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## ST. ANDREW'S.

## STOKE DAMEREL,

## PLYMOUTH, DEVON

### The Building

Stoke Damerel Church is the Parish Church of Devonport in the City of Plymouth. The first reference to a church on the site is in the Taxation Book of Pope Nicholas IV (1288-1291) which records a payment by "Ecclia de Stok". The first Rector recorded is Henry le Megre in 1310. Except for the tower, little remains visible of the medieval church, but recent work on the building has revealed interesting traces of the ancient structure. Most of the present building dates from the 18th century, when aisles were added on the north and south sides in 1715 and 1750 respectively. An unusual feature of the church is that it is wider than it is long.

The increased accommodation became necessary with the influx of population, following the establishment of a dockyard and the growth of the new town of Plymouth Dock (later called Devonport) entirely within the boundaries of the Parish. There is a tradition that, for the 1750 extension, the Admiralty supplied ships' knees, beams and spars to build the roof, masts for pillars and cabin doors as internal doors.

### The Bells

In 1553, commissioners were appointed to carry out an Inventory of Church Goods, and were instructed to "Charge the Churchwardens etc. that they safely kepe unspoiled, unembesiled and unsold all such bells as do remayne in every of the said Churches". According to this Inventory, Stoke Damerel had four bells. They were rung from the ground floor until the construction in 1750 of a ringing chamber at first-floor level.

Three of the four bells were in 1778 found to be cracked. It was proposed that the bells be recast into one large bell, but at a vestry meeting only four votes were cast in favour of one bell and 33 for a 6-bell ring. The Rector objected that "six bells would be productive of more Idleness and Drunkenness than is in the Parish already but that if the present bells were cast into one large bell it would be more useful and less expensive, the Parish being exceedingly burthened by a Numerous Poor and a necessity for enlarging the churchyard". Following a hearing of the dispute in the Consistory Court the Bishop granted a licence for a ring of six bells. Unfortunately, when the medieval bells were removed for recasting, no record was made of their inscriptions, so their founder and date of casting are not known. They were recast with additional metal as a ring of six by Thomas Bilbie and hung in two separate oak frames with the second, third and fifth over the treble, tenor and fourth, all swinging east-west. This odd



arrangement was necessary to accommodate such large, heavy bells in a tower whose internal dimensions are only 8ft x 11ft and is unusual in not being square. The weights, notes and inscriptions were:-

Treble	5-2-02	D sharp
WHEN I CALL FOLLOW ALL MR JAMES HORE & MR RALPH MAY CH W		
THOMAS BILBIE CULLOMPTON FECIT 1789		
2nd	6-0-20	C sharp
T BILBIE FECIT 1789		
3rd	6-0-24	B
T BILBIE FECIT 1789		
4th	7-0-08	A sharp
THOMAS BILBIE CULLOMPTON DEVON FECIT 1789		
5th	9-1-25	G sharp
GOD SAVE THE KING THOMAS BILBIE CULLOMPTON FECIT 1789		
Tenor	14-0-18	F sharp
I TO THE CHURCH THE LIVING CALL AND TO THE GRAVE DO SUMMON ALL MR JAMES HORE & MR RALPH MAY CHURCH WARDENS T BILBIE FECIT 1789		
Diameter of tenor: 43"		

These bells were first rung as George III rode past, with his Queen and the three eldest Princesses, on a visit to Plymouth Dock in 1789. A ringers' rhyme on a board in the ringing chamber commemorates the occasion:

Let awful Silence first among us reign,  
Then let this useful Law each one maintain.  
We ring the Quick to Church, the Dead to Grave.  
Our Use is good, such Usage let us have;  
Who Swear or Curse, or yet in Angry Mood  
Quarrel or Strike (although he draws no blood)  
Wears Hat, Boot, Spur or overturn a Bell,  
Or by unskilful handling Mars a Peal,  
Let him pay Six-Pence for each single crime  
To make him cautious at another time.  
When 'tis the Sexton's fault to cause delay  
We call from him a Double Penalty.  
May Concord Reign Among Us as we Ring.  
Pray God preserve our Church Country and King.  
On whose account these Bells were first rung here  
When George our King did in the West appear.

In 1873 the churchwardens, having no funds, appealed to the Lord of the Manor "to bear the cost of such repairs as are necessary to be done,

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## STOKE DAMEREL (continued)

the bells being silent for want of repair for a considerable time". By the turn of the century the bells were rehung in the original frames on patent (and notorious) bearings by William Aggett of Chagford.

## ROLLED STEEL JOISTS

In 1923/4 the bell-frames were strengthened by the addition of rolled steel joists. In 1952 the bells were said to be "sadly in need of restoration" but it was not until 1966 that a damaged wheel was replaced, the frames stiffened by the addition of tie-bars, and ringing resumed after ten years' silence. It was then that ringers who form the core of the present band were recruited. Only one peal was ever rung on the bells - in 1938 - in which members of the Myers family constituted half the band. Between 1966 and 1971, 19 quarter peals were achieved on the ponderous old six. However, the 1971 quinquennial survey revealed serious corrosion in the frames. This, together with the weight and unsatisfactory hanging of the bells, caused them to fall silent again.

But on November 17, 1977, a new ring of bells, a light octave cast from the metal of the Bilbie six by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, rang out from the tower. Their weights and notes are:-

Treble:	D	1-2-12	5th:	G	2-1-12
2nd:	C sharp	1-2-20	6th:	F sharp	2-1-26
3rd:	B	1-3-09	7th:	E	3-1-26
4th:	A	1-3-20	Tenor:	D	4-2-12

All the bells bear the Whitechapel Foundry mark and the wording 'Whitechapel 1977'. The inscriptions on the former bells are repeated on the inscription bands of the new bells, with new inscriptions on the waists:-

Treble: WHEN I CALL FOLLOW ALL

6th: THOMAS BILBIE CULLOMPTON DEVON FECIT 1789. CAST FROM THE PREVIOUS SIX 1977

7th: GOD SAVE THE KING 1789. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN. SILVER JUBILEE 1977

Tenor: I TO THE CHURCH THE LIVING CALL AND TO THE GRAVE DO SUMMON ALL

They are hung conventionally in a steel frame, which was erected by ringers and parishioners, with the fourth and seventh above the other bells.

At last we have an octave appropriate in size and weight to the tower, which will overcome the chronic problems of maintenance and the threat of structural damage to the building. This is the third ring of bells that has hung in the tower to maintain a ringing tradition that stretches over at least four centuries. We trust it will enable us to discharge our responsibility to ensure that this tradition is able to continue for another 400 years - at least.

## Appreciation

## JOHN A. ACRES

It was with profound regret that the news was received that John Acres had passed away on March 18 at St Mary's Hospital, Melton Mowbray.

John came to Leicester in the middle of 1953 just when the writer was returning after four years' absence in the Royal Air Force and College. He quickly became a member of the peal band that rang every week at the Loughborough Bell Foundry (usually ringing the eighth) and at St Thomas', South Wigston. He also took part in a large number of handbell peals as well. In the space of about 12 years he had rung 301 peals with the writer and 710 for the Leicester D.G.

It was not just peal ringing; as well as being deputy ringing master at the Cathedral he found time to be peal secretary of the Guild (1960-1965) and also the Guild's first life ringing member.

His ringing career came to an untimely end in the middle 1960s when diabetes and multiple sclerosis were diagnosed. Having to give up work, he moved initially to live with his sister at Chelmsford prior to moving to accommodation for disabled young people at Chigwell. As increasing nursing attention became necessary he moved to a hospital at Chelmsford and then subsequently to St Mary's Hospital, Melton Mowbray, where he had been for the last few years. His interest in the Guild remained as strong as ever and he bought from the relatives of the late Albert E. Austin a set of 14 Shaw handbells (tenor 19 in F) and donated them to the Guild. Fortunately he was able to be at the service in Leicester Cathedral when they were dedicated.

Since giving up active ringing he concentrated on maintaining the record of all "1,000-pealers". Those of us in that category are greatly indebted to him for all his painstaking work carried on week by week by means of his typewriter.

The end came following a bout of 'flu which his tired body was not able to withstand. The funeral was at All Saints', Newmarket, on Friday, March 27.

B.G.W.

Stoke Damerel ringers-Front (l to r): Julia Steere, John Mitchelmore, Judith Mitchelmore; (middle): Jackie Cook, John Stott, Rosalinde Adams, John Steere, Robert Southwood, Gordon Cryer (Rector), Stephen Peirce; (back): Nicholas Head, Patricia Parkes, Maurice West, Norman Mallett.

On p.283 was published John Acres' last quarter peal. I knew John for 15 or 16 years, and if it were not for him I would not be ringing today.

John was born in early December 1921, but contracted Multiple Sclerosis.

I was in the choir at Chigwell and had to travel by car to church. The curate asked for volunteers to transport residents of Chigwell House and among those I took was John. After a couple of weeks, John mentioned a desire to attend the Leicester Guild Dinner. I agreed to take him and the following week was presented the first of many typed letters, with a list of names of prominent ringers there. This letter I treasure today.

John had been Deputy Ringing Master at Leicester Cathedral and spoke of the peals he had rung with the late Harold Poole. His knowledge of technical mathematics involved with proving methods and the theory in ringing served to keep his mind active after his illness prevented any further practical ringing.

An excellent handbell ringer it was an honour to be present at Leicester Cathedral a few years ago when John presented the set of handbells on which he rang his first peal.

John developed a great interest in the '1000' pealers, and this interest in 'facts and figures' kept his brain alive and helped with his general health.

He watched with interest all who approached the 1000 mark, checking the figures and writing questioning letters. He was instrumental in organising the peal with all 1000 pealers ringing.

A wish to return to Leicester was granted when he was transferred from Chelmsford to Melton Mowbray. For one, I thank John for all the help he gave me and the joy I get from my ringing.

D.A.T.

## Appreciation

## WILLOUGHBY F. MAULDEN

Suffolk's last link with pre First World War Framlingham was severed when Willoughby Maulden passed away in early March. 'Sonny' was 89, a contemporary of George Symonds, William Flory, Bob Hayward, and other members of a noted band in their day, all performing under the somewhat Dickensian eye of the Rev. J. Holme Pilkington.

Just before the First World War he lived in Guildford and often spoke proudly of his time with Alf Pulling. He was always a good handbell ringer and was invited in several peals with James Hunt, Frank Blondell, the Radfords and William Shepherd.

Like Symonds and Hayward, the Mauldens were in the Milling and Feedstuffs business; indeed Framlingham has always been a 'Mill Town' in the agricultural sense and Sonny was known as a fine businessman whose book-keeping and hand-writing were a model - a marvellous penman.

His ringing was like his work and one recalls his absolute precision on the treble to Surprise Major and Stedman in which, like Mrs. Cecil Mayne, he made a speciality - only the best was good enough. Sonny loved Stedman, Double Norwich and Bristol and was a good listener too. He was especially kind to John Mayne and the writer when they started ringing and he stood in their first peals at Ufford. Always a word of encouragement and, in the days of rationing (would you believe) a whole bar of Cadbury's Dairy Milk afterwards!

Sonny Maulden spent his last days in Hartismere Senior Citizens Home alongside his old friend Frank Ruffles and read the RW to the last. A Christian gentleman - may he rest in peace. G.W.P.





## JOINT MEETING

On 4th April, 1981 there was a joint meeting of the Guildford District. (Guildford D.G.) with the Sussex C.A. at Rudgwick. Tea was arranged by the Sussex C.A. and there was evening ringing at Cranleigh.

## 500 PEALS FOR THE ASSOCIATION

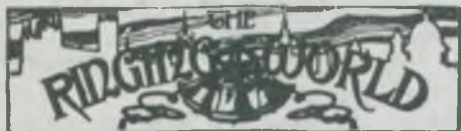
The London County Association has never been prolific in its peal ringing, concentrating more on the non-peal ringing membership. Consequently the total number of peals rung by the Association, from its first peal in 1827, is still well under 2,000.

Of these, however, Harold Rogers has just rung his 500th, with Stedman Caters at West Ham on March 28. The only two serious runners-up are Olive Rogers, who requires only nine more for her 500th, and T. H. Tallender with a total of 440. By coincidence the West Ham peal was the overall 600th together (all on tower bells) for Harold and Olive Rogers.

## WELCOME LETTER

Thame (Oxon), 28th January, 1981 ... re Mr. Victor Holloway, deceased. Under the Will of the late Mr. Holloway who died on the 8th December, 1980, he bequeathed the sum of £100 to the South Oxfordshire Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers care of yourself in memory of the happy times spent visiting many churches. We accordingly enclose our cheque for £100 ... Robert Arnott Esq.

This welcome letter arrived out of the blue through Bob Arnott's letterbox earlier this year and the money has now been banked with the branch account. It would seem a good idea to invest it in a separate account where it can be left to grow for a rainy day. The Arnott's remember Mr. Holloway arriving in Thame many years ago when Brenda was a baby and he used to take them out ringing in his car all over this area. He later left the district and went to live in Cornwall and they lost contact - until the above letter arrived.



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Photo: Simon Berry

Ringers and friends of Kilmersdon, Somerset held an outing in February and this photo was taken outside one of the churches where they rang (l to r): Charles Jones, Pat Jones, Paul Dye, Simon Berry, Sally Malcolm, Barry Fowler, Susan Dye, Ted Chivers, Giles Wilson, Doug Gill, David Mackey, Gill Pomeroy, Brian Workman, Henry Hawkins, John Fowler.

## CANTERBURY'S BELLS

We now have ten of the new bells for Canterbury Cathedral cast and tuned; the others will be cast during the next month or so. The clock chime has now been completed and is in store, awaiting the completion of the preparation work in the Arundel Tower. Work is also progressing well in building our new ringing room, which is going to be rather splendid. R.C.O.

## THE REIGATE SAGA

The last newsletter contained an indepth account of relationships at Reigate regarding the condition of the bells. Since that time there has been an Annual Meeting of the ringers (all 11 of them) chaired by the Vicar during which there was considerable useful discussion about the possible repairs to the ring of ten. The local committee, having consulted with Bob Cooles, have submitted proposals to the PCC and once approval is given, the bells could be removed in August/September and returned in time for Christmas. The project we have proposed will ensure the safeguard of Reigate bells for at least 50 years. The Belfry Repair Fund have given us their full support, and are pleased to see a major project in the Southern District. - Newsletter.

## RAF Guild

## CAME FROM NORWAY FOR AGM

On the wet and windy morning of 21st March members of the Guild met beside the M4 at the Church of Cranford. The weather improved sufficiently to appreciate the lovely church and surrounds. We enjoyed this light ring before a circular tour of Heathrow to Stanwell. At Harlington we had a pub lunch before ringing on the best eight of the day, but at Uxbridge (St. Andrew's) the rope catches the clock support beam.

Tea was in the Airmen's Mess, RAF Uxbridge and at the meeting which followed all officers were re-elected. The treasurer's accounts were accepted and a sum of money voted towards Shawbury (which has strong RAF connections) restoration appeal. After ringing at Iwer (6) all found devious routes to Slough (10).

A pleasant day by all, thanks to George Auldhouse's organisation. Mick and Betty Stracey said it was worth the weekend trip from Norway even though the weather had again deteriorated by the end of the day. A.J.C.

## Leicester Univ. &amp; Polytechnic Soc.

## EPISODE 19

On 14th March, 30 students and friends from Leicester took part in Episode 19. Ye Dinner Daye Tour.

First stop was Loughborough Bellfoundry, followed by Kingston-on-Soar and Lockington (10).

Lunch was at Cross Keys, Castle Donnington, and afterwards Diseworth where "Ye Method of Ye Daye" (Norwich S Minor) was successfully rung.

Mountsorrel (8) proved tricky and then all returned to Leicester after thanking Peter C. Kirby for arranging such a successful and enjoyable tour. S.A.A.

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## Bedfordshire Association

## STILL GO WELL

The Bedford District held an evening meeting at St. Peter's, Sharnbrook on March 7 which proved very popular. About 35 members attended and it was encouraging to see all the young people attending. Sharnbrook once again has a local band. The bells are by Gillett and Johnston and still "go well". P.B.

## Obituary

## TED ROCHESTER

Ted Rochester of Sawbridgeworth, Herts. died on February 21st in Harlow Hospital, at the age of 78. By his passing the Bishops Stortford District (Hertford C.A.) and the North West District (Essex Assn.) have lost one of their most colourful ringers. Ringing to Ted was a life-long interest, and he had rung at many towers up and down the country particularly while he was employed by a local transport company.

Born at Matching, Essex, Ted learnt to handle a bell at the age of 14, joining his brother and uncle at Matching where, for about ten years or so, it was just stoney-ringing. Employed by the local council at that time he was introduced to change-ringing in the early 1920's at Harlow Common under Mr. G. Dent and cycled over for many years, becoming a regular member of that band. On his marriage in 1930 he went to Sawbridgeworth but still remained as a member at Harlow Common until 1952 when he became captain at his home tower, remaining in that capacity until ill-health forced him to relinquish the post in 1977. About ten years ago his health began to deteriorate, but even when unable to ring he still attended ringing meetings, and from his home would often listen to the bells on practice night and pass comment ("Tidy row they're making up there tonight!") in his usual blunt manner.

About 1960 he started organising week-end tours to Somerset in conjunction with Mrs. Audrey Short (Puriton) who lived locally at Harlow before her marriage. These ringing week-ends were always popular and still continue annually, Clive Moore taking over the organising when Ted felt unable to carry on. He kept no record of his peals, but two of which he was particularly proud were one at Matching in 1939, believed only the second on the bells, and his last but one peal in 1971 when he rang the tenor to Grandsire Triples at Sawbridgeworth. This peal was to commemorate the centenary of the bells, and the 90th anniversary of the first peal on the eight.

He was made a life member of the Essex Association in 1969; also a life member of the Hertford C.A. in 1973. He became a member of the Cumberland Youths in 1959.

Apart from his ringing, another passion was for steam and traction engines, a legacy from his days while working for Essex C.C. The writer has vivid memories of Ted climbing up to drive one of the monsters at a rally wearing an immaculate white shirt, which a few minutes later was covered in oily black smuts (much to the disgust of his wife!).

Other memories are of Ted falling into the River Stort at Bishops Stortford while loading flour into the Mill; also bellowing across the Strand prior to ringing at St. Clement Danes "Oi, where yer bin to?"

Yes! a great character has gone from our ringing circles. Many who were privileged to know him were at his funeral. A quarter peal half-muffled was rung the previous evening, and also as the cortege left the church. Our sympathy goes to his wife and family. May he rest in peace.

W.H.A.



Welsh Colleges Society

## DINNER TOUR

For the dinner tour this year the Society returned to Bristol, travelling to Clevedon in search of towers on the Saturday. We were pleased to welcome a large number of members, though the sheer size of the group caused problems at some of the smaller towers.

The chief business of the AGM on Saturday afternoon was the election of new officers. The post of Master stays with a Cardiff member, Lynn Blundell taking over from Richard Brooker. Other appointments were: James Stonham (deputy Master), Liz Green and John Elley (catering officers). The retiring catering officers retained their full quota of posts, with Bridget Osmond becoming secretary and Bridget Marsh nominated Mascot Keeper and subsequently, at the dinner, Romance Officer.

Guest speakers at the dinner this year were Mr and Mrs Ivor Trueman, and a succession of three excellent speeches left members "rolling in the aisles". Sobriety was regained sufficiently for the majority to spend several hours on the dance floor, during which time a new office was instigated. (See photo.)

H.F.

## Obituary

## THOMAS COOKE

Ringing in the north-east of England has suffered a severe blow by the death on 24th March of Mr. Thomas Cooke of Darlington, a ringer at St. Cuthbert's since 1932, and tower captain from 1952. His ringing had been somewhat curtailed because of his health for the last three or four years, and last Autumn he was seriously ill, and spent several weeks in hospital. He appeared to be making a good recovery, however, and had been back regularly in the tower again until a short time before he died. Great sympathy is felt for his wife, Rohilla, and his two daughters, Brenda and Janet, all of them ringers.

Tom began ringing at St. Cuthbert's and was a most regular Sunday service ringer for nearly 50 years, with the exception of the war years, when he served in the army. He had long service as chairman, and a ringing master, of the Southern District, Durham and Newcastle Association, and he was the Association's president from 1959 to 1962.

Altogether he rang 165 peals, on all numbers from six to 12, and conducted 31 of them and his wife rang in 27 of them. They covered all standard methods, with two firsts for the Association - Darlington SM and New Durham SM. He also rang a number of multi-method Surprise Minor peals, mostly in seven methods, but going up to 21. Four peals - Plain Bob Major, Cambridge, Yorkshire or DNCB were rung silent and non-conducted.

## Police Guild

## DISAPPOINTED

The South East District A.D.M. was held in Central London on 28th March, when the day started with a quarter at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, followed by general ringing there. Morning coffee was provided in the crypt by Peter Shonk, (District Master). Camberwell tower had to be abandoned as no-one arrived with the key and the 20 or so disappointed ringers moved on to take lunch at Gilmore Section House, Elephant and Castle. Fortunes improved here and 26 members and friends sat down to a first-class meal by the Metropolitan Police catering staff. At the business meeting, officers elected were: Master - Peter Shonk, Secretary - Barry F. Peachey, Auditor - Martin Pring, Committee Rep. - George Amor.

The secretary's report and account had been circulated and this reported a membership increase by 40% and that cash-in-hand had trebled. Two quarter peals were rung, the first by the district for 11 years. Frank Akers was congratulated on his election to Guild Life Membership at the Jubilee meeting in Leicester. Greetings and best wishes were formally sent to Mrs Heather Peachey whose first baby was due any day! We welcomed as new members Det. Sgt. A. C. Grimwood and his daughters (Misses C. and M. Grimwood), of Crondall, Hants.

Further ringing was at St. Clement Danes, Clerkenwell, and at Aldgate with complimentary comments about this magnificent eight. The next meeting will be in the Newbury area on 20th June, as guests of the Thames Valley contingent.

B.F.P.

London SE (St. George-the-Martyr) 28 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Pring (Assoc. Member) 1, Rosalind M Spencer-Smith (W.P.C. Hants) 2, Diana Torkington (Supt. Thames Valley) 3, C F Kendall (Special Cons. Thames Valley) 4, J G A Prior (Ex-Insp. Metro.) 5, J Pearce (P.C. Thames Valley) 6, B. F. Peachey (P.C. Hants, C) 7, M Pring (Sgt Transport Police) 8 Rung on A.D.M. Day.

Tom's greatest contribution to ringing, however, was not in peals, but in his devotion to service ringing at his own Church, and to teaching young ringers. He was a most patient and kindly teacher, giving up much of his time for years past to teaching beginners, not only in his own tower, but at the neighbouring tower of St. John, and at Hurworth, Barnard Castle and Shildon.

He loved, too, the social side of ringing, and did all he could to promote good fellowship in his tower. Visitors were always welcome, and practices have been attended by many of his "pupils" from other towers. He was an encouraging man, and largely because of this, St. Cuthbert's has had for many years a Sunday service band capable of ringing Surprise Major for services.

Before and after the funeral the bells were rung half-muffled, and the presidents of the Durham and Newcastle Association (Mr. David Martin) and the Yorkshire Association (Mr. Tom Cox) rang in a pre-service touch of Stedman Triples. Ringers were present from a wide area, and from both Associations.

The Vicar, in a tribute, spoke of Tom as a craftsman (he was a joiner by trade) and said that he approached whatever he did as a craftsman, thoughtfully and conscientiously. E.P.

Barnard Castle, Durham. 26 Mar, 1260 Rev. Canterbury P.B. Doubles: Marilyn Antcliff 1, Sara Elliott 2, Jennifer Elliott 3, Elizabeth Ottaway 4, J L Elliott (C) 5, G Antcliff 6. In appreciation of the life and work of Tom Cooke.





## BELLFOUNDERS' GIFT PAGE



Leader:

### 70th BIRTHDAY

We are grateful to those readers who sent us messages of congratulations on the 70th Birthday of The Ringing World and we acknowledge with thanks the (few) donations sent for the "70 Fund". Presumably 70 is not a very special number for celebration and jubilation as are those of 25, 50 and 60.

We know of one OAP who has been a subscriber ever since the first issue of RW came out on March 24, 1911. Are there any others we wonder. Alas! each year depletes the number of those who rang before the First World War and remember the early days of our journal and its proprietor and editor (John Goldsmith). To have known and rung with that kindly, generous and talented gentleman is indeed an honour and privilege, as no doubt others feel about well-known and much-loved ringers whom they remember over the years. Fortunately the Central Council keeps records of very many who have served the Exercise in various ways.

In the volumes of The Ringing World there also can be found details of servants of the Exercise who are no longer with us. What a remarkable record is contained in those pages; what interest there will be for future ringers who will be able to understand what ringing was like in the 20th century.

DO ensure that records are kept in your tower, and if you have not one already, why not start one now?

Mr. A. P. Cannon rang his first ever 'silent' peal (though not his first non-conducted peal) when he rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples at Uxbridge by members of the A.S.C.Y. on 2nd April.

The 'sinking' of Charlwood Church (Surrey). We have now discovered that our grand sum of £40,000 raised in May last year is a long way short of the total cost for stabilising the Church. After a lot of research work, it is considered to underpin the South and part of the East and West walls by crosspiling, and to secure the roof plates from spreading with coach bolts set in concrete.

Although the tower leans to the South East, it is not causing any alarm.

Of the five who intended to attend the Oxford D.G. service in Reading, only Daphne (Branch chairman) and the writer were able to go. Jane and Peter Heritage were unable to do so due to the fact that Jane was flat on her back with severe back trouble, which may prevent her from ringing for some time to come. Those of us who went felt it was a pity that the traditional Evensong was not used, as many churches still do not use the modern versions of the services. -As our ropes are wearing out beneath the sallies, we have sent them away to have new tails spliced on. The terylene rope spliced above the sallies has proved successful - the dry, hot atmosphere of the church has caused the natural ropes to powder. M.R.C. -Newsletter

First peal congratulations to: Randall R. Perrey, Simon W. Greaves, Sarah J. Fradgley, Mark D. Anderson, Rosemary Werry.

A typical comment heard a couple of days after a quarter: "Congratulations on the silent quarter; it is probably the longest time you have been silent - at least while awake!" A.P.L.

One of the Horley, Surrey ringers had a busy Sunday recently. Having completed the London Marathon, David Whitehead rang a quarter-peal for Evensong (first in method) and then went home for a couple of hours' sleep before going on night shift.

At the Sussex C.A. Restoration Fund Committee meeting on January 9, an application was considered from Hooe Church Council for a grant towards the cost of work to the roof of the tower and the repair of the bell wheels amounting to £1,650. The committee agreed that a grant of £150 should be paid. -Newsletter

Recently overheard comments: The advantage of the South is that they (the ringers) enjoy their ringing; they don't take it too seriously and always enjoy their drinking afterwards. Above all is the loyalty to Sunday ringing for Church services. Peal and quarter peal grabbing is not the 'No. 1' aim of Southern District bands. -Newsletter

The first peal has been rung by members of Salford University. This University, although still small, has gained a reputation as one of the best producers of engineers. Until recently the number of ringers there could be counted on one hand, but in the past two years the ringing population has been growing: there are at least eight ringers there now. Although not wanting to break away from the Manchester University Guild they wanted to make their presence known and a few months ago the idea to ring a Salford Branch peal came to life. There were five undergraduates and one post-graduate in the peal band. E.R.

### AS YOU WERE

No. 134 in our series of old photographs of well-known ringers:



Last week: Marjorie Legg



Photo: Simon Berry

Rodney Thatcher, a ringer at Wilton, Taunton, carving the turkey after the Kilmerston, Somerset outing in February.

The silent and non-conducted peal of Spliced S. Maximus in 14 methods rung by members of The Ancient Society of College Youths at St. Mary-le-Bow, London, on March 29 set a new record, in terms of the number of methods rung, for non-conducted Spliced Surprise Maximus, and possibly also for non-conducted Spliced Surprise on any number. The only previous silent and non-conducted peal of Spliced S. Maximus was in 8 methods at St. Margaret's, Leicester, in 1975, also by the Ancient Society.

At Cuckfield, Sussex, it is understood that work has now started on rebuilding the spire of the Church, which was gutted by fire last May Day. Work is now progressing under the supervision of Messrs. Longley from Crawley. The work to be carried out by the Whitechapel Foundry is in the nature of a sub-contract, but because of the two types of work, timing appears no problem. The bells have been lowered to the base of the frame, their canons removed and the remains of all the fittings are in storage. It is hoped that new clappers will also be installed. -Newsletter

At Wantage we have had some very good practices with support from visitors. On the last Sunday in January, the bells were ringing merrily when there was a loud BUMP on the ringing chamber ceiling: the tenor had lost its clapper and was unable to speak. Peter was soon up in the bells (having rung the tenor down!) to retrieve the broken pieces. He took it to the great local bell-hanging firm, White's of Appleton, and on Friday of that same week it was back, fully restored and re-fitted to the tenor, thus reducing the cost to the PCC of the bill from Messrs. White for their specialist blacksmithing. -Newsletter

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## LETTERS

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## ARTS CENTRE

Sir, - Newcomers to the ringing fraternity will be interested to learn that St Peter's, Sudbury, Suffolk, is an Arts Centre, and many types of art can be practised, including change-ringing.

One of the greatest attractions is a fine Lewis organ, now in the care of Mr Roger Green, Musical Director of St Peter's. Ringers who have visited have expressed much interest in this individual instrument. The Redundant Churches Fund has now repaired the north window, which enables a start to be made to overhaul it (mainly by voluntary labour).

Several thousands of pounds are needed for spare part renewals, and for those wishing to encourage these volunteers I would be pleased to pass it on to Roger, who has arranged musical items during fund-raising for the bells. - Yours, etc.,

LESLIE D. MILLS.

Haydens,  
The Croft,  
Bures, Suffolk.

## TWO EDITIONS

Sir, - I agree with part of Mr Pearson's letter (p 278) re two editions of the Ringing World. For some years this has been in my mind, but I wonder if it would be practicable. It would mean extra printing but it might bring in extra revenue. (I wouldn't mind if the main journal was a bit smaller.)

I have taken the R.W. now for just 50 years and hope to do so for the rest of my life. I consider it an excellent paper and to which I look forward every week. I am not very interested in peals, although I am not against them by any means.

To have seven or eight pages every week (and sometimes 10) of peals and quarters takes up space which could be used up for more interesting items to the majority of ringers, such as church and bell histories, reports of various meetings and photographs, etc. (There must be many ringers who are not too interested in peals.)

Those who wish to read the peal reports edition only could do so (some might even buy the two sections). I feel sure most ringers will welcome the idea. Of course, there will be some against it.

I too would like to hear other ringers' views on this subject. Of course, I would buy the main journal. - Yours, etc.,

SIDNEY ELLIOTT.

7 Ryland Road,  
Moulton,  
Northampton.

## DOUBLES PUBLICATIONS

Sir, - In the C.C. publication "Plain Doubles Methods and Variations" the following errors occur:-

- 106. Westminster II Bob and not Westminster Bob as printed.
- 130. Woughton-on-the-Green Bob and not Wroughton as printed.
- 157. Long Clawson Place is group V and not group T.

These are the only errors in the publication, which is based on the C.C. Decisions of 1969 and 1977.

In previous Doubles Collections, several methods were incorrectly titled. When first rung, it was incorrectly advised that they should be titled as the Reverse of other named methods.

Such as method 68, incorrectly titled as Reverse St Edmund Bob; this method is now given its own name and correctly titled as St Edward Bob. Similarly, methods 19, 23, 28, 32, 39, 122 and 164. Method 37 is correctly named as St Ouen and not St Owen.

Although the 1969 Decision (E) A-2 states that a call is not part of a method, A-3 does state that a variation is the use of calls other than the standard calls for that method. The 1977 Decision of the Council was that a standard call is the alteration of places at the treble's lead. Quoted in debate as an example was method 91.

The plain lead is 3, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 3, 123Q. Rung with 125 places at the treble's lead for a call, this is St Augustine Bob and to be the method, but rung with Plain Bob plain across the treble's lead as a call, this is known as Reverse St Bartholomew and to be a variation (of St Augustine). This has been followed in deciding other methods from variations, and there has been no change of name of any combination of plain lead and calls. To change such names, as suggested by Mr A P Smith, would lead to the further unnecessary introduction of homonyms, such as we already have with Antelope Doubles and Primrose Surprise Minor.

Mr Smith further gives a list of 98 variations in the publication which he claims do not conform to the C.C. Decisions (E) A-3. As explained by Mr M Sherwood, Mr Smith is wrong, since the calls for these variations effect two leads, being across the treble's lead. If Mr Smith and Mr P Loxston will refer to the excellent "Doubles and Minor Methods" book, they will find several of the variations in the above 98, such as April Day, Seighford and others. Do they really suggest that these variations should be deleted from both publications (or only from one of them)?

A "variation" which does not conform to the Decision is Ascension Doubles. This is Plain Bob Doubles, a lead with a call being 5, 1, 5, 3, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5, 125. This lead with a call is a plain lead of a valid asymmetric method, which will not run to a true 120, but can be rung in 240s, as anticipated in the 1969 Decision (D) B-2.

The Doubles book was written after the Doubles and Minor book, and that is the order in which they should be used. Both books give Norfolk and Old correctly as standard callings for Plain Bob and not as variations.

The asymmetric methods introduced by Mr Loxston were not included in this collection, but only because this collection contains symmetric single hunt methods only. They were given in Mr M Hiller's Collection, but if rung to the composition given there, the 120s will always be false.

In Quarter 500, the extent of Erin Doubles and the 240s of Grandsire Doubles all conform to the C.C. Decision, contrary to the footnotes "Not C.C. recognised". Also, on p. 35, the list of Course Splices is incorrect and will generally lead to false 120s. - Yours, etc.,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

57 St. Andrew's Crescent,  
Windsor.

## WARBOYS S. MINOR

Sir, - On Tuesday, March 17, 1981, at Thorley, Herts, an extent was rung of a previously unringed Surprise Minor method, being No. 627 in the Central Council Treble Dodging Minor Collection (Place Notation: x36x1456x12x1236x14x36, i.e. 12). This method was named by the band WARBOYS SURPRISE MINOR. - Yours, etc.,

23 Maze Green Road,  
Bishop's Stortford,  
Herts.

## 20,160 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Sir, - An attempt will be made to ring 20,160 Stedman Triples at St John's, Knowle, Warks, on Saturday, May 9, starting at 8 am. - Yours, etc.,

JOHN PLADDYS.

5 Collingwood Drive,  
Sibleby,  
Leics.

## OLD RECORDINGS

Sir, - I was interested in the article on Bow Bells by David Cawley (p 215). I remember the late Jack Phillips saying that he knew some of the ringers who took part in the ringing for the BBC recording. Apparently it was intended to ring the 12 for this purpose, but one of the band had a mishap on the way to the tower which prevented him taking part, and so 10 bells were rung instead.

It may be of interest that I have a 78 10" Columbia (DB 1637) of the full 12 after the 1933 restoration, rung by the College Youths: call-changes of Queens one side and Whittingtons on the other - very good ringing throughout. I also possess two other 78 recordings of bells, 12" HMV (C 2098): one side Grandsire Caters, the other side Stedman Caters, on the bells of St Margaret, Westminster. The striking is very good indeed but it is not stated who the ringers were. Also, the recording was made before the bells were restored and the tenor recast.

The last record is 10" HMV (B 2691) of York Minster bells: one side the full 12 (but the method is not stated), the other side the 12 with Great Peter introduced - a really grand sound! The ringers were the York Minster Society.

Finally, I hope to obtain one day the BBC recording of Bow Bells and also a recording of the present fine ring there. - Yours, etc.,

GEORGE TRIBE.

Haxton Lane,  
Bratton Fleming,  
Barnstaple,  
N. Devon.

## INTERFERING BUSYBODIES

Sir, - What nonsense is written by your correspondent "Name and address supplied" on page 308. The fact that he has not had the courage to publish his name with his views probably signifies that he is one of those interfering busybodies whose attitude ensures, happily as far as I am concerned, that it is not accepted that Associations have any responsibility, or right, to "interfere in the internal affairs of towers".

To read the views put forward one might imagine that there are hundreds of towers the length and breadth of the land with cowering bands battered into submission by autocratic ringing masters. We, in the real world, know this to be quite untrue. In the few cases where there is an "old fool" in charge, I'm afraid I have no sympathy with the band if they cannot use their wit either to get rid of him or to come to some arrangement with the Vicar. Of course, if those involved are not regular supporters of the Church and the "old fool" is, they haven't really got much of a leg to stand on, and neither has the association.

What we, as ringers, have to accept is that the tower and its bells are part of the local Church community, unless that community wishes, or needs, to make arrangements to the contrary. Then, and only then, should the association come into the picture, and when it does it should recognise that the contribution of any local ringer as part of his Sunday worship is worth far more than any "package" which it might offer. To intervene in some of the ways suggested by "Name and address supplied" could result in



much friction and ill will where none previously existed.

For example there are many towers where only one or two members of the band are active members of the association. (In fact there are probably even more with none!). What is to stop a couple of malcontents "inviting" the association to interfere, even though the rest of the band may be quite happy with things as they are? (and things might be running better without the Association than with it. They often do - regular practices, regular Sunday ringing, regular peals and visitors always welcome: what more could be wanted?) The association officer then turns up and completely upsets the apple-cart. The vicar, who had previously looked on ringers as a happy, friendly group, is suddenly confronted by an association officer demanding (non-existent) "rights", and wonders what on earth is going on. What's more, association members who had always found themselves welcome individually, or as members of peal-bands, etc., at the tower, find that their officers have utterly ruined things for them.

Unlikely? Not at all! This very nearly happened, quite recently, when an association almost got itself thrown out of a tower which it regularly visits because of interference by its officers in internal affairs. And note the words "a tower which it regularly visits". This was not a case of an association being refused permission to hold meetings, but of an association abusing existing privileges. There was also the case a few years ago of an officer turning up at a local call-change practice, declaring that he had been appointed by the association to teach them all change-ringing. He was shown the door in no uncertain fashion, and who could blame the locals for that?

Of course in a great number of cases, our guilds and associations offer very welcome help and advice which is no doubt appreciated. If you are lucky enough to live in Surrey, the Association officers are too busy raising thousands and thousands of pounds and re-hanging bells to worry about "interfering with internal affairs of towers".

This is an exception, however, and there are still quite a few local "tin-gods" who think that, because they are on an association committee, they can speak authoritatively on all subjects connected with ringing in their area. Some such are those who have written in your columns in recent months suggesting that certain others should spend their time "playing in the fast lane of a motorway" or "with the live rail on an electric railway".

At this Eastertide they might consider whether such phrases are worthy of members of Our Lord's Church, and whether He might feel more at home in the company of those at whom these phrases were directed. - Yours, etc.,

MICHAEL J. UPHILL.

36 The Crescent,  
Wimbledon Park,  
London SW.

### BOWDON DELIGHT

Sir, - With reference to the method rung at Bowdon on 18th October (p.1007) we wish to re-name it BOWDON DELIGHT as the extension from Bogedone Delight Minor is defective. This has been pointed out to us by the Records Committee. - Yours, etc.,

C. KENNETH LEWIS.

52 Wellington Road,  
Altrincham,  
Cheshire.

### EPWORTH, Lincs.

Sir, - An interesting note on the bells of Epworth, Lincs (p.253) states that the writer, who signs himself "S.A.S." has been able to find no records of the ring between 1556 and 1814. He may like to know that the following advertisement appeared in the *Cambridge Chronicle* for 7th December 1776:

"EPWORTH ONE PEAL of SIX BELLS, now hung, and three of them cast by Mr. Harrison, of Barrow, are to be opened on Thursday the 12th of December."

Yours, etc.,

C. M. G. OCKELTON.

23 Brudenell Grove,  
Leeds.

### THANK YOU!

Sir, - I have taken the *Ringing World* for 46 years but have never written to you before. I do so now, on leaving Suffolk for Gloucestershire, to say 'thank you' to all my friends of the Suffolk Guild for all those years of friendship and ringing we have shared.

I miss my friends at Tattingstone who helped me to get the tower going in 1974 after 45 years of silence: my friends in Ipswich and district who have helped my ringing career, especially St. Matthew's, Ipswich, where I was given my first instruction on January 14th 1935 by Cecil H. Aldous, now, alas, no longer with us but remembered with gratitude.

I have been to a practice at Prestbury and hope to become one of the band there. I am primarily a six-bell ringer, so ask for their indulgence as they teach me to ring on eight, and hope they will not mind if I continue to wear my precious, 46-year-old, long obsolete St. Matthew, Ipswich/Suffolk Guild badge, just for old time's sake. - Yours, etc.,

BERTHA HARDMAN (Mrs.)

14 Noverton Avenue,  
Prestbury,  
Cheltenham, Glos.

### "AS YOU WERE"

Sir, - Whilst clearing out a few weeks ago I found an old photograph entitled "O.U.S.C.R., 1940". It may be of interest to your readers. I can put names to a few as follows:-

Standing (l to r): No. 1, a blind ringer; No. 3, - Beard; No. 4, W F Gibbons (Kemble); No. 5, - Cherry (Kemble); No. 7, H F Warren (Kemble) (Preb. Warren?); No. 10, Harry Miles.

Seated (l to r): No. 3, W L B Leese (St John's); No. 4, J E Spice (New College), ringing master; No. 6, P J M Bryan (St Peter's Hall), past ringing master.

This photograph was taken in the corner of New College Cloisters before we mounted cycles for a ringing outing. Soon afterwards the

### TOWER DEMOCRACY

Sir, - I read with interest Observer's comments on tower democracy, and the reply in today's issue. Why do both these people believe that the local Association is the answer for all ills? If this were the case, "Tower Captain" would not have put pen to paper recently.

Incidentally, why is Observer so anonymous - not even any initials? - Yours, etc.,  
[Address supplied]. A.C.L.

### GRANTS AVAILABLE

Sir, - As a result of the Rev John Scott's letter in *The Times* last December, in connection with Dr Urry's protest concerning the "Destruction of Church Bells", a charitable trust has made money available for bell restoration work.

The grants, which may be substantial in nature, are intended to be used as incentives which, when combined with the offer of a grant from a local Guild, will encourage a wavering PCC to embark upon a scheme which might otherwise founder. The grants are intended particularly for the restoration of bells which are currently unringable rather than for augmentations or for restoration of bells which are at present ringable.

It is intended that grant applications should be channelled through the Bell Restoration Funds Committee, which has been asked to submit a number of schemes to the trust by the end of May.

Applications are now invited from Guilds (with the authority of PCCs concerned) for the initial allocation of grants, and should be sent so as to reach me by Friday, May 15, 1981. Applications should give full background details of the situation together with an account of the scheme which is proposed. - Yours, etc.,

JOHNS. BARNES,

Chairman,

Bell Restoration Funds Committee  
56 Leamington Avenue,  
Orpington, Kent, BR6 9QB.

German attack began in France and we all went our various ways.

I often wonder how these men fared in the following years. For example, I last saw Percy Bryan a few months later in Turl Street under All Saints' tower. He was wearing the uniform of a sub-lieut. R.N.V.R.

At that time I believe Bill Leese was secretary and, after he had gone down from Oxford, I vaguely remember being secretary myself. After that, I joined the Army - but that is another story! - Yours, etc.,

WILLIAM F. GIBBONS.

23 Brooklands Drive,  
Goostrey, Crewe.





## PEALS

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

**DARLINGTON, Durham, Holy Trinity**  
Sat Mar 21 1981 2h29 (6)

## 5040 LONDON S. MINOR

- 1 Kieran H Fitzsimmons
- 2 Michael J Tudor
- 3 Howard E J Smith
- 4 David Martin
- 5 Steven J Field
- 6 Philip M Park (C)

## LONDON EC.

**S Mary-le-Bow**

Sun Mar 29 1981 3h35 (42)

## 5040 SPLICED S.

## MAXIMUS

(14m: 576 Bristol; 432 each Belfast, Cambridge, Londinium, Superlative, Yorkshire; 288 each Barford, Lincolnshire, Lyddington, Newgate, Prittlewell, Pudsey, Wembley, York; 101 changes of method)

- Comp. J H Fielden
- 1 Stephen A Waters
  - 2 Ian L Dear
  - 3 Peter J Sanderson
  - 4 David C Brown
  - 5 Paul N Mounsey
  - 6 Peter G Giles
  - 7 Colin G Wright
  - 8 Christopher H Rogers
  - 9 Paul A Williams
  - 10 Philip Rogers
  - 11 Mark W J Regan
  - 12 Andrew W R Wilby
- Umpire: Gwen Rogers.  
Silent and non-conducted

## UXBRIDGE, Middx.

**S Margaret of Antioch**

Tues Apr 2 1981 2h51 (14½)

## 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

- Comp. J Noonan
- 1 Bernard H Taylor
  - 2 Kevin A Hughes
  - 3 Nigel Thomson
  - 4 Christopher H Rogers
  - 5 Colin G Wright
  - 6 Ian L Dear
  - 7 David Woodward
  - 8 A Patrick Cannon
- Silent and non-conducted.

## BATH &amp; WELLS D.A.

**TWERTON, Avon,**

**S Michael**

Sat Mar 28 1981 2h47 (13)

## 5024 BRISTOLS. MAJOR

- Comp. S J Ivin
- 1 Nicholas M White
  - 2 Pauline F Marquis
  - 3 Anna M P Piechna
  - 4 Donald B Carter
  - 5 Barry J Fry
  - 6 Peter J C Mather
  - 7 Andrew J Mead
  - 8 Reginald T McKenzie (C)
- First in method—2, 4. Wedding anniversary compliment to Mary and David Kelly

## BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.

**HENLOW, Beds, S Mary**

Sat Mar 21 1981 2h50 (14½)

## 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

- Comp. H Hubbard
- 1 Heather A Jewell
  - 2 Philip G Rogers
  - 3 Raymond J Fuller
  - 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
  - 5 Arthur W Dilley
  - 6 Owen A Davis
  - 7 Philip R Jewell
  - 8 Randall R Perrey

First peal—8. First on eight—1. On 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. Mr. Dilley was in the original peal and rang the same bell.

**HENLOW, Beds, S Mary**

Sat Mar 21 1981 2h51 (14½)

## 5152 CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR

- Middleton's
- 1 Bryan F Sims
  - 2 C Edward Jeffries
  - 3 Charlotte M Smith
  - 4 Anthony H Smith (C)
  - 5 Jeremy Piron
  - 6 Andrew D Osborne
  - 7 David R Saunderson
  - 8 Philip R Jewell
- Wedding compliment to Robert J Ellis and Glenys M Blood.

## CHESTER D.G.

**POYNTON, Cheshire,**

**S George**

Sat Mar 21 1981 2h51 (13½)

## 5040 SPLICED T.B. MINOR

(49m: (1) Castleton, Bucknall, Leasowe, Beeston, Peveril, Melandra D.; (2) Dover, Fotheringay, Skipton, Chestow, Balmoral D., Hull S.; (3) Ely, Bogedone, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Rostherne D., Bourne S.; (4) Abbeyville, Canterbury, Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St Werburgh D.; (5) Marple, Taxal, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden D.; (6) Braintree, Humber, Charlwood, Neasden, St Albans, Wragby D.; (7) Oxford, Ockley, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Norbury, Kingston T.B., Donotrar, Carisbrooke, Pontefract, Wath D.; 90 changes of method)

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

First Spliced Minor—5. First in 49 methods by all except conductor

## MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire,

**Christ Church**

Sat Mar 28 1981 3h5 (23½)

## 5040 LONDON S. ROYAL

(No.3)

- Comp. C K Lewis
- 1 Simon Lomas
  - 2 Peter Broadbent
  - 3 J David Atkinson
  - 4 Ivor R Nichols
  - 5 Martin J Kirk
  - 6 C Kenneth Lewis (C)
  - 7 Ian W Taylor
  - 8 Neil D Lomas
  - 9 Richard S Starkie
  - 10 David W Friend
- First in method—2, 7.

## COVENTRY D.G.

**HARBURY, Warwicks,**

**All Saints**

Sat Mar 7 1981 2h47 (12)

## 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- Seven extents, 3 callings
- 1 Janet R Border (C)
  - 2 Doris M Randall
  - 3 Simon W Greaves
  - 4 Ruth M Border
  - 5 Harry M Windsor
  - 6 Peter Border

First peal—3. First peal as conductor and 100th peal—1.

## HARBORNE, Birmingham,

**S Peter**

Sat Mar 21 1981 2h46 (12½)

## 5056 LONDON S. MAJOR

- Comp. R Baldwin
- 1 David J Bates
  - 2 Frances Bates
  - 3 Ruth M Border
  - 4 Janet R Border
  - 5 Christopher P Windsor
  - 6 George Pluckrose
  - 7 Geoffrey W Randall
  - 8 Peter Border (C)
- First in method—5

**DERBY D.A.**

**BREADSALL, Derbys,**

**All Saints**

Thur Mar 26 1981 2h53 (14½)

## 5088 BRISTOL S. MAJOR

- Comp. P J Flavell
- 1 Ian Roulstone (C)
  - 2 David W Camm
  - 3 Robert J Marchbank
  - 4 Richard Stevenson
  - 5 Harold Taylor
  - 6 Fred Pearson
  - 7 Gordon A Halls
  - 8 John V Chadwick
- 100th peal—4.

## DERBY, Cathedral

Fri Mar 27 1981 3h6 (19)

## 5040 CAMBRIDGE S.

## ROYAL

- Comp. R Baldwin
- 1 Michael Foulds
  - 2 Janet S Foulds
  - 3 Jane E Orchard
  - 4 Martin G Halls
  - 5 Patricia A M Halls (C)
  - 6 Harold Taylor
  - 7 Frances E Haynes
  - 8 Dennis M Orchard
  - 9 Gordon A Halls
  - 10 Roy A Meads
- First on ten—4.

## DENBY, Derbys, S Mary

Sat Mar 28 1981 2h40 (9½)

## 5040 MINOR (1 extent each

Kent, Oxford T.B., Cambridge S.; 4 Plain Bob)

- 1 Gillian G Pearson
- 2 Frederick C Pearson
- 3 Robert J Marchbank
- 4 Robert W Winstanley
- 5 Harold Taylor
- 6 F Gordon Faulks (C)

## ELY D.A.

**TRUMPINGTON, Cambs,**

**Ss Mary & Michael**

Tue Feb 24 1981 2h40 (10)

## 5120 SPLICED S. MAJOR

(4m: 1440 Yorkshire; 1280 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 1120 Rutland; all the work)

Comp. P G K Davies

- 1 Deborah M E Cook
- 2 Susan E Tyrrell
- 3 Marjorie B Winter (C)
- 4 Anthea E L Venning
- 5 Alison L Kendall
- 6 Lynn M Fuller
- 7 Christine R Pegg
- 8 Lesley H M Boyle

First Spliced—2 and as conductor. For the Engagement of HRH The Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer.

## TRUMPINGTON, Cambs,

**Ss Mary & Michael**

Tues Mar 10 1981 2h50 (10)

## 5280 TRUMPINGTON S.

## MAJOR

Comp. G A A Taylor

- 1 Lynn M Fuller
- 2 James F Thompson
- 3 Nick d'A Laffoley
- 4 Paul S Seaman
- 5 Christopher H Enzor
- 6 Philip A B Saddleton
- 7 Jonathan D Shanklin (C)
- 8 John N Hughes D'Aeth

First Surprise—3. Circled tower—4. Birthday compliment to Nick Smith.

## MELDRETH, Cambs,

**Holy Trinity**

Tues Mar 24 1981 2h44 (10½)

## 5024 STEYNINGS

## MAJOR

- Comp. J R Mayne
- 1 Jean Sanderson
  - 2 Dorothea M Robotham
  - 3 Eric Edmondson
  - 4 Geoffrey Pearson
  - 5 John G Gipson
  - 6 Thomas J Lock
  - 7 Anthony H Smith
  - 8 John R Mayne (C)

First in the method for all and for the Association.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**

**COGGESHALL, Essex,**

**S Peter ad Vincula**

Sat Mar 21 1981 2h57 (19½)

## 5024 RUTLAND S. MAJOR

- Comp. P G K Davies
- 1 Jennifer Hastings
  - 2 James L Towler (C)
  - 3 Paul Clarry
  - 4 Timothy J Peverett
  - 5 Robert J Lindsell
  - 6 Peter W Dickinson
  - 7 David E Rothera
  - 8 Adrian G Semken
- First Surprise—3. First Rutland—4. For Induction and to welcome the Rev David Beeton.

**WYE, Kent,**

**Ss Gregory & Martin**

Fri Mar 27 1981 3h14 (19½)

## 5088 UXBRIDGE S.

## MAJOR

- Comp. S Jenner
- 1 Trevor E Church
  - 2 Simon W M Thorpe
  - 3 Barry M Garraway
  - 4 John Armstrong
  - 5 Michael J de C Henshaw
  - 6 Nicholas Doyle
  - 7 Alan D Pink
  - 8 Adrian C Malton (C)
- First on eight—1, 2, 6. First in method—3, 7.

**GOSFIELD, Essex,**

**S Catherine**

Sat Mar 28 1981 2h40 (9½)

## 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

(Chester, London, York, Beverley, Ipswich, Surfleet, Cambridge)

- 1 Mary Roast
  - 2 Joe E G Roast (C)
  - 3 Hilda G Snowden
  - 4 Tony Spurgeon
  - 5 Brian J Howard
  - 6 Patrick W Saltmarsh
- Circled tower—3. 50th together—1, 4. Birthday compliment to Hilda Snowden and Sylvia Pipe.

**GLOS & BRISTOL D.A.**

**HENBURY, Avon,**

**S Mary V**

Sat Mar 21 1981 2h55 (21)

## 5088 LONDON S. MAJOR

Comp. R Baldwin

- 1 Graham Jackson
- 2 Herbert T Ferris
- 3 Brynley A Shackleton
- 4 Henry Lawrenson
- 5 Geoffrey K Dodd
- 6 Roy T Harris
- 7 Bernard F L Groves (C)
- 8 Robert J Crocker

First in method—2

**THORNBURY, Glos,**

**S Mary V**

Sat Mar 21 1981 3h5 (22)

## 5088 YORKSHIRE S.

## MAJOR

- Comp. A Craven
- 1 Herbert T Ferris
  - 2 Graham Jackson
  - 3 Brynley A Shackleton
  - 4 Henry Lawrenson
  - 5 Roy T Harris
  - 6 Bernard F L Groves
  - 7 Robert J Crocker
  - 8 Geoffrey K Dodd (C)

**GUILDFORD D.G.**

**EWELL, Surrey, S Mary V**

Thur Mar 26 1981 2h48 (12½)

## 5184 EALINGS. MAJOR

## MAJOR

- Comp. S Jenner
- 1 Peter J Munday (C)
  - 2 Sheila A Thomas
  - 3 Charles W Munday
  - 4 Stanley G Ponting
  - 5 E C Gareth Higgs
  - 6 Christopher S Caryer
  - 7 Glenn J Poyntz
  - 8 Timothy J Wellen
- 50th in the tower—1, 3. First in the method for all and for the Guild.

**HEREFORD D.G.**

**STRETTON GRANDISON,**

**Herefords, S Lawrence**

Sat Mar 7 1981 2h23 (10½)

## 5040 T.B. MINOR

- (2 extents Kent/Oxford Spliced; 1 each Kent, Oxford; 2160 Cambridge S.)
- 1 Dianne B Smith
  - 2 Anne D Turner
  - 3 Andrew L Mainwaring
  - 4 Paul A Thompson
  - 5 Michael V Powell
  - 6 John E Harrold (C)
- 25th peal—2. 200th peal—4. 25th Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr & Mrs L J Turner (parents of 2).

**HERTFORD C.A.**

**RADLETT, Herts,**

**Christ Church**

Sat Mar 28 1981 2h13 (3)

## 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

(Alnwick, London, Wells, York, Beverley, Norwich, Cambridge)

- 1 John H W Beardwell
- 2 Dorothea M Robotham
- 3 Roger Baldwin
- 4 John R Southey
- 5 S Kathleen M Baldwin
- 6 John R Mayne (C)

**KENT C.A.**

**MAIDSTONE, Kent,**

**S Michael AA**

Sat Feb 28 1981 2h45 (6)

## 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Comp. C F Pocock

- 1 John R Cooper
- 2 Thomas Cullingworth
- 3 Thomas Riley
- 4 Carol V J Gilbert
- 5 Timothy J Samuelson
- 6 Roy A Barclay
- 7 Simon A B Wigg
- 8 Thomas M Barlow (C)

First Major—3. First P.B.

Major—4. First Major inside—5.

For the Engagement of HRH The Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer.

**LANCASHIRE ASSN.**

**OSWALDTWISTLE, Lancs,**

**Immanuel**

Sat Mar 7 1981 2h38 (11½)

## 5040 OXFORD T.B. MINOR

Comp. R Baldwin

- 1 Heather England
- 2 Raymond J Clayton
- 3 John S Sharples
- 4 Rev Kevin M Price (C)
- 5 L Martin Daniels
- 6 Andrew Stott

**OWERBY, W. Yorks,**

**S Peter**

Sat Mar 14 1981 2h46 (16)

## 5000 SPLICED PLAIN

## MAJOR

(2768 Plain Bob, 2232 Little Bob, 85 changes of method)

Arr. Kevin M Price

- 1 Peter LR Hayward
- 2 Derek Sanderson
- 3 L Martin Daniels
- 4 Andrew Stott
- 5 Raymond J Clayton
- 6 John S Sharples
- 7 Julian M Aubrey
- 8 Rev Kevin M Price (C)

For Centenary of this Church

**HORNBY, Lancs,**

**S Margaret**

Thur Mar 19 1981 2h58 (10½)

## 5040 GRANDSIRE

## TRIPLES

Comp. J J Parker (12-pt)

- 1 Rev Kevin M Price (C)
  - 2 Diana J Handley
  - 3 Alison J Brittliff
  - 4 Andrew Stott
  - 5 Christopher Ashton
  - 6 Raymond J Clayton
  - 7 John S Sharples
  - 8 Stephen Harrison
- First in method—2, 3, 4, 6. First on eight—8.



**CHORLEY, Lancs.**  
S Laurence  
Sat Mar 21 1981 2h48 (11½)  
**504 LITTLE BOB MAJOR**  
Comp. S H Wood

- 1 Neil A Shepherd
- 2 Alison J Brittliff
- 3 L Martin Daniels
- 4 John C Wane
- 5 John S Sharples
- 6 Raymond J Clayton
- 7 Geoffrey D Armitage
- 8 Rev Kevin M Price (C)

**SOUTHPORT, Lancs.**  
Christ Church  
Sat Mar 21 1981 2h36 (12½)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

- 1 L Martin Daniels
- 2 Alison J Brittliff
- 3 John S Sharples
- 4 Andrew Stott
- 5 Geoffrey D Armitage
- 6 Rev Kevin M Price (C)

**OLDHAM, Manchester.**  
S Mary  
Fri Mar 27 1981 3h20 (35)  
**5042 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAXIMUS**

- Comp. R W Pipe
- 1 D Robert Pettifor
  - 2 Peter C Randall
  - 3 David W Friend
  - 4 Lenard J Mitchell
  - 5 Richard J Parker
  - 6 Andrew C D Mayes
  - 7 Christine Andrew
  - 8 Neil D Lomas
  - 9 Alan F Scholfield
  - 10 Peter L Furniss
  - 11 Derek Thomas
  - 12 George H Campling (C)

**BLACKBURN, Lancs.**  
Cathedral  
Sat Mar 28 1981 3h12 (25)  
**5040 LONDON S. ROYAL (No.3)**

- Comp. C K Lewis
- 1 Victor J C Wood
  - 2 Cyril Crossthwaite (C)
  - 3 Jeffrey Kershaw
  - 4 Jeremy Richardson
  - 5 Philip S Woods
  - 6 Martin E Snape
  - 7 John N Hughes-D'Aeth
  - 8 Geoffrey Fothergill
  - 9 Alan F Scholfield
  - 10 Derek Thomas
- First London-7. Compliment to the Rev Michael Hart (Association President) on his installation as a Canon of this Cathedral.

**LONDON C.A.**  
**WEST HAM, E.**  
All Saints

Sat Mar 28 1981 3h12 (24)  
**5079 STEDMAN CATERS**  
Comp. J M H Hunter

- 1 Olive L Rogers
- 2 Michael T Sprackling
- 3 David J Dearnley
- 4 Gareth Davies
- 5 Andrew P Smith
- 6 Owen C R Webster
- 7 Christopher H Rogers
- 8 Timothy J Wellen
- 9 Harold W Rogers (C)
- 10 Dennis A Hewitt

First Stedman and of Caters-5 600th together-1, 9. 500th for the Association and first to achieve this-9.

**LEICESTER D.G.**  
**LEEK, Staffs.**  
S Edward Conf  
Sat Mar 7 1981 2h55 (18½)  
**5040 SWINDON S. ROYAL**

- Comp. Traditional
- 1 J Michael Roberts
  - 2 Ernest W Rawson
  - 3 P Mary Cheesewright
  - 4 Ian Butters
  - 5 R Philip Graves
  - 6 John W Smith
  - 7 Brian Meads
  - 8 Derek P Jones
  - 9 David A Hiorns
  - 10 A James Poyner (C)
- 250th as conductor

**LEICESTER, Cathedral**  
Mon Mar 30 1981 3h21 (25½)  
**5042 ALDENHAM S. MAXIMUS**

- Comp. J Worth
- 1 E Alan Jacques
  - 2 Carol N J Franklin
  - 3 Garry W Mason
  - 4 Sally A Atkins
  - 5 Peter J Staniforth
  - 6 Rupert A Clarke
  - 7 A James Poyner
  - 8 John Croft
  - 9 Murray A Coleman
  - 10 Howell J Williams
  - 11 Roland H Cook
  - 12 R Kingsley Mason (C)
- First Maximus in method by all except 1 and 5. In memoriam John A Acres, former member of the Cathedral Society. Also Lay Canon Dr G C Gray, MusD, FRCO, FRSCM, Master of the Music, Leicester Cathedral, 1931-69.

**MANCHESTER SOCIETY**

**SALFORD, Lancs.**  
Sacred Trinity

Tues Mar 24 1981 2h47 (11½)  
**5024 RUTLAND S. MAJOR**

- Comp. N Smith
- 1 John Cornock
  - 2 Kevin J Lovell
  - 3 Giles B Thompson
  - 4 Stefan R Zientek
  - 5 David P Swarder
  - 6 D Robert Pettifor
  - 7 Trevor W Marchbank
  - 8 Ian P Bell (C)

First Surprise-2. First blows in method-4. First in method-5. Engagement compliment to Elizabeth Whitehead and Roy E Taylor.

**NORTH STAFFS ASSN.**

**BROUGHTON, Staffs.**  
S Peter

Fri Mar 13 1981 2h46 (15½)  
**5088 LONDON S. MAJOR**

- Comp. S J Ivin
- 1 Ralph B Mitchell
  - 2 Margaret Jones
  - 3 Frederick E Wilshaw
  - 4 Kevin J Harrold
  - 5 Christopher Adams
  - 6 Selwyn G Jones
  - 7 Timothy M Davis (C)
  - 8 John Harrold

First blows in method-4. First in method-5. 100th together-3, 7. 25th together-1, 7.

**TUNSTALL, Staffs.**  
Christ Church

Sat Mar 14 1981 2h42 (10½)  
**5024 BRISTOL S. MAJOR**

- Comp. R Baldwin
- 1 Margaret Jones
  - 2 Paul J Atkins
  - 3 Frederick E Wilshaw
  - 4 Timothy M Davis (C)
  - 5 Raymond J Ballard
  - 6 Selwyn G Jones
  - 7 David J Midgley
  - 8 John Harrold

50th for the Association-6

**SWYNNERTON, Staffs.**

S Mary

Sat Mar 28 1981 2h30 (7½)

**5040 MINOR** (14m: (1) St. Nicholas, Heatherslade, Gower; (2) Rev Canterbury, (3) Single Oxford, Wight; (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst, Andover; (5) St. Clement's, Childwall, Buxton; (6-7) Plain Bob)

- 1 William H Watkin
  - 2 Melanie R Daw
  - 3 Keith Daniels
  - 4 John R Scott
  - 5 Frank R Morton (C)
  - 6 Raymond H Daw
- First 14m Minor-2

**NORWICH D.A.**  
**WESTON LONGVILLE, Norfolk, All Saints**  
Sat Feb 28 1981 2h48 (10½)  
**5040 MINOR** (Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Norwich, Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob)

- 1 Harry Poyner (C)
- 2 Mary C Poyner
- 3 Stephen Smith
- 4 John R Smith
- 5 Raymond W Balls
- 6 Ian Symington

**N. LOPHAM, Norfolk.**  
S Nicholas

Sat Mar 21 1981 2h52 (10½)  
**5024 RUTLAND S. MAJOR**

- Comp. C W Roberts
- 1 John R Smith
  - 2 Teresa J Pudwell
  - 3 Matthew Johnson
  - 4 George Sayer
  - 5 Kenneth E Frostwick
  - 6 Stephen F High
  - 7 Alfred J House
  - 8 Nolan Golden (C)

50th peal-2. First in method-2, 3, 5.

**GRESSENHALL, Norfolk.**  
The Assumption

Sat Mar 28 1981 2h52 (10)  
**5056 GOLDHANGER C.B. MAJOR**

- Comp. N Golden
- 1 Ian Symington
  - 2 Teresa J Pudwell
  - 3 Matthew Johnson
  - 4 George Sayer
  - 5 Kenneth E Frostwick
  - 6 Neil M Thomas
  - 7 Alfred J House
  - 8 Stephen F High (C)

First on eight-1. First in the method for all and for the Association.

**N. ELMHAM, Norfolk.**  
B.V.M.

Sat Mar 28 1981 2h52 (14)  
**5088 SPLICED S. MAJOR**

(4m: 1408 each Cambridge, Superlative; 1152 Bristol; 1120 London; 117 changes of method)

- Comp. A J Pitman
- 1 David Cubitt
  - 2 Heather A Kippin
  - 3 Elizabeth A Glasow
  - 4 Alison L Kendall
  - 5 Richard P J Carter
  - 6 Martin Cubitt
  - 7 David E House
  - 8 Robert C Kippin (C)

100th peal-5

**OXFORD SOCIETY**  
**KINGHAM, Oxon.**  
S Andrew

Thur Mar 19 1981 2h45 (12½)  
**5280 RUTLAND S. MAJOR**

- Comp. A Craven
- 1 Edward W Martin
  - 2 David J Sheppard (C)
  - 3 Ruth Blackwell
  - 4 Ann G Martin
  - 5 Robert P Watson
  - 6 Alan D Pink
  - 7 P Quentin Armitage
  - 8 David Jenkins

First in method-5, 6

**OXFORD D.G.**  
**ST ALBANS, Herts.**  
S Peter

Sat Mar 7 1981 3h4 (23)  
**5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

- Comp. E C Shepherd
- 1 Stephen Coaker (C)
  - 2 Helen Izzard
  - 3 Olive L Rogers
  - 4 Lynne G S White
  - 5 Anthony C F Perry
  - 6 Stuart J Heath
  - 7 David Kemp
  - 8 Harold W Rogers
  - 9 Bernard F L Groves
  - 10 Joseph St J Beaumont

First on ten-4

**HUNGERFORD, Berks.**  
S Laurence  
Thur Mar 19 1981 2h41 (12)  
**5152 SPLICED S. MAJOR**

(12m: 544 Rutland; 512 Lindum; 480 each Chesterfield, London; 448 Superlative; 416 each Eccleston, Pudsey, Uppingham; 384 each Brighton, Cambridge; 352 Adelaide; 320 Bristol; 153 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. R G Crosland

- 1 Henry Lawrenson
- 2 Robert J Crocker
- 3 Colin C Monson
- 4 Bernard F L Groves (C)
- 5 Brian Bladon
- 6 Maurice A New
- 7 Geoffrey K Dodd
- 8 Frank W Rivett

Thanksgiving for the life of Dr. Robert Kennedy, interred this day

**BEACHAMPTON, Bucks.**  
Assumption B.V.M.

Sat Mar 21 1981 2h36 (8½)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (14m: 3 extents each St. Hilary, Blackburn Place, Westminster, St. Remigius, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Osmond, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Vedast, Huntspill, New Bob)

Pre-Wedding compliment to Richard Haseldine and Janet East.

**HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.**  
All Saints

Sun Mar 22 1981 2h57 (9)  
**5088 RUTLAND S. MAJOR**

- Comp. C W Roberts
- 1 Anka J Luzar
  - 2 Richard W Luzar
  - 3 David R Cox
  - 4 Katie A Stark
  - 5 Beverley J Botting
  - 6 Charles M S Botting
  - 7 Robert H Newton
  - 8 Patricia M Newton (C)

First Rutland-2, 5. First Rutland as conductor.

**HUNGERFORD, Berks.**  
S Laurence

Thur Mar 26 1981 2h48 (12)  
**5104 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

- Comp. S Humphrey
- 1 Geoffrey K Dodd
  - 2 Sarah J Fradgley
  - 3 Trevor N J Bailey
  - 4 Allan G Keen
  - 5 Henry Lawrenson
  - 6 Malcolm Joyce
  - 7 Michael Till
  - 8 Howard W Egglestone (C)

First peal-2. Circled tower on new bells-1. Birthday compliment to Sarah Fradgley.

**BUCKLEBURY, Berks.**  
S Mary

Sat Mar 28 1981 2h50 (11½)  
**5184 BRISTOL S. MAJOR**

- Comp. S Jenner
- 1 Stanley G Scott
  - 2 Henry Lawrenson
  - 3 Roy T Harris
  - 4 Colin C Monson
  - 5 Joseph St J Beaumont
  - 6 Geoffrey K Dodd
  - 7 Bernard F L Groves (C)
  - 8 Robert J Crocker

Wedding compliment to John F White and Margaret A Saunders.

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

**OXFORD UNIV SOCIETY**  
**OXFORD, S Mary Magd**  
Mon Mar 16 1981 2h46 (8)  
**5184 SUPERLATIVE S. MAJOR**

- Comp. C Forster
- 1 Alan D Pink
  - 2 Sarah E Smith
  - 3 David Jenkins (C)
  - 4 Elizabeth A Niblett
  - 5 David Lester
  - 6 Ruth Blackwell
  - 7 P Quentin Armitage
  - 8 David J Sheppard
- First in method-2, 5

**ST. DAVID'S D.G.**  
**ST. DAVID'S, Dyfed.**  
Cathedral

Sat Mar 21 1981 3h24 (25)  
**5120 YORKSHIRE S. MAJOR**

- Comp. A R Carter
- 1 Godfrey F Gray
  - 2 Malcolm J Lodwick
  - 3 Dawn V A Offen
  - 4 Keith A F Record
  - 5 John E Hawes
  - 6 Philip F Pope
  - 7 Susan E Gray
  - 8 Richard C Offen (C)
- 25th Y S. Major-8. For 800th anniversary of completion of present Cathedral.

**SALISBURY D.G.**  
**MAIDEN NEWTON, Dorset, S Mary**

Mon Mar 16 1981 2h56 (10½)  
**5040 MINOR** (Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Plain Bob)

- 1 Arthur J Scott
- 2 Cindy Maude
- 3 Janet M Collins
- 4 H Dennis W Bishop
- 5 Deryk R Bugler
- 6 Timothy F Collins (C)

To welcome the Rev Ian Johnson (priest-in-charge).

**CATTISTOCK, Dorset.**  
Ss Peter & Paul

Fri Mar 20 1981 3h1 (13½)  
**5056 PUDSEY S. MAJOR**

- Comp. P G K Davies
- 1 Arthur J Scott
  - 2 Cindy Maude
  - 3 David L Cull
  - 4 Janet M Collins
  - 5 Andrew G Smith
  - 6 Thomas R Garrett
  - 7 Deryk R Bugler
  - 8 Timothy F Collins (C)

First in method-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7. Completes standard eight-4. First in method by an all resident Dorchester Branch band.

**ST MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM**

**BIRMINGHAM.**  
S Philip's Cathedral

Thur Mar 12 1981 3h19 (31½)  
**5088 SPLICED S. MAXIMUS**

- (4m: 1248 each Bristol, Londinium; 1296 each Cambridge, Superlative; 99 changes of method, all the work)
- Comp. R G Crosland
- 1 Norman J Goodman
  - 2 Roderick W Pipe
  - 3 Carol N J Franklin
  - 4 John C Eisel
  - 5 Frances Bates
  - 6 Andrew N Stubbs
  - 7 Maurice F Edwards
  - 8 Terry R Hampton
  - 9 C Michael Orme
  - 10 Brian Harris
  - 11 Richard B Grimmatt (C)
  - 12 Peter Border

500th peal-9



**KNOWLE, W. Mids.**  
**Ss John Bapt. Lawrence & Anne**  
 Tues Mar 17 1981 2h21 (10)  
**5088 CASSIOBURY S. MAJOR**

Comp. T Hooley  
 1 Richard B Grimmett (C)  
 2 Elizabeth Anderson  
 3 Frances Bates  
 4 Philip J Sealey  
 5 Andrew N Stubbs  
 6 Richard L Jones  
 7 David J Bates  
 8 Clifford A Barron

**KINGSBURY, Warwicks.**  
**S Andrew**  
 Tues Mar 24 1981 2h48 (17)  
**5060 SUPERLATIVES S. MAJOR**

Comp. A J Cox  
 1 Richard L Jones  
 2 Richard B Grimmett (C)  
 3 Charles A S Webb  
 4 Frances Bates  
 5 David G Ogden  
 6 Andrew N Stubbs  
 7 David J Bates  
 8 Peter Border

**BIRMINGHAM.**  
**S Philip's Cathedral**  
 Thur Mar 26 1981 3h23 (31)  
**5042 SUPERLATIVES S. MAXIMUS**

Comp. R W Pipe  
 1 Anne C Hansford  
 2 Norman J Goodman  
 3 Alan E Hartley  
 4 C Michael Orme  
 5 Frances Bates  
 6 Richard B Clements  
 7 Jeffrey B Webb  
 8 Terry R Hampton  
 9 Maurice F Edwards  
 10 David J Bates  
 11 Richard B Grimmett  
 12 Peter Border (C)

**KNOWLE, W. Mids.**  
**Ss John Bapt. Lawrence & Anne**  
 Sat Mar 28 1981 2h41 (10)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Comp. B Pugh  
 1 Mark D Anderson  
 2 Janice Anderson  
 3 Sally R J Hewitt  
 4 Christine Grimmett  
 5 Elizabeth Anderson  
 6 John A Anderson (C)  
 7 Richard B Grimmett  
 8 Stephen R Shipley  
 First attempt-1. First inside-2, 3. In thanksgiving for the life and work of Canon Donald Foster (some time Vicar).

**BIRMINGHAM, S Martin**  
 Tues Mar 31 1981 3h18 (37)  
**5019 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Comp. T Hooley  
 1 Catherine J B Speed  
 2 Richard B Grimmett (C)  
 3 Andrew N Stubbs  
 4 Paul E Bibilo  
 5 Frances Bates  
 6 Philip J Sealey  
 7 Michael W Lowndes  
 8 Richard L Jones  
 9 David J Bates  
 10 Charles A S Webb  
 11 Clifford A Barron  
 12 C Michael Orme

**KNOWLE, W. Mids.**  
**Ss John Bapt. Lawrence & Anne**  
 Wed Apr 1 1981 2h41 (10)  
**5056 SPLICED S. MAJOR**  
 (6m: 960 each London, Cambridge; 800 each Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire; 736 Bristol; 133 changes of method)

Comp. S J Ivin  
 1 Christine Grimmett  
 2 Elizabeth Anderson  
 3 Peter Border  
 4 Carolyn S Topham  
 5 David R Edwards  
 6 Stephen R Shipley  
 7 John A Anderson  
 8 Richard B Grimmett (C)  
 First Spliced-2, 4, 5. 25th peal-4. 18th Birthday compliment to Carolyn and Roger Topham.

**SOUTHWELL D.G.**

**HOSE, Leics, S Michael**  
 Mon Mar 23 1981 2h24 (9)  
**5040 DOUBLES** (102m/v:  
 (1) St. Simon, St. Martin, St. Osmund, Eynesbury; (2) St. Alban, St. Paul, St. Ambrose, St. John Evangelist; (3) St. Wilfred, St. Oswald, Sussex, Septuagesima; (4) St. Katherine, St. Magnus, Kent, Sexagesima; (5) Southampton, Romsey, Hampshire, Ember; (6) Winchester, Wykeham, Vectis, Quinquagesima; (7) Eynsham, St. Leonard, St. Ninian, St. John Baptist; (8) Elford, Austrey, St. Felix, St. Wenceslas; (9) St. Jude, St. Laurence, St. Austell, St. Stephen; (10) St. Ignatius, Amersham, Churchill, St. John Divine; (11) St. Nicholas, Winchendon, St. Remigius, Huntley; (12) St. Giles, St. Miles, Church Greasley, Ezneih; (13) Lonsdale, Lockerley, Rye, Over Wallop; (14) Hinton, Wessex, Lydd, Nether Wallop; (15) St. Nicolas, Hordle, Stoneham, Bishops Sutton; (16) Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst, Uphill, Mottisfont; (17) Lapley, St. John, Horsley, Obediah; (18) Shareshill, Ryton, St. Clear, Omega; (19) St. Mary, St. Crispin, St. Cecelia, Laverstoke; (20) Heyford, Chilton, Sarratt, Dummer; (21) Plain Bob; (22) April Day; (23) Old; (24) Norfolk; (25) Kennington; (26) Hudibras; (27) Windrush; (28) Wollaston; (29) Hilmarton; (30) St. Saviour; (31) Seighford; (32) Litchurch; (33) May Day; (34) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure; (35) Southrepps; (36) Campion; (37) Broadwas; (38) Clifford's Pleasure; (39) Little Aston; (40) St. David; (41) Royston; (42) St. Columb)

1 Julian M Aubrey  
 2 Sylvia M Collin  
 3 Peter L R Hayward  
 4 William A Holmes  
 5 Rev Kevin M Price (C)  
 Most m/v-2.

**STAFFORD**  
**ARCHDEACONRY SOC.**

**TETTENHALL, W. Mids.**  
**S Michael AA**  
 Sat Mar 28 1981 2h49 (15)  
**5088 BRISTOLS. MAJOR**

Comp. N J Diserens  
 1 Clyde W Wallbanks  
 2 Philip J Day  
 3 Duncan R Hansell  
 4 David Franklin  
 5 Philip A Ramsbottom  
 6 Timothy M Davis  
 7 David C Everett (C)  
 8 Philip R Johnson

First Bristol-3. 250th for the Society-8.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.**  
**W. Mids. S Bartholomew**  
 Sat Mar 28 1981 2h43 (10)  
**5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES**

Holt's 10-part  
 1 Rosemary Werry  
 2 John A Roden (C)  
 3 Colin B W Dalton  
 4 Christine Slater  
 5 Pamela Garbett  
 6 John C Greatbatch  
 7 Harry Griffiths  
 8 Edward S Butler

First peal-1. 70th Birthday compliment to Harry Griffiths. Also Wedding anniversary compliment to John and Sandra Roden.

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.**

**N. STONEHAM, Hants.**  
**S Nicolas**  
 Mon Mar 30 1981 2h35 (21)  
**5040 SURPRISE MINOR**  
 (4m: 1 extent Bourne; 2 each Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge)  
 1 Martin K Waldron  
 2 Nicholas M White  
 3 Linda R Eames  
 4 Richard H Sams  
 5 Graham M Hartless  
 6 Robert D McGowan (C)  
 Engagement compliment to Rita Brown and Andrew Carton.

**WORCESTERSHIRE & DIST. ASSN.**

**HALLOW, Worcs.**  
**Ss Philip & James**  
 Sat Mar 21 1981 3h (21)  
**5090 CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR**

Comp. B D Price  
 1 Thomas W Lewis  
 2 R George Morris  
 3 Elizabeth A Clements (C)  
 4 Cyril Tansell  
 5 Richard J Clements  
 6 Martin F Stallard  
 7 John A G Clements  
 8 Michael G Clements  
 First Major and first Surprise-6. First Cambridge as conductor. To welcome the Rev. Michael Willows (Vicar). Also for 1300th anniversary of the Worcester Diocese.

**NETHERTON, W. Mids.**  
**S Andrew**  
 Sat Mar 28 1981 2h37 (13)  
**5024 REVERSE DUBLIN S. MAJOR**

Comp. S J Ivin  
 1 Thomas W Lewis  
 2 Anne C Hansford  
 3 Elizabeth A Clements  
 4 H T Keith Haslam  
 5 David G Franklin  
 6 John M Jenkins  
 7 Phillip M Orme  
 8 Richard J Clements (C)  
 First in the method for all and for the Association.

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**

**HUDDERSFIELD, Yorks.**  
**S Peter**  
 Sat Mar 28 1981 3h2 (23)  
**5067 STEDMAN CATERS**

Comp. J Pladdys  
 1 Margaret Whiteley  
 2 Martin J Whiteley  
 3 John Pladdys (C)  
 4 D Robert Pettifor  
 5 James Hedgcock  
 6 Pauline C Champion  
 7 David J Buckley  
 8 Peter F Town  
 9 Peter L R Hayward  
 10 Malcolm S Turner

**KINGSTON upon HULL.**

**Humbs, Holy Trinity**  
 Sat Mar 28 1981 3h17 (25)  
**5040 SPLICED S. ROYAL**  
 (8m: 720 each London, Rutland; 600 each Bristol, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire; 125 changes of method)

Comp. J H Fielden  
 1 Timothy P Bradley  
 2 Sarah Horton  
 3 Alan Treble  
 4 C Mark G Ockelton  
 5 David R Smith  
 6 Peter J Sanderson (C)  
 7 Andrew R Stone  
 8 Ian G Campbell  
 9 David E Potter  
 10 Jeffrey Brannan  
 First on ten-1. First Spliced S. Royal-4, 7, 9. 200th peal-4.

**SHEFFIELD, Yorks.**  
**S John, Ranmoor**  
 Sat Mar 28 1981 3h9 (16)  
**5005 STEDMAN CATERS**  
 J Pladdys' arr, Groves'  
 1 James Hedgcock  
 2 D Robert Pettifor  
 3 Peter L R Hayward  
 4 Pauline C Champion  
 5 Margaret Whiteley  
 6 Peter F Town  
 7 David J Buckley  
 8 Malcolm S Turner  
 9 Martin J Whiteley  
 10 John Pladdys (C)  
**LEEDS, W. Yorks.**  
**S Michael, Headingley**  
 Sat Mar 28 1981 3h7 (20)  
**5120 SPLICED S. MAJOR**  
 (4m: 1440 Yorkshire; 1280 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 1120 Rutland; 69 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. P G K Davies  
 1 John Robinson  
 2 Jeffrey P Ladd  
 3 Ruth Jackson  
 4 David G Butler  
 5 Ian H Jorysz  
 6 Alan W Jackson  
 7 Ronald R Warford  
 8 Roger S Riley (C)  
**ROTHERHAM, Yorks.**  
**All Saints**  
 Sun Mar 29 1981 3h20 (34)  
**5040 BRISTOLS. ROYAL**

Comp. R B Smith  
 1 Andrew R Bicknell  
 2 Martin J Whiteley  
 3 Peter C Randall (C)  
 4 David R Smith  
 5 Margaret Whiteley  
 6 George H Campling  
 7 David E Potter  
 8 Ian G Campbell  
 9 David Hird  
 10 Richard E Price

**SUFFOLK GUILD**  
**ASHBOCKING, Suffolk.**  
**All Saints**  
 Sat Mar 28 1981 2h37 (10)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**

1 Jennifer E Barnard  
 2 Robert J Scase  
 3 Daphne E Pegg  
 4 Christina R Cooper  
 5 Christine R Pegg  
 6 Michael G Whitby (C)  
 First inside-2.

**WILBY, Suffolk, S Mary**  
 Sun Mar 29 1981 2h50 (15)  
**5056 YORKSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Comp. C H Hattersley  
 1 Leslie F Bailey  
 2 Frederick C Gunton  
 3 Leslie G Brett  
 4 J Martin Thorley (C)  
 5 Ernest G Pearce  
 6 Norman P J Cossey  
 7 Ernest W Pye  
 8 J Barry Pickup  
 100th Y. Major-4. Retirement compliment to the Rector (Rev J P Charnock).

**HANDBELL PEALS**

**CHESTER D.G.**  
**WILMSLOW, Cheshire.**  
**9 Hawthorn Lane**  
 Tues Mar 17 1981 2h27 (15)  
**5184 KENT T.B. MINOR**  
 Comp. A Knights  
 1-2 J David Atkinson  
 3-4 Neil D Lomas  
 5-6 C Kenneth Lewis (C)  
 7-8 Simon Lomas

**ALTRINCHAM, Cheshire.**  
**52 Wellington Road**  
 Thur Mar 26 1981 2h22 (13)  
**5056 CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR**  
 Middleton's  
 1-2 Stuart I Bamforth  
 3-4 Peter C Randall  
 5-6 C Kenneth Lewis  
 7-8 Andrew C D Mayes (C)  
 100th as conductor.

**HEREFORD D.G.**  
**HEREFORD.**  
**12 Moor Farm Lane**  
 Thur Feb 12 1981 2h43 (17)  
**5040 ALBANIAN S. ROYAL**  
 Comp. C J Roberts  
 1-2 Neil Bennett  
 3-4 David C Everett  
 5-6 John E Harrold  
 7-8 Fredk Shallcross (C)  
 9-10 Norman R Mattingley  
 First A.S. Royal in hand by all and for the Guild.  
**MUCH BIRCH, Herefords.**  
**Windover**  
 Sun Mar 1 1981 2h20 (15)  
**5088 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR**

Comp. J M Jelley  
 1-2 Chris M Hughes  
 3-4 David C Everett  
 5-6 John E Harrold (C)  
 7-8 Norman R Mattingley  
**MUCH BIRCH, Herefords.**  
**Windover**  
 Thur Mar 5 1981 2h38 (15)  
**5040 ALBANIAN S. ROYAL**  
 Comp. C J Roberts  
 1-2 Chris M Hughes  
 3-4 David C Everett  
 5-6 John E Harrold  
 7-8 Fredk Shallcross (C)  
 9-10 Norman R Mattingley  
 First in method-1-2.

**MUCH BIRCH, Herefords.**  
**Windover**  
 Thur Mar 12 1981 2h29 (15)  
**5040 LINDSEY S. ROYAL**  
 Comp. R C Kippin  
 1-2 Chris M Hughes  
 3-4 David C Everett  
 5-6 John E Harrold  
 7-8 Fredk Shallcross (C)  
 9-10 Norman R Mattingley  
 First in the method for all and for the Guild.

**MUCH BIRCH, Herefords.**  
**Windover**  
 Sun Mar 22 1981 2h45 (15)  
**5040 VERMUYDEN S. ROYAL**  
 Comp. C J Roberts  
 1-2 Chris J Hughes  
 3-4 David C Everett  
 5-6 John E Harrold  
 7-8 Fredk Shallcross (C)  
 9-10 Norman R Mattingley  
 First V.S. Royal in hand and for the Guild.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM**

**BIRMINGHAM.**  
**S Martin's belfry**  
 Sun Mar 29 1981 1h57 (15)  
**5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES**  
 Arr J Pladdys (No.1)  
 1-2 Richard B Grimmett  
 3-4 Frances Bates  
 5-6 Alan S Burbidge  
 7-8 John Pladdys (C)  
 First S. Triples in hand - 3-4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSN.**  
**WARLABY, N. Yorks.**  
**The Paddock**  
 Wed Mar 25 1981 2h15 (15)  
**5120 KENT T.B. MAJOR**  
 Comp. J Reeves  
 1-2 Jennifer A Town  
 3-4 Peter F Town  
 5-6 John Limbach (C)  
 7-8 Christopher A C Ross  
 First T.B. in hand - 7-8. In memoriam Tom Cooke of Darlington.

**NORTHALLERTON.**  
**N. Yorks, 19 The Green**  
 Mon Mar 30 1981 2h30 (15)  
**5000 KENT T.B. ROYAL**  
 Comp. R Peers  
 1-2 Jennifer A Town  
 3-4 David A Town  
 5-6 John Limbach (C)  
 7-8 Peter F Town  
 9-10 Andrew J Slade  
 To welcome Stephen Mark, son of Michael and Sue Armstrong.



# N. AMERICAN GUILD

**MICHIGAN.**  
Kalamazoo College  
Tues Mar 17 1981 2h22 (15)  
**5040 SPLICED S. MINOR**  
(5m: 2016 Norwich; 1512 Westminster; 504 each Luton, Netherseale, Annable's London; 105 changes of method)  
Comp. R D Bailey  
1-2 Tom Farthing  
3-4 T J Smith  
5-6 Mary Burke (C)  
First as conductor. Most Surprise for all.

**MICHIGAN.**  
Kalamazoo College  
Tues Mar 24 1981 2h19 (15)  
**5040 SURPRISE MINOR**  
(Luton, Cambridge, Redding, Netherseale, Annable's London, Norwich, Westminster)  
1-2 Tom Farthing  
3-4 T J Smith  
5-6 Mary Burke (C)  
Most Surprise methods by all.

# OXFORD D.G.

**HOLMER GREEN, Bucks.**  
**3 Copners Way**  
Tues Mar 24 1981 2h18 (15)  
**5056 SPLICED S. MAJOR**  
(24m: 384 each Pudsey, Uxbridge, Yorkshire; 192 each Ashted, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Glasgow, Helmsford, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Radcliffe, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative; 128 each Double Dublin, Rochester; 151 changes of method)  
Comp. N Smith  
1-2 Patricia M Newton  
3-4 Jean A Darmon  
5-6 Kenneth J Darvill  
7-8 Robert H Newton (C)

**THATCHAM, Berks.**  
**7 The Waverleys**  
Sat Mar 28 1981 2h15 (12)  
**5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR**  
Seven different extents  
1-2 Michael K Till  
3-4 William Butler (C)  
5-6 Jennifer Butler  
First in hand - 1-2.

Before the first attempt we had a try for a quarter at St. Clement Danes. Disaster again! The blitzkrieg was beginning to look like a scorched earth policy.

Expectations for Southampton were justifiably low. Matters were not helped by British Rail who circled eight of the band round Southampton like Red Indians round a wagon train. In the end two of the nine parts of the peal were as much as we could manage at one go. At Isleworth next day the ringing proceeded almost confidently into the sixth part before falling apart as nervousness grew that we might score. But things were looking up and there were few mistakes at St. Albans: the first of Spliced Royal by seven of the band. Bedford on Sunday, with Chris ringing and scoring his 500th peal, was almost as good, even if one ringer did decide on a lead of Pudsey when the rest were into Bristol.

Sitting in the "de Pickford Teashop" afterwards the decision was taken (or took itself) to try for 10 Maximus. By now arranging towers was becoming an organisational nightmare. To follow the previous plan at least four 12-bell towers had to be found on consecutive weekends. Chris had dropped himself from the band but kindly negotiated a return to Bedford. Christchurch (Dorset) suddenly became available due to a fortuitous withdrawal by another band and Chelmsford and St. Margaret, Leicester completed the collection.

The next problem was the band. The same 12 people could not make all the dates. The numbers were finally made up by perming any two from Simon Brown, Graham Firman and Nigel Thomson, and in one attempt all three because the Cumberlands had stolen Linda's services for their attempt for the 12-bell striking competition.

Yet another problem. Some of the band had not even rung courses of most of the methods. Without some practice there were doubts about our ability to ring Bristol and Londinium - to name but two. Aston in December proved to be a gentle introduction, with David Beard's recently published peal of Cambridge, Yorkshire and Lincolnshire. By the end of January we were really into our stride firing out quarter peals of those three methods, plus Superlative at Southwark and courses of Bristol at Cripplegate. Partial redemption came at St. Mary, Redcliffe, with Spliced Bristol and Londinium for a wedding, aided and abetted by some of the local ringers. Back in the doldrums the following week with a lost peal of Bristol at Bolton on Liverpool University dinner day.

Shortly before the peal attempt at Chelmsford, Roger discovered that he had thoroughly learned all nine methods! Pity about Lyddington! However, we survived that, only to lose the peal when, with the conductor's connivance, the treble and tenor ringers had a minor disagreement about who was treble-bobbing. By now the organiser was getting worried. Sooner or later somebody would fail to turn up or arrive too late to start the peal - which may account for the whole band being assembled outside St. Paul's, Bedford an hour earlier than necessary. Not that it seemed to matter since by the end of the afternoon Nigel Newton had rung his first peal on 12 and the rest of the band was too tired even to be elated.

Which left only Simon who had not rung in a successful attempt and a considerable pressure was on us to score at Christchurch. The pressure increased when Ken Croft turned up to listen. Perhaps it was in an attempt to impress the family that James rang his bell, for a short burst, rather more conspicuously than is usual. But after this brief excursion we settled down again and completed the series successfully with one attempt still in hand.

In case anyone is wondering, the organiser has absolutely no intention of arranging all three peals in the same day.

However, the band thank all those who allowed us the use of their bells or helped in other ways, particularly Ros Rawlings who rang in the practices on all numbers and Tony Cox who composed the Royal on request.

G.D.

**BEDFORD, S Paul**  
Sun Mar 8 1981 3h30 (28)  
**5280 SPLICED S. MAXIMUS**

(10m: 528 each Pudsey, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Prittlewell, Superlative, Londinium, Bristol, Lyddington, Wembley, Yorkshire; 109 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. N J Diserens  
1 David L Sparling  
2 Linda M Garton  
3 Katharine J Firman  
4 Alison K Surry  
5 Roger Bailey  
6 James S Croft  
7 Gareth Davies (C)  
8 Nigel Newton  
9 Richard W Butler  
10 Graham G Firman  
11 Nigel Thomson  
12 Peter J Sanderson  
First on twelve-8. Most all-the-work Maximus by all except 3, 10. First Spliced S. Maximus by a university society.

**CHRISTCHURCH, Dorset.**  
**Priory Church**  
Sat Mar 14 1981 3h40 (27)  
**5280 SPLICED S. MAXIMUS**

(10m: 528 each Pudsey, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Prittlewell, Superlative, Londinium, Bristol, Lyddington, Wembley, Yorkshire; 109 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. N J Diserens  
1 David L Sparling  
2 Simon D Brown  
3 Graham G Firman  
4 Katharine J Firman  
5 Nigel J Newton  
6 James S Croft  
7 Roger Bailey  
8 Richard W Butler  
9 Alison K Surry  
10 Gareth Davies (C)  
11 Nigel Thomson  
12 Peter J Sanderson  
First Spliced Maximus-2

**LEICESTER, S Margaret**  
Sat Mar 21 1981 3h33 (33)  
**5007 STEDMAN CINQUES**

Comp. R Dennis  
1 Gareth Davies (C)  
2 Linda M Garton  
3 Simon D Brown  
4 Katharine J Firman  
5 Richard W Butler  
6 Neil J Buswell  
7 James S Croft  
8 Roger Bailey  
9 Nigel J Newton  
10 Graham G Firman  
11 Peter J Sanderson  
12 Alison K Surry  
First on 12 and of Stedman-6. First Cinques-2, 5, 9 and as conductor. Completes Stedman family-2.

# University of London Society

## SPLICED S. MAJOR - MAJOR TO MAXIMUS

On March 9 the Society rang a peal of all-the-work Maximus in 10 methods completing, with a week to spare, an ambition to ring peals of Spliced Major, Royal and Maximus within a year. Six of the band rang in all the peals.

The first success, 23-Surprise Major on March 15 1980 was not the first attempt. A considerable amount of practice preceded it, starting with an attempt for 13-Spliced at Uxbridge. Unmitigated disaster! The band went away sadder but wiser about the amount of method learning required. Two weeks later the lesson seemed to have been satisfactorily learned and Hendon was treated to a fairly respectable performance and one which was improved upon at Lewisham eight days later. In the interval it had become apparent that Keith Butter would not be in London much longer but Nigel Newton stood in at short notice. There no longer seemed any point in "beating about the bush" and building the number of methods up gradually. After ringing a quarter in 23 methods at Aldgate for Sunday service we went for the big one at Pinner at the beginning of March. Ten minutes was quite long enough to prove that the Uxbridge lesson had not yet been completely digested and the band "chickened out" with Stedman Triples. Only two more towers had been arranged and the end of term was fast approaching. Since Whalley had proved to be the bogey method the Wednesday night attempt was devoted to it. This did the trick and Saturday heard 23-Spliced coming round at Gt. Baddow, though not without its tentative moments.

By now it seemed to be taken for granted that we would move on to the Royal. Experience with the Major suggested that the best approach was to go immediately for 14 methods and arrange a number of attempts. With the student members of the band involved in exams and then scattered to the four winds during the summer, 'immediately' proved to be the end of October. The break did give plenty of scope for arranging towers and the blitzkrieg approach eventually resolved itself into six attempts on three consecutive weekends. The band also needed some reorganisation and since the grapevine said that Alison Surry was coming to London an invitation was hastily despatched. Chris Pickford and Kath Firman were drafted into alternate attempts to complete the band.

## QUARTER PEALS

(continued from last week)

**Wokingham, Berks** (All Saints) 21 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Francesca Shearcroft 1, Sheila Williams 2, Pearl Gibson 3, J P G Scott 4, R J Chapman 5, D Dewar 6, J A Harrison (C) 7, W S Gibson 8. For the birth of Nicholas William Scott (March 17).

**Workington, Cumbria**, 22 Mar, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Grace E Walker 1, Susan J Sewell (1st in m) 2, Pat M Evans 3, Fiona J Chandler 4, R W D Wetenhall 5, H Byrom 6, S Chandler (C) 7, M G Evans 8. For Evensong. Also for the birth of Stephen Richard Asquith.

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**Wimbledon, SW19**, 22 Mar, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: C K Rance (1st T.B.) 1, Diana Wilson 2, Verity Lowe 3, C R Sheppard 4, G S Harris 5, L C Davies (C) 6.

**Worle, Avon**, 22 Mar, 1260 Doubles (7m): Gwen Hooper 1, J Lambard 2, C A Swatton 3, H Hooper 4, D Hawkins (C) 5, H Button 6. For Morning Service. Also 24 Mar, 1260 Doubles (6m): H Hooper 1, J F S Lambard 2, Gwen Hooper 3, C A Swatton 4, D Hawkins (C) 5, H Button 6. For Commemoration Service - 40th anniversary Worle School.

**Wragby, Lincs**, 12 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: R F Johnson 1, Pamela Sutherland 2, E Glead 3, P Abbott (C) 4, J A Sutherland 5. Diamond Wedding compliment to Mr Bartholomew (one-time ringer) and Mrs Bartholomew.

**Wrockwardine, Salop**, 20 Mar, 1440 Oxford T.B. Minor: J Harrold (C) 1, D Parry 2, Ann C Bennett 3, W M Bellerby 4, K W Brice 5, L Colley 6. To welcome Rev W S Frost (inducted March 19).

**Yalding, Kent**, 15 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): S Pope 1, Caroline Monckton 2, R A Barclay 3, M R Gibbons 4, R W Young (C) 5. By Sunday service band for rededication of refurbished church organ.

## LATE QUARTER PEALS

**Brasted, Kent**, 28 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: G Everest 1, Doreen Williamson 2, Lesley Williamson 3, R Sherlock 4, F Budgen 5, H M Williamson (C) 6. 6162

**East Farleigh, Kent**, Feb 1, 1287 Grandsire Triples: Jenny Tilly 1, Debbie Goacher 2, Debbie Rootes 3, R A Barclay 4, T Riley 5, L G Parker 6, A P C Gunstone (C) 7, S Smith 8. 3919

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**Leigh-on-Mendip, Som.** Feb 7, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R Davis 1, Betty Davis (1st inside) 2, R E J Baker 3, J Davis 4, D J Withers (C) 5, R Weaver 6. 8118

**Whittlesea, Cambs.** Jan. 29, 1380 PB Doubles: R Brown 1, Christine Wright 2, Sarah Millard 3, J Roffe (C) 4, J Edwards 5, P Oldfield 6. Compliment to Bob and Pat Neal on the birth of a son (Matthew Robert). 3131

**Battersea, SW.** May 25, 1980, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: S M Jarvis 1, Caroline A Prescott 2, N A Humphries 3, Melanie Vaughan 4, C P Payne 5, J C Pearson 6, C F Mew (c) 7, C Bennett 8. 1st S Major inside 4. Also June 1, 1980, 1260 Doubles (4m): Melanie J Vaughan 1, J C Pearson 2, D P Pelham 3, S M Jarvis 4, C Bennett 5, N A Humphries 6. 819

#### FIVE IN A DAY March 21

**Cound, Salop.** 1440 London S. Minor: Dawn L Evans 1, R Jenkins 2, I P Makins 3, S A Williams 4, P A Keene 5, Jill M Little (C) 6. **Condover.** 1260 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: S A Williams 1, Dawn L Evans (1st in m) 2, R Jenkins 3, P A Keene 4, Jill M Little (C) 5, I P Makins 6. **Pulverbatch.** 1440 Norwich S. Minor: Dawn L Evans 1, I P Makins 2, S A Williams 3, R Jenkins 4, P A Keene 5, Jill M Little (C) 6. 1st in m-2, 3, 4, 6. **Pontesbury.** 1260 Spliced Doubles (7m): R Jenkins 1, I P Makins 2, S A Williams 3, P A Keene 4, Jill M Little (C) 5, Dawn L Evans 6. Most Spliced Doubles by all. **Westbury.** 1260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: R Jenkins 1, D Morgan (1st in m) 2, Dawn L Evans 3, Jill M Little 4, P A Keene (1st in m as C) 5, I P Makins 6.

#### EXONIAN SOCIETY

**Weedon Bec, Northants.** 16 Mar, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: Lesley A Tomlinson 1, D Selvia 2, R F Waddy 3, G P Tucker 4, K I Davis 5, R H Glover 6, D J Morgan 7, J M Roberts (C) 8. **Daventry.** 20 Mar, 1504 Bristol S. Major: Lesley A Tomlinson 1, T H Kingdon 2, J C Parker 3, P Mary Cheesewright 4, G P Tucker 5, D J Morgan 6, R P Graves 7, J M Roberts (C) 8. **Studley, Warks.** 21 Mar, 1320 Studley S. Minor: P J Sawyer 1, Judith M Fletcher 2, Susan M Sawyer 3, A J Brazier 4, S J Reading 5, G P Tucker (C) 6. **Church Lench, Warks.** 1260 Cambridge S. Minor: A M Russell-Laing 1, Susan M Sawyer 2, J Hughes 3, K F Chambers 4, A J Brazier 5, P J Sawyer (C) 6. **Coughton, Warks.** 1272 Norwich S. Minor: Lesley A Tomlinson 1, Judith M Fletcher 2, J Hughes 3, A J Brazier 4, S J Reading 5, G P Tucker (C) 6. **Tredington.** 1272 London S. Minor: G P Tucker 1, Susan M Sawyer 2, Lesley A Tomlinson 3, K F Chambers 4, A M Russell-Laing 5, P J Sawyer (C) 6. **Clifford Chambers.** 1260 Minor (2m): J Hughes 1, K F Chambers 2, A J Brazier 3, Judith M Fletcher 4, A M Russell-Laing 5, S J Reading (C) 6. Birthday compliment to K F Chambers. **Claverdon.** 1260 Claverdon S. Minor: Judith M Fletcher 1, Susan M Sawyer 2, Lesley A Tomlinson 3, S J Reading 4, G P Tucker 5, P J Sawyer (C) 6.

#### University of Surrey

#### SPONSORED QUARTER PEAL DAY March 21

On Saturday, March 21 the Society took part in a sponsored quarter peal day to raise money for the Bell Fund. After losing the first quarter at Bramley we scored P.B. Major at Shere, with Jane Booth calling her first quarter as conductor. We moved on to Merrow to ring P.B. Minor, Catherine Leeming attempting her first quarter on the relatively heavy six. After refreshment we rang a quarter of Doubles (3m) at St. Mary, Guildford. At Stoke we lost Cambridge at the half-way. Undaunted and with two replacements who had not been in the previous quarter, we attempted Rev. Canterbury Minor at St.

Nicolas, Guildford. It went well and all were relieved to relax at the end. CWS

**Shere, Surrey.** 1264 P.B. Major: I N Robinson 1, Yvonne Eloie 2, N W Robson (1st Major) 3, Jane W Applegate 4, C W Stanley 5, J G Todd 6, C T Berridge 7, M Jane Booth (1st as C) 8. **Merrow.** 1260 P.B. Minor: Catherine F Leeming (1st attempt) 1, Y 2, MJB 3, INR 4, JGT 5, CWS (C) 6. **Guildford (S Mary).** 1260 Doubles (3m): CTB 1, JWA 2, CWS (Most Doubles as C) 3, MJB 4, INR 5, NWR 6. 1st Doubles-1, 4. To wish Jane Booth bon voyage as she departs for Germany. **Guildford (S Nicolas).** 1260 Rev. Canterbury P.B. Minor: JGT 1, JWA 2, CTB 3, INR 4, NWR 5, CWS (C) 6. 1st blows in m-2, 3, 5. 1st in m by all and for the Society.

**Aberdeen** (47 Rubislaw Park Crescent). 25 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: J L Thorogood 1-2, P J Shipton 3-4, P R Butler (C) 5-6.

**Abbots Bromley, Staffs.** 22 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: S J Collins (1st Q) 1, M Wragg 2, S Hutchieson 3, A Wragg 4, C T Collins (C) 5, D Crump 6. For Evensong.

**Adderbury, Oxon.** 26 Mar, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: A J Thorne 1, Anne D Thorne 2, J Gardner 3, Tina A Ruff 4, J Blackwood 5, I Smith 6, G J Clifton (C) 7, R A Thorne 8. 1st in m-2, 3, 4.

**Albury, Surrey.** 23 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: J Hemborough 1, R E Knights 2, Jenny Bradford 3, Catherine Etherington 4, B J Underwood 5, S E Wood (C) 6. compliment to Pam and Derek Giddins on the birth of their son (Christopher).

**Arlecdon, Cumbria.** 2 Apr, 1296 Little Bob Major: Myra W Richardson 1, Pat M Evans 2, Susan J Sewell 3, Fiona J Chandler 4, S Richardson 5, G H Sewell 6, M G Evans 7, S Chandler (C) 8. 1st in m-2, 3, 4, 6. Silver Wedding anniversary compliment to Stanley and Myra Richardson.

**Bath, Som** (S Michael with S Paul). 22 Mar, 1280 Biddenden S. Major: C C Hillier 1, Judy Barker 2, Eve M Stevens 3, J G Hobbs 4, D Preston 5, M G Barker 6, G J Hawkins (C) 7, D J Kelly 8. 1st in m by all. For Service. Also 25 Mar, 1250 Evesham S. Major: B Sarll 1, C C Hillier 2, D Preston (circled tower 3 times) 3, G J Hawkins 4, J A G Ball 5, Sarah B White 6, Rebecca J Dick (C) 7, D J Kelly 8. 1st in m-2, 3, 4, 5, 8. (Bathwick). 2 Apr, 1260 Union Triples: R M Stubbs 1, G L Sparey 2, Harriet G Oldham 3, Maggie Willans 4, A J Sinden 5, M J Stubbs 6, R W Willans (C) 7, B T Parker 8.

**Benilton, Surrey.** 15 Mar, 1280 P.B. Major: Rosemary Cryle 1, Nicola J Pollock 2, Christine Balmer 3, Lizbeth A Harbottle 4, P Balmer 5, J P Le Bihan 6, P W S Richardson 7, J D Cheesman (C) 8. For Evensong.

**Bewdley, Worcs.** 22 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Cynthia Benjamin 1, Margaret Layton 2, P Key 3, M Link 4, T P Hughes 5, M Fielding 6, R W Carlyle (1st in m as C) 7, M D Rogers 8. For Evensong. Also Birthday compliment to M Link.

**Bocking, Essex.** 16 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): H Moore 1, A Pead 2, S Wallbank 3, R Suckling (C) 4, Mrs J Udall 5, D Lidford 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Ken Spurgeon, former tower secretary and father of Mrs J Udall. Also Stisted. 28 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Bridget D Oates (1st Q) 1, M Downs 2, R Suckling (C) 3, A Pead 4, A Downs 5, M Mason 6.

**Bredons Norton, Worcs.** 21 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Valerie Woodward 1, Iris Davis 2, Ruth Halling 3, Jane Pitman 4, R G Hart (1st as C) 5, Lisa Johns 6.

**Cannington, Som.** 27 Mar, 1260 Doubles (3m): Shirley A Brown 1, Nancy Meadow 2, Alyson L Taylor 3, G Brown (C) 4, G C Davis 5, F C Fackrell 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. May Yeo, stalwart of many ringers' outings.

**Canterbury, Kent** (S Stephen). 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Triples: Tania Osband 1, S Kemp 2, Linda Toogood 3, K Hamilton 4, D M Joyce 5, Jill Brannan 6, I R Howitt (C) 7, K I Davis 8. For Evensong.

**Carmarthen, Dyfed.** 21 Mar, 1259 Grandsire Triples: Beryl A Record 1, M J Lodwick (C) 2, Susan E Gray 3, K A F Record 4, G F Gray 5, P F Pope 6, J E Hawes 7, V G Lodwick 8.

**Darlington, Durham** (Holy Trinity). 26 Mar, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: R Park (C) 1, Irene Park 2, J H Stobart 3, G A Barker 4, A G Park 5, P M Park 6. In memoriam Thomas Cooke (captain, S Cuthbert's) died 23 Mar.

**Dunstable Priory, Beds.** 24 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: R A Thompson 1, Gail S Pemble 2, Lucy Shepherd 3, J F Thompson 4, R A Horne 5, A M Shepherd (C) 6.

**Ely, Cambs.** 31 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Ailsa L Butcher 1, F W Talbot 2, S H Smith 3, J L Round-Turner 4, B C Bass 5, B Sutton 6, J W Dove (cover) 7. In memoriam Felix Pilgrim (bellringer and verger).

**Freshford, Avon.** 31 Mar, 1260 Stedman Doubles: M J Horseman (C) 1, Rosemary Smith 2, C P Horseman 3, B J Fowler 4, R Smith 5. Silver Wedding anniversary compliment to Ron and Rose Smith.

**Froyle, Hants.** 27 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: A D Barnsdale 1, A E Thomas (1st inside and of Minor) 2, Kathryn L Carter 3, Ann Collins 4, Barbara J Llewellyn 5, A T Collins (C) 6.

**Goathurst, Som.** 27 Mar, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Heather M Gibbs 1, Valerie Stone 2, C T Clarke 3, T Harden 4, P N Harden (C) 5, C R Freeman 6. 25th together-1, 6.

**Gt. Brickhill, Bucks.** 27 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): R H A Clarke 1, Anne Stainsby 2, T G Page 3, D Stainsby (C) 4, M R Petchey 5, M H Butler 6. For Oxford D.G. Centenary.

**Harpenden, Herts.** 22 Mar, 1280 P.B. Major: S C Brown (1st Q) 1, M Amy Coburn 2, Diana M Parrott 3, Sheila Brown 4, A R Patterson 5, C F Pocock 6, Susan L Patterson 7, R D R Brown (C) 8.

**Hawkhurst, Kent.** 28 Mar, 1280 Spliced S. Major (3m): W Goringe 1, Penelope A Hart 2, Rosemary A Cleave 3, Alison P Parsons 4, D J Beeken 5, M Ostler 6, N R Parsons (1st Spliced as C) 7, S G Waters 8. 1st Spliced 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

The quarter at Grappenhall on March 29 had a dual purpose with a slight link between the events. Firstly it was for the birth of a daughter (Claire Louise) to Mike and Pam Thomson and secondly for the Centenary of the Royal College of Midwives. The Mersey Region of Branches were holding a service of thanksgiving and rededication at Chester Cathedral. Mrs. B. Ongley, the wife of a Grappenhall ringier, is a midwife at the hospital where Claire Louise was born (Warrington Borough General). N.T.

**Hayes, Middx.** 1 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: R G Chappelle 1, Susan M Gotham (1st Minor inside) 2, Valerie M Payne 3, Linda S Payne 4, A F Thirst 5, E R Gotham (C) 6, P S Venn (cover) 7. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Vera McKay whose funeral was this day.

**Heanor, Derbys.** 22 Mar, 1280 P.B. Major: M Camm 1, Gillian G Pearson 2, Carol A Conolly 3, P Woods 4, F C Pearson 5, A J Marchbank 6, F G Faulks (C) 7, T W Marchbank 8.

**Henfield, W. Sussex.** 8 Mar, 1264 P.B. Major: Celia Dickinson 1, Fai Kirkcaldy 2, Dorothy Harrison 3, I Harris 4, F Parsons 5, P Harrison 6, D Kirkcaldy 7, P Dickinson (C) 8. In memoriam E Packham.

**Henlow, Beds.** 22 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: O H J Rogers (1st away from cover) 1, P R Jewell 2, A D Osborne 3, R J Fuller 4, O A Davis 5, G L K Dann (C) 6, P W Tompkins 7, R R Perrey 8. For Evensong.

**Hoar Cross, Staffs.** 21 Mar, 1272 Oxford T.B. Minor: R Pye 1, N Argust 2, A Wragg 3, S Hutchieson 4, C T Collins 5, D P Jones (C) 6.

**Holt, Norfolk.** 8 Mar, 1272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Hilary J Poyner (1st T.B.) 1, Mary C Poyner 2, Jennie S Forster 3, A S Forster 4, I Symington 5, H Poyner (C) 6. For Evensong.

**Hordle, Hants.** 15 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A G Smith 1, Faith Webster 2, Margaret A Hoole (1st as C) 3, Rachel V Smith 4, A C Webster 5, I Jackson 6. Engagement compliment to Rosemary Shearing and Bob Rogers.

**Inveraray, Strathclyde.** 21 Mar, 1260 P.B. Royal: J F Grove 1, N Chaddock 2, S P Piper 3, T Winderam 4, Sally Gosnold 5, S P Barnes 6, P Woolven 7, J G Harpole 8, T J Bradbury (C) 9, N Booth 10.

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**Hursley, Hants.** 31 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Sarah E Lovelock 1, J B Lovelock 2, M K Waldron 3, Jessie M Kippin 4, P J Bardon 5, A P Smith (C) 6. By Sunday service band. Half-muffled in memoriam Arthur John Newton.

**Kalamazoo College, Michigan.** 23 Mar, 1440 S. Minor (2m): T Farthing 1-2, T J Smith 3-4, Mary Burke (C) 5-6. For the birth of Andrew Jacob Fink, to Zaide and John.

**Keele, Staffs.** 27 Mar, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): Kath Adams 1, Mary Sharp 2, N Sharp 3, P Thomas 4, C Adams (C) 5, W Watkin 6. Most m/v-2, 3, 4.

**Kingsteignton, Devon.** 28 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karen Etheridge 1, Rowena G Pierce 2, Elaine Clutterbuck 3, Maureen Hawkins 4, R F Sheppard 5, N G Birt (25th Q) 6, D J Hawkins (C-100th Q) 7, S K Glanfield 8. 1st on eight-1, 3.

**Lea, Linco.** 21 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P R Bell 1, Margaret A Parker 2, M J Bentley (1st Q) 3, Sandra Stallibrass (1st in m as C) 4, J R Parker 5, S M Nesbit 6.

**Leyland, Lancs** (S Andrew). 26 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: B Ellis 1, Denise Exton 2, Mrs S Ellis 3, D Marsden 4, R Thurman 5, P Hewitt (C) 6. Confirmation compliment to S Adams, R Braithwaite and N Wood (ringers here).

**Leytonstone, Essex.** 15 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): P A V Driscoll (1st on treble) 1, M Wareing 2, Linda Wareing 3, C T Coles 4, M J Burns (C) 5, Maria Driscoll (1st Q) 6. Birthday compliment to conductor.

**Linton, Herefords.** 2 Apr, 1320 P.B. Doubles: Tina Bucknell (1st Q) 1, June Hurst (1st inside) 2, Beryl Paton 3, J Hitchings (C) 4, R Hitchings 5, M Tipper 6. Silver Wedding anniversary compliment to Phil and Joy Evans.

**Lostwithiel, Cornwall.** 21 Mar, 1260 Stedman Doubles: J M Body 1, E Anne Body 2, P J Tremain 3, M G H Hood 4, F M S Stracey (C) 5, R Husband 6. 1st in m-1, 2. 1st S Doubles-3, 4.

**Monkton, Devon.** 23 Mar, 1260 Doubles (5m): T Travers 1, I L Morrell 2, A Crabb 3, D Salter 4, D V Travers (C) 5, C Joyce 6. Also **Cotleigh**. 28 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): W A Sparkes 1, T Travers 2, L V Morrell 3, D V Travers (C) 4, F J Sage 5, C Joyce 6. Diamond Wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs Walt Chick. Also **Churchstanton, Som.** 30 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): W Moore 1, L V Morrell 2, T Travers 3, D Salter 4, D V Travers (C) 5, C Joyce 6.

**Meppershall, Beds.** 25 Mar, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: C W Firmin 1, H W L Lawrence 2, S S Wilson 3, O A Davis 4, J Parsons (C) 5. 1st in m-3 and as C. To welcome back Charles Firmin to the Exercise.

**Merriott, Som.** 20 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G Button (1st Q) 1, Marion Andrews 2, M R D Best 3, E J Venn 4, M J Medley (C) 5, D A Robinson 6. 21st Birthday compliment to Graham Button.

**Nether Alderley, Cheshire.** 24 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: A Davies 1, Jane Jackson 2, P Bloor 3, Jane Powell 4, S Bamforth (C) 5, P Robinson 6. 1st Q-1, 2, 3.

**Nettleham, Linco.** 28 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: D E Haigh (1st away from cover) 1, Valerie A Waby 2, Margaret A Parker (joint C) 3, N R Malone (joint C) 4, J R Parker 5, P R Bell 6.

**Offenham, Worcs.** 23 Mar, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: S J Reading (C) 1, R Selby 2, J Rosser (1st Grandsire) 3, E Canning 4, Judith M Fletcher 5, R A Canning 6. Engagement compliment to Eric Canning and Sally Mobley.

**Offton, Suffolk.** 28 Mar, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: R G R Pegg 1, Janet Stevenson (1st Surprise) 2, Tina R Cooper 3, Daphne E Pegg 4, Christine R Pegg (C) 5, Winifred Lockwood 6. Birthday compliment to Sylvia R Pipe (Grundisburgh).

**Pattingham, E. Yorks.** 24 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Eric Acey (1st Q) 1, Elizabeth A Singleton 2, Pauline Acey (1st inside) 3, Michael Coates 4, John A Singleton (C) 5, Alan Tiplady 6. Wedding anniversary compliment to Eric and Pauline Acey.

**Paul, Cornwall.** 2 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A Carol Friggins 1, J T Watson 2, Carol M Dunn 3, W R Curtis 4, A R Jones (C) 5, Josephine S C Roff 6. 1st Q-1, 6.

**Pershore, Worcs** (Abbey). 22 Mar, 1260 P.B. Triples: Alison McCormick 1, Sarah E Fowle 2, Jennie m D Kimberley 3, Charmian Hill 4, J Alexander 5, R K Williams (C) 6, M B Cowley 7, W F J Quarrell 8. For Evensong.

**Petersfield, Hants.** 28 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Mandy Roberts 1, A M Hargreaves (1st as C) 2, Mrs A Hall 3, Maureen D Tipper 4, K A Tipper 5, Carolyn Sutton 6. For "Festival of Praise" Day.

**Piddlehinton, Dorset.** 27 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): A House 1, P Grantovskis (1st in 2m) 2, R L Wareham 3, R J Mears 4, E H Amey (C) 5, R H J Mears 6. For the birth of Laura Jane Hunt.

**Pinner, Middx.** 25 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: R H Grace 1, R Mary Williams 2, R F Knights (C) 3, G P M Green (1st inside) 4, K B Sanders 5, Gillian E Baker 6. For Annunciation of B.V. Mary.

**Prestwold, Leics.** 27 Mar, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: A W Southwart (1st T.B.) 1, Hilary C Mizen (1st Surprise) 2, B S Payne (C) 3, T M Payne 4, A Berry 5, A J Hollingshead 6, S Greedy 7, R J Stretton 8.

**Redhill, Surrey.** 22 Mar, 1260 P.B. Triples: Teresa Wetherall 1, Betty Sagers 2, G A West 3, R C O Fowler 4, Paula Hatt 5, Anne Wetherall 6, D D Atfield (C) 7, R Terry 8.

**Redmarley, Glos.** 28 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Valerie Woodward (C) 1, G Swindail (1st inside) 2, Jane Pitman 3, Ruth Halling 4, Iris Davis 5, Lisa Johns 6.

**Ripe, Sussex.** 21 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J Streeter 1, Rosemary Spreadbury 2, B Stepany 3, R Neal 4, C Spreadbury (C) 5. Wedding compliment to Jim (tower captain) and Linda Beckingham.

**Runcorn, Cheshire.** 17 Mar, 1280 Bristol S. Major: C Ward 1, Diana M Mounsey 2, M N Tickner 3, C W Simpson 4, G V Graham 5, J H Wilton 6, G Parting (1st in m) 7, W Allman (C) 8. Also 21 Mar, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: C Ward 1, Norah M Randles 2, Sonia E Jukes 3, J H Wilton 4, C W Simpson 5, A J Jobson 6, M N Tickner (C) 7, D Maddock 8. Wedding compliment to Barry Winstanley and Karen Williams.

**Rushmere St. Andrew, Suffolk.** 15 Mar, 1260 Minor (2m): K J Nunn 1, J A Smith (1st Minor) 2, Linda J Tovell 3, J S Girt 4, J L Girt 5, D A Tovell (C) 6. Wedding anniversary compliment to Linda and David Tovell. Also 30 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Linda J Tovell 1, J A Smith 2, D H P Buxton 3, Rev M J Turner 4, J L Girt 5, D A Tovell (C) 6. Engagement compliment to the Rev Martin Turner and Natasha Schemanoff.

**Sandal, Yorks.** 24 Mar, 1260 T.B. Minor (2m): C Maynard (C) 1, Rosemary Wilson 2, Amanda Booth (1st Q) 3, Lynne Stretton 4, R Maynard 5, J Cutt 6. 21st Birthday compliment to Amanda Booth.

**Sandon, Essex.** 24 Mar, 1440 S. Minor (2m): Ann F Chapman 1, D E Belcham 2, C F Chapman 3, J E Stead 4, N Doyle 5, N G Curnow (C) 6.

**Sharnbrook, Beds.** 27 Mar, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: J Kinsella 1, M D Barratt 2, S A Day 3, D A Hammond 4, C E Jeffries (C) 5, H S Wilson 6.

**Spaxton, Som.** 27 Mar, 1320 St. Miles Doubles: Valerie Stone 1, Heather M Gibbs (C) 2, P N Harden 3, C T Clarke 4, G R Freeman 5, G G Davis 6. 1st in var. by all.

**Stagsden, Beds.** 1 Apr, 1250 Cambridge S. Minor: P Mary Cheesewright 1, Jenny Thompson (1st S. Minor inside) 2, D A Hammond 3, B A R Thompson 4, R J Hillson 5, J M Roberts (C) 6.

**Stockbury, Kent.** 25 Mar, 1260 St. Martin's Bob Doubles: M Lacey 1, Pam Bushell 2, F Dadson 3, R Horder 4, R J Bushell (C) 5. 75th together-2, 5. 1st in m by all.

**Stoke Prior, Worcs.** 2 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Hansford 1, C Tansell 2, M Hansford 3, A Russell 4, P Evans 5, A Hartley 6, M Powell (1st in m as C) 7, T Lewis 8. For Induction of the Rev P Emmerson (Vicar).

**Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs** (S Peter ad Vincula). 22 Mar, 1260 P.B. Triples: Julie A Openshaw (1st Triples) 1, B Margaret Burton 2, W E Evans 3, Wendy Daw 4, John G Burton 5, J Geof Burton 6, R H Daw (C) 7, J Openshaw 8. For Evensong.

**Stow, Linco.** 21 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Karin Landsborough-McDonald (1st Q) 1, Margaret A Parker 2, Wendy A Lewis 3, Sandra Stallibrass 4, J R Parker (C) 5, S M Nesbit 6.

**Stretton, Cheshire.** 28 Mar, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: E C Gorton 1, Catherine M Rowlands 2, Mary E McCulloch 3, A F Eccles 4, R J Fearnett 5, N Thomson (C) 6. For the birth of Clare Louise to Mike and Pam Thomson.

**St. Albans, Herts** (Cathedral). 24 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: G Penney 1, R A Brown 2, G Dodds 3, D Hodgskin 4, H V Frost 5, R J Moore 6, K J Walpole (C) 7, K Mitchell 8. Half-muffled for the persecuted Church.

**St. Columb Major, Cornwall.** 28 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: D J Tremain 1, C H Gillingham 2, P J Tremain (C) 3, D H Goodwin 4, J A Rodcliffe 5, A G Belcher 6. Half-muffled in memoriam W J Rickard, churchwarden 1953-1981.

**St. Veep, Cornwall.** 21 Mar, 1440 Mersey S. Minor: J M Body 1, E Barnaby 2, P J Tremain 3, R M Warwick 4, M G H Hood 5, F M S Stracey (C) 6. 1st in m by all.

**Tarvin, Cheshire.** 15 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: A N Bowmer 1, Hilary Cook 2, Angela Hayes 3, C Haworth 4, D N Owen (C) 5, P J Turner 6. For Evensong.

**Tewin, Herts.** 22 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia M Darby 1, Gail A Reed 2, D Wakely 3, P D Walters 4, G R D Lay (C) 5, Audrey Walters 6. 1st Grandsire-3.

**Tewkesbury, Glos.** 22 Mar, 1260 Middlesex Bob Triples: Sarah McColl 1, Claire Freeman 2, Iris Davis 3, Valerie Woodward 4, Ruth Halling 5, A Halling 6, Jane Pitman (C) 7, G Swindail 8. 1st in m by all. For Evensong. Also 29 Mar, 1260 Doubles (6m/v): Sarah McColl 1, Ruth Halling (most m/v inside) 2, Jane Pitman (C) 3, Valerie Woodward 4, A Halling 5, Lisa Johns 6. For Morning Service. Also for Baptism of Miriam Frances Culver.

**Thorley, Herts.** 28 Mar, 1440 S. Minor (3m): Carol Warboys 1, J Ann Applegate 2, A F Case 3, D Kemp 4, J S Warboys 5, N D Hughes (C) 6.

**Thowley, Kent.** 28 Mar, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Allison Northcote (1st Q) 1, Eileen S Palin 2, Shirley A Northcote 3, S C Palin (C) 4, B Tumbler 5, W S Palin 6, E Eades 7, J Francis 8. 1st in m-3, 4, 5.

**Washington D.C.** 25 Mar, 1280 London S. Major: Becky Joyce 1, Colleen J Kollar 2, Mary O Clark 3, Katharine S Emmons 4, Quilla Roth 5, E T Jacobson 6, W J Kollar 7, A R Kench (C) 8. 1st London S. Major-2, 4, 6, 7.

**Westbourne, W. Sussex.** 15 Mar, 1264 P.B. Major: J Shannone (1st Q) 1, S Kelly 2, Elizabeth Alder 3, Jane Shutler 4, C Shutler 5, P Goodhew 6, P Wilkinson 7, G Anthony (C) 8.

**W. Quantoxhead, Som.** 24 Mar, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: Valerie J Stone 1, Heather M Gibbs 2, J M Stone (1st in m) 3, Joan Hopwood 4, C T Clarke 5, M J Stone 6.

**Whickham, Tyne & Wear.** 15 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Claire Bowron 1, Linda McGregor 2, M Poppleston 3, Christine Massey 4, Claire Hodgson 5, T Ford (C) 6. For Evensong.

**Willingham-by-Stow, Linco.** 21 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: A Jill Kirby (1st Q) 1, Margaret A Parker 2, Sandra Stallibrass 3, J R Parker (C) 4, S M Nesbit 5, P R Bell 6.

**Worcester** (S John in Bedwardine). 31 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): Ann Smith 1, Sandra Parker 2, K Harrold 3, C Tansell 4, T W Lewis (C) 5, Elizabeth Norton 6, R Parker 7, C E Brookes 8. Birthday compliment to 1, 6.

## IN KENT

**Cranbrook.** 28 Mar, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: N Doyle 1, S A Bryant 2, S W M Thorpe 3, T E Church 4, T J Peverett 5, J R Martin 6, H G Goddard 7, A C Malton (C) 8. 1st Kent Major inside-2. **Tenterden.** 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: S W M Thorpe 1, T J Peverett 2, J R Martin 3, B M Garraway 4, N Doyle 5, J R Peverett 6, H G Goddard 7, A C Malton (C) 8. **Frittenden.** 1260 Stedman Triples: T J Peverett 1, J R Martin 2, J R Peverett 3, T E Church 4, N Doyle 5, H G Goddard 6, A C Malton (C) 7, S A Bryant 8. 1st S. Triples-4, 8. **Lydd.** 29 Mar, 1280 Uxbridge S. Major: S A Bryant 1, T J Peverett 2, T E Church 3, J R Martin 4, J R Peverett 5, N Doyle 6, S W M Thorpe 7, A C Malton (C) 8. 1st in m-3, 5.

## AT WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

**Washington D.C., U.S.A.** 12 Dec, 1980. 1440 Morning Star Minor: Rachel Pasch 1, N Withington 2, Colleen Kollar 3, Quilla Roth 4, B Kollar 5, R Dirksen (C) 6. 1st by all and for Guild. For 150th anniversary.



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sary of the Naval Observatory. Also 15 Dec. 1277 Grandsire Caters: Rachel Pasch 1, Rita Joyce 2, Mary Clark 3, Colleen Kollar 4, Becky Joyce 5, Quilla Roth (1st Caters) 6, P Merrill 7, B Kollar 8, R Dirksen (C) 9, J Fanfani 10. Also 3 Jan, 1260 P.B. Minor: Satsko Matthewson (1st Q) 1, N Withington 2, Katharine Emmons 3, Colleen Kollar 4, Quilla Roth 5, B Kollar (1st as C) 6. Also 20 Jan, 1280 P.B. Royal: N Withington 1, Becky Joyce 2, Katie Emmons 3, Colleen Kollar 4, Mary Clark 5, P Merrill 6, M Hutcheson 7, Quilla Roth 8, B Kollar 9, R Dirksen (C) 10. For the Inauguration of President Ronald M Reagan. Also 29 Jan, 1260 P.B. Royal: Jan Hensley 1, N Withington 2, Becky Joyce 3, Colleen Kollar 4, Mary Clark 5, M Hutcheson 6, P Merrill 7, Quilla Roth 8, B Kollar 9, R Dirksen (C) 10. For release of the American Hostages. Also 15 Feb, 1456 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Colleen Kollar 1, N Withington 2, Becky Joyce 3, M Hutcheson 4, Mary Clark 5, Quilla Roth 6, B Kollar 7, R Dirksen (C) 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Edmunds, Priest. Also 16 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: Catherine Morgan 1, Catharine Toulmin 2, Gail Harris 3, Cathy O'Neil 4, Margaret Christie 5, R Dirksen (C) 6. 110th Birthday compliment to Z D Blackstone.

#### IN SOUTH WEST ESSEX

South West Essex was the venue for a quarter peal day, organised by Neil Curnow, in and around the Chelmsford area. All quarters were rung with several firsts being scored. J.E.S., N.G.C.

#### MARCH 21

**Chigwell Row.** 1280 Spliced S. Major (4m): J E Steed 1, K Lucas 2, G Lucas 3, G H Walker 4, Gwen Rogers 5, N G Curnow (1st Lincolnshire and of Spliced) 6, P Hill 7, P Rogers (C) 8. **Waltham Abbey.** 1282 Cambridge S. Royal: Gwen Rogers 1, G Lucas 2, A P Smith 3, J E Steed (1st in m) 4, G H Walker 5, N G Curnow (1st Royal) 6, B Bradstock 7, P Hill 8, P Rogers 9, K Lucas (C) 10. **Barkingside.** 1280 Bristol S. Major: G H Walker 1, K Lucas 2, J E Steed 3, P Hill 4, N G Curnow 5, B Bradstock 6, P Rogers 7, Gwen Rogers 8, 1st Bristol-2, 5, 6. Completes standard eight-2. **Walthamstow** (S Saviour). 1280 Rutland S. Major: G H Walker 1, Gwen Rogers 2, J E Steed 3, N G Curnow 4, B Bradstock 5, G Lucas 6, P Rogers 7, K Lucas (C) 8. 1st Rutland-4, 5.

#### FOUR IN SOMERSET

#### MARCH 28

**Glastonbury** (S John). 1288 Rev. Canterbury Triples: Maggie F Willans 1, Linda Drew 2, R W Willans 3, G L Sparey 4, A J Sinden 5, D K Barrington 6, R M Stubbs (C) 7, M J Stubbs 8. **Stoke-sub-Hamdon.** 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: A J Sinden 1, R M Stubbs 2, Maggie F Willans 3, Linda Drew (C) 4, R W Willans 5, D K Barrington 6, 100th together-4, 6. **S. Petherton.** 1260 P.B. Triples: R M Stubbs 1, Maggie F Willans 2, Linda Drew 3, G L Sparey 4, M J Stubbs 5, D K Barrington 6, A J Sinden (C) 7, R W Willans 8. **Iminster.** 1288 Grandsire Triples: Linda Drew 1, R W Willans (C) 2, Maggie F Willans 3, G L Sparey 4, M J Stubbs 5, D K Barrington 6, R M Stubbs 7, A J Sinden 8. All for the Ruby Wedding of Mr and Mrs Jack Drew.

#### THREE IN KENT

#### MARCH 21

**Goodnestone.** 1260 Minor (2m): K I Davis (C) 1, S Kemp 2, N R Self 3, S V J Bounds 4, C Rogers 5, I R Howitt 6. **Gt. Mongeham.** 1260 Doubles (3m): I R Howitt 1, K I Davis 2, C Rogers 3, S V J Bounds 4, N R Self (C) 5, S Kemp 6. **Canterbury** (S Stephen). 1280 Cambridge S. Major: D H Niblett (C) 1, I R Howitt 2, Jennifer M Fraser 3, Ruth S Niblett 4, S Kemp 5, N R Self 6, P D Niblett 7, K I Davis 8.

#### IN DORSET, WILTS AND HANTS

#### MARCH 28

**Blandford.** 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Rachel V Smith 1, Janet M Collins 2, A G Smith 3, Faith Webster 4, A C Webster 5, D A Strong 6, D R Bugler 7, T F Collins (C) 8. **Spetisbury.** 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: P R Maude 1, Janet M Collins 2, Cindy Maude 3, T F Collins (C) 4, A C Webster 5, A G Smith 6. **Downton.** 1260 Stedman Triples: Rachel V Smith 1, D R Bugler 2, Cindy Maude 3, Faith Webster 4, A C Webster 5, A G Smith 6, T F Collins (C) 7, D A Strong 8. **Fordingbridge.** 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Faith Webster 1, Janet M Collins 2, Cindy Maude 3, A G Smith 4, A C Webster 5, D A Strong 6, D R Bugler 7, T F Collins (C) 8.

#### IN DORSET AND SOMERSET

**Charlton Horethorne.** 4 Mar, 1250 Lincolnshire S. Major: Cindy Maude 1, H D W Bishop 2, M J Medley 3, M R D Best 4, D A Robinson 5, D A Strong

6, D R Bugler 7, T F Collins (C) 8. **Charminster.** 11 Mar, 1280 Spliced S. Major (3m): H D W Bishop 1, Janet M Collins 2, Cindy Maude 3, D R Bugler 4, D A Robinson 5, M R D Best 6, M J Medley 7, T F Collins (C) 8. **Thornford.** 18 Mar, 1320 Carlisle S. Minor: D A Robinson 1, Cindy Maude 2, H D W Bishop 3, D A Strong 4, D R Bugler 5, T F Collins (C) 6. **Norton-sub-Hamdon.** 25 Mar, 1368 Chester S. Minor: Cindy Maude 1, H D W Bishop 2, D A Strong 3, M R D Best 4, M J Medley 5, T F Collins (C) 6. **Piddletrenthide.** 25 Mar, 1296 Spliced S. Minor (5m): M R D Best 1, Cindy Maude 2, H D W Bishop 3, M J Medley 4, D R Bugler 5, T F Collins (C) 6.

#### Bath & Wells D.A.

#### LADIES ONLY

On March 25 - Lady Day - the Bridgwater (Somerset) Branch held a "Ladies Only Quarter Peal Day". The first tower was Bawdrip, a light four, followed by Ashcott where it was a "first of Minor by an all-ladies band" in the Bridgwater Branch. After lunch there was Shapwick and a dash across Bridgwater (collecting and depositing school children *en route*) for P.B. Doubles at Fiddington (unfortunately lost during the ninth extent). At Woolavington, ringing was prior to a Deanery Synod Service. At the last tower (Cossington) St. Simon's Doubles was lost after 35 minutes. Fifteen ringers took part, and all agreed it was well worth the effort.

**Bawdrip.** 1272 Single Court Bob Minimus: Carol Kent 1, Margaret Trimm 2, Heather M Gibbs (C) 3, Valerie Stone 4. 1st Minimus-1, 2. 1st in m by all. **Ashcott.** 1260 P.B. Minor: Amanda Clark (1st Minor) 1, Sally K Wheeler 2, Carol Kent 3, Margaret Trimm 4, Heather M Gibbs (C) 5, Valerie J Stone 6. **Shapwick.** 1360 Kennington Doubles: Frances Pearce (1st attempt) 1, Valerie Stone 2, Sally K Wheeler 3, Heather M Gibbs (C) 4, Freda Prime 5, Amanda Clark 6. 1st in var. by all. **Woolavington.** 1260 Rev. Canterbury P.B. Doubles: Margaret-Anne Bland (13-1st attempt) 1, Valerie J Stone 2, Heather M Gibbs (C) 3, Sheila Bowden 4, Carol Kent 5, Nancy Meadow 6.

#### AN AUDIENCE

There was an audience to watch the ringing of the quarter peal of P.B. Minor at Yattendon, Berks on March 28. The quarter was recorded as a welcome to David Collins, son of two of the local band. It was also a wedding compliment to Vanessa and Nicholas Monger and in memory of Mrs. Don Wyatt (chorister and church worker for many years). David's parents (with their son and heir), the newly-married couple and grandparents were all there and the quarter was recorded by David's father.

**Yattendon, Berks.** 28 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: R Edwards 1, Gillian Edwards 2, K G Edwards 3, H Lawrenson 4, R F Crook 5, G K Dodd (C) 6.

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#### FOR THE ROYAL ENGAGEMENT

St. Mary's, Gt. Brington, Northants, where a quarter of P.B. Minor was rung on February 24 for the Royal Engagement, lies at the edge of the Althorpe Estate and holds a lot of Spencer family history, and Ancestors. Gt. Brington has been the family place of worship for many years, and Lady Diana's sister, Lady Sarah, was married there last year.

**Gt. Brington, Northants.** 24 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: Janet Bowers 1, W Collins 2, Hilda Collins 3, C Stanton 4, N Parsons 5, J Townley (C) 6.

#### 70th BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENTS TO THE RINGING WORLD AND ITS EDITOR

**Guildford, Surrey** (S Nicolas). 22 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Catherine Etherington 1, K S Green 2, Jennifer A Bradford 3, Roger G Bull 4, S E Wood 5, C W Stanley (C) 6. **Frensham, Surrey.** 23 Mar, 1280 Stedman Triples: C W Denyer 1, R Corke 2, R Anne Beadle 3, K Williamson 4, A Barnsdale 5, C J Beadle 6, E J Wells (C) 7, D Shepherd 8.

#### LATE QUARTER PEALS FOR THE ROYAL ENGAGEMENT

**Barnwood, Glos.** 8 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: M J Mulvey 1, R Bruce (1st Stedman) 2, Frances Mulvey 3, L Gillian Blackman 4, J E Newman 5, L C Edwards 6, H E Raxter (C) 7, W Blair 8.

**Coleshill, Warwicks.** 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Triples: June Barker 1, J Illingworth 2, D Jackson 3, E Conington 4, E H Hill 5, D L Hooper 6, P Barker (C) 7, L Ashwell (1st on 8) 8. For Evensong.

**Iwerne Minster, Dorset.** 27 Feb, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jean H Kennard (1st Q) 1, C G Birch 2, E C Chant 3, J Knight 4, R W Ellis (1st as C) 5. 8381

**Kirkby-in-Furness, Lancs.** 26 Feb, 1260 Minor (2m): N M Newby 1, June M Kendall 2, Barbara M Rigg 3, K Newby 4, J Bagnall 5, T F Metcalfe 6.

#### SECRETARIES/TREASURERS

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**Lillington, Warwicks.** 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: R Fearn 1, Clare Sanders 2, Gillian Baker (1st inside) 3, Gillian Fearn 4, T Hine 5, Elaine Baker 6. 1st in m-2, 3, 4.

**Southover, Sussex.** 4 Mar, 1260 P.B. Triples: Hazel Craven 1, H Brown 2, Susan Markby (1st inside) 3, N D Deam 4, S Brown 5, R Topham 6, W G Merritt (C) 7, J H Lilley 8. 1st in m-1, 3, 4.

**Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs** (S Peter ad Vincula). 1 Mar, 1280 Cambridge S. Royal: J Openshaw 1, Helen Lowe 2, W E Evans 3, Margaret Burton 4, A M Daw 5, Wendy Daw 6, Melanie R Daw 7, J Geof Burton 8, John G Burton 9, R H Daw (C) 10. For Evensong.

#### LATE QUARTERS

**Bocking, Essex.** 8 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): R Suckling (C) 1, A Pead 2, T Peeverett 3, S Wallbank 4, Charlotte Gould 5, D Lidford 6, D Turner 7. Also 15 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: H Moore 1, S Wallbank 2, Charlotte Gould 3, M Downs 4, R Suckling 5, A Downs 6, D Lidford 7, D Turner 8. Both for Compine.

**Monken Hadley, Herts.** 26 Feb, 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: G Penney 1, Susan Patterson 2, R Penn 3, Sheila Spreadbury 4, A Patterson (C) 5, J J Ford 6, A Spreadbury 7, K Walpole 8. 1st Lincolnshire-4, 7.

**Ringmer, Sussex.** 15 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: S White (1st Minor) 1, Carol Russell 2, Elizabeth Clifford 3, G Watkins 4, W Merritt 5, T Russell (C) 6. Also 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: S White 1, Carol Russell 2, G Watkins 3, M Brain 4, R Topham 5, T Russell (C) 6. 2211

**Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs** 22 Feb, 1250 Lincolnshire S. Major: W E Evans 1, Helen Lowe 2, A M Daw 3, Margaret Burton 4, Wendy Daw 5, John G Burton 6, J Geof Burton 7, R H Daw (C) 8. For Evensong. Also a compliment to Helen Lowe on gaining the Queen's Guide award. Also 8 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): C W Machin 1, J Geof Burton 2, John G Burton 3, Wendy Daw 4, R H Daw (C) 5, W E Evans 6. For Evensong. 1st attempt and 1st Fenton ringer to ring a quarter for over 30 years! Also 15 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): A J Morris (12-1st attempt) 1, J Geof Burton 2, B Margaret Burton 3, John G Burton 4, R H Daw (C) 5, W E Evans 6. 3910

**Wicken, Northants.** 16 Jan, 1280 Bristol S. Major: P J Eales 1, Jill Haseldine 2, E R Venn 3, P Davis 4, J W Blackwood 5, M G Hooton 6, R Haseldine (C) 7, B J Davis 8. **Hook Norton, Oxon.** 10 Feb, 1344 Ashted S. Major: C T Wightman 1, Barbara H Payne 2, Diana Reeves 3, C Holmes 4, J W Blackwood 5, R A Reeves 6, B J Davis 7, E R Venn (C) 8. **Banbury.** 13 Feb, 1275 Stedman Caters: C T Wightman 1, B J Davis 2, R Haseldine 3, A P Davis 4, Jill Haseldine 5, M G Hooton 6, J W Blackwood 7, G E Green 8, E R Venn (C) 9, P J Eales 10. **High Wycombe, Bucks.** 13 Mar, 1341 Grandsire Cinques: E R Venn (C) 1, B J Davis 2, F A H Wilkins 3, M Journeaux 4, S H Stanford 5, J R Chaundy 6, J J Strange 7, B J Stone 8, C Holloway 9, B R White 10, D C Woodward 11, F A White 12. By Oxford Society.

**Winford, Avon.** 8 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs H M Hobbs 1, Mrs S Snack 2, C Hobbs 3, J Levin 4, G H Ball (C) 5, M Baker 6.

"... it wasn't a bad quarter... we didn't get it but it was better than last year when we didn't even start..." (Benson Bat)-Newsletter

The peal at Bolton on March 15 is associated with the wedding of the Rev. Stephen Ballard and Janet Eland earlier in March.

After about ten years ringing, Horace Kirman has, at the age of 66, achieved his first peal (at Walpole St. Peter). He is now looking forward to the next attempt.



## THE RINGING EXERCISE IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY (Part IV)

The office of beadle differed considerably from the others and was more or less permanent. The beadle was not so much a man with authority over the members as their servant, and was paid for what he did by a grant of money, or by fees, or by a share in the fines and forfeits incurred by the members. It was his job to attend to the routine business of the society much as a modern secretary does, and indeed the one office developed into the other. Since an important part of the beadle's work was to let members know when and where meetings were to be held, he was sometimes called the warner. The office of beadle gave a man a large amount of influence in a company, but did not carry much dignity, and those men who were considered socially rather above the average never sought it.

When we consider the objects of these societies and the conditions under which they existed, we cannot but admit that their constitution and rules could hardly be bettered. They were based on the broad principle of the equality of all the members. Everyone had an equal chance of filling in his turn, and his turn was decided by seniority. So long as a member was in office he had ample authority to fulfil his duties, but directly his term of office was up, he stepped back again into the ranks and was expected to obey the orders of his successors as they had been expected to obey his, just as the consuls of ancient Rome exercised supreme authority for one year and one year only, and when that year ended, became once more ordinary private citizens.

But admirable as these regulations were in theory, there was one stubborn fact that they left out of account. They assumed that all men are equal, and that is just what never happens, either in a ringing society or in any other body of men. Some are more talented than others. Some have more ambition. Some have a genius for leadership. It might well happen that the mastership was filled by a man who was quite willing to follow others, but neither by inclination nor qualification was fitted to lead. A young, talented, and ambitious man who joined a society was faced with the prospect of having to wait ten, fifteen, or twenty years before he reached the position of undisputed leadership; and all the while he would have to pay deference to men he would consider (and rightly) far inferior to himself.

### NATURAL THING

The natural thing happened. Side by side with the official master, there were men who strove for and gained the real control without any official status. In a general way, no doubt, it worked in practice very well, but at times there was sure to be friction. Sometimes there were two men each striving for the mastery. Sometimes the attempt of one man to establish a virtual dictatorship led to disputes and quarrels. For many years Benjamin Annable was the real leader (at least in the belfry) of the College Youths, though he had to wait twenty-five years before he was elected master. He only maintained his ascendancy by dint of a continual struggle which got fiercer as time went on, and ended after his death by splitting the society from top to bottom. George Partrick, the virtual

founder of the Society of Cumberland Youths, after having for many years called almost all their peals, quarrelled with them and for a time left them; and George Gross, at the very zenith of his career, was driven out of the same society to form a new and rival band.

The same thing happened with lesser men, and the constant migrations of ringers from one society to another are proof of the very frequent quarrels and clash of personal interest and ambition that occurred.

To these changes the peculiar circumstances of the London Exercise lent themselves readily enough. In the country towns and villages where there was but one tower and one band, a ringer who quarrelled with and left his fellows would have to give up ringing altogether; but in London there were other bands who were ready and anxious to welcome a competent recruit. In those towns where there were more than one tower and one band, similar things happened; and the history of the Norwich Scholars is full of disputes, secessions, and rival companies.

### RATHER TOO STRONG

Though it may be using rather too strong language to say that the attitude of one society towards another was one of veiled or open hostility, it is quite true that there was no feeling of co-operation or of mutual interest between them. The Exercise, as a whole, in its modern sense of fellowship and brotherhood did not as yet exist. Each society looked for loyalty from its own members, and that loyalty included having nothing to do with any other society. To belong to two societies at the same time was an impossibility. The leading companies, of course, had country members who also belonged to their local bands, but that was a different matter altogether. So far as rules could keep members from joining or even ringing with other societies it was done. The Esquire Youths were required to give a pledge "to have not now or ever hereafter any interest in any company but this." The College Youths had a rule that if any member met another society with the intention of joining them and was not accepted, he should be suspended until he had made due submission and humbly acknowledged his fault, when a ballot was taken as to whether he should be reinstated or not. And "if any member should revolt and set his name down in any other society whereby he became a member and in process of time should have an inclination to come back again," he should not be readmitted until he had been balloted for, and, if accepted, paid double entrance fees. Any member of the Cumberlands Society who rang with another band on the same day at any of the society's meetings was fined half-a-crown, a sum equal to the entrance fee and far greater than the forfeits for other offences, which ranged from twopence to sixpence.

This mutually exclusive spirit was no doubt necessary to the continued existence of the societies, but it prevented anything like combined practice, and it is certain that progress in method ringing would have been much more rapid had it been possible to pick the best bands from the combined societies. An attempt to do anything of the sort usually meant the break-up of one of the societies as in 1787, when the desire to ring the first peal of Stedman Cinques led to the dissolution of the Ancient Society of College Youths. There were, however, cases where the wishes and interests of ringers did override the rule, and peals rung by men from two or more societies were not unknown. They were said to be "friendly" peals, and the use of the term is an indication that the normal feeling between companies was that of hostility, or, at any rate, of rivalry. Such peals were for the most part

unrecorded in peal books or on peal boards, and so have been forgotten, but the accounts of some of them have been preserved.

A survival of this spirit of mutual exclusiveness has come down to modern times in the rules which forbid a member of the present Ancient Society of College Youths to be a Cumberland Youth, and a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths to be a College Youth. The rules are said to be for the purpose of keeping up a friendly rivalry and thus promoting the art of change ringing, but we may well doubt their efficacy in attaining those ends. Rather they are an anachronism, a relic of times and conditions which have long since passed away.

And if the societies tried to prevent their members ringing with other companies they did not encourage the visits of strangers to their own meetings, unless, of course, it was someone whom they desired as a recruit. There was nothing like the present day custom and etiquette by which a man, so long as he is a ringer, can enter practically any belfry in the country and expect and receive a welcome and the offer of a rope. "If any member of this Society," said the Cumberlands, "shall give his bell out of his hand to any ringer of another society without he ask leave of the master or by consent of the company when ringing, he shall forfeit 6d."

The two most important events in the lives of these societies were the annual outing and the annual feast. Both were established in the seventeenth century. The report of the visit of the College Youths to Cambridge in 1657, though not accurate as given by Shipway, is probably based on fact, and no doubt is a recollection of more than one visit. All through the eighteenth century the College Youths rarely omitted their annual journey, and, as a rule, they went a very considerable distance. It is difficult to realise nowadays what a journey to Oxford, or Cambridge, or Birmingham, meant then. The roads were bad and infested with highwaymen and footpads. Until towards the end of the century public conveyances did not exist. Noblemen and great persons travelled in their coaches with retinues of armed servants. Others who could afford it rode on horseback. But ordinary people walked on their feet, and that is how our ringers travelled. Their custom was to take one day on the outward journey, ringing perhaps at some of the towns and villages they passed through. After they had reached their destination, if it were a long distance, they rested for a day, and next day or two they spent in peal ringing; and then came the long tramp home again.

Although the other societies do not appear to have travelled so far as the College Youths, they, too, had their outings. The Cumberlands' rule was "that the master once a year shall have power to command the society ten miles out of London, and he that refuses to go shall pay 2s.6d." W.B.

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ST CATHERINE'S, GOSFIELD, ESSEX - The church will be open, and the bells available on Sat, May 2, between 2 and 2.45 pm. and 4 and 4.45 pm. 939

TOUR - Four places are left on the YOUNG PEOPLE'S CYCLING TOUR of Sussex (July 26-August 1) to bring our party up to 35. Further information from: GS, Hardwicke Vicarage, Gloucester GL2 6RN. 893

## Association Announcements

ESSEX ASSOCIATION - Annual General Meeting (May 4). Owing to the possibility of the general treasurer moving out of the county, nominations for that office, to be signed by two members, will be accepted by the hon secretary (George Eve, 8 Crossfield Road, Southend-on-Sea) and must be received by first post, Monday, April 27, 1981. G.E. 832

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD - New General Secretary: Ivan J M Saunders, 13 Fairfax Road, Old Woking, Woking, Surrey GU22 9HN. Tel Woking 5518. 898

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION - You may be surprised to know that the secretary is now: A J Barnfield of 62 Chepstow Drive, Leagomery, Telford, Shropshire TF1 4UP. Tel: Telford (0952) 52662. 974

## University Announcements

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL - This year's cycle tour is in Dorset and Devon and is from June 19 to 27. Details from Elva Ainsworth, Clifton Hill House, Lower Clifton Hill, Bristol. 901

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY GUILD - Annual Dinner will be held in the Conference Suite, Castle Leazes, on Friday, May 8. Tickets, price £6.50: send cheques to Paul Worsley, S.C.R., Castle Leazes, Newcastle. 903

ROYAL HOLLOWAY COLLEGE - 10th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, May 9, 1981, in Lower Refectory, RHC, 7 for 7.30 pm. Tickets £6.25 from Wendie Elliott, Kingswood Hall, Egham, Surrey. 911

## FOR SALE

SET OF TEN HANDBELLS - Mainly by Warners, recently refitted, Tenor 20F. £395. Other sets and some individual bells available shortly. For fuller details write RW Box No 965, Penmark House, Guildford. 965

## Mid-Week Meetings &amp; Practices

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION, Bristol City Branch - May 11, 12-bell practice, St Stephen's (City), 7.30 pm. May 25, 10-bell practice, Christ Church (City), 7.45 pm. 908

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, Guildford District - Surprise practice, Thurs, April 23, St Nicolas', Guildford, 7.30-9. Sat, April 25, District practice, Cranleigh, 7.30-9. All ringers will be extremely welcome. 938

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION - April practices: Wed, 22, Cripplegate (Barbican); special method: Lincolnshire Maximus, Mon, 27, Jewry (Gresham Street); Surprise Major, particularly Spiced and Glasgow. Everyone very welcome. Outing, July 11. 821

## Saturday Meetings &amp; Practices

BATH & WELLS ASSN, Axbridge Branch - Quarterly meeting, April 25, Mark Bells 3 pm. Tea 5 pm. Names by Wed, 22, to Pam Ebsworth (Winscombe 2712). Practice with instruction, May 23, Uphill, 7-9 pm. Striking Competition, June 27. 946



**BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION**, Cary Branch - Branch Striking Contest and quarterly meeting, Charlton Horethorne, April 25. Contest 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Tea and meeting 5 pm. General ringing after tea. Practices: South Cadbury, May 23; West Lydford, June 27; 7 pm. McCreadie (Corton Denham 540). 910

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**, Luton District - Striking Contest. Heat at Westoning on Sat, April 25. Practices 2 pm. Tea 5 pm. Evening ringing at Ampthill. Names for tea to P Higgs (Flitwick 2364). Special method Single Oxford. 952

**(COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD)** - Change of date. The AGM will be held at Warwick on Sat, April 25 (not April 18 as published in the Diary). Ringing at St Mary's (10) 3-4.30 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Tea 5 pm. Meeting 5.45 pm. Evening ringing at St Nicholas (8). Names for tea to Mr G Pluckrose, 20 Hemsworth Drive, Bulkington, Nr Nuneaton, Warks (Bedworth 316696), by Wed, April 22. All welcome. 928

**DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION** - Annual General Meeting to be held at Ashover on April 25. Bells: Belper, 2.30-3.30; Shirland, 2.30-3.30; Ashover, 4-4.30 and after the meeting. Service at Ashover 4.30, with tea and meeting following. Names for tea please to Jim Heading (Tel Chesterfield 590555) or Keith Palmer (Tel Hope Valley 31214). F Ross, Hon. Gen. Sec. 734

**DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY** - Meeting, Sat, April 25, at Tickhill. Bells (8) from 3 pm. Tea 4.30 pm. Names for tea to Mrs Hubbard (Tel Doncaster 20536). Evening ringing until 7.30 pm. 940

**ELY DA**, Wisbech District - Striking Competition, April 25, at Wigganhall, St Mary Magdalen (6). Competition starts 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing. 776

**ESSEX ASSN**, NW District - Evening meeting, Sat, April 25, at High Ongar (6) from 6.30-8.30 pm. 948

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**, Church Stretton District - Quarterly meeting and Striking Competition, Sat, April 25, Cound. Competition 2.15. Service 4.30, followed at Berrington by tea, meeting and evening ringing until 8.30. Names for tea to Jill Little (Welshpool 4108) by Wednesday previous. 920

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**, Hereford District - Quarterly meeting, Sat, April 25. Ringing at Holmer (6) 3.15 till 4.15 pm. Service, tea and meeting at All Saints' (8), followed by evening ringing. Names for tea by April 22 to J Fairclough, 65 Old Eign Hill, Hereford. 908

**LEICESTER GUILD** - AGM April 25. Ringing: Castle Donington 2-2.45, Lockington 2.30-3.15, Hathern 3-4.30 and until 8.30 pm. Service 4.30 pm, followed by tea and business meeting in Community Centre. Names for tea to Bob Farrer (Loughborough 842686) by Wed, 22nd. Barn Dance 8.30 pm in Community Centre: tickets £1 from secretaries. 882

**MIDDLESEX ASSN** - Reminder: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Sat, April 25. All Hallows, Twickenham, 2.30-4; Hampton 3.30-5, followed by service, tea and business. 953

**OXFORD DG**, Banbury Branch - AGM, Sat, April 25, at Banbury. Bells 3 pm. Service 4.15 pm, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing. Names for tea to Mrs D Bentley, Jaben, Sefton Place, Bodicote (Banbury 50298), by Wed, 22. 836

**OXFORD DG**, EBSB - Annual General Meeting, Sat, April 25, Denham (8). Ringing 3.30 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Tea 5 pm. Meeting 5.45 pm approx. Ringing afterwards 7-8.30 pm approx. Ringing also at Chenies (6) from 2.30-3.15 pm. Numbers for tea to R Rogers (Tel Denham 833710). 772

**PETERBOROUGH DG**, Northampton Branch - Quarterly meeting at Little Houghton on Sat, April 25. Ringing 3 pm. Service 4 pm. Tea 4.45 pm, followed by meeting. Further ringing until 9 pm. Names for tea to Colin Stanton, Post Office, Little Houghton, Northants, by April 20. 782

**ROYAL NAVY GUILD** - Sat, April 25: 1115 Bath St Michael (8), 1215 Widcombe (6), 1400 Bathwick (8), 1515 Wellow (6), 1630 Beckington (8), 1845 Warminster (8). Names for tea to Mr J Ball, Abbeylands, 51 Goose Street, Beckington, Bath (Frome 830419). 902

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DG**, Portsmouth District - The quarterly meeting at Soberton on April 25 has been cancelled. 885

**ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD** - Meeting and agm on Saturday, May 2, 1981, at Halifax Parish Church. Ringing 3-4.30 pm. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Ringing after until 8.30 pm. Names for tea please to Ruth Jackson, 9 Stoney Lane, Taylor Hill, Huddersfield (tel 20904) by Thursday, April 30. 967

**BATH & WELLS DA**, Frome Branch - Quarterly meeting, May 2, at East Harptree. Bells 3 pm, followed by service 4.30 pm. Tea and meeting. Names for tea to Monica Horseman (Temple Cloud 52573). 758

**BATH & WELLS DA**, Ilchester Branch - Saturday, May 2, Haselbury Plucknett 7-9 pm. Entries accepted for striking contest which will be at Kingsbury Episcopi on May 9. Phone Langport 251454. 968

**COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD**, Warwick Archdeaconry - Sat, May 2, Branch Striking Competition at Studley, starting at 2 pm. Tea names to Warwick 44282. Evening ringing at Ipsley 6.30-8. Visitors always welcome. D.M.R. 960

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION**, Ely District - Evening meeting at Rampton (6) on Sat, May 2. Ringing 6.30-8.30 pm. Special methods: Thelwall and Netherseale. Everyone welcome. Pat Brown, District Secretary. 884

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**, South Eastern District - Sat, May 2, Striking Competition and meeting. Little Waltham. Draw 2.30 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Tea and meeting 5.30 pm. Evening ringing until 9 pm. Names for tea to E Hoad (Chelmsford 73988) by previous Wednesday. 945

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**, Bristol City Branch - May 2, beginners' practice, Stoke Bishop, 6.30 pm. 906

**GUILDFORD DG**, Chertsey District - Annual Striking Competition at St Mary's, East Molesey, May 2. Draw at 3 pm. Names for tea to J Williamson (01-398 6448). 736

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION**, Lewisham District - Quarterly meeting, May 2, Dartford. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs Burton, 23 Dorchester Close, Dartford, by Wed, 29. 963

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**, Leicester/Syston Districts - Joint meeting at Aylestone on Saturday, May 2. Rounders match 3 pm. Tea 4.45 in parish hall. Ringing 6-8.30 pm. Names for tea to Hazel Peasey (836953) or Garry Mason (882551) by Thurs, April 30. 966

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**, Eastern Branch - Quarterly at Adlethorpe, May 2. Bells available 2.30 pm. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at Ingoldmells. Evening ringing at Adlethorpe until 9 pm. Names for tea by April 25 to Mr T Barker, Cecilia, Skegness Road, Ingoldmells (Tel Skeg 72728). 789

**SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS** - Half-yearly meeting, Sat, May 2, Harby (5). Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Tea and business meeting 5 pm. Names for tea to Mr M Bradwell (phone: Harby 61454) by Wednesday previous. 244

**EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD** - Meeting, Sat, May 9, at Marden 3.00-4.30. Tea 5 pm. Staplehurst 6.30-8.30, joint with Maidstone District of KCA. Names for tea to Chris Bassett (Staplehurst 891917) by Wed, 6. No name, no tea! 926

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DA**, Central District - May 9, 6-bell striking competition, Lanchester, 2 pm. Names for tea by Wednesday to Mr J Houstin, 22 Holmside, Lanchester, tel 520949. 748

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**, Bristol City Branch - Striking Competition, May 9, Holy Nativity, Knowle, 2.30 pm, followed by tea and half-yearly meeting. Entries and names for tea to S Royal, 75 Park Grove, Henleaze, Bristol, by May 2. 907

**GUILDFORD DG**, Guildford District - Striking competition, May 9, Stoke-next-Guildford. Draw for ringing will be held at 2.15 pm. Names for tea and number of teams entering to Pam Giddins, tel Gfd 898348 by Saturday, May 2. 969

**HEREFORD DG** - Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers Bell Restoration Fund will be held in the Talbot Hotel, Leominster, at 8 pm on Sat, May 9, 1981. (Committee members please meet at 7 pm.) 964

**LINCOLN DG** Central Branch - Striking competition, Saturday, May 9, Blankney. Draw 2.30 pm. Tea, meeting, evening ringing at Ruskington. Names for tea to Barbara Clipsham, Lincoln 810530 by Wednesday, May 6. 973

**OXFORD DG**, Central Bucks Branch - AGM, May 9, Linslade. Bells 3 pm. Service 4 pm, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mark Dobson (Quainton 216) by Thurs, May 7. 778

**SOUTHWELL GUILD**, Bingham District - Crawford Cup Heat, Sat, May 9, at Orston. Draw 2.30 pm. Tea in Whetton Jubilee Hall 5. Whetton bells 6.30-8. Names for tea, please, to F R Barber (Tel Plumtree 4535) by Wednesday, 6th. 943

**SOUTHWELL DG**, Nottingham District - Outing, Sat, May 9, Sturton-le-Steeple 10.15, Gainsborough 11.15, Corringham 12.10, Stow 2.15, St Giles, Lincoln 3.30, Washingborough 6. All welcome. 954

**WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DG**, Winchester District - Meeting at North Stoneham (10) on Sat, May 9. Arrangements: 2.30, District Striking Competition, then general ringing; 4.30, service; 5.15, tea and meeting. Evening, general ringing. Names for tea to Andrew Carton (Tel Eastleigh 611601) R.C. 817

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION** - Annual General Meeting, Sat, May 16. Afternoon ringing: 2-3.30 Haynes, 2.30-4 Southill, 3-4 Sandy. Tea 4.30 pm, Biggleswade Chapter House. Service 5.30 pm. Business meeting 6 pm. Evening ringing Biggleswade. All welcome J Parsons (Hitchin 813333). 956

**HEREFORD DG**, Ledbury District - Quarterly meeting at Bosbury (6), Sat, May 16. Ringing 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and further ringing to 9 pm. Names for tea to R Cooper (Tel Ridgway Cross 223) by May 13. 892

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**, West Lindsey Branch - Meeting and striking contest, Kirton Lindsey, Sat, May 16. Tea for those who notify Mr G E Feirn, Cleatham, Kirton Lindsey, by previous Saturday. 955

#### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 25, 1981

Holy Communion in Ringers' Chapel at 9.30 am

Towers available:

Horncastle 1100-1145

Coningsby 1200-1245

Tattershall 1300-1345

Martin 1400-1445

Lincoln St Botolph and St Mary-le-Wigford

1500-1610

Evensong in Cathedral 1630

Tea and business at St Giles.

The Cathedral and St Giles are available afterwards.

Names to Mr J L Millhouse, 8 Marne Gardens, Lincoln

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#### NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at Mattishall, May 2, 1981

Route A

Wymondham 13.00-14.00

Reymerston 14.00-14.45

Garveston 14.30-15.30

Route B

Watton 13.30-14.30

Shipdham 14.30-15.30

Route C

N. Elmham 13.30-14.30

Beetley 14.30-15.30

Route D

Swaffham 13.30-14.30

Necton 14.45-15.45

Then E. Dereham 15.00-16.10

or Yaxham 15.15-16.10

and Mattishall 15.30-16.30

Service 16.30, Tea 17.15, followed by Annual

General Meeting. A.J.S.

Names for tea to Mr C S Dixon,

16 Moorfield Road, Mattishall, Norfolk

(Tel Dereham 850732)

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#### THE TEWKESBURY SHIELD COMPETITION

will take place at

TEWKESBURY ABBEY

on Saturday, May 2, 1981

Bath & Wells Association

Gloucester & Bristol Association

Hereford Guild

Llandaff & Monmouth Association

St Martin's Guild

Worcestershire Association

Yorkshire Surprise Royal

Chief Judge: N J Diserens

Competition ringing 14.30-17.30

Evensong 18.00

Adjudication and Presentation of the Shield in the

Abbey Hall 18.45

General ringing until 21.00

Tea (55 pence) in the Hall 15.30-17.30

Names, please, by April 30, to Miss J Pitman, 1

Elmbury Drive, Tewkesbury. Tel 292013

C M Lawrence, Secretary.

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### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD CENTENARY RINGING DAY

May Day Bank Holiday, Monday, May 4

Over 40 towers open in the area south and west of Oxford, on 3 routes.

Entry to towers: 10p each tower or by £1 for all-day ticket.

Full details in last week's issue.

Ken Darvill (High Wycombe 713217).

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### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY SUMMER TOUR 1981

Saturday, July 25 to Sunday, August 2

in the Durham/Newcastle area

Please send names and £2 deposit to Peter Sanderson,

52 Burrows Road, London NW10 5SH, preferably by end of May.

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### SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE RINGING FESTIVAL

for St Andrew's, Pershore, Trebles Appeal

on Monday, May 4, 1981

All towers open for one hour

Ipsley (6) 9.40

Studley (6) 10.00

Feckenham (8) 10.20

Bishampton (6) 10.40

Church Lench (6) 11.00

Norton (8) 11.20

Salford Priors (6) 11.40

Bidford-on-Avon (8) 12.00

Cleeve Prior (6) 12.40

Offenham (6) 13.00

Middle Littleton (6) 13.20

Bretforton (8) 13.40

Badsey (8) 14.00

Childswickham (6) 14.20

Hinton-on-the-Green (8) 14.40

Evesham (12) 15.00

Great Hampton (8) 15.40

Elmley Castle (6) 16.00

Little Comberton (6) 16.20

Great Comberton (6) 16.40

Bredons Norton (6) 17.20

Eckington (8) 17.40

Birlingham (8) 18.00

Stoulton (6) 18.20

Pershore Abbey (8) 18.40

Pershore St Andrew (6) 17.30

15 pence per tower, or £3 for the day.

Further information from Roy Williams (Worcester 840750)

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### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL 1981

will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, May 9, 1981

The service will be held in Marlborough College Chapel at 2.45 pm, by kind permission of the Master of the College

Tea will be served in the Town Hall at 4 pm and will be followed by the

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tickets for tea, price £1, can be obtained from Mr P L J Matthews, 19 Merrifield Drive, Broadstone, Dorset (Tel Broadstone 693483), enclosing cash with order and a stamped, addressed envelope please, by Friday, May 1, at the latest. All remittances to be made payable to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

#### RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

10.00-11.30

All Cannings (5), Chilton Foliat (5), Everleigh (6)

10.30-12.00

Bishops Cannings (8), Aldbourne (8), Collingbourne Ducis (6)

11.00-12.30

East Kennett (5), Chiseldon (6), Upper Chute (6)

11.30-13.00

West Overton (6), Ogbourne St George (5),

Hungerford (8)

12.00-13.30

Marlborough (8), Ogbourne St Andrew (5), Great Bedwyn (8)

13.30-14.00 Marlborough (8)

12.00-14.00 Presnute (6)

Service Touches:

14.00-14.30 Marlborough St Mary

14.20-14.50 Presnute St George

Towers available during the evening will be announced at the Meeting.

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## ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Ringing Books of the late Ernest Furbank, not required for the Association Library, will be sold by auction to members of the Association following tea at Hatfield Heath on Monday, May 4.

Auction to commence at 5.45 pm. Proceeds to the Bell Restoration Fund.

#### LIST OF BOOKS:

1. *Among the Bells* ..... Rev F E Robinson
2. *The History and Art of Change Ringing* ..... Ernest Morris
3. *Change Ringing* ..... C A W Troyte
4. *A Great Adventure* ..... J S Goldsmith
5. *Discovering Bells and Bell Ringing* ..... J Camp
6. *Collection Plain Major and Cater Methods* ..... Central Council
7. *Surprise Methods* ..... Rev C D P Davies
8. *Standard Methods* ..... J W Snowdon 1908
9. *Most Essex Reports from 1980*

Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary, with only the name of the book referred to on the envelope, to be opened at the time of the auction, from members unable to attend. These bids to be received by Saturday, May 2.

George Eve

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### SURREY ASSOCIATION

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Horley, Saturday, May 2, 1981

Ringing 3 pm.

Service 4.30, followed by cups of tea and meeting

Further ringing till 8 pm.

Buffet/social starts at 8 pm.

Tickets, price £1, may be obtained from Mrs C Gosling, 51 Bolters Road South, Horley, by April 29. (Bring your own drink with you.)

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### BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

#### EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, May 2, at 7 pm.

Towers open during the day.

Details from Paul Harden, 24 Honeylands, North Weston, Portishead, Bristol. Tel (0272) 843147.

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### ESSEX ASSOCIATION

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chelmsford, Monday, May 4

Cathedral bells 9 am

Service 10 am in the Cathedral,

followed by business meeting

Buffet lunch (£1.55) in Cathedral Hall 1.30 pm

Teas (60p) Hatfield Heath Village Hall, 4.30-6 pm

Tickets from George Eve, 8 Crossfield Road,

Southend-on-Sea, by Wednesday, April 29, latest

(SAE please).

Further ringing arrangements sent with tickets. G.E

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### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

#### ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Saturday, May 9

10.30 Ringing at Tarporley

11.30 Service

12.15 Lunch in Tarporley Community Centre, by ticket only, obtainable from Branch Secretaries

(80p), or Mr C Mitchell (Chester 679004)

1.00 Annual General Meeting

Ringing:

3.00-4.00 Farndon, Malpas

3.45-4.45 Pulford, Aldford

4.30-5.30 Handbridge, Christleton

5.15-6.15 Hoole, Waverton

6.00-7.00 Backford, Tarvin

7.30 Social and Supper at Gt Barrow Village Hall

Tickets as above (£1.80)

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### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 2, Penistone

Striking Competition, Royston, 10 am

Monk Bretton 11.00-12.00

Cawthorne 1.00-1.45

Silkstone 2.00-2.45

Hoylandswaine 3.00-3.45

Kirkburton 1.00-2.00

Shelley 2.15-3.00

Darfield 1.00-2.00

Penistone 2.30-4.00

Service, Penistone, 4.00 pm

Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea before April

29 to David Micklethwaite, 109 Huddersfield Road,

Penistone (Barnsley 763974)

Penistone 6.30-8.00

Barnsley 7.00-9.00

Bolton 7.30-8.30

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### THANKSGIVING PEAL

A handbell peal of P.B. Royal was rung on April 2nd in thanksgiving for the life and work of John A. Acres. Taking part were Anthony R. Mann whose early peals were conducted by John in Newmarket. The peal was called by Brian Warwick who had rung 301 peals with John in the space of 11 years (1953-1964). The peal was rung on a set of bells owned by Albert E. Austin which were used a great deal by John and Anthony. When Albert Austin died they passed to his grandson and John was able to purchase them from him. He then presented them to the Leicester D.G. and they are kept in the belfry of Leicester Cathedral where John was for a time deputy ringing master.

### LATE NOTICES

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Northern District - Sat, May 2, Wallington (6) 6.30-7.30 pm; Cottered (6) 7.30-8.30 pm. Special Methods: Single and Double Oxford. MJC 976

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Northern Division - Quarterly Meeting at Turners Hill, Sat May 2. Ringing from 3 pm. Tea 4.30 followed by Business Meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Mrs M E Oram (Horsham 69743) by Thur April 30 please 977



## PUBLIC RELATIONS IN RINGING THE IMAGE

What is the picture that comes to the mind of the average citizen when he hears mention of bell-ringing? People going up and down on ropes? Someone swinging on the bell itself like the hunch-back of Notre Dame? A group of old men in waistcoats, high up in a gloomy belfry? To judge by film portrayals, the general approach of the media and the day by day comments that we all receive if we let it be known that we are bell-ringers, very few people have an accurate idea of our art. Most have the sort of amused and even amazed disbelief that anybody reasonably young and intelligent could be involved in such a strange thing. Because our ringing is practiced behind closed doors and because it has not the visual attraction of field sports or games, like snooker and darts, which have become popular with TV, our art is only vaguely perceived and understood by the public.

We do however make a very public noise and thereby place ourselves in a sensitive situation. Communities have become more articulate and organised over the years. The advantages are that, if a sympathetic relationship exists between bells and parish, great help is forthcoming. To find oneself in conflict with an assertive community is to court danger. The "bells were here first argument" does not work so well nowadays. It is, therefore, clearly in our interests to promote public understanding and sympathy for ringing. To explain ourselves and to make friends is not only to preserve the ringing heritage but to open the way to increasing success in years to come. For any organisation to do this in a deliberate way needs a Public Relations policy.

### WHO ARE THE PUBLIC

"The public" can be divided into many different groups and in many different ways. As far as ringers are concerned they might be divided into:

- (i) the public who live near to and are affected by the ringing of bells;
- (ii) those who hear them from time to time and at a distance and to whom they are part of English culture;
- (iii) the mass of public to whom bells have significance at times of celebration or mourning, national or otherwise;
- (iv) the clergy and congregations — not forgetting PCC's who deserve our special consideration. These people are in fact the main patrons of ringing;
- (v) people with a cultural interest in arts and crafts;
- (vi) past and present ringers and importantly any prospective recruits.

The foregoing is not a definite list but any of those groups can have contact with and affect our ringing and each group would need to be approached and related to in a different way. In general we must remember that Church congregations represent a very small part of the community as a whole, but it is generally only with this small group that we have direct contact. Of the total population of over 50 million only some 12 million belong to the Church of England. A small proportion only are regular church-goers and an even smaller proportion still will attend a church with a ring of bells that are rung regularly. Our direct contact is therefore to a tiny proportion only of the population.

The disadvantages of poor communication and a poor image with the various publics is self-evident; indeed poor relations with clergy or near neighbours, for example, can be very bad for ringing. The adoption and practice of good Public Relations as a deliberate part of association policy can help transform the attitudes and understandings of our public to the general advantages of the art. It has to be a continuous process through; clergy change; local residents change; editors change; and ringers themselves change. Therefore P.R. has to be pursued as a long term as well as share term process. In the broadest sense in its commercial industrial and the social setting the purpose of public relations is to educate. Put directly: to get rid of ignorance, misunderstandings, prejudices and fears that have been present to a greater or lesser extent over the years as a limiting factor on the development of our art. The Institute of Public Relations define the practice of P.R. as "**The deliberate, planned and sustained effort to establish and maintain mutual understanding between an organisation and its public**".

Of course there are many ways in which we are good at P.R. already. Some of our relationships with the media and Church establishment have been painstakingly constructed over the years. However, there is not only scope for improvement in what we do already but also the approach and presentation to the broad public has never been tackled in a deliberate way. As an initial step in this direction, two years ago the Central Council requested its constituent associations to elect Public Relations Officers to help at territory level with the work of the Public Relations Committee. The practise of P.R. is, however, a specialist business; not a difficult one but none-the-less it requires certain skills and techniques. Up to now, apart from a few notes on policy from the P.R. Committee there has been no guidance or suggestions as to what the job of a P.R.O. should be or how to set about creating the job.

The following notes are therefore offered on various aspects of the task:

1. **Establish Yourself.** Probably the hardest task that faces any PRO is to get the acceptance and confidence of his own organisation. He needs this and their co-operation in order to help the various functions with their tasks and because he needs to be on the look-out for any snip of information that might make an interesting story for the media or offer an opportunity for some other form of P.R.

2. **Communication with the Press** (Press-release or phone call)

i) Always start with the idea of helping the journalist; do not operate with the idea of "**trying to put something across**". He will notice your approach and switch-off. Remember that you are offering a service that works on mutual confidence.

ii) Trust the journalist:— If you cannot answer a question, tell him why not. He is also a human being and will understand and probably help you.

iii) If you are mis-reported and you certainly will be — do not blame the press but ask yourself whether you have explained yourself clearly.

### 3. USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS

"A picture tells a story better than a thousand words" News editors love pictures and will often send a photographer to an event, if suggested.

## 4. STYLE AND PRESENTATION OF THE PRINTED WORD

One of the objectives of the PRO is to win friends and influence people. (Not wine friends putting them under the influence, as some think!) One of the most effective ways of communication, for this purpose, and through the press is to write the piece yourself — usually ensuring greater accuracy than via a reporter. Remember:

i) Editors see dozens of bits of copy each hour so always present it well. Something that looks as if it has just come from the waste paper bin usually ends up there!

ii) Study the style of the paper to which you are writing and write accordingly without destroying your personal style entirely.

iii) "Hit the editor in the eye" with the first sentence in order to get his interest. The meat of what you say should be in the first paragraph and a strong finish is also desirable.

iv) Choose your own titles and sub-titles to finish off. Make them eye-catching and relevant. Remember the objective is to give the editor a piece of copy that he can print without further work on it either by a reporter or using his own blue pencil.

## 5. THE SPOKEN WORD

Some individual ringers but relatively few, do have ready prepared talks and lectures. A P.R.O., even if he or she does not feel able to perform in public personally, can gather and prepare material for others to use. There are many groups in the local communities who have visiting speakers from time to time. Once it becomes known in the area that 'the ringers' can provide interesting speakers requests start to flow. To some groups with influence a positive approach can be made. This is an excellent way of reaching the wider public and also perhaps of having a free meal!

## 6. VISUAL AIDS AND PUBLICITY MATERIAL

Visual aids are obviously an essential part of a talk on ringing. They also have applications within the belfry or in "back of Church" displays. A P.R.O. should acquire whatever he can from all sources and also develop his own material to suit local needs. Examples: Local ringing times:— calendars of events:— lists of names and addresses of ringing officers, etc; "Learners wanted" posters,— "money wanted" posters, and so on.

## 7. EXHIBITIONS

The do's and don'ts of an exhibition stand are numerous. Pitfalls abound but it will suffice to mention only a few of the techniques involved.

i) Exhibit your subject and not yourself!

ii) Never pounce on a visitor or stalk-up on him/her — it scares them away.

iii) Never pose a question such as "Can I help you", or "Are you interested", since it asks for the reflex answer of non-engagement: "No thank you I'm just looking." Smile; look welcoming, and perhaps point out some feature or other. Get their interest and take it from there.

iv) Keep your stand tidy but never arrange hand-outs in patterns. Nobody will take one for fear of spoiling your display!

v) Exhibitions are good for publicity but tiring for those on duty. Arrange a roster for the team two hours on and two hours off. Strong footwear is essential! Don't sit on chairs intended for the public and try at all times to look interested in what is going on!

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(vi) Last, but most important of all, make a list of any person(s) interested in learning to ring or being sent more information. Perhaps arrange a visit to a tower and take names for that or note names and address of potential recruits to give to local tower captains.

At the end of the day your lists will be all that you have to show for your efforts.

## 8. TECHNIQUES AND USES OF ADVERTISING.

From time to time ringers wish to advertise events to the public, such as tower-open days, etc. As the associations expert on such things the P.R.O. will need to know not only which local papers are the best to use for the purpose but which day of the week is best for such an advertisement. Some papers advertise cars on one day, houses on another, and weekend entertainment on yet another, etc. It is also useful to know the deadlines and costs of the papers. Preparation of the advertisement so that it catches the eye; presents the required information; and stimulates interest, are also spheres for the P.R.O.'s expertise.

## THE LONG TERM PROSPECT

In his book "Church Bell of England" the Author writes of ringing in the 18th century that it "became one of the most popular forms of sport, ranking with hunting and cock-fighting and far above cricket, football or golf." It was during that period that so many town and villages acquired their bells. Our problem in the 20th century is that ringing has been over-taken in popularity by the media-sports. The public are less inclined to be tolerant and we are short of numbers especially in the rural areas. In rough terms, these are some 35,000 individual bells to be rung and only 25,000 ringers whose distribution is of course uneven, making the problem worse. In this age, as ringers, will increasingly need the sympathy of church and public alike in financial terms, since church resources are shrinking and the burden of maintenance and re-newal must increasingly be faced by ringers. The commitment to an outward-looking and active P.R. policy will not of its own solve the problems of the Exercise, but by contributing to an improvement in communications between ringers and public and by deliberately projecting a clearer image, it can create a more favourable atmosphere and sympathetic response in the public.

## HOW TO GET STARTED

The task is a big one with many aspects, and the danger is that many a newly-appointed P.R.O. will feel lost and daunted and end up doing nothing at all. I therefore suggest these initial steps:

i) Because you need to let everybody know that you are in business, produce a church porch poster to carry local ringing information, etc. Distribute to every tower in your patch.

ii) List every newspaper in your area, its circulation and the area there covered—contact each editor to tell him of your existence and function. Ask him to contact you at any time.

Promise your help also give him a news item soon.

iii) Gather names of those within your area who do, or are, willing to give talks. Get them together, find out what material is required or can be shared and then get them some bookings!

And the Best of British!

To return to the subject of annual meetings: we shall all be studying the Bell Restoration fund accounts (which, by the way, should by now be registered as a charity or else "Auntie" will be after you!) Some of us still remain sceptical of the popular philosophy of building up substantial funds for the future as if future generations of ringers will be less capable of working to preserve the heritage than this generation! Surely we should be hoping to see a pounds-worth of restoration for every pound raised. The most successful fund-raising activities still remain — those where ringers set about raising large sums for specific projects and not for the general funds.

At annual meetings in the last couple of years we have heard letters read out at the Central Council asking associations to follow policy decisions, such as to elect Public Relations Officers, or to support an emergency bell rescue fund. It appears that in many regrettable cases these requests have been met by a silence or a total lack of explanation from council representatives, let alone support for the policy.

It has been observed over the last few years that the Council's attitude has changed away from an over-whelming interest in technical matters to a greater interest in the longer term strategic issues facing the Exercise. Thus the activities of committees such as Public Relations, Education, Bell Restoration and Publications have come under increasing scrutiny. Any increase in activity in these fields will require a response in the councils constituent societies. The council, for its part, will have to improve its own communications with these societies, which surely is the responsibility of the representatives. Association members, on their part must demand full explanations and account of Council matters, from their representatives. For many years grass-roots opinion has held that the Council was an "old-boys club", a talking shop, and a waste of time, to put it politely. It would be ironic, but fairly predictable, if "the grass-roots" were found to be wanting in response to the Councils new initiatives.

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