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LUXULYAN PARISH CHURCH, CORNWALL

Almost in the centre of the Duchy of Cornwall – four miles from the St. Austell Bay on the south coast and fewer than 20 miles from the well-known holiday resort of Newquay on the north coast, the little grey granite Church of Luxulyan (pronounced "Lucksillian") stands at the head of the unspoilt and much-loved Luxulyan Valley visited by numerous people each year. To visit the valley, with its tall trees, large granite boulders and rippling streams, in bluebell and rhododendron time, or in the autumn, with the changing leaves, is an unforgettable experience.

On one of the slopes of the valley can be seen a large black-and-white spar granite rock, estimated to be the largest in Europe and the third largest in the world; whilst on another was quarried (now extinct) a pink-and-white spar granite known as "Luxulyanite". A block of this was used for the sarcophagus of the Duke of Wellington (d. 1852) in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and a specimen can be seen forming the base of the old Cornish Cross at the west-end of Luxulyan Church.

The Church is built of local black-and-white granite and some large blocks can be seen both inside and outside, as the Church is unplastered. Approaching from the valley, the Church with its 15th century, 3-stage, embattled tower with stair-turret, standing on the hill above the village, appears at first sight to be a medieval castle. Luxulyan Church was originally dedicated to St. Sulien, who died at Lössulian in Brittany in A.D. 530, but was later supplanted by the Celtic Saints, Cyriac and Julitta, whose feasts are still kept on the Sunday following June 16.

The Celtic Saints from Brittany, on their journeys to and from Ireland, passed through mid-Cornwall and with their Priors at Tywardreath and Lanivet, Luxulyan was used as a resting and watering place. The granite house of the dried-up well of St. Cyors still stands and has recently been restored and the surround attractively laid out.

KEPT IN THE TOWER

At the time of the Reformation the Stannary records were kept in the Church's tower but then removed to Lostwithiel for "safety" and subsequently destroyed. Luxulyan Church remained untouched. Prior to 1902 there were four bells, about which little is known, but by the turn of this century they were unringable and at least one was cracked.

A Luxulyan man – Sulvanus Trevail, FRIBA – a much-travelled and quite famous architect, was anxious to hear the bells when he returned home, and decided to recast and augment the ring to six in memory of his father and mother – John and Jane – who were farmers in the parish.

Sulvanus Trevail was responsible for designing many of the county board schools which were built about that time. The old granite school in Luxulyan (now a private dwelling) was designed by Mr. Trevail and the date stone – 1871 – was cut in granite by himself. He was present at the dedication of the bells on October 14, 1902, but died rather tragically soon afterwards.

The work on the bells was assigned to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon and the details are as follows:

THE BELLS

Treble

26" dia. F sharp. 3-3-14

Cast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon.

These bells were recast, rehung and three added at the expense of Sulvanus Trevail, F.R.I.B.A., in honour of his parents, John & Jane Trevail, of Carne, in this Parish.

(Florin ol) A.D. 1902. (Edward VII)

2nd

27" dia. E. 3-3-21

Cast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon.

R. Sinclair Kendall, Vicar. Colman B. Rashleigh, Bart., Samuel Edwards, Churchwardens, (Half Crown of) A.D. 1902. (Edward VII)

3rd

28½" dia. D. 4-1-10

I.C. VIC T.P. W.R. D.E. 1722

Cast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon. May God bless this Parish and its People. A.D. 1902.

4th

30½" dia. C sharp. 5-0-21

R.G. 1666.

Re-cast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon. On earth peace: good will toward men. A.D. 1902.

(continued overleaf)

Luxulyan Village and Church about 1902.



LUXULYAN P.C.-continued

5th

34" dia. B. 7-1-14

1684. (Half-crown Charles II)

Re-cast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon.

I was recast in the year when H.M. King Edward VII was crowned. God bless the King.

(Crown of) A.D. 1902. (Edward VII)

Tenor

37" dia. A. 9-0-25

John Cole, Vicar. Philip Harris. John Harris, C. W. Pennington fecit 1764.

Re-cast by Gillett & Johnston, Croydon.

VIVOS VOCO MORTUOS PLANGO FULGURA FRANGO.

(Crown of) A.D. 1902. (Edward VII)

Our sound is good, our shape is neat.
It's Johnston's casting all complete.

The bells are hung anti-clockwise, obviously due to the fact that the old oak frame was retained and extended to take the two extra bells. In 1962 the wheels and headstocks were repaired and the bells hung on roller-bearings by the ringers with generous help from a local foundry.

FIVE BANDS

Following the recasting and rehang in 1902, five bands of ringers were recruited and by tradition regular ringing has been maintained throughout the years. The passing of time has seen the passing of many of the older ringers and a number of recruits and regulars have moved away, including a daughter of a former tower captain, to America after the Second World War, and who has since returned on vacations to take her place again in the tower. There is a pride in having a ringer in the parish - Charles Turner - who learnt to ring prior to the First World War at Luxulyan and, although now aged 92, enjoys fairly good health.

Amongst the present enthusiastic, mainly young band, one lady ringer must be mentioned. A daughter of a former captain and a sister to the one mentioned above, "Gwen", as she is affectionately known to all, who started ringing later in life (ladies were not accepted until latter years!), takes her place regularly on Sundays and practice nights, ringing the third, she having reached her three-score-years and TWENTY (plus).

Tom Parker (father) and Raymond (brother) were between them captains of the tower from

LUXULYAN RINGERS 1981



(Back row-l to r): John Penlerick, Graham Denslow (6th capt.), Rev. H. B. York, Roy Denslow, Janet Cordy, Austin Runnals. (Front): Claire Penlerick, Lin Denslow, Barbara Denslow, Gwen Burdon (née Parker), Marjorie Tregonning (née Parker-5th capt.).

1917 to 1978 and a clock has been installed in the ringing chamber in their memory (see R.W., October 1979, p.851).

PRIDE AND INTEREST

Incumbents, although not all active ringers, have taken a pride and interest in the bells and ringers, and the present priest-in-charge - Humphrey York - is an active ringer both at

Luxulyan and the neighbouring tower of Lanlivery, which is also under his care.

Visitors are always welcome on Sundays at 10.30 a.m. and on practice nights (usually Thursday). Sunday evening services take place on special occasions and ringing also takes place then. Telephone Graham Denslow (captain) St. Austell 850969, to confirm.

LANGDON HILLS REUNION

When Peter Fleckney left Langdon Hills for Northamptonshire in 1969 he had taken part in the first local band quarter peal on the bells. On April 5 a party from Northamptonshire joined with Langdon Hills ringers who had taken part in that first quarter, for a tour centred on the Dengie Peninsula.

We began at Burnham-on-Crouch because Peter had another reunion - with Walter Ross who had taught him to ring at Thrapston and also supervised him during his apprenticeship. Walter now lives at Burnham.

We attempted five quarter peals during the day but lost the one at Bradwell. Eileen White rang exceptionally well on her first outing and

Dennis Stott is said to be still reeling from his first blows of Surprise Major - three leads of Belfast during our hasty visit to Fobbing. We finished with a buffet meal in Basildon and endless ringers' chat. Rumour has it we're up in Northamptonshire next time.

Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex. 5 April, 1260 P.B. Minor: Andrea Core 1, Linda Garton 2, Janice Manterfield 3, W Hulme 4, D Stott 5, P M Fleckney (C) 6. **Southminster.** 1260 Stedman Triples: Linda Garton 1, Janice Manterfield 2, K I Lucas 3, D Stott 4, G I Lucas 5, D Garton 6, P M Fleckney (1st S. Triples as C) 7, G M Core 8. **Tillingham.** 1320 St Remigius Doubles: Andrea Core 1, Janice Manterfield (C) 2, W Hulme 3, K Lucas 4, D Garton 5, G M Core 6. **Langdon Hills.** 1260 Doubles (3 principles): G Lucas 1, K Lucas 2, Linda Garton 3, D Garton (C) 4, P M Fleckney 5, W F White 6.

LUXULYAN RINGERS 1902



(Back row-l to r): H. Couch, E. Crossman, G. Darlington, B. Trevain, J. Heard, A. Coom, E. Keast, E. Parker, W. Jago. (Middle): T. Parker (3rd Capt.), A. Hoare, R. Jolyan, R. Jago, J. Parker, W. Rawe, B. Pearce, P. Pallot, B. Sturtridge. (Front): A. Sturtridge (2nd Capt.), T. Courtney, W. Tregonning, W. Nicholls, A. Phillips (1st Capt.), Rev R S Kendall (Vicar), J. Higman.



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1981 Central Council Meeting ————— at Rochester, Kent

31st COUNCIL (84th ANNUAL MEETING)

The first session of the 31st Council (84th annual meeting) will be held on Tuesday, May 26th, 1981, at the King's School, Rochester, starting at 10 a.m.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their seats by 9.45 a.m. The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30, and the afternoon session will commence at 1.45 p.m., or as may be decided.

CYRIL A. WRATTEN, Honorary Secretary

HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters Hotel is the Kings Head Hotel, Rochester (Medway [0634] 42709). A sitting room will be available each evening at the Kings Head Hotel for the exclusive use of members and an information/sales desk will also be open.

OPEN MEETING - SUNDAY, MAY 24th

The Open Meeting will be held in the Green Room of the Kings Head Hotel, commencing at 8 p.m. The chairman will be Dr J. C. Baldwin and the theme of the meeting, which will be opened by Mr H. W. Rogers, is

'Recruitment and Sunday Service Ringing in the 1980s'

A bar will be open in the meeting room.

RECEPTION - MONDAY, MAY 25th

The Kent County Association is pleased to have had the opportunity to arrange a reception to which all Central Council members, their guests and friends are most cordially invited. The reception will be held in the Assembly Hall of the King's School (five minutes walk from the Cathedral and the Kings Head Hotel) commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Admission to the reception is by ticket only, available from the Association Treasurer, R. W. H. Hayes, Yew Tree Cottage, Fordcombe, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

It is felt more equitable that all those attending the reception should be asked to contribute to their tickets, which will be available at £3 each. It is requested that applications be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

A buffet supper, including a glass of wine, will be served and, in addition, a bar will be open. There will be ample car parking space in the surrounding streets.

CORPORATE COMMUNION SERVICE

The Corporate Communion Service will be held in the Choir of Rochester Cathedral at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26th, and will be conducted by the Bishop of Rochester. In accordance with custom the Cathedral bells will be rung before the service by a band invited by the President of the Central Council.

Philip, Bishop of Tonbridge, a ringer and popular member of the Kent C.A. who will be present at various of the weekend's events.



From the Bishop of Rochester

On behalf of the Diocese of Rochester, I extend a very warm welcome to all members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, whom we are delighted should be holding their annual meeting in our Cathedral City for the first time.

I hope it will be a happy and memorable occasion and one which will give encouragement and help to Ringers' Associations in all parts of the British Isles.

I look forward to meeting the Council members and to presiding at their Corporate Communion Service in our Cathedral.

David Roffen



Mr. David C. Manger of Cranbrook, who was elected Chairman of the Kent County Association at their AGM at Easter. He endorses the comments of Mr. P. A. Corby.

Philip A. Corby



MESSAGE FROM (KCA) RETIRING CHAIRMAN (PHILIP A. CORBY)

As the retiring chairman of the Kent County Association it gives me great pleasure on behalf of my successor, who will be elected at our annual general meeting at Easter, to welcome the Central Council to Kent for its 1981 meeting. Officers and members of our Association are particularly pleased to welcome the President of the Central Council, Mr E. A. Barnett, who was formerly our chairman and is a vice-president of our Association, on his return to his native county for this last meeting of his distinguished occupancy of the President's chair. We hope that he and each member of the Council and every one of our visitors will have a most enjoyable and memorable visit to the ancient city of Rochester and the county of Kent.

David P. Leworthy



FROM DAVID P. LEWORTHY

Kent, known as the Garden of England, is a county of contrasts. Compare, for example, the suburban commuter land of Orpington with a quiet country village like Chilham or the factories around the lower reaches of the Medway with the splendour and majesty of Leeds Castle. The Association crosses diocesan boundaries, uniting ringers from the Rochester and Canterbury Dioceses, and even including some from the Diocese of Southwark.

Although the Central Council meeting is centred on the historic and ancient City of Rochester (which has many links with Charles Dickens) do take this opportunity to explore the highways and byways of Kent. There are so many places that are worth a visit, you probably need to stay for a month!

If you have any specific enquiries, contact our information desk in the Central Council Sitting room at the Headquarters Hotel or give me a ring on Minster (0795) 872579.



The Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Birchington: "The only secular ring in the County". (See also pp.445 and 463)

Suffolk Guild

CHANGE OF MASTERSHIP

The Annual General Meeting took place at Southwold on 25th April when the strong gales and heavy rain failed to deter over 100 from attending. One member from Needham Market arrived by cycle in spite of the severe conditions! The new Bishop of Dunwich preached at the service which was held in the magnificent Church of St. Edmund and was conducted by the Rural Dean. After tea members unanimously elected the Bishop a Vice President of the Guild before he and his wife took their leave. In addition, the Rev. Lawrence Pizzey, Ernest Pearce and Stanley Bloomfield were also elected Vice Presidents.

At the meeting which followed, the reports of the Guild Officers were accepted and a 7% increase in subscriptions and fees was agreed for 1982. All the principal officers of the Guild were elected to serve for another year with the exception of the Rev. Lawrence Pizzey who, as Ringing Master, did not seek re-election. From the chair George W. Pipe spoke highly of the many years of work and service which Lawrence had given the Guild both as Secretary and Treasurer and as Master. Messrs S. D. Pettman and J. M. Thorley were proposed as candidates to fill the post of Master, and after a ballot Mr Thorley was declared elected. Mrs Bertha Hardman, now living in Gloucestershire, was elected the first Guild Life Honorary Member and five new members were also elected. Thanks were extended to those who had helped during the day, especially Helen Price and her helpers, for the tea.

At the close of the meeting Southwold bells were again rung and later several members sampled the delights of Adam's ales almost at source! J.L.G.

Bedfordshire Association

AUGMENTATION AT KEMPSTON

On Easter Sunday the bells at All Saint's, Kempston, Beds were augmented from eight (tenor 17-2-04) to ten when the Vicar (Rev. Kenneth Habermehl) dedicated the two new trebles. During the service the local band rang rounds and afterwards the first blows of Caters and Royal were rung on the bells.

The augmentation is a tremendous achievement for the local ringers as it follows just two years after re-hanging the eight bells in a new ten-bell iron and steel frame (p.263, 1979). Having so recently raised £8,500 for the re-hanging it was considered that it would be unreasonable to go to the parish again for funds and so the cost of the new bells (approximately £4,000) will have to be donated mainly by ringers.

Following the re-hanging, the ringers have gradually been collecting money for the two trebles and in November, 1980, the P.C.C. gave its approval for the ringers to borrow the outstanding amount of £1,650 in order to limit the effects of inflation. An order was immediately placed with Taylor's; the two new bells, clappers, and fittings were collected from Loughborough on 19th February and were hung by the local ringers. The amount of money which still remains to be raised to pay off the loan is approximately £1,000 and any donations may be sent to Kempston Parish Church Bells Appeal, Mr. H. D. G. Brooks (Hon. Treasurer), 85, Grange Lane, Bromham, Bedford. R.J.H.

DETAILS OF THE NEW BELLS

Treble 4-2-18

"For All The Saints"

C. W. Izzard, Tower Captain

2nd Bell 5-0-26

This Bell and Treble Cast to Complete Restoration 1977-80

K. C. Habermehl, Vicar

PUZZLE CORNER No. 53

A Joint Universities' Peal

by Angela Newing

Eight ringers, representing Oxidge and Cambord Universities, chose Blackford as the tower for a joint peal attempt, partly because it was equidistant from their seats of learning and partly because the bells were excellent and the rope circle a perfect one with the ropes spaced equidistantly round the clockwise circle.

David Scott was the conductor, and he was the first to arrive at the tower closely followed by Michael and Dr. Mackie both from Oxidge, and Mr. Barnes from Cambord. The remaining ringers soon appeared and the conductor placed his hand.

Mr. Barker, from Oxidge, rang on the immediate left of Charles, a Cambord man. Peter and Simon, both from Oxidge, were next to each other, and Dr. Robertson, from Cambord, stood directly opposite to Peter. Patrick, from Oxidge, stood next-but-one to Mr. Marshall and to Mr. Rudd both of whom were also Oxidge members. Brian was standing next to a fellow Cambord man, Martin, and next-but-one to Mr. Rudd. Mr. Jones was the only Cambord man between two members from Oxidge, and Mr. Marshall the only Oxidge man between two from Cambord. Only two ringers stood opposite to someone from their own University.

If the conductor called the peal from the treble, which University did he come from, and what was Brian's surname?

Solutions should be sent to Mrs. A. Newing, the Rectory, Brimpsfield, Gloucester, GL4 8LD, to arrive before June 8. The sender of the first correct solution drawn on that day will receive a prize from the Ringing World.

Ely D.A.

COMMEMORATIVE PEAL BOARD

A bright sunny afternoon saw many people travelling around South Cambridgeshire visiting the 17 towers open on the occasion of the Ely D.A.'s A.G.M. on Easter Monday. The last tower of the afternoon was Trumpington where followed evensong conducted by Revd. D. Maddox with the Bishop of Ely giving an address, the lessons being read by two of the Association's Vice-Presidents, (William Ridgman and Roger Palmer).

Tea was prepared by the local ladies and once the tables were cleared the meeting began in earnest. The Bishop of Ely, (president) opened the meeting by acknowledging those whose obituaries appeared in the annual report and had given great service to ringing throughout their lives. He then presented John Gipson with a commemorative peal board, for his 1000th peal rung in the latter part of last year, and given by members of the Association to acknowledge this achievement.

Following the adoption of the accounts and the annual report the officers were elected; viz: General Secretary and Treasurer—Barry Bass; Peal Secretary—Alan Winter; Auditor—Charles Sargeant; Association Committee—Miss J. Sanderson, Messrs R. I. West, M. G. Brown, L. H. Harvey, P. S. George, M. V. White, L. R. Harvey, P. R. Meyer, B. D. Threlfall.

Two grants recommended by the Bell Restoration Fund Trustees were approved; Bottisham £1,500 (for extensive tower repairs) and over £150 (for re-casting of the 7th bell). Mr Graham Knight invited the Association to the Wisbech District for the 1982 A.G.M. The meeting was closed after thanks had been given by Alan Winter and ringing then continued during the evening at Trumpington.

B.B.

SOLUTION TO PUZZLE CORNER No. 52

Desert Island Discussions

The counting system on the desert island must have a different base than 10. This must be less than eight in order to obtain three figures to represent the number 59. 59 to base seven is 113 which is not acceptable because of the repeated figure one. 59 to base six is 135, and to base five is 214, both of which are possible answers, but 59 to bases four and three, 323 and 2012 respectively, are not. 139 to base five gives a four figure number, but to base six is 351. This is obviously the correct base with $\square=1$, $\circ=3$ and $\triangle=5$. Thus $\square\triangle\circ=153$ in base six numbers which is equivalent to 69 in our base ten system.

Several competitors suggested that perhaps the desert islanders had only three fingers on each hand and this was why they counted in sixes and not tens. Also perhaps they only rang quarters of minor.

The lucky prizewinner, who has been a puzzle corner winner before, was A. J. Barnfield, 62 Chepstow Drive, Leegomery, Telford, Shropshire.

ALTON PANCRAS DEDICATION

The rededication at Alton Pancras of the four bells rehung for chiming; this was the first inspection one new lot of belfry inspectors did 18 months ago, so we felt we ought to be associated with it. The service was Evensong, including a bell carol, accompanied by the Piddle Valley handbell ringers. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Sherborne, who also did the dedication at the end of the service. We managed a plain course of Bob Minimus, chimed on the bells (very hard it was to do, too!) and then had tea in the lovely old manor house next door to the church. "Are you the Historic Churches people?" asked one lady; so we put her straight on that score, but of course we were rather like fish out of water since the bells are not actually ringable. J.R.

Oxford D.G.

PRESENTATION AT BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN

On 26th April, the South Oxfordshire Branch held its usual monthly branch practice at Brightwell Baldwin. This was a particularly happy choice of location as a presentation was made to our retiring Ringing Master, Stan Day of Benson.

A happy choice in that Stan has, almost single handed, trained a large and enthusiastic band of ringers at Brightwell Baldwin during the past 18 months, many of who joined in the practice and all of whom are loud in their praise of Stan's hard work and dedication. In this they were joined by all those present.

We are not losing Stan's services altogether though: he has kindly agreed to stay on as one of the deputies.

There was a good turn out for the practice, during which everything from call-changes to Cambridge was rung, though many of us were not amused to discover at the end that a blizzard was now in progress and that the green countryside, though admittedly wet, was now white. The secretary is still wondering how many of those who stayed on for liquid refreshment in the local hostelry had to dig their way home!

We had an opportunity to welcome to our branch Timothy Hadley, whose family have just moved to Stadhampton from Sussex. Tim has been ringing for about five years and, as Stadhampton bells are not at present ringable, there was some good-natured argument about which of the nearby towers would gain another experienced ringer.



BELLFOUNDERS' GIFT PAGE



Editorial

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

The Central Council comprises a membership of about 200, representing bellringing associations in all parts of the British Isles and some English-speaking countries overseas.

Ringing Associations are in some cases organised on a diocesan basis and in others on a county basis. Associations with the largest membership are entitled to four members of the Central Council and smaller associations have a smaller membership from one to three according to the total resident membership of the association.

The Central Council also elects a number of honorary members usually with a particular interest in some aspect of change-ringing or bells.

A meeting of the Council takes place on the Tuesday following each Spring Bank Holiday. This full meeting of the Council receives reports from various committees appointed by the Council to deal with particular aspects of bellringing activity, such as management of the Ringing World, a weekly publication exclusively for bellringers, and numerous other individual facets of the general activity. Meetings of the Council take place in different centres by invitation of the local association - in this case The Kent County Association of Change Ringers.

EVERY PART OF BRITISH ISLES

Central Council members and their families and other interested visiting bellringers from every part of the British Isles will thus be congregating in the Medway area and in addition to the Council Meeting will be engaged in various social activities throughout the Spring Bank Holiday weekend.

Previous Central Council visits to Kent have centred on Canterbury and Folkestone, but this is the first time the meeting has taken place either at Rochester or in the Rochester Diocese.

The officers of the Council are:

President: Mr. E. A. Barnett, now of Zeals, Wiltshire, but until recently a life-long resident of Crayford, Kent.

Vice-President: Rev. J. G. M. Scott of Newton St. Cyres, Exeter.

During the Rochester meeting Mr. Barnett will retire from office and Mr. Scott will be appointed President. Subject to election by the Council, the next Vice-President of the Council is to be Mr. P. A. Corby of Chiddingstone, Kent, a Vice-President and past Chairman of The Kent County Association of Change Ringers.

Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. Cyril Wratten, now of Cheltenham, and originally from the Romney Marsh area of Kent.

Librarian: Mr. W. T. Cook of Sidcup, Kent.

Attention is invited to the booklet which has been sent to each member of the Council regarding the arrangements for the Rochester weekend.



March 28th was a day of rejoicing at Horsham for, at 4 p.m., Rosemary Strange was married to Michael Cattell. Rosemary, whose ringing career has included the towers of Horley, Redhill and Reigate, progressed to Horsham

three years ago and it was not long before she had been elected tower captain. Michael, on the other hand, has been a Crawley ringer for some years, despite flirtations with Burstow, although until Rosemary appeared in his firmament there was a suspicion that the Territorial Army took precedence over ringing.

A quarter of Grandsire Caters was rung by the local band prior to the ceremony taken by the Rev Michael Lawson and the size of the representation from the ringing fraternity testifies to the popularity of the happy couple on both sides of the Sussex/Surrey border. A non-ringer, Chris Richardson, was best man, although this aberration was compensated for by the presence of Anne Franklin as matron-of-honour. The ushers included the present tower captains of Horsham and Burstow. During the signing of the registers, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and after the wedding the tower was open to any of those present who wished to ring.

After photographs in the sunshine and the reception, the newly-weds departed, via Climping, for Jersey. They are hoping to make Horsham their future home and we are certainly looking forward to their presence with us. - P.J.F.

First peal congratulations to: Pamela M. Webb, M. Anne Wright, Angela Burgess, Gillian A. Ricketts, Philip R. Maude, Susan L. Burnett, Paul Littlefair, Charles G. Crookes.

At Deddington (Oxon) we had tremendous support from the village when they knew we had paid our £214 for the new ropes, and £189.25 was collected at various parties. Mrs Diana Vass made up the third member of the handbell team with Bill and Freda Ivings. Mr Bill Minnear retiring after 27 years of handbell ringing, due to ill-health. - Newsletter

Can I claim a "first" please? My last four peal attempts have been Cambridge, Minor to Maximus, and all have been unsuccessful. There cannot be many ringers in this unenviable position! T.B.

What frightful weather - we had our "Spring" outing to Exeter on Saturday, April 25, midst snow and ice. Also a sponsored walk for the Bell Restoration Fund on 26th, when 15 brave souls stumbled 12 miles in and out of snowdrifts! J.D.

An appeal for \$10,000 towards the cost of new bells for Immanuel-on-the-Green, New Castle (destroyed by fire 1980) has been launched. Contributions, which are tax-deductible, should be specifically earmarked for "Change Ringing Bells" and sent to: Immanuel Church Bellringers Guild, New Castle, Delaware 19720.

The Home Owner is an attractive 8vo booklet published quarterly, and in the Spring issue a delightful article, well illustrated, is contributed by Mrs Stella Pederson of Corby, Northants, whose husband Jorn took and supplied the photographs. One is of a band of visiting ringers at Codsall, whilst another is of the bells "up" at Great Doddington, the tower captain standing on the frame examining the wheel.

At Kenwyn Parish Church, Truro, Cornwall, on Easter Morning (7.30) when the regular ringers arrived they found there were four husbands and wives (all ringers) there to ring the eight bells. These had arrived from various parts of Great Britain - a very happy reunion! They were all expert and experienced ringers and so the regulars were able to enjoy hearing some especially good ringing. For the 11 am service another husband and wife joined the other four. A.C.C.

AS YOU WERE

No. 138 in our series of old photographs of well-known ringers:



Last week: John Eisel

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AN EXAMPLE TO ALL

Sir, - I knew (the late) John Acres during his sojourn at Chigwell and, until a few weeks ago, took pleasure in the knowledge that I had rung in his last handbell quarter peal - one of P.B. Major in 1967 - which gave John a great sense of achievement.

I marvel that he managed another only a few weeks before his death. That was typical of John - courageous to the end. To those who knew him in his later years he was an example to all. May he rest in peace. - Yours, etc.,

DENNIS ELLISDON.

161 Redbridge Lane East,
Ilford, Essex.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Sir, - Re N D Deam's suggestion that the Central Council should look into producing a "Code of Conduct" with regard to safety in towers, may I point out that such a Code, entitled "Safety in the Bell Tower", appears in the C.C. publication "A Tutor's Handbook, Part II, Elementary Change Ringing", 1972 (pp. 43/44).

When I drafted this code, I did not foresee a bell-rope being worn around the neck as shown on p. 356 of R.W. However, perhaps item 6 of the above code covers this point, viz.: "(6) Ancillary clothing or adornments should not be worn in a way which might enable them to be caught up in a moving bell rope."

Incidentally, item 14 of the above code covers the point raised by Mr G F West (Electricity switches and circuits) on p. 342 of the same R.W. issue.

It would seem that many of the C.C.'s valuable publications are not as widely read as might be. They have something to offer on most of the important aspects of bellringing. - Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

St. Catherine's Cottage,
Blencathra, Argyll.

ST. PETER'S, NOTTINGHAM

Sir, - Readers may remember that last October the tenth bell at St. Peter's cracked. This is the third bell of the old Pack and Chapman 1771 octave to require re-casting. It is considered that the heavier bells are most at risk regarding cracking and as the removal of any of the bells from the tower involves the not inconsiderable expense of scaffolding and removal of a window it has been agreed that the 9th, 10th and tenor bells will be re-cast, thus, hopefully, minimising the chance of further catastrophes. The work has been entrusted to Messrs John Taylor and Co., who hope to complete during June. The tenor will be over 2 cwt. heavier and undoubtedly the musical qualities of the ring will be improved.

Whilst the cost of re-casting the ninth will be borne, jointly by the Society of Sherwood Youths and the St. Peter's Company, the major cost will be met, most generously, by the P.C.C. Those who have enjoyed ringing at St. Peter's may wish to give towards the cost of re-casting. Any donations may be sent to the undersigned (payable to St. Peter's, P.C.C.)

On a personal note may I thank members of the Society of Sherwood Youths for their kind gift marking my retirement as Secretary. - Yours, etc.,

DAVID STAINSBY

376, Loughborough Road,
West Bridgford, Nottingham.

APPRECIATED

Sir, - As organiser of the band that rang the 20-Spliced Surprise Maximus at All Saints', Worcester, on February 28, I thank everyone who played a part in allowing this to take place. - Yours, etc.,

JOHN P. LOVELESS.

46c Bath Road,
Newbury, Berks.

IN PAKISTAN

Sir, - While on a recent trip to Pakistan, I visited the Anglican Cathedral in Lahore - noted by R H Dove's Guide to have the only ring of bells in Pakistan. The ring of six (18 cwt) is in the SW tower and the bells were cast in 1903 by John Taylor of Loughborough. They are hung in a two-tier steel frame which has spaces for two additional bells in the upper layer. The frame and bell fittings appeared to be in reasonable condition though the only ropes were in a decaying heap at the foot of the tower. A man who had been connected with the Cathedral since the mid-1920s told me that the bells had only ever been chimed as far as he could remember. Most of the church records were lost at Partition so I was not able to learn anything about the bells from that source. I would be very interested to know if readers have information about any ringing that took place in Lahore in the early part of this century. - Yours, etc.,

PETER J. WILLIAMSON.

7 Lansdown Place,
Clifton,
Bristol, Avon.

LOCAL BANDS

Sir, - As a non-association ringer who took over as tower captain five years ago when there were only five ringers, I feel well placed to enter the current debate in your correspondence pages.

I strongly endorse the views of Mr Uphill (p. 352). When I took over I was instantly faced with the problem that besets many churches of finding enough ringers to cover service ringing. I rapidly found that it was easy to attract ringers from outside the parish on practice nights - provided that there was every opportunity for them to pursue the more complex methods. The lot of the rawest recruit was not, however, so happy with a limited amount of available practice time and a tendency towards conflicting advice from all. Such advice would often include comments like "I could ring Plain Bob after three months".

Inevitably several of the youngsters became dispirited and drifted away, thereby reducing the availability of service ringers. As was only to be expected, many of the Association ringers who appeared so regularly for practices were never to be seen on Sundays.

Such a situation could not be allowed to continue, and after a particularly stormy but democratic annual meeting the locals asserted themselves. In the short term the overall standard decreased, but the greater happiness and sense of purpose of the regular and all-important Sunday ringers has meant that we have been able to improve by self-help. This has in fact been sufficiently successful that we now regularly ring twice on Sundays and recently rang our first all-local quarter peal.

I would suggest that whilst we all welcome courteous, friendly ringers of all associations, all standards and abilities, it is not in the best long-term interest of any local church to allow external interference in its affairs. Whilst it is obviously undesirable to have tower captains actively discouraging Association activities, it does not follow that in a free society every ringer will wish to belong to a "closed shop". I would

submit that, to a hard-pressed tower captain, trying to hold a local band together and cover services, a dependable "rounds" ringer with regular attendance in all weathers is preferable to an irregular "Surprise" ringer drafted in on behalf of the local guild. - Yours, etc.,

CHRIS POTTER.

1 Twitchell Road,
Great Missenden,
Bucks.

CALLING ALL MOLES

Sir, - I am full of admiration for the well-known participants in the recent silent and non-conducted peals. I wish I could say the same for your silent and non-conducted correspondents in the letter columns. - Yours, etc.,

JOHN BRAIN.

“(Name and address supplied)”

HAVE THE EDGE

Sir, - My Dutch is not up to much these days, but if the term "Klankanalyse" (p. 378, in the bibliography of the article on Utrecht Cathedral bells) means what I think it does, then all I can say is that, while the Dutch may not know much about ringing church bells, they certainly have the edge on us in terms of describing them. - Yours, etc.,

Airlie Place,
Dundee, Scotland.

J. A. SMITH.

THE PROFESSOR

Sir, - Like many other children of ringing families, I learned to read via the pages of the Ringing World. One of my favourite "characters" in ringing at that time was "The Professor", who was often interviewed on topics of interest to ringers. No mention has been made of my "hero" for several years, and as I have searched in vain for an obituary I assume he is still alive?

I feel that many readers would welcome the views of the Professor on the changes which have taken place in the Exercise recently. Could I therefore use your columns to ask Mr Chant if he would make some enquiries and perhaps arrange another interview? - Yours, etc.,

MARTIN MANSLEY.

93 Gloucester Road,
Exwick, Exeter.

ONE POINT

Sir, - How Malcolm Tyler can hope to achieve the recognised, good standards he mentioned in his letter (p. 342) I do not know, as from grade two onwards there is no mention of the quality of striking required but only of the methods to be rung.

I am a relative beginner in the art but have been fortunate in having good ringers around me. I have always been taught that good ringing is good striking and not a difficult method rung with sloppy striking. Is it not better to ring methods that we can ring well and are pleasant for all to hear than to strive to ring methods maybe beyond our reach, to obtain a new grade and produce awful striking which is not pleasant to listen to?

One point left unanswered which will, if these grades are introduced, be important is that concerning who will decide what grade a person attains - themselves, the tower captain, a local representative of the Central Council?

Primarily, however, bells are rung for the Glory of God, and before turning the art into a competitive organisation we should remember why we are ringing the bells. - Yours, etc.,

LUCY JOHNSTON.

48 School Green Lane,
Fulwood, Sheffield,
South Yorks.

(Continued on p 456)

COUNCIL FACES BUSY PROGRAMME

When the Central Council meets at Rochester at the end of the month, members will have a very full working programme facing them.

As the first meeting of a new triennium, elections promise to take up much of the time. Of the Council's officers, Mr. E. A. Barnett completes his term as President, bringing to an end an almost unbroken period of nearly 30 years' outstanding service, first as Hon. Secretary, then as Vice-President and for the past six years as President.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers has been nominated to succeed him, and Mr. P. A. Corby, of the Kent County Association, becomes Vice-President. With Mr. C. A. Wratten, of the Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association, and Mr. W. T. Cook of the College Youths, nominated to continue as Secretary and Librarian respectively, the officers will for the first time for many years all be representative, rather than Life or Honorary, members of the Council.

All 15 permanent committees have also to be elected. The usual changes in society representation - this year a quarter of the Council are new members - mean that many past committee members are no longer on the Council, and for this reason if no other there are likely to be significant changes.

NUMBER OF MOTIONS

A number of motions are down for debate. The most provocative is likely to be a proposal which will enable ringers who are not on the Council to be elected direct to committees, becoming Honorary members of the Council in the process.

It is of course the committees that are responsible for most of the Council's day-to-day work. They provide information and advice, not just to ringers, but to Church authorities and to the public at large, and as their value becomes more widely recognised their work-load is increasing.

Because of the resulting increase in committee expenditures and in the cost of the Council meeting itself, the income from subscriptions last year proved to be nearly £300 less than the cost of running the Council. With the support of the Administrative Committee, the Secretary is consequently to seek approval for subscriptions to be increased next year to £5 per representative - the first increase for four years.

Among such a plethora of administrative - one hardly dares call it bureaucratic! - business, it must not be forgotten that the Council exists to serve ringing. The Open Meeting at the King's School on the evening of May 24 will serve as a salutary reminder of this. With Dr. John Baldwin in the chair, Mr. Harold W. Rogers of the London County Association will introduce a discussion on 'Recruitment and Sunday Service Ringing in the '80s', which promises to be stimulating and wide-ranging. It is hoped that many ringers will be at this most important "fringe event".

From reports to be presented at the annual meeting the Exercise seems for the present to be holding its own. The Secretary reports a significant increase in the numbers of ringers belonging to affiliated societies. Although not as many peals were rung as in the Silver Jubilee year of 1979, 1980 was a very successful year, and new methods continue to proliferate.

The Publications Committee reports good sales, particularly of its dearer publications, while a number of new titles and revised editions, provided mainly by the Education Committee, are in the pipeline.

The various committees concerned with bells and bellfries all report a busy and productive

year's work, although the Committee for Redundant Bells sounds a warning note: after years of decreasing numbers, churches declared redundant in 1980 have shown an unexpected increase.

The Council's journal, *The Ringing World*, broke even last year in spite of continuing inflation, thanks to much hard work by its editor and by the committee responsible for the paper's administration. The news that David Thorne has been appointed to succeed Charles Denyer on his well-earned retirement will be welcomed by the Council, as by the Exercise. He faces a challenging task, taking over Mr. Denyer's perennial and well-fought struggle to increase circulation just when the country's economic situation seems at its darkest.

The Council is sometimes accused of being an old pals' get-together, and its meeting of being an excuse for a tower-grab. With so much done during the past year and an agenda ahead that promises to be long and, if we are honest, sometimes tedious, can anyone really begrudge its members the chance to meet and ring with their hosts at Rochester, the Kent County Association?

C.A.W.

Bob Horley had been ringing at Bloxham regularly for nearly 50 years. Although he never progressed to method ringing, he could always be relied upon to cover, or to ring call-changes. He always turned up for the Friday practice, and for ringing for Evensong on Sundays, and he helped throughout the lean years, when we only had four or five ringers. - *Newsletter*

Birthday Tribute

JIM RANFORD

The Suckley Hills echoed with a birthday tribute to a celebrated villager, when, on March 19th, Jim Ranford's 76th birthday was marked with a peal of Grandsire Doubles.

The village heard the celebration for a man who spent 15 years on active service in the Army, during which time he served with the Shanghai Defence Force, saw service in India and the Middle East, became a veteran of Dunkirk and took part in the Allied invasion of Europe on June 5th, 1944, before returning to his native Worcestershire to carry on the family building firm.

It was a double celebration for Jim for it was 101 years to the day that his grandfather also rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles.

The peal served another practical purpose for it was sponsored to raise money for the upkeep of the church. Bellringing runs in the Ranford family. Jim is Master of Suckley Tower and his father and grandfather were accomplished ringers before him. His son and grandson have also taken up the Exercise to continue the family tradition.

He has always been a keen churchman and a Christian in the true sense of the word. He became actively involved in Suckley Church on his release from the Army, going on to the PCC in 1947. He has been Churchwarden for more than a quarter of a century and is vergar, grave digger and sexton. In addition he is a Charity Commissioner of 30 years standing, a founder-member of the Suckley Playing Fields Association, and has been on and off the Parish Council since 1935. One of the greatest occasions in his life was in 1980 when he was presented with the Royal Maundy by her Majesty the Queen in Worcester Cathedral.

Unfortunately, Jim was taken ill a few days before the peal and was unable to take part. However, the band visited him at his home to drink a toast to him and to wish him a speedy recovery. - J.E.N.



On March 28 the wedding took place at St. Mary's, Ludgershall, Buckinghamshire, between Richard Haseldine and Janet P East. The bride was given away by her father, Clifford East, and the bridesmaid was the bride's sister (Valerie). The best man was the bridegroom's brother (Andrew). As the wedding party came to the foot of the aisle, they paused to ring the bells for a few moments.

A reception was held at Brill Memorial Hall for 80 guests - 32 of whom were bellringers. A magnificent three-tier wedding cake, beautifully decorated with bells, was made by the bridegroom. The couple spent their honeymoon at Bath, Somerset.

C.E.

LOST TOUCH

A letter to the BBC Church Bells on Sunday producer, Miss Karen Howarth, has been forwarded to us. It comes from 92-years-old Mr Arthur S. Binfield of Albert Edward Prince of Wales Court, Penylow Avenue, Porthcawl, Glamorgan. It says that Arthur, who is a Folkestone, Kent, man, has lost touch with his ringing friends and is endeavouring to make contact again. He rang his first peal at the age of 11 at Headcorn, and now, because he cannot ring, writes out touches and compositions up to Royal and Maximus.

A Freemason he attended the Dover Lodge, the meeting night of which clashed with the local ringing practice.

If anyone who knew Arthur would write or visit him, he would be grateful.

Obituary E. T. P. FIELD

Many ringing friends attended the funeral service at Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Somerset, of Edward Theodore Paul Field. The Rev R. Broughton assisted by the Rev Chris Marshall conducted the service and after cremation Paul's ashes were interred under Long Sutton's church tower. By his request there were no flowers and donations may be given to the PDSA or the Cats Protection League. - N.G.P.

Long Sutton, Som. 24 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: A Shire 1, G R Cox 2, D L Herman 3, E A J Rowe 4, M J Eastment (C) 5, A G Hill 6. In memoriam Paul Field, a Long Sutton ringer for many years, whose funeral took place today. Paul also donated the treble in 1961 in memory of his wife Florence.

Stoke sub Hamdon, Som. 25 Apr, 1260 Clifford's Pleasure Doubles: R Parker 1, R H J Mears 2, M G Buckley (C) 3, M Eastment 4, R J Mears 5, F R C Gratton 6. In memoriam E T P Field by the "Crazy Gang", of which the deceased was a member.

PEALS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

NEWPORT, Gwent, Cathedral

Sat Apr 25 1981 3h17 (21½)

5088 SPLICED S.

MAXIMUS

(4m: 1296 each Cambridge, Superlative; 1248 each London, Bristol; 99 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. R G Crosland

- 1 Andrew N Stubbs
- 2 Simon D Brown
- 3 Graham G Firman
- 4 Peter G Giles
- 5 Kevin A Hughes
- 6 Ian L Dear
- 7 David Jenkins
- 8 Paul A Williams
- 9 James W Belshaw
- 10 Nigel Thomson
- 11 Paul N Mounsey (C)
- 12 David C Brown

BATH & WELLS D.A.

WHATLEY, Som, S George

Thur Apr 9 1981 2h42 (11½)

5040 SPLICED S. MINOR

(35m: (1) London, Wells, Cuneastre; (2) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning; (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Netherseale, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London; (4) Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne, Primrose, Norfolk, Hull; (5-6) Carlisle, Chester, Munden, Sandiacre, Whitley, Alnwick, Newcastle, Wooler, Northumberland, Morpeth, Canterbury; (7) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, York, Hexham, Durham)

- 1 Pauline F Marquis
 - 2 Peter J C Mather
 - 3 Anna M P Piechna
 - 4 Donald B Carter
 - 5 John A Foster
 - 6 Reginald T McKenzie (C)
- 50th peal-5. Most methods-2.

PRISTON, Som, S Luke

Sat Apr 18 1981 2h58 (13)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR

(Durham, London, Hexham, Wells, Beverley, Cambridge, York)

- 1 Peter J C Mather
- 2 Pauline F Marquis
- 3 Anna M P Piechna
- 4 Barry J Fry
- 5 David A Weir
- 6 Reginald T McKenzie (C)

BEVERLEY & DIST. SOC.

BEVERLEY, N Humbs, S Mary

Mon Apr 20 1981 3h36 (34½)

5040 BRISTOLS ROYAL

- 1 Paul S Andrews
 - 2 Rosemary J Duke
 - 3 Janet House
 - 4 Hilary K Derham
 - 5 Sarah Horton
 - 6 Peter J Church
 - 7 Graham A Duke (C)
 - 8 David R Smith
 - 9 Alan M Trebble
 - 10 Ian G Campbell
- First B. Royal-5, 9.

UNIV. OF BRISTOL SOC.

BRISTOL, Avon, S Michael-on-the-Mount, Without

Sun Apr 26 1981 2h51 (14½)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR

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

- 1 Patrick J Bird (58-59)
- 2 John C Baldwin (60-61)
- 3 Jane E Sansom (80-)
- 4 William D Barnes (76-77)
- 5 John Manley (C) (77-78)
- 6 William A Barter (74-76)

By past Masters as a farewell compliment to Rev Canon F C Vyvyan-Jones (President 1969-81), retiring after 46 years as Rector of S Michael's.

BRISTOL, AVON, Christ Church w S Ewen

Fri May 1 1981 2h55 (20)

5040 YORKSHIRE S.

ROYAL

Comp. J H Fielden

- 1 Christine F Coates
 - 2 Elva L R Ainsworth
 - 3 Susan E Marshall
 - 4 Jane E Sansom
 - 5 P Mark Ogden
 - 6 Philip J Huxley
 - 7 Anthony C F Perry
 - 8 Peter J Williamson
 - 9 Stephen P Noyes (C)
 - 10 John C Manley
- First Royal-1. First Y. Royal-5, 7, 9. First on 10 as C. First S. Royal by a resident band.

CHESTER D.G.

CAPENHURST, Merseyside, Holy Trinity

Wed Apr 4 1981 2h31 (11½)

5040 MINOR (Slartibartfast, Ford Prefect, Pangalactic Gargle Blaster T.B., Cambridge S., Oxford, Kent T.B., Plain Bob)

- 1 John E Heaton (C)
- 2 Ernest W Runciman
- 3 Robert G Chadburn
- 4 Lenard T Mitchell
- 5 Peter L Furniss
- 6 John Willasey

Most methods-2. First extents in new methods: Slartibartfast T.B. (C.C. No. 1799) 36-34.16-56-16-12-56 I.e. 2nds 35264 Ford Prefect T.B. (C.C. No. 1803) 36-34.16-56-16-34-56 I.e. 2nds 35264 Pangalactic Gargle Blaster T.B. (C.C. No. 1805) 36-34.16-56-16.34-12.56 I.e. 2nds 35264

First extents in new methods:

Slartibartfast T.B.

(C.C. No. 1799)

36-34.16-56-16-12-56

I.e. 2nds 35264

Ford Prefect T.B.

(C.C. No. 1803)

36-34.16-56-16-34-56

I.e. 2nds 35264

Pangalactic Gargle Blaster

T.B. (C.C. No. 1805)

36-34.16-56-16.34-12.56

I.e. 2nds 35264

BREADSALL, Derbys, All Saints

Mon Apr 20 1981 2h50 (14)

5056 YORKSHIRE S.

MAJOR

Arr. M J Platt

- 1 Christine L J Mills
 - 2 R Brian Mills
 - 3 Sidney Hough
 - 4 Timothy M Davis
 - 5 Paul Maddock
 - 6 Denis Mottershead (C)
 - 7 Geoffrey R Gardner
 - 8 Clive Calton
- 75th Birthday compliment to Sidney Hough.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

WESTMINSTER WC, S Martin-in-the-Fields

Sat Apr 25 1981 3h30 (30½)

5088 YORKSHIRE S.

MAXIMUS

Comp. A W R Wilby

- 1 Susan E Smith
 - 2 Anne M Anthony
 - 3 Hilary K Derham
 - 4 Linda M Garton
 - 5 Ian W Blake
 - 6 Alison K Surry
 - 7 Stephanie J Pattenden
 - 8 John E Hawes
 - 9 John S Barnes
 - 10 Derek E Sibson
 - 11 Graham A Duke (C)
 - 12 Frank T Blagrove
- First on twelve-5 50th peal-2. 200th peal-3. To mark the 25th anniversary of the incumbency of the Vicar, the Rev Prebendary Austen Williams.

Peal forms are available (free) from the R.W. Office, Guildford. Send a stamped/ addressed (9 x 4) envelope now.

DERBY D.A.

SHEFFIELD, S. Yorks, Cathedral (Ss Peter & Paul)

Mon Apr 20 1981 3h22 (34)

5042 YORKSHIRE S.

MAXIMUS

Comp. Traditional

- 1 Philip A Ramsbottom
 - 2 Elisabeth A G Bowden
 - 3 Christopher M Wulkau (C)
 - 4 Simon D Brown
 - 5 Susan E Marshall
 - 6 Frances Bates
 - 7 Robert Perry
 - 8 Frederick Ross
 - 9 David J Purnell
 - 10 David J Bates
 - 11 Paul A Williams
 - 12 David Hird
- Birthday compliment to Lis Bowden. 900th peal-2.

DERBY, S Peter

Thur Apr 23 1981 2h49 (11)

5056 CAMBRIDGE S.

MAJOR

Comp. C Middleton

- 1 Ian Roulstone
- 2 Jane E Orchard
- 3 Diane C Halls
- 4 Barbara Kitchen
- 5 Harold Taylor
- 6 W Arnold Morley
- 7 Gordon A Halls (C)
- 8 Dennis M Orchard

First Surprise-3.

DERBY, Cathedral

Fri Apr 24 1981 3h1 (19)

5040 BRISTOLS ROYAL

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Jane E Orchard
 - 2 Simon Plackett
 - 3 Patricia A M Halls
 - 4 Richard J Danby
 - 5 Ian Roulstone
 - 6 Harold Taylor
 - 7 Gordon A Halls (C)
 - 8 Jack V Chadwick
 - 9 John Jenkins
 - 10 Clive G Bryant
- First in method-2.

TICKNALL, Derbys, S George

Sat Apr 25 1981 3h4 (9½)

5189 STEDMAN CATERES

Comp. J McDonald

- 1 D Robert Pettifor
 - 2 Sally A Atkins
 - 3 John McDonald (C)
 - 4 Paul E Bibilo
 - 5 Ian Roulstone
 - 6 Garry W Mason
 - 7 Arthur J Marriott
 - 8 Peter Marriott
 - 9 Howell J Williams
 - 10 Margaret Marriott
- For Patronal Festival.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

DOWNHAM, Essex, S Margaret

Mon Apr 20 1981 2h45 (7½)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR

(14m: (1) Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (2) Westminster, Allendale; (3) Chester, Munden; (4) London, Wells; (5) York, Durham; (6) Ipswich, Cambridge; (7) Beverley, Surfleet)

- 1 Mary Roast
- 2 Janice Manterfield
- 3 Brian J Howard
- 4 Paul A Cammiade
- 5 Kevin I Lucas
- 6 Joe E G Roast (C)

First Minor and first Spliced-2. In memoriam Lord Fraser of North Cape, sometime resident of Downham.

STANSTED

MOUNTFITCHET, Essex, S Mary

Fri Apr 24 1981 2h49 (13)

5024 BRISTOLS MAJOR

Comp. A N Tyler

- 1 Alan M Barber (C)
- 2 Leslie A Prime
- 3 Peter C Warboys
- 4 John N Hughes-D'Aeth
- 5 John S Warboys
- 6 Alan T Dixon
- 7 Peter W Hill
- 8 Jonathan D Shanklin

First in method-2, 3, 4, 6.

BARKINGSIDE, Essex, S George

Sat Apr 25 1981 2h47 (10)

5056 ST. GEORGE'S DAY

S. MAJOR

Comp. A Barber

- 1 Richard F Prime
- 2 John S Warboys
- 3 Jillian M Wright
- 4 Timothy J M Jones
- 5 Keith Gatman
- 6 Andrew P Smith
- 7 Dennis Ellisdon (C)
- 8 Dennis A Hewitt

50th peal-6. First in the method for all and for the Association. For Patronal Festival and Church's Gift Day.

GOLDHANGER, Essex, S Peter

Sat Apr 25 1981 2h40 (8½)

5024 RUTLANDS MAJOR

Comp. N Smith

- 1 Mary Roast
- 2 Joe E G Roast (C)
- 3 David A Childs
- 4 Brian J Howard
- 5 Patrick W Saltmarsh
- 6 Andrew Blacklock
- 7 Tony Spurgeon
- 8 James L Towler

First Rutland-3. Silver Wedding compliment to Ted and Linda Hood.

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

HARESFIELD, Glos, S Peter

Sat Mar 14 1981 2h52 (11)

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

- 1 Pamela M Webb
- 2 Christine A Hollyoak
- 3 Frances Mulvey
- 4 Alan Hodges
- 5 Julian E Newman
- 6 Michael J Mulvey (C)

First peal-1. First inside-2. First as conductor.

GLOUCESTER, Cathedral

Sat Mar 28 1981 3h18 (25)

5081 GRANDSIRE

CINQUES

Comp. A M Tyler

- 1 Valerie Willard
 - 2 Frances Mulvey
 - 3 L Gillian Blackman
 - 4 Margaret Fry
 - 5 Jackie Fry
 - 6 Harold E Raxter (C)
 - 7 Patrick H Allen
 - 8 Leonard C Edwards
 - 9 Roger Fry
 - 10 Michael J Mulvey
 - 11 Geoffrey V R Morgan
 - 12 Julian E Newman
- First on twelve-4, 5, 10, 12 and by Cathedral Guild

BRISTOL, S Stephen

Mon Mar 30 1981 3h21 (20)

5081 GRANDSIRE

CINQUES

Comp. A M Tyler

- 1 Albert M Tyler (C)
 - 2 Heather Kippin
 - 3 Janet A Evers
 - 4 Janet New
 - 5 Elisabeth A G Bowden
 - 6 Elizabeth A Glasow
 - 7 Andrew J Mead
 - 8 Vivienne M Rigby
 - 9 John Manley
 - 10 Ralph G Edwards
 - 11 Anthony J Cox
 - 12 Richard J Bowden
- First on twelve-3.

BIBURY, Glos, S Mary

Fri Apr 24 1981 2h43 (10)

5040 DOUBLES (2m: 12 extents Plain Bob; 30 Grand-sire)

- 1 Paul Chambers
 - 2 Brian W Hall
 - 3 Patrick A Bartlett
 - 4 Peter W Bartlett
 - 5 William A Godwin (C)
 - 6 Llewelyn T Sly
- Golden Wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs A W Bartlett, parents of 3 and 4.

BERKELEY, Glos, S Mary V

Sat Apr 25 1981 3h3 (24)

5040 RUTLANDS ROYAL

Comp. J H Fielden

- 1 Elisabeth A G Bowden
 - 2 Susan E Marshall
 - 3 Elva R Ainsworth
 - 4 David M Watson
 - 5 Anthony C F Perry
 - 6 Andrew J Mead
 - 7 Martin J Whiteley (C)
 - 8 Christopher M Wulkau
 - 9 Margaret Whiteley
 - 10 David Hird
- First in method by all except 1, 7, 10. 200th peal-2.

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CHILVERS COTON,**Warks, All Saints**

Sat Apr 25 1981 2h53 (13½)

5040 CAMBRIDGE S.**ROYAL**

Comp. M C W Sherwood

- 1 Anne E Fincham
 - 2 Valerie Willard
 - 3 John Cornock
 - 4 Heather M Brown
 - 5 Francis M Byrne
 - 6 Philip F Pope
 - 7 Ian P Unsworth
 - 8 John H Taylor
 - 9 Christopher M Bennett
 - 10 Ross J Finbow (C)
- First S. Royal-1, 7. 50th
peal-7.

STROUD, Glos,**S Lawrence**

Sat Apr 25 1981 3h15 (20½)

5040 YORKSHIRE S.**ROYAL**

Arr. R C Kippin

- 1 Richard J Bowden
- 2 Janet House
- 3 Rebecca J Dick
- 4 Elizabeth A Glasow
- 5 Jill M Liddle
- 6 Neil Bennett
- 7 John C Manley
- 8 Anthony J Cox
- 9 Maurice A New
- 10 Robert C Kippin (C)

BRISTOL, Avon,**Cathedral**

Sat Apr 25 1981 3h8 (21)

5056 BRISTOL S. MAJOR

Comp. A M Barber

- 1 Elva R Ainsworth
- 2 Susan E Marshall
- 3 David M Watson
- 4 Elisabeth A G Bowden
- 5 Margaret Whiteley
- 6 Christopher M Wulkau (C)
- 7 David J Marshall
- 8 Martin J Whiteley

NUNEATON, Warks,**S Nicholas**

Sat Apr 25 1981 2h54 (14½)

5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S.**MAJOR**

Comp. S Humphrey

- 1 John H Taylor
- 2 Anne E Fincham
- 3 Heather M Brown
- 4 Valerie Willard
- 5 John Cornock
- 6 Philip F Pope
- 7 Ian P Unsworth
- 8 Francis M Byrne (C)

First Surprise inside-2.

BRISTOL, Avon, S Stephen M

Sun Apr 26 1981 3h10 (19½)

5042 PRITTLEWELL S.**MAXIMUS**

Comp. Anon

- 1 Elisabeth A G Bowden
- 2 Susan E Marshall
- 3 Rebecca J Dick
- 4 Elizabeth A Glasow
- 5 Glenn A A Taylor
- 6 Elva R Ainsworth
- 7 David M Watson
- 8 Margaret Whiteley
- 9 Anthony J Cox
- 10 Christopher M Wulkau (C)
- 11 Martin J Whiteley
- 12 Peter Bridle

First Prittlewell S. Maximus
by all.**GUILDFORD D.G.****WONERSH, Surrey,****S John Bapt**

Sat Apr 25 1981 2h44 (11½)

5058 YORKSHIRE S.**MAJOR**

Comp. W J Couperthwaite

- 1 Philip A Sadler
 - 2 Jennifer A Bradford
 - 3 Sheila A Thomas
 - 4 Christopher K Hill
 - 5 Stanley G Ponting
 - 6 Julian Morgan
 - 7 Glenn J Poyntz (C)
 - 8 Timothy J Wellen
- First S. Major-2. Birthday
compliment to Jill P Hill

HEREFORD D.G.**WELSHPOOL, Powys,****S Mary**

Sat Apr 18 1981 3h2 (12)

5088 LONDON S. MAJOR

Comp. S J Ivin

- 1 Christopher Adams
 - 2 Neil Bennett
 - 3 Lorna E Bedford
 - 4 Kenneth W Brice
 - 5 Mark Adams
 - 6 John E Harrold
 - 7 Philip A Keene
 - 8 Jill M Liddle (C)
- First S. Major-7. First London
Major-3, 4, 5. First S. Major
as conductor.

KINGTON, Herefords,**S Mary**

Mon Apr 20 1981 2h40 (12)

5040 CAMBRIDGE S.**MINOR**

(1 x 2160, 4 extents)

- 1 Cyril E Jaine
- 2 Robert A Hatcher
- 3 Laurence T Mainwaring
- 4 Bryan D Giddings
- 5 Andrew L Mainwaring (C)
- 6 Frederick R Harris

First S. Minor and as con-
ductor-5. Pearl Wedding
compliment to Mr and Mrs L
T Mainwaring.**HERTFORD C.A.****HAREFIELD, Gtr London,****S Mary V**

Sun Apr 26 1981 2h30 (7)

5040 SURPRISE MINOR(19m: (1) Westminster, Allen-
dale; (2) Lightfoot; (3) Wear-
mouth; (4) London, Wells; (5)
Cambridge, Primrose,
Bourne, Hull, Ipswich, Nor-
folk; (6) Norwich; (7) Bever-
ley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hex-
ham, York, Durham)

- 1 Jill E Reeves
- 2 Eric Edmondson
- 3 John J Ford
- 4 Robert J Crocker
- 5 Graham R D Lay
- 6 David Kemp (C)

Most methods-2, 3, 6. In
memoriam Harry Lionel
Wood.**KENT C.A.****MINSTER-IN-THANET,****Kent,****S Mary V**

Sat Apr 11 1981 2h53 (17)

5040 DOUBLES (7m: 6extents each Grandsire, Plain
Bob, Rev. Canterbury Plea-
sure Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St.
Nicholas' Bob, St. Simon's
Bob, Winchendon Place Bob)

- 1 Richard Hayes (C)
- 2 John E Spree
- 3 David M Goss
- 4 Thomas Cullingworth
- 5 Tony Lewis

201st Kent tower for a

peal-4

MAIDSTONE, Kent,**S Michael AA**

Mon Apr 20 1981 2h35 (6½)

5056 SPLICED S. MAJOR(8m: 768 each Lincolnshire,
Pudsey, Rutland, Yorkshire;
576 each Cambridge, Super-
lative; 448 Bristol; 384 Lon-
don; 141 changes of method)

Comp. M C W Sherwood

- 1 Derek J Carr
 - 2 Judith Hayes
 - 3 John B Keeler
 - 4 Richard Hayes (C)
 - 5 Bernard F L Groves
 - 6 Thomas Cullingworth
 - 7 Thomas M Barlow
 - 8 Philip A Corby
- First 8-Spliced-3

LANCASHIRE ASSN.**CLITHEROE, Lancs,****S Mary Magd**

Sat Apr 25 1981 3h6 (18)

5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Comp. A F Scholfield

- 1 A J Eric Musson
- 2 Margaret Crossthwaite
- 3 Victor J C Wood
- 4 Jean Barnes
- 5 Cyril Crossthwaite
- 6 Walter E Wilkinson
- 7 Alan Gardner
- 8 Alan F Scholfield (C)

ACCRINGTON, Lancs,**S James**

Sun Apr 26 1981 2h43 (11)

5000 VERMUYDEN S.**ROYAL**

Comp. J H Fielden

- 1 Michael Tompsett
- 2 J Colin Ashworth
- 3 David A Warwick
- 4 Jeremy P Richardson
- 5 Colin Tester
- 6 Marcus C W Sherwood
- 7 Jeffrey Kershaw
- 8 Colin Woods
- 9 Richard Starkie
- 10 Geoffrey Fothergill (C)

LEICESTER D.G.**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics,****Bell Foundry**

Wed Apr 8 1981 2h18 (6½)

5040 CAMBRIDGE S.**ROYAL**

Comp. P Border

- 1 William A Thow
- 2 Brian G Warwick (C)
- 3 David A Warwick
- 4 Winifred M Warwick
- 5 Timothy M Payne
- 6 Gerald A Flatters
- 7 B Stedman Payne
- 8 Brian E Mozley
- 9 Alan Cattell
- 10 Brian S Chapman

First Royal-8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics,**Bell Foundry**

Thur Apr 16 1981 2h21 (6½)

5184 SUPERLATIVES S.**MAJOR**

Comp. A J Cox

- 1 Brian G Warwick (C)
- 2 Winifred M Warwick
- 3 Elaine M Hopper
- 4 Timothy M Payne
- 5 B Stedman Payne
- 6 Brian E Mozley
- 7 Reginald J Stretton
- 8 David A Warwick

First Superlative-6 50th

Superlative-1.

STOKE GOLDING, Leics,**S Margaret**

Wed Apr 22 1981 2h32 (9)

5040 MINOR (4m: Grand-sire, Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent
T.B.)

- 1 M Anne Wright
- 2 Timothy K Dickens
- 3 Eileen J Goodall
- 4 Robert H Bacon
- 5 Stuart Warren
- 6 Geoffrey N Goodall (C)

First peal-1 First on six-4

First inside-5. For Easter; also

belated compliment to Fred
Hill, tower captain, whose
80th birthday was in Decem-
ber, 1980, when the bells
were out of action.**QUORN, Leics, S Bartholomew**

Fri Apr 24 1981 2h35 (11½)

5056 CAMBRIDGE S.**MAJOR**

Johnson's var, Middleton's

- 1 Elaine M Hopper
- 2 Winifred M Warwick
- 3 Hilary C Mizen
- 4 Rev David Sansum
- 5 B Stedman Payne
- 6 Brian G Warwick (C)
- 7 Reginald J Stretton
- 8 Brian S Chapman

First Surprise inside-3 For

Easter.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics,**Bell Foundry**

Wed Apr 29 1981 2h15 (6½)

5040 YORKSHIRE S.**ROYAL**

Comp. C J Sedgley (MU)

- 1 William A Thow
 - 2 B Stedman Payne
 - 3 Alan Cattell
 - 4 Winifred M Warwick
 - 5 Gerald A Flatters
 - 6 Reginald J Stretton
 - 7 Brian S Chapman
 - 8 Brian E Mozley
 - 9 Robert H Farrer
 - 10 Brian G Warwick (C)
- First Y. Royal and 25th for
Guild-8.

LINCOLN D.G.**CHESTER, Cheshire,****Cathedral**

Mon Apr 21 1981 3h32 (24½)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Comp. J Carter

- 1 Margaret A Swain
 - 2 Jack L Millhouse (C)
 - 3 Vivienne West
 - 4 Fiona MacInnes
 - 5 David J Townsend
 - 6 C Anita Gibson
 - 7 Leslie G Townsend
 - 8 Geoffrey R Parker
 - 9 W M David Collis
 - 10 Harold F Gibson
 - 11 Malcolm E Johnson
 - 12 Ernest F Wilcox
- Retirement compliment to
the conductor.

SEMPRINGHAM, Lincs,**S Andrew**

Wed Apr 22 1981 2h40 (7½)

5040 MINOR (3m: 3 extentseach Single Oxford, Plain Bob;
1 of Single Oxford and Plain
Bob Spliced)

- 1 Paul T Carr
- 2 Julia Doughty
- 3 Paul D Collin
- 4 David Sutton
- 5 Sylvia M Collin (C)
- 6 David Collin

First Minor-2.

BLANKNEY, Lincs,**S Oswald**

Fri Apr 24 1981 2h42 (9)

5040 MINOR (London, Cam-bridge S., Kent, Oxford T.B.,
Single Oxford, St. Clement's,
Plain Bob)

- 1 David J Townsend
- 2 Angela Burgess
- 3 Gillian A Ricketts
- 4 Fiona M MacInnes
- 5 John R Parker
- 6 Geoffrey R Parker (C)

First peal-2, 3. Most

methods-5

WHAPLODE, Lincs, S Mary

Fri Apr 24 1981 2h52 (12)

5040 MINOR (Double Ox-ford, Ipswich, Bourne, St.
Clement's, Cambridge, Single
Oxford, Plain Bob)

- 1 Angela Hind
- 2 Paul T Carr
- 3 Paul D Collin
- 4 Barbara Clipsham
- 5 Sylvia M Collin
- 6 David Collin (C)

First in 7 methods-2, 4

EDENHAM, Lincs,**S Michael AA**

Mon Apr 27 1981 3h6 (16)

5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Comp. J David

- 1 K Anne Cooke
- 2 Denby P Murdock
- 3 Paul Needham (C)
- 4 Marion E Moulton
- 5 Thomas A Relf
- 6 Terrence Maddison
- 7 Robin H Rogers
- 8 William A Holmes

First Triples-6, and as con-
ductor. This composition, an
equal 5-part containing 140
bobs and 190 singles, is rung
for the first time.**LLANDAFF &****MONMOUTH D.A.****ABERGAVENNY, Gwent,****S Mary**

Mon Apr 20 1981 3h34 (25½)

5040 CAMBRIDGE S.**ROYAL**

Comp. W E Critchley

- 1 Anne White
 - 2 Sheila A Thomas
 - 3 Helen Dancer
 - 4 David C Everett
 - 5 Charles W Munday
 - 6 Christopher S Caryer
 - 7 E C Gareth Higgs (C)
 - 8 Alwyn R Lewis
 - 9 Robin R Churchill
 - 10 Timothy J Wellen
- First S. Royal-1, 3.

LONDON C.A.**LONDON SE,****Southwark Cathedral**

Sat Apr 25 1981 3h30 (48)

5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Comp. C W Roberts

- 1 James G A Prior
 - 2 Olive L Rogers
 - 3 Michael J Uphill (C)
 - 4 Christine Dringer
 - 5 David S Brown
 - 6 Alan E Brown
 - 7 Gavin D Bennett
 - 8 Michael J Edney
 - 9 Edward H Goater
 - 10 John H Sunderland
 - 11 Gareth Davies
 - 12 Harold W Rogers
- First on twelve-4, 7, 8 To
welcome the Rt. Rev. Ronald
Oliver Bowlby, Seventh
Bishop of Southwark.

WATTON-AT-STONE,**Herts,****Ss Andrew and Mary**

Sat Apr 25 1981 2h58 (13)

5152 YORKSHIRE S.**MAJOR**

Comp. C K Lewis

- 1 Julia M Dixon
- 2 Ruth Simon
- 3 Paul J R Daybell
- 4 Rowena M Unsworth
- 5 Stephanie J Pattenden
- 6 Antony J Townsend
- 7 Nicholas W H Simon (C)
- 8 Peter W Emery

First in method inside-3.

200th peal-5.

ISLEWORTH, Middx,**All Saints**

Wed Apr 29 1981 3h5 (16½)

5040 LONDON S. ROYAL**(No.1)**

Comp. Traditional

- 1 Paul Sharp
 - 2 Olive L Rogers
 - 3 Simon D Brown
 - 4 Paul N Mounsey (C)
 - 5 P Quentin Armitage
 - 6 Timothy J Wellen
 - 7 Harold W Rogers
 - 8 David C Brown
 - 9 Tony Lewis
 - 10 Philip Rogers
- First in method-3, 5, 6, 9, 10.

NON-ASSOCIATION**BEVERLEY, Humbs,****Minster Church**

Sat Apr 25 1981 3h41 (41)

5000 PLAIN BOB ROYAL

Comp. H Law James

- 1 W Geoffrey Rothery
- 2 Sheila Taylor
- 3 Ruth Tysoe
- 4 Robin E H Woolley
- 5 Derek Tysoe
- 6 George A Dawson (C)
- 7 Michael Robson
- 8 Malcolm P Taylor
- 9 Christopher J Pickford
- 10 John M Jelley

N. AMERICAN GUILD

BOSTON, Mass. Advent
Sat Apr 11 1981 3h16 (19½)
5184 PUDSEY S. MAJOR

Comp. E A Barnett
1 Alexander D Storrs
2 R Roger Savory
3 Eric R Trumpler
4 Steven R Costenoble
5 Donald Trumpler
6 Peter K Domalavage
7 Geoffrey Davies (C)
8 Linda C Woodford
First in method-4. First in method inside-6.

and
Sat Apr 25 1981 2h57 (19½)
5024 CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR

Comp. A J Pitman
1 Steven R Costenoble
2 Anne H Matthews
3 Elisabeth Trumpler
4 Donald Trumpler
5 Eric R Trumpler
6 Linda C Woodford
7 Martin C Faulkes
8 Geoffrey Davies (C)
First of Surprise-2.

WATERTOWN, Mass. Perkins Institute
Sun Apr 26 1981 3h18 (22)
5152 YORKSHIRE S. MAJOR

Comp. C P Starbuck
1 Alexander D Storrs
2 Selim Earls
3 Donald Trumpler (C)
4 Geoffrey Davies
5 Steven R Costenoble
6 Eric R Trumpler
7 Linda C Woodford
8 Martin C Faulkes
First in method-1, 2, 5. 50th together-3, 6.

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NORTH STAFFS ASSN.

BROUGHTON, Staffs. S Peter
Fri Apr 3 1981 2h45 (15)
5024 SPLICED S. MAJOR

(8m: 640 each Bristol, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire; 608 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire, London; 120 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. N J Diserens
1 Ralph B Mitchell
2 Frederick E Wilshaw
3 Margaret Jones
4 Timothy M Davis (C)
5 Duncan R Hansell
6 Selwyn G Jones
7 David J Midgley
8 John Harrold
First 8-Spliced S. Major-5
Circled tower-4.

CREWE, Cheshire, Christ Church
Sat Apr 18 1981 3h6 (20)
5040 YORKSHIRE S. ROYAL

Comp. C K Lewis
1 Gillian R Hall
2 Norman Sherratt (C)
3 Frederick E Wilshaw
4 David J Buckley
5 Paul J Atkins
6 Ian Friend
7 Timothy M Davis
8 Ralph B Mitchell
9 David J Midgley
10 Charles A S Webb
Wedding Day compliment to David Kerr and Glenys Newton.

BROUGHTON, Staffs. S Peter
Wed Apr 22 1981 2h41 (15)
5056 CAMBRIDGE S. MAJOR

Johnson's var.
1 Frederick E Wilshaw
2 Gillian R Hall
3 Judith A Money
4 Timothy J Rushton
5 Duncan R Hansell
6 Ian Friend
7 John Harrold
8 Timothy M Davis (C)
First C. Major-2, 4.

MARCHINGTON, Staffs. S Peter

Thur Apr 23 1981 2h35 (10)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR
(London, Wells, Norwich, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge)
1 Judith A Money
2 Gillian R Hall
3 Frederick E Wilshaw
4 Duncan R Hansell
5 Timothy M Davis (C)
6 John Harrold

Most S. Minor-2. 25th together-5, 6. On St. George's Day.

DARLEY DALE, Derbys. S Helen

Sat Apr 25 1981 (n.t.g.)
5152 YORKSHIRE S. MAJOR
Comp. R J Parker
1 C Paul Cheshire
2 Norman Sherratt (C)
3 Harold Dowler
4 Walter Sherratt
5 Ian Friend
6 Ralph B Mitchell
7 Frank R Morton
8 Charles A S Webb

OXFORD UNIV. SOCIETY OXFORD, S Cross

Sat Apr 25 1981 2h38 (9½)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR
(13m: (1) London, Wells; (2) Cambridge, Primrose; (3) Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, York; (4) Hull; (5) Beverley, Berwick, Surfleet, Durham, York, Hexham; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich; (7) Norwich)

1 Caroline M Greenwood
2 David J Sheppard
3 Robert P Watson
4 David R Lester
5 Alan D Pink
6 Adrian C Malton (C)
Most methods-3. Wedding compliment to Paul Johnson and Juliet Adams.

OXFORD D.G. WOTTON UNDERWOOD, Bucks. All Saints

Sat Mar 28 1981 2h35 (10)
5040 MINOR (2 extents
Kent T.B.; 5 Plain Bob)

1 Jane Singleton
2 Alan D Pink
3 Angie Jasper
4 Michael Jasper
5 David Poole
6 Richard C Stevens (C)
Wedding Day compliment to Janet East and Richard Haseldine

OXFORD, Cathedral
Mon Apr 20 1981 3h30 (30)
5100 STEDMAN CINQUES

Comp. M V Chilcott
1 Joyce A Parsons
2 Avril Ivin
3 Patricia Lewington
4 Elizabeth A Niblett
5 John W T Hibbert
6 Malcolm Journeaux
7 Edward R Venn
8 Clive Holloway
9 David E Parsons
10 Brian R White
11 Michael V Chilcott (C)
12 Stephen Ivin
Guild Centenary Peal.

DORCHESTER, Oxon. Abbey

Sat Apr 25 1981 3h13 (16)
5056 ZELAH S. MAJOR

Comp. C Middleton
1 Geoffrey J Tyler
2 Gillian N Hazell
3 Peter J Eales
4 Jill Haseldine
5 Julie A Haseldine
6 Colin Meakes
7 Clifford W J East
8 Andrew Haseldine (C)
First of Surprise inside-3

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

MOULTON, Northants. Ss Peter and Paul
Fri Apr 24 1981 2h49 (11)
5040 HOLCOT S. ROYAL

Comp. Anon
1 Kilby R Holton
2 John Weaver
3 Matthew T Jowitt
4 Stephanie J Kenton
5 David J Garton
6 Delia M Smith
7 Terry G Smith
8 Robin Wilson
9 Denis G Pearson
10 Murray A Coleman (C)
First S. Royal-3.
First peal in the method.
Holcot S. Royal:
A-30-14-50-16-12-30-14-30-14-30

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

KNOWLE, W. Mids. Ss John Bapt. Lawrence & Anne
Sat Apr 25 1981 2h44 (10)
5088 YORKSHIRE S. MAJOR

Comp. N J Pitstow
1 Wendy Walters
2 Carolyn S Topham
3 Andrew J Ellis (C)
4 Julia L Webb
5 Stephen R Shipley
6 Anthony J Marson
7 Alan P Walters
8 A John Illingworth
First Surprise as conductor.
Birthday compliment to conductor.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

EDINBURGH. S Mary's Cathedral
Sat Apr 25 1981 3h42 (41)
5040 PLAIN BOB CATERS

Comp. Anon
1 John G Harpole
2 Sally L Gosnold
3 Toby Arkless
4 John L Thorogood
5 David E Rydeheard
6 Peter Woolven (C)
7 Terry G Williams
8 Stephen P Barnes
9 David G F Chalk
10 Nigel E Booth
First on ten-2, 3, 8. 25th as conductor. Wedding Day compliment to Christine Sautelet-Capretz and Robert Woolven.

SHROPSHIRE ASSN.

CHESWARDINE, Salop. S Swithun

Sat Apr 25 1981 2h39 (8½)
5088 LONDON S. MAJOR

Comp. J W Washbrook
1 William M Bellerby
2 Simon J T Wilmshurst
3 John A G Clements
4 Lorna E Bedford
5 Frederick M Mitchell
6 Frances Bates
7 David J Bates
8 John Harrold (C)
First in method-5, and as conductor. First S. Major-1.

SALISBURY D.G.

HACKNEY, E8, S John Bapt
Sat Apr 4 1981 2h59 (16½)
5088 YORKSHIRE S. MAJOR

Comp. A Craven
1 Stephen G Jakeman
2 June M Brown
3 Janet M Collins
4 Julia M Dixon
5 Roger G Booth
6 Michael C N Brown
7 Neil J Buswell
8 Timothy F Collins (C)
First Surprise-6. First S. Major-2. First in method-7.

CATTISTOCK, Dorset. Ss Peter and Paul
Fri Apr 10 1981 2h43 (13½)
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Comp. J W Washbrook
1 David L Cull
2 Cindy Maude
3 Janet M Collins
4 Anthony P Buttle
5 Deryk R Bugler
6 Edric J Owens
7 Timothy F Collins (C)
8 Andrew G Smith
First Stedman Triples-1. First in principle-2, 4, 8. By Dorchester Branch as farewell compliment to Philip and Cindy Maude.

CHARMINSTER, Dorset. S Mary V

Sat Apr 18 1981 3h9 (15)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Comp. T F Collins
1 Sarah L Cross
2 H Dennis W Bishop
3 Cindy Maude
4 Janet M Collins
5 David A Strong
6 Deryk R Bugler
7 Andrew G Smith
8 Timothy F Collins (C)
First on eight-1. Retirement compliment to Canon W A M Langdon and Mrs Langdon.

CORSICOMBE, Dorset. S Mary

Sun Apr 19 1981 3h3 (13½)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents
1 Cindy Maude
2 H Dennis W Bishop
3 Philip R Maude
4 Janet M Collins
5 Deryk R Bugler
6 Timothy F Collins (C)
First peal-3. Farewell compliment to Philip and Cindy Maude, leaving for Leeds.

DAMERHAM, Hants S George

Thur Apr 23 1981 2h36 (8)
5040 MINOR (Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St. Clement's, Cambridge, Plain Bob)

1 John A Kerr
2 Margaret A Wright
3 Keith H Flemming
4 Pauline C Champion
5 John W Bramley
6 James W G Twiney (C)

On St. George's Day Birthday compliment to Jill Bramley (21) and Elizabeth Champion.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, Wilts. Holy Trinity

Sat Apr 25 1981 3h30 (31)
5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Comp. John Carter
1 Rev Roger Keeley
2 Philip B Lucas
3 Esther M Byers
4 Peter J Bushell
5 Leonard A England
6 Donald B Carter
7 George W Massey (C)
8 Eric J Hitchins
First S. Triples and 25th peal-3. Farewell compliment to Canon D Ritchie (Vicar), leaving for Winsley

S. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SOCIETY

MOULTON, Northants. Ss Peter and Paul

Sat Apr 18 1981 2h48 (11)
5040 BRISTOL S. ROYAL
1 Robert Haley
2 Alan A Paul
3 Patricia A North
4 Raymond A Vickers
5 Graham C Paul (C)
6 James R White
7 Richard Haseldine
8 Ian North
9 Barry E Saunders
10 Richard E Price
Wedding compliment to Richard Haseldine and Janet East.

DAVENTRY, Northants. Holy Cross

Sat Apr 25 1981 3h5 (18½)
5088 HANSLOPE S. MAJOR

Comp. W E Critchley
1 Barry R Care
2 Shirley E McGill
3 Christopher C Stokes
4 Graham C Paul (C)
5 Stanley M Ruddlesden
6 James R White
7 Barry E Saunders
8 Alan A Paul

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOC. TAMWORTH, Staffs. S Editha

Mon Apr 20 1981 3h5 (21½)
5040 CAMBRIDGE S. ROYAL

Comp. C K Lewis
1 Clive M Smith
2 Lucy Smith
3 Linda A Bartholomew
4 Martin A Smith
5 Wendy B Smith
6 Simon P Hartley
7 Brian L Burrows
8 Alan E Hartley
9 Brian Harris (C)
10 Clifford A Barron
First S. Royal-3, 4. Wedding anniversary compliment to ringers of 1 and 2.

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

SUFFOLK GUILD

BENHALL, Suffolk. S Mary
Sat Apr 25 1981 2h38 (8½)

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

1 Alan R Smith
2 David Noy
3 J Martin Thorley (C)
4 Roger P Peters
5 Adrian Knights
6 Trevor D Hughes
Most methods inside-2.

SUSSEX C.A.

KINGSTON upon THAMES, Surrey. All Saints
Mon Apr 20 1981 3h28 (19)

5001 STEDMAN CINQUES
Comp. R Dennis

1 Ronald E Stillwell
2 Christopher W Kipling
3 Maurice W Southworth
4 David Kirkcaldy
5 David E House (C)
6 Susan E Smith
7 E Russell Gotham
8 Stephen R T Pocock
9 Richard P J Carter
10 James Kirkcaldy
11 Ian V J Smith
12 Martin L Howe
First Cinques-3, 4, 7

TRURO D.G.

TRURO, Cornwall, Cathedral
 Mon Apr 20 1981 3h24 (33)
5039 GRANDSIRE CATER
 Comp. E C Shepherd
 1 Alan Carveth (C)
 2 Anthony J Davidson
 3 A William Myers
 4 Timothy J Bell
 5 Robert J Perry
 6 John M Smeath
 7 Fergus M S Tracey
 8 Andrew J Day
 9 T Neil Hitchens
 10 Philip Bosworth

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

BISHOPS WALTHAM, Hants, S Peter
 Thur Apr 23 1981 2h46 (10½)
5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
 (Seven different extents)
 1 Susan L Burnett
 2 Paul Littlefair
 3 Francis W Mitchell
 4 Charles G Crookes
 5 Christopher Stubbington
 6 Simon P D Burnett (C)
 First peal-1, 2, 4 First P.B. inside-4. For St. George's Day.

PRIVETT, Hants, Holy Trinity

Sat Apr 25 1981 2h47 (12)
5088 PRIVETT S. MAJOR
 Comp. M J Young
 1 John P Loveless
 2 Helen J Piper
 3 Anthony P Smith
 4 Roy T Harris
 5 Robert J Crocker
 6 A Terence Collins
 7 Bernard F L Groves
 8 Geoffrey K Dodd (C)
 First Surprise inside-2. First in method by all except 6
GRAFFHAM, W. Sussex, S Giles
 Sat Apr 25 1981 2h37 (10)
5040 DOUBLE CANTERBURY P.B. MINIMUS
 210 extents
 1 Barry F Peachey (C)
 2 Ruth E Reeves
 3 David A Huxford
 4 Robert D McGowan
 First peal on the bells and first in the method.

Aldbourne, Wilts. 26 Apr, 1272 P.B. Minimus: D J Hart 1, C Barnes 2, M Hart 3, A G Keen (C) 4 1st Minimus-1, 2. For Evensong.
Balcombe, W. Sussex. 26 Apr, 1280 Rutland S. Major: G D J Sandwell 1, H Wood 2, E R Rapley 3, E F Fosberry 4, M I Davey 5, Wendy B Wheeler 6, G T Jennings 7, E H Knapp (C) 8 1st in m-6, 7. For Evensong.
Banwell, Som. 26 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: Pamela Harding (1st Stedman) 1, Alison Williams 2, C F W Eyre 3, G W Robson 4, M T Hebden 5, W S Rice 6, G Hebden (C) 7, S Davis 8, 21st Birthday compliment to treble. Also Wedding compliment to Anne Deebank and Tony Cassell.
Barnburgh, S. Yorks. 26 Apr, 1260 Singles (3m/v): I McMillan 1, J Baird 2, B Marshall 3. Within the Octave of Easter for Low Sunday Evensong.

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CRADLEY, W. Mids, S Peter
 Sat Apr 25 1981 2h54 (10)
5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
 Comp. J E Burton
 1 Jean Boast
 2 J Harold White
 3 Molly Tromans
 4 I Mary Sluter
 5 Philip M Saunders
 6 Alan Roberts
 7 Ian Bryan
 8 Frank Sluter (C)
 First Major-1. In memoriam Llewellyn R Hall, 50 years a ringer here.

KINGSWINFORM, Staffs.

S Mary
 Sat Apr 25 1981 2h36 (10½)
5152 LINCOLNSHIRE S. MAJOR
 Comp. S Humphrey
 1 H James Turner
 2 Gillian M Roberts
 3 Martin D Fellows (C)
 4 Clifford Skidmore
 5 Simon P Hartley
 6 H T Keith Haslam
 7 Alan Roberts
 8 Alan E Hartley
 Wedding compliment to Lesley Peakman and Terence Parfitt, married here this day

YORKSHIRE ASSN.

DONCASTER, Yorks, S George
 Sat Apr 18 1981 3h20 (30½)
5024 BRISTOL S. MAJOR
 Comp. S J Ivin
 1 Sally A Atkins
 2 Patricia North
 3 Ian North (C)
 4 David S Lockwood
 5 Robert Haley
 6 Howell J Williams
 7 Stuart Heath
 8 Richard E Price
 100th peal-7.

WAKEFIELD, Yorks, Cathedral
 Mon Apr 20 1981 3h43 (35½)
5042 YORKSHIRE S. MAXIMUS
 Comp. P Border
 1 Ian North
 2 Margaret Warford
 3 Neil R Aspland
 4 Patricia North
 5 Sally A Atkins
 6 Pamela A Hudson
 7 Robert Haley
 8 Stuart Heath
 9 Adrian M Moreton
 10 J Rodney Pagdin
 11 Neil J Sheard
 12 Richard E Price (C)
 First on twelve-3, 7. First Maximus-9, 10.

INVERARAY, Argyll, All Saints
 Sat Apr 25 1981 3h54 (41½)
5040 YORKSHIRE S. ROYAL
 Comp. C W Roberts
 1 Patricia North
 2 Neil R Aspland
 3 Neil J Sheard
 4 Robert Haley
 5 David C Lester
 6 Adrian M Moreton
 7 Ian North (C)
 8 Stuart Heath
 9 Frank C Price
 10 Richard E Price
 50th peal-6

HANDBELL PEALS

CHESTER D.G. WILMSLOW, Cheshire, 9 Hawthorn Lane
 Wed Apr 8 1981 2h43 (15)
5040 CAMBRIDGE S. ROYAL
 Comp. R Baldwin
 1-2 Neil D Lomas
 3-4 J David Atkinson
 5-6 Alan F Schofield (C)
 7-8 Andrew C D Mayes
 9-10 C Kenneth Lewis

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.

DARLINGTON, Durham, 38 Swaledale Avenue
 Sun Apr 26 1981 2h8 (11)
5040 SURPRISE MINOR
 (Lightfoot, Netherseale, York, London, Surfleet, Ipswich, Cambridge)
 1-2 A David Park
 3-4 Roland Park
 5-6 Philip M Park (C)

ELY D.A.

BOTTISHAM, Cambs, Parsonage House
 Thur Apr 23 1981 2h36 (16)
5000 OXFORD T.B. ROYAL
 Comp. Traditional
 1-2 M Susan Threlfall
 3-4 Brian D Threlfall
 5-6 Marjorie B Winter (C)
 7-8 Lesley H M Boyle
 9-10 Barry R M Johnson

HEREFORD D.G.

MUCH BIRCH, Herefords, Windover
 Thur Apr 16 1981 2h35 (15)
5040 CAMBRIDGE S. ROYAL
 Comp. H Poyner
 1-2 Chris J Hughes
 3-4 David C Everett (C)
 5-6 John E Harrold
 7-8 Fredk Shallcross
 9-10 Norman R Mattingley
 100th in hand and first Cambridge S. Royal as conductor.

MUCH BIRCH, Herefords, Windover
 Sun Apr 19 1981 2h27 (15)
5088 UXBRIDGE S. MAJOR
 Comp. S Jenner
 1-2 Chris J Hughes
 3-4 David C Everett
 5-6 John E Harrold
 7-8 Norman Mattingley (C)
 First Uxbridge in hand and first in hand as conductor.

MUCH BIRCH, Herefords, Windover

Thur Apr 23 1981 2h36 (15)
5040 SUPERLATIVE S. ROYAL (No.2)
 Comp. Anon
 1-2 Chris J Hughes
 3-4 David C Everett
 5-6 John E Harrold
 7-8 Fredk Shallcross (C)
 9-10 Norman R Mattingley
 First Superlative S. Royal in hand by all. First in the method for the Guild.

LATE PEALS**BATH & WELLS D.A.**

WORCESTER, All Saints
 Sat Feb 28 1981 3h (20½)
5112 GRANDSIRE CATER
 Comp. T D Smith
 1 Linda Drew
 2 Annette R Laidler
 3 Peter J C Mather
 4 Pauline Marquis
 5 Harriet G Oldham
 6 T David Smith (C)
 7 R William Willans
 8 Robin M Stubbs
 9 David K Barrington
 10 Nicholas M White
 First on ten inside-2. First Caters-5, 6. First blows on ten as conductor. Rung with engagement congratulations to HRH Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, and Lady Diana Spencer. 1065

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Walkden, Manchester. 10 Nov 1980 (2h53, 18). 5120 Spliced S. Major (1600 Yorkshire; 1280 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 960 Rutland; 149 changes of method-Comp M C W Sherwood): J Thornley 1, G Fothergill 2, P McNutt 3, I McNutt 4, A McNutt 5, M Murphy 6, M Tompsett 7, M C W Sherwood (C) 8. 1st Spliced Surprise-3, 4, 5.

Barnard Castle, Durham. 25 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Nicola Hooley 1, Sara Hooley 2, Jennifer Elliott 3, Sara Elliott 4, J L Elliott (C) 5, R B Wakefield 6. Wedding compliment to Elizabeth Ottaway and Duncan Robertson.

3000 MILES FOR BAPTISM

Timothy Edward Cheesman was born in Toronto on May 18, 1979 and by the time his Baptism had been arranged it is not surprising that he was able to walk the last few hundred yards of the 3000 miles to his grandparents' church of All Saints, Banstead, Surrey on Easter Eve (April 18, 1981).

In the following week a quarter peal was rung in his honour at All Saints, Benhilton where his parents used to ring. This was the first quarter rung by the four "Cheesman" couples.

Bassingham, Lincs. 23 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Betty Hubbard 1, Barbara Clipsham 2, Angela Brockett (C) 3, Sylvia M Collin 4, David Collin 5, B Hubbard 6.

Barnwood, Glos. 29 Mar, 1344 P.B. Triples: L Gillian Blackman 1, W Blair (1st inside) 2, Frances Mulvey 3, Christine A Hollyoak 4, R Bruce 5, H E Raxter (C) 6, J E Newman 7, M J Mulvey 8. For Evensong. Also 24 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: K J Lovell 1, E Anne Body 2, P J Morse 3, Amanda E M Hood 4, P J Treman 5, J M Body 6, F M S Tracey (C) 7, M G H Hood 8.

Basingstoke, Hants (S Michael). 21 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E Purkiss 1, Esmé J Weaver 2, J J Hill 3, Barbara A Weaver 4, A Purkiss 5, J Shipley 6, J Weaver (C) 7, G Ellis 8. For the Birthday of HM The Queen.

Betchworth, Surrey. 23 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: G Hentley 1, Hilary Ely 2, P Shelswell 3, M Higgins (C) 4, B Hawkins 5, G Lindsay 6. Wedding compliment to Andrew Oliphant and Joanne Poole. On St. George's Day.

Birchington, Kent. 12 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J R Crocker (1st Q) 1, J C E Russell 2, Lynda J Queen 3, M J Little 4, D J Russell (C) 5, P R Russell 6. For Palm Sunday.

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Benilton, Surrey. 23 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Madeleine Cheesman 1, Winifred Cheesman 2, Sheila Cheesman 3, Rosemary Duke 4, N P Cheesman 5, H Cheesman 6, J D Cheesman (C) 7, G A Duke 8. For the Baptism of Timothy Edward Cheesman, son of Madeleine and N P Cheesman. On St. George's Day.

Bisley, Glos. 21 Apr, 1280 Superlative S. Major: R P D Middleton 1, Heather M Gibbs (1st in m) 2, Susan C Redmond 3, Jennie M D Kimberley 4, G S Harris 5, G Haslem 6, P A L Rioch (C) 7, P N Harden 8. Also **Upton St. Leonards**, 1260 Erin Triples: Susan C Redmond 1, Jennie M D Kimberley 2, R P D Middleton 3, G Haslem 4, G Harris 5, P A L Rioch 6, P N Harden (C) 7, Heather Gibbs 8. First in m-1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7. Also **Barnwood**, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: P N Harden 1, G Haslem 2, Susan Redmond 3, Heather Gibbs 4, P A L Rioch 5, Jennie Kimberley 6, R P D Middleton 7, G Harris (C) 8. 25th together-1, 4. For Birthday of HM The Queen.

Bitton, Avon. 28 Apr, 1260 P.B. Triples: R Smith 1, Rosemary Smith 2, P J Fowler 3, J Brain 4, C P Horseman 5, D Gill 6, M J Horseman (C) 7, B Fowler 8. 1st in m for all except 4, 7.

Blankney, Lincs. 23 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Sylvia M Collin 1, Frances Canham 2, Barbara Clippsham (C) 3, Kimberley A Ross 4, D Collin 5, B Canham 6. 1st Q-1, 6.

Bledington, Glos. 21 Apr, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: Amanda E M Hood (1st T.B.) 1, E Anne Body 2, J M Body 3, K J Lovell 4, F M S Stracey 5, P J Tremain (1st T.B. as C) 6. For Birthday of HM The Queen.

The quarter at Hanborough, Oxon on April 23 was to mark the 25th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, and associated with the memory of Harry Floyd who conducted that peal. The ringers of 1, 4 and 5 rang in the original peal.

Bocking, Essex. 5 Apr, 1290 Little Bob Royal: A Peal (1st on 10) 1, J Martin 2, Mrs K Downs 3, M Downs 4, J Peverett 5, P Clarry 6, T Peverett 7, T Bird 8, A Downs 9, R Sucking (C) 10. 1st Little Bob Royal by all except 3, 4. For Compline. Also 17 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Charlotte Gould 1, S Wallbank 2, H Moore 3, A Peal 4, J Peverett 5, T Peverett 6, R Sucking (cover) 7. 1st Minor-1. Half-muffled for Good Friday. Also 19 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: R Sucking (C) 1, H Moore 2, A Peal (1st inside) 3, Charlotte Gould 4, Mrs J Udall 5, S Wallbank 6, D Lidford (cover) 7. For Easter. Also 26 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: D Turner (1st Q) 1, H Moore 2, A Peal 3, Mrs M Moore 4, R Sucking (C) 5, Mrs J Udall 6. For Low Sunday. All by Sunday service band.

Bolton, Manchester (S Peter). 26 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Brindle 1, Christine Brindle 2, N Tomkins 3, J Preston 4, A Forrester 5, S Heton 6, A Critchley (C) 7, Elizabeth Willas 8. 1st Q-1, 8.

Bournemouth, Dorset (S John Ev). 26 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H A Mitchell 1, C Cherrett 2, Susan W Pascall 3, Susan P E Legge 4, Christine N Boyce 5, Dorothy V Cherrett 6, P L J Matthews (C) 7, G R Boyce 8. For Parish Communion. Also 82nd Birthday compliment to Herbert A Mitchell.

Brampton, Cambs. 21 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Lucy Smith 1, E J Whiting 2, Wendy B Smith 3, Maureen W Thackray 4, M A Smith 5, C M Smith (C) 6. Thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Charlotte A Page.

Brewood, Staffs. 24 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Joanna Evetts 1, Susan Evans 2, Janet Spencer 3, G W Gibbs 4, Gillian Swift 5, W G Allsop 6, D R Hawksworth (C) 7, J Brotherton 8. By Sunday service band. Half-muffled in memoriam Robert George William Broughton, 46 years a local ringer.

Brighton, Sussex (S Peter). 19 Apr, 1296 Grandsire Caters: Susan E Smith 1, Kathy Howard 2, Susan J Hook 3, Janette R Kipling 4, D E House (C) 5, E R Gotham 6, G C Emerson 7, D Kirkcaldy 8, J Kirkcaldy 9, M W Southworth 10. Also 26 Apr, 1385 Stedman Caters: Kathy Howard 1, D E House (C) 2, Susan J Hook 3, Joy E Kipling 4, R B Walton 5, G C Emerson 6, E R Gotham 7, C W Kipling 8, M W Southworth 9, J Kirkcaldy 10. Both for Evensong. Also 27 Apr, 1280 Glasgow S. Major: G C Emerson 1, Susan E Smith 2, Joy E Kipling 3, R E Stilwell 4, D E House 5, J Kirkcaldy 6, M W Southworth (C) 7, C W Kipling 8.

A quarter peal was rung at Irthlingborough (Northants) for the wedding of two of our ringers, who were married at Irthlingborough on Saturday, April 25. We had begun to think that the bride had changed her mind or was too busy listening to the bells as she was twenty minutes late. It turned out that there had been a misunderstanding about the wedding car which hadn't been able to park outside the house because of other parked cars and was waiting at the top of the road. All went well when she did finally arrive and Paula and Steve afterwards came into the belfry for a few photos before heading out into the perishing cold for some more pictures to be taken. Luckily they are not moving too far away and we look forward to seeing the happy couple in the not too distant future. M S B.

Brimpsfield, Glos. 28 Mar, 1260 Doubles (5m): Frances Mulvey 1, Val Willard 2, Christine Holyoak (1st in more than 1m) 3, J Spencer 4, M J Mulvey (C) 5.

Bristol (S Michael). 23 Apr, 1274 Surfleet S. Minor: M S Biggs 1, Jane E Sansom 2, S McKernon 3, J Ann Dickerson 4, Janet A Evers 5, G A A Taylor (C) 6. For St. George's Day.

Burghill, Herefords. 26 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: J W Smith 1, H G Chandler 2, R G Davies 3, D Budgen 4, K C Davies 5, A J Watkins (C) 6. Birthday compliment to Helen Dancer. Also 27 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W A Stokes 1, R G Davies 2, K C Davies 3, M E Harrison 4, Lynda C Willis 5, D Budgen 6, A J Watkins (C) 7, H G Chandler 8. 1st Triples-3, 6. Birthday compliment to Clive J Watkins.

Charlton Kings, Glos. 22 Apr, 1280 P.B. Major: Amanda E M Hood 1, E Anne Body 2, J M Body 3, K J Lovell 4, P J Morse 5, M G H Hood 6, F M S Stracey 7, P J Tremain (C) 8.

Chelford, Cheshire. 25 Apr, 1260 Doubles (10m/v): P Widdows 1, M J Kirk (C) 2, Carol A Davenport 3, W J C Seddon 4, B Corbishley 5. With

good wishes to Ernest Pimlott (captain), after a spell in hospital.

Chester (S Mary Without). 25 Apr, 1264 P.B. Major: C Mitchell (1st on 8) 1, J W Griffiths 2, Irene James 3, Helen Mitchell 4, D Massey 5, M Tickner 6, G E Morrall 7, C C Roberts (C) 8. Wedding compliment to Alison Hurlow (Rector's daughter) and John Hassell.

Chigwell, Essex. 22 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith A Lane 1, T G Lane 2, G H Walker 3, Sally M Walker 4, N G Curnow (C) 5, Valerie C Auton 6.

Chipping Sodbury, Avon. 25 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Janice Rayner 1, Chris Massey (1st inside) 2, Sue Wareham (C) 3, Sandra Pidgeon 4, J Northington 5, P Yardley 6. Wedding compliment to Mr George Small and Miss S Walters.

Croydon, Surrey (S John). 26 Apr, 1280 P.B. Major: Paula Bishop 1, Evelyn Murray 2, R Davies 3, Frances Penney (1st on 8) 4, E Razzell 5, C M Foster 6, P G Humphries 7, K Taber (C) 8. 1st in m-1, 2, 4.

Cublington, Warwicks. 21 Apr, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): Betty M Rogers 1, S P Rogers (C) 2, Jane M Randall 3, Doris M Randall 4, P C Rogers 5, R H Randall 6.

Darfield, S. Yorks. 23 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Sarah Varley 1, Jane Truman 2, J Baird 3, Louise Fowler (cover-1st Q) 4, Fiona Marshall 5, S Finnie (cover) 6, M King (C) 7, Beverley Brown (cover) 8. For St. George's Day and visit of American Methodists from California.

The quarter at Newark on April 26 was a farewell compliment to the Rev Ben H Lewers (Rector), a good friend of ringers, to be installed as Provost of Derby Cathedral on May 6.

Daventry, Northants. 5 Apr, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: P Wenham 1, Iris Webb 2, R F Waddy 3, H M Johnson 4, P Mary Cheesewright 5, J Townley 6, D J Morgan 7, J M Roberts (C) 8.

Deptford SE. 26 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A Townsend 1, Julia Dixon 2, S Yates 3, M Clark 4, J Belshaw 5, P Emery (C) 6, N Taylor 7, Stephanie Patenden 8. For Parish Communion.

Dodderhill, Worcs. 26 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): Joy Powell 1, Avril Russell 2, Ann Hansford 3, M Hansford 4, M G Powell (C) 5, A Russell 6. For Evensong. Also a Birthday compliment to Avril.

Drayton, Oxon. 20 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: J C N Gay 1, Philippa J Ward 2, K Mason (1st Minor inside) 3, Susan J Smith 4, S A Wood 5, C I Webb (C) 6. Wedding compliment to Norman Whitworth and Ann (Colin Webb's mother).

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Dunston, Lincs. 23 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m): B Canham (1st away from cover) 1, Barbara Clipsham 2, D Collin 3, Sylvia M Collin 4, Kimberley A Ross (C) 5.

Edinburgh (S Cuthbert). 26 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C Lynne Stretton 1, Helen F Westwood (1st on 8) 2, Sally L Gosnold 3, R A Sutherland 4, R S Wilson 5, J G Harpole (1st Grandsire as C) 6, S P Barnes 7, T Arkless 8. 1st Triples-1, 4, 7. Birthday compliment to Helen Westwood.

Eling, Hants. 12 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gladys Matcham 1, A Elsmore 2, Susan Hartless 3, J Hartless (C) 4, T Matcham 5, D Chapman 6, B Mackrell 7, J Salway 8. For Palm Sunday. Also 26 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gladys Matcham 1, Susan Hartless 2, Anne Bennett 3, D Chapman 4, G M Hartless 5, B Mackrell 6, J Hartless (C) 7, T Matcham 8. For Evensong.

Euston, Suffolk. 22 Apr, 1320 P.B. Doubles: Margaret Austin 1, Winifred Iivings 2, H Fuller (C) 3, V Bedford 4, H Iivings 5. Birthday compliment to Margaret Austin.

Exeter, Devon (S Mark). 26 Apr, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Wendy Campbell 1, J N Longridge 2-3, Nicola Crichton 4, Rosemary Money 5, M G Mansley 6, K R Middleton 7, M E C Mears (C) 8.

Farmborough, Som. 22 Apr, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: P Sutton 1, Rosemary Smith 2, M E Willis 3, M J Horseman 4, K T Baker 5, C P Horseman (C) 6. 1st Kent T.B.-3, 5.

Finedon, Northants. 12 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: A Craxford (1st Q) 1, Bett Mitchell 2, B Chapman 3, Julia Streather 4, J Havlicek 5, N F Pearson (C) 6.

Fownhope, Herefords. 3 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Joanna Fairclough 1, Beryl Paton 2, Lynda Willis 3, Anne Turner 4, A A Paton (C) 5, D Biggs 6. Silver Wedding compliment to the Rector (Preb R V Howard-Jones) and Mrs. Howard-Jones.

On April 29 at St. Thomas, Oxford, a quarter peal was rung of a previously unring Delight Minor method. No. 1456 in CCC: 34-34-16-56-1236-34-56 i.e. 12. This method was named SIMON Delight Minor.

Freyle, Hants. 24 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Hilda Carter (1st Q) 1, A T Collins (C) 2, Ann Collins 3, A D Barnsdale 4, D Fox 5, Kathryn L Carter 6.

Fulbourn, Cambs. 23 Apr, 1260 P.B. Triples: P S Seaman (circled tower) 1, Joanne L Carr (1st Triples as C) 2, Carol I Kitson 3, M R Kitson 4, W Hunt 5, C A Johnson 6, A G Parry 7, I J Quinney 8. For St. George's Day. Also 25 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Joanne L Carr 1, Patricia McCullagh 2, Karen F Parry 3, C A Johnson 4, P A Law (C) 5, A G Parry 6. For 57th Cambridge Scouts' St. George's Day Service.

Grimley, Worcs. 26 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: L Goldsmith 1, P Bullock 2, D Mountford (C) 3, R Garman (1st Grandsire inside) 4, J Wheeler 5, J Whittall 6.

Hanborough, Oxon. 23 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A W Franklin 1, Marion Setford 2, D J Coveney 3, N I Bridges 4, P R Coveney (C) 5, B J Blake 6.

Harston, Cambs. 25 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: G Bernard 1, Joanne L Carr 2, A E Ling 3, R J Webber 4, A Gale (1st Minor) 5, I J Quinney (C) 6. For Evensong.

Hastings, Sussex (All Saints). 23 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): D A Coleman 1, Sarah E Richardson 2, Gladys Levett 3, L Jones 4, M J Smith (C) 5, Shirley S Richardson 6. For Birthday and Retirement of the Rev T G Savins.

Headcorn, Kent. 26 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A Smith (1st of Triples) 1, Mrs T Cullingworth 2, Marjorie Sharp (1st G. Triples) 3, Sallyann Farmer 4, R Jean Vidler 5, D Taylor 6, T Cullingworth (C) 7, R Millidine 8. For Evensong. The last quarter before restoration.

Heanor, Derbys. 17 Apr, 1260 P.B. Triples: F Pearson 1, Tania Venning (1st inside) 2, A Marchbank 3, P Woods 4, R J Marchbank 5, F G Faulks 6, D W Camm (1st as C) 7, P Venning 8. Half-muffled for Good Friday.



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Heavitree, Devon. 16 Apr, 1280 Rutland S. Major: Lesley A Tomlinson 1, Yvonne C Porter 2, Nicola J Crichton 3, Mary E Mears 4, G P Tucker 5, P Wendy Campbell 6, M G Mansley 7, M E C Mears (C) 8. Also 26 Apr, 1280 London S. Major: K R Middleton 1, Nicola Crichton 2, M G Mansley 3, Mary Mears 4, A G Osborne 5, Wendy Campbell 6, M E C Mears 7, J N Longridge (C) 8.

Hillingdon, Middx. 26 Apr, 1269 Doubles (5m): Julia M Whatling 1, R K Russ 2, I J Russ 3, F W Goodfellow 4, S S Russ (50th Q as C) 5, H Brain 6. For Evensong.

Hoghton, Lancs. 19 Apr, 1260 Minor (2m): W Mansley 1, Nicola Crichton 2, J S Sharples 3, H Calderbank 4, R J Clayton 5, M G Mansley (C) 6, A H Blackburn (cover) 7.

Holborn WC (S Giles in the Fields). 23 Apr, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: K J Matthews 1, K D Waples 2, Kathie A Matthews (1st S. Major inside) 3, R A Richardson 4, A E Bagworth 5, D A Burt 6, R M Casserley 7, A T Collins (C) 8.

Honiton, Devon (S Michael). 22 Apr, 1280 Doubles (2m): W Sparkes 1, N Carter 2, W Webb (C) 3, Elizabeth Hill 4, R Barker 5, L Stevens 6. Birthday compliment to Elizabeth Hill.

Huyton, Merseyside. 21 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P J Stanley (1st Q) 1, Catherine M T Latham 2, M E Dodd 3, G K Austin 4, D C Powell 5, W R Birchall (C) 6. For Birthday of HM The Queen. Also 23 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: M E Dodd 1, Catherine M T Latham 2, Kate Runciman 3, E W Runciman 4, W R Birchall 5, G K Austin (C) 6. For St. George's Day.

Irthlingborough, Northants. 25 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Jayne M Spencer (1st Q) 1, J Rollings 2, Catherine Richardson 3, Margaret S Bull 4, Stephanie R Kendall 5, A Bull (C) 6. Wedding compliment to Paula E Simmonds and Steve Wooding.

Keele, Staffs. 7 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Caroline R Pettitt (1st Q) 1, Mary Horrocks 2, Julia Johnson 3, Verity Stokes 4, T M Davis (C) 5, P W Gay 6. First Minor-2, 3.

ST. SWITHIN'S, LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL

The ancient Cornish church of St. Swithun's, Launcells, set in a secluded valley a couple of miles from the popular holiday resort of Bude possesses a fine ring of six bells (tenor 9 cwt). Unfortunately there has been no local band at the Church for a number of years, though service ringing has been well maintained by ringers from nearby Marhamchurch.

I am happy to say that the situation has now changed and St. Swithun's has a keen (though not yet very proficient) band recruited from children at nearby Budehaven Comprehensive School. Most of our learners have helped the work of cleaning and painting the bellframe, though the bulk of the work has been undertaken by Michael Quinn (Redpost, Launcells). We thank him on behalf of the School ringers.

To mark the completion of the work a quarter peal was rung including ringers from Launcells, Stratton and Leicestershire. M.S.

Kettering, Northants. 26 Apr, 1259 Grandsire Caters: J R Mossop 1, P M Fleckney 2, M A Coleman (C) 3, Delia Smith 4, M T Jowitt 5, Stephanie Kenton 6, K R Holtom 7, Linda Garton 8, C J Groome 9, D J Garton 10. For St. George's Day Parade.

Keynsham, Avon. 26 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karen Gray 1, Jane Haxworth 2, P A Butler 3, T W Harris 4, W G C Chalklen 5, D B Harrex 6, R E Taylor (C) 7, B G Gray 8. For the birth of Claire Michelle Harrex.

Kingsbury, Warwicks. 28 Apr, 1344 P.B. Major: Pamela Copson 1, Jill Morgan 2, Suzanne Lawson 3, Alison Morgan 4, Dorothy Mann 5, E J Copson 6, D C Lawson 7, P J F Quinn (C) 8. 1st P.B. Major for all except 1.

Kirtlington, Oxon. 28 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A D Pink 1, E Evans 2, Fay Harris 3, Angie Jasper 4, A V Mead 5, M Jasper 6, R C Stevens (C) 7, C Gower 8. Half-muffled in memorial Lionel Pearson (former churchwarden), whose funeral took place earlier this day.

Knighton, Powys. 22 Apr, 1259 Grandsire Triples: I P Makins 1, D Ferguson 2, Margaret A Swain 3, L Evans 4, J Denise Fletcher 5, P A Keene 6, Jill M Liddle (C) 7, P J Medicott (1st Q) 8.

Launcells, Cornwall. 22 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: M Sheridan 1, H Trewin 2, H Stacey 3, P A Cummins 4,

Ruth H Smith (C) 5, R B Smith 6. For completion of work on the bells. Also Ruby Wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs B Bisset (Stratton).

Leyton E. 26 Apr, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Janice Keen 1, Lynda Rochester 2, R Pascoe 3, M Burns (1st S. Major) 4, S C Woolmer 5, J A Hall 6, D A Hewitt 7, O C R Webster (C) 8. For Evening Service. Also in memorial H Duncan (Waltham Abbey).

Lichfield Cathedral, Staffs. 26 Apr, 1299 Stedman Caters: M A Smith 1, Penelope Allen 2, Wendy B Smith 3, Lucy Smith 4, A P Sheldon 5, J P Sheldon (1st in m) 6, E J Dolman 7, C M Smith 8, J H Allen (C) 9, D M Webb 10. For Morning Service.

Longwood, Huddersfield. 28 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: C Jones (1st Q) 1, Ruth Jackson 2, Deborah L Blagden 3, S Rich 4, R H Green 5, A W Jackson (1st as C) 6. For Patronal Festival.

Lytchett Matravers, Dorset. 25 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: K L Cross (1st away from tenor) 1, Jean M Cross 2, Susan P E Legge 3, Susan W Pascall 4, P L J Matthews (C) 5, Judith M Downes 6.

Lytchett Minster, Dorset. 25 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Susan W Pascall 1, Anne Broadhead (1st inside) 2, Judith M Downes 3, Susan P E Legge 4, P L J Matthews (C) 5, K L Cross 6.

Malmesbury, Wilts. 26 Apr, 1260 P.B. Triples: P Hatherall (1st Triples) 1, Pam Gibson 2, A J Cox 3, M D Lewis 4, J P Hart 5, N A F Cory 6, R Gray (C) 7, R Alderman 8. 1st P.B. Triples-2, 4, 5, 7. For United Holy Communion.

Market Deeping, Lincs. 26 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Nicky J Owen (1st Minor) 1, Sue Crayford 2, R H Rogers (C) 3, C Brown 4, C R Gibbons 5, D P Murduck 6. For Evensong.

Martin, Lincs. 24 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: G Whitaker (1st Q) 1, Sylvia Collin (C) 2, D Collin 3, Kimberley Ross 4, Barbara Clipsham 5, D Townsend 6.

The quarter at Worle, Avon on April 26 was a compliment to John and Paula Howell on the birth of their daughter (Victoria), a granddaughter for Harry and Vera Button; also a wedding compliment to Robert Stacey and Vivien Ball.

Merton SW. 25 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Caroline Bagworth 1, Amanda Cox 2, Amanda Hill (1st Minor inside) 3, C Stanley 4, S J Flockton (C) 5, A E Bagworth 6. Wedding compliment to Moyra Seabright and Michael Harkes.

Montgomery, Powys. 22 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Jean Jones 1, Lindsay Douglas-Orr (1st P.B. Minor inside) 2, Ann C Bennett 3, J A Bartley 4, L Colley 5, N Bennett (C) 6.

Mortlake, SW. 5 Apr, 1260 Doubles (4m): Sarah L Ring-Davies 1, Julia M Ring-Davies 2, Jane Dennison 3, V C Bradford 4, P Stockbridge (C) 5, F M Ring-Davies 6.

Newark-on-Trent, Notts. 26 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Felicia Nicholson 1, Beryl N Reed 2, P Holmes 3, F G Hooper (C) 4, Margaret E Snyder 5, H Stevenson 6, Dr J F S Eborall 7, J A Raithby 8.

Overton, Hants. 25 Apr, 1280 P.B. Major: L A Tremear (C) 1, Christine Holmes 2, Elizabeth Johnson 3, R A Walsh (1st P.B. Major) 4, D A Holmes 5, A Hoar 6, P G Holmes 7, J R Pratchett 8. Silver Wedding compliment to Colin and Eva Inman.

Oxford (S Thomas). 29 Apr, 1272 Simon D. Minor: Katherine A Skinner 1, Elizabeth A Niblett 2, R P Watson 3, D R Lester 4, A D Pink 5, A C Malton (C) 6. 1st Delight by all. First extent in the method: CCC No. 1456.

Palgrave, Suffolk. 26 Apr, 1260 P.B. Triples: R W Crowe 1, M Iving 2, P V Stannard 3, C Hammond 4, J G Stannard 5, R J Stannard 6, H B Fuller 7, H Iving 8. Compliment to Miss Hilling (40 years verger).

Pangbourne, Berks. 25 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Sotkowski (13-1st Q) 1, Jenni White 2, Chris Harford 3, R D J Owen 4, L F Palfrey (C) 5, Brenda Robinson 6. For Oxford D.G. Centenary.

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Penzance, Cornwall. 26 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: H J Wastling 1, J T Watson 2, Carol M Dunn 3, J Waters 4, W R Curtis 5, F M Bowers 6, J R Southey (C) 7, A R Jones 8. In memoriam Lawrence George. Also (29 Penpons Close). 25 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Carol M Dunn 1-2, J R Southey (C) 3-4, H J Wastling 5-6.

Perth, W. Australia. 22 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): D Knewstubb 1, Laura Ivey 2, B Lawes (C) 3, I MacLeod 4, L Reynolds 5, B Nurse 6. For Evensong. Also for the birth of Kirsten Mairi Anne MacLeod. Also 26 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Ames 1, R Greenhalgh 2, Ruth Ames 3, Laura Ivey 4, B Lawes (C) 5, L Reynolds 6, T Murray-Feist 7, D Knewstubb 8. For Patronal Festival Evensong.

Rayleigh, Essex. 26 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M Smith 1, Angela Belcham 2, Johanna Warboys 3, Rosemarie Knott 4, J Warboys (C) 5, L Foster 6. For Evensong.

Roughtown, Manchester. 25 Apr, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: I Bradbury 1, M Gill (1st Q) 2, H Cartwright 3, N Bradbury 4, K Slater 5, G Nield (C) 6. To open 1981 Mossley Festival.

Rushmere St. Andrew, Suffolk. 6 Apr, 1320 P.B. Doubles: Mary P Smith 1, Linda J Tovell 2, D H P Buxton 3, J A Smith 4, J L Girt (C) 5, N Whiting 6. 1st Q-1, 6. 21st Birthday compliment to J A Smith.

Salford, Lancs (Sacred Trinity). 23 Apr, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: D P Sworder 1, Christine J Provost (1st Surprise) 2, S R Zientek 3, Anne P Martin 4, J Cornock 5, T W Marchbank (C) 6, D R Pettifor (cover) 7.

Sandon, Essex. 28 Apr, 1440 Minor (2m): D E Belcham (circled tower) 1, N Doyle 2, C F Chapman 3, Ann F Chapman 4, N G Curnow (C) 5, J E Steed 6.

Send, Surrey. 26 Apr, 1320 Killamarsch T.B. Minor: D West 1, Mary Stephens 2, D A Burt 3, I J M Saunders (C) 4, R J Bull 5, R J Wiggins 6. 1st in m-3, 4. Also 3 May, 1260 Stedman Doubles: D A Burt (circled tower) 1, D West (1st Stedman) 2, R L Coley 3, I J M Saunders (C) 4, R J Wiggins 5, J S Elcock 6. Both for Evensong.

THE LAST

The quarter at Headcorn, Kent on April 26 was the first for two of the band which was all local except Mr and Mrs Cullingworth. It was also the last quarter before Mr. Philip Jakeman (White-chapel) comes on May 5 to commence dismantling the bells. They are to be tuned and rehung with new fittings. At last all our paper collecting has borne fruit. We'll try for another quarter when the bells come back! R.J.V.

Sharnbrook, Beds. 26 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m): Gemma Davison 1, Kim Cottree 2, M D Barratt 3, Alison J Cox 4, P J S Albon (C) 5, Jacque Albon 6. Most methods by all except 3. For Evensong.

Sherborne St. John, Hants. 21 Apr, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Amanda Mummery (1st T.B.) 1, K Gillings 2, S R Gibbons 3, A M J Young 4, R A Walsh 5, A Hoar (C) 6. For Birthday of HM The Queen.

Sherbourne, Warwicks. 17 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jill Morgan 1, J Ariss 2, Suzanne Lawson 3, Dorothy Mann 4, D C Lawson (C) 5, Judith Atkin 6. Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Shoreditch E. 26 Apr, 1346 Cambridge S. Maximus: Julia M Dixon 1, Stephanie Pattenden 2, Geraldine Lea 3, Ruth Simon 4, N Small 5, N W H Simon (C) 6, A J Townsend 7, H F C Small 8, P W Emery 9, D Woodward 10, N S D Taylor 11, J W Belshaw 12. 1st Maximus-1, 4, 7. For Evensong.

Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex. 26 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: Pamela Wears 1, F W Garner (1st S. Triples) 2, J H Lilley 3, Margaret C Ellis 4, H F Pettifer 5, R I Vaughan 6, C J Champion (C) 7, R A Bromfield 8. For Evensong.

Southampton, Hants (S Michael). 26 Apr, 1282 Lincolnshire S. Royal: Ann Collins 1, Gail Cater 2, P D Niblett 3, R H Sams 4, R Cater 5, Christine A Joyce 6, A D Barnsdale 7, A T Collins 8, J P Colliss 9, R Le Marechal (C) 10.

Spetisbury, Dorset. 25 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Judith M Downes 1, Jean M Cross (1st inside) 2, Susan W Pascall 3, Susan P E Legge 4, P L J Matthews (C) 5, K L Cross 6. 82nd Birthday compliment to Herbert A Mitchell.

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Staines, Middx (S Peter). 26 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: F Fellows 1, R Forster 2, Caroline Moss 3, M Mason 4, Joyce Bode 5, R Collins (1st as C) 6.

Stanwell, Middx. 26 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jackie Gregory 1, Hazel Warren 2, A Thirst 3, A Warren 4, D Atkins (C) 5, M Jones 6.

Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs (S Peter ad Vincula). 26 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: A J Morris (12) 1, J Geof Burton 2, Margaret Burton 3, Wendy Daw 4, W E Evans 5, R H Daw (C) 6. For Evensong.

Stourbridge, Worcs (S Thomas). 7 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A D Fellows 1, Mrs F L Smith 2, R Smith 3, I Bryan 4, J Warr 5, G Westwood 6, I Westwood (C) 7, E V Southall 8. 100th Birthday compliment to Mrs Mary Moody, Hon. Freeman of the former Borough of Stourbridge. Also 19 Apr, 1470 Oxford Bob Triples: C Southall 1, Mrs F L Smith 2, M D Fellows (C) 3, D Downing 4, J Warr 5, R Smith 6, G Westwood 7, E V Southall 8. For Easter.

Stratton St. Margaret, Wilts. 27 Apr, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: Elaine M Hammans 1, M J Purnell 2, Anita D O'Brien 3, Pamela J Thompson 4, C M Cooksey 5, M Lawrence 6, R M Thompson (C) 7, A R Peake 8. 1st S. Major-2, 6. By local band.

Street, Som. 24 Apr, 1344 P.B. Triples: M J Stone 1, Heather M Gibbs 2, J M Stone 3, Valerie J Stone 4, J E Gamble 5, P N Harden 6, G S Harris (C) 7, M Baker 8.

Stretton, Cheshire. 27 Apr, 1260 St. Clement's Minor: Catherine M Rowlands 1, Mary E McCulloch 2, N Thomson (C) 3, E C Gorton 4, A F Eccles 5, R J Fearnett 6. Retirement compliment to Hector Taylor, landlord of the Chetwode Arms, Whitley, and shortly to be married.

The three quarters of P.B. Doubles each represented a 'first'. At Spetisbury, for Jean Cross, one of our Brownsea ringers, it was her first inside one year to the day after she started ringing. The second, at Lytchett Minster, was for Anne Broadhead, one of the Lytchett Minster team we have taught. The third, at Lytchett Matravers, was a first on the treble for Keith Cross, captain of Brownsea. Because of a late change of plans his wife (Joan) had to join in for a second quarter inside on the same day. We retreated, exhausted, to the 'World's End' afterwards, only later to find a blizzard raging outside! P.M.

Suckley, Worcs. 13 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Hansford 1, J Nunn 2, M G Clements 3, S J T Wilmshurst 4, M F Stallard (C) 5, P Baker 6. Also 1260 P.B. Minor: Anne Hansford 1, J Nunn (1st Minor) 2, P Baker 3, M F Stallard 4, M G Clements (C) 5, S J T Wilmshurst 6.

Tetbury, Glos. 12 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M P Connock (1st Q) 1, Julia A Robson 2, Catherine Gillman 3, R M Robson (1st Grandsire) 4, J W Smith 5, G P Exell (C) 6, D Exell 7, P Connock 8.

Tewkesbury, Glos. 26 Apr, 1440 P.B. Minor: Lisa Johns (1st Minor) 1, Valerie Woodward 2, Iris Davis 3, A Halling 4, Ruth Halling (1st as C) 5, Jane Pitman 6. For Evensong.

Tilehurst, Berks. 26 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joanne Druce 1, Rosalind Knight 2, Andrea Howcutt 3, Daphne Howcutt 4, J A Etherington 5, G R Runham 6, E J Wells (C) 7, P Wells 8. For Evensong.

Warsop, Notts. 17 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H T Rooke 1, R Hind 2, F Flint 3, J Hind 4, R Sidall (1st in m) 5, C B Richards 6, B A Richards (C) 7, M Clarke 8. Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Wellington, Lincs. 23 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Sally J Collin (1st Minor) 1, Sylvia M Collin 2, Angela Brockett 3, Barbara Clipsham 4, D Collin 5, P D Collin (C) 6.

Wells Cathedral, Som. 12 Apr, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Sally A Malcolm 1, R W Rice 2, D J Buckley 3, D Lesley J Parker 4, R Parker 5, A Jopp 6, M G Buckley (C) 7, A R Shallish (1st in m inside) 8, S C Berry 9, J L Hayns 10.

Westbury, Salop. 27 Apr, 1260 Minor (3m): E Ann Williams 1, A W Gordon 2, K W Price 3, J E Hawes 4, J Harrold (C) 5, T M Davis 6.

Weston-in-Gordano, Avon. 17 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sue Wood (1st attempt) 1, W Neath 2, D C Willis 3, T Baker 4, P N Harden (C) 5, M Baker 6. Half-muffled for Good Friday.

Westwood, Wilts. 26 Apr, 1440 Spliced S. Minor (6m): Mary Kelly 1, G W Massey 2, Anna M P Piechana 3, D J Kelly 4, D B Carter 5, J A Foster (1st S. Minor as C) 6. Birthday compliment to D B Carter.

Wethersfield, Essex. 12 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: K Threadgold 1, Charlotte Gould 2, Cherry Threadgold 3, J Peverett (C-150th Q) 4, T Peverett 5, R Threadgold 6. For Palm Sunday.

Whickham, Tyne & Wear. 5 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Claire Hodgson 1, M Poppleston 2, D Wallace 3, J Crowther 4, S Fairley 5, Christine Massey (C) 6. For Evensong. Also 26 Apr, 1260 Minor (2m): Christine Massey 1, J Crowther 2, R Scholes 3, S Fairley 4, M Poppleston 5, T Ford 6. For Evensong. Also a compliment to Whickham AFC on winning the FA Vase.

Today's quarter at St. John's saw Bert Mitchell still joining in as much as ever for his 82nd birthday. Some of us had earlier gone over to Brownsea Island to ring for service as usual. However, because of the atrocious weather the boats over were then cancelled; no clergyman could come, so we had to turn away the congregation of five that had braved the driving sleet and call it a practice instead! P.M.

Whipsnade, Beds. 24 Apr, 1300 P.B. Doubles: Denise J Rumley 1, J D Faircloth 2, Alison C Webber (1st inside) 3, Mary S Faircloth 4, R I Kendrick (C) 5, C G Rowlett 6. 1st Q-1, 6. Retirement compliment to the Rev Ivan D Young, Vicar of Kensworth (1937-1981).

Willoughby-on-the-Wolds, Notts. 20 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Valerie E Kellett 1, E A Kellett 2, R Charles (1st inside) 3, A G Pike (1st Minor) 4, P Soar 5, G A Dawson (C) 6.

Windsor, Berks (S John Bapt). 23 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A G Pullan 1, F R Scott 2, Caroline J Moss (1st Grandsire) 3, A C Wenban 4, E Armstrong 5, C T Graham 6, W Birmingham (C) 7, N C Smith 8. For St. George's Day.

Worle, Avon. 26 Apr, 1260 Doubles (5m): H Hooper (C) 1, J Lambert 2, D Hawkins 3, S Lewis 4, C A Swatton 5, H Button 6.

Wyke Regis, Dorset. 26 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): A Kate Douglas 1, Mary Owens 2, D R Bugler 3, M S Hartfield 4, A P Buttle (C) 5, M E Harris 6. For the birth of Katherine Mary Civil. Also Farewell compliment to Cindy and Philip Maude.

EASTER DAY QUARTER PEALS

19 April

Aldridge, Staffs. 1260 P.B. Minor: E A Orton 1, M Brown 2, Christine J Provost 3, S Allardice 4, M Perrett (C) 5, D P Sworder 6. Also for safe return of "Columbia".

Aston Clinton, Bucks. 1280 P.B. Major: Sheila M Guy (1st on 8) 1, Judith A Woodruff 2, Christine I Ottaway 3, A J White 4, L R Woodruff 5, J S White 6, G A Proctor 7, N R Woodruff (C) 8.

Bath, Som (S Michael w S Paul). 1280 Pudsey S. Major: Judy Barker 1, G J Hawkins 2, J G Hobbs 3, D G Brown 4, B Sarll 5, M G Barker 6, Mary Kelly 7, D J Kelly (C) 8. For Morning Service. Also 1274 Spliced S. Minor (3m): D J Kelly 1, Judy Barker 2, D G Brown 3, Mary Kelly 4, G J Hawkins 5, M G Barker (C) 6. For Evensong.

Birchington, Kent. 1260 P.B. Doubles: J R Crocker 1, Lynda J Queen 2, J C E Russell 3, D J Russell (C) 4, P R Russell 5, M J Little 6. For Evensong.

Bradshaw, W. Yorks. 1260 P.B. Doubles: G Blackwood (1st Q) 1, M R Mann 2, P S Oldfield 3, R Rushworth 4, G Mann (C) 5.

Bramford, Suffolk. 1298 Cambridge S. Minor: Christine R Pegg 1, E Christian 2, Daphne E Pegg 3, R L K Whitell (C) 4, D Blomfield 5, S Christian 6.

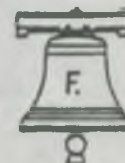
Brent Knoll, Som. 1260 Easter Doubles: Sheila Berry 1, D Westlake (50th as C and circled tower) 2, B Rich 3, D Polly 4, M Champion 5, P Kinrade 6. 1st in var by all. By Sunday service band.

Callington, Cornwall. 1259 Grandsire Doubles: P J Lovell 1, E Anne Body 2, P J Morse 3, J M Body 4, K J Lovell (C) 5, M A Lovell 6. By Sunday service band.

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Derby Cathedral. 1260 Stedman Triples: Patricia A M Halls 1, Jane E Orchard 2, Diane C Halls (1st Stedman) 3, B A Tomlinson 4, H Taylor 5, D M Orchard 6, C G Bryant (C) 7, M A B Mallender 8.

Edgmond, Salop. 1260 P.B. Doubles: E C Morrall 1, J Ann Brassington 2, Lucy E Charrington 3, W M Bellerby 4, R J Scott (C-100th Q) 5, M A Bellerby 6.

Elsham, S. Humbs. 1260 Minor (2m): Hilary Hall 1, Elizabeth Bains 2, Jacqueline Smith 3, B Smith 4, S Smith 5, D Bains (C) 6.

Harbury, Warwicks. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jenifer M Scott 1, P J Millington 2, Marion M Millington 3, C P Windsor 4, G L P Aldhouse (C) 5, A D Clarke 6. 1st Q-1, 6.

At Kimpton, Herts on Easter day the last quarter was rung with the bells in the existing oak frame. The next day the local band started to dismantle the bells, to replace the oak frame with an 8-bell metal frame, taken from the redundant church of St. Laurence, Brentford, S.N.

Kimpton, Herts. 1260 P.B. Doubles: B Seymour (1st Q) 1, Sarah Derrick 2, Judith Titmus 3, Sue Newman 4, K Newman (C) 5, A Morton 6.

Lammas, Norfolk. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Joanna Robson 1, Jacqui Hodge 2, D J Goodman (C) 3, G G Goodman 4, Neil Robson 5. 1st Q-1, 2.

Leeds, Kent. 1260 Doubles (2m): P Robinson 1, Frances Caley 2, R Knight (1st inside) 3, C R Saunders 4, N A Baker (C) 5, D Nash (1st Q) 6.

Leyton, E. 1280 Uxbridge S. Major: R Pascoe (C) 1, Janice Keen 2, Jane Webster 3, Lynda Rochester 4, S C Woolmer 5, A Faulkner 6, D A Hewitt 7, O C R Webster 8. 1st in m-2, 5. Also in memoriam H Duncan (Waltham Abbey).

Lightcliffe, W. Yorks. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Judith M Talbot (1st Q) 1, A C Ray 2, Janet M Ray 3, Elizabeth Wood 4, G Mann (C) 5, A E Talbot 6.

Limpsfield Chart, Surrey. 1260 Doubles (4m): K Buchan 1, K Matthews 2, Keith Matthews 3, D Weeks 4, L J Hall (C) 5, D Roderick 6.

Little Munden, Herts. 1260 P.B. Doubles: L Spicer 1, C Young 2, Christine Barnes 3, E Shippin 4, P V Colthup (C) 5, A E Springate 6. For Flower Festival.

Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Cleveland. 1264 P.B. Major: Kathryn L Halliwell 1, Sara Akehurst 2, J Elizabeth Halliwell 3, Angela D Wright 4, Sally P Wright 5, N D Pictor 6, G A Blackburn 7, M J Halliwell (C) 8. 50th together-6, 8. 25th together-3, 6.

Shelford, Notts. 1260 Doubles (2m): R F Mills 1, S J Mills 2, A B Mills (C) 3, Christine L J Mills 4, R B Mills 5. 80th Birthday compliment to Miss F Mee (churchwarden 41 years).

Stoke Lacy, Herefords. 1260 P.B. Doubles: R L Price 1, D I Turner 2, A T Wingate 3, E C Biggs (C) 4, T Wood 5, R Turner 6. Also 80th Birthday compliment to Bill Turner (46 years Sunday service ringer at Bredenbury).

Stutton, Suffolk. 1260 P.B. Minor: Helen E Leeson (1st Minor) 1, Janet P Looser 2, Linda J Tovell 3, P V Weir 4, J L Girt 5, D A Tovell (C) 6. For Flower Festival.

Tewkesbury, Glos. 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ruth Halling 1, Sarah McColl (1st Triples inside) 2, Sheila Taylor 3, Valerie Woodward (C) 4, Jane Pitman 5, A Halling 6, M Taylor 7, P Culver 8.

Thorpe Bay, Essex. 1372 P.B. Triples: Rosemary Banton (1st Triples) 1, Catherine Tucker 2, D Field 3, Hilary Woolner 4, S Halliwell 5, B Jenks 6, N Doyle (C) 7, N Clark 8.

Yelvertoft, Northants. 1260 Doubles (5m): T N Chambers (1st Q) 1, D P Westerman (1st inside) 2, Dorothy M Westerman 3, R Wilson 4, S Westerman (1st as C) 5. For Evensong.

IN DORSET AND SOMERSET

Crewkerne, Som. 8 Apr. 1250 Spliced S. Major (3m): W E Turner 1, H D W Bishop 2, Cindy Maude 3, D R Bugler 4, D A Strong 5, M J Medley 6, M R D Best 7, T F Collins (C) 8. **Hardington Mandeville.** 11 Apr. 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Janet M Collins 1, D R Bugler 2, H D W Bishop 3, Cindy Maude 4, M J Medley 5, D A Strong 6, M R D Best 7, T F Collins (C) 8. Farewell compliment to Philip and Cindy Maude. **Piddlehinton.** 24 Apr. 1260 Doubles (2m): Rosemary H L Woods 1, Janet M Collins 2, Sarah L Cross 3, T F Collins 4, A G Smith (C) 5, M C J Pinches 6. Birthday compliment to the conductor and Susan Walker. **E. Coker, Som.** 29 Apr. 1278 Lincolnshire S. Major: W E Turner 1, Janet M Collins 2, H D W Bishop 3, M J Medley 4, D R



FAMILY QUARTER

The six ringers (l to r) as they stood in the family quarter for the 80th birthday compliment (at Southwold) to R S Payne: Betty Crawley, Barbara Payne, Richard Payne, David Payne, John Crawley, Brian Crawley.

It was the first opportunity for many years to bring all the ringing members of the family together - from Southwold, Norwich, Uxbridge, Tunstall and Durham.

B.C.

Southwold, Suffolk. 11 April, 1260 P.B. Minor: Betty Crawley (daughter) 1, Barbara Payne (daughter) 2, R S Payne 3, D J Payne (son) 4, J P Crawley (son-in-law) 5, B D Crawley (C) (grandson) 6. Family quarter as 80th birthday compliment to R S Payne.

Bugler 5, D A Robinson 6, M R D Best 7, T F Collins (C) 8.

THREE IN OLD GLOUCESTERSHIRE 25 APRIL

Yate. 1320 St. Hilary's Doubles: J E Gamble 1, Heather M Gibbs (C) 2, P N Harden 3, C P Horseman 4, G S Harris 5, L M Callow 6. 1st in m by all. **Pucklechurch.** 1260 P.B. Minor: J E Gamble 1, C P Horseman 2, Heather M Gibbs 3, L M Callow 4, P N Harden 5, G S Harris (C) 6. **Dyrham.** 1440 Norfolk S. Minor: Heather M Gibbs 1, L M Callow 2, J E Gamble 3, P N Harden 4, C P Horseman 5, G S Harris 6. 1st in m by all.

FIVE IN NORFOLK 25 APRIL

Watlington. 1300 Doubles (3m/v): Maggie Willans 1, I F Galpin 2, P Norman 3, D K Gough 4, R W Willans (C) 5, D C Ely 6. **Stow Bardolph.** 1260 Stedman Triples: Christine H Northeast 1, Wendy Gough 2, Maggie Willans 3, D C Ely 4, P Norman 5, Joanna Barton 6, R W Willans (C) 7, D K Gough 8. **Denver.** 1260 P.B. Doubles: Joanna Barton 1, D C Ely 2, Maggie Willans 3, D K Gough 4, I F Galpin (C) 5, R W Willans 6. **Walsoken.** 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Wendy Gough 1, Joanna Barton (C) 2, Maggie Willans 3, R W Willans 4, D K Gough 5, P Norman 6. 150th together-2, 6. 100th together-2, 4. **Terrington St. John.** 1260 P.B. Minor: Christine H Northeast 1, Wendy Gough 2, Joanna Barton 3, I F Galpin 4, D K Gough 5, D C Ely (C) 6.

LATE QUARTER PEALS

Epsom, Surrey (Christ Church). 11 Apr. 1440 P.B. Minor: C Harbott 1, Allison Crabtree 2, A Williams (1st inside) 3, Adrienne Hayworth 4, M Harbott 5, J Munton (C) 6, Barbara Llewellyn (cover) 7. Birthday compliment to R Hayworth.

Loughborough, Leics (Parish Church). 12 Apr. 1260 P.B. Minor: Ruth Ballard (1st Q) 1, C A Bishop (1st inside) 2, Hilary F Watson-Walker 3, M G Godwin 4, H E Tebbutt 5, R M Wilson (C) 6. For Palm Sunday.

Southill, Beds. 17 Apr. 1320 P.B. Doubles: R Bourke (1st Q) 1, Heather Flint 2, Sheila Smith 3, D Carr 4, A Smith (C) 5, T Hyde 6. For Good Friday.

Stoke-upon-Trent, Staffs (St Peter ad Vincula). 12 Apr. 1260 Grandsire Triples: J Openshaw 1, W E Evans 2, Helen Lowe 3, Margaret Burton 4, Wendy Daw 5, J Geof Burton 6, R H Daw (C) 7, Melanie Daw 8. For Evensong.

Thorington, Essex. 11 Apr. 1260 P.B. Minor: S M Mead 1, F H Bowen 2, C J Farr 3, A M Sharp 4, B W Fairhead 5, C Lamb (C) 6. Birthday compliment to B W Fairhead.

Railway Guild AGM

EXPENSIVE BUS JOURNEY!

With the Western Region hosting the Guild for the agm, it was perhaps appropriate that many miles of Brunel's handiwork were covered by members from all parts of the Kingdom travelling to Bath on April 24. A short (but expensive) bus journey to Weston for an evening hour found the company in fine form and the customary social hours followed. A sales promotion by a certain brewery seems to have captured the minds of various younger members, and their efforts to fill up their "bingo" cards throughout the evening gave entertainment which continued over the weekend.

The Saturday coach tour visited local 6-bell towers and returned to Bath for lunch. The coach then aimed towards Bristol, via Kelston and Bitton, the weather turning to heavy rain just in time for the cross-country walk from the main road to Bitton Church.

A salad tea in the Temple Meads Staff Association Club preceded the meeting, at which the business was dealt with efficiently under the chairmanship of the Master (Chris Bassett). Members stood in silence as a mark of respect to the late "Bert" Kynaston and also Tom Cooke, who was an associate member. All officers were re-elected; the inter-Regional striking competition rules revised; and the programme formulated for the coming year. The party afterwards visited Keynsham on the way back to Bath, where various local towers were joined next day for service ringing.

C.D.

Clapped out. - Silencers have been fitted to church bell clappers at Islip, Northants, following complaints.-Newspaper report

Progress continues steadily at Ockley, Surrey. The new floors, foundations and base of the frame have been installed and the concrete is now drying. The bells, including the recast treble, have been collected from the foundry but will probably not be hoisted until the middle of May.-Newsletter

LETTERS-(Continued)

RINGING GRADES

Sir, - I was most interested to see the letter (p.347) concerning the introduction of ringing grades. I have felt for some time that this would be of great value to ringers young and old, because of the incentive that it would provide.

As this subject is to be discussed at the forthcoming Central Council meeting, may I through your columns urge members to give some thought to their own ringing standards. Surely, if we have ringing grades, eligibility for C.C. membership ought to depend upon attaining a certain minimum grade - after all, they are the leaders of our art. - Yours, etc.,

HEATHER PEACHEY.

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Winchester.

A CHIME?

Sir, - I imagine the ring of three which Geoffrey Dodd had heard of (p. 382) "on the Orkney Isles" is the chime of three at St Magnus' Cathedral, Kirkwall, on the Orkney mainland.

There are - or were when I visited in 1976 - also old bells on display both in the Cathedral and the Museum. - Yours, etc.,

ANTHONY SMITH.

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Belfast.

BRISTOL SURPRISE SIXTEEN

Sir, - In connection with the peal rung on handbells by the Oxford D.G. at Holyport on March 18 (p. 347), I believe that this should have been reported as "Bristol Surprise Sixteen" (not "Bristol Sixteen") and claimed as "the first peal in the method". It is normal practice for the place notation to be printed when a method is first rung, so for the benefit of your readers who may be interested here it is:

Bristol Surprise Sixteen

(A = 13 B = 14 C = 15 D = 16)

-5D-14.5D-5D.36.14-7D.58.16-9D.70.18-
ED.9T.10-AD.EB.1T-1T.AD-1T-1Dh.l.

i.e. 1D = 1CDABET907856342

I think the conductor in his haste to write the footnote which he provided has overlooked the official requirements. - Yours, etc.,

PAUL N. MOUNSEY.

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Enfield,
Middlesex.

WHAT IS THE PRECISE DIFFERENCE?

Sir, - Mr Blagrove gives what, I suppose, should be taken as the official line on the naming of Doubles methods and variations. Could he please be asked to tell us what is the precise difference between the method he has set down as "St Augustine Bob" and the variation of Grandsire known as "St Dunstan". As far as I can see, the rows of four particular callings of St Dunstan's, as usually rung with extremes and singles, occur in exactly the same order as do the rows of a standard six-score of St Augustine. Surely the older, and therefore the correct, name is "St Dunstan's".

Mr Blagrove's homonymes are, indeed, sinister animals to invade any belfry, let alone one where Doubles variations are rung: I wait for the publication of a spliced six-score of Doubles in 49 methods, where each of the inside ringers was *thinking* of a different name for his work during each lead while the treble ringer was convinced that he was ringing Original. -Yours, etc.,

PAUL CATTERMOLE.

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Tharston,
Long Stratton,
Norwich.

OLD PHOTO

Sir, - I was very pleased to see (p. 363) Mr Gibbons' photograph of the Oxford University Society in 1940, though I am disappointed at being unable to supply any more names than he has, save for myself, sitting between Spice and Bryan. The blind ringer was (I think) called Bromley.

Few of the names given are listed in Ian Davies' master list of members, so it is likely that new light may now be shed on the dark pre-war ages of the Society. - Yours, etc.,

(Dr.) P. OLDHAM.

The Mount,
Penmark,
Near Barry,
South Glam.

TENDING TO BE NEGLECTED?

Sir, - I am surprised that there has, up to now, been no positive response in your columns to the comment by Mr N J Diserens (p. 61) regarding the lack of a comprehensive collection of peal compositions of Stedman Triples. The availability of such a work would be likely to stimulate interest (both practical and theoretical) in a method which is tending to be neglected.

If no specialist in this field is able to undertake this project then I should be happy to act as collator. If any of your readers have compositions which they consider merit consideration for inclusion in a published collection I should be grateful if they would send them to me. My own small collection includes (I think) most compositions published in the Ringing World in the past 30 years or so, together with those printed in both editions of "Stedman". - Yours, etc.,

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SUNDAY BELLS

Sir, - Many will have enjoyed listening to the ringing at Washington Cathedral and at St. James's, Hendersonville, in the USA in "Church Bells on Sunday" at 7.45 am on Radio 4 on April 26. Equally delightful transmissions have been made over the years in this short, weekly programme, but at times the standards of recording and ringing on the tapes submitted have been deplorable.

I suspect that some of these tapes have been sent in by well-meaning members of the congregation who wanted to hear their own bells broadcast - and why not? - but who have little knowledge of recording techniques or ringing standards, and who think that merely switching on a tape-recorder within earshot of the bells will produce a satisfactory result. The chances are it will not. Consideration has to be given not only to such points as acoustics, balance, extraneous noises and recording level but also to the ability of the ringers, if an acceptable recording is to be made. Having made it, a suitable part has to be selected, and this should not be left to the BBC. One has not infrequently been told by the presenter of the programme that such-and-such a method is to be heard, only to listen to incessant badly-struck rounds followed by the first changes in the method as the bells are faded out.

The BBC, surely, would benefit from a little guidance in the art of bellringing and perhaps those who, like me, feel strongly about the matter could help to raise the minimum standard accepted for a broadcast by writing to praise or complain constructively after an other-than-average programme has been transmitted.

Some may argue that any bells rung for service should have the opportunity of being heard. This point is valid, but like the striving amateur operatic society or the budding school orchestra, they should not be broadcast unless they reach a desirable standard. Let us not forget that the public will judge the Exercise by what it hears. - Yours, etc.,

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Buckhurst Hill,
Essex.

[The BBC take details from letters supplied, and ask that the method rung on the tape be stated.-Ed, RW]

ASSOCIATION TODAY

Sir, - I read with interest the letter from Mr Uphill (p. 362) and it led me, as a former Association Politburo member, to reflect on the role of the "Association" today.

One of the problems may be that some Association officials become "bogged down" with organisational paper-work and committee meetings that they lose touch with "real" ringers. Another problem may be that some Association committees, as do many voluntary bodies, attract people who are more interested in playing political games than in the well-being and progress of the Association and its members. You will also find on some committees an otiose complacency and desire to maintain a status quo. Hence I think that we should ask at least these questions of our Association:

1. Can our Association officers answer convincingly the question (which is most likely to come from a younger ringer): "Why should I join the Association?"
2. Do we enjoy going to Association functions or do we go out of a sense of duty only?
3. What is the Association for and what do we get for our annual sub?

Certainly there is a role for the Association in keeping a watch on bells in churches threatened with redundancy and providing a contact for advice on ringing, technical and legal matters as such problems arise, but I feel that perhaps the most important job of an Association officer is to be "known" in the (sometimes large) area that the Association covers. That is to say, he should visit various towers on their practice night and join in (without taking over the practice); then he will know more about the problems, abilities and aspirations of ringers in the area, and in turn they will know who he is and will feel more disposed to approach him, and go to meetings. They will feel that it is worthwhile to belong to the Association and be glad that they joined.

-Yours, etc.,

CHARLES H. P. PIPE-WOLFERSTAN.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The bricklayer laid a brick on the bed of cement. Then, with a precise stroke of his trowel, spread another layer

And without a by-your-leave laid on another brick.

The foundations grew visibly.

The building rose, tall and strong, to shelter man.

I thought, Lord, of that brick buried in the darkness

At the base of the big building.

No-one sees it, but it accomplishes its task, and the other bricks need it.

Lord, what difference whether I am on the roof-top

or in the foundations of your building, as long as

I stand faithfully at the right place?

Alderney Magazine.

Michael Quoist.

Lancashire Association

DINNER/DANCE

On April 10 the Furness and South Lakeland Branch held its annual dinner dance at Ye Olde Mill, Bardsea. About 80 ringers and friends attended and enjoyed the excellent meal which was followed by dancing, the music being provided by Syd Banks and his band.

A raffle was held during the evening, the proceeds of which will go to the LACR Bell Restoration Fund. Our thanks to Tom Metcalfe (Branch secretary) for organising such an enjoyable evening.

A.L.K., C.J.K.

Norwich D.A.

NEW DIOCESAN ADVISOR

On April 25 the Southern Branch held its second quarterly meeting of the year at Starston, the first visit to this 6-bell tower for 34 years.

The 35 members attending made good use of the bells during the afternoon and in the evening, under the direction of the Branch ringing master (Mr H B Fuller), with particular attention being given to the learners of the newly-formed local band.

In the absence of the Rector (Rev T H Child) the Guild service was conducted by the Rev E Bennett, Rector of neighbouring Redenhall, the lesson being read by the Rev S Nairn. Mrs C Alden presided at the organ.

Tea, provided by the local lady ringers and their helpers, was taken in the Village Hall, and at the business meeting which followed the Association president (Dr D R M Heighton) informed members that Mr P D T Cattermole had been appointed Diocesan Advisor on Bells, a post previously held by the late Rev P N Bond.

The Branch chairman (Mr W G Saunders), on behalf of all present, thanked Mr H Websdell who had made all the local arrangements for the meeting, and the ladies for providing and serving tea.

The eight bells at Redenhall were also rung during the evening.

F.C.A.



Mr. Harry Harrison of Sopley, Hants, who at 86 has 80 years' service to his local church as a member of the choir, organist, sidesman, churchwarden, parish clerk and bellringer. He regularly visited Christchurch Priory for 50 years. Mr. Harrison is a retired legal executive and he and his wife have two daughters and two grandchildren. H.S.

Henry Brugsch is the first blind American to ring a quarter peal on an 'inside' bell, an amazing achievement. -Newsletter



Photo: Halstead Gazette and Advertiser.
The Bishop of Chelmsford (Rt. Rev. John Trillo), who dedicated the newly rehung bells in Finchingfield parish church, with some of the ringers.

DEDICATION AT FINCHINGFIELD

After a lapse of nearly seven months the bells of Finchingfield, Essex, are ringing again. It all started last year. Because of the movement and deterioration of the old timber frame, the PCC agreed to have the bells re-hung on a new iron frame and also to mark the bicentenary of the bells being cast.

On August 30 the hoist was fixed in the tower; the tenor lowered to the ground floor and wheels and stays removed from the sixth and seventh. On the following Monday and Tuesday, under the expert supervision of Andrew Barham of the Essex Association's Care of Bells Committee, assisted by members of the Red Horse Brigade from the nearby Wethersfield Air Base, the rest of the bells were lowered. A start on taking out the old bell-frame was made and this continued on Wednesday. On Thursday the bells were loaded on to Herbert Ramsey's lorry, who kindly transported them to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. Work on taking out the old bell-frame continued meantime, and by Friday afternoon all the timber was down and in the churchyard - not bad for a week's work and all done voluntarily!

A delay then was experienced until we received the architect's report. He advised a reinforced concrete ring-beam to support the new bell-frame; something we had not envisaged! On removing part of the belfry floor we found that the timbers were badly affected by beetle and woodworm, and these would have to be replaced.

S.R.A. IN NORFOLK

The Friday of the Spring S.R.A. weekend found our intrepid researchers ringing their way through south Norfolk villages towards their Norwich hotel base; the bells of Caston and Shotesham All Saints were particularly enjoyed. During the day, John Sunderland, Association chairman, and recently-elected L.C.A. secretary, joined Ron Russ in the "3000 Club", and this event was celebrated later in the usual way. This was also the Association's first formal opportunity to "wet the baby's head", the ceremony being duly performed - albeit belatedly.

The area west of Norwich contains many well-cared-for rings and also the more recently installed rings at Drayton, Wighton and Beetley, all of which gave much pleasure. Spliced S.M. at Whitwell (or is it Reepham? - the maps do not assist with complex ecclesiastical boundaries!) was recorded by local ringers for possible use on the "Bells on Sunday" programme.

The Sunday visits filled in the gaps made by towers not available on the two previous days and notably included ringing for service in the morning with the local band at Wymondham

At the end of November we were informed by the Bell Foundry that their work on the bells was completed, the new frame made, the bells had been tuned, headstocks drilled, clappers adapted and wheel-rims renewed. We collected them on December 8. Building work carried on during December and January and was completed by the end of February, including a new floor to the bell-chamber.

On Monday, March 2, Trevor Bailey arrived from the Bell Foundry to start installing the new frame and the bells. Again we had the help of local ringers and members of the Red Horse Brigade, who also provided a fork-lift for moving the bells. Work proceeded well so that by Wednesday, 18th, the installation was completed and we were able to try the bells out. Thanks to the work of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry the "go" and the improvement in tone were pronounced excellent.

The bells were re-dedicated on Saturday, April 11, by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford (Rt Rev John Trillo) with a good congregation. Following the service, refreshments were served in the Village Hall, during the course of which a cheque for £500 from the Essex Association's Bell Restoration Fund was presented by the Master (Don Cobb) towards the cost of the restoration.

The total cost of the work is about £23,000 and we still have £6,000 to raise. Contributions towards this from past, present or future visiting ringers to our Church will be gratefully received by the tower captain: F Roper, 31 Kempe Road, Finchingfield, Braintree, Essex.

Abbey. With a large number of 5-bell towers in the county, it was found fortunate that certain London 12-bell ringers in the party have been "into Doubles" recently; however, better rhythm was achieved on moving across the border into Suffolk to enjoy the six at Brandon Ferry (we found no evidence of a boat) and then in ringing for evensong at Lakenheath.

Many local ringers took the trouble to meet the party at their towers and our thanks go to them for their hospitality.

C.E.D.

10-BELL COMPETITION

On Saturday, April 11, a band of ten "top class" ringers from the district and four "hangers-on" travelled by minibus to Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, for a day of tower-grabbing. At the competition itself, which was quite incidental to the day out, the band was placed 4th out of seven entries - very mediocre! The winners were the "home" band from the Midland Counties. The day was so enjoyable that it is hoped to take a band up there again next year. -Newsletter

A PEAL-a-PEAL

The Church of England Children's Society wants every church bell in England and Wales to ring out a message of celebration for 100 years of caring on **Tuesday, June 9, 1981**. 1981 is the Society's centenary year and our Peal-a-Peal is part of the many celebrations we are holding during the year.

The a-peal is in the form of a competition. We are asking bellringers throughout the country to organise a peal or quarter peal on, or as near to, June 9 as possible. They could even do it on their normal weekly practice night.

There are two sections to the competition, the first for towers willing and able to ring a full peal and the second for those able to ring only a quarter peal. The prizes are the same for both sections. To the tower completing the peal or quarter peal and raising the most sponsorship money there will be a visit to one of the country's most famous bell towers, Big Ben, with a tour of the House of Commons. Second and third prizes will be peal boards. The winning team members will each be presented with a charming cut-glass engraved handbell by the Speaker of the House of Commons.

News is beginning to spread among the ringing world and we will be joined on that day by the bells of Perth Cathedral, Australia; Christchurch Cathedral in New Brunswick, Canada; St John's Church, Vancouver, and St Mark's Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

Both countries have a long association with the Society. The ringers in Australia are all British and the team captain was at one time a member of our Social Work staff. The Church in Ontario is in the same town where the Society once had a home for girls. It was called our 'Western Home'.

For further information about the appeal, sponsorship forms, etc., please contact Mr Bill Barnby, 21 Goodwood Road, Wollaton, Nottingham NG8 2FT. Phone (work) 0322 363411 or (home) 0602 283587.

Truro Guild

CHAIRMAN INDISPOSED

The Spring Festival and AGM were held at Towednack on April 25, when some 90 ringers attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar (Canon J B D Cotter), after which a home-made tea was provided by the ladies.

At the meeting, silence was observed to the memory of two ringers who had died during the past year: Mark Stubbings (Paul) and Joan Andrews (Penzance). Owing to the indisposition of Mrs Margaret Byrne (chairman) the meeting was conducted by Canon A S Roberts.

The minutes and accounts were approved, there being a closing credit bank balance of £110.85. It was resolved that the Branch should donate £25 towards the Bell Restoration Fund.

Elections: Chairman, Mrs M Byrne; secretary/treasurer, Miss M Christopher; standing committee member, Miss M Christopher; auditor, Canon A S Roberts; dinner committee: Mrs M Byrne, Miss M Christopher, Messrs. J George, J Pengilly and J Waters.

Members were informed that the Guild Summer Festival would be held at Penzance on July 11, and it was hoped that the Branch would be well represented.

Canon Roberts expressed the thanks of the Branch to those who had worked so hard to provide so warm a welcome to all. The Branch acknowledged the achievement of two of its members in completing 50 years' service to the Guild: Messrs. Edgar Wellington (Towednack) and Verdun Hitchens (Ludgvan).

Ringing also took place at Gulval, Ludgvan, Carbis Bay and Lelant. M.C.

Salisbury D.G.

RURAL AREA

For its Spring Quarterly Meeting on 4th April, the Wimborne Branch travelled into one of its more rural areas! Winterborne Whitechurch. Ringing Master Neil Garrard kept the heavy going five ringing for most of the 1½ hours but later described Branch members as "cowards", preferring the warm sunshine of the churchyard to the hard work of the belfry!

The Guild Service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Alan Gill) and the lesson read by Tim Edwards, a local ringer. In his address the Rector who is himself a ringer, asked the thought provoking question, "How many ringers would be left to be counted as part of the Church if the buildings and bells were burnt down?" Tea was served in the Village Hall by the local Mothers Union members.

Dr. C. T. Brown (Branch Chairman) welcomed everyone – 32 members from 12 different Branch towers – and gave a particular mention to Twell Smith (Swanage) after his recent illness and Bert Mitchell (Bournemouth) 82 years old (well almost!). Ten new members were elected, including six from various parts of the Winterborne Valley. The meetings for the next quarter were discussed and plans laid for the meeting on Brownsea Island on 11th July, and the outing to Taunton in September. Members suggested various new ideas as to how the Branch should celebrate the Salisbury Guild's Centenary next year as the initial idea of help with a restoration at Corfe Castle had proved impossible. Swanage tower ringers were congratulated for taking part in the Guild Striking Competition and it was agreed that if a tower team, who had previously agreed to participate found themselves unable to enter the competition then, the Ringing masters should endeavour to get a composite team together for the event.

Ringers then moved on to Spetisbury, where the six bells were rung for over an hour to a variety of methods, thus ending an enjoyable meeting. J.R.

Obituary

ALBERT E. YORK

Albert Ernest York died on April 7, 1981, aged 89, and Canon John Cocks, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Rothwell, speaking at the funeral on April 13, described Albert as a gentle man in every sense of the word and a true churchman.

His connection with Holy Trinity and its fine ring of eight spanned nearly 75 years – in fact more or less from the time the bells were augmented to eight in 1906.

He was the youngest of four brothers who rang at Rothwell before the First World War, and they rang in peals of Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples. During that war he served in the Royal Flying Corps as a bomb-aimer, a post seemingly incongruous with his character. Between the wars he was captain of the Rothwell band and also acted as steeple-keeper.

He was not really a peal ringer, his total probably being no more than 20; but he enjoyed good striking, and his patient tuition and example ensured continuous Sunday service ringing at Rothwell. Although he must have had many occasions to reprimand, he never lost his temper, but maintained the respect of his ringers in a friendly and patient manner.

Ringers from the Kettering Branch (Peterborough Guild) rang Grandsire Triples before and after the funeral service. He would have appreciated this and also the half-muffled peal of Double Norwich, which was rung at Rothwell on the evening of April 13. The band included three of his former pupils.

A contribution by A. Welbourne, Wiveton.

"SUMMONED BY BELLS"

When setting off on a practice evening to drive to our local tower, I often wonder just what it was that moved me, in my very middle years, to try my hand at bell-ringing. Was it memories of the sunny days of youth, when the bells of a neighbouring village rang out across the sunlit fields to me on Sundays? I certainly never questioned 'how' then, but listened, trying to anticipate the next sequence of sounds. Or was it perhaps just some masochistic streak in me which caused me to decide to find out more about the ringing of bells?

Whatever it was, I wonder how many of those people who so confidently go into any tower, catch hold of any rope and ring whatever is called without, apparently a moment's pause for thought, remember their early days of ringing, when they first beheld that innocent collection of ropes, hanging, gently swaying in the draught, neatly coiled or hitched up – pretty sallies glinting in a shaft of light. (Oh what a sense of peace!) Did they realise just what they were about to do? Or is it that I have lost the confidence of youth, question myself and think suddenly that up there way above me is a mighty mass of metal swinging to and fro, and that I am responsible for what it's doing. Can these seasoned ringers really remember just how impossible it can be for a beginner to hold up a bell which, having been put into motion then takes on a life of its own, and is jolly well going to ring at its own speed. And how, oh how can you ring after three bells, five bells, four bells, or any other number of bells for that matter? How can you control a bell, keep your eyes on all the other ringers, AND listen to what's going on up there above you, which doesn't apparently synchronize with your pull in any case? Do they ever suffer that awful paralysing moment of terror when they think of what is happening up there in that swinging mass of bells? A thought which stupifies my mind causing me to lose my place in a simple plain hunt, bringing despair, not only to me, but to the other long-suffering ringers in the tower.

Who but the English would ever have thought of ringing a bell with a long length of rope slung round a wheel, which you pull from miles below, and, as if that in itself wasn't enough, to think of ringing changes? Who but the English?

Will I ever achieve even a modest degree of competence, I ask myself, and feel sure the other people in the tower must think me one of the dimmest ringers they have ever met.

Dear friends, remember your early days when a poor innocent joins your numbers: be patient with our fumbling efforts. I struggle on, hopeful that one day, to the glory of God, I will be able to ring – keeping my place in the pattern of sound, so that the bells may ring out over the sunlit fields to someone else and perhaps inspire them to go one day in search of the 'How' of bell-ringing, as I have, so belatedly, done. *Newsletter*

The peal at Whatley, Somerset on April 9 was to welcome Sally Jane Broadhurst (born March 8), grand-daughter of the Rector of Radstock (Rev. C. G. Moor). It was also a birthday and wedding anniversary compliment to John A Foster.

When someone like Albert York dies it is a time of sadness, but it is also a time to remember the life of service to a church and its bells. There are many, like the writer, who will always be grateful to him, for introducing them to the art of bellringing.

May he rest in peace.

B.A.

GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED

Personal - E E Warboys £1.50, M Cattell £10, Royal Navy Guild £2.

Peals - Brancepeth £1.20, Newcastle-upon-Tyne £1.20, Bowdon £1, Danbury £2, Ashted £1, Chestow £1, Send 60p, Taunton £2, Tuxford £1, East Meon 40p, Derby £1, Chapel £1, In memoriam Kenneth Oates £1, Fulbourn £1, Stonehouse 50p, Kensworth £1, Coalpit Heath 60p, Ashton-under-Lyne £1.50.

Quarter Peals - Keele 50p, Lichfield 40p, Lillingdon 50p, Hackney £1, Houghenden 80p, Swallowfield 60p, Steep 50p, Runcorn 80p, Appleton 50p, Almondsbury 60p, Warsop 50p, Laxton 60p, Horley £3, Stoke-next-Guildford £1, Sproughton 80p, Alveley £1, Thornaby 60p, Chetwynd 60p, Waltham Abbey 70p, Hershaw £1, Ash 80p, Writtle 80p, Victoria £1, Stratton 80p, Winford 60p, Basingstoke (All Saints) 50p, Sheffield 50p, North Notts District Quarter Peal Day £8, Welshpool 50p, Sutton Veny £2, Wistaston 60p, Sawley (3) £3, Stourbridge £1, Edgbaston (2) 80p, Clerkenwell £1, Monckton 50p, Morpeth £1, Thornhill £1, Bath and others £2, Solihull £1, Chigwell 60p, Loughton 80p, Jesmond 60p, Meppershall £1.25, Brighton £1, Fordham 60p, Marple 50p, Ruskington 50p, Whitwell 50p, Marston Magna £1, Whitwell 50p, Redhill 80p, Little Gaddesden 50, Dunstable 50p, Philadelphia \$4, Elham 60p, St. Bees £1, Ashbourne £1, Heanor (2) 60p, Fettes College £1, Henley on Thames £1, Chiddingfold £1, Washington, Sussex 50p, Thakeham 50p, Kirby-le-Soken £1, Horsham £1, Staines (S Peter) 60p, Earls Barton 60p, Upper Clatford 50p, Goodworth Clatford 50p, Charlton Kings 40p, Gloucester Cathedral 40p, Oxford (S Thomas) 50p, Cowbridge 50p, Pontypridd 80p, Llandaff 80p, Chesterfield 80p, Sandy £1, Henlow 50p, Ockham 50p, Almondsbury £3, Wakefield £1, Billingham and others £1, Drayton 80p, Clevedon 50p, Wickford 25p, Basildon 50p, Langdon Hills £1.50, Shelfanger 50p, Urchfont 60p, Highworth 80p, Shrivensham 80p, Crothorne 50p, Pershore 50p, Lewisham 50p, Bearsted £1, Cheshunt 60p, Billsborough £1, Westwood 60p, Heston 50p, Hannington 50p, Wallingford 50p, Monken Hadley £1, Little Shelford (2) £1.10, Old Alresford 30p, Sherington 50p, Halstead 50p, Barnham £1, Limsfield £1, Newdigate 50p, Kelston 50p, Twerton 50p, Stamford £1, Canterbury 50p, Wingham 50p, Pinxton 80p, Derby (S Peter) 80p, Guernsey 60p, Albrighton 60p, Merrow 50p, Pawlett 50p, Quorn 50p, West Ham £15 £1, Upham 50p, Maidstone (All Saints) £1, Leyton (2) £2.40, Warrnam £1, E. Grinstead £1, Bawtry £3, Little Bedwyn £1, St. Ambrose £1.80, Shipdham 50p, Barton 50p, Baslow £1, Darley Dale £1, Blythburgh and others £3, Eltham 50p, Tewkesbury 50p, Nazeing £1, Kensington 80p, Coventry 50p, Halstead 50p, Gosfield £1.20, Fulbourn (3) £1.50, Little Shelford 50p, Kirtlington (2) 50p, Brighouse £1, Eccles £1, Bolsover £2, Huntingdon 50p, Durlough 50p, Holford 50p, Jersey CI £1, Wendover £1, Stretton 60p, Over 80 Chesterfield District £4.50, Chapstow 50p, Frant 50p, Leek Wootton £1, Easton-in-Gordano 50p, St. Peter-in-Thames 50p, Farnborough £1, Uxbridge £1, St. Peter-in-Thames £1, Kenworth (2) and Whipsnade £1.50, S. Myms (2) £2, Castle Eaton 30p, Redhill 70p, Carshalton 50p, Thorpe-le-Soken £1, Haresfield 60p, Withycombe Raleigh 80p, Coddington 50p, Charlwood 60p, Coulsdon 50p, Winchester 50p, Ropley 60p, Rickmansworth and others £2.20, Boreham 60p, Salisbury (S Martin) 50p, Basingstoke 80p, Sheffield on Loddon 60p, Staines (S Mary-2) 50p, Egham 25p, Barton St. David £1, Staplegrave 50p, Rothley £1.

NOTICES

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The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of Isles be glad thereof.

Psalm 97. v. 1.

Birth

HILLING - David and Margaret are happy to announce the arrival on May 1st of Emma Joanna, a sister for Matthew. 1146

In Memoriam

HODGETTS, Henry - In ever loving memory of dear Dad (a ringer all his life), who passed away May 13th 1974. Sadly missed by everyone. 1162

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

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

ORME - Michael and Jill (plus Phillip in the vacs) are now in residence at 20 Acorn Grove, Pershore, Worcs. Tel: Pershore 5686. 1111

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

TAYLOR - Bernard's business phone number is now (London) 01-628 7070 X 3493 or (Cheltenham) 0242 36111 X 259 depending on location. Otherwise contact his permanent private secretary on Uxbridge (0895) 51335. 1159

UDALL - Frank and Julie are moving on 25th May to 24 Boscawen Gardens, Braintree, Essex, CM7 6UF. Tel (0376) 26757. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em! Mystery tours to "you know where" catered for. 1132

Holidays

BOW, DEVON - Bed, Breakfast, Evening Meal (optional). Ideal centre for touring Ringing parties welcome. Swimming pool. Car essential. Sae. Mrs A. Fidler, Highcroft, Bow, Devon EX17 6HN. Bow 379. 389

DEVON - Farmhouse bed and breakfast accommodation. Ringing parties welcome. Dartmoor and coastline within easy reach. £4.50 per night plus VAT - Dawe, Langford Farm, Tavistock (Tel Tavistock 2202). 478

DORSET - Homely accommodation, BBEM daily £7, weekly £49. Mrs Dunford, Hambledon Cottage, Hilton, Blandford, Milton Abbas (0258) 880085. 325

HEREFORDSHIRE - Medieval timbered farmhouse in peaceful countryside, ideal for walking, fishing, borderland castles, ancient churches (ringing most nights), market towns, B.B. £28.00. E.M. optional. Mrs Eisel, Lower Court, Ullingswick. Tel 043278336. 1052

WEATHERBURY GUEST HOUSE - Accommodation. Morning coffee, lunches and teas. Licensed. Hot and cold in all rooms. Shower. TV. Mr and Mrs Robin J. Mears, 3 The Square, Puddletown, Dorchester, Dorset DT2 8SL. Tel. 214 (030584). 3419

YORK 8 MILES - Semi-detached country cottage, well equipped, sleeps six. Easy reach coast, Moors, Dales. Please contact Mrs A. McNeil, Woodhouse, Sutton-on-Derwent, York (Elvington 215 or 461). 917

Publications

CHANGE RINGING, by Wilfrid G. Wilson. A new hard-back edition - an ideal present. Obtainable from the author at 65 Fairmead Crescent, Rushden, Northants, price £6, post free. 969

'ELEMENTARY CHANGE RINGING', by F F Rigby. Written to help beginners from 'round and call-changes' to method ringing up to Treble Bob. Repub. by Glos & Bristol DA. Available from E W Penn, Hon Sec, Glenoran, Longhope, Glos GL17 0QH. Price £1 post free. 934

METHOD 300, £1.40; COMPOSITION 500, £1.20; QUARTER 500, £1. CONDUCTING AND COURSING ORDER, 80p; add p&p 20p copy; 20% discount any 20 copies p&p £3.25. - John Longridge, 1 Bussells Cottage, Huxham, Exeter. 3361

THE RINGER'S HANDBOOK - From handling a bell to calling a peal. 8-bell edition £1.40 post free. 6-bell edition now discontinued. From Paul K Williamson, Staplegrave House, Taunton, Somerset TA2 6AW. 539

TOWERS AND BELLS HANDBOOK - Now available with attractive dust cover to keep it clean. Price still £5.00. Cover also available separately, price 40p. See Central Council Publications advert for ordering instructions. 1038

Miscellaneous

COMMEMORATIVE CARDS FOR PEALS AND QUARTERS - Special cards for Congratulations, Weddings, Silver and Golden Weddings, In Memoriam and Standard blue card. All one price: 12 cards for £2.50, extra cards 5p each. Blanks available: 12 for 85p; 25 for £1.60; 50 for £2.60; 100 for £4.00. Sae for samples and special quotations. Mrs S. C. Sotheran, 68 The Headlands, Marske-by-the-Sea, Redcar, Cleveland. 234

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

Association Announcements

NORWICH DA. Training Day, 11 July, Keswick Hall, Norwich. For all learners to approx. Kent Minor standard. Cost £1.50. Further details and forms: H J Charles, 6 Bridewell Street, Wymondham, Norfolk (sae please). Closing date 26 June. 1170

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

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD - Officers for 1981/82: President, W J Ridgman (Queens); Master, C R Pegg (Jesus); Assistant Master, M D Chilcott (Christ's); Secretary, D M E Cook (Queens); Librarian, S. E. Tyrell (Emmanuel); Steeplekeeper, N T Smith (Corpus); Senior Treasurer, B D Threlfall (Trinity); Auditor, C M P Johnson (St John's). 1158

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

MALMARK HANDBELLS - Order now to avoid price increase on June 29. Delivery of these superb handbells is still under six weeks. This year we offer 10% discount to the disabled. We also have a large stock of handbell music. Mayola Music, 205 High Street, Clapham, Bedfordshire (0234 62474 any time). 1121

Mid-Week Meetings & Practices

E. DERBYSHIRE AND W. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION - Tuesday next, May 26, Evening Ringing Meeting at Sutton in Ashfield (8). Bells from 7.30pm. New members and friends most welcome. 997

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION, Chippenham Branch. Meeting, Tetbury (8), Fri May 29, 7.15-9pm including business meeting. 1156

LEICESTER DG, Loughborough District, Evening meeting and practice, Breedon-on-the-Hill, Mon June 1. Ringing 7-9pm to suit all tastes. Learners welcome. Ron Hughes, District Secretary. 994

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

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Southern Division. Advanced Practices at Ditchling every first Friday, 7.30-9pm, commencing June 5. 1171

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Leeds and District Branch. Advanced Practice, Fri May 22 at St. John, Halifax (12). Special method: Littleport Little S. Maximus. 1145

Saturday Meetings & Practices

ELY DA, Wisbech District Meeting at Erneth (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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION, Northern District. Striking Competition (1978 District Rules) at Stisted (6) on Saturday, May 23. Bells available from 2.30pm. Names for teas to R Suckling (Braintree 25025). P.M.D. Sec. 1148

ESSEX ASSOCIATION, North-West District. Business Meeting with evening ringing on Sat May 23 at Chishall (6). Meeting 5.30, ringing 6.30-8.30. 1174

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. P S Bennett, Branch Secretary. 989

PETERBOROUGH DG, Northampton Branch. An evening meeting is being held at Piddington on Sat May 23, 7-8.30pm. 1108

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

BATH AND WELLS DA, Dunster Branch. Practice Meeting at Chipstable, Sat May 30, 7pm. 1117

CULLOMPTON, Devon - Reminder: There will be a practice of London S. Royal (No.3) only, on Sat May 30 at 7pm. All those who have learnt the line are welcome! 1106

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY, Meeting, May 30 at Thrybergh. Ringing from 6-9pm. Secretary, Mrs Susan Hubbard, 33 Windsor Road, Doncaster, DN2 5BS. All welcome. 1154

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, Cambridge District. Annual Striking Competition, Sat May 30 at Bottisham. Draw 2.30pm. Ringing 3pm, followed by tea, results and further ringing. All bands welcome B.H. 1021

GLOS & BRISTOL DA, Cirencester Branch. Ten and twelve-bell Practice, Cirencester (S John-12), Sat May 30, 6.30-8.30pm. All welcome. 770

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Eastern District. Sat May 30, Surprise Practice, Hunsdon (8), 7.30-9pm. 1172

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Inter-District 8-bell striking competition, Sat May 30 at Broxbourne. Draw at 10.15 prompt. Ringing from 10.30. A F Aldrick. 1165

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. R W 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, Alton/Petersfield District. Practice Meeting on Sat May 30 at Warnford (6), 6.30-8.30pm. All welcome. 1075

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

ESSEX ASSOCIATION, S.E. District. Evening District Practice at Goldhanger on Sat June 6 from 7.30-9pm. All welcome. 1173

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Northern District. Sat June 6, Striking Competition and Quarterly Meeting, Codicote (6). Draw 2.30pm. Names for tea to P Harper, Stevenage 820073 by June 3. Evening ringing St. Pauls Walden (6), 6.30-8.30pm. M.J.C. 1127

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Watford District. Evening Meeting, June 6. Aldenham 6.30-8.30pm. Everyone welcome. 1093

SUFFOLK GUILD, Handbell Day at Stowmarket High School, Onehouse Road, Stowmarket on June 6, 2.30-7.30pm. Please bring own refreshments. 1147

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Northern Division. Practice Meeting, Sat June 6 at Slinfold (6). Ringing from 3pm. Tea 5pm. Evening ringing at Itchingfield (5). Names for tea to Mrs P Duncan (Slinfold 790539) by Thur May 28 please. 1169

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DG, Christchurch & Southampton District. Quarterly Meeting, June 6, 2pm Sopley; 4pm Service, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing, Hinton Admiral. Names for tea to David Lay, 28 Mill House, Sopley (Bransgore 73228) by June 4. 1058

BATH AND WELLS DA, Frome Branch. Quarterly Meeting and Striking Competition, June 13 at High Littleton. Draw 3pm. Service 4.30pm. Tea and Meeting. Names to Miss Long (Tisbury 70534). 1131

LINCOLN DG, Southern Branch. June 13, Striking Competition, Harlaxton. Draw 2.30pm. Contest followed by service, tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to R E Mantion, 1 Parklands Drive, Harlaxton, Grantham by June 9. 1149

PETERBOROUGH DG, Annual General Meeting at Holy Sepulchre, Northampton on Sat June 13. Service 4pm. Tea 5pm followed by meeting. Tea: 80p adults, 50p children. Cheques/POs payable to and tickets from: Mrs R E Roope, 36 The Fairway, Northampton. Please send cwo and sae. Details of the 22 towers available will be sent with tea tickets. Closing date for applications June 9. 1144

PETERBOROUGH DG, Wellingborough Branch. Extraordinary General and Quarterly Meeting, Sat June 20, Castle Ashby (5). Ringing 3pm; Service 4.30pm then tea and meeting. Evening ringing until 9pm. Names for tea to J Holmes (tel Wellingborough 223859) by Tues 16. Extraordinary Business: (i) Election of Branch Chairman; (ii) AOB. 1157

TRANSVAAL SOCIETY

Future meetings (and ringing) commencing at 3pm:

Saturday, June 13

Saturday, September 19

Saturday, December 12

Venue: St George's Church, Sherborne Road, Parktown, Johannesburg

Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner of the Society will be held on Saturday, July 4 at the Sunnyside Park Hotel, Johannesburg

Full details obtainable from the Secretary, Mrs Felicity Christison, PO Box 1545, Rivonia, 2128, or the Master, Dr Steve Barton (telephone 849-2836) 1181

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

OPEN DAY

Saturday, May 30, 1981

Exminster (8) 9.30-11.30

Powderham (6) 10.00-11.00

Kenton (6) 10.30-11.30

Kenn (6) 11.00-12.00

Ide (6) 11.30-12.30

Dunsford (6) 12.00-1.00

Christow (8) 12.45-1.45

Tedburn St Mary (6) 1.30-2.30

Cheriton Bishop (6) 2.00-3.00

Drewsteignton (6) 2.30-3.30

Spreyton (6) 3.00-4.00

South Tawton (6) 3.30-4.30

Throwleigh (6) 4.0-5.00

Chagford (8) 4.30-5.30

Moretonhampstead (8) 5.00-6.00

North Bovey (6) 5.30-6.30

Manaton (6) 6.00-7.00

Lustleigh (6) 6.30-7.30

Bovey Tracey (8) 7.00-8.00

Chudleigh (8) 7.30-9.30

All towers have been confirmed. Tickets £2 from Derek Hawkins, 4 Eastcliff Close, Dawlish, Devon, or 15p per tower on the day

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 Hall, 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. 1125

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 1104

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 1137

Bath & Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers

SOMERSET '81 CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

An Exhibition of the Art and History of Bellringing in the Diocese is to be held at St Mary's Church, Bridgwater, on Monday, May 25, 11.30am to 5pm. The Exhibition will be of interest to the general public and bellringers and the Association's Introductory Booklet to Bellringing will be distributed.

Ringing will take place at the under-mentioned towers during the day for one hour from the times specified:

Wiveliscombe (8) 10.30

Taunton, St James (8) 11.30

Durleigh (6) 1.30

Cannington (6) 2.00

Woolavington (6) 2.30

Bradford on Tone (6) 11.00

Curry Rivel (8) 11.30

Ashcott (6) 1.30

Cossington (6) 2.00

Westonzoyland (6) 2.30

Bridgwater, St. Mary's (8) 11.00 to 5.00
Bring your family and friends to see the Exhibition and enjoy a ring during the day! 1175

Australia and New Zealand Association
020SYDNEY RINGING DAY

Monday June 8, 1981

St James, Turramurra (8) 9-10
 St Philip's, Sydney (8) 10-11
 St Andrew's Cathedral (10) 11-12
 St Mary's R.C. Cathedral (8) 12-1
 St Mark's, Darling Point (8) 1-2
 St Jude's, Randwick (8) 2-3
 Christ Church, George St (6) 3-4
 St Benedict's, Broadway (6) 3-4
 St Paul's, Burwood (8) 4-5
 All Saints, Parramatta (8) 5-6
 Barbeque tea All Saints Parish Hall

1153

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DG
WINCHESTER DISTRICT

OPEN DAY, Sat June 13

All 27 towers available (including Cathedral,
 College and Romsey Abbey).
 Full details in Ringing World of June 5
 10p per tower.

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1128SOUTHERN COMFORT HOTEL
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LATE QUARTERS

WEAVERHAM, Cheshire. 21 March, 1296
 Surprise Minor (2m): Kate Hewitt 1, Linda M
 Capper 2, Pauline Witton 3, R J Fearnett 4, C W
 Simpson 5, P G Walters (C) 6 Also 23 March, 1260
 Doubles (3m): Helen Walker 1, Jayne Barlow 2,
 Alison Witton 3, Linda M Capper 4, R J Fearnett (C)
 5, Pauline Witton 6. Both for the birth of a daughter
 (Claire Louise) to Mike and Pam Thomson 8112

LATE NOTICES

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
 Bristol City Branch, Ten-bell Practices at Christ
 Church (City), June 8 and 22, 7.45pm. Twelve-bell
 Practice, Redcliffe, June 4, 7.20pm. 1187

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. Edmonton Branch
 Meeting, Tuesday May 26, 7.30pm, Monken Hadley
 Church, Barnet 1201

STOP PRESS

Mr. Tom Cooper, tower captain of Bromyard,
 Herefords, and a former Master of the Hereford
 D.G., died suddenly last Thursday (14th).

FIRST TIME

For the first time ever, the ringers of St. John's,
 Jersey ventured away from their own Island and on
 Saturday visited Guernsey to ring on the bells of S
 Michel du Valle (6) and Ste. Marguerite de la Forêt
 It was quite an experience.

NEW PRESIDENT

At the Bedfordshire Association agm on Satur-
 day, Mr. Anthony H. Smith was elected President.
 He takes over from Mr. C. E. Jeffries, who did not
 seek re-election.

Obituary

PENNY AND ANDY FORBES

Penny Forbes (nee Cocks) aged 28 and her
 husband, Andy, aged 29 died on Sunday 3rd
 May in a yachting accident in the Solent.

Penny learned to ring at St. Mary's,
 Addington, Surrey in 1965 and was a regular
 ringer here until her marriage to Andy in 1978.
 Since the marriage they had been living at
 Holmwood, Dorking, and Penny rang
 occasionally at Betchworth and Newdigate as
 well as at Addington. She rang three peals and
 well over 100 quarter peals (some of which she
 conducted), at Addington and was tower secre-
 tary for several years. She was also leader of the
 Brownies at Addington for many years and,
 more recently, at Dorking. Penny and Andy met
 whilst students at Southampton University and
 both were competent and experienced sailors.

A lively, enthusiastic and capable ringer Penny
 did a great deal over many years for Addington
 and all were shocked by this tragic accident.

Betchworth bells were rung half-muffled on
 5th May and a quarter was rung (half-muffled) at
 Addington on 9th May. The funeral took place
 at Addington on 15th May and after cremation
 the ashes will rest in the churchyard at the foot
 of the tower.

Our sympathy go to their families and
 especially to Penny's sister (Angela) the present
 tower secretary.

E.G.

J. IVOR SMITH

The news of the sudden death of Ivor Smith
 on 15th April at the age of 60 came as a tre-
 mendous shock to Lincolnshire ringers. Ivor's
 father, George Smith, was a ringer on the Norris
 five at St. Wilfrid's Alford, Lincolnshire, and
 Ivor learned to ring at about the time when in
 1934 the old bells were recast and augmented to
 become one of the finest sixes in the County.

Although Ivor had rung a few peals, his main
 interest was in maintaining a Sunday service
 band and in order to achieve this he had taught
 many ringers, including the writer. Ivor was a
 keen Churchman and as well as his service to the
 Church as a ringer, he and his wife, Joan,
 cleaned the Church and maintained the Church
 grounds for many years.

Doubles methods interested Ivor and he was
 responsible for introducing Candlesby Slow
 Course to the Exercise.

All his working life had been with the railways
 - for most of the time as a signaller.

Many ringers were present at the funeral
 service in St. Wilfred's Church on Easter
 Saturday and the bells were rung half-muffled to
 Ivor's favourite methods Grandsire Doubles and
 Cambridge Surprise Minor. The sympathy of
 Lincolnshire ringers goes to his widow, (Joan)
 and son (Malcolm).

May he rest in peace.

J.R.K.

RINGING AGAIN

At High Wycombe, Bucks, Ringing started
 again, on the light eight only on Sunday 17th
 May. Necessary repairs to the fittings of the 9th
 and 10th bells should be completed by mid-
 June.

B.J.B.

OPEN DAY RESULT

'The Bedfordshire Association (Luton
 District) Open Day on the 4th May, raised
 £152.50 in aid of the Belfry Repair Fund. The
 day was a great success and the Organisers thank
 those who supported the event, made their
 Towers available and provided refreshment.'

J.R.P.

Shropshire Association

STRIKING COMPETITION

The day was dull and overcast as the six teams
 gathered at the village of Stanton outside its
 church, with the excellent ring of six.

This was to be the day of victory long
 expected! This was to be the day of defeat! This
 was to be the day when the mighty fell!

Lots were drawn and the judge (Mr. Eric
 Speake) was in position. The ringing began.

No team rang badly; even teams with little
 experience produced a good performance.
 Indeed let the cast in order of appearance tell the
 tale:

Shifnal A (16) 1st, Shrewsbury A (17) 2nd,
 Edmond (36) 3rd, Shrewsbury B (38) 4th,
 Shifnal B (50) 5th and Stanton (55) 6th.

This was the first victory for Shifnal and only
 the third defeat for Shrewsbury since the
 competition began in 1972.

A.J.B.

Norwich D.A.

DRIPS BECAME DELUGE

Despite appalling weather about 25 members
 and visitors attended the Eastern Branch
 evening practice meeting at Bergh Apton (6) on
 April 25. The occasional drips of water entering
 through the ringing chamber ceiling over the 5th
 rope eventually became quite a deluge.

On investigation it was discovered the wind
 and rain had become so strong it was blowing
 through the tower louvers. Nothing could be
 done to stop it. However, ringing continued with
 the 5th ringer having to wear waterproof
 clothing for each touch!

The number of ringers in the Raveningham,
 Norfolk, Group of Parishes has again been
 depleted, due to the departure of Peter and
 Louise Butler to Aberdeen. Resident at Burgh St
 Peter for nearly five years, they were both keen
 members of the local band and supported the
 activities of the Eastern Branch.

In appreciation of this, ringers in the area
 contributed towards a presentation of a carving
 dish and a set of prints of the Churches in the
 Group. We wish Peter, Louise and their two
 children "all the best" in Scotland.

N.C.

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OBSERVERS NOTEBOOK

UNITY

The point has been made before that because of basic constraints in bells and their fittings and in the concept of change-ringing, ringing has changed very little down the years. A ringer from the 17th century could walk into a tower today and join in with little difficulty. It might of course cause some amazement to the rest of us and it would probably cost him a year's wages to buy a round of drinks afterwards but that is another matter! It is also our good fortune that in technical aspects we have remained a united Exercise. Almost every other pursuit that you care to mention has divided into different codes of practice. For example the various football games - association, Rugby Football, Rugby League, Australian, American etc. Boxing has two rival world authorities and even cricket has variations such as English Six and Australian Eight ball overs.

It was our fortune that, through the influence of the Central Council ringing has not fragmented this way. The only three notable divergent practices that come to mind are the cart-wheel handstrokes of the Yorkshire bands, Yorkshire tail-ends and the separate code of call-change ringing in Devon and Cornwall. The first two are very minor deviations from the norm but the latter represents a separate line of evolution that has not got very far. Change-ringing is a sophisticated development from primitive call-change ringing.

Of great significance for the future is the affiliation of overseas ringing societies to the Central Council, particularly that of the North American Guild. Such is the energy, enthusiasm and vitality generated in recent years in North America that who can doubt their future significant place in the Exercise. It would be a shame if they had been left out in the cold because of the Council membership numbers game. It might have led to a divergent American Rules Code with different length peals or something. The ties between English and American ringers are close. Long may that be so and long may America continue as one of the most significant growth areas in ringing.

Perhaps on the next occasion that a party of American ringers comes over here for a tour someone might take the initiative to arrange the first ever International ringing contest. England, Scotland and Wales would be no problem and the Irish would attend I'm sure. It's a little far for a day trip from Africa, Australia and New Zealand, but who knows what might happen if plans were made far enough in advance. It might be rather good fun!

OBSERVER

25 YEARS AGO

Taken from *The Ringing World* for May 25, 1956

William B. Cartwright was elected Master of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, in succession to Clifford Skidmore, who had been Master since 1948.

George J. W. Pipe and Diana M. Matthew were married at St. Nicholas' Church, Bedfield, Suffolk, when many ringers from Suffolk, Norfolk and beyond were present at the ceremony. Later in the year Mr and Mrs George Pipe left for Australia where they became useful additions to the team at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne.

"J.P.F." told the story how, in the West Country many years ago, a visiting band having met one short enlisted the aid of one of the local stoney band to beat "the drum". All went well for a couple of hours when the tenor man "stood"; as could only be expected the rest "stood" too. The local, with some surprise, asked: "What have you stopped for, I only wanted to wipe my nose."



PEAL-A-PEAL

Bell ringers are currently being asked to help celebrate the Centenary of the Church of England Children's Society by taking part in sponsored peals and quarter peals.

A letter launching the appeal appeared in *The Ringing World* last year and hopefully its columns will shortly contain the details of many peals and quarter peals ringing in response to this request. It is interesting therefore to note that a ringers journal of 100 years ago, "Church Bells", and its proprietor, Canon J. Erskine Clark were involved in the very beginning of the Children's Society or "Waifs and Strays" as it was then known.

Prebendary Edward Rudolf, the founder of the Children's Society, was a man of humble origins who early recognised the importance to his cause of attracting the interest and support of men and women of status and influence and thus to capitalise on the philanthropical zeal of the Victorian era. Rudolf, a devout Anglican, had held for some time the aim of founding a church orphanage and in his early 30s was galvanised into action by his inability to find places in a church for two boys whose family had become destitute on the death of their father and who he had taught in his own Sunday School class.

One of those that Rudolf approached in his initial efforts to establish his work was Erskine Clarke, "the well known and popular vicar of Battersea". The correspondence between these two shows both the nature of Rudolf's task and the characters of the two men. In response to Rudolf's initial approach Erskine Clarke wrote in March, 1881, as follows:

Before forming an opinion on your benevolent proposal for "Waifs and Strays", may I ask what you propose to do with them? If to form an "institution", then I can offer no aid as I have no faith in institutional life as distinguished from family life. ... As Chairman of a large Poor Law Union I should wish to know what view you take of our work - which

deals with many "Waifs and Strays" though probably not in the way you might think best.

Rudolf wrote a rather cautious reply to this, emphasising the role of the church by saying, "I have long thought that the church should not leave it to individuals to look after the neglected and destitute".

On May 17th Clarke wrote again:

I beg you to excuse me. I am past the Executive Committee stage of life and must leave such details of work regretfully to younger men. I am glad to see you are avoiding the institution and upholding God's ordinance of the home, and I wish you all success. I cannot offer to subscribe as my cheque book is at full stretch.

However, in October 1881 contact had been renewed. Rudolf was invited to dinner and a few days later Erskine Clarke wrote saying

I send you £5 as a donation to your effort and will gladly help by giving you publicity and free advertisement in *Church Bells*.

Erskine Clarke also apparently overcame his reluctance to serve on the Society's Executive Committee as in 1882 he is recorded as a new member. He continued as a member for many years and in 1913 was elected a vice-president of the Society in acknowledgement of his work. He also served on the Society's emigration committee; up until the 1950s an accepted means of "rescuing" children from their old associations was to arrange their removal to the colonies to continue their education and enter employment there, generally in agriculture or domestic service.

In 1883 another link between the Waifs and Strays and *Church Bells* was formed when N. D'Anvers, a lady reporter for that journal, was persuaded by a friend to visit the Society's first home. Situated in Dulwich it provided for eight girls. An account of her visit was published in *Church Bells* and is the earliest known published account of life in the Society's homes.

Erskine Clarke's concern with every child's need for a home and family life coincided with Rudolf's intentions to place children wherever possible in foster homes or small children's homes.

As many readers will know, the Society has continued this aim through foster and adoptive care and in its many homes. It provides for children of all ages and creeds and with many types of handicap.

In recent years the Society has extended its work through family and day care centres into the community in order to provide support to families that can reduce the possibility of the separation of child and parents. It is for the continuation of this work that your support is asked through the Peal-a-Peal.

(See page 458.)

SUSAN LOVEDAY

40 YEARS AGO

May 23, 1941

The destruction of St. Clement Danes' Church added another to the growing list of Wren churches which had been destroyed in the war. It unfortunately included some of the most important of the works of the great architect, St. Bride's, St. Lawrence Jewry, St. Andrew's, Holborn, and St. Mildred's, Bread Street. St. Clement Danes' was of ancient foundation, and is said to have got its name because Harold the Dane, son of King Canute, and others of his countrymen were buried there.



Rochester Cathedral

The City of Rochester is rich in historic buildings, the most famous and undoubtedly the most popular with the tourists being the Cathedral and castle. Every year visitors flock to admire them both and anyone who climbs to the top of the castle keep is afforded the most beautiful view of the nearby Cathedral.

In 604 AD Rochester was made a Bishopric and is, in fact, the second oldest in England. In this year, the small "Church of St Andrew" was built on the site of the present Cathedral. This building was only about 40 feet in length – quite a comparison with today's impressive structure, which is 310 feet long. A brass strip in the floor of the nave marks the site of the original church. What happened to this tiny building is uncertain, but with the coming of Bishop Gundulph a new and much more impressive building was started. Gundulph began his construction with a stout tower on the north side of the building. As proof of his architectural ability, the tower still stands today and is known aptly as "Gundulph's tower". Part of the crypt, which he also constructed, is still standing today, but the main part of the crypt is 13th century and displays heavy ribbed vaulting – it is said to be one of the finest crypts in the country.

In the year 1137 a fire in the town spread to the Cathedral and severely damaged the building and also the Benedictine Priory which had been in existence since 1082. Even worse was to come in 1179, when a more severe fire damaged the Cathedral further. Some of the pillars in the nave still bear witness to the ferocity of this fire, having dark stains around their bases where the flames licked. As was often the case in years gone by, when finances were exhausted, construction of a building stopped and Rochester was certainly no exception to this rule. Naturally, ways of raising funds were explored. At that time the tombs of St Paulinus, St Ithamar and also William of Perth the "baker" saint, were attracting many pilgrims and these visitors provided a ready source of income. Considerable sums were raised from offerings by the pilgrims visiting these shrines and from these proceeds further building work was possible. William of Perth's misfortune was to bring many visitors to the Cathedral – he was murdered just outside Rochester in 1201 whilst on his way to Jerusalem and was buried in Rochester Cathedral. Although William was never canonised, pilgrims flocked to pay homage at his shrine.

Until 1343 the outward appearance of the Cathedral remained unchanged, but it was in this year that a tower was added and this was topped by a wooden steeple. The steeple which crowns the tower today was in fact built to the same design as this early one. At this time, Bishop Hamo-de-Hythe was responsible for

much of the construction work and he installed four bells in the tower, a further two being added at a later date.

By the year 1642 the Cathedral was used to witnessing scenes of disaster and destruction within its walls, but yet another horrific happening occurred in that year, when Parliamentary soldiers entered during a service, destroyed the prayer books and proceeded to break the altar rails which were to be used as firewood for the poor. It seems hard to believe when entering the building today that, for a period of time after this event, the Cathedral was used for gaming, drinking and even at one time for stabling horses!

Obviously, throughout the centuries, the structure has been affected by the ravages of time and the elements, as well as by human destruction. By the beginning of the 19th century the building was in a bad state of repair, the pillars in the south choir transept leaning at an alarming angle. This problem was solved by L. N. Cottingham who buttressed the leaning columns, thus avoiding a major disaster. Later, George Gilbert Scott was to perform another major reconstruction work.

The history of Rochester Cathedral would be incomplete without reference to Charles Dickens. He would, however, have seen a rather different sight from the one which we see today as, during his lifetime, there was merely a central tower topped with four pinnacles, but no spire. Dickens lived much of his life at Gads Hill Place, but was often to be seen in Rochester, the place he loved. His unfinished novel *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* contains mentions of Rochester, and Dickens had in fact visited the Cathedral just three days before he died. Nearly the last words which he wrote were about his beloved Rochester and its Cathedral.

THE BELLS

The four bells, which were installed by Bishop Hamo-de-Hythe in 1343, were named Dunstan, Paulinus, Itamar and Lanfranc. These four bells were named after people who are associated with the history of the Cathedral. Little is mentioned from then until the 17th century, when the treble, fourth, fifth and tenor bells were re-cast. Although re-cast, the six bells which existed in the tower then would have contained bell metal which dated back to the time of Gundulph.

Bringing us up to the more recent history of the bells, on the 1300th anniversary a further two bells were added by Thomas Hellyar Foord. Also in this year, the Archbishop of Canterbury dedicated the new tower and spire.

Finally, in 1921, Gillett and Johnston of Croydon re-cast the eight bells and a further two were added, giving us the fine ring of ten bells which we have today.

ANGELA M. OSENTON

(From *Kent CA Centenary Handbook*)

Manchester University Guild

AT THE HARWOOD ROOMS

The 33rd annual dinner of the Guild was held at the Harwood Rooms, UMIST, on March 14. After the meal Andrew Mayes (Master, Chester D.G.) proposed "The Guild". Earlier in the day a ringing tour was held in the Macclesfield area, and a peal was successful at Bolton. At the AGM on the previous evening the following officers were elected: president and general secretary, Christopher Munday; C.C. rep., Marcus Sherwood; Master, Kevin Lovell; secretary, Hilary Griggs; treasurer, Christine Dennison; steeple-keeper, Martin Higgins.

Thanks to Christine for organising the dinner, and to Stefan and John for arranging the tour and peal.

K.J.L.



The Very Rev. J. R. Arnold, Dean of Rochester.

INSCRIPTIONS

ON THE SIX BELLS, RECORDED IN
"THE CHURCH BELLS OF KENT"
by J. C. STAHLSDT, 1887

- I. 34" Cast 1695. Recast 1770, by Pack & Chapman, London.
- II. 34½" Blank.
- III. 40" JOHN * WILNAR * MADE * ME 1635
- IV. 44" JAMES HAGLEY OF LONDON MADE ME 1712 A □ R IB
- V. 48" *CHRISTOPHERVS * HODSON * A D * MDCCLXXXIII
0000 FECIT
0000000 ANNOQUE *SERNIS * REGIS *CAROLINI *
XXXV (Royal Arms on waist)
- VI. 52" FECIT CHR * HODSON. AD MDCL XXXIV. REGIS
CAROLI II. XXXV
REFECIT THO * MEARS AD MDCCLXXXIV. REGIS
GUILLIELMI V.

INSCRIPTIONS ON BELLS RECAST AND AUGMENTED TO TEN
BY GILLET & JOHNSON, OF CROYDON, 1921

*1. and *2. To the Glory of God and in proud memory of our dear son and
Lieut. George White Willis RAF, who was killed in France on 4 January, 1919.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them.

As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness to the end,
so the end they remain.

3. In remembrance of S. Reynolds Hole, Dean, died 27 August, 1904. T.H.F.
4. T. H. Foord gave me, 1904. (recast in memory of Frederick Wade Hobson d.25 May 1903, and of Eliza Keyworth Hobson his only daughter, died 15 September, 1914.)
5. In remembrance of W. W. F., died 10 September, 1881. T.H.F. (Recast as a gift from the Cathedral Ringers).
6. In remembrance of M. F., died 1 July, 1896. T.H.F. (Recast in memory of Harold Albert Brand and Charles Walter Edward, Cathedral choristers, who fell in the Great War 1914-18.)
7. In remembrance of E.S.W., died 6 September, 1896. T.H.F. (Recast in memory of Bertram Luard-Selby, Cathedral organist and choirmaster. Died St. Stephen's Day 1918. Laudis Deum Verum, Plebem voco, congrego clerum). (I praise the true God, I call the people, I assemble the clergy).
8. Vidua et Solui me refecerunt. In memoriam Ernaldi Lane DD. Hujusce Aedis Decani. Obiit 16 January, 1913. Adeste Fideles. (Hu widow and friends made me. In memory of Ernald Lane, D.D., Dean of this Cathedral, died 16 January 1913. O come all ye faithful).
9. Olim Thalebot nunc Talbot vocor. In die S. Andree MCIIIV. T.H.F. restauravit. (Recast in memory of Samuel Cheetham, DD, Archdeacon and Canon of Rochester, died 19 July, 1908. (It was once called Thalebot, now Talbot. On St Andrews Day, 1154. T.H.F. restored me).
10. I was recast in memory of Francis Edmund Storey, R.N.V.R., Son of the Dean, died 10 November, 1918, eve of the Armistice.

ΚΑΤΕΠΟΘΗ 'Ο ΘΑΝΑΤΟΣ ΕΙΣ ΝΙΚΟΣ

Death is swallowed up in victory. 1. Corinthians 15, 54.

Middlesex C.A. INAUGURAL MEETING

An inaugural meeting of the Edmonton Branch was held on March 26, 1981, at All Saints', Edmonton, and six of the nine towers in the Branch were represented.

Andrew Ottaway was ringing master for the evening, and after ringing guided the meeting in choosing a ringing master, assistant and secretary. It is hoped to hold meetings at each tower in turn, on their practice nights, in the fourth week of every month. We look forward to having some enthusiastic support from the Branch.

For further details please contact the secretary: Miss P Harling, 42 Shrewsbury Road, London N11. – We still do not have a contact for St Ann's Church, Stamford Hill.

Shaw (Berks)

RESTORATION DIARY

Sun. Feb. 11. Last Sunday morning ringing. Bells let down.

Thur. Feb. 15. Practice night working party: ropes removed, wheels taken off back three bells, middle chamber cleared, penetrating oil everywhere

Sat. Feb. 17. Rest of wheels off. Stays, sliders etc. stripped, bell chamber trap doors removed. Everything readied for lowering the bells. Practices transferred to Woolton Hill, later to Compton as during Lent we could not ring at Woolton Hill.

Sat. Feb. 24. Started work at 10.30 under guidance of Peter Davies. Scaffold poles put up above bell frame on conveniently jutting masonry to take block and tackle for moving bells from their pits to the tenor pit ready for lowering. Main block and tackle on frame above tenor pit. Tenor lowered, first to floor of middle chamber and then extra chain added to lower to ground floor. After tenor lowered, bells on top (second and treble) lowered, then fourth, fifth and finally the third. Two blocks and tackle meant we could lower one bell whilst manoeuvring the next into position. All bells down by 2.30. After general tidy up, everyone staggered home.

Sat. Mar. 7. Bells moved from ringing room to lych gate using a piano trolley running on boards from old packing cases. Lowered down church steps using a block and tackle to prevent running away. Loaded onto lorry of local haulage firm using crane on Gordon Passey's lorry. Hazel and I had great fun holding up all the traffic while delicate manoeuvrings in progress.

Mon. Mar. 9. Bells arrived safely at Whitechapel.

Mar. 10-21. With the bells out of the way, the frame was cleared of its accumulation of hearing grease, derusted and painted with grey primer and a maroon top coat, matching the church paintwork. The bell chamber was cleaned and all redundant fittings removed. Boards were fitted to the louvres next to the treble and second to stop them shouting out. The

middle chamber was cleaned out and the ringing room had a spring clean, cobwebs and dust removed and the walls washed. All ropes were inspected and, as none of us can splice, we enlisted the aid of Ted Willis, recently left the Navy, to repair them for us. He made a real silk purse out of our sow's ears, spliced on new tops where necessary, and generally made our ropes like new - very springy! Hanging our sanctus bell on the end of the ropes has helped matters, the second rope stretched a foot overnight!

Mon. Mar. 23. The big day. The bells arrived from Whitechapel accompanied by a bellhanger, Trevor Bailey. He was very kindly put up by Dorothy during his stay here.

Mar. 23-31. Trevor worked on the bells assisted by Bill Moffat and Ted Willis. By the 26th all but the tenor were in place and we had a working Thursday night practice doing general cleaning and tidying.

Wed. April 1. April Fool's Day, and our bellhanger proved to be no fool, for this was the day the bells were ready for ringing. Ringers arrived from all directions as our bells sounded out again after nearly two months of silence. After an enjoyable and exciting practice, everyone admired the "go" and the more mellow sound of the bells, especially down by the lych gate, and all agreed it was £5,000+ well spent. Most then adjourned to the Castle to celebrate the return of the bells.

Thur. April 2. Normal Thursday night practices again. Learning how to ring our new bells and pondering how to raise the remaining cash. Now that everything is over, we can't sit back on our laurels, we have got to look after them and put aside our spare cash for another rainy day, although it won't rain for a long time as far as most of the Shaw ringers are concerned.

With that thought in mind, I must say that I feel honoured to have been involved with Shaw tower at such an exciting time, and I look forward with relish to much happy ringing here at Shaw.

D. Reed.

QUESTIONS ABOUT COMPOSITIONS: SOME ANSWERS

Reading Mr Aspland's letter (p.278), I couldn't help thinking he was writing from some offshore island, deprived of all contact with fellow ringers. Coming as he does from Pontefract, one wonders why he chooses to take up half a page when several ringers within 20 miles could have answered his questions. I am tempted to suggest that he takes some of his local product and gets around a bit, as most other ringers do.

"Where are all the compositions?" he asks. Let us be clear about one thing. The Ringing Exercise is not sufficiently well endowed with money or resources to maintain all compositions in current publications. Copies of previous collections are kept in the C.C. Library, as are several other sources. Many copies still exist in private collections. Association reports (and particularly the Yorkshire, Mr. Aspland) can be fruitful. New collections need to be selective and representative - to include some of the "golden oldies" as well as the best of modern developments. As it happens, the forthcoming publication of 'Major' compositions contains all the classics Mr Aspland mentions, but in the main it reflects the demand for more recent compositions, as does "Composition 500". Compositions in the Ringing World, similarly, comprise those that are currently rung. Last year we published 166 compositions and are proposing to provide an index each year. We might, with the help of computer resources, attempt to compile a master collection of all published compositions, but no one should underestimate how enormous this task would be. I see no reason to make any apologies for the present state of publication.

Mr. Aspland asks about originality, but I don't think he understands the scope of the question. There are literally millions of possible compositions of Plain Bob Major alone, tenors together. The field is vast for producing new compositions, but original? The term "arranged" recognises that, even though the exact replica may not have been composed before, it is likely that something quite similar exists. It is largely a matter of commonsense and integrity. I might add that uncertainty occurs most when the composition is not particularly distinguished, so the problem, although it does exist, is not that important.

Mr. Aspland demands answers to several other questions which I shall not attempt to deal with. Enough time and space has been taken up already. No one pretends that the situation is perfect, but the information is there for those with a bit of initiative. Perhaps if Mr. Aspland worked on one of the committees he abuses he might start to appreciate what is being done.

R. W. PIPE,
Chairman,

C.C. Peal Compositions Committee.

Gloucester & Bristol D.A.

STRIKING COMPETITION AND QUARTERLY MEETING

Nine towers from the Bridgwater Branch took part in the striking competition held at Puriton on April 4: Cannington, Bridgwater, Durlough, Westonzoyland, Woolavmington, Nether Stowey, Puriton, Ashcott and Wembdon. The competition was followed by a service, conducted by the Rev. C. Meredith. The organist was Mr. M. Dike.

Tea, prepared by Mrs. Vorne and her assistants, was provided afterwards at Puriton Primary School.

The quarterly meeting followed, and three new members were elected: Harriet Stafford, Frances Pearce and Elizabeth Peel. The Branch's thanks were extended to Mr. Meredith, Mr. Dike, Mrs. Vorne and her assistants and the bellringers of Puriton Church for organising the tower for the day.

Patrick Bird (Bristol) judged the competition and gave a report on each team's striking. He then announced the results: Durlough was placed first, with Westonzoyland second. These teams will now compete against other teams in the different branches.

N.M.

5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

by John S. Warboys

23456	W	5ths	B	M	H
52364	-		1		-
42365				S	6
23564				S	2
275346		-			
325746	(-				2S
735246	-				3
25634	-)	S			S
63254	-				-
53264	S				3
32654	S				5

Repeat, omitting all calls inside the brackets. 144 cru's, Whittingtons, Queens and Tittums.
6 = BBSBBS; 5 = BSBS

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