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## The Great Bell of Beijing

by Alan Blair

When Chu Ti, the third emperor of the Ming dynasty, commonly known in the West by his reign period (1403-1424) name of Yung-lo, moved the capital of his empire from Nanking to Beijing<sup>1</sup>, he decided to have a great bell cast to mark the event. The date of casting is thought to be 1406; but it wasn't hung until later, having been placed in Wanshou Temple in the Wanli period (1573-1620) of the Ming dynasty. In the 11th year of the reign of the emperor Yongzheng (1733) of the Qing dynasty, it was moved by imperial decree to Juesheng Temple, now known as the Great Bell Temple, where a special building was erected to house it. In the older books, the weight of this bell is given as 52 tonnes, which is probably the weight of metal melted at its casting; for as the result of recent scientific investigations<sup>2</sup>, this bell has been calculated to weigh 46.5 tonnes (45½ tons, but not 915-1-7!).



The great bell of Beijing.

### Covered with texts

This great bell is remarkable in many ways, since it is covered all over, inside and out, with the texts of 17 Buddhist scriptures in raised relief. Most of the inscriptions are in Chinese characters, but there is some Sanskrit on the inside at the cusps and outside on the crown. The total number of characters is said to be 227000, but I did not have time to check this!

The whole casting is of exceptionally good quality, with no cracks, hair lines, porosity, blow holes, inclusions or other defects. It is remarkable too, that despite the many destructive political upheavals which have taken place in China, this great bell has survived unscathed down the centuries with no mutilation of its inscriptions. The canons, which are also covered with Chinese characters, were obviously cast first and inserted into the mould, since the bases of these are visible inside the crown of the bell. In the centre of the crown, below the canons, is a circular hole about six inches in diameter.

Admission to the Great Bell Temple costs 0.2 Yuan; and for a further one Yuan (30p) one may ascend a staircase to a loft above the bell, where one is given five coins to throw onto it. If a coin is thrown through the hole so as to land on the Buddha figure seated below, it is supposed to bring good luck. From this vantage point the crown and canons of the bell, as well as the shackles supporting it which are also decorated with Sanskrit inscriptions may be examined.

### Impressive dimensions

The dimensions of this great bell are impressive too; diameter at the lip 10½ feet, internal height 14½ feet. The total height, including the canons and shackles, is about 22 feet. The average thickness of the metal is about 3½ inches, increasing to 4½ inches at the crown, and 7½ inches just above the lip forming a rudimentary soundbow. The bell is sounded by striking with



The Great Bell Temple – building containing the great bell.

a piece of wood about three feet long and nine inches in diameter, slung in chains for the purpose but normally taken down to prevent unauthorised ringing. A full tonal analysis is not available; but the frequency of the hum note is said to be 22 Hz<sup>3</sup>, which would be the fourth F below middle C. The bronze contains 80.54%

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Bells in the temple garden.

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## Obituary

### Mr. B. C. Ashford

Bernard Charles Ashford passed peacefully away at his home in Belbroughton, Worcestershire on 19th June 1985. He was in his 88th year, and had been a ringer and chorister at St. Leonard's, Clent for upwards of 70 years.



Bernard was born in Clent, the eldest of the three sons of the late Charles Horton Ashford. He was educated at George Dixon's Grammar School, Birmingham and Birmingham University where he read engineering and commercial subjects. On leaving university he spent some time in the employ of Thomas Cook's tourist agency in Birmingham, and at this time he was well known in the ringing circles of that city. During the Great War he served for five years in France with the Grenadier Guards, the Heavy Artillery, and the Army Service Corps. In 1922 he joined his parents in the family business dealing in dairy and creamery products, and he was to be involved in this enterprise until but a few years ago.

Bernard's love of ringing was but one of his interests. For over 40 years he was a member of the Worcestershire County Chess Team, and another hobby at which he was renowned was that of bee keeping. As a ringer he will be remembered with gratitude for his service as Northern Branch Secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts during the years 1939-1969. Despite the shortages brought by the war, it was amazing how Bernard always managed to keep the branch meetings going during this period, and there was always a tea provided for those who attended - rationing was no bar to Bernard's ingenuity!

In 1970, in recognition of Bernard's outstanding services to the Worcestershire and Districts Association, he was made a Freeman of the same. His membership commenced in the year 1919, and from 1945-1972 he represented the Association on the Central Council. His peal total was a modest 31, mostly rung on tower bells. As a handbell ringer, notably tune ringing, he was particularly adept, and for very many years he maintained and led a local north Worcestershire tune ringing team.

The funeral service for Bernard was held at St. Leonard's, Clent on Midsummer Day. Many of his ringing friends joined family mourners to pay tribute to his memory, and the eight bells were rung half muffled before and after the service by members of the local band and other ringing friends. The Worcestershire and Districts Association members present were led by the Master, Mr. W. B. Cartwright, and it was good to see also several of Bernard's contemporaries there to pay their respects, both from the world of ringing and also that of commerce and industry. Cremation followed with a private ceremony at Stourbridge.

Bernard's wife pre-deceased him by a few years, and he leaves a son, Alan. To Alan and his wife go our sincere thoughts at this time. Bernard's memory as a Worcestershire ringer will endure for many many years, and we thank God for his example of service to his fellow ringers over the years.

M.D.F.

### John Nash

The sudden death on Sunday, 7th July of John Nash at the early age of 44 has stunned his friends in Norfolk. The Northern Branch of The Norwich Diocesan Association of bellringers has lost a laughing, cheerful, bearded friend. John has had periods of ill health before, and on these occasions was much missed from the Holt and Wiveton belfries. His absence recently was due to various other activities, notably his involvement in amateur dramatics, and there was much poking of fun the last time we saw him in the belfry ringing for a wedding. He always gave as good as he got, and his cheerful, good-humoured presence was always welcome in the belfry. On practice nights an engaging smile breaking on his face was an encouragement when floundering through unfamiliar methods, and when things went wrong he was never downcast, but always eager to try again and do better next time.

To his wife and two young daughters we offer our heartfelt sympathy. John will be very much missed by his ringing friends.

ANNA WELBOURNE

### Memorial to Ben Stepney

Evensong at Chiddingly, East Sussex on 14th July 1985 had a special significance for the Sussex County Association, for the service took the form of a memorial to Ben Stepney who had been a Life Member of the Association.

Ben had been born in Chiddingly, and it was appropriate that a permanent memorial of a table made from Chiddingly Oak by Graham Dutnall was dedicated in the ringing chamber by the rector, the Reverend Patrick Amos at the beginning of the service.

The First Lesson was read by Chiddingly ringer Hugh Bailey; the Second Lesson by Richard Kennard, Ringing Master of the Eastern Division of the Association, and the Address was given by Peter Hurcombe, the Master of the Association, who paid tribute to Ben's willing and loyal service to the Association over a period of 63 years. Using as his theme, the inscription on the new treble for the new 12 for East Grinstead cast the previous week, Peter concluded, "Ben has left us a superb example to follow. Let us pray that we will be worthy of that example, and that at the end, we, like him, will truly be able to say that our work was indeed "To the Glory of God".

After the service, Association members joined members of Ben's family and the rest of the congregation for refreshments in the village hall.

P.H.

### Barbecue rained off

The Bedfordshire Association's 6-Bell Striking Contest was based at Potton.

Following afternoon "open" ringing at Cople and Blunham the draw and contest ringing took place at the host tower. Terry Hicks and helpers kindly serving tea and soft drinks from the nearby village hall whilst others set up the barbecue and seating.

The judges, Paul Flavell (Sheffield) and Charles Pipe-Wolferstan (Redcliffe, Bristol) had adjudicated from a gateway adjoining a field, Charles causing mirth by using quasi-musical terminology in his descriptions of the test piece rung (120 P.B. Doubles).

Amid acclaim, Andrew Keech, conductor of the Kempston band received the St. Giles Cup from Paul Flavell; regrettably following this interlude the threatening clouds opened and proceedings were brought to an abrupt close, although luckily many had time enough to reach second helpings from the barbecue efficiently run by Alan Smith, Graham Crick and the Biggleswade District Committee, who also provided liquid refreshment.

The president, Derek Hammond, summed-up and thanked Owen Davis for inviting the judges and the hosts for the catering facilities, and Paul and Charles for travelling such long distances to attend.

M.E.

### Too hot!!

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association was held at Chiddingstone, and even though it is rather "off the map" 28 members were present from nine towers. Owing to the great heat very little ringing was indulged in. (R.W. 50 years ago)



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## How to manage a bell

by a Member of The Kent County Association

We have great pleasure in inserting the following, as it is sent by one of our oldest readers:

"It has long been my intention to say a few words on the above subject. Having been a ringer nearly 20 years, and having taught upwards of 40 persons how to ring a bell, I think I may claim to be able to make a few remarks on the above. I mean the careless manner in which so many handle the rope, and I think the time has arrived when some improvement in ringing a bell should be attained before advancing so far in the Art as Stedman or Treble Bob. Having attended several district meetings of the Kent County Association, I am very much surprised at the careless way the ropes are handled by ringers who can strike a bell well in Stedman and Treble Bob. At a recent meeting I noticed one particular band ring a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples, when only the ringers of the seventh and tenor handled their ropes in a proper manner. One ringer even let the rope pass through the upper hand from sallye to back-stroke, a most awkward way to ring a bell, while the other five after letting go of the sallye, their upper hand managed to get hold of the rope the moment the bells were at ropes-end. The above is awkward in the extreme, and all ringers in charge of pupils should persist in their learning to ring a bell in a proper way, which does not take any longer, or even as long if properly attended to. My way is to first let the pupil have a pull at rope's-end, while I pull the sallye; when he can manage rope's-end fairly well, let him pull the sallye, telling him to look downwards to see when to catch hold of it while I pull the ropes-end. When he can do this fairly well, let him try and manage her by himself, and look after him well for a few lessons, and at the first try and make him, immediately he lets go of the sallye, place the upper hand on the ropes-end close to the other hand before the hands are raised, keeping a sharp look out to see that he does it in this way, which will soon be attained; and not allow him to ring in peal until he can do this. I myself was not allowed to ring in peal before I could do it in this way, and I should think my tutor taught more people to ring a bell than any other man living in Kent."

*Have the hackles started to rise down in Kent? We hope not. This was a letter which appeared in Bell News 1895! - Ed.*

## They're back!

After 16 months' silence and several disappointments on the way, the bells of All Saints', Sproughton, are back. The work to rehang them commences at the start of August, and the Thanksgiving and Dedication Service will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 8th, 1985. We will be pleased to see everyone who can come, but especially those who have helped us in many ways, not least fund-raising. D.S.B.

## First peal congratulations

Richard M. Grainger, W. John Grainger, Wayne Harris, Michael L. E. Last, Alex Bayliss, Julia R. Ladd, Julie Howatson, Ronald Gudgeon, Michael Gudgeon, Norman E. Waite, John Schreiner (H).



Canon Hudson and Mrs. Hudson pictured after the surprise dinner with Andrew Stubbs and Philip Rogers.

## A major surprise for the Canon

"Look how smart young Mark is dear. Don't you think you ought to put a suit on rather than that old jacket?" By this and other devious means Mrs. Hudson (who knew) persuaded Canon Hudson (who didn't) to get ready for what he thought was to be a quiet drink and a bar snack at some fairly ordinary establishment in the City.

However, things were not as they seemed. Transport was by taxi rather than the usual tube or foot and the destination proved to be St. Olave's parish hall where an assembled company of 40 or so waited to greet Canon Gerald Hudson to a dinner specially arranged to mark his imminent retirement. A temporarily bemused Canon was greeted by the Master of The Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Philip Rogers.

St. Mary-le-Bow is a somewhat unusual church in that perhaps its most famous aspect is its bells. Bow bells are of great significance, not only to those "born within the sound" but also to the many visitors who come to see the church and remember the sound of these bells as a message of hope during darker times. Canon and Mrs. Hudson have lived within very close sound of this fine ring and their tolerance and goodwill towards ringers and ringing over their years at Bow have been greatly appreciated.

This farewell dinner was a "ringers dinner" in every sense of the expression. Simon Brown expertly controlled the kitchen end and Paul Williams, Senior Steward of the College Youths bustled around as organiser-in-chief. Prolific peal ringers were to be seen waiting at table switching expertly between courses. The tasteful decoration and excellent food and service were greatly appreciated by all. And of course the proceedings were sprinkled with a number of speeches.

Andrew Wilby whose extensive research into a book he had been given had revealed a somewhat dubious meaning of the name Gerald asked "chunky thighs" to rise and take wine with the top table. Stan Mason, Graham Firman

and Paul Mounsey in turn spoke of their appreciation of the support received from Canon Hudson. Then, after a short break Philip Rogers mentioning in passing that St. Mary-le-Bow bells, with Mark Regan on the tenor, sounded excellent - when heard from Whitstable (Canon and Mrs. Hudson's home) invited Gerald Hudson to say a few words.

Canon Hudson's witty speech at last year's College Youths' dinner is still remembered by those who had the privilege of hearing it and once again he did not disappoint. Intimate details of Mark and Ros's preparation for their forthcoming wedding in September were discussed leading inevitably to the aisle, altar, hymn (I'll alter him) joke and although totally unprepared for this surprise dinner all present were treated to a quality performance once again.

We join with the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and with ringers associated with St. Mary-le-Bow in wishing Gerald and Meg Hudson a long and happy retirement. Mark Regan expressed this wish in the final speech of the evening when he too spoke of the immense support and help he had received from them.

The Secretary of The College Youths suggested that the headline for this report should be "Canons don't retire they can only be fired" - but that is too corny even for *The Ringing World*.

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# Letters

## Provocative generalization

We must take you to task re your observations made in the Editorial (RW 19th July, p.618) when you write that quarter peal ringers are generous and compare this with peal ringers who are mean. A generalization such as this could be regarded as provocative, as there are many peal ringers who are more than generous in the giving of time, to travel (at their own expense) to ring a peal (often with ringers with less experience and ability than themselves) at obscure towers where the bells would not be rung correctly from one year to the next, and thus (assuming a high standard of ringing is maintained during the peal) give encouragement to the local ringers to do this - and better.

It should be, as a generalization, the aim of all Tower Captains to a ring peal with their own local team, or at least with as many competent local ringers as possible once every year; and the privilege of those of us who enjoy peal ringing to assist in the achievement of this aim.

Our quarter pealers should be encouraged to continue with their generous support and not, Sir, burdened nor discouraged by having provocations placed before them.

PETER M. DAWSON

Calverley,  
West Yorkshire

*The letters contained in the 19th July issue in general compared the amount of the donations received from quarter peals with those from peals. The Editorial sought to make the point that rather than carry on with the assumption that peal ringers were mean and quarter peal ringers generous there were other more fruitful sources of investigation. - Ed.*

## New rules for method naming

The recent Central Council decision to allow the notorious 500 method half lead Spliced Surprise Major peal reintroduces a problem which I thought might have died with the previous decision to reject it. I do not feel strongly on the technical merits of the case, though it would appear that any peal of Spliced contains inherent ambiguities of a similar kind in that whenever a bob is called there is no means of determining whether the lead end which would have been rung was a 2nds or 8ths place one.

Rather I would like to air a practical issue which arises as a side effect of such exercises, namely the use of method names by the armful. Traditionally, as new methods have been created, they have been given names which had some significance to the band ringing them. Often this was the name of their home town or village, sometimes it was less obvious, sometimes it was sufficiently eccentric to cause the more volatile eyebrows of the exercise to rise. Most methods which someone is prepared to ring for several hours have some sort of intrinsic merit, and over the years the stock of methods has grown and perpetuated the names of many places where ringers have been active.

With performances such as the 500, though, this steady pattern is disrupted. Overnight, sheaves of names were requisitioned by the band

and, influenced by the tradition of place naming, these seem to have been obtained by dredging the map of large tracts of the country for every unused town or village name they could find. In doing so, they have deprived, at a stroke, many of us from ever having the satisfaction of naming such a method after our home town. We do not have any rights to such a privilege, of course, but at least before we had a sporting chance.

What is probably far worse is that the methods to which the names have been attached are hardly of the calibre which anyone would want to ring to a peal. (I do not wish to imply any slur on the skills of those who designed them. I know the achievement was a significant one, but the qualities needed to make that particular performance possible are a long way from those which make a method attractive to ring for much more than 16 changes).

Are there any ways round the problem, one which seems to me to be rooted in rules about method naming which were conceived long before this sort of performance was? I can think of some: (a) a method could only be named if rung to a peal, not a smaller fraction of a peal like 1/500; (b) a method may not be named unless all of it has been rung. (The nit pickers could argue whether it had to be "all the work" as well.) As an adjunct to either of these, it should be made respectable to refer to methods officially by numbers or codes. People would then only feel the need to resort to names for methods of a calibre which they felt warranted it.

I would urge those charged with achieving order rather than chaos in our affairs to give serious thought to the problem. It may seem like shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted, but I believe there is a far bigger horse on its way. In any case, if the Central Council can contemplate renaming Reverse Canterbury years after its birth, surely it could consider a little retrospective action in this case.

JOHN A. HARRISON

Wokingham

## Half peal memories

Meriel Thirst's letter and photograph (RW 5th July, p.575) attracted the attention of my ringing friends here (some of whom took the latter for a much more recent photograph of my son Michael, currently President of the North American Guild) and led us to unearth Donald Marshall's letter, which we had overlooked. I had forgotten that the photograph existed, but I remember the half peal clearly - having more than once claimed to be one of the few ringers who has rung a half peal that came round correctly and predictably. Neither Donald nor Meriel seem sure of the American ringer's name. As I recall, it was Paul Coste (or maybe Koste, pronounced as two syllables). Charles Dixon, whom Meriel correctly identifies as the Precentor of St. Paul's Cathedral, left shortly afterwards to take up a similar position at a South African cathedral.

I have only one quarrel with Donald's account: it was not the front-end ringers who got tired, but he himself! No-one should blame him. The bells were hung on plain bearings (as I remember) and the back six were tough. The seventh, from which Donald conducted, was harder to ring into changes than the heavier tenor.

It gave me real pleasure to read in your paper of two friends with whom I have completely lost touch, and to be able to infer that (like me) they are still ringing. Since they are avid readers of *The Ringing World*, they will know that, out here, we recently augmented our eight with two excellent Whitechapel trebles and can now offer them some 10-bell ringing. If either of them comes out here on a "tower grabbing" spree, I will be happy to give them a special welcome. Who knows? - we might even ring another half peal together!

ALAN H. BATTEN

Victoria B.C.

## How much real change?

In recent issues of *The Ringing World* we have learned that women were actively being discouraged from ringing in 1913 (especially in the Norwich Diocesan Association apparently!), but also that Stephanie Kenton and Elisabeth Bowden were the two leading peal ringers in 1984. From these reports it might be concluded that the place of Ladies/girls/women/females, say what you will, in the Exercise has changed over the last 70 years in line with the rest of society and that all is well. However although many towers would not be ringing without members of both sexes I still cringe at meeting reports where "the local ladies were thanked for the tea" still rolls off the pen and one assumes the writer thinks of this as their major role.

I have been doing a little investigation into the composition of the Central Council which is supposed to represent all ringers. In 1984, out of a membership of 203, 15 were women. Of these, five were either Life or Honorary Members leaving 10 ordinary elected representatives. This includes three members of the Ladies Guild, so deducting these and three delegates from the Ancient Society of College Youths to compensate (sorry gents!) means that just over 4 per cent of the representatives sent by Associations where either sex could be elected are female - and one of these is from the North American Guild!

Does 4 per cent reflect the situation throughout the Exercise? The way I have tested this is to consult the Norwich Diocesan Association report also for 1984 and to count the attached ringing members which shows almost 36 per cent of that group are females (assuming all those listed with initials only to be male). From my experience of local meetings I am surprised the figure is not higher but it is of course around *nine times* the percentage on the Central Council.

Doubtless someone will quibble with my arithmetic but the basic message still holds. I ask your readership to read, mark and inwardly digest these figures before the representatives for the next triennium are elected and also, perhaps, to try a count from their local annual report.

Incidentally the female membership figure for my own tower in 1984 was 57 per cent but our recent Association tea was co-ordinated by one of our male members!

Wymondham,  
Norfolk

ROSEMARY CHARLES

At our local library a man was overheard asking for a book called *Man, the Superior Sex*. "Fiction," the girl at the counter told him frostily, "is next door."



## Dangers of old compositions

I would like to bring readers' attention to a false composition in Stedman (my copy is 1903, but it will be in subsequent editions). It is the 10 part by Thomas Edwards on p.119. There is a footnote that the peal was rung by the College Youths at Kensington in 1803, the first of Stedman Triples by the Society.

Here is yet another instance of the aura often surrounding old compositions and protecting them from scrutiny. This particular one is blatantly false in many places (e.g. changes 97 and 3298 in courses 2 and 40). John McDonald tells me there are one or two others in the same edition that are also false. It is a pity that such a historic work is not revised.

In the meantime I hope that conductors are aware of the dangers of using old compositions that have not been checked properly, even if they are linked with famous names and come from well-known publications.

JOHN PLADDYS

Loughborough, Leics.

## An excellent effort

The exhibitions about "Bells and Bellringing", to celebrate the centenary of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers at the Hastings Museum was both interesting and informative. There was an extremely wide variety of material on show, and with adequate descriptive support, to make it all so worthy of the occasion.

The visitor to the Hastings Museum was greeted by a show case of mediaeval bell casting, but much much more was to be seen and noted, both ancient and modern. Such as ancient bells; the eight-bell ringing machine made by Robert Ward of Henfield and completed in 1849; casting and tuning of bells; a whole range of souvenirs and ringer's badges; handbells; a list of Sussex bell-founders; the work of the Association and not surprisingly, an operational micro computer. Of the "writing on the wall" was a paper for the uninitiated entitled "Why bells are rung".

At Hastings, all exhibits were extremely well placed at a convenient height - no unnecessary eye straining nor back bending, and no glass reflection. In my calculations there was a generous 500+ sq. ft. of floor space and one could spend easily a half-day of pleasant leisure time looking around.

The exhibition will be moved to the Towner Art Gallery, Eastbourne (27th July to 25th August) and then to the Worthing Museum (31st August to 28th September) and my compliments go to the Sussex County Association; to the committee and individuals responsible for the exhibition; to the sponsors and to all personnel at the exhibition centres.

T. J. LOCK

## The peal ringer's point of view

May I, as an archetypal selfish peal ringer, be allowed to put forward my point of view on the question of financing the printing of peals and quarter peals? As far as I am concerned the arguments that have filled your letters column recently to the effect that peal ringers should, like quarter peal ringers, make donations to cover the cost of printing peals are totally misguided. Like many other ringers, I regard peals as *news* and *The Ringing World* as a ringers newspaper, and in common with other newspapers I see no reason why it should be necessary to pay for the insertion of news items. The only payment required is that which all sub-

scriptions make: e.g. the cover price of 50p. If this is insufficient to bear the cost of printing peals then the price of the journal must be increased. I do not believe the argument that peals are only of interest to a small minority of ringers and should therefore be paid for by the participants. There are numerous other items which must be of much narrower interest than peals: local association meeting reports, for example, are surely only of interest to a few ringers in a specific area?

As for the argument that it is unfair discrimination to ask for a donation from quarter peals ringers but not peal ringers, I would argue that there is no unfairness because quarter peals are of much less interest than peals and if the participants wish to see their names in print then they should pay for the privilege. Personally, I almost always skip the quarter peal pages unless I am on a long train journey and starved of any other reading! Is such a view unnecessarily harsh on learners who may derive much pleasure in seeing their first quarter in *The Ringing World*? I believe not. Imagine the infinitely greater pleasure to be derived from seeing one's name in the peal columns for the first time, in large print and not tucked away in small type in the quarter peal columns.

There must be many more selfish peal ringers who feel similarly?

DAVID BROWN

Cambridge

P.S. - I do ring regularly for Sunday service . . . except when I am off ringing peals).

## An ideal setting

The Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers held its quarterly meeting at Maiden Bradley. There was ringing in the afternoon at the North Dorset tower of Stourton. The village church is situated overlooking the picturesque National Trust's Stourhead Gardens and Lake providing a lovely setting for a warm July afternoon.

A service and tea was followed by a short business meeting before returning to Maiden Bradley church for evening ringing. The ringing progressed throughout the evening and methods varied from rounds and call changes to Surprise Minor. Those who were not taking in the evening sun in the churchyard or ringing in the sauna-like conditions of the ringing chamber visited the roof of the tower where there were views of the surrounding countryside.

The evening ended in the usual ringing manner of liquid refreshments.

T.M.D.

## Last of the big spenders

Highclere Bellringers are very much involved in church activities, the recent annual Church Fete on 22nd June despite a wet afternoon was up by £200 on the previous year.

The big event of the year will be the marriage of Lady Caroline Herbert, daughter of Lord and Lady Porchester to Mr. John Warren. Lord Porchester is the Queen's Racing Manager and among the 650 guests will be the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and other younger royals.

The ringers who run the Bottle Stall were pleased to have Lady Porchester among the crowd surrounding the stall waiting their turn, tickets being sold at 10p a go.

Lady Porchester asked for one ticket. Mrs. Sylvia Dodd, well known for her outspokenness, without thinking retorted "Last of the Big Spenders", then immediately apologised. It was all taken in good part but it is now doubtful if an invitation to the wedding will be forthcoming for the Dodds!

## Italian trip to research bells

Little did I realise the impact I would make when I visited Italy in June to research the origins of campanology for my new book, *Sinner to Saints - a study of Campanology in Campania*.

Campania is an area in southern Italy of which Naples is the centre. Many of the words associated with bells derive from Campania - campanology, campana, campanile, nola, etc. It seems surprising, therefore, that so little is known about the region. I felt that it must surely be worthy of study.

On my second day in Italy I decided to visit the place where the founder of campanology, St. Paulinus (400 A.D.) had lived. This was Cimitile, a town about 20 miles inland from Naples. At one time it was a place of Christian pilgrimage on a par with Jerusalem and Rome. It was St. Paulinus who introduced bells into the early Christian church.

But, instead of bells, I found bones! The ancient church had originally been a Roman temple where the Romans buried their dead and archaeologists working on the site had dug up a huge pile of bones.

The bell tower dated back to about the 8th century and was to be the oldest I saw in Campania. It is probably the oldest in Europe.

I made a sketch of every place I visited and these aroused a great deal of interest. The proprietor of the hotel where I stayed made a display of my drawings because so many people were fascinated. He even took photo-copies of the sketches and had them framed. Now the local people know more about bells than they did before my visit. In fact, I found that there was a great amount of ignorance about bells and bell ringing amongst the Italians.

I found that I had a difficult job cutting through the red tape in order to pay a visit to the store rooms in the Naples Archaeological Museum. I had read somewhere that a bell had been found at Pompei (destroyed 79 A.D.) so I was naturally keen to search it out. I was totally unprepared for what I found at Pompei during excavations. These were quite finely cast, although small.

The bells in the churches I visited were very disappointing. There was no comparison with our British bells. The majority of Italian bells are struck with hammers rather than rung with ropes, and practically all the towers were either Baroque or Renaissance.

I have now collected enough notes and sketches to help me to complete my book on campanology within the next year.

Great Oak Farm, CHRISTABEL POWELL  
Great Oak, Raglan,  
Gwent.

## Nanny ringers

We hear that an event at the Bath Festival was advertised as: "Have a Goat Bell-ringing". Those who visited Bathwick tower were perhaps disappointed not to see any animal antics - only the local ringers inviting them to look round the tower and bells and "have a go" at backstroke. Photos were taken of this memorable moment in their lives, and copies (with subtle plea for a donation to the restoration fund) were sent later. A sum of £200 was raised and this included approximately £50 from the photographic follow-up.

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Sign in a sweet shop: "Rock - take your pick."



## A day in North Hertfordshire

Wallington, Herts may lack the amenities of its Surrey namesake. And, on 6th July, it had not the glamour of Chris and Martina at Wimbledon. Nonetheless it is truly rural and beautiful; noises are normally limited to bird song and tractors. To these were added the voices of St. Mary's six bells, in action for the District Striking Competition.

Having approached the church with very great care - the lane being the exercise ground for numerous very young ducklings - we divided the spacious churchyard into spheres of influence: children's playground at the West end, and judges in seclusion at the Eastern extremity. We were fortunate to have attracted two keen critics and exponents from the metropolis: Geraldine Lea and Norman Brock; the beautiful sunny afternoon must have been better here than back in The Smoke.

The only small unhappiness was that the entry was but five service bands. Even amongst these there was a fair amount of toing and froing, due to the need to perform for weddings. If we are to continue to have our contest on days in June (and this I strongly support), might it not be worthwhile starting after tea, by which hour most wedding parties have reached the reception stage? However, we kept to schedule, from the draw at 2.30, and there were no undue delays. The only interruptions were a most unexpected fly-past - at about 200 feet - of the R.A.F. Red Arrows (which must have dulled the judges auditory activity for the next few minutes!), and the need to move all the cars, so as to allow the haymakers home with their tractors and bales.

A splendid tea was taken in the Village Hall; thanks indeed to Mr. and Mrs. Cranfield senior. If they have doubts about enjoying two sons and a daughter-in-law who are all ringers, they show no sign of it. Maybe it was the presence of their beautiful granddaughter which contributed to family solidarity?

After tea, Geraldine spoke for the judges. As ever, she was kind, saying that no one had disgraced themselves; also, wise counsel which however perennial needs repetition: "Don't rush into changes before settling into rounds". Commonsense, isn't it; but impetuous zeal must out. When the results came, we were all (or almost all!) delighted to learn of a "new" tower becoming holder of the Eddie Buck Trophy for 12 months: St. Giles, Codicote. Hitchin were second and Stevenage third. If the Codicote band needed a further "persuader" to raise the balance outstanding for their recent restoration, this was it. Their faces told all!

After thanks to the judges, we had a short quarterly business meeting. This was fairly humdrum; although it is always pleasant to be asked to elect a number of probationers and new members. We also had to fill a couple of casual vacancies: Trevor Groom being the new HCA Treasurer (and therefore neutral) we asked Chris Forster to speak for us on the General Committee. The sad death of Alf Harris necessitated a further District Bell Fund Trustee; the meeting selected the oldest member present (whose initials appear below), on the grounds that if he wasn't much use, it wouldn't last too long.

After moving on to Baldock for general ringing, most of the company re-assembled at The Rose and Crown for a bitter sweet occasion: to entertain Ann and Rex Agg - and members of their family - and to say a sad farewell to them all. For, after some 25 years in the District, they are to leave us for Beaconsfield. (As if the ODG hadn't got enough good ringers already!). This is no place to attempt to catalogue all that the Aggs have done; for the County and the District,

and for tower and choir of St. Mary's Hitchin. They will be sadly missed, and we wanted them to know this - and to receive our best wishes for their new home and their life there.

Peter Cranfield, who is a man of many parts, had produced a large card of Valediction, enclosed within line drawings of some of the District's towers. On this we added our messages and signatures; in the hope that from time to time they might look at it and say "Isn't it about time we went over to Hitchin to see what they're up to?" There will always be a welcome, and a glass.

D. L. GULLICK

## Rushmere ringers

The date for the Rushmere ringers annual outing was fixed early in the year at their A.G.M. - the Vicar advised that there were no weddings booked for 29th June and he would advise any couples requiring this date for their wedding that the bells would not be available. Eleven ringers made a leisurely start to Swelling the first tower with a light six. A short drive took the party to Rendham, a heavier six and the last stop before a picnic lunch was Saxmundham, a most enjoyable six. The first tower in the afternoon was the eight at Kelsale: whilst ringing at this church there was a very heavy downpour which lasted as long as the scheduled visit. With dry weather but a dirty road the ringers moved on to Theberton where an upset was narrowly averted - it was only discovered when the fifth had been raised that it had no stay: Quick reaction by two of the band brought it back over the balance. The last tower was Yoxford where the Vicar made the visitors very welcome on the occasion of their Flower Festival. After a short session of general ringing a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung for the festival - a fitting end to an enjoyable outing.

L.J.T.

## A day in Essex

St. Peters-in-Thanel - known to all and sundry as SPIT - visited Essex for their Annual Outing, although looking round the coach it appeared more like a Canterbury District function as so many towers were represented. Despite an early start, an accident in one of the Dartford Tunnels and the resulting traffic chaos led to us being about ten minutes late at Stanford le Hope, our first tower. The next tower was Fobbing - what amazing places bell-ringers expect coach drivers to go to - where the views over the Thames Estuary were greatly enjoyed. A short journey from Fobbing and we were at Langdon Hills where some of the band experienced difficulty with the fifth. The first tower after the lunch break was Ingrave where the ringing was much enjoyed. Romford was the next stop and the Saturday Street Market outside the Church proved a bit of a problem (again) for our driver. One member of our band would insist on ringing Triples during a course of Major with the obvious outcome - disaster. North Ockenden was the last tower before tea, a ground floor ring of six, anticlockwise which required a little practice before the band became acclimatised. Whilst ringing was in progress the ladies assembled a salad tea, the contents of which had been in the coach all day. Ample refreshed we headed for Grays the last tower of the day, another ground floor ring but before a side chapel altar quite an awe-inspiring setting. Grays is one of the newest eights in the country, the bells being small and light set with new ropes and big flashy sallies, a real challenge to all to complete a most enjoyable day. With our thanks to Mike Cook and his wife for organising the day, we headed for home.

P.Y.

## More discussion on clay bells

Around 65 ringers attended the Winchester & Portsmouth Diocesan Guild's Annual General Meeting at Highcliffe in the south western corner of Hampshire on 6th July. Excluding the visitors, this represented around 6 per cent of the Guild's membership and the greater part consisted of various Guild officers and those members who attend nearly all Guild activities.

The meeting was chaired by the Master, Gilian Davis, who had to travel perhaps the shortest of all those present - from nearby Christchurch in Dorset.

The business was for the most part the kind of thing transacted at all Guild AGM's - acceptance of reports, accounts etc., etc., which interested readers can find more about by purchasing a copy of the Guild Report for £1 from the General Secretary.

By far the largest topic discussed however, and which must make this AGM different from all other Guilds', was the subject of peals on the clay bells at the Liss campanile. Discussion was very reminiscent of the Central Council meetings of recent years and a separate report on this discussion will be sent to *The Ringing World* later by the General Secretary.

Messrs. A. Betsworth of Petersfield, C. A. Pound of Hawkley and F. Bessant of Hambledon were all welcomed to Life Membership of the Guild, after being members for over 50 years.

Two thousand and fifty pounds was promised from the Bell Restoration Fund to five towers, including £1000 to Eversley. This sum is largely interest on money in the BRF, but a little capital is to be spent.

The Master congratulated all those enthusiastic members who do DIY jobs on bells in the Guild. She thanked them for their efforts and confirmed the very necessary bureaucracy and liaison with church officials which is needed to ensure that faculties and insurances etc are all complied with.

Progress on organising the Ringing Festival in the Channel Islands (26th May to 1st June 1986) was reported on. Booking forms will be distributed later in the year - firstly to all those Guild members who have expressed interest and then more widely.

The Guild service at Highcliffe church was conducted by the vicar and his curate, Barry Fry.

R.C.

The thing to do with good advice is to pass it on. It is never any good to oneself.

- Oscar Wilde



"One more course of Minimus and he'll feel the weight of my hoof." (Swindon Branch Newsletter)



## A Suffolk peal to be restored

St. Mary-the-Virgin, Edwardstone stands in a park surrounding the remains of old Edwardstone Hall with beautiful views over the unspoilt Suffolk countryside. Originally (about 1553) the church had only four bells and in 1709 an itinerant bellfounder (probably John Waylett) added two trebles and recast the tenor. William Culpeck was not satisfied with the result and in the following year had the second recast. Shortly after this - probably in 1712 on the evidence of the shields on the bell - Thomas Gardiner of Sudbury recast the tenor.

Details of the present bells are -

Treble	cast in 1709 by John Waylett of Bishops Stortford inscribed: MR. COOK AND NUTING - CW 1709	4-2-0
2nd	cast in 1710 also by John Waylett inscribed: TUNED BY W.M. CULPECK 1710	4-3-0
3rd	cast in 1640 by Miles Graye II from Colchester inscribed: MILES GRAYE MADE ME 1640	5-2-0
4th	cast in 1641 by Miles Graye II inscribed: MILES GRAYE MADE ME 1641	6-0-0
5th	cast in 1663 by Miles Graye III of Colchester inscribed: MILES GRAYE MADE ME 1663	7-2-0
Tenor	cast about 1712 by Thomas Gardiner of Sudbury, with an unusual inscription which tells something of the story: ABOUT TY SECOND CULPECK IS WRETT BECAUSE THE FOUNDER WANT DWETT THEIR JUDGEMENTS - WARE BUT BAD - AT LAST IS ELCE THIS BELL I NEVER HAD CAST Theo Gardiner	13-0-0

The tenor, which is listed for preservation, has a large piece missing from the lip where the clapper used to strike. Unfortunately this cannot safely be repaired and a new bell will have to be cast, and the original tenor retained in its present state.



The tenor

A restoration project was launched earlier this year by an enthusiastic local band, and with the approval of the Parochial Church Council and support of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers the Edwardstone Church Bell Trust was formed. The cost of the project is about £18,000 and

## Confiscation of church goods, some notes on the situation in Norfolk 1547-1553.

It appears that the first steps towards diverting the valuables of Norfolk parish churches into the royal treasury were taken before the accession of Edward VI, and the 1552 Inventory for Roudham carries the following memorandum:

*Memorandum that ij belles were carried away by Hugh Blye and William Faconer and Richard Coste and Sir Francis Lovell Knyght wayenge by estimacion viij c. and this was done in the xxxviijth yere of Kyng Henry the viijth without the consent of the parishes.*

A definite instruction in the early years of Edward's reign, dated 15th February 1549, appointed Commissioners to summon incumbents and churchwardens and to require them inventories of the remaining church valuables: it was also ordered that any church property sold should be restored unless it could be shown that the sale had taken place with the agreement of the parishioners and that the proceeds had been used charitably. A typical return (dated 1549-1550) from such an enquiry remains for Woodton Church, in which the churchwardens stated that they had sold a bell weighing 11 cwt. for £10 and had used the proceeds to recast the lead on the south side of the church, to white-wash the church and mend certain windows, to make a poor-box and to mend a bell-clapper: two paraphrases were purchased and half the cost of a new bible was provided.

It would appear that the instructions of 1549 were not carried out with sufficient speed to satisfy the King's advisers, and further Commissioners were set to work in the autumn of 1552 to produce inventories for all 690 churches in Norfolk. The Inventories give, in addition to the list of church goods, a schedule of the plate and bells which would be allowed to remain after the Commissioners' work had been carried out in full, and few churches would have been allowed to retain more than a single bell.

In January 1553 the Commissioners were ordered to collect all the inventories and to bring in to the King's treasury all the ready money, plate and jewels certified as remaining in the churches, but other less valuable items, such as vestments and altar cloths, were to be sold in the parishes, as other metals remaining, with the stated exceptions of "great bells" and "saunce bells", which were to remain until the King's pleasure in the matter was known. The effect as felt in the parishes is shown in the North Elmham churchwardens' accounts, where the churchwardens appeared before the Commis-

sioners, gathered at Walsingham in 1552, to present their Inventory. The actual confiscation of the church goods is recorded thus:

*Item for our Costs and other Comanded to bryng the Chyrche Goods with their Inventarye of the same, Bells and a Payer of chalyce onlye excepted, before the Kyngs Mayesties Commissioners at Lenne the iiijthe day of June in the vijth yere of hys gracs Reygn vjs.*

The date of confiscation, 4th June 1553, is close to that of the death of Edward VI, 6th July, 1553. It would seem that difficulty of access prevented the rapid removal and sale of the bells until Mary's accession put a stop to the Commissioners' activities.

There is little doubt, from the 1552 Inventories, that many parishes had already sold bells and other church goods in order to convert the property to local uses rather than to allow the Commissioners to realise its value. At Wymondham, for example, where the parishioners had brought the bells from the Abbey tower at the Suppression, six bells were sold to an Ipswich merchant for £62, leaving only two bells in the parish tower in 1552. Although there seems little doubt that the upheavals of Edward VI's reign caused the loss of a number of bells from the parish churches, their destruction was in no way as extensive as is sometimes supposed. It is frequently stated in guide books to churches, and in other places, that Edward VI's commissioners "took away" bells from the church towers, leaving only the smallest: the existence of many towers containing more than a single pre-Reformation bell, however, shows that such a practice was not widespread, although there are a few indications that the Commissioners, anticipating the King's command, had seen to the removal of church bells before the making of the 1552 Inventory.

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includes provision of a new tenor, turning the other five bells, design and installation of a new steel frame, new ropes and allied fittings. The tower is in excellent condition, having been recently restored and a concrete ring beam placed about 8ft. above first floor level. The Trust hope to raise at least half of the money needed by the end of this year and their aim is to have the bells ringing on Christmas Eve 1986. Many fund-raising events have been planned, one of these, a flight on Concorde has already been mentioned in an earlier issue of *The Ringing World*. On 25th October, Richard Seabrook, about whom the BBC2 television series "Seabrook's Year" was made, is due to speak in Boxford village hall about the films, including being a shepherd and his bellringing. To widen the publicity of this project the "Friends of Edwardstone Bells" has been formed to enable people living outside the immediate area to give their

support; regular up-dates of the Trust's progress and details of fund-raising activities being sent to all "Friends".



Edwardstone church



## St. Helier's Day Pilgrimage

Visitors travelling to Jersey by sea generally arrive at St. Helier. The final approach brings them inside the huge Elizabeth Castle breakwater on the left before the entry into the harbour itself. Elizabeth Castle is built on an islet and guards the approach to St. Helier. To the south is a high rock which, before the construction of the breakwater, was separated from Elizabeth Castle, and on the rock stands the hermitage. Here, so tradition has it, St. Helier was supposed to have lived in the 6th century. The hermitage, formerly a small oratory, was built in the 12th century and became a place of pilgrimage.

In 1923 Dean Falle revived the pilgrimage, and processions of church-folk walk across the causeway, which is uncovered at low tide, for a service at the hermitage on the nearest Sunday to St. Helier's Day (16th July), when the low tide uncovers the causeway during the afternoon.

This year the Sunday chosen was 7th July, and a special effort was called for to mark this, the final service in his office as Dean, of the Very Reverend T. A. Goss. There is only one bell in the castle and that is hung in a turret above the castle gate. It is cracked and no longer rung to indicate when pedestrians have to leave in order not to be cut off by the tide.

Three of the St. Mark's ringers decided to ring the pilgrims into the castle, and took up position at the foot of the bell turret, using the back six of the church's handbells (size 20 in E) for the occasion. In the event the pilgrims probably heard little of the ringing because the wind was in the wrong direction and because of the competition from the band which led the procession. However, visitors seemed to enjoy the quite majestic and measured ringing on the big bells. Despite all the distractions a very good quarter peal was rung.

**Sunday, 7th July.** 1260 P.B. Minor: Lucy J T Smith 1-2, A P Beal 3-4, J R Worrall (C) 5-6. First quarter 'in hand' by ringers of 1-2 and 3-4.

## Summer meeting

The summer meeting of the Derby Diocesan Association was held this year in the Chesterfield District. In the early afternoon the bells of Old Whittington were put to good use and afterwards ringers proceeded to Dronfield, where Evensong was taken by the Vicar, the Revd. R. Orchard, in an interesting address he mentioned the various inscriptions on the bells at Dronfield.

There was a disappointingly low attendance for the tea and those present made scarcely any impact on the platefuls of sandwiches and cakes prepared by Simon Grieve and Kathy Bloomfield.

After tea, the business meeting was held with Rev. F. Ross in the chair. It was noted that more people had sent apologies for absence than had attended the meeting. David Hird, who was unable to be present, had sent a comprehensive report on proceedings at the recent Central Council meeting at Brighton. The meeting was told that there was a plan to make the three bells at Weston-on-Trent ringable and possibly to augment them in memory of the late Vicar. It was decided that members of the Association would form a working party and would, if possible, get the bells ringable by D.I.Y., as the problems were ones of neglect rather than of the fittings being worn out. (A start has already been made on this venture).

After the meeting, ringing continued at Dronfield into the early evening.

P.A.M.H.

## Diamond Wedding peal

In early August 1975 *The Ringing World* carried a photograph of Reg and Eva Rex, who had celebrated their Golden Wedding on July 16th. The local "Newbury Weekly News" had carried the same story some weeks earlier, and it was probably from them the photograph had been obtained.

By pure coincidence an old friend and captain of Woolton Hill tower, where Reg was a member of the band in company with Tom Lock, had celebrated his Diamond Wedding two months earlier and *The Ringing World* had also carried a photograph of this couple - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Balaam of Basingstoke. Reg had much in common with Harry - ringing ability, and both were one-armed ringers and, both having had conducting experience, knew how to shout, especially at Woolton Hill where the bells are noisy.

Now ten years later Reg Rex is celebrating his Diamond Wedding. Unfortunately not so active as Harry Balaam ten years ago, he can no longer climb the stairs to ring and has difficulty in walking any distance, so ringing now is out of the question.

However, his mind is very active and the writer has kept in touch over the 40 years of first meeting Reg - he rang in my first peal at Amesbury in 1948, first Surprise Major as conductor in 1960, and I rang in his last peal, London Major at Highclere, where he learnt to ring in 1922; on November 19th, 1978, and followed the peal with a quarter of London Royal for Evensong at Newbury the same day.

He does not feel that he will ring even a quarter peal now, so it is most unlikely that Reg will take an active part in local ringing again; however, ten years ago he organised a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Highclere which he rang in at 72 years of age, and which I was asked to conduct, on the Saturday prior to his Golden Wedding, and on the evening of the day a quarter of Stedman Caters at Thatcham, where he was an active ringer at the time.

Reg met his wife in Bournemouth Pleasure Gardens in the summer of 1923. He was married at Kingsclere on July 16th, 1925, and two years later started an active peal-ringing career with 750 peals to his credit, when he rang the third to Cambridge Surprise Major for his first peal at Sheffield English, conducted by George Williams.

It was a pleasure, therefore, to arrange a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Thatcham the previous Saturday. A car was arranged to pick Reg up, and he heard the last two courses before celebration drinks afterwards in The Cricketers.

Old stories were re-told, peals re-rung. We wish Reg and Eva Rex many more years of wedding celebrations. G.K.D.

## Ossett augmentation appeal -bellringers raffle

The draw for the raffle - tickets being sold to ringers in various parts of the country - took place on Sunday 14th July at the Community Centre, Ossett. Mr. F. Armitage, retired editor of the local paper, kindly agreed to come and draw the tickets. The winning number was 4943, which turned out to have been bought by David Lockwood the Tower Captain at Ossett! However, he declined the prize and it was decided to draw again and to split the prize into two. The prize winners were:

1st - Nos. 13977 & 2137

2nd - No. 5866

3rd - No. 4903

All prize winners have been notified.

The thanks of the Ossett ringers go to all who have bought and sold tickets.

## Front page peals

Since the last article appeared, there are seven towers which have been featured on the front page. The first was **Leighton Buzzard** with the account of a "magnificent work of restoration - followed by a heart-breaking disaster. What a tragedy it is, but I am sure that, before too long, the bells will ring again. Actually, the tower featured in these articles twice in 1982 (7th May and 29th October) so I will just say that there have been 77 peals there. **Salisbury, St. Edmund's** is the second one. It will be good to hear these bells again after such a long interval. Of the four peals which have appeared in the ringing journals (2 of Grandsire Triples in 1891, 1 of Stedman in 1906 and 1 of Grandsire in 1973) only the first three count, apparently. The 1973 one was immediately "withdrawn" without explanation, which seems to suggest it was a "hoax" peal - there was a plague of them about that time. **Edenham** has by far the largest number of peals of the seven towers. No less than 235 - mostly in the last 25 years. It was a six-bell tower up to 1931 and 28 peals had been rung by then, starting in 1899. Nearly all were of multi-method Minor (up to 16 methods). After augmentation, 20 peals were rung before World War II, all of Major in several varieties except three of Triples. From 1947 to 1959 came 22 peals with only two of Triples amongst them. Nineteen hundred and sixty saw the start of the recent activity with six peals that year, eight in 1961, seven in 1962 and so on - 58 in all in the 1960's. Only three of these were Triples and 35 different Surprise Major methods were included (Yorkshire (6) had most with London and Cambridge (5 each)). Only Rutland, Gainsborough and New Cambridge (2 each) had more than one. There was a slight reduction in numbers in the 1970's because of only five peals in the first five years, but 29 were rung in the next five including 14 in 1979. Triples were again despised (!) with only two amongst the 34. The variety was much less - only two new methods in the list. There have been no less than 73 peals since the start of 1980 - an average of 14 peals a year and a goodly number of new methods again. But there are signs of a slackening off at the moment - only two peals this year so far. **St. Sepulchre's, Holborn Viaduct**, although silent for so long, has had 76 peals. There seems to be a distinct possibility that the first peal ever rung was at this tower, in 1690. It would be good if the claim could be shown to be true. Apart from that, I have 18 peals from 1731 to 1880. From 1882 to 1914, there were 48 peals and from 1919 to 1933 nine more and then - silence. The pattern of peals is interesting. Of the 29 peals from 1731 to 1894, 19 were of Grandsire Caters, three of Stedman Caters, six of T.B. Royal and one of Bob Major. Of the 45 peals since 1894, there were 29 of Stedman Caters (none of Grandsire!), six of T.B. Royal, seven of Cambridge Royal and one each of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Royal and Yorkshire Royal. An unusual mixture!

The fifth tower is **Chelford**. The article gave the reasons why the tower had to wait so long before its first peal - from 1885 to 1924 - the bad go of the bells until restoration. It also gave the number of peals (89), which agrees with my records. I will add a few remarks about those peals. Fifty-one of them were of Minor, the most being Plain Bob (22). There were six in seven methods, 2 in six, three in five, four in four, seven in three, and one in two. There were two peals in 35 methods and one each in 27 methods, 16 methods, Cambridge and Beverley. Doubles had 38 peals. Grandsire equalled Bob Minor with 22 peals. The only other methods with more than one were four methods (3), two



**THE GREAT BELL OF BEIJING**

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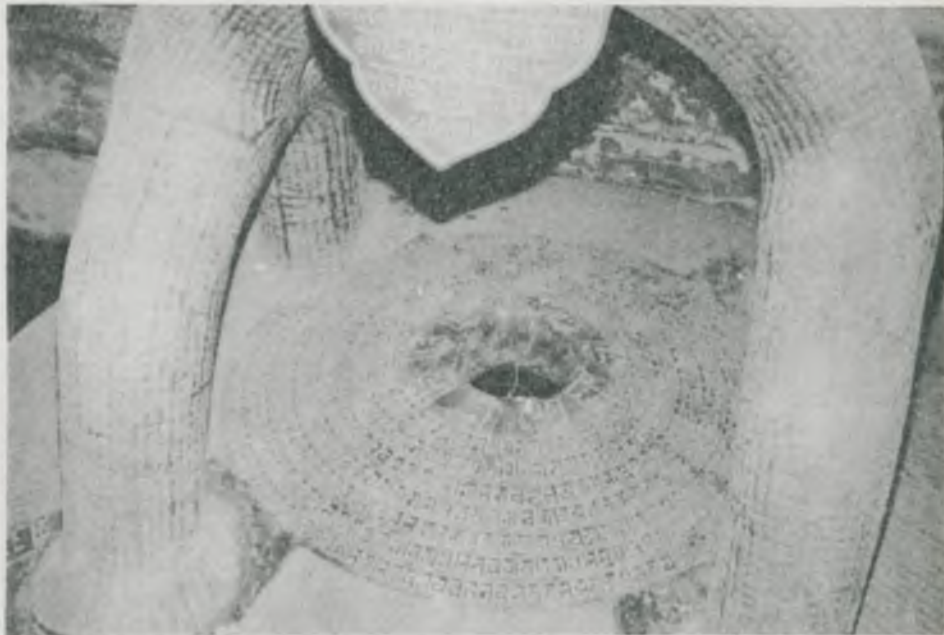
copper, 16.4% tin, 1.12% lead and smaller quantities of other metals.

**A matter of conjecture**

Just how this bell was cast is partly a matter of conjecture. Models in one of the other temple buildings show how temple bells were cast. After the core has been baked, a false bell of wax is laid over it and any inscriptions and decora-



Iron bell in the temple garden.



The crown and canons of the bell.

tions are formed in the wax. The cope of clay is built up over the wax; the wax is melted out, the cope is baked, and the canons are inserted into the mould before the bell is cast. There are no strickleboards in those models or pivots on which to turn them; and it is probable that the core was thrown on a potter's wheel and then baked in a kiln. If the great bell was cast in this way, it would have needed five tons of wax! The horizontal lines on this bell suggest that the outer mould may have been built up of previously baked pottery sections.

**"For my father!"**

According to legend,<sup>1,4</sup> there were several unsuccessful attempts to cast this bell; and the wrathful emperor decreed that the founder's head should be the price of the next failure. The founder's daughter then consulted an oracle to find out if there was any way of averting this catastrophe. From astrological observations, the sage decided that to ensure a perfect casting, the blood of a maiden should be mixed with the molten metal. At the next and fateful attempt, just as the bell was about to be cast, the founder's daughter threw herself into the molten metal with a cry of "For my father". When the mould was stripped, the bell was found to be perfect. If that really did happen, it could account in part for the excellent quality of this great casting; since the addition of organic matter to the molten bronze reduces any oxides, slag and other impurities to give a very clean melt. A similar procedure has been used in bell-foundries in other countries too, not by throwing girls in, but by stirring the melt with birch-wood poles.

**Too good to be true**

As one looks upon this huge bell, inscribed with thousands of characters, hanging there in its wooden temple, it seems almost too good to be true. It is of course possible that some of the inscriptions were cut after the bell had been cast. Metallurgical examination of the surface would determine whether any part of it has been cold worked after casting. If the bell is a virgin casting, one enigma remains: The whole shoulder and crown of the bell are covered with inscriptions right up to the hole in the centre; and there are no obvious sites where the runner and the riser have been cut off.

**Bells on display**

In the garden of the Great Bell Temple 39 bells are on display. One is an iron bell about ten feet high, and two are Western church bells, each perhaps about two cwt. One has "E. Biron a Paris" engraved on the soundbow; the other is from Gillett and Johnston, 1903. The remaining 36 are Chinese temple bells of various sizes. Although most Chinese bells are of bronze, iron ones are also quite common. In the bell tower of the Great Wild Goose Pagoda in Xian hangs a cast iron bell, which from its size may weigh about seven tons. Horizontal and vertical lines on the outside of this bell suggest that the outer mould could have been built up in sections. In Xian too, I was able to examine the interior of a rusty iron bell hung on one of the city gatehouse towers. As with the bronze bells, it was obvious that the canons had been made first and inserted into the mould, instead of being cast with the bell in one piece.

**Museum planned**

In the building containing the bellfounding models at the Great Bell Temple, three bells are hung on wooden frames. Two are small Chinese temple bells, and the third is inscribed "Vir Virgo Virginis Mariae 1867 Joseph, Pelegrin gendre Louison Fondeur a Toulouse". Just inside the doorway stands a particularly beautiful Chinese bell about seven feet high embellished with dragons and other mythical animals. Some of the buildings of the Great Bell Temple are still in the process of restoration; and it is intended to make the whole into a museum of bells and bellfounding. If any reader will be going to Beijing, do please visit the Great Bell Temple and keep us informed of the latest developments.

**References:**

- <sup>1</sup> *The name of the capital of China is now transcribed "Beijing"; this being closer to the pronunciation than the older forms "Pekin" and "Peking".*
- <sup>2</sup> *C McCombe: Foundry Trade Journal International, June 1981, p.18.*
- <sup>3</sup> *André Lehr: Van Paardebel tot Speelklok, Zaltbommel 1981, p.54.*
- <sup>4</sup> *J. R. Nichols. Bells Thro' the Ages, London 1928, p.286.*

methods (3) and three methods (2). The most methods to a peal was 38.

The article on the "lumpy old eight" at **Haverfordwest** mentioned the last peal on the bells last year but not any others. There have been very few, as may be imagined. The tower total is seven. The first was in 1926 - Grandsire Triples. This was followed, the next year with Superlative Major. After 40 years came a peal of Bob Triples in 1967 and then one of Bob Major in 1969. Cambridge Major followed in 1971 and Yorkshire Major in 1978 with the final peal, also of Yorkshire, last year. We expect more peals more frequently in the future. I had a ring on them some years ago and they were certainly "lumpy"!

Finally, **Bridgwater**. Peal ringing here has been rather sporadic. The first was in 1896 with six more from 1902 to 1912. There were three peals in the 1920's and eight in the 1930's. Then came a 25 year gap until 1963 when a little flurry of activity produced nine peals up to 1968. Four peals in the 1970's were followed by five in the 1980's so far. So the total in almost 90 years is still only 36, which is the figure given in the article. There is a good variety of methods. Grandsire Triples has most with five peals, London, Cambridge and Yorkshire have four each. Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Rutland three each, Superlative and Bob Major two each and one each of Oxford T.B., Grandsire Doubles, Braunstone S., Erin Triples, Bob Triples and Bristol.

K.W.H.F.

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Nothing promotes nostalgia so much as a good wine and a bad memory.



# Peal Reports

## Bath & Wells DA

**BRIDGWATER, Som, S Mary**  
Sat June 29, 1985 3h16 (25)

### 5040 Grandsire Triples

Parker's 12-part  
1 Frederick W Sweet  
2 Frances E Pearce  
3 Sarah E Smith  
4 Jonathan Conibere  
5 Brian J Wylde (C)  
6 Barbara Wylde  
7 Gilbert G Davis  
8 D Keith Lane  
First on 8 inside: 4. First Triples: 2. By Bridgwater/Westonzoyland ringers to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the Battle of Sedgemoor. £2

**YATTON, Avon, S Mary V**  
Sat June 29, 1985 3h11 (24½)

### 5056 Spliced S. Major

(10m: 608 London; 576 Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire; 544 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey; 480 Glasgow; 320 Belfast; 288 Bristol; 127 changes of method, all the work)  
Comp. G A C John  
1 Ian P Hill  
2 Peter Bridle  
3 Rebecca J Cox  
4 Michael J Hobbs  
5 Brian Bladon  
6 Reginald T McKenzie  
7 Anthony J Cox (C)  
8 Robert C Kippin

**WILTON, Som, S George**  
Sat July 6, 1985 2h41 (8½)

### 5040 Yorkshire S. Royal

Comp. A J Cox  
1 Elisabeth A G Bowden  
2 Ian P Hill  
3 Rebecca J Cox  
4 Jennifer M Taylor  
5 Jennifer M A Astridge  
6 Michael J Hobbs  
7 Reginald T McKenzie  
8 Anthony J Cox (C)  
9 James R Taylor  
10 Peter Bridle  
In memory of Bert Davies, father of the ringer of the 4th, whose funeral took place in Bedford the previous day.

## Bedfordshire Assn

**STOTFOLD, Beds, S Mary V**  
Sat June 22, 1985 2h43 (11)

### 5056 Cambridge S. Major

Comp. C H Middleton  
1 Owen A Davis  
2 Anthony H Smith  
3 Eileen M Castledine  
4 Roy V Webb  
5 Richard Castledine (C)  
6 Alison J Cox  
7 Keith R Webb  
8 Philip Mehew  
200th peal: 6. Arranged and rung to celebrate the birth of Benjamin to Rebecca and Keith Webb, a first grandchild for Enid and Roy Webb.

## Beverley & Dist Society

**ELLOUGHTON, Humbs, S Mary**  
Thur July 11, 1985 2h25 (6)

### 5040 York S. Minor

1 Jonathan B Gamble  
2 Michael J de C Henshaw  
3 Peter Church (C)  
4 Neil Turner  
5 Mark J Lane  
6 Christopher H Jenkins  
A welcome to Rev Mark Pickering on the eve of his induction as Vicar of Elloughton. 60p

## Durham & Newcastle DA

**LEEK, Staffs, S Edward**  
Sat June 15, 1985 3h5 (18)

### 5040 Albanian S. Royal

Comp. M Maughan  
1 Nigel Smith  
2 John E Anderson  
3 Diana J Handley  
4 Enid Belshaw  
5 Frederick R Scott  
6 George S Deas  
7 Andrew P Deamer  
8 Leslie Boumphrey  
9 Michael Maughan (C)  
10 J Alan Ainsworth  
To welcome Benjamin Heath, a grandson for Leslie Boumphrey, born in Brecon on 3 June.

**FENHAM, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, SS James & Basil**  
Fri July 12, 1985 2h53 (14)

### 5024 Plain Bob Major

Comp. S E Darmon  
1 Richard M Grainger  
2 W J Peter Wishart  
3 Kenneth Arthur  
4 Denis Crowe  
5 Nicholas A Cullen  
6 W John Grainger  
7 George S Deas  
8 J Alan Ainsworth (C)  
First peal: 1, 6. First in method: 5. A welcome to the new Vicar, Rev V G Ashwin, instituted 10/7/85; also in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first peals by ringers of 2 and 3. £2

## Essex Association

**LEYTON, London E, S Mary V**  
Sat June 22, 1985 2h45 (8½)

### 5088 London S. Major

Comp. J W Washbrook  
1 Chris M Gould  
2 John R Peverett (C)  
3 Julie M Baker  
4 Joanne E Milner  
5 Gareth Dancer  
6 Tim J Peverett  
7 Marcus A Wheel  
8 Brian P Diserens  
First London: 3, 4, 7. Completes standard eight on tower bells and as conductor: 2. Birthday compliment to Stephen Peverett.

## Glos & Bristol DA

**BRISTOL, Avon, Holy & Undivided Trinity**  
Fri June 28, 1985 3h11 (21)

### 5088 Verrecchia S. Major

Comp. A J Cox  
1 Elisabeth A G Bowden  
2 Kathryn L Carter  
3 Ian P Hill  
4 Teresa J Dunstone  
5 Rebecca J Cox  
6 Patrick J Bird  
7 Anthony J Cox (C)  
8 Peter Bridle  
In memory of Verrecchia's Coffee Bar.  
First peal in the method.  
**Verrecchia S. Major:**  
f -58-14-56-36-14-1458-12-58

**BARROW GURNEY, Avon, Ss Mary & Edward**  
Wed July 3, 1985 2h37 (12)

### 5056 Protactinium S. Major

Comp. A J Cox  
1 Jane E Sansom  
2 Elisabeth A G Bowden  
3 Ian P Hill  
4 Teresa J Dunstone  
5 Rebecca J Cox  
6 Christopher M Wulkau  
7 Anthony J Cox (C)  
8 Peter Bridle  
First peal in the method.  
**Protactinium S. Major:**  
a 34-38.14-12-38.14-1458-14-58

**BRISTOL, Avon, All Saints**  
Fri July 5, 1985 2h50 (16)

### 5056 Spliced S. Major

(8m: 768 each Rutland, London; 640 Bristol; 576 each Superlative, Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Yorkshire; 142 changes of method)  
Comp. N Smith  
1 Henry Taysom  
2 Elisabeth A G Bowden  
3 Esther M Byers  
4 Ian P Hill  
5 Anthony J Cox  
6 Christopher M Wulkau  
7 Peter Bridle  
8 Keith W Scudamore (C)  
First 8-Spliced: 4. Most Spliced as conductor. First peal of Spliced to be rung on the bells.

**BARROW GURNEY, Avon, Ss Mary & Edward**  
Wed July 10 1985 2h37 (12)

### 5056 Nickhill S. Major

Comp. A J Cox  
1 Ian P Hill  
2 Teresa J Dunstone  
3 Elisabeth A G Bowden  
4 Esther M Byers  
5 Rebecca J Cox  
6 Reginald T McKenzie  
7 Anthony J Cox (C)  
8 Peter Bridle  
21st Birthday compliment to Nicholas J Hill, brother of the treble ringer; also Wedding compliment to Stephanie and Alan Regin.  
First peal in the method.  
**Nickhill S. Major:**  
l -58-14 58-12.38.12-14 58 14-34.58

## Hertford CA

**NORTON, Herts, S Nicholas**  
Tues July 9, 1985 2h27 (9)

### 5040 Plain Bob Triples

Comp. J Longridge  
1 Wayne Harris  
2 Roy V Webb  
3 Andrew J Castledine  
4 Richard Castledine (C)  
5 Trevor Freer  
6 Robert I Werrett  
7 Philip Mehew  
8 Owen A Davis  
First attempt: 1.

## Kent CA

**SNODLAND, Kent, All Saints**  
Sat July 6, 1985 2h41 (8½)

### 5040 Plain Bob Minor

(3 different extents)  
1 Mark R Gibbons  
2 Richard W Young  
3 Roy A Barclay  
4 Michael L E Last  
5 Nigel Boorman (C)  
6 Thomas M Barlow  
First peal: 4. First as conductor.

## Lancashire Association

(Assumed - no Association given)

**HAWKSHEAD, Lancs, S Michael**  
Sat June 22, 1985 2h45 (7½)

### 5040 Grandsire Triples

(J J Parker's 12-Part, 7th obs.)  
1 Sarah Walker  
2 Paul Thompson  
3 Diana J Handley  
4 Alison J Brittliff  
5 Ann S Wightman  
6 Barbara M Rigg  
7 Thomas F Metcalfe (C)  
8 Brian Maudsley  
To commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Hawkshead Grammar School.

**HEYWOOD, Lancs, S Luke**  
Fri June 28, 1985 2h59 (21½)

### 5056 Ullesthorpe S. Major

Comp. C Middleton  
1 Nigel Allcock  
2 Cathy J Inston  
3 John P Partington  
4 Gail L Idle  
5 Geoffrey Fothergill (C)  
6 Dennis R Allcock  
7 Michael H Tompsett  
8 Peter Bellamy-Knights  
Wedding compliment to Nicolette Katharina Shackleton (daughter of the Vicar) and Brian Carey, to be married here the following day.

COMPOSITIONS should be sent to Mr R W PIPE, 84 Presthope Road, Birmingham, B29 4NL, and NOT to the R W Office

**FALLOWFIELD, Manchester, Holy Innocents**  
Tues July 9 1985 2h52 (13½)

### 5088 Superlative S. Major

Comp. N J Pitstow  
1 Joseph Thornley  
2 Christine Andrew  
3 John P Partington  
4 Rev William G Wilson  
5 Paul Boucher  
6 Barry M Garraway  
7 Dennis R Allcock  
8 Peter Bellamy-Knights (C)  
350th peal: 2. First Superlative 5 Silver Wedding compliment to Geoffrey and Norma Fothergill.

**BOLTON, Gtr Manchester, S Peter**  
Sat July 13, 1985 3h26 (19½)

### 5042 Yorkshire S. Maximus

Comp. J Worth  
1 John P Partington  
2 Paul McNutt  
3 Ian McNutt  
4 Frederick Pearson  
5 Cyril Crossthwaite  
6 Barry M Garraway  
7 John E Heaton  
8 Michael H Tompsett  
9 Stephen Rich  
10 Clive G Bryant  
11 Geoffrey Fothergill  
12 Peter Bellamy-Knights (C)  
400th peal for the Association: 1. 18th Birthday compliment to Ian and Paul McNutt.

**FARNWORTH, Lancs, S John**  
Fri July 12, 1985 2h35 (12)

### 5024 Immingham S. Major

Comp. G Lindoff  
1 Joseph Thornley  
2 Ian McNutt  
3 John Partington  
4 John White  
5 Peter Bellamy-Knights  
6 Barry Garraway  
7 Paul McNutt  
8 Geoffrey Fothergill (C)  
Farewell compliment to David and Hilary Corners who are moving to the Scilly Isles. They have both been Scout Leaders in this parish.

## Leeds University Society

**GREENWICH, London, S Alfego**  
Sun July 7, 1985 3h (23½)

### 5007 Stedman Caters

Comp. A S Hudson  
1 Roger G Green (C)  
2 Susan J Green  
3 Gillian Carey  
4 Kathryn P Thomas  
5 Gary J Audley  
6 Anthony S Cocks  
7 Christopher Forster  
8 Nigel A L Mellor  
9 Mike Pidd  
10 M Simon Lomas  
First Stedman Caters: 4, 6, 8, 9. Completes family: 9. First Stedman Caters as conductor and 100th as conductor for the Society.



**Leicester DG**

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.**  
**Bell Foundry**  
 Tues July 2 1985 2h35 (6½)  
**5184 Spliced S. Major**  
 (8m: 960 Yorkshire; 768  
 Lincolnshire; 576 each  
 Ashtead, Cambridge, Pudsey,  
 Rutland, Superlative,  
 Wembley; 149 changes of  
 method)  
 Comp. G A A Taylor  
 1 Rachel M Harris  
 2 Brian S Chapman  
 3 Ronald D Hughes  
 4 Robert C Graves  
 5 R Philip Graves (C)  
 6 Tom Harris  
 7 James W Bowley  
 8 Roland Beniston

**LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.**  
**Bell Foundry**  
 Tues July 9 1985 2h25 (6½)  
**5120 Dallington S. Major**  
 Comp. S J Ivin  
 1 R Philip Graves  
 2 Richard J Clifton  
 3 Ronald D Hughes  
 4 Tom Harris  
 5 Nicholas Parr  
 6 Robert C Graves  
 7 James W Bowley  
 8 Roland Beniston (C)  
 250th together: 2, 6.  
 Compliment to Nicholas and  
 Brenda Parr on the birth of a  
 son, Christopher John.

**OAKS-IN-CHARWOOD,**  
**Leics, S James Gtr**  
 Wed July 10, 1985 2h40 (10½)  
**5152 Spliced S. Major**  
 (11m: 672 Yorkshire; 448  
 each Ashtead, Bristol,  
 Cambridge, Lincolnshire,  
 London, Pudsey, Rutland,  
 Superlative, Uxbridge,  
 Wembley; 160 changes of  
 method, all the work)  
 Comp. T G Pett  
 1 Tom Harris  
 2 Roland Beniston  
 3 Ronald D Hughes  
 4 B Stedman Payne  
 5 Robert C Graves  
 6 Reginald J Stretton  
 7 Garry W Mason  
 8 R Philip Graves (C)  
 250th together: 1, 5.

**COLEORTON, Leics.**  
**S Mary V**  
 Fri July 12, 1985 2h48 (13)  
**5088 Spliced S. Major**  
 (5m: 1344 Rutland; 960 each  
 Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 928  
 Superlative; 896 Cambridge;  
 104 changes of method, all  
 the work)  
 Comp. P G K Davies  
 1 J Michael Roberts  
 2 P Mary Cheesewright  
 3 Ronald D Hughes  
 4 Frank Chambers  
 5 Roland Beniston  
 6 Derek P Jones  
 7 Brian G Meads  
 8 R Philip Graves (C)

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**BLOXWICH, W. Mids.**  
**All Saints**  
 Tues June 11 1985 2h42 (12½)  
**5024 Rutland S. Major**  
 Comp. N Smith  
 1 Philip J Day  
 2 R Mark Wood  
 3 Mike L Meakin  
 4 Mike J Claridge  
 5 John Harrold  
 6 David Franklin  
 7 Martyn G Reed (C)  
 8 Philip R Johnson

**Lincoln DG**

**BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.**  
**S Andrew**  
 Thur June 13, 1985 2h47 (8)  
**5152 Yorkshire S. Major**  
 Comp. M Maughan  
 1 Edward W Colley  
 2 Martin F Mitchell  
 3 William A Holmes  
 4 Christopher J Sharp  
 5 Kenneth J Hesketh  
 6 Alan D H Bird  
 7 Harold P Judd  
 8 Michael Maughan (C)

**SURFLEET, Lincs.**  
**S Lawrence**  
 Wed July 10, 1985 3h2 (12)  
**5019 Stedman Cinques**  
 Comp. J Carter  
 1 Susan J Riley  
 2 Jack L Millhouse  
 3 Christopher J Sharp  
 4 Janet I Rogers  
 5 Michael J Belcher  
 6 Edward W Colley  
 7 Martin F Mitchell  
 8 Kenneth J Hesketh  
 9 Michael Maughan (C)  
 10 Harold F Gibson  
 11 Robin H Rogers  
 12 W John Riley  
 In memoriam Norman Taylor  
 King, a ringer in this tower  
 and member of the Lincoln  
 Diocesan Guild for 52 years,  
 who died on 4 July, aged 96  
 years.

**London CA**

**SOUTH HACKNEY,**  
**London E.**  
**S John of Jerusalem**  
 Sat June 22, 1985 2h57 (19)  
**5024 Yorkshire S. Major**  
 Comp. R Baldwin  
 1 Elizabeth A T Hill  
 2 Simon J Davies  
 3 Helen M McGregor  
 4 Andrew Kelly  
 5 Paul V M Parkes  
 6 Peter J R Bevis  
 7 Dennis A Hewitt  
 8 John E Hawes (C)  
 First Yorkshire: 2, 4. For the  
 Patronal Festival.

**DERBY, Cathedral**  
 Sat June 29, 1985 3h3 (19)  
**5040 Cambridge S. Royal**  
 Comp. C K Lewis  
 1 Patricia A M Halls  
 2 Julia V Jones  
 3 Gillian M Palmer  
 4 Simon J Davies  
 5 Stephen A Coaker  
 6 Timothy C M Jones  
 7 Roger G Booth  
 8 James G A Prior  
 9 Dennis A Hewitt  
 10 John E Hawes (C)  
 First S. Royal: 3, 4.

**BOW, London E.**  
**S Mary-atte-Bow**  
 Fri June 28, 1985 2h47 (14)  
**5056 London S. Major**  
 Comp. S J Ivin  
 1 Paul V M Parkes  
 2 Simon J Davies  
 3 Gillian M Palmer  
 4 Helen M McGregor  
 5 Peter J R Bevis  
 6 Alan Regin  
 7 Dennis A Hewitt  
 8 John E Hawes (C)  
 First London: 2, 3, 5

**Middlesex CA and London DG**

**HACKNEY, London E.**  
**S John Bapt**  
 Sat June 22, 1985 2h52 (16)  
**5040 Double Norwich C.B. Major**  
 Comp. R W Pipe  
 1 Alex Bayliss  
 2 Tania C Osband  
 3 Mark J Herbert (C)  
 4 Jennifer M Bunyan  
 5 Br Austin, SSF/N  
 6 John S Ashcroft  
 7 Stephen G Jakeman  
 8 David J Sheppard  
 First attempt: 1. First in  
 method for all except ringers  
 of 3 and 8. First in method as  
 conductor. £1.60

**Midland Counties Guild**

**TUTBURY, Staffs, S Mary**  
 Sat July 13, 1985 2h43 (10½)  
**5056 Superlative S. Major**  
 Comp. A J Cox  
 1 Ronald D Hughes  
 2 Andrew Else  
 3 P Mary Cheesewright  
 4 Malcolm Quimby  
 5 Derek P Jones  
 6 Brian G Meads  
 7 R Philip Graves (C)  
 8 J Michael Roberts

**North American Guild**

**WASHINGTON, Post Office**  
 Thur July 4, 1985 2h42 (8½)  
**5040 Mixed Minor**  
 (7 extents: 2 London; 2  
 Cambridge; 1 Oxford, 2 Kent)  
 1 Quilla Roth  
 2 Linda D Rankin  
 3 Cecily W Rock  
 4 Mary O Clark  
 5 Elisabeth Trumpler  
 6 Donald Trumpler (C)  
 200th tower-bell peal. 6.  
 Most methods: 3.

**Norwich DA**

**SOUTHREPPS, Norfolk.**  
**S James**  
 Sun June 30, 1985 2h48 (12)  
**5040 Doubles** (48 m/v: (1)  
 Stedman; (2) Grandsire; (3)  
 Plain Bob; (4) Kennington; (5)  
 April Day; (6) Old Doubles; (7)  
 Rev Canterbury; (8)  
 Southrepps; (9) Clifford's  
 Pleasure; (10) St Colum; (11)  
 St Osmund, Merton S.C.; (12)  
 St Ambrose; (13) St Ninian;  
 (14) St Patrick; (15)  
 Eynesbury; (16) St John

Evangelist; (17) St John  
 Baptist; (18) Candlemass; (19)  
 St Simon's, Rugby S.C.; (20)  
 St Alban; (21) Eynsham; (22)  
 Cassington; (23) St Remigius,  
 Hascombe S.C.; (24) Church  
 Gresley; (25) Horsley; (26) St  
 Chrysostom; (27) Huntley;  
 (28) Ezneih; (29) Obediah;  
 (30) Scorpio; (31) St Nicholas,  
 Longford S.C.; (32) St Giles;  
 (33) Lapley; (34) St Thomas;  
 (35) Winchendon Place,  
 Thornborough S.C.; (36) St  
 Miles; (37) St John; (38) St  
 Luke; (39) St Martin's,  
 Slapton S.C.; (40) St Paul;  
 (41) St Leonard, (42) St Peter)  
 1 George Sayer  
 2 Simon Reeve  
 3 Stephen J Day (C)  
 4 David F Riley  
 5 Roger B Lubbock  
 Most methods/variations yet  
 rung for the N.D.A. Most m/v  
 by all

**HOLT, Norfolk, S Andrew**  
 Wed July 10, 1985 2h50 (7)

**5040 Doubles** (7 m/v: 10  
 extents Grandsire; 8 April  
 Day, Plain Bob; 4 St Simon's,  
 Eynsham, St Martin's, St  
 Leonard's)

1 Anna Welbourne  
 2 Jennie Forster  
 3 Aubrey Forster  
 4 Mary C Poyner  
 5 Harry Poyner (C)  
 6 Terry Thacker  
 Half-muffled in memoriam  
 John Nash, 1941-1985, a  
 well-loved member of the  
 local band.

**KESSINGLAND, Suffolk.**  
**S Edmund, K & M**  
 Sat July 13, 1985 2h48 (13)

**5040 Minor** (4m: (1)  
 Cambridge Surprise; (2) Plain  
 Bob; (3) Oxford T.B.; (4) Plain  
 Bob; (5) Kent T.B.; (6 & 7)  
 Plain Bob)  
 1 Patricia M Bailey  
 2 Peter W Archer  
 3 Trevor N J Bailey (C)  
 4 Stephen E G Young  
 5 David Noy  
 6 Michael J Parker  
 50th peal for the Association:  
 1. For the Church Flower  
 Festival and Gift Day.

**Oxford DG**

**HUNGERFORD, Berks.**  
**S Lawrence**  
 Fri June 21, 1985 2h50 (12½)

**5184 Spliced S. Major**  
 (27m: 192 each Ashtead,  
 Bilsborrow, Bristol,  
 Cambridge, Cassiobury,  
 Cornwall, Cray, Crewkerne,  
 Dorchester, Double Dublin,  
 Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher  
 Walton, Ipswich, Jersey,  
 Lincolnshire, Lindum, London,  
 Ospringe, Pudsey, Radcliffe,  
 Rochester, Rutland,  
 Simonstone, Superlative,  
 Uxbridge, Yorkshire; 161  
 changes of method)  
 Comp. N Smith  
 1 A Diana Smeath  
 2 William Butler  
 3 John J Durham  
 4 Michael K Till  
 5 Philip R Miles  
 6 John M Smeath  
 7 Barry M Wheeler  
 8 Howard W Egglestone (C)  
 £1



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**THATCHAM, Berks, S Mary**  
Fri June 28, 1985 2h56 (13½)

**5088 London S. Major**  
Comp. J W Washbrook

- 1 Michael M Poole
  - 2 Colin M Turner
  - 3 Michael K Till
  - 4 Jennifer Butler
  - 5 John J Durham
  - 6 John M Smeath
  - 7 Geoffrey K Dodd
  - 8 William Butler (C)
- First London Major: 3, 4, 6. £1

**THATCHAM, Berks, S Mary**  
Sat July 13, 1985 2h54 (13½)

**5040 Yorkshire S. Royal**  
Comp. T Collins

- 1 Robert J Crocker
  - 2 Helen J Piper
  - 3 Henry Lawrenson
  - 4 Paul N Harden
  - 5 Jennifer Butler
  - 6 Bernard F L Groves
  - 7 Michael K Till
  - 8 Geoffrey K Dodd (C)
  - 9 William Butler
  - 10 Howard W Egglestone
- Diamond Wedding  
compliment to Reg and Eva  
Rex, married 16th July,  
1925. £1

## Peterborough DG

**YARDLEY HASTINGS,**  
**Northants, S Andrew**  
Wed July 10, 1985 2h57 (14)

**5040 Minor** (7 extents, 20m:  
(1) Westlecott, London Bob,  
Pinehurst, Double Oxford,  
Thelwall, Lytham, Rodbourne,  
College Bob, Buxton, St  
Clements, Childwall,  
Wavertree (H. Chant, comp.);  
(2) Oxford T.B.; (3) Double  
Court; (4) Cambridge,  
Ipswich, Bourne Surprise; (5)  
Single Oxford; (6) Kent T.B.;  
(7) Plain Bob)

- 1 William H Hulme
  - 2 Timothy A Wooding
  - 3 David P Westerman
  - 4 Stephen J Westerman
  - 5 David J Garton
  - 6 Peter M Fleckney (C)
- Circled tower to peals: 2. To  
welcome Rev and Mrs A  
Beniams and family to the  
combined livings of Yardley  
Hastings with Denton, Castle  
Ashby and Grendon. Rev  
Beniams was inducted by the  
Rt Rev W Westwood, Bishop  
of Peterborough, in this  
church on Tuesday, July 9th,  
1985.

**CRANFORD, Northants,**  
**S John Bapt**  
Thur July 11, 1985 2h38 (9½)

**5040 Surprise Minor**  
(7m: 1 extent each London,  
Wells, Durham, York,  
Beverley, Norwich,  
Cambridge)

- 1 Christopher N  
Stephenson
- 2 Dorothea M Robotham
- 3 Geoffrey Pearson
- 4 Thomas J Lock
- 5 Murray A Coleman
- 6 John R Mayne (C)

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

## Salisbury DG

**SALISBURY, Wilts,**  
**S Thomas of Canterbury**  
Wed July 3, 1985 3h30 (27½)

**5120 Spliced S. Major**  
(5m: 1216 Cambridge; 1120  
Rutland; 1056 Lincolnshire;  
864 Yorkshire; 864  
Superlative; 85 changes of  
method, all the work)

- Comp. M Sherwood
- 1 Celia C Mussell
  - 2 Pauline C Champion
  - 3 Rev Roger Keeley
  - 4 Neil O Skelton
  - 5 Martin B Hough
  - 6 Andrew J Howes
  - 7 Reginald T McKenzie
  - 8 James W G Twiney (C)
- For the Patronal Festival of St  
Thomas the Apostle; also for  
the St Thomas' Church  
Festival Week.

## Southampton Univ. Guild and North Stoneham Youths

**NORTH STONEHAM,**  
**Hants, S Nicholas**  
Mon June 24 1985 2h53 (10½)

**5040 Yorkshire S. Royal**

- 1 Simon J Dixon
  - 2 Isabel F Jones
  - 3 Judith A Griggs
  - 4 Valerie J Simmonds
  - 5 Start I Bamforth
  - 6 Josephine H Wood
  - 7 Andrew D Carton
  - 8 Mark A Jones
  - 9 Michael E Gibbin (C)
  - 10 Anthony J Haywood
- First S. Royal: 3, 6, 10. First S.  
Royal as conductor.

## Suffolk Guild

**IPSWICH, Suffolk,**  
**S Mary-le-Tower**  
Sun June 23, 1985 3h28 (35)

**5042 Yorkshire S. Maximus**

- Comp. R W Pipe
- 1 Albert M Tyler
  - 2 Janet I Rogers
  - 3 Tudor P Edwards
  - 4 Sally A Mason
  - 5 Michael J Belcher
  - 6 George W Pipe
  - 7 Robin H Rogers
  - 8 James L Towler
  - 9 Ralph Edwards
  - 10 R Kingsley Mason
  - 11 Michael Maughan (C)
  - 12 Philip J Rothera
- 100th Maximus: 12. 200th  
peal: 2.

**EUSTON, Suffolk,**  
**S Genevieve**  
Sun June 30, 1985 2h33 (9)

**5040 Minor** (720 each  
Norwich Surprise, Cambridge  
Surprise, Kent T.B., St  
Clements, Single Oxford; 2 x  
720 Oxford T.B.)

- 1 Catherine A Hall
  - 2 Marie Carson
  - 3 Josephine M Beaver
  - 4 Mark E Walland
  - 5 Adrian J Blumfield
  - 6 Maurice J Rose (C)
- First Minor on treble: 1. Rung  
on the Suffolk Historic  
Churches Open Day; 20th  
Wedding anniversary  
compliment to the treble  
ringer's parents. £1

**BLYTHBURGH, Suffolk,**  
**Holy Trinity**  
Sun July 14, 1985 2h37 (10)

**5040 Minor** (1) Spliced  
Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge  
Surprise; (2) Double Court;  
(3) Norwich Surprise; (4)  
Single Oxford, Plain Bob; (5)  
Spliced Double Oxford,  
Thelwall, Pinehurst, St  
Clement's, Childwall, Buxton;  
(6) Oxford T.B.; (7) Kent T.B.)

- 1 Philip J Harrold
  - 2 Patricia M Bailey
  - 3 Norman P J Cossey
  - 4 J Martin Thorley
  - 5 Stephen E G Young
  - 6 Trevor N J Bailey (C)
- By members of the North  
East District as a Farewell  
compliment to Rev G C  
Smith, parish priest since  
1972 and respected member  
of the Guild.

## Surrey Association

**KINGSTON-ON-THAMES,**  
**Surrey, All Saints**  
Sun July 7, 1985 3h25 (19)

**5056 Spliced S. Major**  
(8m: 768 Rutland, London;  
576 Pudsey, Superlative,  
Cambridge, Yorkshire,  
Lincolnshire; 640 Bristol; 146  
changes of method)

- Comp. N Smith
- 1 Jennifer M Bridgewater
  - 2 E C Gareth Higgs
  - 3 James G A Prior
  - 4 Kate N Parlett
  - 5 Paul J Flavell (C)
  - 6 Geoffrey Paul
  - 7 Roger M Heyworth
  - 8 Jeremy R Pratt
- With best wishes to Martin  
and Jane Lazell of the local  
band, on the birth of their first  
child, Sam.

## Winchester and Portsmouth DG

**BRIGHSTONE, I-o-W,**  
**S Mary**  
Sat June 29, 1985 2h41 (7)

**5040 Plain Bob Minor**

- 1 Paul T Young
  - 2 Jane Young
  - 3 Kate M Bonathan
  - 4 Julia R Ladd
  - 5 Graham A Nobbs
  - 6 David A Weir (C)
- First attempt: 4

## Winchester and Portsmouth DG and Jersey Guild

**ST. HELIER, Jersey,**  
**S Mark**  
Sat July 6, 1985 2h42 (9½)

**5040 Cambridge S. Minor**  
(4 extents and 1 2160)

- 1 William J Hall
  - 2 Lucy J T Smith
  - 3 Peter J Clarke
  - 4 Peter G Brown
  - 5 Andrew P Beal
  - 6 Jack R Worrall (C)
- First Surprise: 2, 3, 5, on the  
bells and in the Channel  
Islands by a local band.  
Retirement compliment to  
the Very Rev T A Goss, Dean  
of Jersey, President of the  
Jersey Guild and  
Vice-President of the  
Winchester and Portsmouth  
Guild.

## Worcestershire & Districts Association

**ROCK, Worcs,**  
**SS Peter & Paul**  
Wed June 26 1985 2h40 (12½)

**5056 Lincolnshire S. Major**  
Comp. Rev H L James

- 1 Julian C Rogers
  - 2 Clifford Skidmore
  - 3 Martin D Fellows (C)
  - 4 Philip M Saunders
  - 5 Stephen Jeffrey
  - 6 Alan Roberts
  - 7 Martin G Powell
  - 8 Robert Havard
- First in method: 1, 5. In  
memoriam Bernard C  
Ashford, Freeman of this  
Association, died 19th June  
1985, aged 87 years.

**BROMSGROVE, Worcs,**  
**S John Bapt**  
Sat July 6, 1985 3h1 (17)

**5039 Grandsire Caters**

- Comp. W Micklewright
- 1 Martin D Fellows (C)
  - 2 Clifford Skidmore
  - 3 M Irene Knowles
  - 4 Steven D Brown
  - 5 H T Keith Haslam
  - 6 Alan Roberts
  - 7 Frank Sluter
  - 8 Paul M Evans
  - 9 Robert Havard
  - 10 David C Chiswell
- First on 10: 4. First peal on the  
rehung bells.

**AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge,**  
**Worcs, Holy Trinity**  
Wed July 10, 1985 2h24 (7)

**5088 Yorkshire S. Major**

- Comp. R Baldwin
- 1 Julian C Rogers
  - 2 Clifford Skidmore
  - 3 Robert Havard
  - 4 Christopher Lees
  - 5 Stephen Jeffrey
  - 6 Andrew D Evans
  - 7 Clive M Smith
  - 8 Martin D Fellows  
(No Conductor given)

## Yorkshire Association

**KNARESBOROUGH, Yorks,**  
**S John Bapt**  
Mon June 24, 1985 3h6 (18½)

**5040 Plain Bob Triples**

- Comp. R Bailey (No. 1)
- 1 Derek J Hurst
  - 2 Julie Howatson
  - 3 John S Leech
  - 4 Rosalind A Sant
  - 5 Rosamund J Thompson
  - 6 Ronald Gudgeon
  - 7 Ronald R Warford (C)
  - 8 Michael Gudgeon
- First peal: 2, 6, 8. For the  
Patronal Festival.

**BURLEY, Leeds, S Matthias**  
Mon July 1, 1985 2h37 (7½)

**5024 Bristol S. Major**

- Comp. S J Ivin
- 1 Susan J Green
  - 2 Jane A Thompson
  - 3 David I Smith
  - 4 Philip R Brook
  - 5 Kevin M Robson
  - 6 Nigel A L Mellor
  - 7 Roger G Green (C)
  - 8 John Robinson
- First Bristol: 2, 3, 4, 5.

**ROTHERHAM, Yorks,**  
**All Saints**  
Mon July 8, 1985 3h40 (34)

**5040 Bristol S. Royal**

- Arr. S Armeson
- 1 Jennifer M Armeson
  - 2 Wendy Anderson
  - 3 Angela Beardow
  - 4 Judith Fletcher
  - 5 Ronald J Johnston
  - 6 Neil Donovan
  - 7 Simon Reading
  - 8 Alan Treble
  - 9 Malcolm S Turner
  - 10 Stuart Armeson (C)

**BURLEY, Leeds, S Matthias**  
Mon July 8, 1985 2h38 (7½)

**5184 Warwickshire S.**  
**Major**

- Comp. C Forster
- 1 Timothy Wylie
  - 2 Susan J Green
  - 3 Kevin M Robson
  - 4 Philip R Brook
  - 5 Nigel A L Mellor
  - 6 John Robinson
  - 7 Roger G Green (C)
  - 8 David I Smith
- First in method for all except  
1.

## HANDBELL PEALS

### Dronoldore Society

**CHESTERFIELD, Derbys,**  
**126 Rushfield Road**  
Sun June 23, 1985 2h45 (15)

**5040 Plain Bob Royal**

- Comp. L Goodall
- 1-2 Joe Leary
  - 3-4 Neil Donovan
  - 5-6 Len Goodall
  - 7-8 David Hird
  - 9-10 Chris Bennett (C)

**CHESTERFIELD, Derbys,**  
**126 Rushfield Road**  
Sun June 30, 1985 2h25 (15)

**5088 Oxford T.B. Major**

- Comp. T B Worsley
- 1-2 Joe Leary
  - 3-4 David Hird
  - 5-6 Len Goodall (C)
  - 7-8 Clive Longden

**CHESTERFIELD, Derbys,**  
**126 Rushfield Road**  
Sun July 7, 1985 2h40 (15)

**5160 Oxford T.B. Royal**

- Comp. L Goodall
- 1-2 Joe Leary
  - 3-4 Neil Donovan
  - 5-6 Len Goodall (C)
  - 7-8 David Hird
  - 9-10 Clive Longden

## Middlesex CA & London DG

**LONDON WC,**  
**Senate House, Malet Street**  
Mon July 8, 1985 2h24 (15)

**5184 Spliced S. Major**

- (8m: 768 Pudsey,  
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire,  
Rutland; 576 Cambridge,  
Superlative, Bristol; 384  
London; 143 changes of  
method)
- Comp. M C W Sherwood
- 1-2 Gwen Rogers
  - 3-4 John R Peverett
  - 5-6 Alison K Surry
  - 7-8 Roger Bailey (C)
- First 8-Spliced on handbells:  
1-2.



**LONDON SW, Imperial College (Huxley Building)**  
 Thur June 27 1985 2h25 (15)  
**5088 Belfast S. Major**  
 Comp. C Forster (Comp. 500, p. 19)  
 1-2 Stuart M Cox  
 3-4 Alison K Surry  
 5-6 John R Peverett  
 7-8 Roger Bailey (C)  
 First Belfast: 1-2. For the 400th anniversary of the birth of Heinrich Schütz.

**Norwich DA**  
**SHERINGHAM, Norfolk.**  
**7 Nelson Road**  
 Thur July 11, 1985 2h45 (15)  
**5130 Grandsire Caters**  
 Comp. R W Willans  
 1-2 Mary C Poyner  
 3-4 Richard P J Carter  
 5-6 William H Jackson (C)  
 7-8 Harry Poyner  
 9-10 H William Barrett  
 To celebrate Mary Poyner's recent birthday.

**North American Guild**  
**FAIRFAX, Va., U.S.A.**  
**9296 Bailey Lane**  
 Sat June 15, 1985 2h22 (14)  
**5024 Double Norwich C.B. Major**  
 Comp. E W Martin  
 1-2 Quilla Roth  
 3-4 Rebecca A Joyce  
 5-6 Ann G Martin  
 7-8 Edward W Martin (C) £4

**MICHIGAN.**  
**Kalamazoo College**  
 Mon June 19, 1985 1h56 (15)  
**5040 Treble Bob Minor**  
 (3 extents Morning Star, 4 Kent)  
 1-2 John Schreiner  
 3-4 Chris Stibal  
 5-6 Mary Burke (C)  
 First peal: 1-2. \$3 00

**LATE PEALS**  
**Llandaff & Monmouth DA**  
**COWBRIDGE, S. Glam.**  
**Holy Cross**  
 Sat May 11, 1985 3h4 (15½)  
**5040 St. Simon's College Bob Triples**  
 Comp. H Hubbard  
 1 David J Lewis  
 2 Linda Davies  
 3 Andrew C John  
 4 D Geoffrey Kerley  
 5 W Geoffrey Morgan  
 6 Alwyn R Lewis  
 7 David Bounds (C)  
 8 Norman E Waite  
 First peal: 8. First on 8: 1 First in the method by all and for the Association. 80p

**SULLY, S. Glam. S John**  
 Wed May 15, 1985 2h30 (6½)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
 (7m: London, York, Durham, Norwich, Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge)  
 1 W Geoffrey Morgan  
 2 D Geoffrey Kerley  
 3 Andrew C John  
 4 Robin R Churchill  
 5 David Bounds  
 6 Alwyn R Lewis (C)  
 50th together: 1, 5. 60p

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# Quarter Peals

## Quarters in England

**Abbots Langley, Herts.** 16 June, 1320 P.B. Doubles: P Higgs 1, G Tonge (C) 2, J Tuck (1st inside) 3, Betty Harris 4, Brenda Redfearn 5, D Harris 6. Farewell compliment to Gary Tonge £1  
**Aldenham, Herts.** 24 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: Judith Bedford 1, Helen Wastling 2, Carol Bedford 3, R A J Bedford 4, H J Wastling 5, J R Southey (C) 6. In thanksgiving for the life of Hilda Muriel Wastling 50p  
**Arnold, Notts.** 22 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Nicola Coates (1st Q) 1, Anne E Davies 2, P Loxston (C) 3, Elizabeth B Eardsley 4, J R Rigby 5. Rung during Enthronement Service of the Bishop of Southwell, Rt. Rev. Michael Whinney. £1  
**Barnsley, Yorks.** 17 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P Strutt 1, Marjorie Tawn 2, Carolyn Charlesworth 3, E Stainrod 4, D Sunderland (C) 5, R Mozley 6. Also 24 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E Stainrod 1, Carolyn Charlesworth 2, Jane Ashton 3, R Mozley 4, D Sunderland (C) 5, P Strutt 6. 1st Grandsire-2, 4 £1  
**Basinstoke, Hants (St Michael).** 16 June, 1260 Stedman Triples: M S Holbrook 1, Esmé J Weaver 2, Wendy A Lines (1st Stedman Triples) 3, B F Peachey 4, S R Gibbons 5, J Weaver 6, A J Purkiss (C) 7, C H M Copeland 8. For the wedding of our Rector's daughter, Gillian Wright, to Stephen Wright. £1  
**Bassingbourn, Cambs.** 29 May, 1260 P.B. Minor: Marina Warner 1, D Coleman 2, Sarah E Beard 3, P J G Long (C) 4, I F Coleby 5, A E Ling 6. For Confirmation Service. 60p  
**Bath (Bathwick), Avon.** 16 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R M Stubbs 1, N J Garner 2, Kate Rouse 3, G E Slade 4, N M White 5, D Guy 6, Maggie Willans (C) 7, P A Wall 8. For Solemn Eucharist  
**Batheaston, Avon.** 23 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karin Hatchley 1, S M Alford 2, Lucy E Clarke 3, Sally A Hitchen 4, N W Robson 5, M J C Cannon 6, C W Stanley (C) 7, A C Moul 8. For Patronal Festival, University of Surrey Ringing Tour.  
**Bearsted, Kent.** 22 June, 1260 Doubles (4m): Sue West 1, Jacky Boorman 2, Sallyann Farmer 3, R A Barclay 4, N Boorman (C) 5, B Maytum 6. And we all stood at the end! £1  
**Beeston, Notts.** 17 June, 1344 P.B. Major: S C Theobald 1, Winnie Pritchett (1st Major inside) 2, Anne E Westman 3, L Pritchett 4, Jane E Allton 5, B R J Walton 6, A P Sweeting (1st Major as C) 7, R I Allton 8. Wedding anniversary compliment to Shirley and Jim Roberts. £1  
**Beverley, Humbs (Minster).** 22 June, 1320 P.B. Doubles: S Appleyard (1st Q) 1, J R Appleyard 2, Emma Shaw 3, P Mavity 4, M Robson (C) 5, Alison Broadley 6. Birthday compliment to M Lynch and I Birch  
**Birchington, Kent (All Saints).** 23 June, 1260 Doubles (5m): Carole M Couchman 1, Sonia K Stockwell 2, Lynda J Queen 3, D C Sheekey 4, M J Little (most m as C) 5, J R Crocker 6. For Evensong. £1  
**Birmingham (St Martin)** 11 June, 1386 Double Norwich C.B. Cinques: P E Bibilo 1, J McDonald 2, A

S Burbidge 3, Catherine R Taylor 4, R W Pipe (C) 5, R L Jones 6, P L Carless 7, T R Hampton 8, C A S Webb 9, C A Barron 10, P Border 11, R Havard 12. £1.30  
**Birmingham (St Philip).** 16 May, 1346 Cambridge S. Maximus: B Gillian Pipe 1, Mary T Rees (1st Cambridge Maximus) 2, N J Goodman 3, R W Pipe (C) 4, Catherine R Taylor 5, J B Webb 6, D R Ingram 7, T R Hampton 8, P L Carless 9, R J Knights 10, J McDonald 11, D T Finnemore 12. Also 19 May, 1325 Stedman Cinques: B Gillian Pipe 1, S P Griffiths 2, Linda A Bartholomew 3, A S Burbidge 4, Frances Dodds 5, R J Jones 6, P Q Armitage 7, M F Edwards 8, P E Bibilo 9, R W Pipe (C) 10, J McDonald 11, J A Anderson 12. £2.40  
**Bishopstoke, Hants.** 16 June, 1280 London S. Major: Mandy Stubbington 1, Kay Le Marechal 2, A Craddock 3, Ann Le Marechal 4, G D Peck 5, M J Thomas 6, C J Stubbington 7, R Le Marechal (C) 8. Also 23 June, 1280 Superlative S. Major: Anne Le Marechal 1, Mandy Stubbington 2, Linda Eames 3, Rita Carton 4, R Le Marechal 5, A Carton 6, C Stubbington 7, G Peck (C) 8. Both for Evensong. £1  
**Bishopwearmouth, Tyne & Wear.** 16 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: J Betteridge (1st Q) 1, M Rawlen 2, A G Todd 3, E Chator 4, S Wilkinson 5, D B Cox (C) 6. Wedding compliment to Christopher Richardson and Christine Gordon. £1  
**Bushy, Herts.** 6 June, 1280 Rutland S. Major: Wendy Macey (1st T.B.) 1, S Talbot (1st Rutland) 2, Susan R Blake 3, A F Alldrick 4, R A Hunt 5, D Redfearn 6, R Baldwin (C) 7, Kathleen Baldwin 8  
**Butterwick, Lincs.** 26 June, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: Rhoda Reynolds 1, F Taylor 2, R A Goldsmith 3, J Shore (1st in m inside) 4, Rev R Wordsall 5, P Reynolds (C) 6. Birthday compliment to the ringers of the third. £1.50  
**Cadbury, Devon.** 18 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A J Sinden (C) 1, R C Shere 2, Julie D Purchase 3, R E Franklin 4, P J Priscott 5, G P Tucker 6. 60p  
**Camerton, Avon.** 24 June, 1260 Doubles (3m): Carol Bedding 1, Zena Woodley 2, Maggie Willans 3, D A Huxford 4, R W Willans (C) 5, P A Wall 6.  
**Canterbury, Kent (Cathedral).** 26 May, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: D M Joyce 1, Jill Joyce 2, M J Lodwick (C) 3, P Valuks 4, Emma J Rothery 5, G F Gray 6, Susan E Gray 7, K A F Record 8. For Whitsunday Evensong. Also 23 June, 1259 Grandsire Caters: A Jane Beadman 1, Enid D Dixon 2, D H Niblett 3, Carolyn I North 4, P J H Small 5, Elizabeth A Niblett 6, D C Polly (C) 7, Susan E Gray 8, K A F Record 9, E A Dixon 10. For Evensong. £1  
**Caterham, Surrey.** 22 June, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Ann Gilbert 1, Alison Ellerby 2, I Cole 3, R Grieve 4, W D Lanyon 5, M W Gilbert (C) 6. £1  
**Caxton, Cambs.** 26 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R F Carter 1, P Long 2, Marina Warner (1st Grandsire as C) 3, J S Abercrombie 4, D R Carter 5. Also 1260 P.B. Minor: D R Carter 1, R F Walker 2, Marina Warner 3, P Long 4, I Heydon 5, J S Abercrombie (1st Minor as C) 6. £2  
**Chelmsford, Essex (Cathedral).** 23 June, 1263 Stedman Caters: Hazel M Rothera (1st Q) 1, Kathleen M Downs 2, Hazel Humphries 3, Susan J Rothera 4, Anne Edwards 5, P Thrussell 6, M E

Downs 7, J E Steed 8, D E Rothera (C) 9, J E Reed 10. For Evensong. £1  
**Chiddingfold, Sussex.** 24 June, 1260 Doubles (6m): Pauline Kennard 1, Daphne Stuart 2, I Hodge 3, R C Neal 4, T D Waterman (C) 5, G Stuart 6. For 75 years of the Girl Guide Movement. 50p  
**Claines, Worcs.** 26 June, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: N I Bullock 1, Kathleen Evans 2, Ann Foley 3, A D Evans 4, C J Bradley 5, M B Cowley 6, S W Robinson 7, M J Hills (1st Major as C) 8, 1st S. Major-1, 3, 5. For Patronal Festival of St John Baptist. £1  
**Conington, Cambs.** 2 June, 1356 Symmetrical Singles: E J Whiting (C) 1, B C Bunting 2, C J Higgins 3, R Stuart-Paul (1st Q) 4. Birthday compliment to Richard Scambler, one of the old bellringers of Conington, who is 80 on 5th June. Also 1356 Singles (4m): R J Woodward 1, B C Bunting (C) 2, B S Cope 3. On the eve of the visit of the Bishop of Ely to dedicate the work done on the church and the bells, and Confirmation Service. 70p  
**Cotleigh, Devon.** 13 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: D J Hawkins 1, W F Garner 2, Maureen E Hawkins 3, C C Deem 4, B Horrell (C) 5, W R Trickey 6. Wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor.  
**Countesthorpe, Leics.** 8 June, 1260 Stedman Triples: B S Chapman 1, H Kilby 2, Ann Thomas 3, J E Wightman 4, Winifred M Warwick 5, G T Dudley 6, B G Warwick (C) 7, M K Watson 8. For rededication of the organ by Dr. Francis Jackson (York Minster)  
**Croydon, Surrey (St John).** 22 June, 1296 P.B. Caters: Carol V J Gilbert 1, R Grieve 2, Alison Ellerby 3, Ann Gilbert 4, Kathie A Matthews 5, I Cole 6, W D Lanyon 7, M W Gilbert 8, K J Matthews (C) 9, F H Hicks 10. £1  
**Croydon, Surrey (St Peter).** 22 June, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Ann Gilbert 1, Carol V J Gilbert 2, Kathie A Matthews 3, Alison Ellerby (1st on 10) 4, W D Lanyon 5, I Cole 6, R Grieve 7, F H Hicks 8, K J Matthews (C) 9, M W Gilbert 10. £1  
**Downton, Wilts.** 13 May, 1280 Spiced S. Major (3m): Patricia Davidson 1, Rev R Keeley 2, Pauline C Champion 3, Barbara Martin 4, D Wilson 5, N O Skelton 6, D Chapman 7, J A Kerr (C) 8. Also 10 June, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Barbara Martin 1, J Kerr 2, Pauline C Champion (C) 3, Elizabeth Champion 4, D Martin 5, N O Skelton 6, Rev R Keeley 7, D Chapman 8, 1st in m-4, 5. To welcome Timothy Hill, born June 4. £2  
**Dunham Massey, Cheshire.** 24 June, 1260 Doubles (2m): M Merritt 1, Alison Merritt 2, Julia Davies 3, A J Brown 4, C K Lewis (C) 5, J J Blowers 6. 90th Birthday compliment to S Moffett, Esq., M.C., M.A. £1  
**Dunstable, Beds (Priory).** 23 June, 1264 P.B. Major: R A Thompson 1, Catherine J Axford 2, Elizabeth S Thompson 3, A H Tournay 4, Lucy Shepherd 5, J F Thompson 6, A M Shepherd (C) 7, R A Horne 8. Wedding compliment to the Rev. Tim Thompson and Sue Gibbons, rung by his family plus two. 50p  
**Eltham, London SE.** 23 June, 1296 P.B. Major: June A Saint 1, A Christine Brightman 2, H M S Spink 3, S J Davies 4, S A Rossiter 5, R D Bing 6, M J Smith 7, I G Mills (C) 8. For Patronal Festival. £1.50



**Exeter, Devon** (St Mark). 23 June, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Jenny S Allen 1, Vicky M Hess (1st inside) 2, Cally J Nevard 3, G Jenkins 4, J S Griggs (C) 5, A C Hopkins 6. 1st Q-1, 6. For Evensong. Also 21st Birthday compliment to Cally J Nevard.

**Fen Ditton, Cambs.** 21 June, 1260 Rev Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: C A Johnson 1, Anice M Gilchrist 2, Frank F Sues 3, Jill I Pratt 4, A G Parry (C) 5, A T Peters 6. 1st in m-3, 4. To welcome back an old friend who never really went away. 50p

**Fulbourn, Cambs.** 10 June, 1250 Superlative 4. Major: R A Mason 1, C A Johnson 2, R Green 3, A J Gilchrist 4, Anice M Gilchrist 5, J E White 6, I Grant 7, M R Kitson (C-450th Q) 8. 1st Superlative-4, 6. 50p

**Furneux Pelham, Herts.** 8 May, 1260 P.B. Doubles: H Flack 1, P Glazebrook 2, R Flack 3, D Collins 4, S Upton (C) 5, G Robertson 6. For VE-Day plus 40. £1

**Gloucester** (Cathedral). 9 June, 1341 Grand-sire Cinques: Pam Harding (1st on 12) 1, M Hebden 2, Margaret Reed 3, Diana Bridle 4, M J Hobbs 5, G Hebden (350th Q) 6, P J England (C) 7, R W Rice 8, W S Rice 9, J Brain 10, P Bridle 11, M W Baker 12. £120

**Graveley, Cambs.** 23 June, 1272 P.B. Minimus: A M Manser (1st Q) 1, Mary E Foster (C) 2, W F J Stevens 3, G Foster 4. For Graveley Feast Day. 50p

**Great Budworth, Cheshire.** 15 June, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Nicola J Rees (1st on 8) 1, Janet Rees (1st in m) 2, Pam Thomson 3, Linda M Capper 4, M Murphy 5, S R Knight 6, J F Oultram 7, N Thomson (C) 8. £105

**Great Paxton, Hunts.** 1 June, 1260 Doubles (2m): E J Whiting (C) 1, Marilyn Jenner 2, S J Harrison 3, C J Higgins 4, B C Bunting 5. Farewell compliment to Rev Dr. Pryke, who is retiring this month. 50p

**Great Tew, Oxon.** 25 June, 1280 Tavistock S. Major: Judith M Passant 1, Helen C Ramsbottom 2, M Vincent 3, J J Strange 4, C M Turner 5, N G Robinson 6, I M Gardiner 7, D B Carter (C-1st in m) 8. 25th together this year-6, 8. 1st blows in m by all except 8. 80p

**Greenwich, S.E.** 23 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: E Martin 1, Freda Cannon 2, W D Lanyon 3, D G Hollis 4, I P Stevenson 5, A S Baker (C) 6. For Evensong. Also Birthday compliment to Beatrice Filkin; also to celebrate 75th anniversary of Girl Guide Movement. 60p

**Grimley, Worcs.** 23 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: M C Hansford 1, J E Nunn (1st as C) 2, Julia Van-Tongeren 3, J Westwood 4, C Lewis 5, P Bullock 6. For Evensong. 50p

**Guildford, Surrey** (St Mary). 23 June, 1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: J Spottiswoode 1, J Morgan (C) 2, R L Marsh 3, Sally A Schupke 4, K S Green 5, R G Bull 6. 60p

**Handsworth, Birmingham.** 23 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jocelyn M Shaw (1st Q) 1, W Pauline Hewitt 2, Jane M Yardley 3, Stella Tipper 4, M F Hall (C) 5, Barbara G Rodgers 6. To celebrate the Rev Canon J C H Tompkins' 30 years as Rector of Handsworth. 60p

**Harmston, Lincs.** 11 June, 1320 Minor (5m): Angela Holt 1, Jacqueline C Brockett 2, Barbara Cliphsham 3, C R Asher 4, R Sutton 5, D J Sutton (C) 6. Most m by all the band. £1

**Harpford, Devon.** 22 June, 1272 Norwich S. Minor: Lesley A Tomlinson 1, Julie D Purchase (1st blows in m) 2, G P Tucker 3, A J Sinden 4, N E Deem 5, J N Longridge (C) 6. 60p

**Harrold, Beds.** 20 June, 1320 P.B. Minor: Georgina Barratt 1, A Hulatt 2, M D Barratt 3, P Mary Cheesewright 4, B A R Thompson 5, J M Roberts (C) 6. 60p

**Hexham, Northumb** (Abbey). 2 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: H Smith 1, J E Kysow 2, A Oliver 3, P Sewell 4, C Moon 5, V Springford 6, T Lawrence (C) 7, L Gibson 8. For Evensong. 50p

**High Wycombe, Bucks.** 23 June, 1296 P.B. Major: S G F Earl (1st away from tenor) 1, Anne Cullen 2, D J Cunningham 3, D J Cullen 4, Patricia M Newton 5, G Whiteside 6, R W Luzar 7, C M S Botting (C) 8. For Evensong. 50p

**Hillingdon, Middx.** 16 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: R J Kinnell (1st Minor) 1, Julia M Whating 2, S S Russ 3, B C Parker 4, M J Palmer 5, R K Russ (C) 6. For Evensong. Also 22 June, 1282 Yorkshire S. Royal: Isabel F Jones 1, Ruth M Foreman 2, E H Goater 3, R K Russ 4, J C Birt 5, N R Aspland 6, M A Jones 7, D J Atkins 8, S S Russ (C) 9, B H Taylor 10. Rung after losing a peal attempt for Stedman Caters. For the Flower Festival. £2

**Hinton Waldrist, Oxon.** 11 June, 1274 Beverley S. Minor: Judith M Passant (50th on treble) 1, Barbara H Payne 2, Catherine M Lack 3, E R Venn 4, M Vincent 5, D B Carter (C) 6. 1st in m-3, 5. 60p

**Horningsea, Cambs.** 16 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Marion T Perryman 1, G S Perryman 2, A G Parry (C) 3, J S Abercrombie 4, I W Davies 5. For Morning Service. 50p

**Hunsdon, Herts.** 21 June, 1280 London S. Major: J Rank 1, Mary Bone 2, Patricia Darby 3, F Warboys 4, F Bone 5, L Luck 6, J Warboys 7, G Lay (C) 8. To congratulate Frank Warboys on attaining his Degree. £1

**Hurstpierpoint, W. Sussex.** 23 June, 1260 Stedman Triples: S W Brown 1, Margaret Ellis 2, H W Brown 3, J H Lilley 4, A M Humphrey 5, P T Hurcombe (C) 6, H F Pettifer 7, A W Eatwell 8. For Evensong. Also to celebrate the Confirmation of Alan and Joan Eatwell at this church earlier this day. £1

**Irchester, Northants.** 23 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: N Billham 1, R Walker 2, J Hadley 3, I Dickin (C) 4, B Smith 5, M Dazeley 6. 1st Q-1, 6. For Family Communion. £1

**Kenilworth, Warks.** 9 June, 1260 St Simon's Bob Doubles: Rosemary G Spencer 1, Sarah Wiggins (1st in m and 1st in tower) 2, K Davis 3, H J Bodenham 4, D P Crawley (C) 5, C Bostock 6. For Evensong. 50p

**Kingsbury, Warks.** 20 June, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: Karen White 1, Elaine Wright 2, G H Lane 3, G Powell 4, M J Wright 5, R White 6, N K Allsopp 7, A J Illingworth (C) 8. To celebrate the birth of Christopher William Furniss (4/6/85), son of Christine, *nee* Wright, former local ringer. 80p

**King's Norton, Birmingham.** 19 May, 1280 Bristol S. Major: N J Goodman 1, P L Carless 2, Catherine R Taylor 3, T R Hampton 4, Amanda M Pilkington 5, S J Dunn 6, R W Pipe (C) 7, R Aldington 8. Also 16 June, 1282 Yorkshire S. Royal: R Aldington 1, N J Goodman 2, Clare Watson 3, D B Flint 4, Mary T Rees 5, Catherine R Taylor 6, Amanda M Pilkington 7, S J Dunn 8, P L Carless 9, R W Pipe (C) 10. Farewell compliment to Catherine Taylor, leaving for Bath. £2 50

**Leatherhead, Surrey.** 23 June, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: Ann Moores 1, Pauline Smith 2, Anne Parr 3, D J R Martin 4, P A Ford 5, R A Woodland 6, A J Smith (C) 7, A Ellis 8. Silver Wedding compliment to Janet and Rex Woodland. 50p

**Little Stukeley, Hunts.** 8 June, 1272 P.B. Minimus: E J Whiting 1, R J Woodward (C) 2, C J Higgins 3, B C Bunting 4. Half-muffled in memory of Mace Gifford of Great Stukeley (aged 40 years), ex-National Hunt jockey and brother of trainer Josh Gifford. 40p

**Lowestoft, Suffolk.** 22 June, 1288 P.B. Triples: E Sybil M McLean 1, Linda V Cull 2, Judith A Allen 3, M M Pitchers 4, A E Crowe 5, T F Crawford 6, D R McLean (C) 7, G A Sutherland 8. Following the wedding of Sue Gibbons and the Rev. Tim Thompson, a member of the Lowestoft band, with best wishes to them both. Also 24 June, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: E Sybil M McLean 1, Elizabeth A Hudd 2, Linda V Cull 3, D R McLean (C) 4, A E Crowe 5, D C Ely 6, G A Sutherland 7, P J Gorrod 8. Farewell compliment to the Rector, Canon Alan Glendining, and his wife Peg, on their departure for the Parish of Ranworth in Norfolk. £2

This quarter peal should have been rung for evensong on Sunday, 23rd June: indeed, most of it was, because with 28 changes to go the conductor's rope broke. Dutiful apologies for damaging church property were duly made to the Rector after he had taken his last service. Next, hasty arrangements were made for Monday evening; replacements were sought for two members of the band; the offending rope was spliced and others checked. Monday evening brought success and the quarter peal was rung with the best wishes of the Lowestoft band, including Judith Allen and Jeff Gorrod, who were unable to ring in the second attempt. The band have always valued the support of Canon Glendining, and he will be greatly missed. It is a great consolation, however, to know that he has not moved far away, remaining, not only within the diocese, but also within the Eastern Branch.

**Lyddington, Rutland.** 23 June, 1440 P.B. Minor: Margaret C Glithero (1st Minor) 1, Janet E Ingram 2, R Winkle 3, D Sheila Griggs 4, Stella Pedersen 5, C J Groome (C) 6. For Evensong Service. 50p

**Macclesfield, Cheshire** (Christ Church). 20 June, 1440 Belgrave S. Royal: G A Littler 1, Pam Thomson 2, J R Jervis 3, Christine Andrew 4, J F Oultram 5, P H Dixon 6, A J Jobson 7, I W Taylor 8, M Thomson 9, N Thomson (C) 10. 1st in m for all. £1

**Manchester** (Town Hall). 21 June, 1320 P.B. Minor: G B Thompson 1, Mary W Ogier 2, Anne E Kelly 3, T W Marchbank (C) 4, M J Vernon 5, D R Pettifer 6. Graduation compliment to Anne Kelly, B.Sc.(Hons). 75p

**Monks Kirby, Warks.** 19 June, 1344 P.B. Major: E Conington 1, Patricia Willats (1st in m) 2, Linda Illingworth 3, K J Fox 4, D Jackson 5, A J Illingworth 6, J B Ross 7, N K Allsopp (1st as C) 8. 80p

**Nazeing, Essex.** 16 April, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Frances Knapp 1, Joan Mansfield 2, W H Aley (C) 3,

Carrie Welch 4, F Mansfield 5, K Knapp 6. By request for the christening of James Gordon Rowntree; also to mark the elevation to the senior choir, during the service, of Emma Welch. £1

**New Alresford, Hants.** 23 June, 1280 P.B. Major: L A Tremere (C) 1, Prisca Tremere 2, Lyn Breslain 3, I Stark (1st in m) 4, A Johnson 5, R C Skinner 6, Elizabeth Johnson (circled tower to quarters) 7, G C Emerson 8. For the Patronal Festival Evensong; also as a get-well compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Graham Trasler, new ringer Stephen Clark, and Raymond Walsh (all with broken bones!). £1.60

**Newnham, Northants.** 23 June, 1440 Minor (2m): S Short 1, Alison Collins 2, R Sinclair 3, Jane Rands 4, G Pullin 5, Iris Webb (C) 6. Prior to the opening of the Newnham Festival. £1

**North Ockenden, Essex.** 24 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: Alison Beech 1, B H Beech 2, A Beech 3, J J Wallatt 4, P Blacklock 5, R J Brown (C) 6. Dedicated to St John-the-Baptist. 50p

**Norton Subcourse, Norfolk.** 26 May, 1260 Minor (2m): A H Roberts 1, Helen Sutton 2, H W Barrett 3, F Sutton 4, M J Stokes 5, S W Rabong (C) 6. For Evensong. Also in memory of George W Howlett of Lowestoft and Alfred C Harris of St Ippolyts, Herts. 60p

**Nutfield, Surrey.** 20 June, 1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Kathie A Matthews 1, Nicola C Thomas 2, Diane J Reynolds 3, R Grieve 4, K J Matthews 5, K R Richardson (C) 6. 1st in m-2, 3, 6. To celebrate the award of B.E.M. to John Francis, organist for 63 years. Also 22 June, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: R Grieve 1, Nicola C Thomas 2, Alison Ellerby 3, K R Richardson 4, I Cole 5, K J Matthews (C) 6. For the Patronal Festival. £2

**Oadby, Leics.** 23 June, 1260 Doubles (5 m/v): Joanna Royle (1st attempt) 1, Kitty Thompson 2, Alison Thompson 3, Gwenyth M Tyler 4, P M Atkins (C) 5, D E Webster 6. For Flower Festival Evensong. 50p

**Old Coulsdon, Surrey.** 22 June, 1260 Doubles (6m): F H Hicks 1, W D Lanyon 2, I Cole (most Doubles) 3, M W Gilbert 4, K J Matthews (C) 5. £1

**Outwood, Surrey.** 23 June, 1272 Minimus (11m): C Wilson 1, Susan Coleman 2, S J Coleman (C) 3, C A Cooper 4. For Evensong. £1.25

**Portsmouth, Hants** (St Mary). 19 May, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Marilyn Fletcher 1, Pauline A Hayler 2, I P Hunt 3, M J Garle 4, T C F Wright (C) 5, A Phillips 6. For Ascension. Also 2 June, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: Sandra Bateman 1, Lisa Holmes 2, Wendy Holmes 3, G Barrett (1st Grand-sire Triples) 4, Barbara Salmons 5, I P Hunt 6, E F Salmons (C) 7, Pauline A Hayler (1st covering) 8. For Evensong, and in loving memory of John Joll. Also 9 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: A E Hoodless 1, Pauline A Hayler (1st P.B. Minor) 2, Marilyn Fletcher 3, A Burbidge 4, T C F Wright (C) 5, M J Garle 6. For Evensong. £2

**Priston, Avon.** 22 June, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Caroline C Leary 1, Sally A Hitcher 2, Elizabeth B Evison (1st Surprise) 3, I N Robinson 4, C W Stanley 5, S M Alford (C) 6. University of Surrey Ringing Tour.

**Priston, Avon.** 20 June, 1260 Doubles (2m): Maggie Willans 1, Carol Bedding 2, Zena Woodley 3, Kate Rouse 4, R W Willans (C) 5, P A Wall 6

**Prittlewell, Essex.** 25 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: Patricia A Bulpitt (1st Q) 1, R D Ferro 2, D Sloman 3, D Carlill 4, B C Sadler 5, D P Hill 6, J G Harpole (C) 7, G R L Eve 8. To mark the arrival of the Flame of Friendship at Prittlewell as part of the 75th anniversary celebrations of the Girl Guides Association. £1

**Reading, Berks** (St Giles). 23 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: Naomi Lewis 1, Margaret Bearne 2, Joyce Vernon 3, Elsie Smith 4, Elizabeth Struckett 5, Theresa Scott 6, Joanne Druce (C) 7, Eunice Lewis 8. By Guides and Guiders prior to 75th Anniversary of Guiding County Service at St Mary V, Reading. £1.60

**Rendham, Suffolk.** 7 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jill Powter 1, D T Hughes 2, Celia Hacker 3, T D Hughes (C) 4, G Bowles 5, A H Archer 6. In memory of Wesley Churchyard, a local ringer in this tower, interred this day. 60p

**Rickmansworth, Herts.** 15 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: A Hall 1, M Green 2, Mary Kingsley 3, Vanessa Franklin 4, J Cooke 5, M Franklin 6, H Bradbury (C) 7, H Thomas 8. Golden Wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs C W R Kingsley, parents of the ringer of the 3rd. £1

**Ringmer, Sussex.** 9 June, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: T Russell 1, E M L Macadam 2, Elizabeth Clifford 3, J G Stamper 4, G M Unsworth 5, S White 6, D C Brown (C) 7, W Merritt 8. For Evensong. Also 23 June, 1260 Doubles (5m): Mary E Rice 1, J G Stamper 2, Elizabeth Clifford 3, S White 4, W Merritt (C) 5, Joanna E Stamper (1st Q) 6. 75th Birthday compliment to the Rev P Hayler, Vicar 1970-76. £1

**Romford, Essex.** 19 June, 1260 P.B. Minor (tenor cover): D P Salmon (1st Q) 1, Deborah Adams 2, Beth Johnson 3, G Cecil 4, O C R Webster (C) 5, J I White



6, R W Cox 7. To welcome Paul, son of Beth and Ian Johnson. £2

**Rowberrow, Som.** 22 June, 1260 Doubles (2m): S Ebsworth 1, Sue Pargeter 2, P Ebsworth (C) 3, Sue Wilkinson 4, B Halliday 5, A Adams 6. For Rowberrow Fete. £1

**Royston, S. Yorks.** 21 June, 1344 Middletown S. Major: Helen Nichols 1, Patricia North 2, D Sunderland 3, M Sheeran 4, R Scott 5, R Clarke 6, I North (C) 7, R G Corby 8. 1st Q in method. 60p

**St Albans, Herts (Cathedral).** 22 June, 1320 Grandsire Cinquses: Rosemary A Hodgson (1st on 12) 1, B E Bradstock 2, H V Frost 3, Janet L Penney 4, Susan L Patterson 5, R P Venour 6, P C Maddocks 7, Jennifer V Johnson (1st on 12 as C) 8, D Redfern 9, C F Pocock 10, G Penney 11, I R Lee 12. 1st Grandsire Cinquses-6, 9. For Patronal Festival. £1.20

**St Albans, Herts (St Peter).** 12 June, 1280 Rutland S. Royal: Sarah Wharton 1, Jennifer Johnson 2, Elizabeth J Drummond-Tyler 3, Ann Saunders 4, Susan J Newman 5, Susan L Patterson 6, J J Ford 7, S Saunders 8, G Penney 9, A R Patterson (C) 10. 1st in m-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. 90p

**Hertford (All Saints).** 25 June, 1312 Spiced S. Major (8m): Pat Darby 1, Sheila Edmondson 2, Ann Castle 3, Susan L Patterson (C) 4, E Edmondson 5, G Lay 6, C Forster 7, A R Patterson 8. 50p

**Salford Priors, Warks.** 23 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: M C Homans 1, M J Kenyon 2, R H Spray (C) 3, E J Brazier 4, J K Maddams 5, D A Rogers 6. After Festal Evensong for Flower Festival. £1

**Sawston, Cambs.** 8 June, 1280 P.B. Major: M J Cox (1st Major) 1, Christine Seaman 2, Marina Warner 3, P Hinton 4, J S Abercrombie 5, R J Lee 6, D R Carter 7, P S Seaman 8. For Festival Evensong, celebrating the centenary of the augmentation of the bells. £1

**Sharnbrook, Beds.** 22 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Helen W Webb 1, Georgina Barratt 2, Gemma Davison 3, M D Barratt 4, P J S Albon (C) 5, Alison Webb (1st Q) 6. Wedding compliment to Stephen and Jill De Visme, married here this day. Also 23 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P J S Albon 1, Helen W Webb (1st inside) 2, Judy M Anderson 3, M D Barratt (C) 4, T W Anderson 5, Georgina Barratt 6. To mark the start of Sharnbrook Festival. £1

**Sheepy Magna, Leics.** 22 June, 1440 P.B. Minor: P T Bates 1, Trina Kendall 2, A E Elise 3, Kay Else 4, M J Brown (1st in m) 5, K Wright (1st as C) 8. 60p

**Stockport, Cheshire (St George).** 16 June, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Stephanie J Lea (1st on eight) 1, Ann E Mayes 2, Maggie Andrew 3, Anne DeGiorgio (1st Surprise inside) 4, S Holroyd 5, R Shipp 6, A C D Mayes 7, T W Marchbank (C) 8. Compliment to William and Bridget Biddell (married 1 June 1985). 75p

**Stoneleigh, Warks.** 16 June, 1260 Doubles (2m): Rosemary G Spencer 1, Pat M Bodenham 2, Jane H Spencer (joint C) 3, P B Spencer (joint C) 4, H J Bodenham 5, A R Gunthorpe 6. Birthday compliment to H J Bodenham. 50p

**Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk.** 21 June, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Janet Hohl 1, R Rowley 2, Jenifer Whittell 3, J Malster 4, K Hohl 5, B Lord (C) 6, M Warren (cover) 7. £1

**Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos.** 17 June, 1280 Grandsire Triples: J White 1, E J Copson 2, Anthea Davison 3, E Rae 4, R F Rothery 5, Pamela Copson 6, J W Nicholls (C) 7, C Reeve 8. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs Sarah Jarvis, who would have been 100 today (died 1/4/85). £1

**Stretford, Gtr. Manchester.** 16 June, 1260 Minor (2m): Mary Eccles 1, Emily Entwistle 2, G B Thompson (C) 3, A Broadhurst 4, D Rydeheard 5, A F Eccles 6. To welcome Emily Sarah Bell, daughter of Barbara and Ien. £1

**Sunningwell, Oxon.** 12 June, 1320 Boeing S. Minor: Judith M Passant (25th Q this year) 1, Deborah A J Rich 2, C M Turner (circled tower) 3, M Vincent 4, A A Ward 5, D B Carter (C-747th Q) 6. 1st blows in m by all. 30p

**Swindon, Wilts (St Mark).** 22 June, 1260 Doubles (2m; 7, 8, 8 cover): Teresa Hodgkinson 1, P Belcher 2, M Edwards 3, Tracey Hodgkinson 4, G Belcher (C) 5, Joanne Van Driessen 6, H Locke-Wheaton 7, G Bingham 8. 1st Q-1, 6, 8. 1st in 2m-2, 4. Birthday compliment to 3, 6. By Sunday service band (Shrivenham). £1

**Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset.** 25 June, 1260 Doubles (3m): Clare J Robertson 1, Judith A Robertson 2, Jill E Crocker 3, R G W Robertson (900th Q) 4, R J Crocker (C) 5. £1

**Tedburn St. Mary, Devon.** 25 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: A J Sinden (C) 1, Julie D Purchase 2, R C Shere 3, P J Priscott 4, R E Franklin (50th Q) 5, G P Tucker 6. 60p

**Tewin, Herts.** 27 May, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: J J Wiles (1st T.B.) 1, P D Walters 2, Eileen J Wiles 3, D S Harris 4, D S Hall 5, G R D Lay (C) 6, 21st Wedding anniversary compliment to Frances and Michael Bullock. Also 1 June, 1440 London S.

Minor: Patricia M Darby 1, D S Hall 2, A A F Peters 3, D J K Wakely 4, G R D Lay (C) 5, D S Harris 6. Golden Wedding compliment to Alan and Esther Campbell. Also 22 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Eileen J Wiles 1, J J Wiles 2, Bertha Banks 3, P Harper 4, G R D Lay (C) 5, D J K Wakely 6. To celebrate the marriage of Richard Wilshire and Joan Braybrook. £3.40

**Thatcham, Berks.** 17 June, 1260 P.B. Royal: C M Turner 1, Judith M Passant 2, Joy Freeman (1st on 10) 3, Helen C Ramsbottom 4, H Jane Marlow 5, M Vincent 6, D B Carter (1st Royal as C) 7, N G Robinson 8, I M Gardiner 9, E R Venn 10. 1st Royal-5, 6. £1

**Theberton, Suffolk.** 12 June, 1260 Single Oxford Minor: T D Hughes (C) 1, D Noy 2, Janice R Baldry 3, M A Baldry 4, Celia Hacker 5, Maria K Hacker 6. 1st in m-3, 4, 5, 6. Birthday compliment to ringer of 5. 90p

**Tilehurst, Berks.** 13 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: G R Runham 1, Naomi Lewis 2, J E Harmsworth 3, Anne Osborne 4, Rosalind Knight 5, P J Wells 6, Eunice Lewis (C) 7, Julia Clack 8. For Confirmation by the Bishop of Reading. 50p

**Tiverton, Devon (St Paul).** 23 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P Mainwaring 1, B Samuels (1st inside in m) 2, Marilynne Booker 3, C C Deem 4, N E Deem (C) 5, W R Trickey 6. For Evensong, at which Bishop Claxton preached; also Birthday compliment to B Samuels. 50p

**Trumpington, Cambs.** 23 June, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: Catherine E Preston 1, Angela R R Fordham 2, Mary E Pickstone 3, J N Hughes-D'Aeth 4, Alison J Mitchell (1st blows in m) 5, A J Mitchell 6, R Green 7, J D Shanklin (C) 8. For Evening Service. Also 26 June, 1260 Stedman Triples: Alison J Mitchell 1, A J Mitchell 2, F E Haynes (C) 3, R Green 4, W Hunt 5, J D Shanklin 6, W R Haynes 7, G Bloom 8. Birthday compliment to the conductor and Rosemary Haynes. £2

**Upchurch, Kent.** 3 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: Diana Sheppard 1, K Wright (1st inside) 2, Diana Wright 3, F J Cheal 4, T S Wright 5, M J Clay 6. £1

**Warborough, Oxon.** 24 June, 1250 Ashtead S. Major: Judith M Passant 1, H Jane Marlow (1st blows in m) 2, I M Gardiner (25th this year) 3, N G Robinson 4, M Vincent 5, C M Turner 6, E R Venn 7, D B Carter (C) 8. 1st in m-4, 5, 8. 25th together-3, 8. 100th together-5, 8. 80p

**Wellesbourne, Warks.** 23 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Pamela Copson 1, Maureen Leonard (1st inside) 2, E J Copson 3, J R Quinn 4, P J F Quinn 5, J Ariss 6. Jointly conducted by 1, 3, 4, 5. For Family Service. £1

**Westbourne, W. Sussex.** 22 June, 1264 P.B. Major: Catherine Gurney 1, Elisabeth Alder 2, Jane Shutler 3, Sarah North 4, C Shaw 5, J Burton 6, C G Shutler 7, E Treagus (C) 8. For Morning Service. £1

**Westbury-on-Severn, Glos.** 21 June, 1260 Spiced Doubles (21m including Stedman): Melanie J Gibson 1, M Jane Lewis 2, M C Chandler 3, V C Gibson 4, E J Gibson (C) 5, A E White 6. Farewell compliment to John Cooper, Diocesan Secretary, in appreciation of his valued service to the parish of Westbury-on-Severn. £1

**Weston-in-Gordano, Avon.** 23 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R W James 1, L M Callow (C) 2, T Baker 3, Margaret Reed 4, M J Callow 5, M W Baker 6. For Evensong. 1st service touch to welcome Father John Smart as Parish Priest. 60p

**West Meon, Hants.** 14 June, 1280 Spiced S. Major (standard 8): A Burbidge (1st T.B. on treble, after 43 years ringing Q.P.s and peals, including Surprise methods) 1, M J Garle (most Spiced S.M.) 2, Barbara Salmons 3, I P Hunt 4, G D Peck 5, T C F Wright 6, S D Piper 7, E F Salmons (C) 8. Birthday compliment to 3. 80p

**West Wickham, Kent.** 12 June, 1320 P.B. Doubles: D Gray 1, Judith Dance 2, B Makeham 3, Sheila Hewer 4, J Cannell (C) 5, J Fry 6. To celebrate Rev J B Poole's 25 years in the ministry. 50p

**Worcester (All Saints).** 15 June, 1348 Cambridge S. Maximus: Mary T Rees 1, Margaret A Edwards (1st Cambridge Maximus) 2, Catherine R Taylor 3, Gillian M Postill 4, Frances Dodds 5, S J T Wilmshurst 6, D R Ingram 7, J C Eisel 8, M F Edwards 9, R W Pipe (C) 10, D Beecham 11, D T Finnermore 12. £1.80

**Yatton, Som.** 15 June, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: M W Baker 1, Corinna England 2, Margaret Reed 3, Pam Ebsworth 4, Diana Bridle 5, R J Ballam 6, Teresa Dunstone 7, P J England (C) 8. Ruby Wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs D Thresher. 80p

1st on 8 handbells by the University Guild. Also 20 June, 1260 Minor (3m): Clare Y Caley 1-2, J M Jenkins (C) 3-4, N E Booth 5-6. Also 23 June, 1440 T.B. Minor (2m): Clare Y Caley (most T.B.) 1-2, J M Jenkins (C) 3-4, N E Booth 5-6. Birthday compliment to Clare Caley. £1.30

**Abergavenny, Gwent.** 13 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Beckett 1, G Ward (C) 2, P Beckett 3, R Gwillum 4, Rachel Davies 5, M O Roberts 6. For the Mothers' Union Deanery Service held here every four years.

**Bangor, Gwynedd.** 16 June, 1320 Minor (3m): Tricia Gray 1, Caroline R Pettitt 2, Alison Greenhalgh 3, D R Marshall 4, M J Bridges 5, T M Davis (C) 6. Farewell compliment to 1 and 2. 50p

**Brecon, Brecknock (St Mary).** 30 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: B Williams (50th Q and circled the tower to quarter peals) 1, Anne Kleiser (1st Triples inside) 2, Kath Johnson 3, P Johnson 4, Laetitia Jack 5, A Sanger 6, M T Johns (C) 7, R Wheeler 8. For the Feast of St Peter and St Paul; also Birthday compliment to Laetitia Jack. £1

**Cadoxton, W. Glam.** 2 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: N Bateman (1st Q) 1, A R Lewis 2, Theresa Edmunds 3, Linda Davies (C) 4, B J Williams 5, A C John 6. Also 5 June, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Alison J Leaker 1, B J Williams 2, A C John 3, Linda Davies 4, A R Lewis (C) 5, D Culpin 6. For Confirmation Service. Also 16 June, 1260 Stedman Doubles: A C John (1st in m as C) 1, B J Williams 2, Linda Davies 3, M R Thomas 4, A R Lewis 5. Also 23 June, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: A R Lewis 1, B J Williams 2, Alison J Leaker 3, Linda Davies 4, C Chapman 5, A C John (C) 6. 60p

**Llandaff, S. Glam.** 16 June, 1376 Spiced S. Major (4m): W J Goodfellow 1, Barbara Jackson 2, Maggi Churchill 3, Judith Baldwin 4, F B Jackson 5, R C Woodward 6, N R D Ochard 7, R R Churchill (C) 8. For Evensong. £1

**Llangatock Vibon Avel, Gwent.** 26 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): R Shea 1, G Ward (C) 2, Diane Smith 3, B Wery 4, G Wilkinson 5, M Roberts 6. For Afternoon Service. £1

**Llantwit Major, S. Glam.** 29 June, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jean Walker (1st Q) 1, G C Pidgeon 2, P G Mayle (C) 3, R H Totterdell 4, W G Morgan 5, W M Price 6. For the ordination of Peter Coleman as Deacon and Rev Malcolm Davies and Rev Peter Leonard as priests at Llandaff Cathedral on 29 June, 1985. 60p

## Overseas

**Boston, Massachusetts (Advent).** 25 June, 1260 Doubles (4m): Laura Dickerson (C-Stedman) 1, Kathryn Lesh (1st inside) 2, D F Morrison (C-Erin & P.B.) 3, C Keavney (C-Grandsire) 4, Lynne Mallinson 5, K Quimby 6. Also 6 June, 1272 P.B. Minor: D F Morrison (C) 1, K Ballou (1st in tower) 2, Norma Henderson 3, Laura Dickerson 4, Linda Woodford 5, J Schreiner 6. For Corpus Christi. Also 16 May, 1260 P.B. Minor: Kathy Wilber (1st away from tenor behind) 1, D F Morrison (C) 2, Norma Henderson 3, J Schreiner 4, Laura Dickerson 5, Linda Woodford 6. For Ascension. Also 5 May, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Laura Dickerson 1, Heather Turner 2, D F Morrison (C) 3, J Schreiner 4, Linda Woodford 5, J E Brosius 6. Also 1296 P.B. Major: Norma Henderson 1, J E Brosius 2, J Schreiner (1st on 8) 3, Lynne Mallinson 4, Juliet Hawkins 5, D F Morrison (C) 6, Laura Dickerson (circled tower) 7, Linda Woodford 8.

**Boston, Massachusetts (Christ Church).** 19 May, 1280 P.B. Major: D F Morrison (C) 1, Norma Henderson 2, C Keavney 3, Lynne Mallinson 4, J E Brosius 5, A Lewbel 6, Linda Woodford 7, Laura Dickerson 8. For marriage renewal service.

**Londonderry, New Hampshire.** (No date given) 1272 Original Minor: Kathy Wilber (1st in m) 1-2, Norma Henderson 3-4, D F Morrison (C) 5-6

**Washington, USA (Cathedral).** 18 June, 1260 Stedman Triples: J W King (1st in m) 1, Irene B Glowinski 2, Ann Martin 3, Frances Neville Withington 4, Linda D Rankin 5, Mary O Clarke 6, E W Martin (C) 7, Quilla Roth 8. Also 19 June, 1320 London S. Minor: Irene Glowinski 1, Frances Neville Withington 2, Ann Martin 3, Cecily Rock 4, Linda D Rankin 5, E W Martin (C) 6. Wedding anniversary compliment to Irene Glowinski and Jim Vaught. Also 22 June, 1320 P.B. Doubles: R Foster (1st Q) 1, Quilla Roth 2, R W Dirksen (C) 3, Jorgy Walker (1st Doubles) 4, J W King 5, P B Outcalt (1st in Cathedral) 6. \$3

**Parktown, Johannesburg, R.S.A.** 30 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Barton 1, J Hill 2, T G Bagnall 3, Marjorie Hill 4, R H Roberts 5, N Hill 6, S W Barton (C) 7, G J V Lardner. 21st Birthday compliment to Nicholas Hill.

**Perth, W. Australia.** 2 June, 1264 P.B. Major: Brenda Ames 1, A Reynolds (1st inside) 2, Laura Ivey 3, Joan Gray 4, I Macleod 5, D Knewstub 6, J Skinner 7, P Gray (C) 8. For Trinity Sunday Eucharist.

## Scotland and Wales

**Edinburgh (4 St Patrick Square).** 13 June, 1344 P.B. Major: Shona Macgregor (1st on 8) 1-2, J M Jenkins (C) 3-4, M Broe 5-8, Clare Y Caley 7-8.



## Quarter Peal Tours, Days, etc.



Where did I put my diary? - conductor supremo in yet another tangle.

### THE HAWES TOUR MARK IV

The whole affair began quite gently, in fact, quite smoothly, without the usual pre-tour dash to reach the first towers.

The advance party wandered down in brilliant sunshine on the Sunday afternoon to the headquarters for the Somerset portion of the tour, pausing only at Donyatt for a quick ring. They were followed much later by the not-so-jubilant peal band whose attempt had gone to the wind because of the heat. Any dampened spirits at this point were resuscitated by the consumption of more damp spirits.

The first day dawned wet and miserable but, with an excellent breakfast inside us, we commenced what was the heaviest day of the tour. With 11 towers organised, and the practice at Taunton in the evening, Mr. Hawes once again proved to be the excellent organiser he had been in previous years. There was only one mishap of the day, that being the near lockout at Curry Mallet in the afternoon, due to a slight local misunderstanding.

At West Hatch we had been due to be augmented by one, but because of woolly-headedness at British Rail enquiries, the mystery arrival failed to have the desired impact. However, Miss Saint was still suitably shocked.

We spent the next morning mainly in the Wind-whistle Valley, ringing on the way at both of the chancel rings of the tour. At Winsham we had to employ Rent-a-Heave to remove six pews in order to get at the ropes, but we were relieved to have no such problems at Kingstone.

The afternoon kicked-off with an excellent quarter of Somerset at Curry Rivel (excellent apart from a small outbreak of general hysteria at one particular point). We then proceeded on to the heavy fives at High Ham and Muchelney before evening meal at Waterside and the practice at Martock.

Wednesday brought us a procession of heavy eights, viz: Ilminster, South Petherton and Crewkerne, the latter nearly proving to be another lockout.

The weather during the week gradually improved out of recognition, the climax being on Thursday, when amongst the programme was tea at June's parents', a most pleasant and agreeable afternoon, the highlight of which being a demonstration of break-dancing (not given by Mr. Hawes). The same day we had the procession of heavies, including Queen Camel and Sherborne, at both of which the ringing was of a very high standard indeed.

Friday proved to be another scorcher as we said our farewells to Chard, and drove down to the Southern Comfort in Penzance. From this point onwards the ringing programme was much lighter, and the emphasis was more on people than places as members of the party relaxed and enjoyed their companions and surroundings rather than tearing through the countryside in pursuit of that elusive game - The Tower.

Every organised tour ought to have at least one day in which members can relax, or else they find themselves getting on top of each other.

Saturday brought us the interesting four at St. Michael, Penkevill, with the tenor that draws blood, as we were later to discover. The evening's peal attempt at Kenwyn was entirely successful, while the non-pealers wandered off in search of a boat and ended up just rambling alongside the river instead.

Sunday morning's ringing was a quarter peal attempt at St. Hilary, but a broken rope meant that a mountaineering expedition was required up the rather wobbly ladder and the three-tier frame. The quarter was eventually scored.

Monday was almost a non-ringing day. The peal attempt at Phillack in the morning didn't go, so we drowned our sorrows in the "Bucket of Blood" and then proceeded down to the beach where everybody (well, nearly everybody) got into the swing of things and ended up in the sea. Even our blessed leader partook of the old briny and enjoyed himself, although he had made up his mind beforehand that he wasn't going to. Then his trousers disappeared, only to be returned to him by the coastguard who had found them wandering up the beach in the company of two young ladies. The sea took its revenge on the return journey from St. Michael's Mount, when the journey was almost as rough as a Hawes peal.

The odd goings-on at the hotel in the evening are best left to the imagination, but suffice it to say that they warranted photos being taken. They certainly demonstrate the Follies of ringing.

The rain returned for the last full day of the tour, but we had some very nice bells: the splendid sixes at Perranzabuloe and Mabe, the interesting detached six at Gwennap and the superb ten at Truro.

The tour finally came to an end with the final three towers on the journey back to London, leaving the best till last. The eight at Altarnum are what I consider to be thoroughly amusing, although the elastic ropes caused a great deal of alarm to even the most experienced of ringers.

We returned to the Great City warmed by the hot Cornish sun, strengthened and invigorated by the bite of the Atlantic, exercised by the weight of Somerset bells, and cheered by the good humour and companionship of our friends.

Thank you, John, for a most memorable tour. Perhaps "Whales" next year? £5

**St. Hilary, Cornwall.** 2 June, 1260 Doubles (4m): Judy F Bourne 1, Gillian M Palmer 2, I G Mills (C) 3, S J Davies 4, D A Hewitt 5, M J Hall 6. For Mass. **Curry Rivel, Som.** 28 May, 1250 Somerset S. Major: Gillian T Lamb 1, Julia V Jones 2, S J Davies 3, T G M Jones 4, I G Mills 5, A M Faulkner 6, D A Hewitt 7, J E Hawes (C) 8. **Paul, Cornwall.** 2 June, 1272 Minor (3m): H M S Spink 1, June A Saint 2, A M Faulkner 3, I G Mills 4, J G A Prior 5, J E Hawes (C) 6. For Evensong.



A contented Dennis Hewitt well pleased with his surroundings.

### QUARTER PEALS FOR ROAD TO SEDGEMOOR

The following quarter peals were rung to commemorate the tercentenary of the Monmouth Rebellion and to raise funds for the Bath and Wells Association Bell Fund. Members of the Axbridge Branch are pleased to report that a total of £60 was raised.

**Rowberrow, Som.** 8 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: S Ebsworth (1st Q, aged 10) 1, Sue Wilkinson 2, A R

Adams 3, P Ebsworth 4, Pam Ebsworth (C) 5, B E Halliday 6. Birthday compliment to Stella Ebsworth. **And East Brent.** 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Sue Pargeter 1, W Champion 2, B E Halliday (joint C) 3, G Puddy 4, P Ebsworth (joint C) 5, J Brookes 6. **And Brent Knoll.** 1260 P.B. Doubles: Judith A Caton 1, C R Deane (1st inside) 2, D Westlake (C) 3, G Puddy 4, R Caton 5, Rosemary Higman 6. For Evensong. **Wedmore.** 10 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: Sue Pargeter 1, Sue Wilkinson 2, Andrea Goddard 3, Sally Wheeler 4, P Ebsworth 5, B E Halliday 6, B Hendry (C) 7, G Puddy 8, Loxton. 13 June, 1260 Doubles (2m): S Davies 1, Netty Rice 2, P Ebsworth (C) 3, Jill Maffey 4, P J Maffey 5, Pam Ebsworth 6. **Berrow.** 15 June, 1260 Doubles (2m): P Morgan-Evans 1, Sue Pargeter 2, B E Halliday 3, G Puddy 4, P Ebsworth (C) 5, Pam Ebsworth 6. **And Kewstoke.** 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Caroline J Swatton 1, C A Swatton 2, S Lewis 3, G Perry 4, D J Gay (C) 5, G Kingdon 6. **And Worle.** 1260 Doubles (5m): Ruth V Johnstone 1, Veronica W Johnstone 2, Jill Maffey (C) 3, J F S Lambard 4, P J Maffey 5, J Cook 6. **Churchill.** 16 May, 1260 Doubles (4m): Margaret Freeman 1, Liz Heath 2, A C Rains 3, Pam Ebsworth 4, M A Bromley (C) 5, N J Bennett 6. Birthday compliment to the conductor. For Evensong. **Bleadon.** 16 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: Liz Tilley (1st Minor) 1, S Lewis 2, J F S Lambard 3, Jill Maffey 4, P J Maffey 5, D Hawkings (C) 6. For Evensong. **And Banwell.** 1259 Grandsire Caters: S Davies 1, Pam Harding 2, Lynette Rice 3, Angela Bromwich 4, G Hebden (C) 5, G W Robson 6, R W Rice 7, W S Rice 8, M T Hebden 9, K G Baker 10. £5

### THE APSLEY OUTING

The last Saturday in June is traditionally Apsley outing day, and this year was no exception. Seventeen is rather a nasty sort of time to start, especially at the weekend, but nevertheless about 45 intrepid souls duly obeyed the summons of their alarm clocks and clambered aboard the waiting Green Line coach, so that we left within a few minutes of the stated time. (One person didn't turn up at all, but we don't talk about him.) Our destination was Kent, the M25 now making it a much easier journey, and our only worry was whether we should get through the Dartford Tunnel or not. However, our fears were unfounded; we sailed comfortably through and reached our first tower, Egerton, with a few minutes to spare. This, in fact, was to be the order of the day: at every tower we were either early or on time - and how many outings can say that? This one had obviously been organised by an expert.

After Egerton we went on to Little Chart, a light six in a church rebuilt after the war, and here Gus Good left us to make a fleeting visit to his old stamping-ground of Charing. (He rejoined us for lunch, I am glad to say.) At Pluckley the appointed Ringing Master made a valiant effort to keep us all in the tower for the full three-quarters of an hour - the pub for lunch was only next door! However, she found that if she stood on the trapdoor then at least nobody could get out.

After a sustaining lunch (and it had been a long time since breakfast) we moved to the real meat of the day - heavy eights at Biddenden and Tenterden, and the 16 cwt six at Bathersden. This last was the only ground-floor ring of the day, so there were plenty of stairs to keep us in trim. Fish and chips at Ashford, and we finished up at Wye for a ring and a drink before climbing back on the coach for the last time.

The ringers certainly had an active day - plenty of ringing up and down, a good variety of methods (and bells) and some good striking. The non-ringers also had some interesting churches to look round; no rain, and the sun even came out after lunch to keep everybody happy. (This was after all that rain in the first week of Wimbledon.)

I'm sure it is safe to say that everyone enjoyed themselves - certainly everyone that I spoke to did - and grateful thanks are extended to Reg and Val, who took on the onerous task of organising both the towers and - even more difficult - the meals. Also to Malcolm who had a busman's holiday and drove the coach for us on his rest day.

### FOUR IN WILTSHIRE (Saturday, June 29th)

**Collingbourne Kington.** 1272 London S. Minor: M J Offer 1, Diana M Young 2, Wendy J Middleton 3, R P D Middleton 4, P N Harden 5, A M J Young (C) 6. **Avebury.** 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: A M J Young 1, M J Offer 2, Diana M Young 3, Wendy J Middleton 4, R P D Middleton 5, P N Harden (C) 6. **Chiseldon.** 1320 Bourne S. Minor: P N Harden 1, Diana M Young 2, Wendy J Middleton 3, R P D Middleton 4, M J Offer 5, A M J Young (C) 6. 1st blows-3, 5. 1st in m-2, 4, 6. **Wanborough.** 1260 P.B. Minor: Wendy J Middleton 1, Diana M Young 2, M J Offer 3, R P D Middleton 4, A M J Young 5, P N Harden (C) 6. £2



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## Miscellaneous

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## University Announcement

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD**. Notice of a change to Rule 10 to read: "... 12 noon on the Sunday preceding the meeting except that nominations for the posts of President, Central Council Representatives, Senior Treasurer and Auditor shall close on the last Friday of the Lent Full Term." To be proposed at the Guild Week meeting. 1383

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**LEICESTER DG**, Hinckley District. Evening meeting at Market Bosworth (8 bells), Mon, Aug 19, 7.30-9 pm. All welcome K.M.B. 1367

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOC.** August practices: Mon, 5th, St Lawrence Jewry (Surprise Major), 6.30-8 pm; Wed, 21st, Southwark Cathedral, 6.30-8.30 pm. 1400

**MIDDLESEX CA**, Southern District. Practice at Windsor Parish Church on Wed, Aug 14, 7.30-9. 1445

## Saturday Meetings & Practices

**ELY DA**, Cambridge and Huntingdon District. Sat, Aug 10, joint meeting, Caxton (6), 3-4.30. Tea at Bourn, followed by evening ringing at Bourn (8) from 6.30-8.30. 1242

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**, SW District. Evening meeting at St Mary's, Woodford, on Sat, Aug 10, Ringing from 6.30. 1402

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DA**, Swindon Branch. The next meeting will be held at Oaksey, 6.30; Minety, 7.30; on Sat, Aug 10. Bells (6) available from 6.30 (Oaksey), 7.30 (Minety). 1441

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**, Western District. Little Gaddesden (6), Aug 10. Bells 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Names for tea to G Catchpole, 13 Little Gaddesden. Evening ringing until 8 pm. Special methods: Double Bob and Wearmouth. 1365

**LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**, Syston and Leicester Districts. Joint meeting on Sat, Aug 10, at Thurmaston. Ringing at Thurmaston 6.30 to 8 pm, followed by football match. Players and supporters all very welcome. F.J.F. 1439

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD**. Evening meeting at Overseale (8) on Sat, Aug 10, from 6.30 to 8.30 pm. Everyone most welcome. 1411

**SUFFOLK GUILD**. Evening practice, Sat, Aug 10, Hopton, 7-9 pm. Special method: Double Court. 1397

**SUFFOLK GUILD**, NE District. Quarterly meeting, Sat, Aug 10, at Halesworth. Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to Jim Watts (Halesworth 3603) by Wed, Aug 7, please. N.B.—Westhall not available. 1398

**BATH & WELLS DA**, Chew Branch. Practice meeting, Aug 17, Nempnett Thrubwell, 6.30-8 pm. Treasure Hunt in afternoon. Details from Secretary. 1435

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**BATH & WELLS DA**, Sat, Aug 17, practice meeting, Winsford, 7-9 pm. 1433

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**, Mid-Cheshire Branch. Meeting jointly with Manchester Branch, Lancashire Association, Sat, Aug 17, at Warburton. Bells 6.30 to 8.30. 1427

**CHESTER DG**, South Branch. Evening meeting at Audlem, Sat, Aug 17, 19.30 to 21.00. F R Morton, Branch Sec/Treas. 1416

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**ELY DA**, Wisbech District. Meeting at Clench-warton, Aug 17. Bells 3.00. 4.30 Service, tea, business meeting. Evening ringing. All welcome. 1412

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**, Stroud Branch. Quarterly meeting and service on Sat, Aug 17. Ringing at Randwick 3 to 4.15 pm and at Stonehouse 7.15-9 pm. Names for tea to Gloucester 720547 by Aug 14, please. 1404

**HEREFORD DG**, Ledbury District. Quarterly meeting at Eastnor(6), Sat, Aug 17. Ringing 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting and further ringing to 9 pm. Names for tea to Mrs Vika Moisey (Malvern 2761 or Ledbury 4585) by Aug 14. 1343

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**HERTFORD CA**, St Albans District. Sat, Aug 17, The Abbey, St Albans. Ringing 2.30 to 4 pm. Tea and meeting. Evening ringing 6 to 8.30 pm. Names for tea to Hilary Knight (St Albans 33737). 1403

**KENT C.A.C.R.**, Ashford District. Meeting, Aug 17, Appledore (8), 3.00. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs Marshall (Bethersden 441) by Wed, 14th, please. Special methods: Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Pudsey Surprise. 1409

**LEICESTER DG**, Melton and Market Harborough Districts. Joint meeting, Sat, Aug 17: Wyomondham, 3-3.45; Buckminster, 3.45-4.30, followed by service and picnic tea. Evening ringing at Sproxtton from 6.30 onwards. 1443

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD**, West Lindsey Branch. Sat, Aug 17, evening practice at Stow. Special methods: Sandal and Durham. 1423

**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION**, N and E District. Sat, Aug 17, quarterly business meeting at Hackney (North). 5.00 service then tea, meeting and ringing. General ringing, Bethnal Green, 3-4.30. 1426

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**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**, Central Branch. Sat, Aug 17, Ackworth (6) 3-5 pm. Wakefield Cathedral (12). Cups of tea 5.30 pm. Ringing 6-8 pm. 1384

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**, Western Branch. Evening ringing meeting, Sat, Aug 17, 6.30-8.30 pm, Addingham. 1436

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOC**, Eastern Division. Quarterly meeting, Sat, Aug 24, at Ticehurst. Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing, Wadhurst, until 8 pm. Special method: Stedman. Names for tea to David Kirkcaldy (Eastbourne 507003) by previous Wednesday. 1341

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I have read with interest the articles and letters concerning the analysis of methods using diagrams and models. The examples described so far have all used a point to represent a single change. I have been using diagrams in which each point represents a number of changes and I am enclosing some examples in case these might be of interest to your readers.

The first is designed for the production of doubles principles both symmetrical and assymetrical. The points which present five changes each are where six or seven lines meet and are surrounded by a small rectangle. The lines joining these points contain a small bubble with the place notation for the transposition in it. Where appropriate the bubble occur where two lines cross. To save space letters are used for single changes ie. A = 123, B = 125, C = 145 and D = 345. There are two lines where the place notation is represented by E. This represents a choice between one and five.

To produce a method chose a starting point. From this trace a path along the lines which visits each of the remaining 23 points once and once only and then returns, to the starting point. The place notation of the method is obtained by writing down the notation for each line in turn. The method produced will have a plain course of 120 changes unless rounds is produced at the

end of 24 changes. This can be avoided by ensuring that you pass along one of the lines with notation E. Changing one to five or five to one at this point will join the five parts together to produce a method.

The second diagram is designed to produce Double Major principles. On this diagram the points are numbered. Points numbered 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21 and 24 have place notations in bubbles besides them. These are place notations for the pivot positions ie. the full and half leads.

To produce a method choose two points with pivot places. (One must be x the other must not) Now find a path between them which visits each of the remaining points once and once only. This gives the place notation of the half lead which when reversed and joined with the pivot places gives the notation for a whole lead.

Methods produced in this way (I have identified more than 130 in which no bell stays in the same place for more than two consecutive changes) are of the maximum length for a method of this type 384 changes. It is not difficult to show that for any Double Major principle with a true plain course there are always 105 mutually true courses. (This can be achieved in an astronomical number of ways) 105 courses of a method 384 changes long will contain the extent of Major 40320 changes. These methods are also course spliced so a peal of 40320 changes in 105 methods and all the

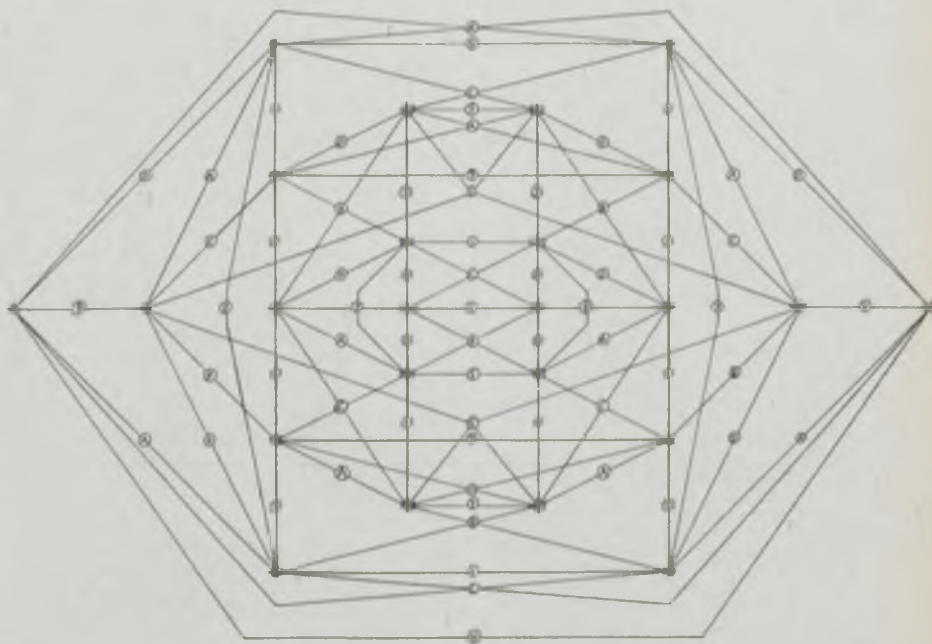


Diagram 1 - Doubles Principles

work of each method for every bell can be produced.

The last diagram which is used in exactly the same way as the Major diagram is for "hunt" dominated Doubles methods. With this symmetrical alliance Doubles methods with true plain courses of 120 changes can be produced, I have put the word hunt in quotation marks because the paths of some of the hunt bells are to say the least eccentric. If the method starts at one of the points of symmetry it may not be possible for the treble to be the hunt bell.

In addition to the diagrams I am enclosing some methods produced using a diagram but since there are only eight methods possible on this plan I am not enclosing the diagram, four notations are given the other four are the reverse of these.

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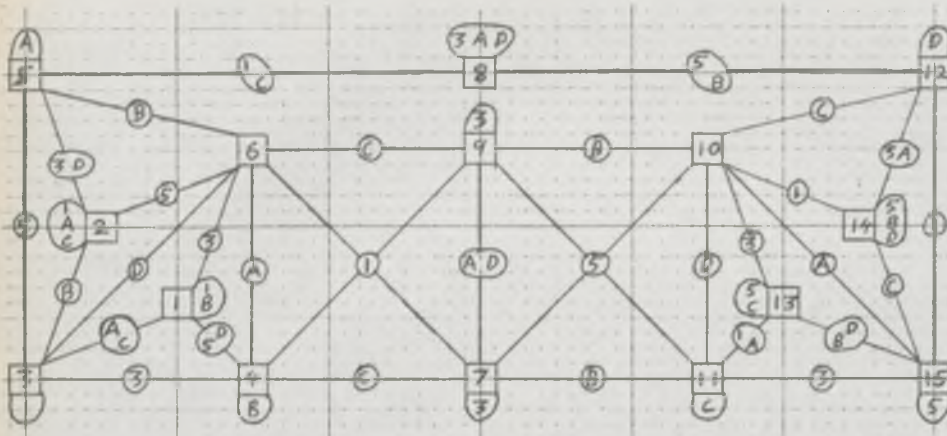


Diagram 2 - Hunt dominated Doubles methods

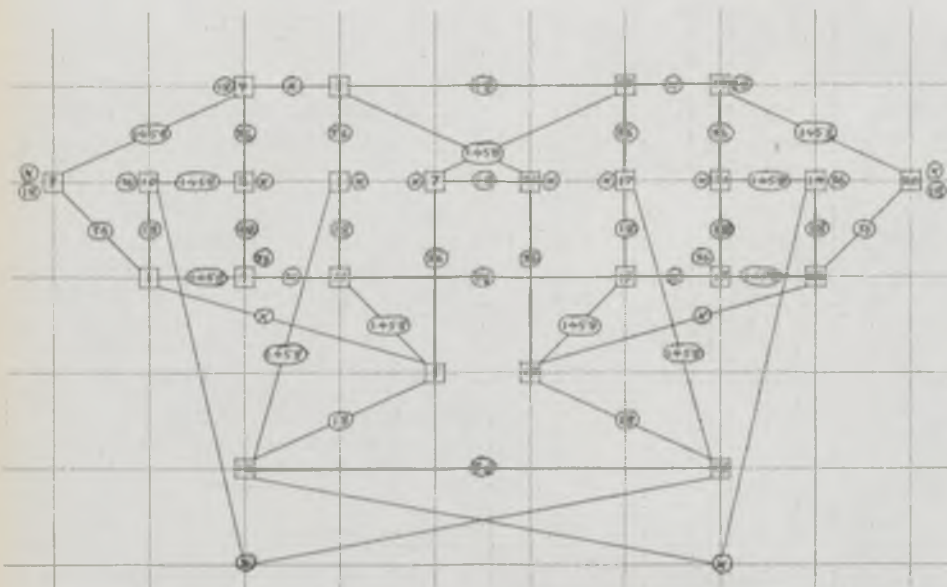


Diagram 3 - Double Major Principles

x, 36, x, 14, 36, x, 36, 14, 36, x  
 L.E. 14 Bob 34 Single 1234  
 x, 36, x, 14, 36, x, 36, 14, 36, x  
 L.E. 16 Bob 36 Single 1236  
 x, 36, x, 14, 36, x, 36, 14, 36, x  
 L.E. 34 Bob 36 Single 3456  
 12, 36, x, 14, 36, x, 36, 14, 36, x  
 L.E. 34 Bob 36 Single 3456

Extents are produced by calling BBS BBS at the course end.

These diagrams are representations of analyses which can also be set out as tables. I have drawn the diagram for symmetrical minor principles but it is too complex to use. I have by applying certain constraints to the tables been able to generate some minor principles with plain courses of 720 changes. The last example I am sending you is one of these.

34, 16, x, 12, x, 16, x, 16, x, 34, x, 16, 34,  
 16, x, 12, x, 16, x, 16, 34, 16, 34, 12, 34, 16,  
 x, 16, x, 16, 34, 16, x, 16, x, 34, x, 16, x,  
 16, x, 16, x, 16, x, 16, x, 56, x, 16, 34, 16, x,  
 34, x, 16, x, 16, 34, x  
 L.E. 16 315264

COLIN J. E. WYLD

Chislehurst, Kent.

P.S. It should be noted that none of this work has been independently checked or computer proved. The Minor methods have been laboriously hand proved.



Lunch time by the Broads

### Sheffield University Guild in Norfolk.

Twelve ringers from Sheffield University Guild of Change Ringers set off on 26th June by minibus to Norfolk for their summer tour. Accommodation was at the home of Paul, the ringing master and Mr. and Mrs. Cubitt. After lunch, prepared by our hosts the first tower of the tour was All Saints, Norwich, the home tower of the University of East Anglia. On the following morning, we set off in the rain to ring at Surlingham, Brooke, Woodton and Fritton with four, six, six, and three bells respectively and for most of the band their first three and four bell towers. Following lunch ringing was at Long Stratton, Fornsett and Tasburgh. During the afternoon we learned that our navigator did not know his left from his right - result we ended up in a farm! For evening ringing the party joined Great Yarmouth practice night on their 12 bells.

Friday dawned bright and sunny and during the morning the party visited Norwich and enjoyed the fantastic views from the spire of Norwich Cathedral - special permission having been obtained. In the afternoon ringing was at the Broadland towers of Wroxham, Ludham and Acle: the only lock out of the tour was then experienced at Blofield and the allotted time was spent in lovely sunshine in the churchyard. In the evening, a flat tyre almost denied us joining the practice at Costessey. Saturday, wet again, with ringing at Horsham St. Faith, Stratton Strawless and Buxton. Our hosts joined us for lunch after which ringing was on the very light six (2½ cwt.) at Saxthorpe. These bells proved very difficult to ring and amazingly one bell got turned over and had to be pushed back - the stays apparently are metal. This tower was followed by Salle, Reepham and Drayton. Sunday, the last day, morning ringing was in Norwich at St. Peter Mancroft, St. Giles and St. George Colegate. After a buffet lunch eaten in blazing sun in our hosts' garden we travelled back to Sheffield, arriving in time for evening ringing at the home tower, St. Marie. Sincere thanks to Paul for making all the arrangements, his parents for accommodating us and to Justin for driving the mini-bus.

H.B.

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While travelling with some friends on the Isle of Arran recently, we came across a hand-painted sign on the gate of a small farm which apparently supplied the few surrounding houses. It read: "Sorry, No Milk Today, Can't Find Cow."

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**MORE QUARTERS**

**Brinklow, Warks.** 8 July, 1260 Minor (2m): C N Sheasby 1, C W Foxall (1st Surprise inside, age 13) 2, Sue C Trevor 3, Jean R Harrison 4, D G Harrison 5, R A Sheasby (C) 6. 80p

**Brockworth, Glos.** 29 June, 1260 Doubles (2m): Andrea Clifford 1, Lizbeth Harbottle (C) 2, Carol A Plunkett 3, D J Harbottle 4, J Elley 5, G Walker 6. To welcome Christopher John, born 27/6/85, son of Brenda and Nicholas Parr. Also 30 June, 1260 Mixed Doubles (5m): Joanne Wood 1, Carol A Plunkett 2, A J Wood 3, Patricia S Wood 4, D J Harbottle (C) 5, G Walker 6. Both for Flower Festival Evensong. £1.20

**Bromham, Beds.** 6 July, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: S J Tibbs 1, M A Peters 2, J H W Beardwell 3, Jennifer V Johnson 4, P C Maddocks 5, O A Davis (C) 6. Rung, after meeting short, on the back six. 50p

**Burton-in-Kendal, Cumbria.** 29 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: R Jackson (1st Q, aged 11 years) 1, Diana J Handley 2, S Woof 3, Alison Brittliff 4, Eileen Jackson 5, K Mayfield (C) 6. Wedding compliment

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to Tina Wood and Andrew Townley, married today at St. James' Church, Burton-in-Kendal. £1

**Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk** (Norman Tower). 7 July, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P Everett 1, J G Stannard 2, C Stannard 3, Valerie J Woodward (C) 4, P V Stannard 5, R J Stannard 6, H Fuller 7, E Nice 8. Before Sunday service, and as an 82nd Birthday compliment to treble ringer (P. Everett) £1

**Butcombe, Avon.** 26 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Heather Gillett (1st Q) 1, W Neath (C) 2, Jennifer Whitaker 3, G R Marchant 4, Angela Smythe 5, S J Ball (1st cover) 6. 80p

**Bryanston, Dorset** (St Martin). 4 July, 1260 P.B. Doubles: A G Peppé (1st attempt) 1, Judy M Downes 2, Judith A Robertson 3, G Warren 4, P A L Rioch (C) 5, K Gower 6. £1.20

**Cannock, Staffs.** 4 July, 1280 Spliced S. Major (C, Y, N): S J L Linford 1, S G Pick 2, R Jean Nixon 3, J Nixon (1st Spliced Major) 4, Margaret Jones 5, W S Deason 6, S G Jones (C) 7, C Adams 8. For Independence Day, U.S.A. 80p

**Canterbury, Kent** (St Stephen). 23 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: Elizabeth A Niblett 1, Valerie Keeler (1st on 8) 2, Jill Joyce 3, Ruth Niblett 4, D H Niblett 5, P R J Barnes 6, J B Keeler (C) 7, D M Joyce 8. 50p

**Charing, Kent.** 1 July, 1300 Grandsire Doubles: P S Lunn 1, Lucy Graham 2, Susan Lunn 3, M A Lunn 4, S Yarrow (C) 5, M Graham (1st Q) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Mr Timothy Weekes, sidesman. 50p

**Watch out for Buzzards!**

Leighton Buzzard ringers recently visited the bell tower at Evesham and fell in love with the fine ring of twelve. They learned that work is due to start soon on the timbers of the roof and that the bells will be exposed for a while. There is already talk of a raiding party from Bedfordshire. . . .

**Back in action at Wingham**

St. Mary's, Wingham, has what is reputed to be the oldest ring of eight in the county of Kent. Unfortunately when the previous tower captain left the village and several students left for college the bells became silent. However, after arranging a "Bell Festival" and with help from Canterbury Cathedral and nearby churches, a completely new band is struggling to master the art of ringing.

Practice night is Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., and the local ringers would be delighted to receive help from visiting ringers.

**Young attracted but don't stay**

*In a rural church which has largely given up on youth work there remains just one church provision which can still attract the 18-to-21-year-olds - bell ringing.*

*But the ringers do not hang about to swell the 3.8 per cent of country parishioners who go to church on Sundays. They ring - and then go home.*

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**Quite overcome**

Since the fire at All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, we have been quite overcome by the telephone calls and letters received offering sympathy and encouragement for the future. Donations from towers and many individuals have been received. Recently a £12 peal fee was given by a tower in Somerset, and after we had rung at a tower in Worcestershire they returned the donation we had left for their own tower fund. Both towers insisted that the money be put towards our new bells! The ringers and the church are touched by these gestures of kindness, and we look forward to when we can welcome visiting ringers once again at All Saints'.

MARK REGAN

Leighton Buzzard

Announcement in a local deanery magazine: University Extra-Mural Courses begin 7.30 p.m.: "Approaches to God apply to the Vicar for transport."

**Late Notices**

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