Northants. 9 Mar, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: K Holtom 1, Freda Willgress 2, Brenda Dixon 3, A Sansom 4, J Skerritt 5, A Marks (C) 6. Half-muffled as a thanksgiving for the life of Edward A Knight: 36 years a verger, 50 years a ringer.

Ston Easton, Som. 5 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: B R Moore 1, G J N Colborne 2, P G Neil 3, P J Harris 4, C M J Stanley (1st Minor as C) 5, M G Biggs 6.

Stowmarket, Suffolk. 4 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: J Mann (1st away from cover) 1, O P Claxton 2, Caroline Trueman (50th Q) 3, M J Peters 4, Josephine Beever 5, M J Rose (C) 6. For Ash Wednesday Service.

Stratton St Margaret, Wilts. 8 Mar, 1302 Double Oxford Bob Triples: Elaine M Hammans 1, Anita D O'Brien 2, R J Morris 3, C Howard Naylor 4, E W Ford 5, M Lawrence 6, A R Peake (C) 7, J W Cornwell 8. 1st in m by all.

Stretton, Cheshire. 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: N Thomson (C) 1, Catherine M Rowlands 2, Nicolette Osborne (1st inside) 3, N Houghton 4, D Houghton 5, A Hart 6. In memoriam Sydney Sage of Wilslow (former Stretton ringer).

Tewkesbury, Glos. 8 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Woodward 1, Sarah McColl (1st Grandsire inside) 2, Jane Pitman (C) 3, Ruth Halling 4, A Halling 5, Lisa Johns 6. For Morning Service; also 16th Birthday compliment to Sarah McColl.

TWO SURPRISE MAJOR BANDS

At Sapcote, Leicester, it became apparent at the beginning of the year that with the progress of our younger members we had two bands capable of ringing Surprise Major. We decided to fix two quarters with the 16 ringers taking part. We could not get together in January and (alas) early in February Alison Harvey was rushed into hospital for a major operation (happily now recovering) but will not be able to ring for several months, by which time Tracey Brown will have married and left us. The next best thing was for the tower captain (Michael Brown) to ring in both.

We have rung 175 quarters at Sapcote since 1976, most of which have been for service, ranging from P.B. Minor to Yorkshire S. Royal.

Sapcote, Leics. 1 Mar, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: R Hartley 1, Helen Jones (1st inside) 2, Gwyneth Jones 3, Kathleen M Brown 4, Tracey E Brown 5, Janet M Brown 6, M Angrave 7, M E Brown (C) 8. Also 8 Mar, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: E Alma Harvey 1, Margaret Butterfield 2, Jane Webster 3, Lynette Angrave 4, B P Morris 5, B L Burrows (C) 6, D M Brown 7, M E Brown 8. All ringers are regular Sunday service ringers at Sapcote.

Thornaby, Cleveland. 4 Mar, 1260 All Saints Doubles: Karen Bass 1, Margaret Jobson 2, J Rowlands 3, L D Smith (C) 4, A Woodall 5, J Gibb 6. 1st in m-2, 3, 5. For Ash Wednesday.

Tilehurst, Berks. 8 Mar, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: Jenny Wells 1, Joanne Druce 2, Andrea Howcutt 3, Daphne Howcutt 4, Rosalind Knight 5, C J Ashworth 6, M B Kemp (1st in m) 7, E J Wells (C) 8. For Evensong.

Timsbury, Avon. 7 Mar, 1260 Doubles (4m): W Neath 1, D Willis 2, J White 3, T Harden 4, C Kortright (C) 5, N Bull 6. Birthday compliment to Mr G Tucker.

Totternhoe, Beds. 2 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Pemble 1, June E Sinfield 2, Mary S Faircloth 3, R J Rowley 4, Ann Tucker 5, J D Faircloth 6, J W Sinfield (C) 7, W A Twidell 8. In memoriam William F Sear (tower captain, Eaton Bray), former ringer here.

Upham, Hants. 8 Mar, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Mandy J Stubbington 1, Sandy Hayter 2, R A Routh 3, Barbara Salmons 4, G Peck 5, J Maltby 6, C J Stubbington 7, E F Salmons (C) 8. For Evensong.

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Uxbridge (St Margaret). 1 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A Rix 1, Betty Crawley 2, Barbara Wright 3, T Willis 4, V Mitchell 5, J Crawley 6, B Taylor (C) 7, F Bedford 8. Farewell to Fr Allcock of St Peter's.

Walmer, Kent. 7 Mar, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: F Lawrence 1, D J Thorne 2, Jennifer M Fraser 3, L A Huckstep 4, M J Lodwick (C) 5, G F Gray 6, K A F Record 7, Susan E Gray 8, 1st S. Major-3, 4.

Walthamstow, E17. 8 Mar, 1250 Ashted S. Major: M Burns 1, Jane Webster 2, Janice Keen 3, Lynda Rochester 4, R Pascoe 5, S C Woolmer 6, J A Hall 7, O C R Webster (250th as C) 8, 1st in m-3, 6. For Morning Service.

Warsop, Notts. 1 Mar, 1264 P.B. Major: Stephanie White 1, H T Rooke 2, R Hind 3, J T Rooke 4, F Flint 5, R Sidall 6, B A Richards 7, C B Richards (1st Major as C) 8. For Evensong.

Warwick (St Mary). 4 Mar, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Ruth M Border 1, P Border 2, Doris M Randall 3, Sue B Osborne 4, Peggy M Thornton 5, T C Hine 6, S J Roderick 7, J M Freeman 8, S P Rogers (C) 9, Janet R Border 10. For Ash Wednesday.

Wellington, Som. 25 Feb, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: R A C Cross 1, Barbara Wylde 2, A F Lee 3, K E Beale 4, C T Clarke 5, E T Dibble 6, B J Wylde 7, R F Arcott (C) 8. In memoriam "Brig" Young.

Wells Cathedral, Som. 8 Mar, 1259 Grandsire Triples: I Selvey-Willars 1, Jane E Wills 2, Gwentyth M Tyler 3, P M Atkins 4, B J Fowler 5, M G Buckley 6, A N Tyler (C) 7, M G Mansley 8.

Welshpool, Powys. 1 Mar, 1440 P.B. Minor: S A Williams 1-2, Jill M Liddle (C) 3-4, P A Keene 5-6.

Weston-super-Mare. 8 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: S Lewis 1, Susan Field 2, D W James 3, M J Callow (1st Triples) 4, H Hooper 5, D J Gay 6, L M Callow (C) 7, R James 8. For Evensong.

Witham, Essex. 4 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: C Lee (1st Q) 1, J Watson 2, R Dorking 3, T Monk 4, P Chapman (C) 5, A Wiseman 6. For Ash Wednesday; also Birthday compliment to 3, 4, 6 and E Bright.

Woolstone, Glos. 28 Feb, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Ruth Halling 1, Iris Davis 2, Valerie Woodward 3, Jane Pitman (C) 4, R Hart 5, G Swindail 6. 1st Stedman-2, 5.

Worcester (All Saints). 8 Mar, 1263 Stedman Caters: Jill K Orme 1, Rosemary Adams 2, M Louise Slater 3, S J Wilmshurst 4, J C Slater 5, J J Stanier 6, D Beacham (C) 7, D G Franklin 8, C M Orme 9, P P Brown 10. For Evensong.

Wymondham, Norfolk. 1 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Claire Nichols 1, Rosemary Charles 2, Trudy Hawkins 3, T Hawkins 4, M Johnson 5, J J Allen 6, H Charles (C) 7, C Horswell 8. Silver Wedding compliment to Jim and Mildred Allen.

NINE IN WORCESTERSHIRE

On February 21 a group of ringers drawn mainly from B.U.S.C.R. set off for rural Worcestershire. Two quarters were attempted concurrently throughout the day. A number of 'firsts' and several 'landmarks' as regards numbers of quarters rung were achieved. With nine out of the attempted 13 quarters being successfully completed, it was an enjoyable day. We arrived back in Birmingham as the first few flakes of what was to be a foot of snow were falling! Thanks go to Robin Middleton for organising the trip. We send our best wishes to Mr Knight for a speedy recovery. J.M.D.K.

Hanley Swan. 1260 Stedman Doubles: G Parsons 1, Rachel A Smith 2, M D Backhouse 3, P N Harden 4, T H Kingdon (C) 5, P Rioch 6. **Malvern Link.** 1280 Bristol S. Major: M D Backhouse 1, G M Haslam 2, Rachel A Smith 3, Susan C Redmond 4, P Rioch 5, T H Kingdon 6, G S Parsons 7, R P D Middleton (C) 8. **Kempsey.** 1260 Doubles (7 m/v): P S Oldfield 1, Heather M Gibbs 2, Jennie M D Kimberley 3, T H Kingdon (C) 4, R Haynes 5. **Claimes.** 1280 Cambridge S. Royal: J Hitchings 1, Rachel A Smith 2, Susan C Redmond 3, R P D Middleton 4, Wendy J Thomas 5, G M Haslam (C) 6, R K Williams 7, P Rioch 8, P N Harden 9, G S Parsons 10. **Hampton.** 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: G Mann 1, Rachel A Smith 2, Heather M Gibbs (1st in m) 3, J Hitchings 4, M D Backhouse 5, R Haynes 6, P Rioch (C) 7, G S Parsons 8. **Eckington.** 1280 Spiced S. Major (4m): R P D Middleton (C, 100th Q) 1, Rachel A Smith 2, Susan C Redmond 3, G M Haslam 4, P Rioch 5, T H Kingdon (200th Q) 6, P N Harden (1st Spiced) 7, G S Parsons 8. **Bredons Norton.** 1260 Minor (2m): Jennie M D Kimberley 1, Wendy J Thomas 2, M D Backhouse 3, R Haynes 4, Heather M Gibbs 5, R K Williams (C) 6. **Stoulton.** 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: Susan J Falconer (1st T.B.) 1, P Rioch 2, Rachel A Smith (C) 3, R P D Middleton 4, Susan C Redmond 5, M D Backhouse 6. **Evesham.** 1254 Grandsire Cinques: G M Haslam 1, Susan C Redmond 2, Wendy J Thomas 3, R Haynes 4, Rachel A Smith (C) 5, P N Harden 6, P Rioch 7, R K Williams 8, R P D Middleton 9, T H Kingdon 10, G S Parsons 11, M D Backhouse 12. 1st on twelve-3, 4, 6.

PEALS FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AND LADY DIANA SPENCER

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 - 2 Anna M P Piechna
 - 3 Frank D Mack
 - 4 Esther M Byers
 - 5 Peter J C Mather
 - 6 Donald B Carter
 - 7 John A Foster
 - 8 Reginald T McKenzie (C)
- First in method-4, 5, 6, 7.
First in method inside-3.

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Thur Feb 26 1981 2h45 (11)

5152 YORKSHIRE S.

MAJOR

Comp. C P Starbuck

- 1 P Lowen (Clare)
 - 2 P C Poole (Trinity)
 - 3 J M Champion (Queens')
 - 4 C R Jobson (Jesus)
 - 5 L M Fuller (New Hall)
 - 6 P A B Saddleton (Trinity)
 - 7 C R Pegg (Jesus)
 - 8 J N Hughes-D'Aeth (Caius)
- First in method-4. First Surprise as conductor.

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All Saints

Thur Mar 5 1981 3h (164)

5120 OXBRIDGE S. ROYAL

Comp. F T Blagrove

- 1 Ian Smith
 - 2 Robert J Crocker
 - 3 Olive L Rogers
 - 4 Stephen Coaker
 - 5 Timothy J Wellen
 - 6 Thomas J Lock
 - 7 Philip Rogers
 - 8 Paul N Mounsey
 - 9 Harold W Rogers
 - 10 Frank T Blagrove
- First in m for all except 3, 9.

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Fri Mar 6 1981 2h36 (10)

5040 MINOR (9m: (1) Oxford T.B.; (2) Plain Bob; (3) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall; (4) Kent T.B.; (5-7) Plain Bob)

- 1 Harry B Fuller
- 2 Frank C J Arnold
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- 4 Kenneth Brown
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Sun Mar 1 1981 2h54 (15)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR

(Wells, London, Durham, York, Ipswich, Cambridge, Norwich)

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Alveston, Avon. 28 Feb, 1320 P.B. Doubles: G W Hill 1, Jocelyn F Riggs 2, Heather M Ashe 3, M G Williamson (C) 4, I P Hill 5, A R Tuck 6.

Bearsted, Kent. 1 Mar, 1440 P.B. Minor: Lisa Brettingham 1, Janet P Caley 2, Frances C Caley 3, C K Ford 4, I D Parker 5, J H Wale (1st Minor as C) 6, 1st Minor-1, 2, 5.

Cheddington, Som. 28 Feb, 1320 All Saints Doubles: L T Richards 1, Helen M Jenkins 2, Pamela M Jenkins 3, Jane F Beveridge 4, A F Lee (C) 5, 1st in m-2, 3.

Coalpit Heath, Avon. 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Sally-Anne Wedlake 1, Yvonne Hookway (1st inside) 2, W H Coles 3, W F Scudamore 4, K W Scudamore (C) 5, F G Gillett 6.

Colchester, Essex (S Leonard). 3 Mar, 1260 Stedman Doubles: A M Sharp 1, B W Fairhead 2, N V Avis (C) 3, C Lamb 4, N C Wade 5, J W Woollard 6.

Cranborne, Dorset. 27 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A Adams 1, J W Bramley 2, Nancy Bramley 3, Stella James 4, C Saunders 5, N Garrard 6, D Reed (C) 7, R Jordan 8, 1st on eight-1, 5, 8.

Dane Hill, W. Sussex. 4 Mar, 1260 Minor (4m): Gillian Barlow (1st Q) 1, Vivienne Stevens 2, A B Lucas 3, R Johnson 4, A J Butcher (C) 5, R Lucas (1st in 4m) 6.

Darfield, S. Yorks. 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: I McMillan 1, Fiona Marshall 2, Kay Jobling 3, B Marshall 4, M King 5, N Marsden (C) 6. On St David's Day. **Ecclesfield.** 25 Feb, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Sarah Varley (1st Doubles) 1, D Lyon 2, S Finnie (1st inside) 3, Jane Truman 4, M King (C) 5, Beverley Brown (cover) 6, A Norman (cover) 8. By Ecclesfield School Society.

Darlington, Durham (S John). 6 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Janet Davison 1, K Anne Alderson 2, R Rackley 3, I P Bennett 4, Maureen Cox 5, R Sinclair (C) 6.

Dorchester, Dorset (H. Trinity). 28 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: R J Brissenden 1, Diane Lyle 2, R H Duke 3, Betty Duke 4, D A Strong 5, E Shuttleworth (C) 6, 1st Minor-1, 2.

QUARTER PEALS FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AND LADY DIANA SPENCER

Durleigh, Som. 24 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Valerie Stone 1, Sally Wheeler 2, Nancy Meadow 3, G G Davis 4, F W Sweet (C) 5, J M Stone 6, 1st in m-2, 3.

Edinburgh Cathedral. 1 Mar, 1282 Cambridge S. Royal: Sally Gosnold 1, J Hilary Davis 2, Kate Branson 3, T Arkless 4, S Barnes 5, T Bradbury 6, J G Harpole 7, N Booth 8, D G F Chalk 9, C Davis (C) 10, First S. Royal-1, 3, 4, 5.

Evesham, Worcs. 24 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: G J Hemming (C) 1, S Drew 2, E T Newbury 3, Rev A Webb 4, S Reading 5, C Povey 6, J Attwood 7, A R Geden 8.

Frodsham, Cheshire. 6 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Nicola J Hollinshead 1, Jane D Johnston 2, Helen M Capper 3, P A Richardson 4, J F Oultram (1st in m as C) 5, Kathryn N Rhodes 6, 1st in m-2, 3, 4, By Sunday service band.

Haslingfield, Cambs. 1 Mar, 1320 P.B. Doubles: W T Ridgman 1, G Barnard 2, F Clark 3, B Horrell (C) 4, P Horrell 5, I Coleby (1st Q) 6.

Hertford (All Saints). 28 Feb, 1260 P.B. Royal: D Kemp Sen 1, S A Saunders 2, Anne Warboys 3, E Edmondson 4, A M S Stracey 5, J J Ford 6, D Kemp (C) 7, A F Case 8, J M Kemp 9, B J W Folley 10.

Horley, Surrey. 25 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C Wimbury 1, Carol Gosling 2, Sue Phillips 3, Pip Graham 4, J Phillips 5, N Morley 6, R A Grant (C) 7, D Voice 8.

Kingsdon, Som. 28 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: F R C Gratton 1, D Lesley J Parker 2, T E Rendell 3, R W Davis 4, M G Buckley 5, R Parker (C) 6, By Somerset Cuckoos.

Lightcliffe, W. Yorks. 27 Feb, 1320 P.B. Doubles: Janet M Ray 1, A C Ray 2, J Alison Priestley 3, Margaret Collins 4, G Mann (C) 5, A E Talbot 6, 1st Q-4, 6.

Nether Stowey, Som. 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Sally K Wheeler 1, Andrea B Goddard (1st inside) 2, Nancy Meadow 3, G G Davis 4, C R Freeman (C) 5, Vivien Freeman 6.

Newdigate, Surrey. 1 Mar, 1260 Stedman Doubles: A G Clark 1, D R Finch 2, R L Coles 3, M J Munro (C) 4, M Morris 5, E L Higgs 6.

Pembroke, Dyfed. 24 Feb, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Prunella Lingard 1, Betty M Rogers 2, E Foster 3, E Lingard 4, P C Rogers (C) 5, M Cowdill 6.

Rowde, Wilts. 25 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F Hartley 1, C Wheeler 2, S Cottle (C) 3, C Mayell 4, R Godwin 5, S Powney 6.

Southampton, Hants (S Mary). 1 Mar, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: D C Jackson 1, Kathryn L Carter 2,

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Swalcliffe, Oxon. 5 Mar, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: R A Thorne 1, J Gardner (1st Surprise) 2, Anne D Thorne 3, A J Thorne 4, Tina A Ruff 5, G J Clifton (C) 6.

Thrandeston, Suffolk. 7 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): R Crowe 1, Kathleen Teble 2, G Maynard 3, P Cook 4, H Fuller (C) 5, A Driver 6.

Victoria B.C., Canada. 24 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Faith Magwood 1, Judy Simpson 2, D Oliver (1st inside) 3, Mary Barlow 4, M Batten 5, M Simpson 6, A Batten (C) 7, R Mason-Hurley 8.

Wansford, Cambs. 1 Mar, 1280 Doubles (4m): G Davis 1, R A Webster 2, T Webster 3, Sue Whitley 4, A Waller (C) 5, K Bartlett 6. On St David's Day.

Wendover, Bucks. 1 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): M E R Gill 1, Janet Stiles 2, J J E Williamson 3, R E Gerhardt 4, J E R Gill (C-50th Q) 5, J R Hearn 6.

Westonzoyland, Som. 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: S G Evans 1, Sara Wylde (1st inside) 2, A D Glover 3, Barbara Wylde 4, B J Wylde (C) 5, L Pitman 6. Also for the Christening of Louise and Thomas Willcox.

Whitstable, Kent. 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: C C Dilnot 1, R C A Cranmer (1st inside) 2, C I Rogers 3, Doreen E Austin (C) 4, Jacqueline Saker (C) 5, M W Davies 6.

Wistanstow, Salop. 26 Feb, 1264 P.B. Major: Dawn L Evans 1, Jill M Liddle 2, I P Makins 3, A Osbaldiston 4, B H Gadd 5, P A Keene 6, Margaret A Swain (1st on 8 as C) 7, D Ferguson 8.

Wragby, Lincs. 26 Feb, 1260 P.B. Doubles: F Johnson 1, Pamela Sutherland 2, E Gleed 3, P B Jones (C) 4, J A Sutherland 5.

Wyke Regis, Dorset. 1 Mar, 1260 Doubles (3m): Mary Owens 1, Barbara A Chiplen 2, P R Maude 3, Cindy Maude 4, A P Buttle (C) 5, M S Hartfield 6.

Yalding, Kent. 28 Feb, 1320 Doubles (44m/v): Frances C Caley 1, Anne Lewis 2, R W Young (most m/v) 3, A C P Gunstone (C) 4, F P Lewis 5, S Pope 6. By Maidstone District band. Also 1 Mar, 1260 Doubles (3m): Karen Fozard 1, S Mary Harper 2, S Pope 3, R A Barclay 4, R W Young (C) 5, R T King 6. By Sunday service band.

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S Mary

Sat Feb 7 1981 3h5 (22½)

5015 GRANDSIRE

CINQUES

Comp. T Hooley

- 1 Valerie Willard
- 2 Peter Baker
- 3 Alan J Wootton
- 4 Alan Ewins
- 5 Paul Smith
- 6 Hugh N Evans
- 7 Michael J Seagrave
- 8 Leonard C Edwards
- 9 Cyril A Wratten (C)
- 10 Brian M Chappell
- 11 John R Ridley
- 12 Michael P Hartley

First on twelve-3, 5, 6.

(Bristol Branch)

BRISTOL, Avon,

S Mary Redcliffe

Sat Feb 7 1981 3h39 (50½)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Comp. A M Tyler

- 1 Albert M Tyler (C)
- 2 Elisabeth A G Bowden
- 3 Esther M Byers
- 4 Diana M Bridle
- 5 Rebecca J Dick
- 6 Richard J Bowden
- 7 Andrew J Mead
- 8 Anthony J Cox
- 9 Patrick J Bird
- 10 Gordon W Land
- 11 James R Taylor
- 12 Peter Bridle

First Stedman and of Cinques-3 First S. Cinques inside-7.

PEALS FOR THE 1300th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF GLOUCESTER ABBEY

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Mon Feb 9 1981 2h44 (10)

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH

C.B. MAJOR

Comp. F A Holden

- 1 Julian E Newman
- 2 Frances Mulvey
- 3 L Gillian Blackman
- 4 Cynthia E Barnett
- 5 Michael J Mulvey
- 6 Valerie Willard
- 7 Roger F Fry
- 8 Harold E Raxter (C)

First in method-1, 3, 4, 5, 7.

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Wed Feb 10 1981 3h2 (19½)

5056 YORKSHIRE S.

MAJOR

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Rebecca J Dick
- 2 Jane E Sansom
- 3 Esther M Byers
- 4 Elisabeth A G Bowden
- 5 Richard J Bowden
- 6 Anthony J Cox (C)
- 7 Anthony C F Perry
- 8 Charles Pipe-Wolferstan

TEWKESBURY, Glos.

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Sat Feb 28 1981 3h19 (27½)

5015 GRANDSIRE

CINQUES

Comp. T Hooley

- 1 Valerie Willard
- 2 Ian P Unsworth
- 3 L Gillian Blackman
- 4 Paul A Barton
- 5 Geoffrey V R Morgan
- 6 Heather Brown
- 7 Laurence E Hitchins
- 8 Francis M Byrne
- 9 Christopher M Povey
- 10 John Taylor
- 11 Harold E Raxter (C)
- 12 Leonard C Edwards

First on twelve-3. Also Birthday compliment to Gillian Blackman.

Sunday, 8 February

Barnwood, Glos. 1260 P.B. Triples: Jane Butler 1, R Bruce 2, Frances Mulvey 3, Rachel Gould 4, L Gillian Blackman 5, M J Mulvey 6, H E Raxter (C) 7, J D Aldridge (1st Q) 8, 1st in m by all except 7. **Gloucester Cathedral.** 1260 P.B. Royal: L Gillian Blackman 1, R Dale (1st Royal) 2, Margaret Fry 3, Frieda M Fry 4, Jackie Fry 5, J E Newman 6, Valerie Willard 7, M J Mulvey 8, R Fry 9, H E Raxter (C) 10. **Lechlade.** 1260 Doubles (6m/v): Karen Evans 1, T New 2, H Evans 3, K Musty 4, H R Hayden (C) 5, J Sleight 6.

Wednesday, 11 February

Deerhurst. 1260 Rev. St. Bartholomew Doubles: D P Treble (C) 1, Iris Davis 2, Ruth Halling 3, R G Hart 4, Jane Pitman 5, P Jenkins 6. **Dursley.** 1296 Oxford Bob Minor: Christine Gummer 1, A Byrne 2, Elizabeth Byrne 3, T Soanes 4, J Daw 5, F Byrne (C) 6, R Grover (cover) 7. **Elmore.** 1280 Doubles (3m): Frieda M Fry 1, A K P Poole 2, J E Newman 3, R F Fry

QUARTER PEALS FOR THE 1300th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF GLOUCESTER ABBEY

Also to welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury to
Gloucester for these celebrations

4, R Hitchins (C) 5, C Rouse 6. **Gloucester (S Mary de Crypt).** 1260 Stedman Triples: A K P Poole 1, M J Mulvey 2, J E Newman 3, R Hitchins 4, P G Clarkson 5, P H Allen 6, H E Raxter (C) 7, P Gould 8. **Queen Charlton, Avon.** 1260 Doubles (3m): B R Moore 1, E Ann Simmons 2, P J Harris (25th Q) 3, C M J Stanley (C) 4, G J Sparey 5. **Randwick, Glos.** 1300 Grand-sire Doubles: J Taylor 1, S Bucknell 2, I Bucknell 3, S Thain 4, R J Thain (C) 5, P Jones 6. **Stroud.** 1260 Grandsire Triples: Daryl Alexander 1, R Bucknell 2, L Hitchins 3, S Bucknell (14-1st as C) 4, I Bucknell 5, R J Thain 6, P Barton 7, P Verney 8, 1st Q-1, 8. **Upton St. Leonards.** 1280 Cambridge S. Major: R F Fry 1, R

Hitchins 2, J E Newman 3, R G Clarkson 4, H E Raxter 5, M J Mulvey 6, P H Allen 7, A K P Poole 8. **Winchcombe.** 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D Clarke 1, P Hawkes 2, Sally Donaldson 3, M Bubb 4, J Brunt (C) 5, W K H Summers 6. **Witcombe.** 1260 P.B. Minor: P H Allen 1, P G Clarkson 2, J E Newman 3, R Hitchins 4, M J Mulvey (C) 5, A K P Poole 6.

Thursday, 12 February

Tytherington, Avon. 1280 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine A Cridland 1, P J Harris 2, C M J Stanley (joint C) 3, B R Moore 4, J R Carter (joint C) 5, J L Snowden 6. Also for the birth of Charlotte Mary Blackmore.

Friday, 13 February

Stone, Glos. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Kate Langdon 1, Margaret Barrett 2, Janice Raynor 3, Rev P Wooster (C) 4, F Byrne 5, Enid Newman 6.

Saturday, 14 February

Standish. 1260 Doubles (3m): P Sutton 1, Jill Prossor 2, Jacqui Pillinger 3, R Page 4, A Hodges (C) 5, T Douglas 6.

LETTERS (continued from p.298)

Doubles rung with Grandsire singles. In 1968 it was explained, at some length, that this is really a half-lead Spliced of Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew.

When Mr. Blagrove's reply is published, perhaps he would explain the reason for the extraordinary place notation system he uses. For those who have not seen the collection, whereas 'X' usually means that all pairs of bells cross (obviously impossible in odd-bell methods) in this booklet it means that three bells lie still - which three depends upon the position of the treble, so 'X' can mean that the real notation is 123, 125, 145 or 345 - except that if these appear at the lead end or half-lead they are written in full (presumably for clarity!!).

This system cannot be justified for the sake of brevity, because despite the fact that 177 of the 187 methods listed are symmetrical about the half-lead, the place notation for a full lead is given, contrary to the practise in any other collection. Marcus Sherwood said at the 1980 C.C. meeting that 'place notation was now generally understood'. Why do Doubles methods have to have their own system?

Finally, I have a suggestion for a course of action that would solve a number of problems. Delete para. (E) A3 from the Central Council decisions. This would mean that Doubles variations were no longer acceptable to the C.C. in peals. This would **only** affect the submission of peals; the C.C. cannot, nor would wish to, dictate what the 'general ringing public' ring on Sundays, practice nights and for quarter peals. Indeed, many of the old variations would still be acceptable in peals, provided that they were correctly submitted as the relevant methods, rung as half-lead Spliced. There is, after all, no justification for variations other than years of precedent, and if we are always to rely on precedent, we should still be ringing peals of Surprise without singles! Variations have no parallel in any other area of ringing. In fact, they

are specifically excluded on any other number of bells. Why do the rules for Doubles have to be different? They cannot be justified on grounds of increased variety, as there is a vast selection of principles available which is virtually untapped.

I realise that this suggestion will not be met with enthusiasm by some Doubles fanatics, but surely it is time the Central Council rationalised their decisions on methods once and for all. -Yours, etc.,

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DEMOCRACY IN TOWERS

Sir, - Observer (p.194) poses some challenging questions regarding democracy in our towers and most interestingly places the responsibility for it squarely on the shoulders of Associations/Guilds (although he does not spell out whether he means as individual ringers or as a corporate body).

It is surely open to debate where the responsibility for belfry reform properly lies although clearly local bands, local church authorities, and Associations all have some responsibilities which are not necessarily mutually exclusive. If it is accepted that Associations as corporate bodies do have a responsibility (albeit not total) for democracy and other matters in towers, the question then arises as to what role should it play and to what extent it should actively "interfere in the internal affairs of towers". Perhaps the way to explore this idea is first to examine the capability of local bands to effect reforms from within.

Take the not uncommon case of a local tower. The band has happily rung for many years under the leadership of X who has eventually been forced to retire through old age or illness. The most suitable replacement is appointed or assumes office probably with the wholehearted support of the band. As time elapses he becomes increasingly despotic, discourages development of individuals (potential rivals), increasingly develops a stranglehold on the tower, possibly discourages visitors and in extreme cases actually or passively discourages involvement with the Association. The tower increasingly isolates itself and becomes a reflection of the tower captain's personality. As in any other tower, ringers come and go and at any point in time there will be a number of inexperienced ringers in the band, probably youngsters. We now have an unsatisfactory situation recognised only by the senior ringers who turn their attention to the problem and review their options:

1. They probably cannot elect a new leader because no system exists for it or the machinery has not been used for a considerable period.
2. They feel unable to discuss their feelings with the leader because he takes it as a personal attack on him.
3. They feel unable to talk privately with the incumbent for fear of "causing trouble", a feeling of disloyalty, a realisation that they are a minority in the band although they may well be a majority of adult opinion and will almost certainly be a majority of the ringers who "have been around" and know what's what.
4. They feel unhappy with the situation but don't feel strongly enough to cause a stir or to cross the existing leader. After all, they have got to live and ring with that person in the future.

The net result of course is no change and no democracy. So what could the Association do that the local band could not? Here the Association can help by including the following objectives in constitution:

- (a) To encourage and promote annual democratic elections for positions of responsibility within towers;
- (b) To encourage the development of ringers to take positions of responsibility within towers.

The following advantages should accrue from this:

1. Active ringers can point to where their own tower is not conforming to Association policy in order to promote internal reforms.
2. Local ringers may well seek advice from the Association thus involving the Association in local affairs by invitation.

So far, I have proposed little that is contentious but what about the extreme case where a tower captain has made the tower his life, has isolated himself from Association affairs and furthermore refuses to allow the Association to hold meetings in the tower. Here surely is a situation where the Association must act if it stands for anything at all. It cannot leave the situation as it exists.

I suggest the following action should be taken by the Association:

1. Approach the ringing master officially to ask him to change his ways.

If nothing happens:

2. Approach the church authorities, incumbent, P.C.C. or both to discuss the resolution of the problem.

If nothing happens:

3. Approach the church authorities with a complete package which will include the following:

- (a) An undertaking to provide ringing for Sunday service at the tower for a certain period of years say two to five.
- (b) Provide a tower captain from the Association with the precise brief of reforming the constitution of the tower, developing a deputy leader capable of taking over within a reasonable period.

If nothing happens:

4. Leave for twelve months then try again.

This brings me back to the Association's constitution and the following objective which could be included:

- C. Actively to promote liaison with church authorities to appraise them of the existence and aims of the Association.

The following advantages should accrue:

1. The church authorities will be made aware of their responsibilities as members of the Association to promote reforms within their own towers.
2. Church authorities will be encouraged to seek assistance from the Association where necessary.
3. It will become a natural function of Associations to be involved with local P.C.C.'s and incumbents and to forge closer links each with the other. - Yours, etc.,

[Name and address supplied].

Worcester & Districts Assn

ENCOURAGING TURN-OUT

On March 7 the Western Branch held its first meeting of 1981 at Leigh. Early afternoon practice ringing was at Suckley, where the deputy master (Martin Stallard) had an encouraging turn-out of beginners. There was ringing at Leigh (6, 17 cwt) before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. P. Hanson. After tea, provided by the local ringers, the new chairman (John Whittle) opened the meeting by asking the members to stand in silence to the memory of Dennis Morris, a ringer at the Cathedral, who died in January.

A lively meeting followed. The new Branch master (Mrs. Anne Hansford) reported that peals for the 1,300th celebrations were well in hand and that this year's outing was to be held in the beautiful Forest of Dean. New members elected were: Lee Harris and James Cessford (Claines), P. Evans (Malvern Priory), associate members, Mrs. A. Martin and M. Goodwin (Malvern Priory), life associate member, Mr. F.deKock (the Netherlands).

Evening ringing was on the heavy six at Powick. It was gratifying to see so many (over 50) at this meeting as the weather was damp. Let us hope this enthusiasm continues for the rest of the year.

M.C.H.

Sunday, 15 February

Coalpit Heath, Avon. 1259 Grandsire Doubles: Jean Mason 1, F G Gillett 2, W H Coles 3, W F Scudamore 4, K W Scudamore (C) 5, J Mason 6. For Morning Service. Also 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sally-Ann Wedlake 1, F G Gillett 2, W H Coles 3, R W Hayward 4, T T Walters 5, W F Scudamore (C) 6, Linda Drew 7, J Mason 8. For Evensong.

Swindon Branch Quarters

Cricklade, Wilts. 11 Feb, 1260 Doubles (2m): Karen Chaplin 1, Jane Williams 2, Helen Withington 3, B R Danby (C) 4, A Carter 5, Cynthia Barnett 6. Latton. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Anita D O'Brien 1, Cynthia Barnett (C) 2, B R Danby 3, A Carter 4, F E Jones 5. Minety. 1260 P.B. Minor: Brenda H Sheppard 1, Kay M Exell 2, D A Tiffany (1st Minor inside) 3, R A J Gregory 4, Rosemary A Whitcombe (1st as C) 5, J C Sheppard 6. Oaksey. 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Rosemary A Whitcombe 1, Teresa K Packer (1st Surprise) 2, R A J Gregory 3, J C Sheppard 4, Kay M Exell 5, Brenda H Sheppard (C) 6. Swindon (Christ Church). 1313 Double Norwich C.B. Caters: W W T Daniell 1, Mavis Drawett 2, A G Keen 3, B Bladon 4, Pauline Wilton 5, Shirley Charity 6, C P Wilton 7, M Hart 8, E Sutton (C) 9, R W Everall 10. 1st Caters in method-3, 4, 7, 8. Wroughton. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Bernice Clark 1, Andrea Clark (1st as C) 2, L Clark 3, S M James 4, J R Godfree 5, S Elvin 6.

Rodbourn Cheney. 14 Feb, 1260 P.B. Doubles: S Payne (1st Q) 1, Sara Beazley 2, D J White 3, P Ockwell 4, D Ockwell (C) 5, C Burge 6. Wanborough. 1260 P.B. Doubles: M D Barnes 1, C James 2, A E James 3, M T Roberts 4, C P Wilton (1st as C) 5, Anita Reeves 6.

Highworth, Wilts. 15 Feb, 1260 P.B. Triples: Alison Dawson 1, Nichola Williams 2, Alison Pearson 3, Louise Dawson 4, S D Piper 5, N Weaver 6, C L Dunster (C) 7, G Randell 8. 1st Triples-1, 4. Stratton St. Margaret. 1260 Grandsire Triples: S Beale 1, Elaine M Hammans 2, R M Thompson 3, A R Peake 4, Pamela J Thomson (1st in m as C) 5, M Lawrence 6, Anita D O'Brien 7, C M Cooksey 8. Also Farewell compliment to Stephen Beale, leaving for Wroughton.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for
April 6, 1956

The six bells of St. Mary's, Bunney, Nottinghamshire, were dedicated at a service by the Rt. Rev. F. Russell Barry, Bishop of Southwell. It is over sixty years since these bells were rung. During that time they had been chimed by means of a unique and complicated apparatus which involved the turning by hand of a drum with attached ropes, known locally as "mangling the bells."

Very great credit is due to a band who rang a peal at Limerick Cathedral, Ireland. The band all started from scratch and taught themselves to ring. The nearest centre of change ringing is 120 miles away, at Dublin.

An outstanding successful and unusual repair was carried out by Matalock (Italiana) on two cracks which had appeared in the "Holy Bell of Rovierto" which was cast in 1925 as a memorial to the fallen of all countries. The weight of the bell is 16½ tons and it is nearly ten feet in height.

40 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1941

If there is one class which more than another is suffering from the restrictions imposed by the war it must be the campanologists. I have known several of these people in my time and have been amazed by their enthusiasm and their dauntless spirit. They go anywhere at any time to try out another ring of bells, while their annual outing is a real "busman's holiday," the trip usually comprising visits to at least four other bellfries to enjoy "touches" on the local ring. These men must be suffering untold torments through being withheld from contact with the bells they so dearly love.

Quoted from "The Wilts and Gloucester Standard."

PUPPET SHOW AT HORRINGER

On February 27 "King Pelham's Puppet Theatre (By Appointment)", consisting of the young lady ringers of Horringer plus friends, Sara Dawes, Nicki Cassidy, Terry Cassidy, Amanda Macdonald and Julie Allen (all at school), gave a performance of "The Swineherd", in aid of St Leonard's Church Bell Fund.

It was a very enjoyable and polished performance and realised over £50. Thank you, girls, and ladies behind the scenes, for a very fine effort.

C.R.N.

Suffolk Guild

STRIKING COMPETITION

The North West District's annual striking competition took place on March 14 at Great Barton. Teams taking part were Barrow, Brandon, Euston, Exning, Great Barton, Horringer, Ixworth, Lakenheath, Stowmarket, Walsham-le-Willows, West Stow and Whepstead. Each team rang a test piece of either call-changes or 240 method ringing.

After the competition a service was held, conducted by Rev Derek Hill, with the address given by Rev Lawrence Pizzey (Guild Master). Tea, provided by the Great Barton ringers, was then taken in the Village Hall.

The competition judges, Wilfred Saunders and Frank Philippo from the Norwich Guild, then gave their constructive comments upon the ringing and adjudged Barrow the winners. The Barrow team were presented with the winner's shield by its donor, Mr Henry Iivings (Euston).

The evening concluded with further ringing and a social.



Corinne Banton (7) and Charles Baker (93).

THE YOUNGEST AND THE OLDEST

Some weeks ago the BBC suggested in their "Bells on Sunday" programme that the oldest practising ringer, and also the youngest, should write to them in order that they might be interviewed by Miss Laurie Macmillan of the BBC and also photographed ringing together.

There was a good response to the BBC's suggestion, with the result that Mr Charles Baker (93) and Miss Corinne Banton (7 years 3 months) were asked to attend a special meeting at Gainsborough, Lincs. Mr Baker is the very active and agile tower captain at All Saints', Gainsborough, Lincs (8, 19½ cwt), and Corinne, daughter of Colin and Elaine Banton, is a member of the band at Thornaby-on-Tees, Cleveland.

Miss Macmillan, together with Miss Jilly Carter, producer of the Church Bells on Sunday programme, travelled by train to Gainsborough with the necessary equipment, and a BBC photographer also attended. The local band at Gainsborough (and the local press) also arrived in force and gave considerable help.

At 2.30 pm in the tower, after the bells had been rung and various photographs taken, Laurie Macmillan chatted knowledgeably and easily with Corinne and with Charles, the resulting interviews being broadcast on March 8 at 8.15 on Radio 4 "Sunday" programme and again at 7.45 (Church Bells on Sunday) with the bells (with Corinne and Charles ringing) on March 15.

Ladies' Guild

LATE ARRIVING

The Western District held their annual District meeting on March 7 in the Bristol/Bath area, when ringing took place on the light ten of St Ambrose, Bristol (unfortunately several people had difficulty in finding the Church and were late in arriving), followed by Bitton (8) and Kelston (6).

Supper at the home of Mrs De Jong preceded the business meeting, which took place to the accompaniment of handbells from an adjoining room, rung by those who by nature of their sex were barred from the meeting!

Arrangements were discussed for a practice meeting in June at Weston-super-Mare; an outing in September in the Bridgwater area; and a meeting in late November, venue to be arranged by the secretary. One new member, Mrs Vivien Freeman of Nether Stowey, was elected.

V.S.

Prior to the actual recording in the tower, both Laurie Macmillan and Jilly Carter had a pull at rope's-end in rounds under the careful tuition of Colin Banton. Every effort was made to ensure the Blue Peter *contretemps* would not be repeated.

Corinne gave everyone a laugh when, having admitted that she rang her quarter-peal of Doubles on handbells, she was asked if she intended to carry on ringing during her lifetime. She answered: "Oh no; I don't think so!"

The BBC were well satisfied with the experiment, and did not qualify the ability of the ringers (e.g. the oldest and youngest practising peal ringers). Mr Baker rang a peal on his 90th birthday, whilst Corinne still has that milestone to pass.

During some rounds in which Laurie was taking part at rope's-end, Jilly Carter held the microphone and Laurie explained what was taking place. At one time she said: "Mr Denyer on the treble bell has now dropped his rope - oh, I mean he has handed over his rope to Mr Baker's daughter!". However, these comments and many others have not been broadcast, but there is no doubt the ringing and interviews caused considerable local interest. The whole episode has been a fine public relations effort for bellringing, and we are grateful to Jilly and Laurie for their interest.

Unfortunately Miss Jilly Carter is leaving the BBC to take up an appointment with Bournemouth Radio, where she will have her own "chat" show. We wish her every success and hope to hear from her about a possible bellringing "spot" in Bournemouth.



"Hold the rope-end like this!" Colin Banton instructs Laurie Macmillan, whilst Jilly Carter looks on. Jilly also had a pull at rope's-end.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

Personal - R J Walters £4, P Newton £1.50

Peals - Petersfield £1.20, Jesmond £1.20, Brancepeth £1.60, Stanford Dingley £1, Broadwood Widger £1.20, Clapham £5, E. Crompton 50p, Pershore (Centre) 50p, St Thomas, Oxford 60p, Eye 60p, Maidstone, All Saints £1, Kingsland 80p, Suckley £1.20, Isleworth £1.

Quarter Peals - Durham Cathedral £1, Fulbourn 80p, York Minster £1, York Minster £1, Fulbourn 80p, Stevenage 60p, Exonian Society and Exeter Branch £8, Highworth (2) £1.10, Callington 80p, Gt Totham 20p, Dunstable 60p, St Vedast £1.20, Rye 60p, Battle 60p, Clifton 50p, Tibshelf 60p, Yelvertoft £1, Heanor 60p, Langley Burrell (2) £1.50, Honiley £1, St Mark, Jersey 50p, Pershore (Centre) 50p, Colwall and Maisemore £1.50, Northampton (St Peter) 50p, Stoke Goldington 50p, Little Houghton 50p, Bishops Sutton 60p, Keynsham 80p, Ruskington 50p, Weldon 50p, St Peter-in-Thane 50p, Bilton 50p, Selly Oak (2) £1, Midsomer Norton 80p, Waltham Abbey 66p, Liss 60p, Wragby 50p, Rayleigh 50p, Guildford £1.60, Northmoor 50p, Buckland 50p, Bradford-on-Tone 30p, Ashbocking 50p, Southampton 80p, Holmes Chapel 50p, Thrapston 60p, Bathwick 60p, Keynsham 60p, Barnwood 80p, Batheaston (3) £1.80, Wareham 60p, Shenfield (2) 85p, Thorpe Bay £1, Canterbury, St Dunstan 30p, Britford 70p, Tewin £1, Fordingbridge 60p, Salisbury, St Martin 70p, Rickmansworth £1, Tidenham 50p, Manchester Town Hall £1, High Littleton £1.20, Bottle 50p, Liverpool 50p, Abbots Leigh 50p, Scothern 60p, Oakley 50p, High Offley 50p, Steep (2) £1, Farnborough £1, Henbury 50p, Kirkby-in-Furness 60p, Holaworthy 80p, Newbury £1, Diddlebury 50p, Count and others £2.50, Alveston 60p, Polstead 50p, Gt Malvern 50p, Hanley Castle 50p, N. Stoneham 35p, Dorking £1, Crewe 80p, Wokingham £1, Iwerne 50p, Horringer £1.50, Cottingham 80p, Calverton and others £2.50, Hammerwood £1, Bishop's Stortford £1, Quainton 50p, Alvington and others 90p, Exonian Society £4.50, Beverley St Mary 40p, Pagham £1, Worthington 90p, Hurstpierpoint 50p, Wells (Cath) £1, Deptford 80p, Evesham 60p, Badsey 60p, Addington 50p, Peterborough (St Mary) 50p, St Mary-atte-Bow £1.20, Bromley (SS Peter & Paul) 80p, Yalding (2) 50p, Ston Easton £1, Rushden 80p, Peterborough (St Mary) 50p, Oxford DG (Witney & Woodstock) £5.70, Cumnor £1, Alderney (St Anne) £1, Godmanchester 75p, Brampton 75p, Royston (Yorks) £1, Handsworth £1, Walthamstow 60p, Horsham and others £3.50, Leigh-on-Mendip £1.20, Hemington £1.20, Walton-le-Wolds £1, Nether Stowey 60p, Lichfield (St Michael) 50p, Westwood 60p, Handbridge £1, Alvington 50p.

Death

LUNN, Alice, at her home, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, aged 63, after a magnificent fight against arthritis for 27 years. Beloved wife of Leslie and mother of Philip and Pat. 764

Personal

COBB - Don and Katherine thank all ringing friends for their good wishes for their wedding, and in particular to members of the Essex Association who subscribed to a most welcome gift. 755

Change of Address

ALLDRICK - Andrew and Audrey have moved to 37 Bruce Grove, Watford. No home telephone yet. Work numbers are Andrew 01-954 2311 ext 413; Audrey 01-950 2321. Note new address of Watford District Secretary. 743

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JACK WONNACOTT - Experienced BELLHANGER, now has his own business, and will undertake general overhauling of rings or single bells: re-bushing; painting; regular servicing; general repairs to tower floors, etc. Write 19 Crediton Road, Okehampton, Devon (Tel 2421). 790

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION - New general secretary: John Sunderland, 11 Cheriton Court, Selhurst Road, South Norwood, London SE25 6LW. Tel: home 01-653 7974, work 01-669 4488 ext 272, not as 1980 Association report. 690

ST. JOHN'S, REDHILL, SURREY - Will intending visitors please note that, owing to vandalism, the north door will be opened at 7.30 pm and from then on at quarter-hour intervals, during practices on Thursday nights. G A West. 760

University Announcements

OPEN UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS - The secretary is now Mrs Susan Tompsett, 119 Newton Wood Road, Ashted, Surrey. Telephone 03722 76845. Next meeting: quarter-peal weekend, June 19-21. 722

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY - This year's tour is based at Cardiff and is from April 18 to 24. Details from Nigel Orchard, 13 The Green, Radyr, Cardiff CF4 8BR. See please. 654

FOR SALE

A USEFUL SOUVENIR to commemorate the Royal Wedding: the miniature bell-rope switch pull. Red, white, blue sally (or colours to choice). Also on sale at Hereford Ringing Course. £5 (cwo) from J Minchin, Rhea House, Bishops Cleeve, Worcester. 654

HANDBELLS - Eight Mears handbells, size 15 in C, recently re-strapped and polished. Excellent condition. £320. - 91 Nottingham Road, Kegworth, Derby DE7 2FH. 791

HANDBELLS - Set of 12 diatonic in D Flat Major. Tenor 22 D Flat. Refurbished/retuned 1972; little used since. Offers around £500 to Richard Page (045-382 6410). 753

HANDBELLS - 3 chromatic octaves 18G-04G (37 bells), very good condition. Offers over £1,000. Phone Gt Dunmow (0371) 4364 or contact Philip Bedford at HRGB Sheffield rally. 735

SOUTH RUISLIP - 3-bed house: hall, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, bath, sep wc, gas ch, gdns front and rear. Concrete base for garage. De Looze 01-841 2793. 725

NOTICES

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Psalm 119, v. 66

Births

BOOCOCC - On March 2, 1981, to John and Cass, a daughter, Jacqueline Mary, sister for Catherine, Helen and Susanna. 759

GIDDINS - To Derek and Pam, a son (Christopher Peter) on March 19 at St Luke's Hospital, Guildford. 750

SCOTT - John and Terry (née Walters) are happy to announce the birth of a son, Nicholas, on March 17, 1981. 747

Mid-Week Meetings & Practices

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS - Business meeting at the Maggie and Stump, Old Bailey, EC4, on April 7 at 8.30 pm. Practices: April 7, St Mary-le-Bow; April 21, St Paul's Cathedral; April 28, St Michael's, Cornhill. 780

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, Ilkeston District - Elementary method practice at West Hallam on Fri, April 10, 7.30 to 9 pm. Basic change-ringing up to P.B. Major. All ringers welcome. Robert Marchbank, Dist. Sec. 648

DERBY DA, Peak District - Evening practice Ashford in the Water, Thurs, April 9, 7.30 pm. Special methods: Stedman Doubles, Norwich Minor, St Clements. All welcome. 731

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION, Bristol City Branch - 10-bell practice, Christ Church, City, April 27, 7.45 pm. 12-bell practice, St Mary Redcliffe, April 9, 7.15 pm. 717

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION, Cirencester Branch - Meeting, Winstone (6), Thurs, April 9, 7-9 pm. 769

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS, Exeter Branch - Practice meeting, Tues, April 7, at Newton St Cyres, 7.30 to 9. Everyone very welcome. 685

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Watford District - Surprise practice at Rickmansworth on Wed, April 8, 8-9.30 pm. Special methods: York-shire Royal and Bristol Royal. 694

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Western Branch - Tues, April 7, evening meeting, Heston (8), 8 pm. Special method: Cambridge. 714

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, Stepney Branch - Evening meeting at St Olave's, Hart Street, on Thurs, April 9, 6.30 till 8. All welcome. Please note time. 775

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS - April 8, Jewry; 15, no practice; 22, Holborn; 29, St Clement Danes; May 6, St Martin-in-the-Fields. 6.30-8.00. 802

SUFFOLK GUILD, South East District - Evening practice, Barking (6), Fri, April 10, 7-9 pm. 777

Saturday Meetings & Practices

BATH & WELLS DA, Bridgwater Branch - Quarterly meeting and striking competition, Saturday, April 4, Puriton (6). Bells 2.30 pm; competition 3 pm; service 4.15 pm approx; tea and meeting to follow. Open ringing 7 pm. Names for tea please to Valerie Stone, tel Bridgwater 55498. 103

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Bedford District - Quarterly meeting, Sat, April 4, at Wilden (5). Ringing 3.30 pm. Tea and meeting, Wilden Village Hall, 5 pm. Evening ringing at Renhold (6) until 8.30 pm. 774

DERBY DA, Peak District - Striking contest Hathersage, Sat, April 4, 3 pm. Teas available 4 pm. Ringing afterwards. All welcome. Names for tea please to K Palmer, tel Hope Valley 31214. 730

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, Ely District - Meeting at Oakington (6) on Sat, April 4. Ringing 3-4.30 pm, followed by service, tea, business meeting and further ringing. Special methods: Double Oxford and Ipswich. Everyone very welcome. Pat Brown, Dis. Sec. 644

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION, Bristol City Branch - Beginners practice, St Luke, Brislington, April 4, 6.30 to 8 pm. 716

GUILDFORD GUILD, Farnham District - Sausage Supper at Crondall on April 4. Ringing 4 pm, followed by business meeting at 5.15 pm. Sausage Supper follows meeting. (Please note alteration of timings.) Names for tea by April 1 to Robin Walker (Tel Farnborough 518774). 723

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Watford District - Evening meeting, Oxhey, April 4, 6-8 pm. Everyone welcome. 693

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Northern District - Quarterly meeting, Sat, April 4, Benington (8), 3.30 pm. Service 4.30 pm, followed by tea (names, please, to B Harris, Benington 215) and meeting. Further ringing until 8.30 pm. Special methods: Rutland and Oxford Bob Triples. MJC 660

KCACR, Tonbridge District - Quarterly meeting, April 4, at Kilndown, 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm, followed by tea. Evening ringing at Horsmonden. Names for tea to Miss R Wood (Lamberhurst 890780). 673

SALISBURY GUILD, Devizes Branch - Quarterly meeting, Sat, April 4, at Trowbridge. Ringing 3 to 4.30 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Tea 5 pm, followed by meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Miss G E Lucas, 70 Wyke Road, Trowbridge (Tel Trowbridge 67145). 718

SOUTHWELL DG, Nottm District - Crawford Cup heat, Sat, April 4. Draw 2.30 pm, Nuthall. Tea and meeting Greasley 5 pm. Evening ringing Greasley. Names for tea to J Crabtree, Nottm 225391. 797

SWANSEA & BRECON GUILD - Meeting, Sat, April 4, New Radnor. Bells 2.30. Service 4, followed by tea and meeting. Further ringing 5.30 to 6.30. Evening ringing practice at Kingston 6.30 to 9. 676

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD, Andover District - Spring quarterly meeting, Sat, April 4, at St Marybourne (6). Ringing from 3.30 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Tea and meeting in Village Centre 5 pm. Names for tea to Mr F Rich, Bourne Farm, St Marybourne (Tel St Marybourne 234), by Fri, April 3. 721

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Sheffield Branch - Cup Contest to be held at Wentworth on Sat, April 4. Draw at 2.30 pm. Tea and meeting 5 pm. Evening ringing at Wath 6.30 to 8.30 pm. Names for tea and teams entering contest to D Hutton (Tel Barnsley 744689) before previous Wednesday. Fred Fisher, Hon. Sec. 691

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Biggleswade District - Monthly meeting, Sat, April 11. Afternoon ringing, Great Barford, 3-4.45 pm. Tea, meeting, 5 pm at Hail Weston Village Hall. Evening ringing, Eaton Socon. All welcome. Hitchin 813333. 783

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD - Meeting, Sat, April 11, at Sevenoaks. Bells 3 pm. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and ringing until 7.30 pm. Names, please, direct to Margaret Large (E.G. 28875) by Wed, April 8. 724

ESSEX ASSOCIATION, SW District - Business meeting at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, April 11. Prearranged ringing during the afternoon, service at 5.15 pm. This will be followed by tea, business meeting and open ringing at the Abbey. Names for tea to Peter Laws, 10 Elm Close, Waltham Abbey, tel 9712681 by Thursday, April 9 please. NO NAME, NO TEA. 795

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSN, Northavon Branch - Practice meeting, Sat, April 11. Dyrham (6) 6-8. (No theory session this month.) 796

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSN, Stroud Branch - Sat, April 11, Haresfield (6) 7-9. All welcome. 754

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSN, Eastern District - Sat, April 11, quarterly meeting and striking competition at Tewin (6) 3-4.30. Tea and business meeting, then ringing at Hertingfordbury (6) until 8.30. 715

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Canterbury District - Quarterly meeting, Sat, April 11, St Nicholas-at-Wade. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs A Maunton, 9 Preston Road, Manston, Ramsgate 687

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Furness and South Lakeland Branch - Meeting on Sat, April 11, at Broughton-in-Furness. Bells (10) 2.30 pm. Service 4. Names for tea to Mrs B M Rigg, Middle-syke, Broughton-in-Furness (Tel 330). Please note change of venue. T F Metcalfe, Branch Sec. 766

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Manchester Branch - Quarterly meeting and striking competition at Pendlebury on Sat, April 11. Competition commences at 2.30 pm. Tea 5 pm at Eccles. Business meeting commences at 6 pm. Evening ringing at Eccles 7 to 9 pm. Names for tea to Miss Betty Ormrod, 20 Woodstock Road, Firwood, Manchester M16 0HR (Tel 061-881 1824), by Wed, April 8. 701

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Preston Branch - Monthly meeting, Samlesbury (8), April 11. Ringing 3 pm. Tea and business meeting 5 pm, followed by evening ringing. Cups of tea available, but bring your own food. 779

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, Hinckley District - Meeting, April 11. Ringing, Congestone (5) 3-4.30. Service at Cadeby 5 pm. Tea and business meeting at Cadeby Village Hall 5.30. Evening ringing at Market Bosworth (8) 7-9. Names for tea to M Angrave by Wednesday previous (Sapcote 2696). 784

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, Market Harborough District - Meeting, Great Bowden, April 11. Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Tea in Parish Hall 5 pm, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing, Market Harborough, till 8.30 pm. Names for tea to Pam Cotton (Mkt Harborough 31861) by Wed previous. 787

LEICESTER DG, Melton District - Meeting at Hose (5) on Sat, April 11. Bells 7-9 pm. 757

LEICESTER GUILD, Syston District - Meeting, April 11, Wanlip, 6.30-8.30. A.M.T. 683

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD, Daventry Branch - Meeting at Nether Heyford (6), Sat, April 11. Service 4.15. Names for tea, please, to Collins, Furnace Lane, Nether Heyford, by Thursday previous. Tel Weedon 41276. 598

PETERBOROUGH DG, Kettering Branch - Meeting at Orlingbury from 7 to 8 pm, and Walgrave from 8 to 9 pm, on Sat, April 11. 767

PETERBOROUGH DG, Wellingborough Branch - Quarterly meeting, Saturday, April 11. Ecton (6). Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30, then tea, meeting and evening ringing until 9 pm. Tea names to secretary: J Holmes (W'boro' 223859) by Tuesday, April 7. 799

SALISBURY DG, Calne Branch - Meeting at Hilmarton (6), April 11, 3 pm. Service 4.30. Names to G Smith, Hilmarton 285. Special methods Norwich SM and Single Court M. 801

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION - Meeting at Wem, Sat, April 11, including nominations for officers post and bring and buy 50/50 for BRP. Ringing 3-4.30. Service, tea, meeting. Evening ringing, Clive, 6.30-8 pm. Names for tea to J Harrold (Newport 812284) by April 8, please. 611

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DG, Alton/Petersfield District - Quarterly meeting on Sat, April 11, Hawkey (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Village Hall 5 pm, followed by meeting. Evening ringing at Froxfield (6) until 8.30. Numbers for tea by 8th to Hugh Routh (Petersfield 3932). 703

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DG, Basingstoke District - Quarterly meeting Saturday, April 11. Church Oakley (6) 3-4.15 pm, service 4.15 pm, tea 5 pm in St Leonard's Centre, followed by meeting. Ringing 7-9 pm Church Oakley (6), Wootton St Lawrence (6). Names for tea to Barbara Weaver by Tuesday, 7, Basingstoke 28491. 740

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION - AGM, Sat, April 25, at Hadlow. Service 12 noon, followed by lunch and meeting. Lunch tickets (limited to first 175) and tower lists, £1.75. Tower list only 11½p from Alison Parsons, Ilfa, Cranbrook Road, Hawk-hurst. Enclose SAE. Cheques payable to K.C.A. Closing date April 17. 672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, Old North Berks Branch - AGM, April 25, at Wantage. Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting in Red Cross Hall. Names for tea to E Fullbrook, 70 Foliat Drive, Wantage, by April 22, please. 751

TRURO GUILD, Penzance Branch - Spring Festival and agm, Saturday, April 25, at Towednack. Service 4.30 pm, followed by tea. Bells: Towednack from 3 pm; Gulval and Ludgvan 2.30-4.00 pm; Carbis Bay and Lelant from 6 pm. Numbers by previous Wednesday to Miss M Christopher, Higher Boskinning Cottage, Heamoor, Penzance. 800

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SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS**COUNTRY MEETING****Saturday, April 11, 1981**

Shrewsbury
 Much Wenlock (8) 10.15-11.15
 Coalbrookdale (10) 11.30-12.30
 St Mary, Shrewsbury (10) 2.00-3.00
 St Chad, Shrewsbury (12) 3.00-4.30
 Service, St Chad, 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.
 Ringing St Chad after meeting until 8.30
 Names for tea by Thursday, April 9, 1981, to Mr E F
 Willcox, 44 Longden Coleham, Shrewsbury,
 Shropshire. Shrewsbury 64920.

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ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH,**OLTON, LOWESTOFT****FLOWER AND BELLS (DEDICATION) FESTIVAL****May 23, 24 and 25, 1981**

Ringing facilities available on:

Saturday, May 23: 10.00-11.00 18.30-20.00

Monday, May 25: 09.30-10.30 17.00-18.00

Five Bells 10p per rope Max 10 minutes per touch

Application forms for completion and return by April

25 (please send s.a.e.) from

John Cole, 41 Stirling Close, Oulton,

Lowestoft, Suffolk NR32 4RA

Phone enquiries: Lowestoft 82676

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SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

to be held on

Saturday, April 11, 1981

at the Trebeck Hall, Southwell

commencing at 15.00.

Names for tea to Mr M Smith, 5 Woodlands Drive,

Southwell (813684) by Wednesday previous.

Tea to be followed by a Service and ringing until

20.30. Business includes the adoption of the revised

Guild Rules, en bloc, as read. Copies available from

District committees.

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX**

Re-Dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford

of the restored and rehung ring of eight bells on

Saturday, April 11, at 3 pm.

Open ringing after tea until 8 pm. Names for tea by

April 4 please to: F Roper, 31 Kempe Road,

Finchingfield, Braintree, Essex.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****Southwold, Saturday April 25, 1981**

Service 4 pm

Tea 5 pm at St Edmund's Hall

followed by meeting.

Details of towers open in RW of April 17.

Names for tea to Mrs H Price, Veralum House, Green

Lane, Rydon, Southwold (tel Southwold 722562

after 4 pm) by Wednesday, April 22.

No name - no tea!

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BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING****Easter Monday, April 20, 1981.**

12 noon: Service in KEYNSHAM Parish Church.

Preacher: The Venerable the Archdeacon on Bath.

2.30: Business meeting in the Parish Church Hall.

Tea to follow. Names to Mr P A Butler,

3 Stockwood Vale, Keynsham (tel 5212) by April

15. Lunch will be available at FONTELS,

opposite the church.

Ringing arrangements:

9.30-10.15

Wellow (6), Marksburys (6), Bathford (6).

9.45-10.30

Freshford (5), Corston (8), Batheaston (8).

10.00-10.45

Bathampton (6), Newton St Loe (6), Swainswick (6).

10.15-11.00

Widcombe (6), Twerton (8), Weston (8).

10.15-11.15 Bath Abbey (10).

10.30-11.15 St Michael's (8), Kelston (6).

Evening ringing arrangements will be announced

at the meeting.

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GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS**OPEN DAY****Saturday, May 30, 1981**

Exminster (8) 9.30-11.30

Powderham (6) 10.00-11.00

Kenton (6) 10.30-11.30

Kenn (6) 11.00-12.00

Ide (6) 11.30-12.30

Dunsford (6) 12.00-1.00

Christow (8) 12.45-1.45

Tedburn St Mary (6) 1.30-2.30

Cheriton Bishop (6) 2.00-3.00

Drewsteignton (6) 2.30-3.30

Spreyton (6) 3.00-4.00

South Tawton (6) 3.30-4.30

Throwleigh (6) 4.0-5.00

Chagford (8) 4.30-5.30

Moretonhampstead (8) 5.00-6.00

North Bovey (6) 5.30-6.30

Manaton (6) 6.00-7.00

Lustleigh (6) 6.30-7.30

Bovey Tracey (8) 7.00-8.00

Chudleigh (8) 7.30-9.30

All towers have been confirmed.

Tickets from Derek Hawkins, 4 Eastcliff Close,

Dawlish, Devon, or 15p per tower on the day.

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WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

Annual general meeting at Worcester, Easter

Monday, April 20. Business meeting 2 pm in St

Swithun's Church Institute followed by tea in same

hall. Annual Service 5 pm in St Swithun's Church.

Lunch available (ploughman's) at the Old Talbot,

Sibbury, 12.15-1.30 pm. Names and remittances

for lunch (£1 per head) and tea (70p per head) to S J

Wilmshurst, 168 Canterbury Road, Worcester, by

not later than April 11. Cheques etc payable to

"S J Wilmshurst" please. Strictly no name, no food

applies.

BELLS AVAILABLE**Route 1**

10.15-11.00 - Hartlebury (8)

10.45-11.30 - Ombersley (6)

11.15-12.00 - Shrawley (6)

11.45-12.30 - Grimley (6)

Route 2

10.15-11.00 - Clifton-on-Teme (6)

10.45-11.30 - Martley (6)

11.15-12.00 - Broadwas (5)

11.45-12.30 - Hallow (8)

Route 3

10.15-11.00 - Berrow (5)

10.45-11.30 - Longdon (6)

11.15-12.00 - Upton-on-Severn (8)

11.45-12.30 - Kempsey (6)

Route 4

10.15-11.00 - Bromsgrove (10)

10.45-11.30 - Hanbury (8)

11.15-12.00 - Dodderhill (8)

11.45-12.30 - Claines (10)

6.00-7.30 - Worcester Cathedral (15)

7.00-8.15 - Worcester, St John-in-Bedwardine (8)

7.30-9.00 - Worcester, All Saints (12)

Martin D Fellows

General Secretary

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**Easter Monday, April 20, 1981****Cambridge District**

The following towers will be open during the day:

11.00-12.30

Bottisham (6), Melbourn (6), Meldreth (8),

Bourn (8).

12.00-1.30

Orwell (5), Whittlesford (6), Pampisford (6),

Fulbourn (8).

1.00-2.30

Harston (6), Barrington (6), Cherry Hinton (6),

Stapleford (6)

2.00-3.30

Barton (5), Haslingford (6), Little Shelford (6),

Chesterton (6)

3.15-4.15

Trumpington (8).

4.15: Service in Trumpington Church, followed by

tea and annual general meeting. There will be

evening ringing at Trumpington until 8.30 pm.

Tea tickets. These are available at 60p from

B Horrell, 130 New Road, Haslingfield (Cambridge

870411) and all district secretaries. Please

purchase your tickets by April 13.

B Horrell,

Cambridge District secretary

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MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**W W WORTHINGTON MEMORIAL TROPHY
OPEN 10-BELL STRIKING COMPETITION****At St Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent
on Saturday, April 11, 1981.**

Draw for ringing order at 2 pm in the

Conservative Association HQ opposite the church.

Teams competing: Leicester DG, Worcester DA,

Lincoln DG, St Martin's Guild, N Staffs Assn,

Surrey Assn (Northern Dist), Midland CG,

Oxford DG (E Berks/S Bucks Branch).

Judge: Mr Murray Coleman

Towers open during the afternoon:

Hoar Cross (6) 2.30-3.30 pm

Barton-under-Nedwood (8) 3.30-4.30 pm

Airewas (8) 4.30-5.30 pm

Refreshments available throughout the afternoon.

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ADVANCE NOTICE**RINGING DAY****IN SUFFOLK**

In aid of Sproughton Bell Restoration Fund

Approx 21 towers available.

Saturday, May 30, 1981.

Full details nearer the date.

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LATE QUARTERS

Bishop's Hull, Som. 3 Jan, 1260 PB Doubles: M
 Philipson 1, S Sparks 2, Paula Lee 3, M Kohn 4, R D
 Kelly (1st as C) 5, G J Glass 6. For Somerset
 Festival '81. 8282

Launton, Oxon. 17 Feb, 1300 Grandsire
 Doubles: J Harris 1, M McArthur 2, H Massey 3, A
 Leach 4, R C Stevens (C) 5, C Singleton 6. To mark
 50 years' membership of Oxford DG by Mr H
 Massey. Sponsored in aid of Oxford DG Bell
 Restoration Fund. 732

Wells, Som (St Cuthbert) 18 Feb, 1260 Spliced
 Triples (2m): M G Buckley (C) 1, Sally A Malcolm 2,
 D Lesley J Parker 3, B J Workman 4, B J Fowler 5,
 D B Carter 6, R Parker 7, R W Davis 8. Compliment
 to F R Charles Gratton, on the award of Imperial
 Service Medal. By Somerset Cuckoos. 7818

LATE NOTICES**CORRECTION**

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury
 Branch. — Quarterly Meeting Saturday 4th April.
 Damerham 1430, Martin 1530, Corporate Com-
 munion 1630, Tea 1715. Evening ringing Down-
 ton until 2100. Names for tea to Joan Deedes
 Telephone Salisbury 5580 by Monday 30 March.
 543

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale
 Branch Meeting All Saints, Hamer, Sat, 11th
 April, Ringing 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. & 7.30 p.m. to
 9 p.m. 807

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Sat.
 April 11th; evening practice 6.30-7.30 Hackney
 (Lower Clapton Rd.): 7.30-8.30 Bethnal Green
 (Bethnal Green Rd.): As much Spliced as pos-
 sible, but everybody very welcome. 814

NATIONAL TEACHERS' GUILD. — Saturday,
 11th April, Chipping Warden (1000) Cropredy
 (1045) Horley (1130) Tadmarton (1215) South
 Newington (1300) Swerford (1445) Ascott
 (1530) Leafield (1615) Alvescot (1815). Meet-
 ing Alvescot (1700). New members welcome.
 809

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western
 Division. — Quarterly Meeting 11th April, Amber-
 ley 3.00. Service Fittleworth 4.30 followed by
 tea and meeting. Names for tea to Justina Got-
 ham (Worthing 63761) by Wednesday 8th April.
 825

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Cleveland &
 North Yorks. Branch, April 11th Stokesley 2.30-
 4.30. Tea 4.45, Swainby 6.00-7.30. Names for
 tea: J. Hallett, The Willows, Cooper Lane, Potto,
 Northallerton; Stokesley 700575. 805

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Cleveland &
 N. Yorks. Branch, Easter Monday, April 20th.
 Aysgarth 11.30-12.45; Grinton 2.15-3.45; Rich-
 mond service & tea 4.30 ringing 6.30-8.30.
 Names for tea: M. Wrench, 41 Gordon Cresc.;
 Richmond 4205. 806

STOP PRESS

The Call Change peal (p295) was at Camborne,
 Cornwall

L.C.A. & Surrey Assn (N. Dist) JOINT MEETING

This annual event was held on March 14 this year, L.C.A. being hosts. A most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent by some 60 ringers north of the Thames.

Ringing was at St Gabriel, Warwick Square; St Mary Abbots, Kensington; Chelsea Old Church and St Margaret, Westminster. One of the highlights of the event was the tea, provided by Chelsea Old Church ringers, who were warmly thanked by both Associations. Sufficient time during the tea break, in the beautifully-appointed hall, was available for the usual social chat, handbells and brief words of welcome and thanks from the masters. A bell fund collection provided nearly £8 to be shared between the two Associations.

H.W.R.

NATIONAL 12-BELL CONTEST

The eliminator for the 1981 National 12-bell Contest was held at Wolverhampton on March 14.

There was an entry of eight teams to compete for the four vacant places in the final, by ringing a course of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus, which was marked from the middle to the end.

The results, as announced by the judges (Peter Border, Neil Bennett and John Fielden) were: 1 Manchester (21 faults), 2 Leicester (23), 3 Cambridge (26), 4 Bristol (27), 5 SRCY (39), 6 Reading (42), 7 Bedford (44), 8 Derby (78).

Manchester, Leicester, Cambridge and Bristol go on, together with the St Martin's Guild, St Paul's Cathedral, ASCY and High Wycombe, to compete in the final at High Wycombe on June 27, where the test piece will be a course of Lincolnshire.

D.J.M.

70th BIRTHDAY ISSUE

Extra copies of the special 70th Birthday Issue of The Ringing World are available (price 44p inc.) from Penmark House, Guildford.

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I read the article in Reverberations about copyright with growing confusion as to where to start - so I've started by listing some of my queries in case somebody in the Region can supply a little guidance.

(1) If we do not play in public and do not charge, can we forget all about performing rights?

(2) How can we use H.R.G.B. publications? Do we assume that those arrangements can be safely played and can we copy them since we are H.R.G.B. members? - if we intend to change the form or key anyway it is pointless to buy more than one copy.

(3) How does one locate the owner of the copyright of a known tune which one wishes to use for a performance but which is not published for bells, e.g. tunes from "The Sound of Music"? Does one write to the publisher of piano music, the composer, or where does one start?

(4) Could a list of music used at recent rallies and thought to be out of copyright be compiled and printed? Regular additions would ensure a reasonable range of music, particularly for new teams.

Obviously the problems of copyrights will occupy us all for some time, and we shall all be grateful for any help from the Committee and from other knowledgeable ringers. - G.T. in *H.R.G.B. (East Anglian Region) Newsletter*.

PEAL RINGING 1881-1981

By Canon K. W. H. Felstead

Although my brief was to give a review of peal ringing covering the 70 years of the Ringing World, it seemed to me to be a good opportunity to mark also the centenary year of the publication of the first issue of the first ringing journal - Bell News - in 1881. So this article covers 100 years of peal ringing.

Bell News ushered in a new era of ringing. Before then, ringing had been a rather sporadic affair with very few centres outside London. There were few ringing societies, and these, too, mainly in London. It was mainly, I think, the advent of the present day ringing Guilds and Associations, both diocesan and county, 100 years ago, that produced the great upsurge in ringing activity. Some figures will show us the position in 1881. From the first peal ever rung (as far as we really know) in 1715, I have "collected" just over 6,400 peals up to 1881. Of these, over 1,850 were rung in Greater London. The number of towers where one or more peals had been rung was 759. I don't imagine there are very many more peals to collect prior to 1881 now - few more sources of supply are left. When Bell News started, only 20 towers had peal totals

NAME DROPPING

Preston Plucknett tower once again hold all three Ilchester Branch Trophies: skittles, striking and tidy towers. If there was a catering contest they (led by Mrs Eileen Webber) would be strong contenders for 1st place yet again. ... What a good idea! Think of sampling all those lovely meals. ... But the agony of making the decisions about 1st, 2nd, 3rd; obviously this would be a job for the professionals. At our quarterly meeting on 7th May Egon Ronay's team would have enjoyed the food and also the ham stone walls; the low, massively beamed ceiling; the medieval ambience. For we had our tea in a room at the base of the tower, separated from the immaculate nave by most elegant glass doors, and "serviced" from the well integrated extension.

Before and after the meeting, we were under the guidance of John Davis and able to enjoy Preston's delightful ring of six.

Our thanks to Jim Taylor for this privilege. The Rev. Andrew Hughes led us meaningfully through the service, assisted by the choir, and Mr. Colin Child played the organ at a well sustained pace. It was good to hear the rounds, queens, whittingtons and tittums of 'The Ringers Hymn' so rhythmically struck. Earlier in the week he had performed equally briskly to win the individual prize at the branch skittles, and in doing so helped to wrest the trophy from Huish Episcopi. Incidentally the alley at The White Hart, Martock must be a good one for organists, as Alma Tucker, organist and choir-mistress of Huish and Langport won the ladies prize.

But now for the message of the meeting. ... Of course we discussed our outing; the next tidy tower contest; the milestones ... first quarter-Sarah Neal, Mary Beable; first as conductor-Debbie Hicks, Nigel Cavill; and first peal - also Nigel.

We spent some time considering the proposed designs for a new membership certificate. All this was under the control of our Chairman, Bill Turner, whose determination to attend despite his recently fractured femur will surprise no-one who has seen him turn in a heavy tenor.

At the last, the secretary was instructed to demand name dropping in future: a firm commitment "to tea or not to tea".

Those words as dread as "False" or "No.3 is lost again" ... NO NAMES NO TEA.

of 50 or more and only 1 had reached its century. 11 of these towers were in the London area. The "League Table" at that time was as follows:-

Aston (Birmingham)	113
Leeds (Kent)	94
Bromley	92
Bethnal Green	91
Shoreditch	90
Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Michael	81
Painswick	74
Hyde	71
Whitechapel	65
Kensington	64
Lewisham	58
St. Clement Danes	58
Hackney	57
Fulham	53
St. Giles-in-the-Fields	52
Sheffield Cathedral	51
Greenwich	51
St. Margaret, Westminster	51
Appleton	50
Wakefield Cathedral	50

The upsurge in ringing is reflected by the number of peals per year which were rung. In 1881, 154 peals were rung. Five years later, in 1886, the number passed the 500 mark - 538. There were 619 in 1887 and 717 in 1888. There was little change over the next 10 years, and 900 was not reached until 1898. The first 1,000 came in 1901 and the 1910 total, just about the time when Ringing World started, was 1669. At the end of 1910, 27,163 peals had been rung in the 30 years from 1881 and they had been rung in 2,161 towers. Thus the pre-1881 average of about 40 peals per year (from 1715) had become about 900 a year. In this 30 years, we find two towers not in the 1881 table taking the lead. First, Burton-on-Trent, St. Paul's, passed Aston in January 1898, and then Erith, St. John's, passed Aston in February 1903. The latter also passed Burton in June the same year. Burton re-took the title for a couple of years from March 1910 to December 1912, but Erith has been ahead of Burton ever since. In 1881, Burton's peal total was 5, but Erith didn't have bells until 1882 and its first peal was rung that year. So now we can look at the League Table in March 1911 when the Ringing World started publication. I now give towers with 100 peals or more, out of the 2,161 towers which were now in the records - some 1,400 more than in 1881.

100 OR MORE

	1881
1 Burton-on-Trent	229 -
2 Erith, St. John	223 -
3 Aston (Birmingham)	202 1
4 Fulham	196 14
5 Drayton (Berks)	186 -
6 Warrnam	176 -
7 Appleton	171 19
8 Ashtead	168 -
8 Bethnal Green	168 4
10 Duffield	161 -
11 Lewisham	155 11
11 Southgate	155 -
13 St. Margaret, Westminster	152 16
14 Lambeth, St. John	149 -
14 Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Michael	149 6
16 Chesterfield	147 -
17 Birmingham, St. Martin	146 -
18 Irthlingborough	145 -
19 Hyde	140 8
19 St. Clement Danes	140 12
21 Brighton, St. Peter	138 -
22 Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower	137 -
23 Bromley	136 3
23 Debenham	136 -
25 Woolwich	132 -
26 Newcastle, St. John	128 -
27 Steyning	126 -
28 Crawley	124 -
29 Battersea	122 -
30 Caversham	119 -
30 Kidderminster	119 -
30 Lewes	119 -

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PEAL RINGING

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33 Loughborough, All Saints	115	-
34 Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter	114	-
34 Painswick	114	7
34 Sheffield Cathedral	114	16
37 Manchester Cathedral	110	-
37 Mottram-in-Longdendale	110	-
39 Hughenden	108	-
40 Mitcham	107	-
41 Eccles	106	-
41 Greenwich	106	16
43 Leeds (Kent)	105	2
45 Beddington	104	-
45 Brighton, St. Nicholas	104	-
45 Henley	104	-
48 Redenhall	102	-
49 Heene	101	-
49 St. Giles-in-the-Fields	101	15
51 Crayford	99	-

The 1881 column gives the position of the towers in that year. It will be seen that 5 of the then 20 have disappeared. Of the 15 remaining only 7 will still appear in the 1981 list later. Looking at the table, we see that 50 towers had reached the century mark by 1911, 3 of them the 200 mark. I expect the presence of some names will surprise some, likewise the absence of prominent towers of today. For instance, the Bell Foundry only had its first peal in 1901 and its 1911 total was 25. Birmingham Cathedral, although having a first peal in 1755, had only recorded 47 peals in 1911. On looking through the records, I was struck by the number of "1st peal on the bells" in the 1905-1910 period. There was certainly a tower-grabbing phase on at that time! Many of the towers had to wait another 30 or 40 years before another peal - some are still waiting!

A WONDERFUL RECORD

Now we come to the period of the Ringing World, 1911-1981. What a wonderful record to have survived so long. What devotion of the four editors and their small number of helpers over the 70 years, despite tremendous difficulties. Long may the paper flourish. My self-appointed recording job would be impossible without it, for one.

As we have seen, Burton was top of the League when the Ringing World started, but less than two years later, Erith had caught it up once more, and kept the lead until April 1944. It was overhauled by Crayford which had just failed to complete its century by March, 1911, but which, over the years had gradually reduced its deficit of 124 peals. It was in April 1944 that Crayford became top and it kept that place until May 1957, when Erith passed it once more. Since then, Crayford has only had 26 peals but Erith has had another 208 - hence the big lead is has over Crayford now. Even so, we haven't seen the tower so frequently this last 10 years or so, and there hasn't been a peal for over four years now (as I write). Of course, Erith is no longer the leader, for, as mentioned above, two towers which hadn't appeared in the 1911 list have come to the fore. The Bell Foundry overtook Erith in March 1952, but the latter kept its lead as far as church towers are concerned until Birmingham Cathedral took over in September 1970, when each had a total of 702. In February 1969, a fourth tower, Willesden, passed Crayford, so its position is now 5th in the table, and it appears that it will soon be caught by Bushey and Isleworth, both of which towers are very active these days.

Since 1911, about 147,000 tower bell peals have been rung, so the average per year is about 2,100 now! The annual total had reached 2,142 in 1913, but that total was never reached between the wars, the best year being 1932 with 2,111 peals - the only time the 2,000 had been passed. It was not until 1948 that 2,000 peals were rung again, and it has never dropped below

that figure since. From 1948 to 1963 peal numbers were fairly consistent - up and down between about 2,200 and 2,700. The 3,000 mark came in 1964 and it has gradually crept up since. The Silver Jubilee caused the 4,000 barrier to be broken for the first time, and although 1978 saw a drop to 3,973, 1979 and 1980 are both over 4,000 again.

250 OR MORE

Now for the figures of the 63 towers which have 250 or more peals, with their places (if any) in 1911.

1 Loughborough Foundry	2,147	-
2 Birmingham Cathedral	1,086	-
3 Erith, St. John	727	2
4 Willesden	571	-
5 Crayford	545	-
6 Bushey	522	-
6 Isleworth	522	-
8 Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter	492	34
9 Hughenden	475	39
10 Birmingham, St. Martin	474	17
11 Hazel Grove	462	-
12 Leicester Cathedral	440	-
13 North Stoneham	416	-
14 Burton-on-Trent, St. Paul	409	1
15 Beddington	405	45
15 Debenham	405	23
17 Brighton, St. Peter	402	21
18 Shoreditch	398	-
19 Grundisburgh	396	-
20 Meldreth	391	-
21 Warnham	388	6
22 Aston (Birmingham)	385	4
22 Appleton	385	7
24 Ashted	383	8
25 Framsden	374	-
26 Netherpton	368	-
26 Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower	368	22
28 Duffield	365	10
29 Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Michael	362	14
30 Crawley	350	28
30 Bristol, St. Stephen	350	-
32 Guildford, Holy Trinity	347	-
33 South Wigston	339	-
34 Nottingham, St. Peter	334	-
35 Walsall	330	-
36 Worsley	328	-
37 Leiston	327	-
38 Bedford, St. Paul	323	-
39 Accrington	318	-
40 Hethersett	310	-
41 Southwark Cathedral	304	-
42 Lewes	300	30
43 Salford	298	-
44 Brierley Hill	293	-
45 Helmingham	291	-
46 Trumpington	289	-
47 Daventry	288	-
48 Chesterfield	283	16
49 Rotherham	279	-
50 Bolsover	277	-
51 Norwich, St. Peter M.	276	-
52 Shirley	275	-
53 Drayton (Berks)	270	5
54 Frodsham	267	-
55 Maidstone	266	-
56 Irthlingborough	261	18
57 Oxford, St. Ebbe	260	-
58 Pulham Market	259	-
59 Henley	258	45
60 St. Clement Danes	257	19
60 Bromley	257	23
62 Leeds (Kent)	253	43
63 Lewisham	250	11

Peal totals to end of 1980

The figures show several interesting facts. First, as has been mentioned above, only 7 towers are on all three lists - 1881, 1911 and 1981. They are Aston, Leeds, Bromley, Ashton-under-Lyne (St. Michael), St. Clement Danes, Appleton and Lewisham. The 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th just scramble on by the skin of their teeth, being the last four in the table. But it shows remarkable consistency over the 100 years by these seven towers. Only one tower is on the first and third lists, missing the second - Shoreditch, which is obviously due to the tremendous resurgence of activity in recent years. Secondly,

as far as the second and third lists are concerned, we find just half of the 1911 towers still on the 1981 list. Erith has done best of these, dropping only from 2nd to 3rd place. Burton, the 1st in 1911, is now 14th; Fulham, the 3rd, has disappeared; Aston, Warnham, Appleton and Ashted, the 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th respectively, are now 22nd=, 21st, 22nd= and 24th - again, remarkably consistent with almost the same number of peals over the 70 years. Drayton, the 5th in 1911, has dropped to 53rd place.

Thirdly, whereas there were 50 towers with 100 or more peals in 1911, there are now 409. 214 towers have from 100 to 149 peals, 91 towers have 150-199 peals, 41 have from 200 to 249 and the remaining 63 are 250 or over, as on the list. Outstanding amongst these must be the 2,000+ peals at Loughborough Bell Foundry and the 1,000+ peals at Birmingham Cathedral in the 70 years. As I said in an earlier article about 18 months ago, it will be many years before we record another 1,000-pealer. Of recent years, apart from these two towers, mention must be made of Meldreth, Isleworth, Salford (dropping off now?), Shoreditch, Lockington, Bedford (St. Paul), Barrow Gurney, whose names are appearing most weeks in the peal lists. If they keep their rates up (e.g. Meldreth has had over 350 peals in the last 12 years and will soon be among the 400-ers), they will soon be amongst the top few.

180,000 PEALS RECORDED

The 180,000+ peals I have recorded have been rung in about 4,900 towers, which means that there are nearly 500 towers still "unconquered". Most of these are unringable, of course, but it is good to read occasionally "1st peal on the bells". I haven't had time to find out how many rings have ceased to exist in the 100 years, but I think the total number of rings has decreased somewhat. I did start to see how many augmentations had taken place in the period, but having taken very many hours to find that I had located 75 increases from 6 to 8 amongst towers starting with the letters A and B (never mind 5 to 6, and the higher numbers), I gave it up for the moment. Obviously, there must have been many hundreds in the 100 years - a sign of the popularity of ringing in this century.

The trouble with statistics is that one keeps getting new ideas on how to use them and where to draw the line in writing an article like this! But it is probably long enough already, so I will end with one final observation. A very striking feature of peal ringing in this century is the great increase in complexity of what is being rung and the ingenuity of those who compose the peals. Before the 1st war, methods rarely varied from two or three kinds of Triples and the same number of Plain Major, Surprise Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus. Variety started to come in the 1920s and 1930s with the beginning of the flood of Surprise Major methods which has lasted ever since, and so on. It seems incredible that only about 25 years ago I was privileged to take part in the first peal of Yorkshire Royal ever rung in Hampshire (as well as London and many others - a peal of London was quite an event then!). Now every week we see something different (and often the Central Council peal rules being "stretched"!). It makes one wonder where it is going to end. But one thing is certain because of all this (and it is shown by the number of augmentations and the increasing number of peals rung each year), and that is, the Exercise is very much alive and kicking. And when one sees, often, the preponderance of young people at ringing functions, the future seems assured and glorious. May the Ringing World continue to serve the Exercise as faithfully and well in the future as it has done in the past.

33rd HILLINGDON SUPPER

Annual Event as Popular as Ever

The St John's Guild, Hillingdon, Middlesex, have held a Supper regularly on a Friday evening in March for the past 33 years, and the one held this year at the Uxbridge Masonic Hall on Friday, March 13 lost none of the glories and pleasures of the past. In fact the retirement of the tower captain (Fred Goodfellow), after 25 years in that office, brought a number of old friends and well-wishers together to mark this, the end of an era which has been so successful. The newly-elected captain - Ronald Russ - has been well schooled and the future of St John's Guild is assured under his leadership.

Nearly 90 attended the supper and after the really old English meal the chairman, The Rev Michael Belham (vicar), proposed the loyal toast, and this was followed by one to the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer.

Proposing St. John's Guild, the Vicar said:

"It is perhaps inevitable that in a year in which we are to celebrate the 700th anniversary of our church that we should indulge in a certain amount of nostalgia. It is to be known by the title Festival 700. We have in our possession an original document dated 1281 which relates to the transfer of the Church, Manor House and lands from the Abbey of Evesham to the See of Worcester, and details the titles and so on which had to be paid.

Bishop's Halt School is also intimately connected with our festival as it is built on the site of the old Manor House, which was part of the property handed over to the Bishop of Worcester and which he then used when visiting London - hence the name Bishop's Halt.

This was, of course, but one event which took place in the long history of our church which goes back over 900 years.



The officers of the St. John's Guild (l to r): Ron Russ (captain); Theresa Haffenden (treasurer); Rosemary Hall (asst. secretary); Ian Russ (secretary).

It is fitting that the Festival should be announced at its beginning on Saturday, July 4, by attempting a peal on our bells. The church for over 300 years has dominated the hill on which it is built and has witnessed the passing of time and the comings and goings of the vicars and villagers - not least to the Red Lion so conveniently situated just opposite. [Laughter]

If I were asked what was one of the main characteristics of a team of bellringers, I would say that it is the example they give to us lay folk of working together as a team. To be able to stand in a circle for some three hours or more whilst ringing over 5,000 changes, knowing all the time that each one is dependent upon the other and that if one fails, all fail, demands not only deep concentration but also a high degree of mutual trust and confidence such as may rarely be found outside a ringing chamber.

It is one of the purposes of Festival 700 to provide an opportunity for members not only of the Church but also of the school and villagers to come together and share in the various activities in such a way as to enhance our sense of community, and I see the example of a team of bellringers as giving us a lead in achieving this end.

Replying on behalf of the Guild, Mr Fred Goodfellow (now Captain Emeritus) thanked the Vicar, the churchwardens and the other members of the Guild for their encouragement and loyalty. He went on to give a nostalgic record of events over the years, stating that the Guild in its present form was started in 1923. There is only one survivor from that beginning



The Cookham Handbell Ringers entertaining the company after the formal proceedings had been completed.

-Fred Smith (Hillingdon Heath) who was steeple-keeper for 21 years. The turnover in members over the years has been considerable. Like all bands we have had our good periods and our bad ones. There was that notable outing in 1970 where all the towers visited had 10 bells. We rang Hillingdon Surprise Royal at each as a preparation for the successful peal in the same method a few weeks later at St John's.

He spoke of successes and problems overcome in the passing years, mentioning the cold conditions in the tower. In 1974, he said, Jessie Honor provided electric heating in the ringing chamber, and now in this "luxurious warmth" we ring Sunday by Sunday and for other special occasions as events demand.

Giving details of progress of individual members of the Guild, Fred told of the success of the tower's handbell tour of the USA and of the return visit being made by a handbell team from America in June/July. He concluded: "The Guild is now under new management as I have reached retiring age. We have three new young officers - Theresa Haffenden as treasurer, Ian Russ as secretary and Rosemary Hall as his assistant. These three together with Ron have been responsible for tonight's arrangements. [Applause] I wish Ron every success in his additional post as captain and I know that with the support of the rest of the Guild he will keep St John's bells ringing." [Applause]

The visitors were welcomed by the newly-elected Guild captain, Ronald Russ, who, in well-chosen words, greeted both non-ringing guests and visitors as well as those who are committed to the art. The Archdeacon of Northolt (Ven. Dr. Tom Butler) and Mrs Butler received especial mention as they were making their first visit to the Guild.

Each and every visitor was named and where appropriate details given of their connection with the Guild or the ringing Exercise, the Oxford DG members being congratulated as that Guild is celebrating its centenary this year.

The speaker concluded by quoting W B Yeates:

"Think where man's glory most begins and ends -
And say: Our glory was we had such friends."

In an amusing and entertaining reply, the Archdeacon of Northolt, on behalf of non-ringing guests and visitors spoke of the service given by bellringers for those parishioners who were too busy to attend church, but who could hear the bells with the knowledge that there were prayers being offered on their behalf at the service that followed the ringing. Bells are music's laughter, he added, and in heaven, too, there would be bells for the ringers when they departed this life.

The Archdeacon concluded with a 1608 quotation: "The English excel in dancing and music for they are active and lively... They are vastly fond of great noises that fill the air, such as firing of cannon, drums and ringing of bells, so that in London it is common for a number of

FOR SERVICES RENDERED

Presentation to Mr F W Goodfellow

At the annual supper of the Hillingdon (Middlesex) Guild on March 13 a presentation was made to Fred Goodfellow who, after 52 years' membership of St John's and with over 25 years' captaincy, retired from office and was appointed captain emeritus. During an interval between speeches the Vicar (Rev Michael Belham) on behalf of the local ringers and others in various parts of the country, presented Fred with a beautiful carriage timepiece, whilst Mrs Goodfellow received a bouquet from Master Daren Pickett.

The Vicar said that whilst acknowledging each individual has their own very special part to play and that the ringing team cannot exist without its members, nevertheless in order to achieve that sense of community, to bring the members together and indeed to inspire them with the will and enthusiasm to work together demands that there is somebody very special at the helm.

He continued by enumerating the services given by Mr Goodfellow and of his devotion to the Church of St John. He asked him to receive the gift with the love and affection of many ringers and friends, wishing him and Mrs Goodfellow continuing good health and happiness in the years ahead.



The Vicar (Rev Michael Belham) presenting the carriage clock to Fred Goodfellow whilst (seated) Mrs Barbara Butler and the Ven Tom Butler (Archdeacon of Northolt) applaud.

Replying, Fred said it was quite heart-warming, and added: "To all friends who have subscribed to this splendid gift, I thank you many times over. Tonight will be a continual source of joy to me. Thank you, Vicar and Ron Russ, for all you have done in arranging for this presentation."

He then gave personal recollections of his associations with the Guild and concluded: "One great feature I found at St John's when I joined the band and which I have striven to preserve and to enrich was the wonderful spirit of Christian brotherhood. If there is any one message to my successors it is to remember Hillingdon's reputation for friendliness. Don't let it get tarnished."

The gathering gave Fred and Mrs Goodfellow a standing ovation after his speech of thanks.

them when drunk to go up into some belfry and ring the bells for hours together."

The Ringing World editor (Charles Denyer) replied on behalf of the ringing guests and visitors, thanking the St John's Guild for their hospitality, congratulating Mr Goodfellow on his service to the Exercise as a whole and the Guild in particular, and wishing the newly-elected officers every success in the years ahead.

During an interlude there was change-ringing on handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters being rung by Fred Goodfellow 1-2, Bill Coles 3-4, Joan Summerhayes 5-6, David Parsons 7-8 and Norman Summerhayes 9-10. At the conclusion of the formalities the Cookham Handbell Ringers entertained with selections and an hour or so of socialising concluded around midnight.

ALL SAINTS', GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE

Gainsborough is a town of about 20,000 people, on the west bank of the River Trent, which here forms the boundary of Lincs and Notts. It is an important inland port and the Eagre, a tidal wave similar to the Bore on the Severn, is seen at its best just north of the town.

Probably it owes its name to a Saxon tribe called Gaile that occupied these parts, and in 808 Alfred the Great celebrated his marriage here to Etheired, daughter of the chief of the tribe.

The town figured prominently in the Civil Wars. Col. Cavendish, in command of a party of Royalists, was routed by Cromwell south of the town and he (Cavendish) was killed in nearby Lea. Shortly afterwards a much larger force captured the town and this was said to be the turning-point in the war.

The Church of All Saints was founded and endowed by the Knights Templars in 1269. The tower, some 90ft high, dates back to that time and once had a lofty spire. The body and the chancel were rebuilt in 1736 to a plan resembling a Basilica.

There are memorials to the Bacon family. Lords of the Manor, who gave bells to several Churches in the district.

In 1553 there were five great bells, and ropes were provided by Trentside farmers.

Lester & Pack of London supplied a ring of eight in 1764. Taylor's recast 6 and 7 in 1883 and in 1908 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 8 were recast by them and a cast-iron frame provided at the same time. They were put on ball-bearings in 1939. The tenor weighs 19-1-24 and is in E.

The first peal on the bells was Grandsire Triples rung by the Sherwood Youths in 1768.



and the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in Lincolnshire was rung on these bells by the St Peter's Company of Sheffield in 1848.

There is an enthusiastic company of 16 ringers, and methods including Surprise Major are regularly rung. Times of Sunday ringing are 9.30 am and 5.15 pm. Practice night is Monday and visitors are always welcome.

Gainsborough ringers (l to r): Delia Heppenstall, Bob Thorne, Charles Baker, Rev David Boutle, Jonathan Swatton, Janet Clarke, Pauline Bull, Sue Platt, Phyllis Johns, Robin Heppenstall, Ethel Gray, Stephen Clarke. (Absent: Richard Dilley, Leslie Lunn and Karen Bessant).



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