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OUR LADY OF BLOXHAM,
BLOXHAM. 8 bells (26½ cwt)



ST. MARY, DUNS TEW
5 bells (14½ cwt)

ST. MARY, BANBURY
10 bells (17½ cwt)



OXFORD
DIOCESAN
GUILD

1881 – 1981
BANBURY
BRANCH



ALL SAINTS, MOLLINGTON
5 bells (4½ cwt)

ST. MARY, ADDERBURY
8 bells (24 cwt)



Oxford D.G. Centenary Year

BANBURY BRANCH

The Banbury Branch was formed in 1925, with R. Lewis of Banbury as Secretary. The affiliated towers were Adderbury, Banbury, Cropredy, Deddington, Great Tew, Warmington and Wardington. There were 11 honorary members and 43 ringers. The first quarterly meeting was held at Deddington in October and about 40 attended the annual general meeting in Banbury. From this comparatively small beginning the Branch has grown to a flourishing membership of 147 with 25 towers, of which 24 have ringable bells.

By 1932 Ernest Pearson had taken over as Secretary and nine more towers had been added to the Branch. It continued to expand and in 1934 there were 143 ringers and 26 honorary members. Since then Warmington has passed to the Coventry Guild, nine more local towers have joined and Swerford has transferred from the Chipping Norton Branch. The boundaries now extend, north to south, from Mollington to Rousham, and east to west from Somerton to Shenington. Ernest Pearson served as Secretary for 25 years; since 1956 a succession of officers has maintained the running of the Branch so that a good number of both older established ringers and younger inexperienced members is usually represented at meetings.

The minute book of 1928 records that the feasibility of holding monthly practices was discussed but there was the problem of too many towers needing repairs and too few method-ringers to support them. Efforts to resolve this were soon under way: In 1926 Lower Heyford bells were rehung and augmented to six; by 1931 Adderbury, Shenington and Somerton had also been rehung; Banbury were recast into ten bells in 1930 and Cropredy tenor was rehung two years later – for £23! 1938 found Swalecliffe, Rousham, Hanwell and Wroxton all restored to a ringable condition; two trebles were added to Deddington in 1946 and one to Tadmerton in 1947; Duns Tew were restored in 1953. Due to movement and cracks in the steeple, ringing at Bloxham had been very limited prior to 1956 when the situation was remedied. A new wooden frame and gallery were installed at South Newington in 1959. More recently, major work has taken place at Bodicote and the new light eight were dedicated in 1974; last year North Aston were augmented to six. At present Steeple Barton's five bells are 'on the floor' awaiting a new frame and Mollington have placed an order with Whites of Appleton for rehanging and augmentation to six bells.

SECRETARIES

Four Secretaries succeeded Ernest Pearson: H. L. Roper (1956-63) the first of several members to aspire to Guild Office that of Librarian, C. Herbert (1963-70), B. J. Davis (1970-75) and R. Thorne, the present Secretary. Ten ringers have enjoyed at least 40 years unbroken membership, the majority being from Great Tew. In the 1970's two members (Fred Chum and Fred Darvill) rang their first peals, aged 64 and 62. Ladies were first elected in 1928 and 1981 should see our first lady Ringing Master – Charlotte Holmes. The Branch is privileged to include the secular ring at Balscote, where 14 extremely light bells are housed in a campanile at Greenways Farm and can be rung in combinations of six, eight and ten – visitors appreciating the warm welcome they always receive from Mr and Mrs Jarvis.

To cater for its needs the Branch has adapted its organisation accordingly. The well-established format of quarterly meetings was revised in 1969 to provide for two half-yearly

meetings and monthly practices. Venues are selected by a rota and over the year individual towers have provided their own inimitable hospitality. The Branch Committee, consisting of one representative from each tower, discusses matters arising from and between the main meetings. A newsletter, instituted in 1971, continues to keep members informed of local and Guild events. Activities have also been arranged in conjunction with the neighbouring Witney and Woodstock, Chipping Norton and Bicester Branches, including combined practices, meetings, courses and social occasions. The first dinner was held in 1958 and has become an annual event.

REASONABLE STANDARD

Despite fluctuations in membership, ringing within the Branch has generally reached and maintained a reasonable standard. This has been encouraged by the Striking Competition, begun in 1964 and now run on a highly enjoyable league basis. Sunday Service ringing is widespread and at practices methods range from rounds to Spliced Surprise. From the Festival of Britain (1951), which was marked with ten peals and three quarters, ringing for special occasions, such as the Queen's Jubilee in 1977, has proved to be an exercise to everyone's advantage, enabling many members to improve on their own records. Several peals have been rung by

THERE AND BACK

The journey of two bellringers – Two ringers had decided at very little notice that a tour of the States – to include Bell-ringing – would make a very pleasant holiday. We were therefore deposited at Gatwick Airport from a disreputable Morris Traveller while the local ringers heaved a sigh of relief in anticipation of three weeks peace. Due to a technical hitch we were late leaving Gatwick but our contact in Philadelphia was informed and we were glad to be greeted on our eventual arrival by Dave

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Branch bands, the most recent being Grandsire Caters at Banbury, for the Guild Centenary. The 50th peal on the bells at Great Tew was rung last year; it is hoped that the 100th and 50th will be achieved at Banbury and Adderbury, respectively, in 1981. There are also several active handbell teams, engaged mainly in ringing tunes but with some method ringing.

Tuition courses began in 1970 using both local and Guild institutes and have become a regular feature of the annual programme. In addition, two members are sponsored by the Branch each year to attend the Guild-run course at East Hampstead Park. A new tutorial system of training was introduced last year to cover four areas of ringing:–

Basic rounds and method ringing; Minor methods; Basic Triples; and Major, and Advanced Major and Ten-Bell ringing. This allows individual members to progress at their own rate, while the monthly practices still provide the opportunity for the Branch to get together as a whole.

In 1977 the Secretary asked members to "set themselves the target of introducing at least one additional method into their individual repertoires"; He was pleased to report in the next newsletter that a very enthusiastic spirit has been fostered within the Branch. We hope it may continue (for another 50 years at least).

R.T.

Lusardi. The welcome was, as were all subsequent meetings, warm and generous and thanks to Dave and his parents we saw the sights of Philadelphia; also again thanks to Dave and the local ringers we got our first 'grab' before leaving for Washington.

Public transport made us late but ringing at the Cathedral soon made us forget our weariness. Mary Clarke and Becky Joyce played general hostesses and guide to the tourist attractions of the Capital. Before aiming for Boston we were lucky enough to be able to go for a quarter which 'got away'.

We had an unfair advantage in Boston as Paul Revere had provided 'one if by land and two if by sea' failing to allow our arrival by air. The welcome again was fantastic and particular thanks to Linda Woodford and Rick Geddes who were our hosts. After grabbing the "Advent" prior to a peal attempt 'Gray Eyes' stood in on the treble to the peal and Martyn proceeded to "Old North" for a spot of tower-keeping and ringing. This was followed by a very enjoyable meeting with the Massachusetts ringers at Groton and an excellent meal at the home of Geoff and Liz Davies – with handbells thrown in for fun.

We departed from Boston – setting off for Houston via the Niagara Falls and New Orleans – after all who could come this far and not see the sights? Five days later we were met in Houston in the early hours by Alan Nunley who proceeded, with the help of Steve Collins and the other Houston ringers to feed us, show us the town, and let us ring the bells of St. Thomas's. From here we crossed the Rockies via the Grand Canyon, finishing in Los Angeles before returning overnight to Gatwick where we were met by Tony Skilton who drove us home – to recover.

Our thanks to the North American Guild and all the others who did so much to show us their country, its people, traditions and bells.

LH and MWH

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QUEX PARK

Concern about the "go" of the bells at Quex led to ringing there being stopped until a tower inspection had been carried out by Richard Offen. He has recommended the insertion of some steel wedges to the frame and other maintenance work as a temporary measure. It seems probable that rehanging will eventually have to take place. -*Newsletter*.

ANTELOPE ANTICS!

Following the dedication of the bells of St. Nicholas Church, Hereford (p.395), a large party of ringers and friends together with the ever-popular Prebendary Neil Collings departed to "The Antelope" hostelry just a little way down the road from the Church.

The evening was off to a good start when a confused and bewildered harman who had started to pour a customer's cider was told it was the wrong brand and "Woodpeckers" (with beaks) was required. He immediately stopped pouring and disappeared for some time (possibly out on his bike trying to catch woodpeckers!).

A substantial sum of money was raised by passing round photographs (otherwise censored) of Neil Collings' bare legs and knees: the pictures recently taken at one of the many functions Neil attends.

As the evening progressed the "woodpeckers" arrived and handbell change-ringing was a joy to listen to from the "Merry Pealers" of Hereford and their friends.

Later in the evening Neil was seen to be holding more than his fair share of the 'hard stuff' but appeared to be entering into the 'spiritual world' of bellringers with little or no difficulty. He would not agree to an 'action replay' of the displaying of his 'knobbly knees' unless everyone paid £10 a peep. The money not forthcoming Neil was not 'defrocked'.

The evening went on and morning arrived with the landlord and Ken (of the Antelope) being the great sports they are, giving a free drink, a free packet of cigarettes and some instant coffee to get politely rid of the last customer - Shhhhh!!! you know who.

S.P.

OAK BOX DEDICATED

On April 11 a Service was held in the belfry of All Saints, Clifton, Beds, to dedicate an oak box, erected in memory of John (Jack) Church, a faithful servant of the Church and a ringer at Clifton for many years, who died in 1979. The box was made by Bryan Sims and houses a Visitors' Book.

A quarter peal was attempted on the Sunday but was found to be false, and a 720 of P.B. Minor was rung instead.

WERE UNIQUE?

At St. Mary's, Shaw, Berks our bells are back having been retuned and rehung with all new fixtures and fittings. We are now trying to accustom ourselves to them. They certainly go much more easily and are more lightly set. When Henry was asked for his opinion he said "I'd say: before: they were unique, now they are just ordinary". From the dismantling at the end of January to being rehung in the tower before the end of March was only eight weeks, and credit should go to Whitechapel Foundry for such a speedy turnaround. We also had to order two new lengths of rope, as the existing six had been repaired as far as possible. These were ordered from Peter Minchin late on Monday afternoon and were delivered by post Thursday morning, with tails left ready for splicing onto the sally. Excellent service! Much to our surprise, the following week when the bells arrived, another complete new set of ropes came as well! H.M.-*Newsletter*.

RINGING AGAIN IN JULY

St. Leonards, Streatham, bells may be ringing again by July. Five of the new eight have been in the Church since last September and were blessed by Dr. Mervyn Stockwood, after whom the second is named, shortly before his retirement as Bishop of Southwark. (After the ceremony, the Bishop expressed a wish to strike the Angelus on "his" bell and, to the delight of our more Catholic brethren, led what was probably the first recitation of "Hail Mary's" in St. Leonard's since the Reformation!)

Recently, having settled the final accounts for the rebuilding of the Church after the fire of 1975, we were in a position to order two more bells from Whitechapel and an unexpected donation provided the final one. The bells will be hung by volunteers from the Surrey Association and the Church under the supervision of Ray Talbot. Parishioners have offered professional aid with the scaffolding and we hope to be installing the frame at the end of May.

T.N.

FIRST BY (nearly) ALL

It had been intended to try for seven methods for the first peal at N. Hinksey, Oxford, some time in the near future, but having been invited to ring a sponsored peal for the Church of England Children's Society, coupled with the departure to Stafford of Liz Jones, one of the band, a peal in five methods was successfully rung on Easter Bank Holiday.

Considering that, only a few years ago, a tower full of learners - rounds, call changes and plain courses of P.B. Doubles - was the order of the day, great credit is due to the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 for taking in good heart a great deal of "stick" from the conductor, launching into the unknown, and through sheer concentration and determination, ringing their first peal, and also the first peal on the bells.

A performance of which to be justly proud.

P.H.T.

ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD

At the agm Mr. M. Cubitt was elected Master, owing to the resignation of Mr. P. Muchlinski who has moved to Wymondham. Mr. R. Carter was elected Deputy.

Mr. M. Brown was re-elected Steeple-keeper. Mrs R. Brown resigned after her three years as secretary, and Mr. C. Bird was elected in her place. C.B.

RANDALL FAMILY PEAL

We really ought to have arranged this peal long ago (p.427), but the impetus has finally been given by the impending marriage (and thus change of surname) of Jane in August; brother Peter, for so long resident in this area, has recently moved away and had to come down from Oldham specially. The band comprised mother and father (Doris and Robert) with three sons and one daughter. It was rung conveniently the day after our mother's birthday and was only our father's second peal (his first was in 1968). G.W.R.

RESTORATION

We seem to be in a restoring mood at the moment. Newbury and Chieveley were overhauled and rehung respectively last year, now Shaw are just back from Whitechapel, retuned and rehung with new fittings. First impressions are of a much mellower tone, with the "go" improved out of all recognition. Congratulations to all involved, especially those who were implicated in the hard graft of lowering the old bells and assisting with the rehanging.

I hear that Boxford tenor has been in and out of its pit like a yo-yo. I gather that they've now got her just about sorted and she's ringing very sweetly - a fine reward for all the hard work. J.J.D.-*Newsletter*.

FIRST IN THE TOWER

The peal of London S. Royal at St. Nicolas, Guildford on April 25 was especially arranged to enable Mrs. Kathleen Baldwin, who has taken part in over 1,000 peals, to ring her first peal in the tower where she learnt to ring.

Kath began ringing at St. Nicolas in October 1950 under the tutelage of the late Charles Hazelden and continued there until June 1951, when she moved to Portsmouth. For the peal Kath was keen to ring the 4th, an awkwardly-going bell which as a learner she had always been advised not to ring!

STEDMAN RINGING SCHOOL

A half-day Ringing School was arranged by Susan Gray and David Russell in Kent and took place on February 14, to teach the ringing of Stedman Doubles and Triples.

The afternoon was spent on Stedman Doubles, with the 18 pupils and their respective teachers (one for each pupil) divided into three groups and ringing at Chislet. St. Nicholas-at-Wade and St. Laurence-in-Thanel. Tea, organised by Michael Little, was served in Birching-ton Parish Hall and this was followed by a talk by Donald Niblett about Stedman Triples. The school then divided into two groups to go and ring this at Birching-ton and St. Peter-in-Thanel. -*Newsletter*.

"BUNNIE" REEDE

At Dublin (S George) it was with sadness that we learned of the death of our former member, "Bunnie" Reede, who rang here in the 1940's. "Bunnie" was Charlie Reede's brother and to him we extend our sincere sympathy. The funeral took place from this Church to Glasnevin Cemetery on March 11. "Bunnie" had been unwell for some time and his condition gradually deteriorated in recent weeks. There was a good representation of ringers at the funeral services. -*Irish Bell News*.

Devon Guild

SPRING MEETING

On 11th April the South West Branch met at Lydford, when there was a small, but happy gathering of 16 including four visitors. This was in complete contrast to the AGM in January when we had an attendance of 60 plus. The meeting passed uneventfully with the main discussion point being the Guild AGM, which we are honoured to have in the Branch area this year.

Forthcoming events advertised include the Outing and a Cricket match/Social. After the meeting there was ringing at Sourton and Bridestowe. It was pleasing to note that the standard of striking was above average. A collection was taken for the Devon Church Bell Restoration Fund and raised £4.30.

We are, as always, indebted to Brian Pidgeon (Guild President) for his continued support by attending our meetings. (He attends more often than some branch members.)

F.M.S.S.

BUSCR AFLOAT

Members congregated on 28th March in the 'Rose and Crown', Lubenham, after an enjoyable ring on this five and later, refreshed and relieved of the latest gossip, went to Foxton. Soon we were meandering along the Grand Union to our night's mooring at the mouth of Saddington Tunnel.

Next morning it was through this short tunnel and onwards to Wigston Magna to climb the unusual spiral staircase and ring on the glorious eight. In the afternoon we got stuck on a submerged object beneath a railway bridge in South Wigston, with enthusiastic heaving and the help of another boat, we were hauled off after two hours.

On Monday towers included Birstall and a late night coffee session lead to a general lack of enthusiasm next morning, to ring on the minor five at Cossington. After lunch in Loughborough, we rang the superb ten at the parish Church and then off again to moor at Barrow-upon-Soar for the night.

On Wednesday after lunch ringing on the 35 cwt. six at Thurmaston was tiring and a cosmopolitan meal followed with evening ringing at Belgrave.

Next day was pleasantly rounded off with a picnic by St. Mary de Castro followed by a warm reception at Leicester Cathedral practice.

For the final day, the last tower was Great Glen and an enjoyable night in "Bridge 61".

P.N.H.

Welsh College's Society

SPRING TOUR

The annual Spring Tour was held in Huntingdon and, true to form, it involved a convoy of fully-packed vehicles. Ringing started with two towers on the Thursday, before Brampton Church Hall was converted into a crowded dormitory.

On Friday there was a total of nine towers, but Saturday the number of towers was reduced to seven. Railway enthusiasts were pleased by an hour's visit to The Nene Valley Railway.

Evening entertainment followed the now established custom of practical jokes.

The tour was concluded on Sunday with ringing at All Saints, and at St. Mary's, Huntingdon.

The standard of ringing over the weekend, was higher than the Society has attained for some time. Surprise Major now becoming the norm. Despite this, a regular influx of beginners is vital to the survival of the Society and although many members are now non-resident, a steady entry of new students from all the

AT THE

HEREFORD

"Monnow Sound", the junior Four-in-Hand Group from Grosmont came over to help with the tune ringing section. With their leader - the buxom and well-loved Sheila Parry, wearing her Italian Snow Boots - they enjoyed their day out at the College.



COURSE ...

Under the lych gate at Stretton Grandison, one of the many churches visited, are Group A5 (Plain Hunt and Bob Doubles) who were led by Mike Powell.

Welsh Colleges is necessary. Present student membership consists of Cardiff and Aberystwyth ringers only, but it is impossible to believe that Swansea, Bangor and Lampeter are without any ringers at all!

A cycling tour, based on Norwich is planned for the end of July so if any ringers from the Welsh Colleges are interested please get in touch with either the master or secretary who will be pleased to welcome them. Master-Lynn Blundell, 6, Brook Street, Riverside, Cardiff. Secretary-Bridget Osmond, 4 The Oaklands, Horseshoe Lane, Alderley Edge, Cheshire. Phone: Alderley Edge (0625) 585799. L.B.

CORRECTED ITEMS

The Central Council agenda (p.419) had two lines incorrectly placed in item "18: Motions:". The names of proposer and seconder to (a) were under part of (b). We reprint here those two motions with the respective proposers and seconds:

18. Motions:

- (a) That in Rule 10(i) the third sentence ("The Retiring President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Librarian shall be eligible for re-election at the expiration of their term of office.") be deleted and the following substituted:

"The retiring President shall not be eligible for re-election at the expiration of a full three-year term of office. The Vice-President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Librarian shall be eligible for re-election."

Proposed by C. J. Groome, seconded by D. E. Sibson.

- (b) That as from the 1984 meeting of the Council Honorary Membership of the Central Council be restricted to those elected to serve upon Committees of the Council who are not already members, and to that end that the following alterations be made to the Rules:

Rule 3(ii): delete "not exceeding 24 in number, elected by the Council".

Rule 5(iii): delete, and renumber (iv) to (iii).

Rule 6: amend to read:

"Persons other than Representative, Life or *ex-officio* members of the Council may be nominated as members of the Administrative and other Committees of the Council (see Rule 12). Upon election they shall become Honorary Members of the Council for as long as they remain members of a Committee. Not more than half of the members of any Committee may be Honorary Members."

Rule 10(ii), amend to read:

"The President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Librarian, Editor of the Ringing World, and any Trustees elected by the Council shall be *ex-officio* members of the Council, if not already Life or Representative members."

Rule 16: delete "and Honorary" in the last line.

Proposed by A. N. Stubbs, seconded by A. W. R. Wilby.

On page 376, column 2, after "and the Best of British" the author's name, Andrew W. R. Wilby, was omitted.

The paragraphs following should have had *Observer's Notebook* as a heading.



BELLFOUNDERS' GIFT PAGE



Leader:

THE BRANCH

The Branch exists to provide support for individual ringers and bands which is more localised and manageable than the Guild itself, so that the standard of service ringing in the area is not only maintained but improved. The success of the Branch in achieving this is due, in part, to the dedication of its officers, especially the Secretary and Ringing Masters. But even the most enthusiastic of officers can achieve little if they are not supported by the members of the Branch at organised practices and events as well as by providing or seeking help at appropriate times.

The decision to start a Newsletter stems from a desire to establish better communications between branch members and to decrease the sense of isolation which towers and individuals sometimes feel. But the success of the project depends on our support as individuals and bands in providing the editor and her team with sufficient news and views for publication. The Newsletter will be as good as we make it, so don't be shy or think that you have nothing to contribute - we can all help to make this 'Our Newsletter' by reporting our successes and failures, items of interest, hints for teaching, pleas for help, personal opinions and so on. It is up to us.

J.W. (Newsletter)

The *Church of Ireland Gazette*, in a note about the retiring Lord Bishop of Limerick, etc. (Rt. Rev. Dr. Edwin Owen) referred to the R.C. Bishop of Killaloe's (Most Rev. Dr. Harty) tribute and mentioned the fact that when the people of Shannon wanted a bell for the new Church of St. John and Paul, the Select Vestry of the Parish of Kilmacoolagh presented them with a valuable bell, which was 200 years old! - *Irish Bell News*.

AS YOU WERE

No. 137 in our series of old photographs of well-known ringers:



Last week: Margaret H. Ta'Bois

The band that rang the peal at Shenfield, Essex on Easter Monday would like to associate Harry Turner, MBE, with the peal; Harry taught five of the band to ring, but was unable to ring in the peal due to ill-health.

I really did miss the *Ringing World* when it failed to turn up last Friday morning. It's like an old friend not coming around to see you, and these days as I am still away from work I have been reading it from cover to cover. Kind regards and The *Ringing World* is such good value for money. L.J.C.

First peal congratulations to: Nicola J. Hollinshead, Sally Lees, Carole Gallagher, David H. Baker, John S. Ashcroft, Simon Bilsborough, Janet C. Bowers, Rachel Bilsborough, Ian S. G. Blagrove, Elizabeth Jones, Julie McNoughton, Katrina Rook, Janet Farrow, Ray Rook, Rose Marie Wilson, Tony Hickman, Sheen Cagienard, Colin C. J. Shepherd and Matthew Dudley.

The bells of Thanington, Kent have returned from the Foundry and are in the process of being hung. The tenor, which has had its cannons removed, because three of them were badly cracked, now weighs 4-2-05. It was thought to weigh 6½ cwt, but this must have been an over-estimation. The new weight means that the Canterbury District has once more, since the augmentation of Seasalter to eight, the lightest ring of six in Kent. - *Newsletter*.

FALLING DOWN

Can you remember the nursery rhyme "London Bridge is falling down"? The bells at Monk Bretton, Yorks are a bit like the bridge. Various people keep telling us so anyway. Then comes along our fairy Godfather from the Central Council Towers and Belfries Committee and says: "There's nowt much wrong here lad that you can't put right yourselves." He grabs a quick ring of Oxford T.B. and off he goes. We were pleased no major defect was found. The main items of work involve clapper and rope pulley bearings, damaged wheel checks and loose clappers. We hope to start work as soon as the weather improves. - *Centrepiece*.

A WARNING

I hope the following experiences may serve to warn tower captains where applicable. The first occurred thirty minutes after ringing for morning service when a wire rope holding the clock weight broke. Five hundredweight of cast iron came crashing 40ft making a 4-inch indentation in the concrete floor below. The weights passed through the ringing chamber on their way down. I shudder to think what might have happened had we been ringing!

The second happened on a very cold practice night, and the electric fire was on and must have overloaded the fuse. All the lights went out, leaving six ringers with non-luminous sallows. Moral of the story - put at least one light on a separate fuse! M.S. - *Newsletter*.

I was very nervous when I rang my first quarter peal, but the ones after that were not too bad. Then Mr. King asked me if I would like to ring a full peal on Christmas Eve. When they picked me up I started to shake, but when we got there and started to ring I was all right. Half-way through I got tired, but I made it! I was very happy and will never forget that day. When I told my Mum, she was so glad she bought me a watch for doing it. - [Lucky you Angela, all most of us get for our first peal is tired arms and blisters. Angela only started ringing in May 1980]. - *Centrepiece*.

We are delighted to see Billy McGregor out and about again. He is looking remarkably well after his two serious operations around Christmas. Billy has been keeping a note of the operations he has had since he was four years of age. To date, unless he has lost count(!) his total reads eighteen. Those who saw him in the Richmond Hospital a few days after his first visit to the theatre found a body with tubes and pipes from almost "every part of his body" and he did indeed look a very sorry sight, but in spite of his 70 plus years he fought on and we are glad to say he looks much better than many a younger person. We hope he will continue to improve and in the months ahead to be able to return to ringing. - *Irish Bell News*.

SPLIT LEVEL RINGING

Hooton Pagnell, S. Yorks. has three ringing bells amongst nine bells in the tower. These are rung from around the font at the base of the tower and in full view of the nave. The tenor's rope hangs about a foot or so in front of cupboards that contain the choir robes. On Saturday, 16th April, three of the Darfield team visited the church to ring for a wedding. After only ten minutes, the tenor's rope broke causing the ringer, Darfield's vice-captain Brian Marshall to fall on the floor and lose his glasses in the process. Darfield's captain Michael King, then went up the tower with the broken rope, tied it to the rope still on the wheel between the garter-hole and spokes only to discover that it was about ten foot short of the ground-floor. With the bride due in about ten minutes, there was only one solution, and that was to clamber up on the choir-robe cupboards and ring the bell from there. The sally fortunately was at a ringable height (that is from the cupboards) and the rope-knots held as the bell was rung up - much to the astonished members of the congregation's amazement. With two of the team (Brian and daughter Fiona) at ground-floor on bells one and two and Michael ten feet up, it was a case of split-level ringing before the bride arrived. A convenient ladder on top of the cupboards made the descent to ground-floor easier, but one wonders where there was another tower (albeit only temporarily) that Saturday where one third of the team climbed up a ladder to ring leaving the remaining two thirds ten feet lower down. The post-wedding ringing, so far as one could tell, went down (or up) well, with good striking!

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LETTERS

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ACCEPTED STANDARDS

Sir, - I make the following, (hopefully) constructive comments. (p.342)

The main consideration would appear to be how to ensure that every tower is aware of such standards? For example - To the best of my knowledge very few tower captains are aware of the existence of the Tutors Handbook.

Before the establishing of these bell-ringing standards I feel that some time should be spent considering the best way to ensure that all teachers of bell-handling are aware of the standards set out in the Tutors Handbook. Perhaps some thought would be given to the introduction of an annual Bell Handling Course advertised in the *National Press*? In this way the best possible use could be made of recognised, good bell-handlers.

I am convinced that a printed list of Accepted Ringing Standards will make an excellent wall-hanging for every tower with bells. Then those of us wishing to establish good standards, and improve our own ringing, will have recognised guide lines to follow. I am sure that it will educate many other ringers and also inspire them to progress. - Yours, etc.,

PAM EBSWORTH.

5, Homestead Way,
Winscombe.

Sir, - I write to express my feelings of total opposition to any attempt by the Central Council to inflict upon us a national scheme of grading bell-ringers. When, oh when, will Malcolm Tyler and Co. realise that teaching people to ring Church bells is **not** like teaching people to do athletics or to play the violin, and that methods which may be acceptable to people in these subjects are wholly inappropriate to bell-ringing.

Unlike athletics: standards obtained in ringing are determined by the abilities of bands of ringers, and not by the powers of odd individuals. Thus: excepting occasional striking competitions, ringing is a co-operative, as opposed to competitive pastime. Indeed, when many of us face examinations and assessments on all other aspects of life, one of the greatest attractions of ringing is that it does **not** put one under continual pressure to achieve externally-imposed goals.

Another of the great attractions of ringing is the variety of methods rung by different towers. To give an extreme example of this: many towers ring only odd-bell methods while many others ring only even-bell ones. It would be sad indeed if all towers were reduced to practising the same boring repertoire of methods in order to get their learners through some Central Council grading scheme.

One final word of warning:- Before the members of the Central Council look down upon us from their ivory tower and decree that national standards should be established, would they please remember that they have a duty to help **promote not only high quality of ringing, but also, as regards Sunday Service ringing, high quality!** Whilst someone in the business, say, of selecting a few dozen violinists to play in the country, orchestras can afford to discourage those below 'grade eight' standard, ringers, who are trying to get around 36,000 church bells rung each Sunday, cannot afford to discourage many people. Were ringers or teachers of ringing, ever to be put under pressure to undergo

Malcolm Tyler's examinations the result, quite obviously, would be more silent towers.

Surely the Education Committee of the Central Council can do far more useful things than dream up daft schemes to have us all labelled with our bell-ringing grades. - Yours, etc.,

ROBIN J. TURNER.

263 Prospect Road,
Old Whittington,
Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Sir, - The letter from Malcolm Tyler with its suggestions and the appended list of grades tells us that the intention of some ringers to impose a system of autocracy and regimentation upon us is not, as we hoped, a 'dead duck', but is very much alive and is again being presented in a new wrapper, tied up with bright new ribbons labelled 'education' and 'targets'.

It is obviously the brain-child of ringers in the top grades of achievement and ability and one wonders why, having reached that standard under the system, which has served us to the present time, they consider it necessary to change the system to apply to other people. In defending the present I expect to be called complacent, stick-in-the-mud and against all forms of progress, and only such can be expected of one getting on in years, but surely long experience in any sphere of activity teaches one the necessity of preserving that which is worth while? It is this implication that a national system should be established, and that eventually a set of instructions which must be rigidly adhered to by all responsible for teaching and instruction will be issued. Even to think of such a thing is foreign to the spirit of bell-ringing and could lead to the dividing of ringers into stratas, like a terrible class-conscious society. Goodness knows, our freedom has been eroded considerably in other spheres, and we should not want this kind of rigidity in what is at present a spontaneous, free and pleasurable activity.

We do not need a list of grades laid down in black and white. All the ringers I know are going, or have gone, through the various grades of their own free-will; so even to publish them is unnecessary - vide column one, p.340, of the same issue of the *Ringing World*. - Yours, etc.,

C. BRETT-SMITH

21 Detling Road,
Erith, Kent.

BELL MUSEUMS

Sir, - In appreciation of your correspondent's letter (p.278) commenting on the preservation of ancient bells from redundant churches I would beg of your space to reply. The thought, and suggestion that such bells should (or might) be deposited in museums is commendable, but I would think impracticable. My very limited experience in this field (museum space - acceptance of material, etc.) is contrary to that expressed by Mr. Makins. Much in matter of possible exhibits is offered too, and accepted - very little is put on display, being stored (possibly indexed) in vaults or storerooms. I could quote many instances, but one must suffice. Following the decease of the noted Bucks antiquary, Browne Willis, his magnificent, highly important collection of gold coins was given by his contemporary, and fellow antiquary, Cole, to one of our great national institutions. As far as I am aware this valuable acquisition has never been placed on display to the public - indeed it may not now remain intact (here I am open to correction). I am fairly certain that bells, if accepted, would find sanctuary in some remote 'out-house'.

Personally, I am convinced that all items that have been entered in an inventory of Church goods - the 'goods and ornaments of the church' (bells here included) having been held in custo-

dianship by succeeding generations of church-wardens should be retained within their own environment - a consecrated building. Obviously there are exceptions - horrible pine-wood pews, etc., of the Victorian era (all may not here agree). It would probably cost much less to install the most highly sophisticated security systems in the nave of a church (in essence, one large room) than so to install in a many-roomed building - i.e. a dwelling house.

Recently I visited a small country church in Northamptonshire - a beautiful building; an architectural gem. Upon entering one was grieved and appalled at the spectacle. First let it be said that chancel and sanctuary (completely veiled from the nave at the chancel arch) were immaculately appointed and beautifully clean; the only area of this church now used for Divine worship; but the nave - denuded of everything moveable. In lieu of pews are two long rows of large tables on trestles. On these, a mixed variety of goods - cauliflowers, onions, etc. were apparently graded, packed and dispatched to shop or market. It was in some measure consoling to face the fact that the building was being put to some use but one's mind turned to the upturning of the money-lender's tables in the Temple. Within this nave would be a fitting and proper repository for the 'goods and ornaments' (ancient bells here included) within this diocese not at the moment required for their sacred, consecrated use. I am fully convinced (one amongst a growing body) that a religious revival - yet another - is imminent and the Church's property so repositied will again be brought into use.

We of this day, the Church Militant, are custodians of a vast and priceless heritage bequeathed to our use by those now passed beyond the veil - the Church at Rest. I need not remind your readers that (in my opinion) the Veil temporarily poised between the Church Militant and that at Rest is but wafer thin. Every item of value and beauty belonging to the Church of our generation must be retained (the possibility may, in some instances appear remote) and in due course a rich harvest will be returned to a Church Triumphant. - Yours, etc.,

F. WEST

'Westwood',
Saunderton,
High Wycombe,
Bucks.

ANY EVIDENCE?

Sir, - Amongst the many interesting and intriguing items which have appeared in the R.W. articles on churches and bells is one from Sherburn-in-Elmet.

A document is quoted in support of the statement that the Church had bells 'in the ninth century', but apparently no precise date can be assigned to it.

Whilst the inference may be the correct one, I think that a definite statement on such a remote date should be substantiated by firmer evidence.

Is there any evidence as to the date of this document? - Yours, etc.,

W A FARMER.

17 Leckhampton Road,
Cheltenham.

LONG LENGTH ATTEMPT

Sir, - On Monday, June 1, there will be an attempt to ring 15,120 Stedman Triples silent and non-conducted by the A.S. College Youths at Meldreth, Cambridgeshire, commencing 10 a.m. - Yours, etc.,

IAN L. DEAR.
1c Parzifal Road,
Hampstead.

PEALS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

ASHTON-under-LYNE, Manchester, S Michael AA
 Mon Apr 20 1981 3h44 (25½)
5280 ASHTON LITTLE S. MAXIMUS
 Comp. J Brannan
 1 Derek Thomas
 2 Peter C Randall
 3 John Cornock
 4 Thomas Hooley
 5 Alan F Scholfield
 6 Lenard J Mitchell
 7 Neil D Lomas
 8 George H Campling
 9 Peter L Furniss
 10 David W Friend
 11 Christopher J Pickford
 12 Jeffrey Brannan (C)
 100th Maximus-B. For 700th anniversary of the founding of the Parish of Ashton.
 First peal in the method.
Ashton Little S. Maximus:
 -3T-14-5T-1236-147T-
 3458-16-58 1.e. 12c₂

IPSWICH, Suffolk, S Mary le Tower
 Mon Apr 20 1981 3h27 (35)
5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
 Comp. F E Darby
 1 Frank C Price
 2 George W Pipe
 3 Tudor P Edwards (C)
 4 David E Rothera
 5 Peter G Brown
 6 Keith W Brown
 7 Philip J Rothera
 8 Kenneth J Hesketh
 9 Brian D Threlfall
 10 R Kingsley Mason
 11 Frank D Mack
 12 Ralph G Edwards

CHESTER D.G.

FRODSHAM, Cheshire, S Lawrence
 Fri Apr 10 1981 2h50 (12½)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Comp. J R Pritchard
 1 Nicola J Hollinshead
 2 Jane D Johnston
 3 Mary Cox
 4 Andy J Jobson
 5 Helen M Capper
 6 Philip A Richardson
 7 John F Oultram (C)
 8 John R Bibby
 First peal-1. First in method-3, 6. By Sunday service band.

BOWDON, Cheshire.

S Mary V
 Sat Apr 11 1981 3h4 (18)
5056 CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR
 Comp. F Dench
 1 Cynthia Warrilow
 2 Alan G Foster
 3 Alan J Brown
 4 Sidney Hough
 5 C Kenneth Lewis (C)
 6 Malcolm Murphy
 7 Brian Merrill
 8 Geoffrey R Gardner
 First Surprise-7. 75th Birthday compliment to A J Brown and S Hough. Also Birthday compliment to Mary Lewis.

NORBURY, Cheshire, S Thomas
 Sat Apr 18 1981 3h (14½)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Comp. C K Lewis
 1 Sally Lees
 2 Sidney Hough
 3 Phillip J Boote
 4 Julia Davies
 5 John M C Lysons
 6 C Kenneth Lewis
 7 Frank R Morton
 8 Colin Davies (C)
 First peal-1.

COVENTRY D.G.

FARNBOROUGH, Warwicks, S Botolph
 Sun Apr 5 1981 2h40 (6)
5040 DOUBLES (3m. 2 extents Stedman; 16 Grand-sire; 24 Plain Bob)
 1 Geoffrey W Randall (C)
 2 Jane M Randall
 3 Doris M Randall
 4 David R Randall
 5 Peter C Randall
 6 Robert H Randall
 First peal by the family.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

SHOREDITCH E, S Leonard
 Tues Apr 21 1981 3h7 (10½)
5056 EDMUNDSBURY S. MAJOR
 1 Rosemary J Duke
 2 Hilary K Derham
 3 Geraldine R Lea
 4 Anne M Anthony
 5 Mark J Smith
 6 Graham A Duke
 7 Philip R Down
 8 Stanley Jenner (C)

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DERBY D.A.

DERBY, S Peter
 Wed Apr 7 1981 2h55 (11)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Comp. J R Pritchard
 1 Gordon A Halls
 2 Diane C Halls
 3 Stephen Peers
 4 Harold Taylor
 5 Martin G Halls
 6 Michael A B Mallender
 7 Arthur F Hall
 8 Janet S Foulds (C)
 First as conductor.

ELY D.A.

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity
 Sat Apr 21 1981 2h43 (10½)
5024 SOMERSET S. MAJOR
 Comp. J R Mayne
 1 Walter Hunt
 2 Dorothea M Robotham
 3 Susan E Fielding
 4 Geoffrey Pearson
 5 Leonard Luck
 6 David Kemp
 7 John G Gipson
 8 John R Mayne (C)
 First in the method for all and for the Association. 50th different S. Major method on the bell-2.

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

CROMHALL, Avon, S Andrew
 Fri Apr 10 1981 2h56 (12½)
5040 MINOR (4m: 1 extent Kent T.B.; 2 each Cambridge S., St. Clement's, Plain Bob)
 1 Esther M Byers
 2 Janet A Evers
 3 Susan M Paton
 4 Keith W Scudamore (C)
 5 Philip Stevens
 6 David Powell
BRISTOL, Avon, S Mary, Redcliffe
 Mon Apr 20 1981 3h48 (50½)
5015 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
 Comp. K W Scudamore
 1 Esther M Byers
 2 Susan M Paton
 3 Janet A Evers
 4 Cecile Cross
 5 Clare R Pipe-Wolferstan
 6 R James Cook
 7 Geoffrey V R Morgan
 8 Alan J Sinden
 9 Keith W Scudamore (C)
 10 Andrew F Howard
 11 Charles Pipe-Wolferstan
 12 Graham J N Colborne
 First on twelve-8. 200th peal-12. 100th peal and first on 12 as conductor.
 Redcliffe Guild peal.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

STEBBING, Essex, S Mary V
 Tues Apr 14 1981 2h51 (12½)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (11m: (1) London, Wells; (2) Beverley, Surfleet; (3) York, Durham; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (5) Netherseale; (6) Ipswich; (7) Cambridge)
 1 Adrian C Malton (C)
 2 Stephen A Bryant
 3 Simon W M Thorpe
 4 Trevor E Church
 5 John R Martin
 6 Nicholas Doyle
 First inside-2. Most methods-3, 4. 200th Minor-1.
STISTED, Essex, All Saints
 Sat Apr 18 1981 2h39 (9½)
5040 MINOR (St. Clement's, Oxford T.B., Ipswich S., Kent T.B., Single Oxford, Cambridge S., Plain Bob)
 1 Ronald Suckling
 2 Simon W M Thorpe
 3 John R Martin
 4 Trevor E Church
 5 Bert G Goddard
 6 Adrian C Malton (C)
 First in 7 methods-2, 4. For Easter.

STEBBING, Essex, S Mary V
 Sat Apr 18 1981 2h43 (12½)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR (15m: (1) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Hexham; (2) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham; (3) Netherseale, Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (4) Norwich; (5) Cambridge, Primrose; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich; (7) London, Wells)
 1 John R Martin
 2 Simon W M Thorpe
 3 Trevor E Church
 4 Tim J Peverett
 5 John R Peverett
 6 Adrian C Malton (C)
 Most methods-2, 3. Most Surprise-5.

SHENFIELD, Essex.

S Mary V
 Mon Apr 20 1981 2h33 (9)
5040 MINOR (8m: (1) London S.; (2) Wells S.; (3) Beverley, Surfleet S.; (4) Ipswich S.; (5) Cambridge S.; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Plain Bob)
 1 Ian G Davidson
 2 Patricia M Davidson
 3 Simon W M Thorpe
 4 Adrian C Malton
 5 Roger S Harpole
 6 John G Harpole (C)
 First in 8m-3. Most methods as conductor. To welcome Naomi Kate Davidson, daughter of 1 and 2 and niece of 5 and 6. On conductor's 21st birthday.
GALLEYWOOD, Essex, S Michael AA
 Tues Apr 21 1981 3h14 (13½)
5088 WEMBLEY S. MAJOR
 Comp. J W Washbrook
 1 Robert G Armstrong
 2 Trevor E Church
 3 Renée L Armstrong
 4 Nicholas Doyle
 5 Christopher C M Pain
 6 John G Harpole
 7 Simon W M Thorpe
 8 Adrian C Malton (C)
 First T.B. Major-1. First on 8 inside-2. First in method-4, 6, 7 and as conductor. Sponsored for Spire Repair Fund. For the Birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

GUILDFORD D.G.

CAPEL, Surrey, S John Bapt
 Sat Apr 11 1981 2h35 (7)
5040 KENT T.B. MINOR
 Seven different extents
 1 Anne E Parr
 2 Caroline M Smith
 3 Rachel A Smith
 4 Pauline F Smith
 5 Mark D Backhouse
 6 Alan J Smith (C)
 First in method-5. 21st Birthday compliment to Sarah and Mark Backhouse.
CHIDDINGFOLD, Surrey, S Mary
 Sun Apr 19 1981 2h40 (12½)
5056 SPLICED S. MAJOR (8m: 768 each London, Rutland; 640 Bristol; 576 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire; 142 changes of method)
 Comp. N Smith
 1 Roger G Bull
 2 Sheila A Thomas
 3 Anne White
 4 W John Couperthwaite
 5 Timothy J Wellen
 6 Christopher S Caryer
 7 Glenn J Poyntz
 8 Peter J Munday (C)
 First Spliced-3.

GUILDFORD, Surrey, S Nicolas
 Sat Apr 25 1981 3h17 (22)
5000 LONDON S. ROYAL (No.3)
 1 Linda R Eames
 2 David Redfearn
 3 Andrew F Alldrick
 4 S Kathleen M Baldwin
 5 Christopher H Rogers
 6 Alan Regin
 7 W John Couperthwaite
 8 David J Tubbs
 9 Roger Baldwin (C)
 10 John R Mayne

BEDDINGTON, Surrey.

S Mary V
 Sat Apr 25 1981 2h54 (18)
5040 LINCOLNSHIRE S. ROYAL
 Arr. J R Leary
 1 Simon M Alford
 2 Sheila A Thomas
 3 Caroline C Leary
 4 Ruth Blackwell
 5 Julian Morgan
 6 John R Leary (C)
 7 Roger M Heyworth
 8 Timothy J Wellen
 9 Alan D Flood
 10 Glenn J Poyntz
 First in method-2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10. Silver Wedding compliment to David and Joyce Parsons.

HEREFORD D.G.

BROMYARD, Herefords, S Peter
 Sat Apr 4 1981 2h57 (14½)
5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Comp. F Hopgood
 1 Peter Minchin
 2 David Minchin
 3 Barnabas G Key
 4 Peter J Key
 5 Alan E Hartley
 6 Simon P Hartley
 7 William F Scudamore
 8 Keith W Scudamore (C)
 First Major and in method-2, 4. Fathers (1,3,5,7) and sons (2,4,6,8) peal.

HERTFORD C.A.

HARPENDEN, Herts, S Nicholas
 Sat Apr 4 1981 2h48 (12)
5184 SPLICED S. MAJOR (8m: 768 each Bristol, London, Rutland; 576 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire; 144 changes of method)
 Comp. N Smith
 1 Susan L Patterson (C)
 2 Sheila Brown
 3 Christopher Forster
 4 Roger D R Brown
 5 David Kemp
 6 Eric Edmondson
 7 Alan R Patterson
 8 Andrew W R Wilby
 Circled tower-3. First Spliced as conductor.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

HINDLEY, Manchester, S Peter
 Sat Mar 28 1981 2h45 (14½)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 1 Neil Shepherd
 2 Carole Gallagher
 3 Lesley J Shallcross
 4 Barbara M Shallcross
 5 Malcolm Gittos
 6 John B Shallcross (C)
 First peal-2.
 For mothers everywhere and a Birthday compliment to Carole Gallagher.
WIGAN, Manchester, S James, Poolstock
 Sun Apr 19 1981 3h13 (25½)
5024 RUTLAND S. MAJOR
 Comp. C W Roberts
 1 John E Heaton
 2 Pauline Campling
 3 Thomas Hooley
 4 Lenard J Mitchell
 5 George H Campling (C)
 6 Peter L Furniss
 7 Derek Thomas
 8 Christopher J Pickford



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LEICESTER D.G.**COLEORTON, Leics.****S Mary V**

Fri Mar 27 1981 2h47 (13)

5152 DARLINGTON S. MAJOR

Comp. M A Coleman

- 1 Jane L Flatters
- 2 Frank Chambers
- 3 P Mary Cheesewright
- 4 Tom Harris
- 5 Brian G Meads
- 6 E Alan Jacques
- 7 R Philip Graves (C)
- 8 J Michael Roberts

DISEWORTH, Leics.**S Michael AA**

Sat Mar 28 1981 2h35 (10½)

5040 TREBLE BOB MAJOR

(Ipswich, Norwich, Surfleet S., Oxford T.B., Beverley S., Kent T.B., Cambridge S.)

- 1 Rachel M Harris
- 2 W Ernest Rawson
- 3 Tom Harris
- 4 David Swift
- 5 W Arthur Fletcher
- 6 R Philip Graves (C)

Birthday compliment to Rachel Harris.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.**Bell Foundry**

Tues Mar 31 1981 2h26 (6½)

5040 DOUBLE NORWICH**C.B. ROYAL**

Comp. R Beniston

- 1 William A Thow
 - 2 W Ernest Rawson
 - 3 Richard J Clifton
 - 4 Ronald D Hughes
 - 5 H Mary Barrass
 - 6 Robert C Graves
 - 7 Frank Chambers
 - 8 Tom Harris
 - 9 R Philip Graves
 - 10 Roland Beniston (C)
- First in the method for all and for the Guild.

DAVENTRY, Northants.**Holy Cross**

Sat Apr 4 1981 3h6 (18½)

5040 PRITTEWELLS S. ROYAL

Comp. G Lindoff

- 1 Michael D Fiander
- 2 J Michael Roberts
- 3 Derek P Jones
- 4 R Adrian Davies
- 5 P Mary Cheesewright
- 6 Brian L Burrows
- 7 Robert L Piron
- 8 Gary J Audley
- 9 A James Poynor
- 10 R Philip Graves (C)

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.**Bell Foundry**

Tues Apr 7 1981 2h27 (6½)

5040 GLENFIELD S. ROYAL

Arr. R Beniston

- 1 William A Thow
- 2 W Ernest Rawson
- 3 Richard J Clifton
- 4 R Philip Graves
- 5 H Mary Barrass
- 6 Robert C Graves
- 7 Frank Chambers
- 8 Tom Harris
- 9 R Adrian Davies
- 10 Roland Beniston (C)

BIRSTALL, Leics.**S James Gt**

Fri Apr 17 1981 2h32 (10½)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Arr. J Pladdys (No.9)

- 1 Rupert A Clarke
- 2 Clive J Mobbs
- 3 Timothy M Payne
- 4 Timothy J S Yates
- 5 B Stedman Payne
- 6 Harry M Payne
- 7 Robert J Crocker
- 8 John Pladdys (C)

Fully muffled, tenor open at backstroke, for Good Friday.

COUNTSTHORPE, Leics.**S Andrew**

Fri Apr 17 1981 2h45 (10)

5088 DOUBLE NORWICH**C.B. MAJOR**

Comp. J Hunt

- 1 N Roderick Ellway
- 2 John J Morris
- 3 Michael E Brown
- 4 George Pluckrose
- 5 Winifred M Warwick
- 6 David A Warwick
- 7 Alan Cattell (C)
- 8 Brian S Chapman

Half-muffled for Good Friday.

SHEPSHED, Leics.**S Botolph**

Fri Apr 17 1981 3h3 (15)

5056 YORKSHIRES S. MAJOR

Comp. M A Coleman

- 1 J Michael Roberts
- 2 H Mary Barrass
- 3 Ernest W Rawson
- 4 R Adrian Davies
- 5 P Mary Cheesewright
- 6 R Philip Graves
- 7 Brian G Meads
- 8 Murray A Coleman (C)

Fully muffled with tenor open at backstroke for Good Friday (10th successive year).

MANCHESTER, Town Hall

Sat Apr 18 1981 3h51 (42½)

5103 STEDMAN CINQUES

Comp. J Pladdys

- 1 James Hedgcock
- 2 D Robert Pettifor
- 3 David M Watson
- 4 Pauline C Champion
- 5 Margaret Whiteley
- 6 John Pladdys (C)
- 7 Robert J Crocker
- 8 Peter L R Hayward
- 9 C Michael Orme
- 10 David E Potter
- 11 Malcolm S Turner
- 12 Martin J Whiteley

WORSLEY, Lancs. S Mark

Sun Apr 19 1981 3h11 (24)

5076 STEDMAN CATERS

Comp. J Pladdys

- 1 James Hedgcock
- 2 John Pladdys (C)
- 3 Martin J Whiteley
- 4 David M Watson
- 5 D Robert Pettifor
- 6 Peter L R Hayward
- 7 Robert J Crocker
- 8 C Michael Orme
- 9 Margaret Whiteley
- 10 Pauline C Champion

250th peal-10.

LIVERPOOL, S Nicholas

Mon Apr 20 1981 3h51 (42)

5088 STEDMAN CINQUES

Comp. J Pladdys

- 1 James Hedgcock
- 2 Pauline C Champion
- 3 Margaret Whiteley
- 4 John Pladdys (C)
- 5 D Robert Pettifor
- 6 David M Watson
- 7 Jeffrey P Ladd
- 8 Robert J Crocker
- 9 Malcolm S Turner
- 10 Peter L R Hayward
- 11 C Michael Orme
- 12 Martin J Whiteley

PRESTON, Lancs. S John

Mon Apr 20 1981 3h11 (24½)

5019 STEDMAN CATERS

Comp. J Pladdys

- 1 Martin J Whiteley
- 2 D Robert Pettifor
- 3 John Pladdys (C)
- 4 Pauline C Champion
- 5 Peter L R Hayward
- 6 James Hedgcock
- 7 Margaret Whiteley
- 8 Jeffrey P Ladd
- 9 Malcolm S Turner
- 10 Robert J Crocker

OADBY, Leics. S Peter

Mon Apr 20 1981 2h41 (12½)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR

(York, Durham, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, Ipswich, Bourne)

- 1 Winifred M Warwick
- 2 Jane E Wills
- 3 Gwenyth M Tyler
- 4 Brian E Mozley
- 5 Andrew N Tyler
- 6 John E Vintiner (C)

Silver Wedding compliment to Norman and Gwen Tyler. Also Golden Wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs Percy Hobbs. First peal from new ringing floor.

THURNBY, Leics. S Luke

Tues Apr 21 1981 2h47 (12½)

5056 CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR

Comp. C Middleton

- 1 Lawrence Greenhow
- 2 Peter F Pawley
- 3 Sarah M Pawley
- 4 Alan Cattell (C)
- 5 Rupert A Clarke
- 6 David H Baker
- 7 J Julian Pawley
- 8 Brian S Chapman

First attempt-6. First S. Major-2.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH D.A.**LLANDAFF, S. Glam. Cathedral**

Mon Apr 20 1981 3h13 (20½)

5037 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Comp. A M Tyler

- 1 Ruth Simon
- 2 Marcus A G Williams
- 3 Rev John Hughes
- 4 Penelope J Llewellyn
- 5 David S James
- 6 Nicholas W H Simon (C)
- 7 Nevil A James
- 8 Ellis N Thomas
- 9 Trevor T Lewis
- 10 Paul J R Daybell

For Easter.

USK, Gwent. S Mary

Tues Apr 21 1981 2h48 (14½)

5024 RUTLAND S. MAJOR

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Julie R Bergdahl
- 2 Ruth M Border
- 3 William E Thompson
- 4 Marcus A G Williams
- 5 Peter S Bennett
- 6 Paul J Bergdahl
- 7 Tudor P Edwards
- 8 Peter Border (C)

First Rutland-6.

For the Birthday of HM The Queen.

NON-ASSOCIATION**BLETCHINGLEY, Surrey.****Annunciation BVM**

Sat Apr 11 1981 3h6 (18)

5088 SPLICED S. MAJOR

(4m: 1344 each Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, 1248 Cambridge, 1152 Rutland)

Comp. M C W Sherwood

- 1 Kathy A Matthews
- 2 John E Hawes (C)
- 3 Julia M Dixon
- 4 Gwen Rogers
- 5 Kevin I Lucas
- 6 Keith J Matthews
- 7 Mark J Smith
- 8 Philip Rogers

First Spliced-6.

LONDON EC, S Vedast

Sat Apr 11 1981 3h3 (16½)

5040 MINOR (4m: 1 extent each St. Clement's, Kent T.B., Cambridge S.; 4 Plain Bob)

- 1 Michael J Hall
- 2 Catrina M Mitchell
- 3 John S Ashcroft
- 4 David G Thorne
- 5 Mark J Smith
- 6 John E Hawes (C)

First attempt-3.

LONDON C.A.**WESTMINSTER WC.****S Clement Danes**

Mon Apr 20 1981 3h10 (21½)

5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Comp. A M Tyler

- 1 Jennifer Bradford
 - 2 Rachel A Smith
 - 3 Pauline F Smith
 - 4 Michael T Sprackling (C)
 - 5 Alan J Smith
 - 6 Dennis A Hewitt
 - 7 Frederick P Mead
 - 8 Richard W Yates
 - 9 Andrew M Cluer
 - 10 Raymond Eddy
- First on ten-1. First Caters as conductor.

MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.**WINDSOR, Berks.****S John Bapt**

Sun Mar 29 1981 3h (17½)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Comp. F T Blagrove

- 1 Reginald Foster
- 2 Anthony C Perry
- 3 Anthony G Pullan
- 4 Edward Armstrong
- 5 David G Atkins
- 6 Richard F Knights
- 7 Martin J Turner
- 8 Frank T Blagrove (C)

For Mothering Sunday.

PETERBOROUGH D.G.**SCALDWELL, Northants.****Ss Peter & Paul**

Sat Apr 11 1981 2h41 (10)

5040 STEDMAN**DOUBLES**

(15 different callings)

- 1 Stephanie Kenton
- 2 William H Hulme
- 3 Timothy A Wooding
- 4 David J Garton
- 5 Peter M Fleckney (C)

WHILTON, Northants.**S Andrew**

Sun Apr 19 1981 2h55 (11½)

5040 MINOR (4m: 4 extents Plain Bob; 1 each Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's)

- 1 Simon Bilsborough
- 2 Janet C Bowers
- 3 Rachel Bilsborough
- 4 John S W Townley
- 5 Iris R D Webb
- 6 Christopher J Groome (C)

First attempt-1, 2, 3. 25th peal-4 On Easter Sunday.

OXFORD D.G.**(Society of Raving Ringers)****SONNING-on-THAMES, Berks. S Andrew**

Sat Apr 18 1981 3h22 (20)

5022 YORKSHIRE S. MAJOR

Comp. J Jelley

- 1 Tony Skilton
- 2 Patricia M Newton
- 3 Michele Ellender
- 4 Ronald K Russ
- 5 Ian T Barber
- 6 Stephen S Russ
- 7 John H Sunderland (C)
- 8 Robert H Newton

Pre-Wedding compliment to Pamela Humphries and David Willis.

STEEPLE ASHTON, Wilts.**S Mary V**

Sat Apr 18 1981 3h11 (21)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR

(London, York, Durham, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge)

- 1 E George Swift
- 2 Margaret B Wenban
- 3 Michael R Spencer
- 4 Richard B Luzar
- 5 Edward W Houghton
- 6 Geoffrey K Dodd (C)

WINDSOR, Berks.**S John Bapt**

Sun Apr 19 1981 2h46 (17½)

5040 OXFORD BOB**TRIPLES**

Comp. F T Blagrove

- 1 Ian S G Blagrove
 - 2 Marian Foster
 - 3 Edward H Goater
 - 4 Edward Armstrong
 - 5 Anthony G Pullan
 - 6 Percy Newton
 - 7 Frank T Blagrove (C)
 - 8 Reginald Foster
- First peal-1. For Easter Sunday and for the centenary of the Oxford D.G.

N. HINKSEY, Oxford.**S Lawrence**

Mon Apr 20 1981 2h34 (5½)

5040 MINOR (5m: 1 extent each St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, 3 Plain Bob)

- 1 Elizabeth Jones
- 2 Julie McNaughton
- 3 Katrina Rook
- 4 Janet Farrow
- 5 Ray Rook
- 6 Philip H Tocock (C)

First peal on the bells. First attempt-1, 2, 3, 4, 5. By local band.

SOUTHWELL D.G.**TUXFORD, Notts.****S Nicholas**

Fri Mar 27 1981 2h43 (11½)

5040 MINOR (3 extents Single Oxford; 4 Plain Bob)

- 1 Rose Marie Wilson
- 2 Bryan Birkett
- 3 Duncan Pottinger
- 4 Geoffrey Slaven
- 5 Christopher Richards
- 6 Robert Hancock (C)

First peal-1.

GAMSTON, Notts. S Peter

Sat Mar 28 1981 2h37 (8½)

5040 MINOR (4m: 2 extents each Kent, Oxford T.B., Single Oxford; 1 Plain Bob)

- 1 Geoffrey Slaven
- 2 Joan Coates
- 3 Bryan Birkett
- 4 Louis Willders
- 5 Harold Denman
- 6 Frank Cooke (C)

First as conductor

A welcome to the Rev R Woodsford, his wife and family.

NOTTINGHAM, S Mary V

Fri Apr 17 1981 3h40 (35½)

5040 LONDON S. ROYAL

(No.3)

Comp. C K Lewis

- 1 Christopher M Wulkau
- 2 Susan E Marshall
- 3 R Brian Mills
- 4 George A Dawson
- 5 David Stainsby
- 6 Simon Humphrey
- 7 John M Jelley
- 8 David Hird
- 9 S Clarke Walters
- 10 Ian Butters (C)

Half-muffled for Good Friday.

SUFFOLK GUILD**IXWORTH, Suffolk.****S Mary V**

Mon Apr 20 1981 2h41 (16)

5040 MINOR (10m: (1) Double Court; (2) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet S.; (3) Oxford T.B.; (4) Kent/Oxford T.B.; (5) Double Bob, Plain Bob; (6) Plain Bob; (7) St. Clement's, Double Oxford)

- 1 Patricia M Bailey
- 2 Trevor N J Bailey
- 3 Norman P J Cossey
- 4 Tony F Crawford
- 5 J Martin Thorley
- 6 Leslie F Bailey (C)

Birthday compliment to Stella and Janet Bailey.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM**HARBORNE, Birmingham, S Peter**

Tues Apr 21 1981 2h38 (13)

5152 YORKSHIRE S. MAJOR

Comp. C I Rowson

- 1 Clare McArdle
 - 2 David J Pipe
 - 3 Paul E Bibilo
 - 4 Frances Bates
 - 5 John A G Clements
 - 6 Andrew J Ellis
 - 7 David J G Bates (C)
 - 8 Clifford A Barron
- First Major-1. First Y. Major-2.6. In memoriam John N London.

S. LINCOLNSHIRE SOC.**SURFLEET, Lincs, S Lawrence**

Sat Apr 11 1981 3h6 (12)

5184 STEDMAN CATERS

Comp. M Maughan

- 1 Martin F Mitchell
- 2 Margaret C Mitchell
- 3 N J Hare
- 4 Robin Rogers
- 5 Stephen J F Mitchell
- 6 Edward W Colley
- 7 Michael Maughan (C)
- 8 William A Holmes
- 9 Michael J Belcher
- 10 Philip J Reynolds

First S. Caters-1, 2, 3, 8

BARTON-on-HUMBER, Lincs, S Mary

Mon Apr 20 1981 3h10 (15)

5056 YORKSHIRE S. MAJOR

Comp. M Maughan

- 1 William A Holmes
 - 2 Jennifer E Mitchell
 - 3 Margaret C Mitchell
 - 4 Andrew F Mitchell
 - 5 Martin F Mitchell
 - 6 Edward W Colley
 - 7 Stephen J F Mitchell
 - 8 Michael Maughan
- (No conductor given)

WALESBY, Lincs, Old Church, All Saints

Mon Apr 20 1981 3h (12)

5184 SPLICED S. MAJOR

(4m: 1536 Lincolnshire; 1440 each Yorkshire, Cambridge; 768 Rutland; 101 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. W E Critchley

- 1 Jennifer E Mitchell
 - 2 Edward W Colley
 - 3 Margaret C Mitchell
 - 4 Martin F Mitchell
 - 5 Andrew F Mitchell
 - 6 William A Holmes
 - 7 Stephen J F Mitchell (C)
 - 8 Michael Maughan
- First Spliced-4, 5 and as conductor.

SUSSEX C.A.**BATTLE, E. Sussex, S Mary V**

Mon Apr 20 1981 2h57 (21)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's 12-part (7 obs)

- 1 Rowena M Unsworth
- 2 Graham E Slade
- 3 Anthony J Trumbell
- 4 Marion Newman
- 5 Timothy J Pink
- 6 Christopher H S Newbold
- 7 Christopher E Slade (C)
- 8 William G Merritt

First Triples-3. First G. Triples inside-2. First as conductor.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.**BROCKENHURST, Hants, S Nicholas**

Sat Apr 4 1981 4h53 (4)

10000 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Comp. R Le Marechal

- 1 R Hugh Routh
- 2 Barry J Fry
- 3 Dennis A Chapman
- 4 David M Watson
- 5 Alison K Surry
- 6 David J Forder
- 7 Roy Le Marechal (C)
- 8 John P Colliss

On the day the conductor reached 10,000 days.

BRIGHTSTONE, IOW, S Mary

Mon Apr 6 1981 2h28 (7)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR

(4m: 1 extent each Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge; 4 Norwich)

- 1 Jane Elliott
- 2 Stephen P Barnes
- 3 Toby Arkless
- 4 Paul T Young
- 5 Graham Nobbs
- 6 David A Weir (C)

First Surprise-2, 3, 5.

25th for the Guild-5.

Half-muffled in memoriam Barbara Chalton (wife of former Rector, 1945-1972).

ARRETON, IOW, S George

Wed Apr 8 1981 2h29 (8)

5040 MINOR (Cambridge, Norwich S., Oxford, Kent T.B., Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob)

- 1 Graham Nobbs
- 2 Toby Arkless
- 3 Stephen P Barnes
- 4 Jane Elliott
- 5 Paul T Young
- 6 David A Weir (C)

25th peal-2. Most Minor methods-3, 4. Most methods-3.

CURDRIDGE, Hants, S Peter

Sat Apr 11 1981 3h24 (25)

5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Comp. G Williams

- 1 Francis Mitchell
- 2 Charlotte K Olding
- 3 John P Colliss
- 4 Anthony P Smith
- 5 Roy Le Marechal (C)
- 6 David M Watson
- 7 Martin B Hough
- 8 Alison K Surry

Sponsored in aid of repairs to tower roof.

N. STONEHAM, Hants, S Nicolas

Sat Apr 11 1981 2h37 (10)

5184 BRISTOLS MAJOR

Comp. W E Critchley

- 1 Jane T Elliott
- 2 David A Weir
- 3 Alison K Surry
- 4 John G Reynolds
- 5 Roy Le Marechal (C)
- 6 David M Watson
- 7 Paul T Young
- 8 John P Colliss

First in method-7. 150th peal-2. Engagement compliment to Andy Carton and Rita Brown.

BROCKENHURST, Hants, S Nicholas

Sun Apr 19 1981 2h31 (4)

5056 CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR

Comp. C Middleton

- 1 Susan J Hartless
- 2 Dennis A Chapman
- 3 Ann P Bennett
- 4 Barry J Fry
- 5 John Hartless
- 6 Graham N Hartless
- 7 Barry F Peachey
- 8 David J Forder (C)

For Easter. Also for the birth of a daughter (Helen Dorothy) to Barry and Heather Peachey.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DIST. ASSN.**PENSNETT, Worcs, S Mark**

Wed Apr 22 1981 2h43 (10)

5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES

Comp. H Hubbard

- 1 Tony Hickman
- 2 John H Dudley
- 3 C Frederick Jukes
- 4 Sheena Cagienard
- 5 G Trevor Morris
- 6 Colin J T Shepherd
- 7 E Thomas Pilsbury (C)
- 8 Matthew Dudley

First peal-1, 4, 6, 8. First in method by all. Compliment to the Rev C F C Jarvis to mark 25 years as incumbent here and his retirement.

DROITWICH, Worcs, S Peter

Wed Apr 22 1981 2h24 (9)

5040 CAMBRIDGE S. MINOR

Comp. R Bailey

- 1 John M Jenkins
- 2 Tom W Lewis
- 3 Anne C Hansford
- 4 C Michael Orme
- 5 Martin G Powell
- 6 Michael C Hansford (C)

Circled tower-1. First Cambridge as conductor. Birthday compliment to Anne Hansford. Also Wedding anniversary compliment to Mr and Mrs T W Lewis.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.**BURLEY, Leeds, S Matthias**

Mon Mar 30 1981 2h40 (7)

(No method given)

Comp. N J Pitstow

- 1 Tony S Cocks
- 2 N A Lionel Mellor
- 3 Gary J Audley
- 4 Susan J Green
- 5 David G Butler
- 6 Gillian Carey
- 7 Kathryn P Thomas (C)
- 8 Nicholas J Green

25th peal-8.

MIDDLEHAM, N. Yorks, Ss Mary & Alkelda

Mon Apr 20 1981 3h (18)

5088 YORKSHIRE S. MAJOR

Comp. N J Pitstow

- 1 Nicholas J Green
- 2 Timothy P Bradley
- 3 Philip R Brook
- 4 Christine B Sanderson
- 5 Raymond East
- 6 Andrew R Stone
- 7 Peter J Sanderson
- 8 David E Potter (C)

First on eight-2, 3. First inside-3. 100th peal-6.

AYSGARTH, N. Yorks, S Andrew

Tues Apr 21 1981 2h52 (11)

5040 MINOR (17m: (1) Double Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall, Kemerton, Corse, St. Clement's, Buxton, Childwall, Badgeworth, Hempsted; (2) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet S.; (3) Single Oxford, Plain Bob; (4) Oxford T.B.; (5) Plain Bob; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Plain Bob)

- 1 David G Wild
- 2 Christine B Sanderson
- 3 David E Potter
- 4 David R Beadman
- 5 Andrew R Stone
- 6 Peter J Sanderson (C)

E. WITTON, N. Yorks, S John Evan

Wed Apr 22 1981 2h26 (7)

5040 MINOR (5m: 3 extents Plain Bob; 1 each Cambridge S., St. Clement's, Oxford, Kent T.B.)

- 1 Christine B Sanderson
- 2 David G Wild
- 3 David R Beadman
- 4 Andrew R Stone
- 5 Peter J Sanderson
- 6 David E Potter (C)

HANDBELL PEALS**ESSEX ASSOCIATION****DANBURY, Essex, 36 Mill Lane**

Tues Apr 21 1981 2h54 (15)

5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Comp. H J Tucker

- 1-2 Joe E G Roast
- 3-4 Janice Manterfield
- 5-6 Nicholas C Tithecott
- 7-8 Kevin I Lucas
- 9-10 Paul A Cammiade (C)
- First P.B. Royal-1-2, 3-4, 9-10. First Royal as conductor. For the Birthday of HM The Queen.

GUILDFORD D.G.**(Farnham District)****ALDERSHOT, Hants, 4 Highfield Gardens**

Fri Apr 10 1981 2h24 (12)

5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Comp. E M Atkins

- 1-2 Martin J Turner
 - 3-4 Peter V D Swift
 - 5-6 W J Couperthwaite (C)
 - 7-8 Tom Page
- First on 8 in hand - 1-2.

HERTFORD C.A.**WATFORD, Herts, 15 Harford Drive**

Wed Apr 22 1981 2h45 (15)

5007 STEDMAN CATERS

Comp. A S Hudson

- 1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
 - 3-4 John R Mayne (C)
 - 5-6 Roger Baldwin
 - 7-8 Christopher W Woolley
 - 9-10 Dorothea M Robotham
- First in method in hand - 9-10.

EASTER DAY**QUARTER PEALS**

April 19

OXFORD D.G.**HOLMER GREEN, Bucks, 3 Coppens Way**

Sun Apr 12 1981 2h37 (15)

5040 YORKSHIRE S. ROYAL

Comp. W E Critchley

- 1-2 Patricia M Newton
 - 3-4 Jean A Darmon
 - 5-6 Kenneth J Darvill
 - 7-8 Angela M Darvill
 - 9-10 Robert H Newton (C)
- 25th in hand - 1-2. First Yorkshire - 7-8.

HOLYPORT, Berks, 43 Arkley Court

Wed Apr 15 1981 2h38 (16)

5040 LONDON S. ROYAL

Comp. W E Critchley

- 1-2 Patricia M Newton
 - 3-4 Graham G Firman
 - 5-6 Bernard F L Groves
 - 7-8 Katharine J Firman
 - 9-10 Robert H Newton (C)
- First London in hand - 1-2.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM**BIRMINGHAM, S Martin's Belfry**

Tues Apr 14 1981 1h58 (15)

5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Arr. J Pladdys

- 1-2 Frances Bates
- 3-4 Richard B Grimmett
- 5-6 Alan S Burbidge
- 7-8 John Pladdys (C)

SOUTHWELL D.G.**SELSTON, Notts, 210 Nottingham Road**

Wed Apr 22 1981 2h26 (15)

5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

Comp. N J Pitstow

- 1-2 Ruth Tysoe
 - 3-4 Len Goodall
 - 5-6 David C Lester
 - 7-8 Derek J Tysoe
 - 9-10 Adrian Dempster (C)
- First Little Bob in hand for all except 9-10.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.**BISHOPSTOKE, Hants, 43 East Drive**

Tues Apr 14 1981 2h10 (14)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Comp. C K Lewis

- 1-2 David M Watson
- 3-4 Alison K Surry
- 5-6 Roy Le Marechal (C)
- 7-8 Peter D Niblett

LATE PEAL**STAFFORD****ARCHDEACONRY SOC.****KINGSBURY, Warwicks, Ss Peter & Paul**

Sat Mar 7 1981 2h56 (17)

5184 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Comp. G Lindoff

- 1 Shirley Harris
 - 2 Philip J Sealey
 - 3 Stuart C W Hutchieson
 - 4 Andrew J Ellis
 - 5 David Franklin
 - 6 Andrew E Else
 - 7 John F Mulvey
 - 8 Brian Harris (C)
- First in method-3, 4.

Aldbourne, Wilts. 1260 Doubles (3m): D J Hart 1, F J Read 2, C Stanley (C) 3, M Hart 4, A G Keen (425th Q) 5, C Barnes 6. For Holy Communion. Also 1260 Grandsire Triples: D J Hart (1st on 8) 1, G A Newman 2, M Hart 3, T R N Jones 4, C Stanley 5, F J Read (C) 6, A G Keen 7, C Barnes 8. For Mattins.

Ash, Surrey. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Sue Bragg 1, Jenny Woodyer 2, Margaret McCarthy 3, T E Denyer 4, J M Britchford (C) 5, R Williams (1st Q) 6.

Aston Rowant, Oxon. 1260 Doubles (2m): C G Trotman 1, Louise A M James (joint C) 2, Belinda M Wood 3, N C Bartlett 4, L D Wood (joint C) 5, Alexandra L Wood (1st Q) 6.

Barton Seagrave, Northants. 1260 Doubles (16m): E Anne Hulme 1, N S Hassett 2, Linda M Garton 3, W H Hulme 4, D J Garton (C) 5.

Bathwick, Som. 1288 Grandsire Triples: Catherine Bannock 1, Jane S Eades 2, Lisa Rouse 3,

Maggie Willans 4, P J C Mather 5, Annette R Laidler 6, R W Willans (C) 7, P A Wall 8.

Badsey, Worcs. 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: A C Berry 1, G J Hemming 2, Judith M Fletcher 3, B Harris 4, S J Reading (C) 5, H Plumb 6, A J Brazier 7, C M Povey 8.

Bodicote, Oxon. 1260 P.B. Minor: Anne D Thorne 1, A Gardner (1st Minor) 2, Tina A Ruff 3, I Smith 4, J Gardner 5, R A Thorne (C) 6.

Bexhill-on-Sea, E. Sussex. 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Marie Loader 1, Margaret Pink 2, Lesley Kennard 3, R Kennard 4, A D Pink 5, D Pink 6, T J Pink (1st in m as C) 7, J M Swift 8.

Bozeat, Northants. 1260 Doubles (3m): Sarah Moreton 1, Helen Knightley 2, Elizabeth Taylor 3, A Williams 4, R Line (C) 5.

Brafield-on-the-Green, Northants. 1260 P.B. Minor: P R Ager 1, Louise Henman 2, Anne Henman 3, K F Gautrey 4, M Henman 5, R Henman (C) 6.

Canterbury, Kent (St Stephen). 1296 P.B. Major: Valerie A Howitt 1, Linda Toogood (1st Major) 2, Elizabeth A Niblett 3, Ruth S Niblett 4, D H Niblett 5, S Z Kemp 6, K I Davis 7, I R Howitt (C) 8.

Capel, Surrey. 1260 P.B. Minor: I M Rankin (1st away from cover) 1, Sarah Tenant-Flowers 2, Caroline M Smith 3, Rachel A Smith 4, Pauline F Smith 5, A J Smith (C) 6.

Chepstow, Gwent. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Marion Hughes 1, Pamela Hughes 2, S Tyce 3, J Hoskins 4, Jacqueline King (C) 5, Karen Byard 6. 1st Q-1, 6.

Chiddingfold, Sussex. 1260 Doubles (3m): Pauline Kennard 1, R C Neil 2, Mary Thorpe 3, T Waterman 4, W G Merritt (C) 5, T Russell 6.

Chigwell, Essex. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith A Lane 1, T G Lane 2, Valerie Auton 3, Sally M Walker 4, G H Walker (C) 5, R Husband 6. Also baptism of Philip Mark Lane.

Coddington, Notts. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Julie A Tomlinson 1, D E Kirtton (C) 2, S J Tomlinson 3, J Draycott 4, D King 5, F Tomlinson 6. By Sunday service band.

Colchester (St Peter). 1260 P.B. Triples: J G Cadman 1, Elizabeth J Malster 2, Anne Jones 3, C J Farr 4, J Stannard 5, C T Williams 6, H H Furringer 7, H J Millatt (C) 8.

Downham Market, Norfolk. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Melanie Shipton (1st Q) 1, Karen Baxter 2, S G Elsey 3, P J Waterfield 4, P G Waterfield (C) 5, G Burton 6. Also 1st anniversary of rededication of bells.

Easingwold, N. Yorks. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Julie Smith (1st Q) 1, N J Green (C) 2, Cathryn J Atkinson 3, P G Coomer 4, J D Smith 5, J N Hayes 6.

Eastbourne, Sussex (Christ Church). 1260 P.B. Minor: Sue Jones 1, A Mottram 2, Stella Shell 3, Hazel Mottram 4, Rhian Bagshaw 5, P M Bradford (C) 6. Also christening of Paula Mary Mottram.

East Leake, Notts. 1260 P.B. Minor: Catherine Warden 1, Margaret E Pollard 2, P H Harris 3, Susan A Meadowcroft 4, J M Redfern 5, G N Pollard (C) 6. 1st Q-1, 3.

Easton-in-Gordano, Avon. 1260 Doubles (2m): I Ramsay 1, W Field 2, P Neil 3, I Crichton 4, G Watt (C) 5, M Trowbridge 6.

Everleigh, Wilts. 1260 Doubles (3m): D J Hart 1, A G Keen (C) 2, S M Brown 3, M Hart 4, N O Skelton 5, B A Cracknell 6.

Evesham, Worcs (Bell Tower). 1259 Grandsire Caters: G J Hemming (C) 1, E T Newbury 2, A C Berry 3, Canon A S Webb 4, B Harris 5, A J Brazier 6, S J Reading 7, J E Newman 8, C M Povey 9, Judith M Fletcher 10.

Faldingworth, Lincs. 1260 Stedman Singles: Robert M Blaikie 1, M L Mann 2, J M Blaikie (C) 3. Also 21st Birthday compliment to treble ringer.

Faringdon, Oxon. 1320 P.B. Doubles (7, 6, 8 cover): P Anger (C) 1, Rosslyn Oliver 2, Ann Anger 3, C R Miles 4, G Balcher 5, Cheryl Anger 6, R Button 7, R Moss 8.

Fiddington, Som. 1260 P.B. Doubles: J M Stone 1, Sue Fairhurst 2, Bridget Fairhurst 3, Valerie J Stone 4, M J Stone (C) 5, J Fairhurst 6. 1st inside-2, 3.

Filton, Avon. 1260 Doubles (10 m/v): W A Lawrence 1, Helen Blount 2, Wendy Goodliffe 3, Jane Lawrence 4, B H Goodliffe (C) 5, N Lawrence 6. Also Engagement compliment to Helen Blount and Malcolm Gasking.

Fulbourn, Cambs. 1260 P.B. Minor: I Grant (1st Minor) 1, Patricia McCullagh 2, Carol I Kitson 3, C A Johnson 4, M R Kitson (C) 5, P A Law 6.

Gosfield, Essex. 1260 Doubles (2m): Jo-Anne Carter 1, Mary Sudbury 2, S P Sudbury 3, Hilda G Snowden (C) 4, D O Jarvis 5, T Wray 6. Wedding compliment to Paul Clarry and Patricia Nield.

Guildford, Surrey (St Nicolas). 1260 Grandsire Triples: R E Knights 1, Christine Harbott 2, Yvonne Elio 3, Catherine Etherington 4, Jennifer Bradford 5, B J Underwood 6, S E Wood (C) 7, E Peett 8. Also in memoriam Bill Savill.

Haslingfield, Cambs. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G Barnard 1, F Clarke 2, W J Ridgman (C) 3, B Horrell 4, Rev J B Rowsell 5, P Horrell 6. Also diamond wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs H C Clarke (parents of 2nd).

Hawkhurst, Kent. 1280 Spliced S. Major (3m): W Gorringer 1, Penelope A Hart 2, Rosemary A Cleave 3, Alison P Parsons 4, D J Beeken 5, M Ostler 6, N R Parsons (100th as C) 7, S G Waters 8.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Both sister Judith and father Terry rang in the Easter Day quarter peal for the Baptism of Philip Mark Lane later the same day at St. Gabriel's Church, Loughton. Prior to the service, for which young Judith competently played the piano, a group from Chigwell rang handbells. Baby Philip behaved perfectly and mother (Margaret), who took up bellringing just over a year ago, said she was looking forward to pulling a sally again. N.C.T.

Headington, Oxon. 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: T Smith 1, Jane Turner (1st Kent) 2, H Badger 3, Debbie Cook 4, Ann Martin 5, E Martin (C) 6.

Hertford (St Andrew). 1280 P.B. Major: D Kemp (C) 1, J Ann Applegate 2, Cynthia Spaul 3, Gillian N Mott 4, J Kemp 5, G Davison 6, N D Hughes 7, A Case 8.

Higham, Suffolk. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Beryl Price 1, Janet Hohl 2, Caroline Marshall 3, K Hohl 4, C H Ablitt (C) 5, R Price 6.

Hintlesham, Suffolk. 1260 P.B. Minor: Ulla Simpson (1st Minor) 1, E J Lockwood 2, Karin Lynn 3, Michelle White 4, Winnie Lockwood 5, E C Hynard (C) 6.

Holt, Norfolk. 1440 P.B. Minor: Anna Welbourne 1, Hilary Poyner (1st inside) 2, Mary Poyner 3, Jennie Forster 4, I Symington 5, A Forster (C) 6.

Irthingborough, Northants. 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: J Rollings 1, Cathy Richardson 2, G P Eggleton 3, A Mayes 4, Stephanie R Kendall 5, A Bull (C) 6. 1st in m inside-2, 3, 4.

Keynsham, Avon. 1260 Grandsire Triples: R G E Bradshaw (1st Q) 1, Jane Haxworth 2, T W Harris 3, P M Williams 4, P A Butler 5, D B Harrex 6, R E Taylor (C) 7, B G Gray 8. Also for the birth of Alexander Daniel Williams.

Leatherhead, Surrey. 1280 Kent T.B. Major: Susan G Ford 1, Pauline F Smith 2, Rachel A Smith (C) 3, Carol A Parr 4, Anne E Parr 5, P A Ford 6, N J Parr 7, A J Smith 8.

The three bells at Faldingworth, Lincs, are rung for every service, and the 1260 Stedman Singles on Easter Day was rather a special occasion! The ringer of the 2nd is Robert's grandfather, and Robert's father rang 3. Martin Mann and J. M. Blake have been ringing together at Saxilby for 38 years, but this is the first time either had rung a quarter on three bells.

Leckhampton, Glos. 1260 Grandsire Triples: R G Webb 1, M P Taylor 2, Caroline Nash 3, Susan Downes 4, Helen Taylor 5, T T Jones 6, E J Taylor (C) 7, M G T Jones 8. Before 0800 Holy Communion. Also 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Caroline Nash 1, Claire Walker (1st Surprise) 2, T T Jones 3, Sheila Taylor 4, Helen Taylor 5, M P Taylor 6, L C Edwards 7, E J Taylor (C) 8. For Evening Service.

Lechlade, Glos. 1260 P.B. Minor: J Sleight 1, Karen Evans 2, T New 3, K Musty 4, H Evans (C) 5, R Hayden 6.

Locking, Avon. 1260 Doubles (2m): Marjorie Legg (C) 1, Beverley Walter (1st inside) 2, Yvonne Cridde 3, June Legg 4, G Prescott 5, J Hooper 6.

Mathern, Gwent. 1260 P.B. Doubles: I Osley 1, Sally Utting 2, D Surman (C) 3, S Tyce 4, G Barr 5, F Sainsbury 6. 1st Q-1, 2.

Nazeing, Essex. 1260 Doubles (2m): B Starling 1, W H Aley 2, Carrie Welch (1st as C) 3, F Mansfield 4, R G Seymour 5, G Mansfield 6.

North Stoneham, Hants. 1260 Doubles (5m/v): B Taylor 1, W O Haythorne 2, Rita Brown (C) 3, C Taylor 4, A D Carton 5, Connie Brown 6.

Norwood Green, Middx. 1260 P.B. Doubles: N M Brock (1st double-handed) 1, 2, Janet E Payne 3, Valerie M Payne 4, Linda S Payne 5, T E Payne 6. Also Farewell compliment to Rev. P J Wall.

Pontypridd, Mid-Glam. 1265 Stedman Triples: F A H Wilkins 1, A N Stubbs 2, Anne S Pratt 3, Michele Ellender 4, I W Davies 5, R M Heyworth 6, J R Pratt (C) 7, G S Barr 8.

Porstmouth, Hants. (St Mary). 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Duguid 1, P Rioch 2, Mandy J Stubington 3, Barbara Salmons 4, E F Salmons 5, A N Burbidge 6, L D Duguid (C) 7, A E Hoodless 8.

Rayne, Essex. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Alison Fleming 1, P Unwin 2, Kathleen Downs 3, A Downs 4, M Downs (C) 5, Fiona Lancaster 6.

Rushden, Northants. 1260 P.B. Minor: Alison Willgress 1, Freda Willgress 2, G Muncey 3, I Willgress (circled tower) 4, R Coley (C) 5, T Smith 6, B Whitworth (cover).

Ruskington, Lincs. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sylvia Collin 1, Julia Doughty 2, Sharon Coulthard (C) 3, P D Collin 4, D Collin 5, G Butt (1st Q) 6.

Rye, E. Sussex. 1260 P.B. Minor: Anne-Marie Loader (1st Minor) 1, Daphne Verdon 2, L Cooksey 3, Margaret Pink 4, T J Pink 5, A D Pink (C) 6.

Saffron Walden, Essex. 1344 P.B. Triples: H Maddams 1, R W Mitchell 2, Elizabeth Wayper 3, N V Harding 4, C A Farrow 5, R G R Collins 6, M J Matthews (1st as C) 7, J L C Mumford 8. Also in memoriam Barry Couzens.

Shenfield, Essex. 1296 Spliced S. Minor (4m): A C Malton (C) 1, S A Bryant 2, T E Church 3, S W M Thorpe 4, A J Bryant 5, R G Armstrong 6.

Shinfield, Berks. 1380 Doubles (2m): Sarah Tindall 1, Bobbie May (joint C) 2, Joan Bennett 3, Jean Clark-Maxwell 4, J Clark-Maxwell (joint C) 5, F Mitchell 6.

St. Ives, Cambs. 1260 P.B. Triples: R M Kingsbury 1, G E Nicholls 2, Pamela J Fisher (25th Q) 3, L W Fisher 4, R J Woodward 5, L G Cowley 6, F W Fisher (C) 7, A G Speller (cover) 8.

St. Kea, Cornwall. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C Hood 1, Barbara J Duck 2, Amanda Hood 3, R Humphries 4, C W Jose (C) 5, M Hood 6.

Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset. 1260 Clifford's Pleasure Bob Doubles: Janet A Fawcett 1, S R Robertson 2, Judith A Robertson 3, W J Foot 4, R G W Robertson (C) 5. 1st in variation by all.

Thames Ditton, Surrey. 1260 P.B. Doubles: M A Keyes 1, E Shorthose 2, T Keyes 3, D Wilkins 4, A Donaldson (C) 5, J Williamson 6.

Tunstall, Staffs. 1260 P.B. Doubles: G F Hand 1, Ann Ballard 2, A R McKean 3, Ann Humphreys (C) 4, P J Atkins 5, K J Hilditch (1st Q) 6.

Twickenham, Middx. (St Mary). 1296 P.B. Major: R C King 1, Susan Knight 2, Ann Ridge 3, Jane Palmer 4, P W Bevington 5, N F Edwards 6, P Devenish 7, M D King (C) 8. Also silver Wedding compliment to Pam and Derek King.

Vale, Guernsey. 1272 Minimus (4m): M Bubb (C) 1, Janet Scott (1st Minimus) 2, P Le Conte 3, Jane Le Conte (circled tower) 4, H White 5.

West Buckland, Som. 1260 P.B. Doubles: G Emery 1, C M Colman 2, C Gillard 3, D Bromwich 4, R E Colman (C) 5, J Padfield 6.

Whitminster, Glos. 1260 Doubles (9 m/v): P Sutton 1, Mandy King 2, Jill Prossor 3, Jacqui Pillinger 4, A Hodges (C) 5, T Douglas 6.

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Wareham, Dorset. 1260 Doubles (3m): G J Grant 1, June M Brown 2, C T Brown 3, G W Elmes 4, P R Keough (C) 5, B G Bishop 6. Also For the birth of Edward Fishlock (15/4/81).

West Ham, E.15. 1280 P.B. Minor (6, 8 cover): Lynn E McLachlan (1st Minor) 1, O C R Webster 2, D A Hewitt (C) 3, M J Burns 4, F A J Goodwin 5, Coral A M McLachlan 6, J I White 7, P R Petchey 8.

Wiveliscombe, Som. 1260 Grandsire Triples: J H T Hancock 1, Anne Stenning 2, P Valuks 3, A F Lee 4, F J Casley 5, W J Nurcombe 6, Rev. C J B Marshall (C) 7, J Levin 8.

Abbotts Leigh, Avon. 12 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: J L Snawdon 1, M G Biggs 2, P G Neil 3, Rosemary C Willy 4, G J N Colborne 5, C M J Stanley (C) 6. For Palm Sunday.

Aldbourne, Wilts. 16 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: C Barnes 1, G A Newman 2, F J Read 3, C Stanley 4, M Hart 5, A G Keen (C) 6. Half-muffled for Maundy Thursday. Also 17 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: D J Hart (1st Minor) 1, F J Read 2, C Stanley 3, G A Newman 4, A G Keen 5, M Hart (C) 6. Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Backwell, Som. 17 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: R G Edwards 1, B Brain 2, Margaret Reed 3, P J England 4, T Hooley 5, Jennifer M Taylor 6, J R Taylor (C) 7, W J Lott 8. Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Baltonsborough, Som. 20 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Sue Rendell 1, Irene Hodges 2, R H England 3, D J Hodges (C) 4, S D Hodges 5, N Henderson 6. For Easter.

Barford St. Martin, Wilts. 21 Apr, 1260 St. Martin's Doubles: Judy M Downes 1, S R Robertson 2, Susan P E Legge 3, Judith A Robertson (1st in m as C) 4, P L J Matthews 5, R G W Robertson 6. 1st in m—2, 3. 82nd Birthday compliment to Bert Mitchell.

Barton Seagrave, Northants. 5 Apr, 1260 Stedman Doubles: M Downham 1, N S Hassett 2, P J Ellis 3, W H Hulme 4, D J Garton (C) 5. Farewell compliment to the Rev Tom Newby. Also 13 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m): M Downham 1, N S Hassett 2, P J Ellis 3, W H Hulme 4, D J Garton (C) 5.

The quarter of P.B. Minor at Bodicote, Oxon on April 12 (Palm Sunday) was rung whilst the congregation assembled and processed through the village before attending Family Communion—an annual event in the Church calendar.

Boston, Lincs. 21 Apr, 1440 St. Clement's Bob Minor: D Collin 1, Sandra Stallibrass 2, P D Collin 3, Barbara Clipsham 4, P T Carr (1st in m as C) 5, Sylvia Collin 6.

Bath, Som (Bathwick). 16 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: H C Newman (1st S. Triples) 1, Maggie Williams 2, Harriet G Oldham 3, Annette R Laidler 4, M J Stubbs 5, R M Stubbs 6, R W Willans (C) 7, P A Wall 8. For Maundy Thursday.

Bodicote, Oxon. 5 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Susan Oxley (1st Q) 1, Alison Rodrick (1st inside) 2, Tina A Ruff 3, I Smith 4, R A Thorne (C) 5, A J Thorne 6. For Evensong. Also 12 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: M Green 1, Hilary Hewson 2, R Barclay 3, Tina A Ruff 4, I Smith 5, C Holmes (C) 6. For Palm Sunday.

Bolton, Manchester (Deane). 10 Apr, 1440 London S. Minor: Pauline Campling 1, P McNutt 2, G H Campling (C) 3, I McNutt 4, A McNutt 5, C A Tester 6.

Bow, E3. 11 Apr, 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: P Daybell 1, Ruth Simon 2, Ruth Morley (1st in m) 3, S Yates 4, Rowena Unsworth 5, D Hewitt 6, R Booth 7, N Simon (C) 8.

Bretforton, Worcs. 21 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: S J Reading 1, P Carter 2, S Carter 3, Judith M Fletcher 4, A J Brazier 5, B Harris (C) 6.

Brightwell, Oxon. 17 Apr, 1280 Rutland S. Major: J O Berry 1, Helen M Diserens 2, R D Diserens 3, C C Monson 4, A P Diserens 5, J S Griggs 6, M J Diserens 7, N J Diserens (C) 8. For Good Friday.



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Broxbourne, Herts. 15 Mar, 1288 Little Bob Major: M Sales 1, R P Venour 2, Caroline Bailey 3, B E Bradstock (C) 4, P O K Bradstock 5, J R Towers 6, R Sales 7, T Taylor 8.

1st in m—2, 4, 5, 7. For Morning Worship.

Buckland Newton, Dorset. 24 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): P Grantovskis 1, R L Wareham 2, A House 3, R H J Mears 4, E H Amey (C) 5, R J Mears 6. Thanksgiving for the life and work of E T Paul Field (Stoke-sub-Hamdon) who learnt to ring in this tower.

Buckley, Clwyd. 22 Apr, 1256 Little Bob Major: Jayne Bellis (1st Q) 1, B R Millward 2, D N Collins 3, E M Jones 4, D R Maxwell 5, D H B Millward 6, S Griffiths 7, G Parting (C) 8. 1st in m—4, 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Amos Lewis, ringer at this tower since 1923 and captain 1948–51.

Burton Latimer, Northants. 21 Apr, 1260 Stedman Doubles: K R Holton 1, Andrea J Core (1st in m) 2, P J Ellis 3, W H Hulme 4, P M Fleckney (C) 5, N Downham 6. For HM The Queen's Birthday.

Caldicot, Gwent. 12 Apr, 1280 P.B. Major: J R Leary 1, Julie R Bergdahl 2, Jacqueline S King 3, G Dancer 4, S Tyce 5, L W Cooke 6, P J Bergdahl 7, G N Williams (C) 8. Wedding anniversary compliment to Nigel and Philippa Williams.

Cape Town, R.S.A. (Cathedral). 22 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: J Botham 1, L Hewitt 2, Hilary Moekli (1st in R.S.A.) 3, Madeline Lindley 4, W J Smith 5, P Spencer (C) 6.

Canterbury, Kent (S Stephen). 5 Apr, 1260 Doubles (4m): Nora Peck 1, Elizabeth A Niblett 2, I R Howitt (C) 3, S Z Kemp 4, D Jenkins 5, Jill Brannan 6. For Evensong.

Castle Cary, Som. 24 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M G Buckley 1, S C Berry 2, D B Carter 3, R Parker 4, P J Fowler 5, D Lesley J Parker 6, R W Davis (1st on 8 as C) 7, W G Buckley 8.

Charlton Kings, Glos. 17 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Louise Arnold 1, Yvonne Brawn 2, Vicky Phillips 3, J Ridley (C) 4, Hilda Ridley 5, P Smith 6, R Sanders 7, J Tyler 8. Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Chepstow, Gwent. 18 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Deborah Amey (1st Q) 1, D A Davies (1st inside) 2, J Hoskins 3, G N Williams 4, Jacqueline King (C) 5, R Lewis 6. On Easter Eve.

Chiddingfold, Sussex. 23 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Pauline Kennard 1, B Stepney 2, Mary Thorpe 3, R C Neil 4, T Waterman 5, T Russell (C) 6. For St. George's Day Service.

Chigwell, Essex. 11 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Judith A Lane (1st Minor) 1, T G Lane 2, Linda Wareing (1st Minor inside) 3, M Wareing 4, G H Walker 5, D A Tovell (C) 6. In memoriam John Acres.

Claverdon, Warwicks. 12 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Susan Morgan-Williams (1st Q) 1, Alison Morgan (C) 2, J Carol 3, Dorothy Mann 4, A Frowkes 5, C Loman 6. For opening of new Church Centre.

Clayhidon, Devon. 13 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R Perrott 1, Barbara Churchill 2, L V Morrell 3, T Travers 4, D V Travers (C) 5, J Padfield 6. Ruby Wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs James.

Clifton, Beds. 5 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Judy Killick (1st Q) 1, A W Dilley 2, S Ashton 3, Sheila Percival 4, P Tompkins (C) 5, N Dowd (cover) 6, C Ireland (cover) 7. For Evensong by local band.

Cowbridge, S. Glam. 17 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: R P Williams 1–2, W G Morgan (1st inside in hand) 3–4, W Gough (C) 5–6. Also 21 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: W J Power (1st away from cover) 1, Elizabeth Simister (1st inside) 2, Alana Olds 3, W G Morgan (C) 4, A W Thomas 5, R P Williams 6.

Darlington, Durham (S John). 5 Apr, 1440 P.B. Doubles: Janet Davison 1, K Anne Alderson 2, I P Bennett 3, Maureen Cox 4, R Sinclair (C) 5, R Rackley (cover) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Thomas Cooke (local ringer), died March 24.

Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincs. 21 Apr, 1440 Bourne S. Minor: Sylvia Collin 1, P T Carr 2, Sandra Stallibrass (1st in m) 3, Barbara Clipsham 4, P D Collin (1st in m as C) 5, D Collin 6.

Dinton, Bucks. 5 Apr, 1260 Doubles (5m/v): P G Dumelow 1, D J Matthews 2, P F Dorell 3, G R J Davis (C) 4, J A Norris 5. Most m/v—2, 3 and as C. Engagement compliment to Eunice Nuttall and Fred Gee.

Durleigh, Som. 17 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J P Nobbs 1, J M Stone 2, Heather M Gibbs (1st in m as C) 3, Valerie J Stone 4, M J Stone 5, C T Clarke 6. Half-muffled for Good Friday. Also 23 Apr, 1320 St. George's Doubles: J P Nobbs 1, J M Stone 2, C T Clarke 3, Valerie J Stone 4, M J Stone (C) 5, Heather M Gibbs 6. 1st in m by all. For St. George's Day.

Easingwold, N. Yorks. 17 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: J D Smith 1, Sarah E Porter 2, P G Coomer 3, R J Garbutt 4, P R Brook 5, N J Green (C) 6. 1st Minor—1, 2. Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Eastnor, Herefords. 21 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Ann Watts (1st Q) 1, E C Biggs 2, J M Goldrick (1st inside) 3, A N Plenderleith 4, F M Seabright (C) 5, P A Phillips 6.

Easton-in-Gordano, Som. 16 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m): I Ramsay 1, I Crichton 2, G Watt 3, Nicola Crichton 4, R O Humphries (C) 5, M Trowbridge 6. Half-muffled for Maundy Thursday. Also 23 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m): E C Field 1, I Crichton 2, Nicola J Crichton (C) 3, Clare Pullin 4, R O Humphries 5, M Trowbridge 6. For St. George's Day.

Farnham, Surrey. 16 Apr, 1264 P.B. Major: Paul Wells (1st Major) 1, D P Elmore 2, S Rowe 3, J A Basher 4, C Wells 5, P J Rowe 6, P R Collins (C) 7, A D Barnsdale 8. For Maundy Thursday.

Fiddington, Som. 17 Apr, 1320 St. Paul's Doubles: C T Clarke 1, Heather M Gibbs 2, Valerie J Stone 3, M J Stone (C) 4, G S Harris 5, Sally M Wheeler 6. 1st in m by all. Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Filton, Avon. 16 Apr, 1260 Doubles (9m/v): W A Lawrence 1, Helen Blount 2, Mary Haslum 3, D Haslum 4, B H Goodliffe (C) 5, N Marshman 6. For Maundy Thursday.

Fordington, Dorset. 5 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m): Susan Wareham 1, R L Wareham 2, R H J Mears 3, R J Mears 4, E H Amey (C) 5, E E Coombs 6. For Diamond Jubilee of the Royal British Legion (Dorset County).

Fovant, Wilts. 21 Apr, 1260 Doubles (4m): Judith A Robertson 1, S R Robertson 2, Judy M Downes 3, Susan P E Legge 4, P L J Matthews (C) 5, R G W Robertson 6.

Frampton, Dorset. 10 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m): P Grantovskis 1, R H J Mears 2, R L Wareham 3, R J Mears 4, E H Amey (C) 5, A House 6.

Gaddeby, Leics. 13 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia M Hall 1, Jean Kirk 2, Mary James 3, J Adams 4, C E Cooper 5, G A James 6, R A Cook (C) 7, G M Hall 8. Silver Wedding compliment to ringers of 3 and 6.

Halesowen, W. Mids. 12 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: I Bryan 1, I Mary Sluter 2, T Greenhall 3, L W Clisset 4, Winnie Pretty 5, H Shilcock 6, M L Lashford (C) 7, F Sluter 8. Ruby Wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs Shilcock.

History was made at Wighton (Norfolk) on April 11 when two new members of the "first-ever" band rang their first quarter. The band, which was formed less than a year ago, can now ring for Sunday service. A.S.F.

Hartford, Cheshire. 12 Apr, 1260 Doubles (6m/v): Elizabeth Septon (1st Q) 1, Linda Capper 2, E E Septon 3, C W Simpson 4, J R Jervis (C) 5, Belinda Bridson-Jones 6. Most m/v—2, 3.

Haslingfield, Cambs. 12 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Janet Horrell (1st Q) 1, P Long (C) 2, G Barnard 3, B Horrell 4, P Horrell 5, R Snelling 6. For Palm Sunday.

Hemingbrough, N. Yorks. 11 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: A Richardson 1, S Cooper 2, A Jane Gill 3, T Crossley 4, S Landers 5, D R Beadman (C) 6.

Hertford (All Saints). 9 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: D Kemp (Snr) 1, C E Hayter 2, R J Wilsher 3, G R D Lay 4, R Hornby 5, A M S Stracey (C) 6. Retirement compliment to D F Jack, Headmaster, Hertford Grammar School/Richard Half School since 1956. By Old Boys.

Hoddesdon, Herts. 29 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R H W Coleman 1, M Sales 2, R P Venour 3, R Sales 4, G P Davison 5, B E Bradstock (C) 6. For Evensong. Also 12 Apr, 1380 St. Osmund Bob Doubles: R H W Coleman 1, M Sales 2, R P Venour 3, B E Bradstock (C) 4, G P Davison 5, D Clarke 6. 1st in m by all. For Palm Sunday. Also Birthday compliment to Ann Davison.

Holywood, Co Down. 21 Apr, 1260 P.B. Triples: C E Holliday 1, G D Brown 2, J T Dunwoody (C) 3, D J Barrett 4, Jean Jeffery 5, Sue Barrett 6, W A Patterson 7, J A Strahan 8. 1st in m—1, 8. Birthday compliment to W A Patterson.

Horbling, Lincs. 21 Apr, 1440 Double Oxford Minor: Sylvia Collin 1, P D Collin 2, Barbara Clipsham 3, Sandra Stallibrass 4, P T Carr 5, D Collin (C) 6. 1st in m by all.

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Hessle, E. Yorks. 16 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: K Staniforth 1, S Plows 2, Kim Granger 3, Judith Haselhurst 4, J Plows 5, R Jordan (C) 6. For Maundy Thursday Eucharist. Also 17 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J Plows 1, R Jordan 2, Judith Haselhurst (C) 3, K Staniforth 4, Kim Granger 5, S Plows 6. Half-muffled for Good Friday. Also 19 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Nicola Barnes (1st attempt) 1, Kim Granger 2, Judith Haselhurst (C) 3, J Plows 4, S Plows 5, K Staniforth 6. For Easter.

High Halden, Kent. 18 Apr, 1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Jennifer Marshall 1, C T Hillis (C) 2, S J Davis (1st in m) 3, D J Taylor 4, D G Ridley 5, G R Harden 6. Engagement compliment to John Legg (Seasalter) and Isobel Smith (Ashford).

Hucknall, Notts. 20 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S R Gow 1, Isabel A Bowmar (1st Triples) 2, Christine R Nix 3, J D Beach 4, Alison J Nix 5, S Patricia M Nix 6, P Nix (C) 7, R N Gow 8.

Hughenden, Bucks. 5 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Nancy Tatham (1st Q) 1, Joyce Cornwall 2, Louise Cornwall 3, A Newton 4, R Powell 5, P Newton 6, D Cornwall (C) 7, R Biggs 8. Engagement compliment to Nancy Tatham and J M Bell.

Hunsdon, Herts. 20 Mar, 1280 P.B. Major: A Case 1, J Ann Applegate 2, Anne Warboys 3, S A Saunders 4, Mary Shaw 5, W R E T Goss 6, N D Hughes (1st Major as C) 7, D Kemp 8.

Huntingfield, Suffolk. 21 Apr, 1260 Doubles (5m): A Deborah M Thorley 1, Mary Allum 2, J M Thorley 3, T T C Shaw 4, R D Allum (C) 5. Birthday compliment to conductor.

Hurstpierpoint, W Sussex. 12 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: S L Brown 1, S C Pitt (1st Minor inside) 2, H W Brown 3, R B Walton 4, S W Brown 5, A V Brown (C) 6. For Evensong. Also Wedding compliment to Caroline Mead and Philip Venables.

An excellent quarter of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Tasburgh (Norfolk) on April 2 to mark the Diamond Wedding of Mr and Mrs James F Duffield of Norwich. Mr Duffield, who had learned to ring at Tasburgh in 1907 and is still capable of excellent striking, rang the second. The rest of the band included local ringers assisted by Bill Barrett (Loddon). P.C.

Kenilworth, Warks. 18 Apr, 1250 Cambridge S. Minor: D R Randall 1, R N Scholes 2, D P Crawley 3, Judith M Fletcher 4, B R Danby 5, S J Reading (C) 6. Wedding compliment to Averil Brooker and Greg Jones.

Kensington, W8. 12 Apr, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Rowena Unsworth 1, D James 2, P Daybell 3, J Kleeman 4, N Simon (C) 5, P Pope 6, H Small 7, P Emery 8. For Palm Sunday.

Langford Budville, Som. 17 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m/1v): D A Pike 1, C J Stevens 2, Jane F Beveridge 3, L T Richards 4, A F Lee (C) 5, W Moore 6. 175th together-2, 5. Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Lichfield, Staffs (St Michael). 12 Apr, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Claire Keeling 1, A C Share 2, Dawn Marson 3, J P Coleman 4, Gillian Eastwood (C) 5, A J Marson 6. For Matins. Also 1272 Oxford T.B. Minor: Claire Keeling 1, A C Share 2, Dawn Marson 3, G T Thomas 4, Gillian Eastwood (C) 5, A J Marson 6. 16 Apr, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Claire Keeling 1, J M Haskey 2, Dawn Marson 3, G T Thomas 4, Gillian Eastwood (C) 5, A J Marson 6. Half-muffled for Maundy Thursday. 19 Apr, 1260 Doubles (10 m/v): G T Thomas 1, Dawn Marson 2, J P Coleman 3, Gillian Eastwood (C) 4, A J Marson 5. Also 1260 P.B. Minor: R Coleman 1, G T Thomas 2, Dawn Marson 3, J P Coleman (100th on the bells) 4, Gillian Eastwood 5, A J Marson 6. Conducted by 3 and 5. For Easter.

Llanishen, S. Glam. 12 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Ruth Lucas (1st Q) 1, Christine Lucas 2, Rev R Lucas 3, R Minard 4, R Harpole (C) 5, Caroline Burt 6. For Palm Sunday, also 11th birthday compliment to 1.

Locking, Avon. 21 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: J Hooper 1, P Cannon 2, Marjorie Legg 3, Yvonne Criddle 4, G Prescott (C) 5, R Shallish 6. For H.M. the Queen's birthday.

Market Drayton, Salop. 15 Apr, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: C Adams 1, H F White 2, Kath Adams 3, R D Hazeldine 4, W J Griffiths (1st Cambridge S. Major) 5, A S Whittall 6, D Mitchell 7, W Tyler (C) 8.

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Ossington, Notts. 12 Apr, 1260 Minor (2m): R Drury 1, W A Wilson 2, Rosemary B Wilson 3, Margaret Wilson 4, Annette Taylor 5, A R Wilson (C) 6. For Palm Sunday.

Oxsted, Surrey. 29 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T Rendell (1st Q) 1, J Beresford 2, I Carter 3, K Matthews 4, D Putnam (C) 5, Kathy Matthews 6. Also 18 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Kathie A Matthews 1, I M Carter 2, J R S Beresford (1st Surprise) 3, D K Putnam 4, C H Macve 5, K J Matthews (C) 6. For Midnight Service.

Pattishall, Northants. 24 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Hilda Collins 1, Frances Tyler 2, Sheila Rowley 3, Janet Bowers 4, Iris Webb (C) 5, Hilary Aslett 6. By Northampton and District Ladies' Guild, for the birth of a daughter to Princess Michael of Kent.

Pinner, Middx. 5 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Gillian E Baker 1, R Mary Williams 2, P Anne Payne 3, R F Knights 4, Beryl R Dew 5, D E R Knights (C) 6, R H Grace (cover), G P M Green (cover). Ruby Wedding compliment to Ken and Dorothy Sanders. Also 9 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: R Mary Williams 1, R H Grace (1st inside) 2, Beryl R Dew 3, D E R Knights 4, R F Knights (C) 5, G P M Green 6. Also 16 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jane R Baker 1, Gillian E Baker (1st inside) 2, R F Knights (C) 3, K B Sanders 4, D E R Knights 5, R H Grace 6. For Maundy Thursday.

Pirton, Herts. 4 Apr, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: E R Hallworth 1, R P Venour 2, M A Wheel 3, B E Bradstock 4, G P Davison (1st in m as C) 5.

Rippingle, Lincs. 21 Apr, 1440 Ipswich S. Minor: Sandra Stallibrass 1, Barbara Cliphsham 2, P D Collin 3, P T Carr 4, Sylvia Collin (1st in m as C) 5, D Collin 6.

Roydon, Essex. 5 Apr, 1260 Stedman Doubles: B E Bradstock (circled tower) 1, M Sales (1st Stedman) 2, R P Venour 3, R Sales 4, T Taylor (C) 5, N Ward 6. For Evensong. Also 11 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lesley Walters 1, T Taylor (C) 2, Alison Walters 3, R P Venour 4, B E Bradstock 5, C Mance 6.

Ruskington, Lincs. 19 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Sylvia Collin (1st in hand as C) 1-2, P D Collin (1st in hand) 3-4, D Collin 5-6.

Sandhurst, Berks. 17 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Deborah Kaye (1st in m) 1, Muriel Brown 2, W H Mills 3, G C Steele 4, A J Day 5, W R Hillary (C) 6. Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Sandon, Essex. 12 Apr, 1360 Doubles (4m): Miss J Edwards 1, Mrs J Edwards 2, Miss A Edwards 3, M Edwards 4, P Saltmarsh (C) 5, A R Groves 6. Thanksgiving for the life of H O Edwards, died April 8, father of the 3rd and 4th ringers and grandfather of the treble ringer. Also 21 Apr, 1440 S. Minor (2m): Angela Belcham 1, Ann F Chapman 2, D E Belcham 3, J E Stead 4, N G Curnow 5, C F Chapman (C) 6.

Sawbridgeworth, Herts. 20 Apr, 1260 Kent T.B. Major: N Doyle 1, S A Bryant 2, R G Armstrong 3, T E Church 4, H G Goddard 5, J R Martin 6, J Armstrong 7, A C Malton (C) 8.

Selston, Notts. 5 Apr, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Jeanette Hayes 1, Claire Sharp 2, A L Rawson 3, Elizabeth I Lounds 4, J Rhodes 5, A Dempster (C) 6. In memoriam W Swain (Morton, Derbyshire). And 12 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: W Lester 1, Claire Sharp 2, A L Rawson 3, A Dempster 4, Elizabeth I Lounds (C) 5, D C Lester 6. To welcome a daughter (Morag), born to Adrian and Maureen Dempster (April 10).

Shedfield, Hants. 11 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C R Abel 1, Linda Foot 2, Mandy Stubbington 3, G Peck 4, Barbara Salmons 5, J K Foot 6, E F Salmons (C) 7. Betty Daysh 8. Also 12 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susanna Nockolds (1st on 8) 1, Barbara Salmons 2, C J Stubbington 3, J Maltby 4, G D Peck 5, Mandy J Stubbington 6, E F Salmons (C) 7, D Hunt 8. For Evensong. Also 17 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: J P Colliss 1, Alison Surry 2, Charlotte Olding 3, Betty Daysh 4, Barbara Salmons 5, Mandy Stubbington (1st Stedman) 6, E F Salmons (C) 7, C R Abel 8. Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Shenfield, Essex. 16 Apr, 1440 S.S. Minor (6m): V J C Dale 1, R G Armstrong 2, S A Bryant 3, T E Church 4, A J Bryant 5, A C Malton (C) 6. For Sung Communion.

Shillington, Beds. 4 Apr, 1360 St Martin Bob Doubles: E R Hallworth 1, R P Venour 2, M A Wheel 3, G P Davison (1st in m) 4, B E Bradstock (C) 5.

Shirley, Surrey. 22 Apr, 1344 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Alison Godfrey 1-2, Susan Coleman 3-4, S J Coleman (C) 5-6, E G H Godfrey 7-8.

Southampton, Hants (St Mary). 12 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3 m/v): Christina M Stringer 1, D C Jackson (C) 2, Roslyn Bennett 3, K S B Croft 4, A J B Ingram (1st inside) 5, Debra L Keasal 6. 1st Q-1, 6.

Southwold (St Edmund). 21 Apr, 1264 P.B. Major: Barbara Payne 1, J Mortimer 2, S Hewitt 3, Heather Mortimer 4, R Payne 5, Helen Price 6, A D Hewitt 7, T Soanes (C) 8. 1st Q-2, 4. For 80th birthday of R Payne (30 years tower captain).

Stockbridge, Hants. 20 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: M L Temple (1st Minor) 1, Gail Cater 2, Julia R Cater 3, P J Gorrod (C) 4, Alison K Surry 5, M K Waldron 6.

Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland. 21 Apr, 2520 P.B. Royal: Julie Robinson (1st on 10) 1, T M Cox 2, Sara D Akehurst 3, Karen Bass 4, C Lesley Hall 5, G S Hall 6, L D Smith 7, W J P Wishart 8, G A Blackburn 9, A C Banton (C) 10. In memoriam Thomas Cooke and Samuel Yates.

Stratton Audley, Oxon. 23 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J Harris 1, Fay Harris 2, Angie Jasper 3, M Jasper 4, E J Evans (C) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Mrs Elsie Spence on the evening of her funeral.

Swindon, Wilts. 8 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P Bladon 1, Helen Bladon 2, Karen Wall 3, Rosemary Wall 4, S Roberts 5, B Bladon 6, C Wilton (1st G.T. as C) 7, J Maskell (1st Q) 8. 1st Triples-3, 5.

Tasburgh, Norfolk. 2 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B L Lammis 1, J F Duffield 2, H W Barrett 3, H T S Duffield 4, P Cattermole (C) 5. Diamond Wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs J F Duffield.

Thames Ditton, Surrey. 20 Apr, 1260 Kent T.B. Minor: E Shorthose 1, A Donaldson 2, T Keyes 3, I Saunders (C) 4, D Wilkins 5, M Loveday 6. For rehanging of the bells in a new frame.

MRS B PRESTON

The quarter at Yatesbury (Wilts) on April 15 was rung as a thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs B Preston, who for 40 years had been providing teas for Calne Branch meetings at Yatesbury. Many will remember her for the warm welcome and the excellent food that awaited ringers. Many who were stationed at RAF Yatesbury and Compton Bassett will have fond memories of Mrs Preston's culinary delights. P.A.H.

Thaxted, Essex. 20 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: A C Malton (C) 1, T J Peverett 2, T E Church 3, J R Peverett 4, N Doyle 5, H G Goddard 6, J R Martin (cover).

Wallingford, Oxon. 12 Apr, 1280 London S. Major: J O Berry 1, R D Diserens 2, Helen M Diserens 3, C C Monson 4, M J Diserens 5, A P Diserens 6, J S Griggs 7, N J Diserens (C) 8. For Palm Sunday.

Walmer, Kent. 20 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B P U Lawrence 1, Janet Lawrence (C) 2, Joan Thorne 3, K Gatland (1st in m) 4, D J Thorne 5, M Godfrey 6, F W Lawrence 7, P J Hambrook 8.

Wanborough, Wilts. 23 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Anita Reeves 1, C P Wilton 2, M T Roberts 3, M D Barnes 4, C R James (1st as C) 5, A E James 6. For St George's Day.

Warfield, Berks. 5 Apr, 1280 P.B. Major: Anne M Carpenter 1, Caroline A Baker (1st inside) 2, Rosamund W Murrell 3, Susan E Davenport 4, C A Milward 5, D W Struckford 6, N D Lane 7, W M D Collis (C) 8. For Evensong.

Warnham, Surrey. 13 Apr, 1296 Stedman Caters: Catherine Bew 1-2, S M Alford 3-4, S J Coleman (C) 5-6, P J Franklin 7-8, Susan Coleman 9-10.

Warsop, Notts. 21 Apr, 1280 P.B. Major: Tracey J Poulter 1, M J Elliott 2, H T Rooke 3, Caroline A Buxton 4, B Birkett 5, F Flint 6, R G Siddall 7, J A Coates (C) 8. 1st on 8-1, 2.

Wendover, Bucks. 11 Apr, 1440 P.B. Minor: Denise Lawrence 1, C B Williamson 2, J J E Williamson 3, M E R Gill 4, J E R Gill (C) 5, R E Gerhardt 6. To welcome Rev Andrew Meynell to the living.

Wolston, Warks. 5 Apr, 1272 Stanton Minimus: J Hughes 1, Lesley A Tomlinson 2, K F Chambers 3, G P Tucker (C) 4. Engagement compliment to the Vicar, Rev Colin Henderson, and Professor Elin Ringler. Before removal of bells for retuning and augmentation.

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Wighton, Norfolk. 11 Apr. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Linda Walden 1, Hilary Robinson 2, Jennie Forster 3, J S Williamson 4, A S Forster (C) 5, R Allcock 6. 1st Q-1, 2. 1st on the bells.

Whitby, N Yorks. 20 Apr. 1344 Grandsire Triples: A C Banton (C) 1, Elaine M Banton 2, N C Mellor 3, E J Arthur 4, W J P Wishart 5, D Elwick 6, N R Self 7, R M Franks 8.

Windsor, Berks (St John). 12 Apr. 1280 P.B. Major: Marian Foster 1, I Blagrove 2, R Foster 3, E Armstrong 4, N F Phillips 5, A G Pullan 6, R J Lee 7, F T Blagrove (C) 8. For Windsor and District Boy Scouts Service. Also 21 Apr. 1344 Grandsire Triples: I Blagrove 1, Monica Blagrove 2, N Summerhayes 3, E E Gosling 4, E Armstrong 5, D W Struckett 6, F T Blagrove (C) 7, R Renn 8. For birthday of H.M. the Queen.

Worle, Avon. 4 Apr. 1260 Doubles (10m): J Lambard 1, H Hooper (C) 2, D Hawkins 3, C A Swatton 4, S Lewis 5, H Button 6. For dedication of the new Ecumenical Church and Centre of St Mark. Also 5 Apr. 1260 Doubles (6m): C Stott 1, S Lewis 2, Gwen Hooper 3, H Hooper (C) 4, J Lambard 5, H Button 6. For Morning Service.

Yatesbury, Wilts. 15 Apr. 1260 Stedman Doubles: Wendy Hacker 1, W Beaven 2, P A Hacker 3, D P Bailey (C) 4, D W Hacker 5. Thanksgiving for the life and work of Mrs B Preston.

FOUR IN STAFFORDSHIRE

Codsall. 8 Apr. 1260 April Day Doubles: B Green 1, S T Bright 2, Helen C Ramsbottom 3, J Green 4, A W Gordon (C) 5, S Williams 6. 1st in m-1, 2, 3, 4. Also 19 Apr. 1260 P.B. Minor: Helen C Ramsbottom 1, J Fidlin (1st Minor inside) 2, S T Bright 3, Tracy Bright 4, A W Gordon 5, P A Ramsbottom 6, S W Williams (cover) 7. Also 21 Apr. 1296 Little Bob Major: J Fidlin 1, Libby A Constance 2, A W Gordon 3, Helen C Ramsbottom 4, D Franklin 5, P A Ramsbottom 6, T Davies 7, J Harrold (C) 8. 1st Little Bob Major-1, 2, 4. **Patttingham.** 12 Apr. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Avril Rolfe 1, Libby Constance 2, Angela Reeve (1st inside) 3, J Fidlin 4, A W Gordon (C) 5, E Heath (cover) 6, T Murray (cover) 7, N Bramall (cover) 8. For Evensong.

FOUR IN SOMERSET

Goathurst. 11 Apr. 1260 P.B. Minor: T Travers 1, Mary Sage 2, A J Crabb 3, L V Morrell 4, D Salter 5, D V Travers (C) 6. **Spaxton.** 1260 Rev. Canterbury Doubles: L V Morrell 1, A J Crabb 2, Mary Sage 3, D Salter 4, D V Travers (C) 5, T Travers 6. **Over Stowey.** 1260 Doubles (7m): L V Morrell 1, A J Crabb 2, D Salter 3, Mary Sage 4, D V Travers (C) 5, T Travers 6. **Corfe.** 1296 P.B. Minor: T Travers 1, L V Morrell 2, A J Crabb 3, D Salter 4, Mary Sage 5, D V Travers (C) 6.

CHARLIE'S ANGELS

21 March

Cheadle, Cheshire. 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Linda Drew 1, D K Barrington 2, A G Pullen 3, Judy Barker 4, W J C Seddon 5, D Preston 6, E H Goater 7, D J Kelly (C) 8. **Dunham Massey.** 1296 Grandsire Caters: D J Kelly 1, Linda Drew 2, Judy Barker 3, A G Pullen 4, S Lomas 5, D Preston (C) 6, W J C Seddon 7, E H Goater 8, D K Barrington 9, M G Barker 10. **Nether Alderley.** 1260 Kent T.B. Minor: D K Barrington 1, A G Pullen 2, E H Goater 3, Linda Drew (C) 4, W J C Seddon 5, M G Barker 6. Birthday compliment to conductor's mother. **Sutton.** 1296 Spliced S. Minor (3m): Judy Barker 1, E H Goater 2, D K Barrington 3, M G Barker 4, D J Kelly (C) 5, D Preston 6.

22 March

Macclesfield (S Michael). 1296 P.B. Maximus: B Corbishley 1, W J C Seddon 2, I R Nichols 3, Linda Drew 4, Judy Barker 5, Joanna B Dakin 6, A G Pullen 7, D Preston 8, E H Goater 9, M G Barker 10, D J Kelly 11, D K Barrington (C) 12. **Gawsworth.** 1260 Grandsire Triples: W J C Seddon 1, A G Pullen 2, D Preston 3, M G Barker 4, D J Kelly 5, D K Barrington 6, E H Goater (C) 7, Linda Drew 8.

FARMER'S FANCIES

Hempstead, Glos. 21 Apr. 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: I Taylor 1, Helen Taylor 2, W A Farmer 3, Sheila Taylor 4, Jane Pitman 5, E W Penn 6, M P Taylor 7, E J Taylor (C) 8. **Stroud.** 1260 Stedman Triples: Helen Taylor 1, Sheila Taylor 2, Jane Pitman 3, E W Penn 4, Rev G Stickland 5, M P Taylor 6, E J Taylor (C) 7, I Taylor 8. **Quedgley.** 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: I Taylor 1, E J Taylor 2, Ruth Stickland 3, Helen Taylor 4, Jane Pitman 5, E W Penn 6, Sheila Pitman 7, M P Taylor (C) 8.

DOUBLES PRINCIPLES (Part 1)

(continued from last week)

1. Two Row Leads.

The only two row lead principles are Original and Reverse Original (diagrams 1 and 2). There are literally hundreds of callings of these principles which produce the extent. It took me some time to discover that these are the same callings as for Bob Minor, as Original is in fact the lead heads and lead ends of Plain Bob (working bells only) in order.

During the course of this work many so-called "principles" conforming to all the rules had to be disqualified because their plain course was some calling of Original or Reverse Original. As it happens, Single Court Minor is a calling of Original Minor, even when bobs and singles are included.

Diagram 1: Original Doubles.		Diagram 2: Reverse Original.	
12345	place notation	12345	place notation
21435	5	13254	1
21435	1	31524	5
24153			

2. Four Row Leads.

There is only one principle in this group which is not Original. This may be described as "Treble Bob Doubles" (Diagram 3). This principle is interesting because it illustrates the basic problem of Doubles principles in that a single dodge involves four blows and two bells, whereas plain hunt on the other three bells involves six changes. It is not possible to ring this principle to an extent using one bob and one single because of this problem. An extent is however possible if two different singles are used, one at the half lead and the other at the lead end. If a half lead single of 345 is used for the 5 and a lead end single of 145 is used for the 1 then the extent becomes possible provided a multiple of six such calls of each type is used and every pair of bells is affected the same number of times.

Diagram 3: "Treble Bob Doubles".	
12345	place notation
21354	3
12534	5
21543	3
25134	1

Methods produced from this principle cannot be rung to extents, but produce 12 scores with every change occurring once at handstroke and

LATE QUARTERS

Barton Seagrave, Northants. 16 Mar. 1260 Doubles (5m): Andrea Core 1, N S Hassett 2, M Downham 3, P J Ellis 4, W H Hulme (C) 5. Also 30 Mar. 1260 Doubles (4p): Linda M Garton 1, N S Hassett 2, P J Ellis 3, W H Hulme 4, D J Garton (C) 5.

Darfield, S. Yorks. 29 Mar. 1260 Doubles (3m): Angela Darby 1, B Marshall 2, Fiona Marshall 3, I McMillan 4, M King (C) 5, J Baird (cover) 6, C Walton (cover) 8. For Mothering Sunday. Also 12 Apr. 1260 Doubles (3m): Angela Darby 1, Kay Jobling 2, J Baird (1st inside) 3, D Sunderland 4, M King (C) 5, C Walton (cover) 6, P Wiley (cover) 7, M Sheridan (cover) 8. 6-7-8, 7-6-8 alternate extents. For Palm Sunday. Also 17 Apr. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Sarah Varley 1, Jane Truman 2, J Baird 3, Elizabeth Stocker (cover-1st Q) 4, Fiona Marshall 5, S Finnie (cover) 6, M King (C) 7, Beverley Brown (cover) 8. 6-4-8 covering. Half-muffled for Good Friday. By Ecclesfield School (1,2,4,6,7,8) and Darfield Foulstone School (3,5) ringers. Also 19 Apr. 1360 Doubles (7m): Angela Darby 1, Fiona Marshall 2, Kay Jobling 3, B Marshall 4, M King (C) 5, S Cameron 6. For Easter Day. **Marr, S. Yorks.** 12 Apr. 1290 Singles (3m/v): I McMillan 1, Fiona Marshall 2, B Marshall (C) 3. For Palm Sunday. **Wath-on-Dearne, S. Yorks.** 17 Apr. 1260 P.B. Minor N Marsden (C-circled tower) 1, Deborah Blagden 2, M King 3, Kay Jobling 4, Jane Truman 5, S Rich 6, A Norman (cover) 7, S Finnie (cover) 8. Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Hemingbrough, N. Yorks. 21 Mar. 1260 P.B. Doubles: D Landers (1st on treble) 1, A Richardson 2, D R Beadman (C) 3, T Crossley 4, S Landers 5, S Cooper 6.

once at backstroke, reminiscent of the famous (or infamous?) treble bob Minimus methods. However, unlike these last mentioned, these methods are true in the plain course.

3. Six Row Leads.

There are five possible principles conforming with the rules. Of these, two are Erin and Reverse Erin (Diagrams 4 and 5). Two more are the same principles with places. Because of the single dodges, Erin is so complex in its extent that it is virtually indistinguishable from the version with places so that the two cannot exist separately. There is no way in which Erin can be extended simply with Stedman-type singles.

Diagram 4: Erin Doubles.		Diagram 5: Reverse Erin.	
12345	place notation	12345	place notation
21435	5	13254	1
12453	3	31245	3
14235	1	13425	5
41253	3	31452	3
42135	1	13542	5
24153	3	31524	3

Diagram 6:
"5,1,3,1,5,3".

12345	place notation
21435	5
24153	1
42135	3
41253	1
14523	5
41532	3

The remaining possibility, by place notation 5, 1, 3, 1, 5, 3 (i.e. 5, 1, -half lead 3, lead end 3), has also single dodges (Diagram 6) and is in fact the "Treble Bob Doubles" with two extra changes. Examination of the four rows with a dodge behind (in 4-5) shows that the two in-course rows missing cannot be put together in accordance with the other two rows of the lead. Thus this principle cannot be extended far beyond its plain course.

4. Eight Row Leads.

The only plain courses conforming to the rules are the same as the six row leads but with two extra rows (Diagrams 7 and 8).

Diagram 7: "Erin Plus".		Diagram 8: "Treble Bob Plus".	
12345	place notation	12345	place notation
21435	5	21354	3
12453	3	23145	1
14235	1	32415	5
41253	3	34251	1
42135	1	43521	5
24153	3	45312	1
42513	5	54321	3
24531	3	53412	5

Because neither of these has out-of-course changes in the plain course of 40 changes or one-third of the extent and because of the extra rows, there is no way of producing the extent even when entering the complexity of the Erin callings. There is no principle with a plain course of 40 changes which can be rung to an extent. This makes an interesting comparison with the treble-dominated methods, most of which have plain courses of 40 changes.

5. Twelve Row Leads.

These are the principles which produce 60 change plain courses and there are, in fact, 25 ways of doing that. However, only Stedman and Carter with their reverse derivatives can be rung to an extent. Both of these principles have all the in-course rows in the plain course and thus can be extended simply by changing over two bells 60 changes apart (see Diagrams 9 and 10). Ten of the principles are related to Stedman and Carter but with various combinations of places

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instead of dodges. Whereas, at first sight, it would seem to be possible to extend any of these principles with places, the intervention of out-of-course rows in the plain course in positions which they do not normally occupy in the standard extent renders such a composition false.

Diagram 9:

Stedman.

place notation	
12345	3
21354	1
23145	5
32145	3
23451	1
24315	3
42351	1
43215	3
34251	5
43521	1
45312	3
54321	1
53412	1

Diagram 10:

Reverse Stedman.

place notation	
12345	3
21354	5
12534	1
15243	3
51234	5
15324	3
51342	5
15432	3
51423	1
54132	5
45312	3
54321	5
45231	5

Carter is:

54321	5
45231	5

Reverse Carter is:

54321	1
53412	1

The remainder of the 12 row lead principles all contain out-of-course rows in the plain course and cannot be extended for a similar reason. They are all based on the following four examples (Diagrams 11 to 14).

Diagram 11:
"3,1,345,1,3".

place notation	
12345	3
21354	1
23145	345
32145	1
31254	3
13245	1
12354	3
21345	1
23154	345
32154	1
31245	3
13254	5
31524	5

Diagram 12:
"5,1,345,1,3".

place notation	
12345	5
21435	1
24153	345
42153	1
41235	3
14253	1
12435	3
21453	1
24135	345
42135	1
41253	5
14523	3
41532	3

In the first (Diagram 11) two bells remain in 4-5 while all the combinations of the other bells are rung. Because it is not possible to arrange this principle to produce all the possible combinations in 4-5 the extent can not be produced.

In the second (Diagram 12) ten consecutive rows are produced with the same two bells in 4-5. The remaining two do not fit together in conformity with the principle - thus no extent is possible.

Diagram 13:
"3,145,3,1,5".

place notation	
12345	3
21354	145
23154	3
32145	1
31254	5
13524	1
15342	5
51432	1
54123	3
45132	145
41532	3
14523	5
41253	5

Diagram 14:
"5,1,3,125,3".

place notation	
12345	5
21435	1
24153	3
42135	125
42315	3
24351	1
23415	1
32451	3
32541	125
23514	3
25341	1
52431	5
54213	1

In the third (Diagram 13) there are two sets of five rows and one of two. This suffers from the same problems as the previous principle with a set of 10.

In the fourth (Diagram 14) there are only small groups and thus this appears to have the greatest chance of successful extension. It is not, however, possible to make an extent using standard bobs and singles. The reason for this lies in the single dodges, and the same problem occurs

Bath and Wells D.A.

ANNUAL MEETING ON EASTER MONDAY

Annual meetings mean different things to different ringers. For some young (and not so young!) it holds the attraction of new towers; for some it is the opportunity to question the status quo and perhaps change the best laid plans of the Committee; for all of us it is the pleasure of joining with friends to enjoy their company, whether at church, at tea, or over a quiet pint after the Meeting is over.

Easter Monday is the curtain raiser for the "meeting season", and it seemed this year to herald the dawn of the second ice-age, as we made tracks for the Bath Branch, who were our hosts for the day. St. John's, Keynsham, had been chosen for the service, and what a good service it was. Excellent hymns, a competent Association choir to lead us (and who rendered 'This joyful Eastertide' with polish) and an Archdeacon to preach an erudite sermon. Ten out of ten to the Rector: the Revd. G. Bradshaw, for his arrangements, and why aren't all public address systems as good as Keynsham's?

The usual daunting agenda faced us at the a.g.m., but we fixed our thoughts on tea, and our confidence in the Master, Prebendary Henry Warren, who somehow manages to let everyone have his or her say, and still distil the essence of the arguments presented. We stood quietly after the opening prayers, to remember friends who had died since last year, and then it was down to business. The officers' reports reflected their hard work on our behalf, and were accepted, with just a few financial queries, and the meeting agreed that they had done a good job. Would they be re-elected? Well, our revered Master was up for his 25th year, and there was no doubting his popularity. The rest were willing to serve, and we decided that they, too, were still good chaps. Only the new post of Bell Funds Officer was up for grabs, and with two contestants the heavy machinery of democracy was rushed into action as ballot papers were handed out. We don't mind a show of hands, said the contestants, intelligently, in true shop steward tradition. This is what we wanted anyway, and so Barry Fowler, (Kilmersdon) got the job to provide help and give advice to fund raisers.

The platform wasn't beaten however, because the Central Council vacancy was contested, so democracy was seen in action after all, and David Buckley was voted in to join the three sitting members. George Massey paid a warm tribute to the retiring member, Arthur Reed (Taunton) for his service and his accumulated wisdom, after 35 years as a serving officer of the Association. It so happened that our other Arthur Read, (Bath) was also retiring after 16 years as our Auditor, and it was left to the Treasurer, (Alan Lee) to express our thanks, and recommend a successor.

MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE

The quest for a new Membership Certificate design continued, with more offerings on show; perhaps 1982 will produce the winning entry, which is much needed.

The proposal to put the subs up from £1.00 to £1.25 produced the usual horrified gasps, which were followed by the same old arguments for and against. A £2 subscription also found some support, but when the arguments were exhausted and the vote taken the Committee proposal was accepted. The Meeting then decided 'to be nasty to the peal ringers', and put their fees up from 10p to 25p a rope, which a few of us thought would prove counter productive, but

as with Erin but with an additional constraint of the remaining changes preventing the possibility of the extent.

there we are! Michael Horseman gave the Committee a sharp lecture on budgeting, emphasising the need to illustrate simply what we spend and what we need to run our affairs effectively (we hope his points were noted!) Grants from the Bell Fund totalling over £1,000 were made to nine towers, and the Association agreed to an Interest Free loan of £200 towards the Central Council Rescue Fund for redundant rings of bells.

Tom Setter (Yeovil) and George Novell (Ilminster) were accorded Honorary Life Membership before we turned to the miscellany section of the agenda, as a relief to the financial part.

Simon Berry (Nailsea) agreed to organise the Association Striking Competition again; his track record for this event made him the obvious choice. The fate of the unofficial Eight-Bell Competition still depends on transfusions of support from more Branches, and the Chew Branch, having won the Tewkesbury Shield last year, handed the baton and their best wishes to the Frome and Bath Branches, who are providing this year's entry.

SOMERSET 81

The General Secretary reported on 'Somerset 81', the Arts Festival in which the Association is involved, and gave a preliminary outline of the events in 1982 to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of Wells Cathedral, which is also the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Bath and Keynsham United Deaneries Association, the forerunner of the Bath and Wells.

Perhaps the only item of interest under A.O.B. was the concern expressed over the recent Ringing World letter advocating the grading of ringers. Speakers remained unconvinced of its merits. Homepride in the local band could be affected, and it was felt that graded brains were not really a good recipe for finer towers!

John Gilbert (Long Ashton) voiced our thanks to Bill Chalkden, the Bath Branch secretary, et al for their excellent arrangements; Valerie Stone promised us just as good a day if we come to Bridgwater in 1982; and with a good tea inside us we left for a little more ringing, a quiet pint or two, and memories of a day well run and well spent.

J.B.

CAMPANOLOGICAL CAPERS

We meet on Thursday, both young and old, to answer the call to "Come on; catch hold." Amongst us there's no over-muscular male, yet we "Pull on the Sally," and "Hold up at tail."

"Treble's going, she's gone," is our cue to start, ringing some rounds to gladden the heart. Blow follows blow; first hand, and then back, as we strike away and yet try to keep track.

The captain calls, "Two lead, now five to three," and each of us wonders, how does that affect me? Now back into rounds we six make our way, preparing to "Stand", and set on the stay.

We often go "Hunting," or "Dodge up and down," (manoeuvres which cause the Church-warden to frown.)

With a "Bob," or a "Single," on the way, we are sent on an excursion through Cambridge or Kent.

The people we meet? Well if often transpires we start with Plain Bob then on to Grandsires. If our progress is good we may then find a Saint. There's Clement and Simon and Osmund, so quaint.

Now, if some of these phrases you don't understand, then come on a Thursday and watch your own hand, for the plot of the tale that this ditty tells, is simply about villagers ringing their bells.

Shipdham, Norfolk. BRIAN M. GEOGHAN.

Obituary

TOMMY COOKE

St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, and the Durham and Newcastle Association have lost a tower of strength in the passing of Tommy Cooke, for many years the captain of his tower.

His quiet but firm approach, patience, understanding and tact were the cornerstone of a successfully run tower.

There must be many ex-servicemen (like myself) who have been stationed in the area and who appreciated the kindly welcome into the fold of his ringers and their activities.

Our thoughts at this time are with Rohilla, Janet and Brenda.

P.T.

EDWIN J. UPTON

'Ted' came to Apsley, Herts in the early 1930's, having learned to ring at near-by Great Gaddesden. He soon caught the 'ringing bug', ringing his first peal in 1934, but it was after his war-service in the R.A.F. that ringing became a part of his life.

A staunch supporter of his own tower and district Ted attended most of the local functions, often with his family. Cycling being the usual transport to meetings at that time he enjoyed many country rides, in company with his daughter (Betty), also a keen ringer. Ted's peal total was about 90. As well as the Hertford C.A. he was also a member of the Cumberland Youths and the Oxford D.G. For many years he was a Special Constable.

In 1968 a peal had been arranged for him and a fellow-ringer's 60th birthday but he was taken ill just previously. He was in and out of hospital many times since. Our sympathy is extended to his wife (Ivy) and family in their loss.

Cremation was at Garston on 23rd April and in the evening a quarter was rung at Apsley as a thanksgiving for his life.

Apsley, Herts. 23 Apr. 1440 Minor (27m): W Puddifoot 1, A V Good 2, G Reading 3, G Fielding 4, K Sheppard 5, B Watson (C) 6.

WALTER JAMES CURSTON

It is with sadness that we report the death of Walter James Curston who passed peacefully to his rest in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn, on 14th April. In the New Year Walter suffered a stroke which was shortly followed by a second. His condition deteriorated rapidly and he was admitted to hospital a week before he died. He was in his 75th year.

Walter started to ring when he was 14 and had been a member of the St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas company and the Norwich D.Assoc. for about 60 years. He took part in about 25 peals. He was a gunsmith by trade and, with the exception of the war years, worked at the same gun-shop in King's Lynn for the whole of his working life. He was without doubt a perfectionist in his craft. During the war he served in the Army overseas where he continued in his trade as a gunsmith.

Walter did not return to the belfry as an active ringer until about 1968. Since that time he has been a most loyal and regular supporter, and the work he has done, in company with the writer, in maintaining the bells of St. Margaret's and restoring the bells of St. Nicholas Chapel has been invaluable. The help and support which Walter so readily gave at all times and his kindness and generosity to all concerned will always be remembered with grateful thanks. The wish for no bells at his passing was respected and it was the writer's sad task to represent the St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas company of ringers at a private service which took place at the King's Lynn Crematorium on Tuesday 21st April.

Norving

PAST LEADERS OF LEICESTER CATHEDRAL LIFE

The peal of Aldenham Surprise Maximus rung at Leicester Cathedral on Monday 30th March was a fitting tribute to two past leaders of the Cathedral life who had given devoted service in their several ways: Dr. George Gray, Master of the Music 1931 - 1979 and Mr. John A. Acres, as a ringer, joining the Cathedral Society in 1953 from Newmarket, and later served as Deputy Ringing Master.

John Acres, within a few days of coming to Leicester, became a regular member of the peal bands and between June and the end of the year had rung 50 peals for the Guild. He was a quiet, unassuming person, small of stature, immaculate in his dress - since that was his trade. He came to Leicester as buyer and head of the Gentlemen's Tailoring Department of one of the better-class stores of the City. He was meticulous in the keeping of records - no doubt helped by his service in the R.A.F. during the War, having been commissioned as Officer Training School, Cranwell. John was an ever-dependable member of the band and rarely missed service, practice or special ringing occasions. This he always considered the first essential as a ringer - his service to the Church. Having amply justified that service, he was able to pursue his main interest in life which continued with him until his death.

CHRONIC ILLNESS

Although a chronic illness overtook him which prevented him from an active participation, his interest in the activeness of others never waned. He took it upon himself to keep up-to-date the records of "1,000th Pealers" and looked forward to the arrival of the Ringing World week by week right up to his death. His ringing achievements were many both on tower and 'in hand', and one of his proudest moments was to ring in only the second peal of Surprise Maximus ever to be rung (in December 1961). Other firsts of Surprise Maximus followed. Another peal to give him extreme pleasure was one on handbells of Stedman Triples which he conducted. He was so conscientious about this that he wrote out the whole peal! Many happy hours were spent with him at "The Wayside"

both socially (playing cards with the Poole family) and ringing handbells, or even baby-sitting for Rosemary.

In the Leicester Guild he held the office of Peal Secretary from 1961 to 1964 until his illness moved slowly on, but after this he was pleased to assist his successor. John introduced Life Ringing Membership to ringing members by the payment of a single sum of £5. 5s. 0d., and thus was the first to accept this form of membership. In all he rang 808 peals, 710 of them for the Leicester D.G. His last peal was in 1965; Cambridge S. Royal in hand at "The Wayside" conducted by the writer.

Eventually due to his chronic illness he left Leicester and spent sometime in a home at Chigwell, Essex, where he made many ringing friends before returning to Leicestershire to a hospital in Melton Mowbray where he remained until his death.

The funeral took place at Newmarket and he was mourned by his twin son and daughter and other members of his family.

The Leicester D.G. mourn his loss but in the Leicester Cathedral there remains a token of his life, his service and his love for ringing, for it was in 1975 that he purchased the handbells of the late Mr. Austin, of Newmarket, who taught John to ring, and donated them to the Leicester Guild to be housed in the Cathedral belfry, along with his framed certificates.

Dr. G. Gray came to Leicester from St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, in 1931 which at that time was building the leading 12-bell band of the country. He was always pleased to record that Leicester took on that roll. Dr. Gray believed that the pre-service music was provided by the ringers and he, as the organist, did not commence until a few moments before the service was due to begin. At the Diocesan Guild agm service at the Cathedral, he was always pleased to give his help with the formation of a bell-ringers choir, and I note this quotation from a Leicester Guild Report: "Our very hearty thanks are due to Dr. George Gray for giving his time and skill to train the choir and for his pleasant and cheerful manner in so doing".

These two Christian gentlemen are affectionately remembered for their great devotion in a lifetime of service so truly well done. P.J.S.

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for
May 18, 1956

Within the octave of his 80th birthday Albert Walker rang three 12-bell peals for three different Societies. The peal on his birthday, rung for the Ancient Society of College Youths was conducted by Albert himself. It was a worthy celebration of a great ringer.

Edgar C. Shepherd had something unique for his 500th peal. It was rung in the same place (St. Alphege's Church, Solihull) in the same method (Grandsire Doubles 'in hand') and with the same band as his first peal 38 years previously. Neither of the other two ringers, Harry or Charles Bragg had rung a peal (or even thought of starting for one) for well over 30 years.

Mrs Dorothy E. Beamish retired as General Secretary of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, having served the Guild for 24 years.

40 YEARS AGO

May 16, 1941

The death was announced of Nurse Edith M. Caton, of Mistley, Essex, at the early age of 25. Miss Caton was one of six ladies who learned to ring at Mistley in 1936, and was the first lady to ring a peal on the bells.

K.C.A.

"SERVICE WITH A NEW TOUCH!"

The Canterbury District held its March bye-meeting at Lynsted, on 14th the day of the League Cup final again! The five bells were rung before the Service, which was held at Lynsted, the Service being conducted by the Vicar - an interesting Service with the Psalm being said alternatively by the two sides of the congregation.

Tea and the meeting were in a room above the "Red Lion", Lynsted and therefore seven new members were "said to have been vetted" and therefore duly elected. This was followed by a short discussion on raising the subscriptions. Dr. D. H. Niblett gave a talk on how to use your diary! This was followed by evening ringing at Lynsted.

S.Z.K.

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NOTICES

ADVERTISING RATES, 1981

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Philippians 1 v.2.

Birth

PICK - Linda and Geoff are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Jennifer Rachel (8lb 10oz) on April 29 at Burton District Hospital. 1124

Personal

MIDDLE-AGED unattached Lady Ringer wishes to correspond with male ringer in similar position with a view to meeting for outings and social occasions Home Counties (West) area. Write Box 1103, Ringing World, Guildford. 1103

Change of Address and Telephone

ALLDRICK - Andrew and Audrey are now on the telephone at home: Watford 49182. 1092

HEREFORD - The sec and treasurer, Dorothy and Trevor Beavan have moved to 16 Breinton Road, Hereford HR4 0JX. Tel same, 58146. 1110

LAMB - Chris now lives at 20 Gladstone Road, Colchester, Essex CO1 2EA. Telephone Colchester 40026. Note - New address of North-East Essex District Secretary and tower secretary of St. Leonard-at-the-Hythe, Colchester. 1130

LEARY - Caroline and John have eventually moved to Highdown, Milford Heath, Nr Godalming, Surrey GU8 5BP. Telephone is still Godalming 29543. 1048

MAUDE - Philip and Cindy have now moved to 199 Oakwood Lane, Moortown, Leeds LS8 2PE. Tel: Leeds 655896. 1015

NEWTON - Robert and Patricia are now resident at 44 Georges Hill, Widmer End, High Wycombe, Bucks HP15 6BE. Tel High Wycombe (0494) 713834. 1003

SPREADBURY - Colin and Rosemary, lately of Hailsham, Sussex, now live at 6 Pump Close, Bredfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6DD. Tel Woodbridge 5918. All friends welcome. 1088

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Association Announcements

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION - Centenary Dinner March 13, 1982, at The Weatherley Centre, Biggleswade. Tickets £9 each available later in the year. Enquiries to Mrs D L Hyde, 33A Hitchin Lane, Clifton, Nr Shefford, Beds. 1102

OXFORD DG, E.B.S.B. Branch - Please note new secretary: Tony Pullan, 9 Green Lane, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 3RZ. Tel Windsor 51308. Work No Bracknell 3232, Ext 392. 1053

University Announcements

LUSCR-Annual Tour 1981 will be a camping/ringing holiday in the Norfolk/Suffolk area from July 3rd-12th. Information from Ann Emery at Salisbury Hall, Elmswood Road, Liverpool 18. 1134

FOR SALE

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Mid-Week Meetings & Practices

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION - Wed, May 20, Southwark Cathedral (special method, Pudsey Maximus). Mon, June 1, St Clement Danes, Strand: general 10-bell, including London Royal. Practices start 6.30. Everyone very welcome. Committee meeting, Wed, June 10, Ealing. 1095

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS - May 20, Clerkenwell; 27th, Holborn; June 3, St Martin-in-the-Fields. 6.30-8. 1107

GUILDFORD DG, Guildford District - Surprise Major practice, Cranleigh, Thursday, May 21, 7.30-9 pm. All welcome. 1111

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, Middx. - The practice for Tuesday, May 19, has been cancelled. Back to normal on 26. DB. 1123

Saturday Meetings & Practices

ELY DA, Huntingdon District - Striking Competition, Sat, May 16, Hemingford Abbots (6). Draw 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea, results and meeting 5.15. Evening ringing at Hemingford Grey (6) until 8.30. Entries by May 12 to George Bonham (Huntingdon 74485). 1032

ESSEX ASSOCIATION, Southern District - Striking competition, Sat, May 16, Orsett. Draw 3 pm prompt. Service 4.30, followed by tea and general ringing until 7 pm. Names for tea, please, to Liz Hull, Grays 77323. 962

GUILDFORD GUILD, Farnham District - Striking Competition, May 16, Pirbright at 4 pm. Draw at 3.55 pm. Tea at Worplesdon 5.45 pm, followed by evening ringing at Worplesdon until 9 pm. Names for tea to John Collier by Wed, May 13 (Tel Fleet 21267). 1064

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Bishop's Stortford District - Meeting, Sat, May 16, at Hunsdon (8), 3.15 to 4.30. Tea, service and business at Much Hadham (8). Evening ringing to 8.30. Names to Bishop's Stortford 56043. NNNT. 1049

HERTFORD CA, St Albans District - Striking competition, May 16, St Michaels, St Albans. Draw 1.45 pm. Names for tea to Bob Hardy, St Albans 69435. Evening ringing until 8 pm. EJD-T. 950

KCACR, Ashford District - Striking Competition at Little Chart, May 16. Draw 2.30. Please bring own food, cups of tea will be provided. 'Railway Banquet' on the Kent and East Sussex Railway, July 11. Further details and tickets from any Ashford District committee member. 1086

MIDLAND COUNTRIES GUILD - Sat, May 16, agm. Hartshorne (6) 2.15-3; Winhill (6) 3.15-4. Service at Burton (St Modwens) 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at St Modwens (8) until 8.15. All welcome. JKS, sec. 947

OXFORD DG, Chiltern Branch. Monthly Practice, Monks Risborough, Sat May 16, 6.30-8.30pm. All welcome. LR Woodruff. 1119

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION - Agm and Striking Competition, Edinburgh, Sat, May 16. Striking competition St Cuthbert's 11 am. Ringing 2-4 pm. St Cuthbert's. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing St Mary's. Names for tea to Mrs H Davis, 6 Dundonald Road, Rosyth, Fife, by May 12 please. 1021

SOUTHWELL DG - Saturday, May 16, Crawford Cup final at Elston (6). Draw at 2.30 pm. Tea from 4.30 pm. General ringing until 8.30 pm. Names for tea to Sheila Wright, tel East Stoke (85) 298, by Wednesday previous. 1012

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOC. Striking Competition, Sat May 16 at Lapley. Draw 2.30pm. Evening ringing at Penkridge, 6-8pm. Own tea arrangements. 1126

SUFFOLK GUILD - Striking competition at Buxhall on May 16. Draw 1.30 pm, followed by competition and service. Tea and results at the Pettward Hall, Great Finborough. Names for tea to Mrs L Westfold, 28 St Andrews Street South, Bury St Edmunds (BSE 703041) by Wednesday, May 13, please. 1026

SURREY ASSOCIATION, Northern District. Practice, Sat May 16 at Southwark, 6.30-8.30pm. 1082

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Southern Division - Quarterly meeting, Sat, May 16, Henfield, 3 pm. Service 4.30. Tea 5 pm, followed by business meeting and evening ringing until 8 pm. Names for tea to Mrs C Dickinson (Tel Henfield 2118) by Wed, 13 latest, please. 1089

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, York and District Branch Meeting, Sat May 16. Branch Striking Contest, Market Weighton 2.15pm; Pocklington 6.30-7.45; Tea Market Weighton 5pm. Names to Kari-Anne Lowther, Tel. 06962-2633. 1100

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Luton District. Meeting on Sat May 23, Gravenhurst 3pm; Shillington 4pm. Tea Barton 5pm followed by evening ringing. Names for tea to Karen Charlton (Luton 882365). Special method: Stedman. 1136

CHESTER DG, South Cheshire Branch. Quarterly Business Meeting, Acton, May 23. Bells (6) 3pm. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs J M Christian, 2 Walpole Close, Haslington, Crewe by previous Wednesday (Crewe 582553). 1140

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS, East Devon Branch. May Meeting at Feniton on Sat May 23. Bells 2.30; Service 4.30. Names for tea to L Stevens, 1 Parr Cottage, Feniton or F J Sage, Trip-lands, Beacon, Luppitt (399). 1139

ELY DA, Wisbech District Meeting at Emneth (5) on May 23. Ringing from 3pm; Service 4.30 followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing. Special methods: Erin and Stedman. 952

ESSEX ASSOCIATION, North-East District. Striking Competition and Meeting at All Saints, Shrub End, Colchester on Sat May 23. Draw for competition 2pm; Service 4.30pm. Names for tea to Mrs H J Millatt, 56 Ambrose Avenue, Colchester. Telephone Colchester 63740. 1120

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Bolton Branch. Striking Competition to be held at St Mary's, Deane (8), on Sat May 23. Competition 4-5pm; tea and business meeting 5-6pm. General ringing until 8.30pm. Names for tea to Mrs O Tester, 34 Kinross Drive, Ladybridge, Bolton. Telephone B/N 651945. Pauline Campling, Branch Secretary. 1034

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION, Monmouth Branch - Meeting, May 23, Grosmont (6). Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in The Angel with business meeting. Further ringing, Kentchurch (6) 7 to 8.30. Names for tea to Mrs Parry, Penrhyn, Grosmont, Abergavenny, Gwent. Future Branch practices: June 27, Llanover, 6 to 8; July 25, Tredunnoc, 5.30 to 7, and Llangibby, 7 to 8; August 22, Llanarth, 6 to 7.30. Striking Contest: June 6, Penhow. PS Bennett, Branch Secretary. 989

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, Western Branch - Quarterly meeting, Sat, May 23, at Carbrooke (6). Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. 1050

SUFFOLK GUILD, South West District - Meeting, Sat, May 23, at Bures. Bells 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Names for tea by May 20 to Mrs E R M Reeve, Wellhouse Farm, Mount Bures, Bures, Suffolk (Tel Bures 227327). 1074

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Eastern Division. Quarterly Meeting, Sat May 23 at Waldron (8). Ringing from 3-5pm followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Heathfield (8), 6.45-8pm (subject to confirmation). Names for tea to C E Slade (Hailsham 841457) by Thursday previous. 1135

GLOS & BRISTOL DA, Cirencester Branch. Ten and twelve-bell Practice, Cirencester (S John), Sat May 30, 6.30-8.30pm. All welcome. 1105

LADIES' GUILD, Central District Meeting on Sat May 30. Ringing at Pinner 3.30-5pm; Stanmore 7-8.30pm. Tea and Meeting in Pinner Church Hall. Cups of tea provided. Everyone welcome. 6071

PETERBOROUGH DG, Special Guild Practice, Daventry, May 30, 7-9pm. A chance to ring on ten. RW Smith, Secretary. 1037

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. Meeting on Sat May 30, Willenhall 2.30; Wolverhampton 4pm and Walsall 7-8pm. Own tea arrangements. C.B. 1116

SOUTHWELL DG, Mansfield District. Evening Meeting, Sat May 30, Cuckney, 7-9pm. Don't forget District Outing on June 20. 1109

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Eight Bell Striking Competition, Sat May 30 at Hailsham. Draw at 2pm. Service about 4.45pm, followed by tea in Church Hall, Victoria Road. Hellingly (6) also available 2.30-4.30pm. Teams and numbers for tea to Shirley Slade (tel Hailsham 841457) by Tuesday 26th. Evening ringing until 8pm. 1133

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DG, Christchurch & Southampton District. Special 12-bell Practice, Christchurch, May 30, 7-8.30pm. Everyone welcome, but a minimum of Grandsire Caters please. See local newsletter for other practices. 1057

CHESTER DG, Chester Branch. Summer Quarterly Meeting, June 13, Malpas (S Oswald King-8, 15-3-6 in E). Ringing 2.30-4.30pm; Service 4.30pm. Evening ringing, Aldford (S John Bapt-6, 12-3-20 in F) 7.30-9pm. 932

17th RANDWICK HANDBELL FESTIVAL

ON SATURDAY, JULY 4 commencing 2.30 pm at Archway School, Paganhill, Stroud.

Forms/details from J E Brown, 15 The Beagles, Cashes Green, Stroud, Glos GL5 4SD. Tel Stroud 5009

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NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

OPEN DAY

May 23, 1981

Bodelwyddan 9.30-10.15 (8), Tenor 14-1-6
Rhyl 10.00-10.35 (8), Tenor 17-0-7
Llandudno 11.15-12.00 (8), Tenor 15-2-5
Llandegai 12.30-1.15 (6), Tenor 9-2-22
Bangor 1.00-1.45 (8), Tenor 13-1-21
Beaumaris 1.50-2.35 (8), Tenor 12-0-0
*Clynnog Fawr 2.50-3.35 (3), Tenor 18-0-0
Porthmadog 3.40-4.25 (8), Tenor 12-0-0
Barmouth 5.00-6.30 (8), Tenor 22-0-15
20p per person or £1.40 for an all-day ticket - available at Bodelwyddan and Rhyl on the day, or in advance from J K Randolph Ellis, Glanarthur, Penisarwaen, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 3PW (Hon Sec, N.W.A.), enclosing sae

* Not recommended for inexperienced ringers!

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1981 WOODBRIDGE RINGERS DINNER

Friday, September 4

Melton Grange Hotel, 7.30 for 8 pm.

Tickets £7 each

Peals/towers can be arranged on Saturday 5 by Stephen Pettman if required. Limited overnight accommodation available. Stamped addressed envelope please, with names, money and peal/tower requests to: Mrs E E Petter, 1 Holly Cottages, Melton Road Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 1NH.

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THE SOCIETY OF RAVING RINGERS

To celebrate the Society's 25th year of touring a DINNER

will be held near Oxford on Saturday, October 3, 1981.

All friends and former touring members are asked to swell the company for this occasion.

For details, send sae to: T Skilton, 12 Purcell's Close, Ashted, Surrey KT21 1BN.

1115

RINGING DAY IN SUFFOLK

in aid of Sproughton Bell Restoration Fund on Saturday, May 30, 1981

All towers open for 45 mins except Woolpit.

Thurston (5) 9.00

Woolpit (6) 9.30 (half hour only)

Wetherden (6) 10.00

Cotton (8) 10.30

Wickham Skeith (6) 11.00

Wetheringsett (5) 11.30

Debenham (8) 12.00

Winston (5) 1.00

Framsden (8) 1.30

Otley (6) 2.00

Ashbocking (6) 2.30

Coddenham (8) 3.00

Henley (8) 3.30

Sproughton (6) 4.00

Copdock (6) 5.15

Stratford St Mary (6) 5.45

Higham (6) 6.15

Nayland (6) 6.45

Assington (6) 7.15

Sudbury St Gregory (8) 7.45

Acton (5) 8.15

15p per tower or £2 for a day ticket available at Thurston and Woolpit or in advance with sae from Mrs A J Allen, 29 Longfield Road, Capel St Mary, Suffolk IP9 2XL.

Cheques payable to Mrs A J Allen. Cups of tea (15p) or coffee (20p) will be available at Sproughton at 3.45 pm.

1112

ANCIENT SOCIETY of COLLEGE YOUTHS COUNTRY MEETING

30th MAY

10-11 Hatfield (10)

11-11.45 Hertford St Andrew (8)

11.30-12.30 Hertford All Saints (10)

Lunch (Ploughman's) Crown, Broxbourne

4pm Business Meeting.

New Inn, Sun Street, Waltham Abbey

5-6.30 Waltham Abbey (12)

6.30 Buffet and Social Evening at New Inn.

Names for lunch and buffet to S A Waters, 23 Leach Close, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex by 23rd May at latest.

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Monday, May 25, 1981

Ringing:

10.00 am to 12 noon

2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Home-made refreshments all day.

Enquiries to Pam Ward, Whipsnade 872406.

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**5th ANNUAL HANDBELL FESTIVAL
CHESTERFIELD CIVIC THEATRE, DERBYS****Saturday, May 16, 7.30**

Tickets £1.20 (Juniors, etc. 80p) from Box Office

Tel Chest. 473616 for advance bookings, etc.

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**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF
BELLRINGERS**

FESTIVAL AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, May 25, 1981, Kingsland

Route 1

10.15-11.00 Wellington

11.00-11.45 Kings Pyon

11.45-12.30 Dilwyn

12.30-13.15 Monkland

13.15-14.00 Eardisland

Route 2

10.15-11.00 Tenbury Wells

11.00-11.45 Kimbolton

11.45-12.30 Stoke Prior

12.30-13.15 Leominster

13.15-14.00 Eye

Route 3

10.15-11.00 Ludlow

11.15-12.00 Leintwardine

12.15-13.00 Wigmore

13.15-14.00 Aymestrey

14.00-15.00 Kingsland

15.00-15.45 Guild Service at Kingsland

15.45-18.00 Tea, followed by Agm in Coronation

Hal, Kingsland.

Route 1

18.30-19.15 Eardisland

19.15-20.00 Monkland

20.00-20.45 Dilwyn

Route 2

18.30-19.15 Eye

19.15-20.00 Leominster

20.00-20.45 Kimbolton

Route 3

18.30-19.15 Aymestrey

19.15-20.00 Wigmore

20.00-20.45 Leintwardine

Names for tea essential (by May 19, please)
to Mr S Daniels, 2 Arrow Cottages, Monkland,
Leominster, Herefordshire.

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STOP PRESS**SAILING TRAGEDY**

In a sailing tragedy in the Solent (near the Needles) on Sunday May 3rd, 28-years-old Mrs. "Penny" Forbes (née Cox) and her husband (Andrew) lost their lives when their boat capsized in the heavy seas. Both were experienced sailors. They lived in Dorking but Penny, who learned to ring at the age of 13 at Addington, Surrey, regularly returned there to ring. She was a member of Southampton University Society and she and Andrew were married two years ago. The funeral takes place this Friday (15th) at 3 p.m. at Addington.

Harry Turner of Shenfield, Essex, is back in the Harold Wood Hospital with thrombosis. All ringing friends send him good wishes.

PROVOST'S SUDDEN DEATH

The Provost of Chelmsford Cathedral, Essex (V. Rev. Richard W. Herrick), died suddenly (aged 68) on Bank Holiday Monday, May 4. He had conducted the service for the Essex Association's agm during the morning and had enjoyed the social occasion and lunch which is a feature of the event. A Requiem Mass took place in the Cathedral on Monday (11th).

The ninth annual Tewkesbury Shield Competition held on Saturday May 2nd was won by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

THANKS TO "AUSSIES"

This information will be of interest to readers and maybe spark off contributions from "Aussie ringers". We shall never forget the avid reading of The Ringing World by the ringers of St Paul's, Melbourne! Please accept our grateful thanks for all you do. - Doreen and Phil Jakeman, Whitstable.



Two of the Bolton bells cast by Rudhalls, now at Wangaratta Cathedral, in the porch; six others inside. Doreen Jakeman and her Aussie cousins Lionel and Gwen Garnsworthy who enabled Phil and Doreen to visit so many towers of Victoria.

Quote from the Town Hall of Ballarat

Upstairs on the roof, a very fine view of streets can be seen and beneath the other side of the tower is the carillon, which consists of 15 small bells. The council is at present investigating these bells with a view again to having them operative, although they were never really successful. One of these bells was purloined by an ex officer of the council and was dedicated as a bell at a church in Melbourne. This officer subsequently had to have this bell replaced. The bell was cast by Messrs Thompson of Castlemaine.

Returning to the floor below, we first of all observe the bell tower and it is from here that the Alfred Bells are rung. The Alfred Bells were installed to commemorate the visit of Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, to Ballarat in 1867, although the first meeting to buy bells for Ballarat was held on July 31st, 1866. There are eight bells pitched in the key of E flat and were cast by Messrs Mears and Stainbank of Whitechapel. The total weight is nearly 4½ tons, one ton more than the bells of St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. The largest bell, the tenor weighing 23 cwt., is inscribed with a Latin inscription making a note of the thanks of the citizens to God for the safety of Prince Alfred, on whom there had been an assassination attempt during his visit to Sydney. The inaugural peal of the Alfred Bells was at 6 a.m. on Christmas morning, 1871.

The Town Hall of the City of Ballarat is one of only three such buildings in the world housing

aide, South Australia, and Manchester, England. Above the bells is the clock; it has four faces, each nine feet across and is 95 feet above the ground. The clock is wound regularly by a tradesman of the city. Next door to the bell room is the room housing the bells and mechanism which should ring the carillon. This is hand wound by a weight; and has two large interchangeable drums. One drum contains seven tunes - one for each day of the week.

CITY OF BALLARAT, November 13, 1934 Visit of English bellringers, Peal of Stedman Triples, 5040, 3hrs. 17mins. William Linter 1, John Goldsmith 2, Mrs R. Richardson 3, Rev F. B. James 4, Charles Sharples 5, William Fussell 6, George Morton (c) 7, Rupert Richardson 8.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL Society of Bellringers, Melbourne, September 27, 1958. Peal of Bob Major, 5040, 3 hrs. 16 mins. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat. Peter Richards 1, Diana Pipe 2, Barbara Beeson 3, Graham Hayes 4, Arthur Fisher 5, Gerald Weston 6, John Roper 7, George Pipe (c) 8. First Major on the bells.

CENTENARY of first ringing of bells, 6 a.m. December 25th, 1971. Ian MacLeod 1, David Wilson 2, Margaret Anne Horgan 3, Richard Crispin 4, Alex Herrmann 5, Thomas Morgan 6, James Smith 7, Warne Wilson 8.

Three Peal Boards in the Ringing Room of the Town Hall of Ballarat, Victoria.

20,160 STEDMAN TRIPLES

On Saturday, at Knowle, West Midlands, in 10 hours, 25 minutes, 20,160 Stedman Triples was rung under the conductorship of John Pladdys (subject to confirmation)

ON T.V.

Although the four bells sounded to bellringers somewhat unmusical, the televised service of Morning Worship from St. Chad's Church, Lichfield, Staffs on Sunday (May 10) was enjoyable and of especial interest to ringers. The Rev. Brian Harris took an active part in the service of Holy Eucharist, but we were not able to spot Shirley, his wife.

LATE NOTICES

SOMERSET 81 Celebration of the Arts. Exhibition of the art and history of bellringing in the Diocese of Bath and Wells is to be held at St. Mary's, Bridgwater on Mon May 25, 11am-5pm. Ringing at towers in the Diocese converging on Bridgwater during the day: full details next week. 1141

OXFORD DG. Newbury Branch. The next branch practice will be held on Sat June 13 at Peasemore, 6.45-8.30pm. Future practices will only be advertised with quarterly meeting adverts. 979

OXFORD DG. Sonning Deanery. Striking Competition at Waltham St. Lawrence on Sat May 16. Draw at 2.30pm. General ringing in the evening. Next practice at Warfield on June 20. 1142

SOUTHWELL DG. South Notts District. Wed May 20. Evening Meeting at Willoughby on the Wolds (6), 1930-2100. All welcome. 1143

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93rd ANNUAL MEETING

The 93rd Annual Meeting was held at Mansfield Woodhouse on Easter Monday (20th April) when afternoon ringing was followed by the ringers' service conducted by Mr. B. Tunnicliffe (Diocesan Reader). Mr R. B. Grinter (Churchwarden) welcomed members and Mrs B. Tunnicliffe was organist.

Tea, served in the Turner Hall was followed by the business meeting opened by the President, Mr. Arthur Smithson (Blackwell). The President paid tribute to William Swain (Morton) who died on 6th April aged 84. Bill had been a member for 70 years and rang with the Morton band since 1910. He was a founder member of the Derbyshire D.A. and one of the pioneers of change-ringing into the area. Members stood in silent tribute.

The past year said the President, had been very successful with 12 ringing meetings; an outing; a quarter-peal day; and a new venture in the form of an 'Up and Down' Competition. Membership is steadily rising, (125 at the year's end) quarter-peal ringing is becoming popular, especially at Tibshelf Ault Hucknall and Ashover; the issue of a newsletter and a very interesting report book of 20 pages. He thanked all the officers for their work.

The accounts were adopted but the general account showed a somewhat "hand-to-mouth" position but which will improve with the revised subscription rates effective in 1981. Two grants from the Bell Repair Fund were made to Mansfield and Tibshelf.

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee the Association is to organise the Bell Repair Fund so as to be acceptable to the Charity Commissioners for registration as a charity.

JUBILEE SHIELD

No entries had been received and it was explained that a situation had arisen which gave the committee cause for concern. With reluctance, they recommended that the award be discontinued.

The secretary (Mr. G. Holdgate) explained that as the rules governing the award cannot be altered without infringing the expressed wishes of the donor (now deceased) and as the rules cannot be changed, and certain towers, particularly where the PCC or incumbent do not require the bells ringing for two Sunday Services, some towers are immediately at a disadvantage under the points scoring system of the award. This has the effect of reducing considerably the number of towers entering the competition.

The motion was carried.

Officers elected were: President, Mr. A. Smithson; Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. L. Rawson and Mr. W. Riley; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. G. Holdgate; Ringing Master, Mr. E. J. Sterland; Auditors, Mr. B. A. Richards and Mr. H. T. Rooke. The Central Council Representative is Mr. A. Dempster. Elected to the Executive Committee: Messrs L. Edwards, J. Heading, D. Lester and F. Pembleton. Mr Herbert T. Rooke (Warsop) was elected a Life Member.

RINGING MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Twelve ringing meetings were provisionally arranged with the AGM scheduled for Ault Hucknall on Easter Monday. It was agreed to organise an outing in September and a quarter peal day in October. The President asked members to take an active part in Sponsored Ringing to be organised as part of the Centenary activities of the Church of England Children's Society on Tuesday, 9th June.

Winchester & Portsmouth D.G.

13th ANNUAL DINNER

ROYAL BEACH HOTEL THE VENUE

After all the hard work, the planning and the excitement of the past two years when the Guild celebrated its centenary (1979) and then was host to the Central Council for its annual meeting (1980) and later the Ringing School at Winchester, the Annual Dinner was a somewhat smaller and quieter function, but nonetheless a most enjoyable affair. This year it was held at The Royal Beach Hotel on the sea front at Southsea and was attended by about 80 members, guests and visitors. The Master (Mrs Gilian Davis) presided.

After a most excellent and well-served dinner, and the toast to HM The Queen, proposed by the Master, there was a brief interlude, following which Canon Ronald Milner of the City Centre Parish of Southampton (where the Guild will this year hold its agm in July) was introduced by the Master and invited to propose "The Guild".

Speaking of the understanding and co-operation now enjoyed between the ringers and the clergy, particularly in his own area of St. Mary's and the City Centre Parish of Southampton, Canon Milner said that relationships were better than ever before and the 300 years of ringing and since the days of Fabian Stedman. "If the parson liked his sherry and his port in the past, there is no doubt what the bellringers liked", he added. Belfries had their ringers' jugs and many churchwardens accounts speak of monies for ale for the ringers. One of the bells in Walsgrave (Coventry) church has the inscription:

"Hark! do you hear - Our clappers want beer".

Belfry rules of the past, many copies still being in existence, also tell of beer and ale. One at Tong reads:



The Master (Mrs. Gilian Davis) thanking the Dinner and Social Committee members, watched by her husband (Arthur V) and Mrs. Gail Cater.

Following the success of the ringing 'Up and Down' competition it was agreed that a further competition be arranged in July. Four new members were elected, and members welcomed back to the district Mr. Fred Boam who now rings at Blackwell.

Mr. Eric J. Sterland (Ringing Master) said that on St. George's Day the President (Arthur Smithson) will have been tower captain and tower keeper at St. Werburgh's, Blackwell for 50 years. Congratulations were extended with applause.

Thanks was expressed by Mr. David Lester, (Selston) to all concerned in the arrangements. Evening ringing continued until just after 9. p.m. G.H.



Canon Ronald Milner (Team Rector, Southampton Team Ministry) Mrs. Milner and Mr. Michael Bubb (Guernsey, Chairman, Channel Islands District) who proposed the guests and visitors.

Our law is so concluded here
For every fault a jug of beer -
If that you ring with spurr or hat
A jug of beer must pay for that!

There was today, continued the speaker, a greater co-operation between belfry and sanctuary. During the last 100 years there was determination to replace poor tower discipline by a new perfection in ringing - a new pride in performance and a desire to establish ringers as an integral part of the work of the Church. To Guilds, such as our own and to the Central Council and its work we owe a debt of gratitude. The outlook is good with so many young people coming forward to ring today, concluded Canon Milner, who asked the company to drink a toast to the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, remembering especially the new District formed in the Channel Islands.

CONTINUITY

Replying on behalf of the W & P, Mr. Robert Cater (Winchester) said "Continuity" was the keyword for the success of the Exercise and the Guild. He referred to his own tower - Winchester Cathedral - and of the continuity there, for records existed for over 200 years. The ringers there today were the latest of the line. They would ensure that ringers were taught - not by the old method of "sitting beside Auntie" to see what she did but in the up-to-date ways of the Education Committee of the Central Council and their own Guild Education Committee.

Mr. Cater produced three books dating from 1911-1960 in which a sort of diary had been kept telling of the attendances at ringing with often a full complement present at 5.30 a.m. - and of touches rung for services. He quoted from these books and said they made very interesting reading.

PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Referring to funds raised in the Winchester District for restoration work, Mr. Cater said that small amounts were used for preventative maintenance - to keep existing rings in good going order, rather than spending it all on one or two complete restorations where bells were out of use.

It was also essential, he continued, to ensure that young ringers were encouraged and their interest maintained and with so many other distractions this was not easy. He referred in detail to the five various courses arranged by the Guild. He also spoke of the Central Council's course in Winchester in July/August and the C.C. Education Committee's standards of ringing which were similar to those of the College of

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WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G. DINNER-continued

Campanology which (the late) Alfred Yorke-Bramble had advocated 30 or so years ago.

Thanking the previous speaker for the toast he had proposed, Mr. Cater said the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was in good heart and would do its best to ensure continuity.



Mr. Robert Cater (Winchester Cathedral) who replied to the toast of the Guild. Enjoying a pint is Mark Temple.

The Chairman then introduced four members of the Winchester District who entertained the company with paraphrases of a "psalm-like" carolling - the words referring to bells, bell-ringing and all that goes on in the towers. Put together by Graham Grant, the other three who harmonised with him in the chants were: Philip and Eileen Gorrod and Alison Surry. They received a great ovation at the conclusion.

Chairman of the "soon to be ratified" new Channel Islands District of the Guild, Mr. Michael Bubh (Guernsey) proposed "The Guests and Visitors". For those who did not know of the new Channel Islands District, he gave full details of the towers and the three Islands, their history, the progress made over the years and of their hopes for the future.

Visitors, said Mr. Bubh, were always welcomed in the Channel Islands, and it was by their help and encouragement that progress towards the new District was made. Visiting among ringers was part of the heritage which was so enjoyed by us all and those visitors present that evening were very welcome.

NEW EDITOR APPOINTED

The Ringing World Editor (Charles Denyer) acknowledging the toast on behalf of the guests and visitors, thanked the officers and members for their welcome and hospitality, congratulated the organisers of the evening and wished the Guild well. He then told of the appointment of a new editor, details of which would, he said,

Winchester and Portsmouth DG

MAINTENANCE COURSE

The Education Committee of the Winchester and Portsmouth D. G. has for several years organised Courses on basic change-ringing, but on 4th April offered, for the first time, a new Course on the maintenance of bells and fittings. Sixteen members from all parts of the Guild area attended which was held at Cathedral House, Portsmouth.

The original plan was that Mr. F. E. (Ted) Collins (Ringwood) should give the morning lecture and pass on to the students some of his considerable knowledge and experience. Unfortunately, he was taken ill in the week before the Course and was unable to take part. During the morning a 'Get Well' card was signed by everyone and sent to Mr. Collins wishing him a speedy recovery.

REPLACEMENT

The Committee were extremely fortunate to find an admirable replacement at short notice: William Palmer (Portsmouth Cathedral) agreed on the evening before to give the lecture. His talk, which took up the morning session, covered all aspects of bells, their frames and fittings and the important points in maintaining them in good condition. Mr. Palmer is an aircraft engineer and there were frequent analogies in his talk between aircraft and bells.

After the lunch break, he took the students up to see the bells at Portsmouth Cathedral and was able to point out many features that he had covered in his lecture.

The second half of the afternoon was devoted to a practical session on rope splicing, led by Ernest Salmons. He demonstrated long and short splices and eye splices. The students were then able to practise these for themselves. Judging by the number of small pieces of rope littering the floor, not every attempt was successful but by the end of the session everyone had mastered the basics of splicing.

appear in the next issue of the Ringing World [cries of "Shame"]. "We want to sell more Ringing Worlds, so order a copy now and you'll see who is to be the next Editor" - said the Editor amidst laughter.

The formal proceedings were closed by the Master who expressed thanks to all who had helped in the arrangements and to those who had made the journey to Southsea. "We felt it was high time that the dinner was held in the Portsmouth Diocese", said Mrs. Davis, "and your support here is much appreciated".

The remainder of the evening was spent in the bar, admiring the various photographs and details of past events in the books on display; ringing handbells; or just discussing past and future events.

The news that snow was falling caused several who had distances to travel to depart earlier than planned, discretion being the better part of valour.

The committee hope that those who attended the Course felt that the day was worthwhile and that everyone learnt something that will be of use in their own towers. Finally, warm thanks are extended to William Palmer and Ernest Salmons for giving up their time and making the day so interesting.

C.O.

COMPOSITIONS

5000 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS

R Le Marechal

W	M	H	23456
-	-	2	34256
-	-	2	32546
(SS)	-	-	53246
-	-	(-)	24536
-	-	-	52436
-	-	-	64235
-	-	-	23645

6-part. Single halfway and end. Call (SS) in first part only. Replace (-) by S - - - - S called at consecutive leads in parts 2, 3, 5, 6. 144 CRU. Rung at Winchester 1 January '81.

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-	-	-	3	53246
-	-	-	2	52436
-	-	-	-	43526
2	S	-	-	42365
-	SS	-	-	32564
-	-	-	-	26345
-	-	-	2	23465
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-	-	-	-	23456

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