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## Strong sense of history at the College Youths Dinner

All College Youths Dinners are splendid affairs and the 348th Anniversary Dinner held once again in the magnificent surroundings of The Porter Tun Room, Chiswell Street on Saturday 2nd November was no exception. This one was perhaps even more special and the highlight of the evening was without doubt the presence as chief guest of honour of Mr. Edward P. Duffield.

Mr. Duffield was Master of the Society 50 years ago. His reputation as a magnificent heavy bell ringer is legendary. He rang with the William Pye band and in 1937 rang the tenor single handed at St. Paul's Cathedral. This quiet unassuming gentleman provides a link with the Master of 100 years ago with whom he rang and how good it was to see him present to receive the toast to "The master of 50 years ago" and to receive a standing ovation from the 280 members, visitors and guests present at the 1985 Dinner.

During the course of the evening it was also good to see the spritely veterans with over 50 years membership of the Society taking wine with the Master. Wilfred Williams, Frank Haynes, Jack Crampion, Jim Prior and Roger Wettenhall were those present who had completed 50 years and that bright eyed duo Charles Kippin and Frank Darby joined Ted Duffield as those members with over 60 years membership. In his speech the Secretary also read a letter of greetings from Mrs. Gladys Barker writing on behalf of her husband Arthur D. Barker who joined the Society in 1908 and still, at the age of 95, takes a keen interest in the affairs of the Society and of ringing in general.

As far as is known it was unique to have the Master of 50 years ago present at a Dinner. It was also unique to have a husband and wife present as Masters respectively of The Ancient Society of College Youths and The Society of



Mr. Edward P. Duffield in conversation with the Rev. Brooke Lunn.

Royal Cumberland Youths. Only the Dean of St. Paul's was brave enough to mention the fact that there was a lady present at the Dinner - other speakers preferred to speak of her as "Master of The Cumberlands" or an "honoured guest". However, the welcome was none the less warm for all that and Gwen Rogers was congratulated on her election as Master of The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Mr. Philip Rogers, Master, proposed the toast to "The Church". He spoke of the various problems experienced by The Church these days with controversies and differences occasionally highlighted by sensational Press coverage. In a thoughtful and stimulating speech he described ringers as not necessarily the wisest voice of the Church but certainly the loudest and spoke of the sound of bells as a source of hope for so many.

The Very Revd. Alan Webster, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, replied to the toast. He spoke warmly of the magnificent effort of restoration carried out by The Society at St. Sepulchre's. These days The Church is taking risks and making changes and must continue to do so in the future. The possibility of women being ordained is under discussion and who knows there might be an all women peal on the bells at Canterbury Cathedral - after all those bells are only little teeny weeny ones, not like those of St. Paul's! The Dean concluded by reminding all, of the reason for ringing - a demonstration that we stand for Good, proclaim God and an expression of belief in The Spirit.

The toast to "The Ancient Society of College Youths" was proposed by the Rev. Brooke Lunn. He had apparently been accused of "lowering the tone" at the very first Dinner he had attended (in 1953) and was very surprised to have been invited to speak at the 1985 Dinner. He spoke of the high standards of ringing which

were in force in years past and put in a plea for more concentration on the sound we as ringers make - to ring "pleasing to the ear" methods and compositions, and to ensure that people can actually hear the bells. In conclusion he urged members to remember just what it meant to be a College Youth and the great heritage of The Society.

As is traditional the reply to this toast was given by The Secretary of The Society. Mr. Andrew Wilby gave a racy account of the year's activities which had of course included the major restoration project at St. Sepulchre's. Vivid and totally inaccurate descriptions of the cricket matches held during the year were given and mention was made of The Society's "first" at the Twelve Bell Striking Contest at Canterbury. Dressed in period costume six members had rung three extents on the big six at Southwark to mark the occasion, 300 years ago, when this had first been achieved. A splendid country weekend had been held in Newcastle and Durham and special dinners had been held in London, one to raise funds and one to say farewell to Canon Gerald Hudson to mark his retirement from Bow. In peal ringing personal milestones had been reached by Chris Kippin and Ted Colley (1,000 peals) and during the last 12 months 58 peals had been rung for The Society, the highlights being 36 Spliced S. Maximus rung first at Leicester then at Shoreditch.

During the year The Society had lost 25 members and all stood to remember:

Arthur Reed, Taunton-1945; Charles W. Roberts, Waltham Abbey-1921; Thomas J. Setter, Yeovil-1931; H. E. Thomson, Stepney-1937; H. Pinchbeck, Stepney-1937; Len Pitstow, Saffron Walden-1932; Ivan Kay, Oldham-1956; George Stedman Morris, Lyme Regis-1948; Stanley F. Webb, Staverton, (Continued overleaf)



The Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in full flow. Andrew Wilby awaits his turn.



Unique? Two Masters - Mrs. Gwen Rogers (Cumberlands) and Mr. Philip Rogers (College Youths).

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## COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER - continued

Northants-1936; Ronald G. Beck, Chilcompton-1937; John Chesterman, Church Oakley, Hants-1946; Len Stilwell, Heene, Sussex-1950; R. Lambert, Horsmonden-1963; Michael Austin, Waltham Abbey-1962; Roland Newson, Harpenden-1981; Nicholas Newby, Kirby-in-Furness-1959; Edward H. Langley, Kingsdon-1953; Allen Purdom, Polegate-1932; Bernard C. Ashford, Belbroughton-1955; Edward R. Iveson, Camberwell-1960; Leonard Fox, Eastbourne-1937; John T. Williams, Swansea-1951; Charles E. Willmington, Crowborough-1948.

New members elected during the year were:

David Noy, Saxmundham; Christopher S. Caryer, Ewell; Simon S. Meyer, Wisbech; Michael M. Clayton, Robert H. Bennett, Ronald J. Stevens, John H. G. Gardener, Jillian M. Stone, Colin H. Ward, New Zealand; Peter L. Bill, Simon K. Glanfield, Torquay; Nigel G. Birt, Newton Abbot; J. Stuart Brown, Mansfield; Derek A. Hammond, Bromham; Rupert A. Clarke, Garry A. Mason, Leicester; Gareth Dancer, Newport; Harry Winter, Ormesby, Cleveland; Peter A. Cummins, Camelford, Cornwall; Timothy P. Bradley, York; Walter Wilkinson, Fence, Nr. Burnley; G. Leslie A. Lunn, Gainsborough; John M. Jenkins, Edinburgh; John Pladdys, Sibley, Leics; Peter Shipton, Aberdeen; Ian P. Hill, Bristol; C. Nicholas Green, Wingrave, Bucks; Richard J. Webber, Cambridge; F. Paul Lewis, Staplehurst, Kent; Mervyn G. Buckley, Charlton Mackrell, Somerset; Christopher Bostock, Kenilworth; John J. Cummins, Sydney NSW; Douglas Gill, Midsomer Norton; Timothy M. Payne, Ratcliffe-on-the-Wreake, Leics; Robin J. Walker, Farnborough.

In conclusion Mr. Wilby thanked the Master, Mr. Philip Rogers, for his great support to his fellow officers during the year. A splendid year of achievements in several directions had been enjoyed and Mr. Rogers could now retire gracefully and enjoy basking in the reflected glory of the Master of The Cumberlands.

The Junior Steward, Mr. Tony Kench, then rose to propose a gracious toast to "The Guests" - in particular the guests from churches where the Society is privileged to ring the bells. The Very Rev. Dr. Alan Webster, Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral - the heart of The Society's ringing; the Rev. Alan Luff, Precentor of Westminster Abbey; Canon Peter Penwarden, Vice Provost, Southwark Cathedral; the Rev. Arthur Brown, Rector of St. Sepulchre's, and the Rev. Edward Rogers, Rector of St. Giles', Cripplegate, were all welcomed. Other guests whom the Society was delighted to welcome were the other Master, known as Gwen; Mr. David Thorne, Editor of Wilby's Weekly; and Mr. Tom Fox who maintains The Society's peal records in such excellent fashion.

The response to the toast was given by the Rev. Edward Rogers. Mentioning that the last named on a variety show was normally the star of the proceedings he used as his reference Gower's "Guide to Plain English" to ensure that his speech was limited to the essentials only - to thank the Society on behalf of all the guests for yet another splendid dinner and occasion.

Final toasts of the evening were proposed by The Master and drunk in silence to the memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago. These were:

1684-5-Sir Henry Tulse; 1784-5-Not Known; 1884-5-John Rowbotham.

So ended an excellent evening. The officers' pleas for more support had been answered with an increase in attendance of 60 over last year, the inclusion in the menu of handbell ringing (Littleport Court Maximus by Paul Mounsey, Graham Firman, David Sheppard, Quentin Armitage, Clarke Walters and Robert Newton) was very much appreciated. The numbers for the 1986 Dinner need to be kept high if The Porter Tun Room is to be retained.



"The Society on Marsden beach"

## Durham University Society Freshers' Tour

Braving the November weather, D.U.S.C.R. set out to introduce freshers to ringing in the North East, at five 8-bell towers near Sunderland. The pace was relaxed, with over an hour to drive to Houghton-le-Spring, some seven miles away. This was followed by two towers in Bishopwearmouth, then off to lunch on the beach at Marsden, where a pub is conveniently to be found. Some had their feet wet by waves, while our Master displayed his ability in sandcastle building! The driver/navigator team experienced some difficulty in finding the tower at South Shields, but we were warmly welcomed despite being half an hour late, and completed the day on the excellent bells at Chester-le-Street. The ringing ranged from plain hunt to Stedman Triples, and the tour was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

L.P.C.

## Ladies in the sun

The Kent Branch of the Ladies Guild held their Annual Outing on Saturday, 2nd November, 1985.

Miss Doris Colgate had obviously done her "sun dance" extremely well, and 15 members and friends, plus three dogs, enjoyed the superb weather as they visited Milton-next-Gravesend (8), Higham (6), Cliffe (8) and High Halstow (6).

One new member, Mrs. Diana Young of Crayford, was elected, and members were reminded of the A.D.M. to be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, 1st March, 1986. Please watch *The Ringing World* for details.

Our thanks go to the various local ringers for their warm welcomes, the incumbents for the use of their bells, and to Miss Mary Andrews for her splendid organisation as always.

I.M.P.

## Five minutes difference

On 5th November 1910 members of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers rang the first peal of Plain Bob Minor for the Guild, at Holbeton, Devon.

To celebrate the 75th anniversary of this occasion six Guild members visited the same tower and rang a peal in the same method in two hours and 55 minutes, just five minutes shorter than the 1910 peal, on 5th November 1985.

The ringers were congratulated by the local Vicar and tower captain after the peal. We now look forward to the year 2010.

N.M.

## Third year running

For the third year running Charminster have been placed first in the annual Blandford Ringing Festival. Second were Preston, third Sherborne and joint fourth Corfe Mullen and Marnhull. The ringing took place in October sunshine judged by Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnett, warmly closetted in the rectory. After the service and tea attended by the Major, the results and comments were announced and the Stanley Pond Trust Trophy presented to the winning band by Cllr. Mrs. G. Lane. Mrs. Lane was also presented with a pot plant in recognition of her services in the last 17 years as tea lady. Further ringing rounded off the day at Bryanston and Spetisbury.

KEITH WOODWARD,

Secretary,

North Dorset Branch, S.D.G.R.

## Footnote

In *The Ringing World* of 4th October 1985 the Blandford Ringing Festival was advertised as a Fixture by The Dorset County Association of Ringers. This was taken by some ringers to be an indication that the D.C.A.R. had taken over organisation of the Festival.

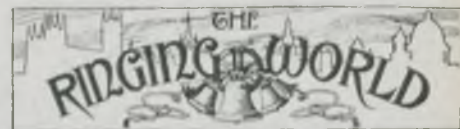
I did not see it in this context, but for "the record" the Blandford Festival is run by a committee from the Dorset Branches of S.D.G.R. who delegate executive power to me.

Furthermore, after every Festival there is a short meeting at which ideas for changes or improvements are expressed and voted on by all participants when necessary.

REV. F. W. PUGH,

Chairman, North Dorset Branch, S.D.G.R.

Blandford Festival Organiser.



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# Bellfounders' Gift Page



## Editorial

First the bad news. In spite of his inadequacies and all those easily-avoidable mistakes which had occurred in *The Ringing World* over the last twelve months, the Board of Ringing World Ltd. decided, after lengthy discussion, to extend the Editor's contract by a further year.

The good news to emerge from the recent meeting held at Caterham by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. D. Hughes was that there are no plans at present to increase either the cover price (newsagent copies) or the postal subscription rates. Indeed the latter have remained unchanged since 1982. The position may of course have to be reviewed during the coming year, especially if there is no improvement in circulation figures; so if you know a ringer who does not buy *The Ringing World* please give him/her a gentle prod - no, on second thoughts, a hard push.

## First peal congratulations

Kate Rouse, Caroline M. Cuthbertson, Nicholas A. Cooke, Henry Locke-Wheaton, Robert V. Siddall, Colin Graves, R. Kerry May, Sheila Watts, Neil H. Darracott, Janet M. Chatfield, Matthew P. Chatfield.

## Ringing History Project on target

The first part of the ringing history project, written by Bill Cook and John Eisel covering the early development of change ringing is now in draft - this was the main news arising from the recent Publications Committee Meeting. Arrangements for the publication of this first part, if possible in 1986, are being explored.

1986 promises to be a big year for new publications. Already in hand are Part Two of the Doubles Collection and a booklet on Place Notation. Other items likely to come forward include a rope splicing leaflet and a new set of tear off method sheets for Triples and Major

(following the success of the Surprise Major experiment), and the delayed Triples and Major book from the Education Committee.

Prices were discussed and increases on selected items agreed. It was also decided to approach association branches direct to encourage the establishment of local bookstalls.

New members John Couperthwaite and Ron Johnston were given a remit to review the range of Central Council publications to see whether the needs of the Exercise are being met. They would welcome (via *The Ringing World* office) any ideas for improvements, and any ideas for publications not currently available - they are due to report back to the next committee meeting on 16th February, 1986.

One new idea discussed was a "ringers atlas" showing locations of towers. For this and some other publications it might be possible to establish links with commercial organisations and this possibility is being investigated.

C. J. GROOME.

Chairman, Publications Committee.

## Newport chime well known

In our November 8th issue (p. 950) we quoted from the St. Agatha's Guild Newsletter a report that Paul Williams had "discovered a chime of eight bells at Newport, Gwent". Mr. Paul Williams readily admits that he is not the Livingstone of the bellringing world and that this chime is well known to Mr. Dove. The chime has been listed in very nearly all editions of "A Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain" and "Ringing Peals of the World", and appears under Newport, Gwent, on p. 130 of the current sixth edition. Our apologies of course to Mr. Dove for printing this incorrect information.

## Variation on an old Music Hall theme

*Oh, Mr. Porter, what shall I do,  
They've taken me on to Manchester, when  
I wanted to go to Crewe.  
Take me back to London, as quickly as you can,  
Oh Mr. Porter, what a silly boy I am!*

As many readers may know, Philip Rothera recently moved from Essex to a farm near Ruabon, in North Wales, and for this year's College Youths Dinner he decided to leave his car at Crewe and travel to London by train. On the return journey he successfully caught the midnight train from Euston, but unfortunately, and due no doubt to a combination of unfamiliarity with the train service and the conviviality of the dinner and its aftermath, he boarded the wrong half of a rather long train. He later woke, refreshed after a welcome nap, but not so pleased to find himself in Manchester, with the next train to Crewe not due until 7 a.m.! Never mind, Philip, now that you are nearer to Liverpool perhaps next year you can adapt a line from one of the Beatles hits.

*"I can work it out,  
I can work it ou-out."*

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The chief guest at this year's College Youths' Dinner, featured on the front cover this week, was Mr. Edward P. Duffield. He joined the Society in 1918 and our old photograph this week is taken from "The History and Art of Change Ringing", by Ernest Morris. It shows the officers who rang a peal of Grandsire Caters on May 3rd, 1919. Back row, left to right: 2nd-Lieut. E. P. Duffield, Lieut. C. F. Johnston, Lieut. A. E. Reeves, 2nd-Lieut. W. C. Duffield, Capt. J. H. R. Freeborn, 2nd-Lieut. York Bramble. Front row, left to right: Major J. H. B. Hesse, Major Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C., Lieut. E. M. Atkins, Capt. Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake

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# Letters

## The Rolls of Honour

As Trustee of the Central Council's Rolls of Honour (a post I have held for about ten years), I was very interested to read Mr. Phillips' letter on the subject (*R.W.*, 1/11/85, p. 928). Perhaps if he had asked me, I would have been able to answer some of his questions - although the way in which they are phrased seem to me to be unnecessarily vehement. Perhaps a brief account of how the Rolls of Honour were compiled might serve to answer some of the questions raised.

It was, I believe, in 1919 that the then Hon. Librarian of the Central Council, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, undertook voluntarily to compile a list of ringers who had died for their country in the First World War. Certainly I have not found any instruction for this to be done in any Central Council minute, though I may have missed this. Mr. Jenkyn, a highly-respected gentleman, decided to communicate with the secretaries of all affiliated Guilds and Associations, asking them for lists of their former members for inclusion in the list, and by the time of the Council Meeting in 1920 had heard from all but three Associations, of which presumably the Truro Diocesan Guild was one. A list of 950 names was read aloud at the 1920 meeting. After this, Mr. Jenkyn continued to correspond and to advertise for further names at his own expense, until by the time of the 1923 meeting he evidently felt he was not going to get any further. Presumably he had still not heard from the Truro Guild. It may well be that it did occur to him to look in back numbers of *The Ringing World* for names, but perhaps he rejected that course on the grounds that it would be very time-consuming, that not every death on Active Service had been reported, and possibly because he did not have access to a complete set of *The Ringing World* for the years in question.

At the 1923 Central Council Meeting, Mr. Jenkyn, according to the official minutes of the meeting, "gave a statement on the 'Roll of Honour' with which he had been instructed to proceed. He reported that he had written to the various secretaries, and the names for the Roll now numbered about 1,100. It was for the Council to give him further instructions in this matter." The Council then agreed as to the form which the Roll of Honour should take. Mr. Jenkyn followed-up these instructions, with the result that in the following year he was able to present the Roll to the Council in its present magnificent form. At that meeting he said: "I am presenting no account for such things as postal or advertising charges, for although the task of compiling the Roll has been a hard one, I have felt it an honour to do it". The report of this meeting also states: "The President remarked that it was due from him to say how deeply the Council was indebted to the Librarian for his work in connection with the Roll. He had spent not merely hours and hours, but weeks and weeks, in trying to get everything as accurate as possible. The work had been almost superhuman . . ."

To return to Mr. Phillips' comments, I agree that it is unfortunate that the name of Arthur David Sowell, and of other Cornish ringers, does

not appear, but I feel he is being unjust, to say the least, when he asks such questions as "Which member or members of the Central Council took the decision that his name should not appear?". If anyone "took the decision", it would appear to have been the then Secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild, who apparently did not furnish the information requested of him. I am sure that the Central Council will listen sympathetically if it is put to them in a proper way that, as it has now come to light that certain names have been omitted from the Roll, it might somehow be possible to add a page recording these names.

W. T. COOK,  
Trustee of the Rolls of Honour

## Thank you College Youths

May I be allowed, through the courtesy of your columns, to express congratulations and thanks to the 12 College Youths, who on Saturday 9th November achieved the first peal on the restored bells of Old Bailey. I suspect that - though Bill Cook will be able to correct me! - this was the first peal for 50 years and more. As one who has watched over the restoration of these famous bells, the peal on the 9th gave me more pleasure than I can say. Thank you, College Youths!

CHARLES BROWN,  
Churchwarden of St. Sepulchre's.

## Acoustic tiles

How timely and interesting was David Potter's dissertation on sound control, and so well supported and commented on by D. S. Bottomley p.930.

I venture, however, to make a practical point in relation to Mr. Bottomley's fifth comment, (last paragraph) which is among the most important made for comfort and clarity in the ringing chamber. "Carpeting, seating, drapes etc", yes! but just extend it further to the application of acoustic tiles on the ringing chamber walls and possibly the ceiling. Two successful examples of wall applications are Guildford Cathedral and Isleworth, which both "control the sound once it is received" most effectively.

H. W. ROGERS

Isleworth.

## Record it as 497 methods

A correction is required for the peal rung for the Ely D.A. On 2nd October 1983, as on three occasions different method names were given to half leads which proved to be opposite half leads of the same method. The peal should therefore be recorded as one in 497 methods, with 32 changes each of the methods renamed Horka, Lodz and Tygda, and 16 changes each of the remaining methods. The number of changes of method is not affected. This error had remained hidden partly because of the controversy aroused by the peal, and only surfaced when new names were given to the methods. Thanks are due to Derek Sibson for his vigilance, and apologies to all others concerned with record keeping. I understand that Derek is writing separately about the new method names.

PATRICK BROOKE  
Cambridge.

## Silly names

I notice that in the letter on p. 952 by Peter A. Lawrence the method "Boat Race Delight" is referred to. Thirty years ago when the Oxford and Cambridge people were having some kind of an argument over this method I pointed out (*R.W.*, October 28th, 1955) that this method is really "Morning Exercise" with a pedigree some two centuries old. It is now No. 338 in T.D.M.M. There are enough stupid names given to Minor methods nowadays without foisting another on to an old-established one.

Also I noticed on p. 960 in a quarter at Bristol, Avon, another silly name has been used for a method. "Dimwit" (although the name may be appropriate in this case!). The place notation is also "dimwitian" as it does not make sense. If, as I assume, the place notation should be: 56-56.14-12-1236-14-56 i.e. 2nds 136245, then this method has already been named "Farewell", No. 2285 in T.D.M.M.

It would be a help if methods taken from T.D.M.M. were given the appropriate number so that people who keep records could check them. Cyril Wratten, I know, goes through all Minor peals and quarter peals published in the *R.W.* in order to keep his records up to date.

HAROLD CHANT  
Wakefield

## New bookcase required

As some of your readers will know, St. Martin's Guild has accumulated a fine collection of hand-written record books with beautifully-illuminated pages, many old photographs, letters, books and other printed material. These items are held in St. Martin's ringing chamber and are available for inspection by anyone through arrangements with the Librarian, Richard Jones, or myself.

Unfortunately this unique library and archive is inadequately housed, and there is an urgent need to construct a new bookcase if the contents are to be properly preserved. It is planned that such a case be constructed to take up one entire wall of the ringing chamber. To ensure that materials of construction match as closely as possible the character of the other furnishings in the room and are a worthy companion to them, and to provide ample accommodation for future storage, the installation has been estimated to cost £3,000.

The St. Martin's Guild has the task of raising this sum, and I write in the hope that those readers who have benefited from these facilities in the past, and those who are sympathetic to the preservation of our heritage, may wish to make a contribution towards this substantial sum.

All donations will be acknowledged and recorded in the library. Cheques should be made payable to St. Martin's Guild and sent to the address below.

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What would a bellringer in an ancient church be doing with a gotech?

Drinking in between the changes, friend, for the gotech was a pot bellied jug.

(From *The Daily Mirror*)

## Berwick Town Hall

When living in the North of Scotland I had little opportunity to ring. However, I have just moved near to Berwick-upon-Tweed and recently took the opportunity to have a look at the bells in the Town Hall.

The ringing chamber would put many others to shame as it is well decorated and scrupulously clean, despite a constant stream of tourists during the summer months and all work being carried out on a voluntary basis.

Unfortunately the bells are in a rather sorry state and would require a considerable sum of money to make them ringable again, even if the tower was declared safe.

Most of the wheels are broken or missing and many of the fittings are extremely corroded and unsafe. The sixth and seventh have in the distant past been well and truly broken with the crowns broken and a gaping hole left. Repairs have been made, again many years ago, by bolting on a type of skull cap. In the case of the sixth it goes right over the shoulder of the bell and up to form part of the headstock. It would also appear that some of the other crown staples have been removed, not very professionally, and could result in other bells incurring similar damage as the sixth and seventh.

The wooden frame looked reasonably sound although rather neglected. There are many ropes and hammers relating to clock chimes, chiming apparatus and manual chiming. The tourists are allowed to "ring" the bells or rather chime manually. There are eight ropes hanging in the ringing chamber but these are abbreviated some few inches below the sally. These ropes do not go round the wheels and are attached to hammers and both my three year old and five year old daughters were easily able to make the bells sound. There is also a wall mounted chiming apparatus which still works and is used for tune playing. Apart from the ominous clunk from the sixth and seventh the sound is quite pleasant.

Although there is still interest in the bells locally it would need more than enthusiasm to get the bells ringing again. A major recast and rehang is the only way to restore this presently definitely unringable ring of eight. Even if this were possible there is some doubt as to the safety of the tower fabric.

Some major work is being done to the tower and the cost has escalated three fold since the original inspection. The funds available to the trustees are very limited and being a secular ring the possibility of ever getting these bells into ringing order is very remote indeed, barring a miracle.

Should anyone require any further information I would be only too pleased to carry out further enquiries or make a more detailed inspection.

B. J. LUFF.

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Coldingham,  
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## Apologies to band

May I, through *The Ringing World*, apologise to the peal band who arrived at Greenwich on Saturday 2nd November and were not met, due to failure to confirm arrangements with the tower captain.

The initial request was made on behalf of another some weeks ago, and confirmed by telephone. In the light of events, confirmation in writing should have been requested nearer the day.

Bromley, Kent.

FREDA CANNON

## Webb and Bennett Bellhangers

This firm was mentioned under Kidlington on page 883 of *The Ringing World* dated 11th October, 1985. This rekindled my interest in any information or old records available relating to the company and the work it carried out.

I believe my home tower of Bremhill, Wilts., had its bells rehung by them in about 1912. They hang on RSJ headstocks in the frame which is made of metal strips measuring 4 inches by 1/2 inch with cross pieces riveted at their intersection. All the pieces are bolted together and sit on a base of RSJs.

Would anyone who has information relating to my namesake's activities please write to me? Thankyou.

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## Consistory court at Mevagissey

A consistory court was held recently at St. Peter's Church, Mevagissey, Cornwall into the faculty application by the Rector and Churchwardens to install a loudspeaker system to broadcast 15 minutes of recorded ringing prior to services. The chancellor heard petitions from four objectors and also listened to a recording of six bells ringing touches of Minor which it was proposed should be used. This was to replace a ten-bell recording which had been in use for 18 months until stopped by the Archdeacon due to the absence of a faculty. Evidence was also given by the Rector, the Archdeacon and the chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee who, whilst opposed in principle to the use of recordings, were less sure in this instance the majority of members having abstained from voting on the subject.

Although not making formal objections the Public Relations Officer of the Truro Diocesan Guild was present and was invited to give evidence in answer to some of the Chancellor's questions, particularly about the history of bells in the tower and also examples of other towers in the Diocese where the bells were unringable and the granting of such a faculty might be considered as a precedent.

The saddle-back tower at Mevagissey contains only a single bell cast in 1684 and carrying impressions of half-crowns of the reign of Charles II but its history is also of interest. In the reign of Edward VI a survey records three bells but a doggerel rhyme taken down by Dunkin in 1878 runs as follows:

*Ye men of Porthilly (Mevagissey)*

*Why were ye so silly*

*In having so little a power*

*You sold every hell*

*So Gorran men tell*

*For money to pull down your tower.*

It has been suggested that the bells were stolen by a neighbouring parish but at least one book suggests that they were actually sold to a St. Austell Quaker. Dunkin also records that up until about 20 years previously it had been the custom to ring a handbell around the town on Sundays prior to chiming the single bell for services although by the time of his visit this was preserved as a dinner bell in the vicarage.

To return to the petition the Chancellor's ruling, announced recently about four weeks after the court sitting, was to grant the faculty for a 12 month trial period after which the position will be reviewed.

P. T.

Call on God, but row away from the rocks.

- Indian proverb

## Blushes spared

The conductor of the following "performance" thanks Toby Arkless for spotting an ingenious loop-hole in the Council Decisions on peal ringing (letter RW 1st Nov, p.928) which helps to spare his blushes after de-ranging Graham John's composition. Details are:

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE

Containing more than 5000 true changes (in accordance with Decision (DIB.6 of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers RW 11 Oct. p.871)

**Cubitt Town.** 28 Oct. 5024 Spliced S. Major (10m), composed by G. John, de-composed by the conductor: 1 Campbell 1, D Dearnley 2, E Cundill 3, J Hughes-D'Aeth (C) 4, D Sheppard 5, A Regin 6, D Brown 7, D P Smith 8. With thanks to R. Bailey and R. Horton for providing computer disproving facilities

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J. N. HUGHES-D'AETH.

## Sensation at LACR Striking Competition!

It's happened at last! A new name appears at the number one position in the six bell section of the Lancashire Association Striking Competition, Adlington having beaten mighty Roughtown into second place, by one fault only.

The venue for this epic struggle was the lovely village of Low Bentham in the Lancaster Branch, the eight bell section held down the road at Hornby. Despite some late withdrawals from the original field of 13 teams, nine teams took part in the six bell section, and the standard of ringing was excellent indeed. The previously expressed fears that the 19 cwt. six would be too hard for many teams were quickly dispelled and many remarked upon the consistently high standard, including judge Neville Pailing from Cottingham, Humberside. Certainly Neville had some difficulty separating the winners Adlington, 41 faults, from second placed Roughtown, 42 faults, indeed Ormskirk were not far behind with 51 faults in third place. Mention must also be made of the brave young call change band from Bolton Parish Church, who will have gained valuable experience from their participation.

The eight bell section was also close, on the difficult 10 cwt. eight at Hornby. Judge Frank Reynolds gave first place to Liverpool Cathedral (obviously used to ringing such light bells!) with 40 faults, Manchester Cathedral close behind with 43 faults. Last year's first and second, Oldham and Fallowfield, were in subdued form this year, the latter (unsuccessfully!) trying to disguise a fire up from the judge by calling the resultant mess neatly into rounds!

I must pay tribute to the splendid marshalling of Kevin Price and his team, and to the wholesome tea, shared with the children at Bentham Grammar School (ee, that school custard brought back some memories!), and thanks are also due to judges Neville and Frank, who I'm sure had an enjoyable afternoon. Here's to the next round in Furness next October - any bets!

PAUL BOUCHER

## Recovering from operation

We hear that Mr. Noel Ta'Bois of Essex has recently undergone an operation to remove a malignant tumour. The growth has been removed and, because it was caught early, the prognosis is very good. We hope it won't be too long before Noel's name reappears on those little pink forms on which quarter peal details are recorded.

## Obituary

### Arthur Duckett 1894-1985

Members of the Axbridge Branch (Bath & Wells DA) were sorry to hear that Arthur Duckett of Wedmore died on 25th October, aged 90.

Arthur was born in a house at Latcham on 9th November 1894 and as a small boy moved to Billings Hill. He learnt to ring at Wedmore in 1930 and was a member of the Bath & Wells Association for 48 years. He spent the last two years of his life at Badgworth Court in Somerset.

Earlier this year I met Arthur at Badgworth Court where I found a small, quiet gentleman with a wonderful sense of humour. He was quite embarrassed that I should be interested in his life as a bell ringer. Arthur welcomed us to his cosy ground floor room where he had his own furniture and a view over a window sill of potted plants, across the front lawn, to open fields. An original Bath & Wells membership certificate had pride of place on his wall, signed by The Rev. Hurst Bannister and Roger O. Fry. Arthur told us that he had a glass of dinner wine every day but he enjoyed breakfast best. We were offered a glass of sherry and settled down to look at his photographs which were all carefully labelled - Arthur said there was no point in having photographs without names on them. This is some of what Arthur had to tell us:

"I worked as a carpenter (like my grandfather) for 20 years at Axbridge. When the bells were rehung in 1925 I helped do all the carpentry in the tower. We built a special sound-proof chamber between the belfry and the ringing chamber. They went and what I call ruined that chamber by cutting a hole in it for the clock weights which wrecked the whole purpose of it. About the last job we had to do was fix the webbing end of the steel girders into the wall. I had to make the wedges so's you could push them in with your hand. If ever you're in Axbridge tower they're there now. Cause I wasn't a ringer then.

"I learnt to ring at Wedmore in about 1930 on the 5th bell. It was difficult to keep the bells up in those days. After they were rehung in 1936/37 they were much easier to ring. We all joined the Association after that and Joe Dyke was sent as an Instructor. When he came we were supposed to be a band of ringers but at the first session he realised that none of us could ring properly. The next night he brought rubber bands and used them to hold our hands together. That was the first thing we had to learn. We'd never heard the term striking - that didn't come into it at all! One remark Joe made was about not wanting seven bells and a tenor. He didn't say it direct to me but I knew what he meant.

" This photo was taken when we rang for the King's Silver Jubilee on May 6th 1935. I am the only one still living - there were no ladies then!

" After Joe came to teach us a lot of ringers packed in, they didn't like the criticism of their ringing. Tom Williams and I were the only ones that carried on. By 1939 we had enough to ring Bob Doubles, except me - I stayed on the tenor 'til the others were good inside, then I was to come down off the box. The war put a stop to that! Do you know we got half way through a peal once, with me on the tenor, and Joe suddenly stopped the ringing. Later when I asked if it was my fault Joe said 'No 'twas the man ringing no. 6 - the bell was beating him'. That was Brandy Fisher from Congressbury.

" I did most of the teaching of the present band at Wedmore with Tom Williams and George

Puddy. We had one team of ladies and one of men and they came on different nights! To me the girls were just as good as anybody. Margaret Redman and Marjorie Puddy are the only ones left now. After the 2nd World War we didn't have a proper conductor so John Creber and Percy Ham used to come down and help us out.

"In 1953 I got up at sunrise and we rang for Queen Elizabeth's Coronation from 3.45 to 4.45 a.m.

"I went to Mears & Stainbank in 1964 to see the new treble cast, the foundry was very dirty. When the bell was rehung the man from the foundry said 'This isn't the bell you saw cast you know!'

"Up until 1963 a Death Bell was tolled at Wedmore in the following way. At the news of a death a bell was chimed twice for a lady, three times for a man. Then the tenor was rung up half muffled (fully muffled for Royalty). After a short silence it was tolled to the age of the person who had died. On the morning of the funeral each bell was chimed one to eight three times followed by the tolling of the Death Bell. At the appearance of the cortege, this morning chiming and tolling was repeated, followed by the call to the service by the chiming of the treble and tenor from the church. This Death Bell was rung for Queen Victoria and many people wept. I was the last person to ring the Death bell at Wedmore, you see it was quite a lot of work and there is no Sextant to arrange it now.

"On the morning of Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee in 1977 we had Rounds and Queens, one after the other. The person ringing the 2nd had a hard job holding up over the 7th and cutting back onto the treble. That was the last time I rang."

On Arthur's 90th birthday last year he had many friends to visit him and they all had to stand near a window to listen to Badgworth bells being rung in his honour.

Arthur also remembered George Prescott, Marjorie Legg, Frank Baker, Albert Cook, Jack Hesse, Tom Puddy, Arnold Teake and especially Basil Chapman who visited him at Badgworth every Saturday.

May he rest in peace.

P. EBSWORTH.

**Wedmore, Somerset.** 1 Nov, 1260 P.B. Doubles: T Williams 1, Margaret Redman 2, Judith Van Der Muelin 3, Sue Pargeter 4, B E Halliday (C) 5, T Malby (1st Q) 6, G Puddy 7, J Redman 8. Cover 7, 6, 8 Half muffled in memory of Arthur Duckett following his funeral this day.

### Robert Fox Mills

We are sorry to report the sad loss of Bob Mills of Shelford, Notts., who passed away on 13th September, after a prolonged illness and much suffering.

Bob began his ringing career at East Bridgford in the mid 1920s, taking the well worn route from choir to the belfry, when the voice could no longer reach the treble he tried his hand with the rope: this he did for the next decade.

Disaster struck in May, 1939 when he was involved in a serious road accident, which necessitated some 13 months in hospital and for the next 15 years, hospital treatment became an almost annual event.

It was not until the 1950s that Bob got back into ringing, when a new band was formed at Shelford. Since that time he has remained an active member in the art until the last few months. Bob was what one might call a stalwart of the art, for although he was never able to ring peals as a result of his accident, being unable to stand for any length of time, he was always present on Sundays for service ringing and always ready to help on practice nights.

In the 1960s and early 70s he rang in a considerable number of quarter peals and also enjoyed many outings and ringing tours. He was immensely pleased and proud to ring with his grandsons in the Shelford team, when they managed to win the Tom Goodwin Trophy in the Bingham District Striking Competition.

In spite of the many problems in his life, Bob was always cheerful when one met him and always ready for a joke and leg pull, he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him especially at Shelford.

The funeral took place on the 18th September 1985 and his ashes were later interred at East Bridgford, near his family grave in accordance with his last wishes. May he rest in peace.

C.L.J.M.

### Not quite to Nelson's Norfolk

At one time we had thought that the autumn cruise of The Royal Naval Guild in the 180th anniversary year of the Battle of Trafalgar ought to be to that part of Norfolk where Lord Nelson's roots went down. But, in the end, we decided to visit Cambridge and Ely and the surrounding countryside for the excellent reason that two of our members (admittedly less famous - at least as yet - than the Admiral of Immortal memory) live in those parts. Does one really need a better nautical connection than that?

Once again we were blessed by fine weather, fine bells, good food and drink, good company and good organisation, and a thoroughly pleasant weekend was enjoyed by the 20 or so members, families and friends who had signed on for the trip. By and large we also produced some reasonable ringing and those who had taken the trouble to learn the special methods of Nelson Treble Bob Minor and Trafalgar Surprise Major deserve particular congratulation.

Special thanks go to the incumbents and "letters-in" at the towers we visited, to the Master and members of the Cambridge University Guild and to our organisations - Matthew Clark and Jonathan Hardy. As always there were amusing moments, *bon mots* etc. - amongst them, on this occasion, the comment that it was the sound control of the ringing room rather than the belfry that would need attention before Eric Salmons conducted another quarter at St. Andrew the Great, Cambridge!

**Cambridge** (S Andrew the Great) 18 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E F Salmons (C) 1, Mavis A Whitehead 2, M J Clark 3, Elizabeth Champion 4, Barbara E Martin 5, D J Martin 6, A S Watt 7, M Kernan 8. By members of the RRGB

**Fulbourn.** 19 Oct, 1764 P.B. Triples: A B J P Hardy 1, Barbara E Martin 2, A L Pearson 3, Capt. J R L Ingham 4, M J Clark 5, Cdr. W A Harris 6, Capt. F Milner (C) 7, D J Martin 8. By members of the RRGB for the 180th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar

**Exning.** 19 Oct, 1260 Doubles (2m): Barbara Coggin 1, W Hawkins 2, E F Salmons (C) 3, Elizabeth Champion 4, A S Watt 5, M Kernan 6. By members of the RRGB £3.00

### Gratefully acknowledged

H. Byron £1.50, York Minster 50p, Colchester St. Peter £1, Penistone 60p, Liverpool quarters £2.40, Bristol City Branch quarters £10.50, A. Sinden £2, Pen Selwood 60p, D. James £1.50, A. Howes £1, Cheltenham £1, D. Morrison 80p, Mrs. P. Guy £1, R. Warrilow £2.50, R. A. Clarke £2.50, C. Parker £2, Warburton 60p, Flixton £1.05, Starston 60p, Woodton £2.40, Forncett £1.20, Norton Subcourse 75p, Anon £1, N. Jones £2, R. Warrilow £6.55, T. Lewis £1.55, C. Phillipps £1.20.

## A chime in Rottnest, a ring in York

by Ray Skinner

A long awaited event took place at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday 21st September, 1985 when the bells rang forth from Holy Trinity Church at York.

This project concluded a week of achievement for me, as on the previous Wednesday a chime of eight bells was installed at Holy Trinity Church on Rottnest Island, thanks to the assistance of the American Navy.

### Difficult problem

The Rottnest bells were purchased by the parish priest Father O'Shea from Whitechapel, then the problem arose as to who was to construct the frame, mount the bells, or erect them in the tower. I was finally approached, and all the work was done through the W.A. Institute of Technology. The bell tower which was too small for the new ring had to be partially demolished, and additional steel work added. The installation was not an easy matter as the Church sits on top of a sand dune, and has no access other than a pathway and steps, and the distance from the road to the tower was 7.5m with many trees in between. The crane was out of the question due to the high cost of conveying it to the island from the mainland. This was when Father O'Shea suggested using the American Navy when it was next in Fremantle, to use a helicopter to lift the frame and bells onto a platform adjacent to the tower.

### Tower in danger

Everything was planned, new steelwork erected, and it was proposed to leave steelwork exposed until the bells had been securely bolted in, then the brickwork and roof capping was to be finished off. However, one zealous builder decided to complete the brickwork and let us winch the bells from the platform into the vacant hole. Anyway, at 1.30 p.m. on the Wednesday a helicopter carrying the 4 ton load



appeared from the sea with bells duly slung underneath, and with much dust flying, the American dogman instructed the pilot on lowering the load onto the platform. One moment of great concern came when the load started to swing towards the tower, some two ft. away, but quick action by the dogman put himself between the suspended load and the tower, and everything came back under control.

The bells were finally winched into the hole, but had to use a "micro hoist" to get in the two inch gap left between the top of the bell frame and the tower supporting frame. By 6 p.m. all was finished, and only some wiring to do between the chiming apparatus and the keyboard.

### York - much easier exercise

York was a much easier exercise, having previously gutted the tower, the base frame was lowered in by crane, and levelled on its pads. The upper frame with bells, was then dropped in and bolted to bottom frame. A large block of concrete has now been cast in the base to keep everything steady.

Two days have now been spent aligning bells, fixing wheels etc., with our "trade assistant" Laith Reynolds frequently running down to the local hardware store in his "Merc", to get us nuts bolts etc. All now works well, but having new ropes, and the front three bells weighing just over one cwt., (tenor 4½ cwt.) we are still getting used to handling them. The frame has minimal movement, much less than St. George's and the general opinion is that the steel frame concept, standing independent of the rest of the tower has been demonstrated to be feasible.

Thanks must be extended to our Structural Designer Jack Portas, unfortunately not a ringer, who wrestled with the design problems associated with swinging bells, to design us a sturdy frame and setting a new trend in independent bell frames.

Many thanks must also be given to all those other ringers that have supported Laith and me to get this unique ring of bells in operation.

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### York officially opened

At last, the bells of Holy Trinity Church, York, Western Australia are well and truly hung and rung. A large contingent of Perth ringers and their families were present at the official opening on the morning of Saturday the 5th October when the W.A. Minister for the Arts spoke warmly of bells and bellringing which he admitted enjoying. His office is very close to St. George's Cathedral, Perth and he often hears the bells practising. His remarks gave us much hope that other rings could also be funded on a dollar for dollar basis by grants from the Lotteries Commission.

During the afternoon there were plenty of touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge whilst we got used to the very light 4 cwt. eight. There are still one or two problems to solve such as very finely set stays, stretchy ropes plus some additional refinements still to happen to improve sound control.

### Band being formed

A strong band spent the night at York so that the bells could be rung for morning service. The first quarter peal rung on the bells was of Plain Bob Minor and after a barbecue lunch, the ringers explained the art to about 30 locals. Initial training sessions are being held on some Thursday evenings with about eight being taught to handle. It is envisaged that the bells be rung monthly for morning service with a practice session afterwards until the local band is strong enough to ring alone.

York is a small town of about 2000 people and the interest shown in the bells is very encouraging. The bells were exhilarating to ring, after throwing your weight about on Perth bells, it is a pleasure to be able to concentrate on the method with striking coming naturally. York is already a major tourist attraction mainly because time (and the railway line) passed it by. But with a ground floor ring of bells visible through the lancet windows in the tower, another major attraction has been added to the reason for a visit.

York, Western Australia. 6 Oct. 1260 P.B. Minor  
C Carter 1, R Skinner 2, R Greenhalgh 3, R Chapman 4, J Skinner 5, B Lawes (C) 6. First quarter on the bells.



Speakers at the EBSB Dinner. From left to right: Stanley Darmon (Branch Chairman), Michael Uphill (Guest Speaker), Patricia Newton (Branch Ringing Master), Jeffery Birt (Deputy Ringing Master).

### Back after a lapse

After a lapse of several years, the Oxford D.G. E.B.S.B. Branch Annual Dinner was revived on 19th October, 1985 at the Windsor Lodge Hotel, Great Missenden. Fifty two members and guests representing nine towers attended. The guest speaker was Michael Uphill, whose lively and professional speech complimented the enthusiasm within the branch. The branch ringing master Patricia Newton spoke on behalf

of the EBSB and the deputy master, Jeffery Birt proposed the toast to the Church. Stanley Darmon, branch chairman kept a firm control on the proceedings. A dinner day peal of Cambridge Maximus was rung at High Wycombe with a band of branch members, Patricia Newton being the conductor.

An enjoyable evening was had by all and it is now hoped to have a regular branch dinner at least once every two years.

J.M.C.

### Church bells to wake them up

On the 20th-22nd September, B.U.S.C.R. enjoyed an excellent ringing weekend in Bristol, organised by their Ringing Master, Fiona. Accommodation was on a church hall floor - with a bell from the church to wake us up! A "grab" was organised for the Saturday, then a meal, and a drink at a Jazz Pub in the evening. On Sunday morning we rang with the local ringers at Bristol Cathedral, St. Stephen's and Christchurch. Then, lunch for the survivors at another pub boasting live music.

A.J.

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A visiting American who ordered an "Old Fashioned English Breakfast" at a Sussex hotel learned, on enquiry, that he had eaten Irish bacon, French eggs, Italian tomatoes, Danish crispbread, Hungarian marmalade and New Zealand butter. The waiter was Spanish.

## Specially donated cup

In October last year the centenary of the opening of the church and its ring of five bells at St. Michael's, Hinton Admiral was celebrated. The bellringers invited other towers in the district to compete in a striking competition for a cup which had been specially donated. The cup has since been offered as the trophy for an annual competition in the Christchurch and Southampton District. So it was that on 12th October this year seven teams gathered at Sopley village church on a very pleasant afternoon for the first District Competition.

After the ringing, and tea served in the church, the judge, Mr. Graham Elmes from Wareham, commented that he was pleased with the standard achieved by all the teams, any of the ringing would have been acceptable for Sunday Services in his view.

Announcing his placings in reverse order excitement built up when two teams were left. These had 39 and 40 minor faults. Mr. Elmes said, but the balance had been tipped by a method fault by the team which turned out to be Eling, which had been brave enough to ring Cambridge Minor and which had cost them a major fault. The final result was: 1st-Lymington (10 faults); 2nd-Eling (10); 3rd-St. Peter's, Bournemouth (20); 4th-Fawley (24); 5th-Christchurch (28); 6th-Sopley (38); 7th-Hinton (48).

The District Chairman, Mr. Dennis Chapman, thanked Mr. Elmes for his adjudication and helpful comments. He also thanked David Lay and his helpers who had provided the tea and also organised the skittles match which was much enjoyed later in the evening.

R.J.C.

## BP and Durham keep meeting

Bell ringing employees of the British Petroleum (BP) Group of companies held their annual autumn outing this year in the Avon and Wiltshire area. Eighteen members and friends attended an enjoyable event which began with the boisterous ring of six at Corsham. On then to Bathford, where the Durham University bell ringers had beaten us to it (must be early risers!). We met on the narrow staircase access to the belfry, wishing each other a successful day by way of greeting.

The party became severely fragmented in the lunchtime traffic of Bath City, but we all found enough pub grub to prepare us for the afternoon. One splinter group called in at Bradford-on-Avon - hearing only six bells it was thought that perhaps two more might help out a wedding band. However, once more it was exchange of greetings with Durham University, and after ringing together the two parties continued on their separate tours.

Other towers visited during the day were St. Michael's (Bath), Holt, Melksham, Lacock (tea-break!!) and finally Hilmarton. At the last tower, we finished with three leads of Plain Bob, the only Plain Bob of the day. Ringing during the rest of the day was up to the usual standard, and included the standard eight Spliced Surprise Major.

The grand finale was at the "curry house at Wootton Bassett", who coped admirably with a party of 18 ringers at very short notice.

Thanks were extended to all of our host towers, and thanks also to our organisers, Anne Saunders (Britannic House) and Barry Nay (Research Centre). All are looking forward to the AGM, Dinner and Carol Service in December.

PETER LAWRENCE

(Research Centre Sunbury).

## Early bellfounding in Lincolnshire

by John R. Ketteringham

### An early Lincolnshire bellfounder

The following document is recorded<sup>6</sup> in the muniments of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln Cathedral.

*"Carta feofamenti Jacobi de Normanby de vno tofte in Clakesby cum pastura Sci ant presentes futuri quod ego Jacobus filius sacerdotis de Normannebi dedi concessi hac presenti mea carta confirmaui deo beate Marie commune canonicorum Linc' ecclesie unum toftum in Clakesbi scilicet illud quod Radulfus le belleiectare tenuit in eadem uilla pasturam iiii or bobus quadraginta ouibus uni ego in puram perpetuam elemosinam liberam quietam solutam ab omni seculari seruitio exactione Et ego Jacobus heredes mei waranti zabimus predictae ecclesie supradictum toftum contra omnes homines Teste Philippo subdecano magistro Johanne de Tinemue Willelmo de Aualun canonicis Radulfo le Curtais Ricardo de Braibof Galfrido de Normannebi multis aliis"*

This relates to the grant (circa 1206-1214) by "James the son of the priest of Normanby to the church of Lincoln" of a house "in Claxby with pasture for four oxen, forty sheep and one horse occupied by Ralf the bellfounder." Claxby is a small village in north Lincolnshire between Market Rasen and Grimsby. So far as I can discover this bellfounder has not been reported previously and an examination of the list of bellfounders in Walters' "Church Bells of England" seems to indicate that few founders are known of so early a date. I should be pleased to have comments of those better qualified than I in this subject.

### The Lincoln bell founders

On 28th April 1299 Walter de Carlide of Lincoln goldsmith granted to William le Bellegeter of Lincoln "all his land with buildings in the parish of Holy Trinity atte kleumarkett within the walls . . . situated between land of William towards the east and land of Gilbert de Leycestre le Cuteller towards the west extending from the highway north to land of Gilbert south".<sup>1</sup>

### First from present band

Caroline Cuthbertson became the first of the present Inverness Cathedral ringers to ring a peal recently whilst staying with friends in Derby. She made a creditable job, particularly bearing in mind the lack of opportunity for practice in the far north, of ringing the second at Brassington to a peal of Bob Minor.

### Blow Bells?

After the first round, Alan started collecting bottles and glasses of water. With John's aid they "poured" bottles that blew the tones of the venerable bells of Old North - at least when blown by those skilled in bottle music. Some required training in the handling of their "bell", those dulcet sounds being frequently lost in fits of wheezing and giggles. Handling practice over (surely it is easier to master the art of imbibing the contents), we attempted rounds. Jeannie obligingly called changes from the sidelines. The final challenge was to blow plain hunt on eight. The striking, however, was so uneven that four members of the band determined that bottles, being hand-held instruments, ought to be "rung" double-fisted. An improvement. But as all evenings must end, the "bells" were cleared away and emptied. Will bottles in '86 reproduce the tones of the bells of Victoria?

(Report in *The Clapper*).

In 1340 a tax known as "Taxatio Nonarum" was levied on all citizens by the King and amongst those so taxed in Lincoln was William Belgetter who was possessed of goods valued at 18s of which he had to pay 2s tax.<sup>5</sup>

In 1349 Beatrice daughter of William Belgetter granted to her husband John de Maynham all that tenement which she had by will of her father William.<sup>2</sup>

In his will made in 1360 John Mayson potter after providing for his wife Beatrice directed that his property in Holy Trinity was to be sold and the money given for masses.<sup>1</sup>

A grant dated 5th April 1363 of a message . . . in Holy Trinity atte Clewmarketd describes it as being situated "between a tenement of Peter once of John de Maysham of Lincoln belgeter on the east. . . ."<sup>4</sup> etc.

All this seems to indicate that there was a bellfoundry in Lincoln c.1299-1363 which was situated where the Co-op stores now stands somewhere in the area bounded by Silver Street, Freeschool Lane, Bank Street and the old cemetery of St. Swithin's.

Andrew White in *The Ringing World* dated 6th January 1978 (p.21) reported the existence of Robert Clerke who was in business in 1502 as a bellfounder. As he lived in the parish of St. Swithin's which at some early date absorbed the parish of Holy Trinity it might be that further research will reveal continuity.

### Lincoln Cathedral - The Lady Bells

When the will of Dom Richard Baylei was proved on 25th April 1534 "iiij bellringers" received "xiij". Up to this time ringers were appointed to bells number one, two or three and no mention is made of a fourth bell. At the Bishop's visitation on 16th May 1580 the following four ringers are named: John Pyeborne, Henry Drew, Nicholas Wodhall and Thomas Mellyn. Three years later (25th May 1583) at a further visitation the same ringers were still in office.

This seems to indicate that the four bells cast by Quernbie and Oldfield in 1593 were recasts of existing bells and that augmentation at this time did not take place.

It is interesting to note that two of the four bells at the old church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount were also cast in 1593 by Quernbie and Oldfield the two tenors being cast in 1578 by "JB." The four bells were sold in 1739 prior to the building of the present church. Readers may like to know that St. Michael's churchyard has featured in the current TV serial "Oliver Twist" the workhouse being the old Blue Coat School which is on the other side of Christ's Hospital Terrace.

I am most grateful to Chris Johnson of the Lincoln Archives Office for assistance with research in connection with the Lincoln Bellfounders.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

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Nigel and Caroline Humphries.

### Three times to church on her wedding day

It is unusual for the bride to attend the church more than once on her wedding day but Caroline Prescott went to St. Mary's, Battersea three times on the day she married Nigel Humphries. The first visit was to unlock the tower to enable a band drawn from the Society of Raving Ringers to ring a peal of Rutland; Nigel is currently Master of the Society and Caroline is a touring member of long standing.

For her next visit Caroline was more suitably attired in a white taffeta dress and accompanied by her father and three bridesmaids wearing lilac dresses made by Mrs. Pam Humphries. The chauffeur was John "Sam" Sunderland. Singing during the service can only be described as robust, many friends from the Surrey Association area and the Raving Ringers being present. The choir sang "The Bell Anthem" with support from male members of the Prescott family and a surprise feature at the end of the ceremony was an outburst of clapping initiated by the Rector as the couple processed down the aisle.

The frontage of St. Mary's provides an attractive setting for photographs. The official photographer must remain nameless; whilst predictions that he would forget to bring his camera were not accurate, he did suffer the ignominy of having it driven away by his son when providing a lift to the nearest station!

The reception took place in the church crypt, where a splendid buffet meal was served. Traditional speeches were enjoyed, the M.C. being Best Man Tony Skilton. The bride eventually went home to change and then returned to the church for her third attendance of the day. The going away car had been impressively decorated and it is fortunate that it was not being relied upon for travel to Paris for the honeymoon!

A second peal - 7 Minor - was rung at Cheam the following day.

Nigel and Caroline have set up home in Worcester Park and will therefore be able to continue their active roles in Surrey ringing.

T.S.

### Profitable slide show

A letter was read at the quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater Branch of the Bath and Wells D.A. stating that work at Moorlynch should be completed by Christmas (apparently £1,318 was raised at a recent slide show). At the start of the meeting the Chairman asked all to stand in silence in memory of Mr. Stanley Ward of Burnham-on-Sea who had recently died.

The Rev. Biggs was thanked for taking the service, Mrs. Currie for playing the organ and the ladies for the tea. Six week old Katherine Parker slept soundly throughout the meeting - perhaps she was trying to tell us something!

A.B.G.

### Bishop's move

The Enthronement of the Right Reverend Barry Rogerson as Bishop of Bristol caused quite a stir in the City and Diocese on Saturday 5th October. Like the Queen of Sheba he came with a very great train, the "Episcopuffer" no less - the name bestowed on one of British Rail's 125 High Speed diesel sets following a competition to name the train organised by the Archdeacon of Swindon. All the goings on at ground level have been duly reported in *The Church Times* and local press but it seems incredible that the reporters failed to notice the great bells of Redcliffe ringing their quarter of Cambridge Maximus as, led by the Church Lads and Girls Band, the procession made its way from Temple Meads to the Cathedral where a splendid peal of Bristol came round shortly before the Bishop reached College Green. The bells of St. Stephen and St. John the Baptist rang as the "train gang" passed by Neptune's Statue and climbed the hill leading to the Cathedral so the band did not have things all their own way!

With the Bishop of Gloucester the Bishop of Bristol is invited to serve as Joint President of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and in addition to the activities in Bristol at the time of the enthronement, bells in both Dioceses rang to welcome the new Bishop reminding an audience far larger than the thousand or so in the Cathedral to pause and pray for Bishop Barry as he took up his responsible task at a significant point in the life and history of both church and diocese. Having originally been in the Diocese of Worcester the Diocese of Bristol was for a time in the 19th century united with that of Gloucester - an "economy measure" it is said, to permit formation and representation in the House of Lords of the new Dioceses of Manchester and Ripon - which union explains the Association's double barrelled title. A pity perhaps that some enthusiastic band did not select "Union Bob" to mark the occasion.

### Cured - the bell that lost its voice

In the early days of October, the *Portsmouth News* reported that the single bell of St. Philip's, Cosham (north of the city) had lost its voice as a result of a seized up clapper. Normally, the residents should hear the bell ring out for morning and evening prayers each day, but now "No matter how hard the rope is tugged, our poor bell cannot toll" said the Vicar sadly. "In earlier years, if the bell failed to ring, a retired foreman builder used to climb straight up extended ladders and put the matter right in no time, but he died this year and no one else is keen on heights." Two brave parishioners did try to reach the bell by a less frightening route, involving ladders on the vestry roof, but the ladders proved too short and the attempt had to be abandoned.

However, a happy sequel to the sad story was published a few days later. The first article was read by Mr. Sydney Stacey, a local building and roofing contractor. "As soon as I heard about this little difficulty, I said to myself, 'No problem, that's a job for Gary!'" The bell is difficult to get at in its outside turret, but Mr. Stacey reckoned that if anyone could fix it, his employee, roofer Gary Goodeve (23), was the man. A few hours later, Mr. Goodeve was parked outside St. Philip's with his mate, Brett Salt, and all the necessary gear, and in no time at all, the bells clapper was freed and lubricated. The Vicar joyfully rang a very warm thank you to the *News* and the contractors who did the work free.

All who rang felt both proud and honoured to be able to play a part in this very notable occasion and it is their confident hope that Bishop Barry will feel that he has in the Association a host of friends who remembered him in their prayers as with their bells they praised God for his appointment in "Gloucester and Bristol".

W.G.H.

### BRISTOL, AVON

**St. Mary Redcliffe.** 5 Oct, 1294 Cambridge S Maximus: Teresa J Dunstone 1, Clare R Pipe-Wolferstan 2, Kathryn L Carter 3, Janet A McKernan 4, John Brain 5, Graham L Sparey 6, John L Snawdon 7, Kevin Taber 8, Ian P Hill 9, C M J Stanley 10, C H P Pipe-Wolferstan 11, G S Harris (C) 12.

**Lord Mayor's Chapel (S Mark)** 5 Oct, 2520 Minor (Beverley, Surfleet, Cambridge, Single Oxford): C S Hayward 1, M Booth 2, C J P Scott 3, R C Kippin 4, J T Watson 5, C M J Stanley (C) 6.

**Horfield.** 6 Oct, 1320 P.B. Doubles: D Tallis 1, Sophie Potter 2, J Cox (C) 3, A Mudge 4, R Tallis 5. 1st Q-1, 4.

**Henbury.** 6 Oct, 1320 Doubles (2m): Anne M Newcombe 1, Pauline Butcher 2, S G Riches 3, D Thompson 4, W Naylor (C) 5, R J R Crane (1st Q) 6. At Harvest Festival.

**Blaisdon, Glos.** 5 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: N Morris (1st Minor) 1, M Jane Lewis 2, Melanie J Gibson 3, M Chandler 4, V C Gibson 5, E J Gibson (circled tower as C) 6.

**Brockworth.** 6 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: Lizbeth A Harbottle 1, Patricia S Wood 2, Joanne L Wood 3, Carol A Plunkett 4, A J Wood (circled tower) 5, D J Harbottle (C) 6. First Minor by Sunday service band.

**Cheltenham.** 6 Oct, 1280 Braunstone S. Royal (inc lead of Frolesworth S.): Valerie Willard 1, Margery A Wratten 2, Isabel F Morris 3, M P Hartley 4, A Ewins 5, A J Wooton 6, H N Evans 7, B M Chappell 8, M Hawkes 9, C A Wratten (C) 10. First Royal in the method by all.

**Cirencester, Glos (SJB).** 6 Oct, 1295 Grandsire Caters: Eileen Godwin 1, P A Day 2, Carole L Jameson 3, F E Roberts 4, I D Buckwell 5, A R Strickland 6, J Lewis 7, R E Buckwell 8, P G Holden (C) 9, R Day 10. For Evensong.

**Fairford.** 6 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles + 7, 6, 8 cover: Meg Perry 1, Eileen Godwin 2, Joyce Tucker 3, D Bostock (1st inside) 4, A Strickland (C) 5, S Flatman 6, D Pitts 7, M Jones 8.

**Hempsted.** 6 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: J A Taylor 1, A Dicks 2, Joyce Taylor 3, R Davenport 4, A Morton (C) 5, I M Taylor 6. By Sunday service band.

**Lechlade.** 6 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Georgina Page 1, J McNaught (1st inside) 2, A Gren 3, I Fisher 4, R Hayden (C) 5, S Fisher 6. 1st Q-1, 6.

**Leonard Stanley.** 6 Oct, 1260 Doubles (4m/v): Mrs S Bagley 1, R Bagley 2, Mrs P May 3, K Durrant 4, N Anthlett (C) 5, H A Reade 6.

**Lydney.** 10 Oct, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: G Davis 1, Kathleen White 2, Sheila Craddock 3, M White 4, J Long 5, E J Gibson (C) 6, T Williams 7, J Parker 8. 1st in m-1, 2, 4, 7, 8. 1st in m inside-3, 6.

**Randwick.** 5 Oct, 1260 Doubles (3m/v): R Cornock 1, D Pobjoy 2, M N Amphlett 3, P Turner 4, R A Screen (C) 5, K Clutterbuck 6.

**Winstone.** 6 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Anne Roach 1, Mary Bliss (C) 2, Mary Gould 3, P Gould 4, Rachel Gould 5, E Harding 6. For Evensong.

**Wroughton, Wilts.** 6 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: S Elvin 1, Andrea Clark 2, L J Clark 3, M Ruck (1st inside) 4, J R Godfree (C) 5, A Brown 6. At Harvest Festival.

And this is not all. There was some general ringing in various parishes on the day itself and there have been some expressions of regret at being unable to ring owing to the difficulty in finding a time which would not conflict with regular events in the parishes. On Saturday 5th October a touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was rung at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, Cirencester, the ringers being Eileen Godwin 1, Elizabeth Pearse 2, Jane Horton 3, The Rev Peter Hern 4, Paul Day 5, Ralph Wenban (C) 6, John Pearse 7, R Day 8. The Association is most grateful to them and to all others who took part. Thank you one and all!

W.G.H.

# Peal Reports

## Ancient Society of College Youths

**EAST RETFORD, Notts, S Swithun**  
Sat Oct 12, 1985 3h16 (23½)

### 5024 Little Bob Royal

Comp. C Forster  
1 Paul N Mounsey (C)  
2 Frank Cooke  
3 Geoffrey M Slaven  
4 J Stuart Brown  
5 David A Holland  
6 Christopher B Richards  
7 John P Ottaway  
8 Brynley A Richards  
9 John A Coates  
10 Philip Rogers

All the ringers are or have been resident members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild of Church Bell ringers.

**HITCHIN, Herts, S Mary**  
Sat Oct 19, 1985 3h12 (29)

### 5040 Yorkshire S. Royal

Comp. A M Barber  
1 Jack S Dear  
2 Trevor W Groom  
3 Brian J Willett  
4 J Richard Castledine  
5 Alan M Barber (C)  
6 Stephen A Coaker  
7 George E Bonham  
8 David Kemp  
9 Christopher Forster  
10 Alan R Patterson

## Bath & Wells DA

**DITCHEAT, Som, S Mary Magd**  
(No date given)

### 5040 Grandsire Triples

(J. Holt's "Original")  
1 Sally P Green  
2 Jenny M Alderson  
3 Kate Rouse  
4 Robert W Davis  
5 Michael J C Cannon  
6 Ian P Hill  
7 R William Willans (C)  
8 Brian V Mountjoy  
First attempt: 3. First Grandsire Triples inside: 4. Best wishes to Captain J C Cannon, R.N. (Retd.) of Batheaston, on his 75th birthday. £4

**BARROW GURNEY, Avon, SS Mary & Edward**  
Wed Oct 23, 1985 2h49 (12)

### 5152 Plain Bob Major

Comp. T F Collins  
1 Sally K Wheeler  
2 Tim Munslow  
3 Helen M Jenkins  
4 Mark C Bellamy  
5 Teresa J Dunstone  
6 Mervyn A Arcscott  
7 David C Polly (C)  
8 Alex Hunt  
First on 8: 3. First inside on 8: 2. First in method: 2, 3, 5, 7. First on 8 as conductor. 25th peal: 7. Birthday compliment to Mrs J M Arcscott; also 21st Birthday compliment to Alex Hunt. 80p

**KEWSTOKE, Som, S Paul**  
Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h58 (9½)

### 5040 Minor

(2m: 1 extent St Clements; 6 Plain Bob)  
1 Peter J Maffey  
2 Jill Maffey  
3 Nicholas Bennett  
4 Christopher A Swatton  
5 John S Walton (C)  
6 Denis Hawkings  
First Minor by all except 5. 60p

## Univ of Bristol Society

**LECKHAMPTON, Glos, S Peter**  
Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h38 (9)

### 5056 Cambridge S. Major

Comp. C Middleton  
1 Hilary Muirhead  
2 John C Manley  
3 Angela Newing  
4 Richard Gray  
5 Stuart McKernan  
6 John C Baldwin  
7 Michael T Sprackling  
8 Tudor P Edwards (C)  
First "Doctors" peal for the Society. All members of the band have Ph.D. degrees. £1

## Chester DG

**WISTASTON, Cheshire, S Mary**  
Wed Oct 16, 1985 2h23 (6)

### 5040 Surprise Minor

(24m: (1) London, Wells, Dearne Valley, Cunecastre; (2) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull; (3) Rossendale, Stanford; (4) Berwick, Hexham; (5) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning; (6) Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham; (7) Carlisle, Chester, Munden)  
1 C Paul Cheshire  
2 Doreen A Morton  
3 Mervyn J Harrison  
4 Andrew P Simcox  
5 Frederick S Sutton  
6 Frank R Morton (C)  
First S. Minor and first peal for 22 years: 2. 50th peal for the Guild: 4. 700th peal as conductor for the Guild. To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the dedication of St. Luke's Church, Willaston; also Birthday compliment to the ringers of 3 and 4.

**BURTON-IN-WIRRAL, Cheshire, S Nicholas**  
Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h41 (7)

### 5040 Kent T. B. Minor

(Seven extents)  
1 Derek J Bradshaw  
2 Alastair J Hopkins  
3 Hilary A Skinner  
4 Peter Townsend  
5 Alastair M Bradshaw  
6 Graham M Bradshaw (C)  
25th peal: 6. First in method by all. Retirement compliment to Rev Edward H Williams, Vicar of Burton.

## Derby DA

**MELBOURNE, Derbys, SS Michael & Mary**  
Sun Sept 29 1985 2h46 (15½)

### 5056 Cambridge S. Major

Comp. C Middleton  
1 Patricia A M Halls  
2 Ruth H Smith  
3 B Stedman Payne  
4 Rev Frederick Ross  
5 Christopher Earp  
6 Reginald J Stretton  
7 E Alan Jacques  
8 Robert B Smith (C)  
500th peal: 1. First S. Major inside: 5. For the Patronal Festival.

**BELPER, Derbys, S Peter**  
Thur Oct 17, 1985 2h45 (14)

### 5056 Spliced S. Major

(8m: 768 London, Rutland; 576 each Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey, Lincolnshire, Superlative; 640 Bristol; 142 changes of method)  
Comp. N Smith  
1 W Arnold Morley  
2 David W Camm  
3 Jane E Orchard  
4 Robert J Marchbank  
5 Patricia A M Halls (C)  
6 Harold Taylor  
7 Tony Laughton  
8 F Gordon Faulks

**BURTON-ON-TRENT, Staffs, S Paul**

Sat Oct 19, 1985 3h19 (28½)

### 5040 Southwell S. Royal

1 John A Cater  
2 Christopher Bostock  
3 Douglas Kempton  
4 Arthur F Hall  
5 Kevin J Skillings  
6 Angela Beardow  
7 Simon C Melen  
8 Frederick C Pearson  
9 Simon Humphrey (C)  
10 Mark S Gilthorpe  
First on ten: 3. Completes family: 5. Specially arranged as a Ruby Wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs C T Haynes; also compliment to Susan and Simon Melen on the birth of a daughter; also to Mr and Mrs Skillings on their Silver Wedding anniversary.

**BRASSINGTON, Derbys, S James**  
Sat Oct 19, 1985 2h40 (8)

### 5040 Plain Bob Minor

(Seven different extents)  
1 Michael Foulds (C)  
2 Caroline M Cuthbertson  
3 Steven Peers  
4 Jane E Orchard  
5 Janet S Foulds  
6 Alan Rowe  
First peal: 2. £1

Peal forms are available (free) from the R.W. Office, Guildford. Send a stamped/addressed (9"x4") envelope now.

## Durham & Newcastle DA

**HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, Tyne & Wear, S Michael**  
2h44 (12)  
(No date given)

### 5088 Lincolnshire S. Major

Comp. W Barton  
1 Ian M Carter  
2 Abigail M Hind  
3 Denis Crowe  
4 Ian Lovell  
5 Timothy J Bradbury  
6 Dennis Ellisdon  
7 J Alan Ainsworth  
8 Michael J Tudor (C)  
First Lincolnshire: 4. With congratulations to Sue and Simon Melen on the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Lucy.

## Ely DA

**TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS Mary & Michael**  
Tues Oct 22, 1985 2h53 (10½)

### 5088 London S. Major

Comp. J W Washbrook  
1 Dorothea M Robotham  
2 Thomas J Lock  
3 Colin A Johnson  
4 Geoffrey Pearson  
5 Richard Green  
6 John G Gipson  
7 Walter Hunt  
8 John R Mayne (C)  
First in method: 5.

## Essex Association

**TERLING, Essex, All Saints**

Sat Oct 12, 1985 2h51 (11)

### 5152 Lincolnshire S. Major

Comp. S Humphrey  
1 John E Steed  
2 Kathleen M Downs  
3 Hazel S Humphries  
4 Andrew C Taylor  
5 Richard L Wilden  
6 Colin F Chapman  
7 David E Rothera (C)  
8 Maurice E Downs  
First in method: 2, 3, 4, 8. On Association Dinner Day, and to mark the retirement of the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt. Rev. John Trillo.

## Framland Society

**SPROXTON, Leics, S Bartholomew**  
Wed Oct 23, 1985 2h39 (8½)

### 5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp. J J Parker (12-part)  
1 Sally A Mason  
2 Alan Cattell  
3 David A Jones  
4 Andrew M Shipman  
5 J Neville Sharpe  
6 R Kingsley Mason  
7 Peter L R Hayward (C)  
8 Nicholas A Cooke  
First peal: 8. First peal in the tower and on the bells since their removal from All Saints Church, Leicester.

## Glos & Bristol DA

**BRISTOL, Avon, Cathedral**  
Sat Oct 5, 1985 3h14 (21)

### 5056 Bristol S. Major

Comp. A J Cox  
1 Richard J Bowden  
2 Anthony J Cox (C)  
3 Rebecca J Cox  
4 Andrew J Mead  
5 Esther M Byers  
6 Peter Bridle  
7 Patrick J Bird  
8 Robert C Kippin  
By members of the Sunday service band. For enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Barry Rogerson as Bishop of Bristol.

**HIGHWORTH, Wilts, S Michael**  
Mon Oct 7, 1985 2h51 (18)

### 5040 Grandsire Triples

Parker's Twelve-part (7 obs.)  
1 Eric Sutton (C)  
2 Margaret A Clarke  
3 Peter Tombs  
4 Mark Edwards  
5 Desmond L Jones  
6 John C Sheppard  
7 Christopher L Dunster  
8 Henry Locke-Wheaton  
First in method: 2. 1st on 8: 4. 5. First peal: 8. For enthronement of the Rt. Rev. Barry Rogerson as Bishop of Bristol; also to welcome the new Vicar of Highworth, the Rev. Richard Dent.

**BRIDGERULE, Devon, S Bridget**

Thur Oct 24, 1985 2h50 (10)

### 5056 Winchester S. Major

Comp. C Middleton  
1 Brian Bladon  
2 Rebecca J Cox  
3 Joanna M Ainsworth  
4 Kathryn M Carter  
5 David M Threlfall  
6 Neil Bennett (C)  
7 Ian G Campbell  
8 Robert C Kippin  
First in method by all except 8. 80p

**WERRINGTON, Cornwall, S Martin-of-Tours**

Fri Oct 25, 1985 3h10 (15)

### 5184 Bristol S. Major

Comp. W E Critchley  
1 Rebecca J Cox  
2 Joanna M Ainsworth  
3 Heather A Kippin  
4 David M Threlfall  
5 Neil Bennett  
6 Brian Bladon  
7 Robert C Kippin (C)  
8 Ian G Campbell 80p

**CARDYNHAM, Cornwall, S Mewbred**

Fri Oct 25, 1985 3h4 (15)

### 5024 Double Norwich C. B. Major

Comp. R W Pipe  
1 Robert C Kippin  
2 Joanna M Ainsworth  
3 Rebecca J Cox  
4 Kathryn M Carter  
5 Neil Bennett (C)  
6 David M Threlfall  
7 Ian G Campbell  
8 Brian Bladon  
First in method: 2, 4. 80p

**CALLINGTON, Cornwall,**  
**S Mary V**  
 Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h56 (13)  
**5152 Spiced S. Major**  
 (4m: 1312 Bristol; 1280 each  
 London, Cambridge,  
 Superlative; 112 changes of  
 method, all the work)  
 Comp. A J Pitman  
 1 Ian G Campbell  
 2 Rebecca J Cox  
 3 Joanna M Ainsworth  
 4 Kathryn M Carter  
 5 Brian Bladon  
 6 David M Threlfall  
 7 Robert C Kippin (C)  
 8 Neil Bennett 80p

### Hertford CA

**RICKMANSWORTH, Herts,**  
**S Mary V**  
 Sat Oct 19, 1985 3h8 (20)  
**5040 Lindsey S. Royal**  
 Comp. F E Darby  
 1 Dorothea M Robotham  
 2 Eric Edmondson  
 3 John R Southey  
 4 Geoffrey Pearson  
 5 S Kathleen M Baldwin  
 6 Robert A Partridge  
 7 Frank T Blagrove  
 8 David Redfearn  
 9 John R Mayne (C)  
 10 Roger Baldwin  
 First in method: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8,  
 9.

**STOTFOLD, Beds,**  
**S Mary V**  
 Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h57 (11)  
**5024 Norton S. Major**  
 Comp. S Ivin  
 1 John B Bennett  
 2 Dorothea M Robotham  
 3 Eric Edmondson  
 4 S Kathleen M Baldwin  
 5 Thomas J Lock  
 6 Walter Hunt  
 7 Roger Baldwin  
 8 John R Mayne (C)  
 First in method: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7.  
 300th different Surprise  
 Major method for a peal: 2.

### Lancashire Association

**HEYWOOD, Lancs, S Luke**  
 Fri Oct 18, 1985 3h2 (21)  
**5056 Kinver S. Major**  
 Comp. A J Pitman  
 1 Nigel Allcock  
 2 Michael Tompsett  
 3 John Partington  
 4 Alan McNutt  
 5 Barry Garraway  
 6 Dennis Allcock  
 7 Peter Bellamy-Knights  
 8 Geoffrey Fothergill (C)  
 For St. Luke's Day.

**MANCHESTER,**  
**Emmanuel Unitarian,**  
**Brookfield, Gorton**  
 Sat Oct 19, 1985 2h54 (13½)  
**5040 Little Bob Major**  
 Comp. S H Wood  
 1 Robert V Siddall  
 2 Alastair M Bradshaw  
 3 Derek J Bradshaw  
 4 Alastair J Hopkins  
 5 Alan J Birney  
 6 Graham M Bradshaw  
 7 L Martin Daniels  
 8 Rev Kevin M Price (C)  
 First attempt: 1. First in the  
 method by all except 7 and 8.

**CROSTON, Lancs,**  
**S Michael & All Angels**  
 Sun Oct 20, 1985 2h45 (16)  
**5040 Grandsire Triples**  
 Comp. J J Parker  
 (12-part, 7th obs.)  
 1 John S Hough  
 2 Rev Kevin M Price (C)  
 3 John E Blackley  
 4 Christopher Ashton  
 5 David H Hough  
 6 Brian J McCahey  
 7 L Martin Daniels  
 8 B Robert Hough  
 To celebrate 50 years as a  
 ringer at this tower of John S  
 Hough.

**WHITTLE-LE WOODS,**  
**Lancs, S John**  
 Sat Oct 26, 1985 3h2 (21½)  
**5040 Grandsire Triples**  
 Comp. J J Parker (12-part)  
 1 John Watson  
 2 Cyril Crossthwaite  
 3 Donna Jones  
 4 Margaret Crossthwaite  
 5 Roger Barnes  
 6 Raymond Clayton  
 7 John T Parsons (C)  
 8 Colin Graves  
 First peal: 8. First on 8. 1. By  
 members of Preston Branch  
 for 75th anniversary of  
 installation of bells (October  
 1910); also Wedding  
 compliment to Victor H  
 Criddle and Mary E  
 Blackledge, married the  
 previous day.

**WOODCHURCH,**  
**Merseyside, Holy Cross**  
 Sun Oct 27, 1985 2h33 (4)  
**5056 Cambridge S. Major**  
 (Johnson's variation)  
 1 Sandra Mitchell  
 2 John Hyden  
 3 David W Alecock  
 4 Jane D Johnston  
 5 Richard R Moore  
 6 John E Heaton  
 7 Lenard J Mitchell (C)  
 8 John S Hopwood  
 First Major and of Surprise: 5  
 Birthday compliment to  
 Michael Alecock, brother of  
 3rd ringer, and W J. Mitchell,  
 father of the conductor.

### Lincoln DG

**LINCOLN, Cathedral,**  
**St Hugh's Tower**  
 Sat Oct 19, 1985 3h20 (23½)  
**5007 Stedman Cinques**  
 Comp. W P Whitehead  
 1 Sylvia M Collin  
 2 Jack L Millhouse (C)  
 3 John P Ottaway  
 4 Harold F Gibson  
 5 Gillian A Ricketts  
 6 Alan D H Bird  
 7 Leslie G Townsend  
 8 C Roger Asher  
 9 Peter S Abbott  
 10 Christopher J Sharp  
 11 Geoffrey R Parker  
 12 David J Sutton  
 First Cinques: 3, 8.

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

### Leicester DG

**ENDERBY, Leics,**  
**S John**  
 Sat Sept 28 1985 2h33 (11½)  
**5024 Rutland S. Major**  
 Comp. N Smith  
 1 Garry W Mason  
 2 Nicola Mason  
 3 Richard Bennet  
 4 Guy W Moreton  
 5 James E Wightman  
 6 Terry M Astill  
 7 Timothy J Wykes  
 8 Paul Jopp (C)

**HINCKLEY, Leics,**  
**Assumption of S Mary**  
 Sat Oct 19, 1985 3h15 (22)  
**5088 Spiced S. Major**  
 (4m: 1344 Superlative; 1248  
 each Cambridge, Yorkshire,  
 Lincolnshire; 119 changes of  
 method, all the work)  
 Comp. E A Barnett  
 1 Vikki Stevenson  
 2 Alan Cattell  
 3 Timothy Payne  
 4 Paul M Atkins  
 5 John Illingworth  
 6 Howell J Williams  
 7 Paul Jopp (C)  
 8 Timothy J Wykes

### Lichfield Archdeaconry Society

**CODSALL, Staffs,**  
**S Nicholas**  
 Sat Oct 19, 1985 2h42 (9)  
**5120 Cornwall S. Major**  
 Comp. R R Horton  
 1 E Ann Williams  
 2 Eric E Speake  
 3 Ian M Gardiner  
 4 David Franklin  
 5 Philip J Day  
 6 Philip Ramsbottom  
 7 Martin A Smith  
 8 Stuart C Hutchieson (C)  
 First in method: 5, 7, 8. 80p

### London CA

**POPLAR, London E,**  
**Christ Church, Cubitt Town**  
 Sun Oct 20, 1985 2h38 (12½)  
**5056 Spiced S. Major**  
 (8m: 768 each London,  
 Rutland; 640 Bristol; 576  
 Cambridge, Yorkshire,  
 Lincolnshire, Pudsey,  
 Superlative; 148 changes of  
 method)  
 Comp. N Smith  
 1 Jason Turnock  
 2 Julia V Jones  
 3 Christopher S Leech  
 4 Simon J Davies  
 5 Matthew J Turnock  
 6 Timothy G M Jones  
 7 John E Hawes (C)  
 8 Dennis A Hewitt  
 First Spiced: 4, 5.

**ISLEWORTH, Middx,**  
**All Saints**  
 Tues Oct 29 1985 3h5 (16½)  
**5376 Groombridge S. Major**  
 Comp. A T Collins  
 1 Raymond Eddy  
 2 Harold W Rogers  
 3 Martin Morris  
 4 David G Thorne  
 5 Derek F Yates  
 6 F Keith Williamson  
 7 Patricia D Taeuber (C)  
 8 A Terence Collins  
 First peal in the method  
**Groombridge S. Major:**  
 -38-14-1258-36-  
 14-58.12.36.14.78  
 i.e. 12 Group B fch BDS£1 60

### Non-Association

**LICHFIELD, Staffs,**  
**Cathedral**  
 Sat Oct 19, 1985 3h23 (31½)  
**5000 Bristol S. Royal**  
 Comp. C M Wulkau  
 1 Rowena M Unsworth  
 2 Alison J Cox  
 3 Stephanie J Regin  
 4 Joanna M Ainsworth  
 5 Alan Regin  
 6 Frances Dodds  
 7 David C Brown  
 8 Philip Mehew  
 9 Ian G Campbell  
 10 Christopher M Wulkau (C)

**SOLIHULL, W. Mids,**  
**S Alphege**  
 Sat Oct 26, 1985 3h26 (21½)  
**5000 Bristol S. Maximus**  
 Comp. C M Wulkau  
 1 Elisabeth A G Bowden  
 2 Esther M Byers  
 3 Frances Dodds  
 4 Stephanie J Regin  
 5 Andrew N Stubbs  
 6 Paul Needham  
 7 Anthony S Braben  
 8 John S Croft  
 9 Ian Roulstone  
 10 Alan Regin  
 11 Geoffrey K Harris  
 12 Christopher M Wulkau (C)  
 Shortest peal of Bristol S.  
 Maximus ever rung.

**LONDON EC, Foster Lane,**  
**S Vedast**  
 Sat Sept 26, 1985 3h11 (16)  
**5040 Surprise Minor**  
 (1 extent each Norwich,  
 Cambridge, Primrose,  
 Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne,  
 Hull)  
 1 Lorna E Champney (C)  
 2 David J Dearnley  
 3 Alex Bayliss  
 4 David N Davies  
 5 Christopher S Caryer  
 6 David J Sheppard  
 First inside: 3.

### North Somerset Union

**PENMARK, S. Glam,**  
**S Mary**  
 Sat Oct 19, 1985 2h51 (9)  
**5040 Doubles** (2 extents  
 Stedman; 12 each April Day,  
 Grandsire; 16 Plain Bob)  
 1 Michael J Stubbs  
 2 Nicholas M White  
 3 Maggie Willans (C)  
 4 Graham L Sparey  
 5 David Jacklin  
 6 Bryan T Parker  
 With best wishes to Harriet  
 Oldham and Clive Moncrieff  
 for their wedding at St Mary's  
 later this day.

### North Staffs Association

**OSSETT, Yorks,**  
**Holy & Undivided Trinity**  
 Sat Oct 19, 1985 3h16 (27½)  
**5040 Yorkshire S. Royal**  
 Comp. K J Walpole  
 1 David J Buckley  
 2 Anne C Orme  
 3 Norman Sherratt (C)  
 4 Margaret Jones  
 5 Harold Dowler  
 6 Walter Sherratt  
 7 Selwyn Jones  
 8 Ian Friend  
 9 Charles A S Webb  
 10 C Michael Orme £1

### Norwich DA

**WIGHTON, Norfolk,**  
**All Saints**  
 Sun Oct 20, 1985 2h41 (7)  
**5040 Minor** (7m: 1 extent  
 each Norwich S., Double  
 Court, Double Oxford, St  
 Clement's, Oxford T.B.,  
 Cambridge S., Plain Bob)  
 1 S Jennie Forster  
 2 John R Smith  
 3 Frank C J Arnold  
 4 Norman P J Cossey  
 5 Aubrey S Forster (C)  
 6 Gilbert E Larter  
 80th Birthday compliment to  
 Grace Brice. Most methods  
 as conductor.

**SOMERLEYTON, Suffolk,**  
**S Mary V**  
 Sun Oct 27, 1985 2h44 (8½)  
**5040 Minor** (6m: 1 extent  
 each Double Oxford, Oxford  
 T.B., St Clements, Kent T.B.,  
 Cambridge; 2 Plain Bob)  
 1 Anthony H Roberts  
 2 Winston S Girling  
 3 Norman P J Cossey  
 4 David R McLean  
 5 Gilbert E Larter  
 6 Tony F Crawford (C)  
 Circled tower: 2. £1

### Oxford DG

**SHERFIELD-ON-LODDEN,**  
**Hants, S Leonard**  
 Sat Oct 12, 1985 2h34 (8½)  
**5040 Primrose S. Minor**  
 (2 2160s and 1 720)  
 1 Michael P Paterson  
 2 Keith Gillings  
 3 Jennifer Butler  
 4 Simon R Cory  
 5 William Butler (C)  
 6 Philip A B Saddleton  
 First T.B.: 1. First in method by  
 all. 60p

**STONY STRATFORD,**  
**Bucks, SS Mary & Giles**  
 Sun Oct 13, 1985 2h52 (12½)  
**5120 Superlative S. Major**  
 Comp. A J Cox  
 1 Julie A Haseldine  
 2 Richard Haseldine  
 3 Malcolm G Hooton  
 4 Ruth Hornsey  
 5 Christopher C Stokes  
 6 Alan C Cozens  
 7 George E Green  
 8 Andrew Haseldine (C)  
 To welcome Charlotte  
 Lauren, daughter of Jill and  
 Peter Eales. £1

**ALDERMASTON, Berks,**  
**S Mary**  
 Mon Oct 14, 1985 2h39 (10½)  
**5184 Double Norwich C.B.**  
**Major**  
 Comp. R J Dennis  
 1 David Livingston  
 2 Mrs A D Smith  
 3 William Butler (C)  
 4 Jennifer Butler  
 5 John M Smeath  
 6 Peter H Gardner  
 7 Michael K Till  
 8 Michael Poole  
 First in method: 4, 5. 80p

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

**THATCHAM, Berks, S Mary**

Fri Oct 18, 1985 2h51 (13)

**5152 Spliced S. Major**

(8m: 672 each Bristol, Lincolnshire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire; 448 Cambridge; 160 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. T G Pett

- 1 A Diana Smeath
- 2 Michael K Till
- 3 Philip R Miles
- 4 William Butler
- 5 John J Durham
- 6 John M Smeath
- 7 Barry M Wheeler
- 8 Howard W Egglestone (C)

£1

**HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks, All Saints**

Sat Oct 19, 1985 3h33 (29½)

**5042 Cambridge S. Maximus**

Arr. R W Pipe

- 1 Christopher Parkinson
  - 2 Patricia M Newton (C)
  - 3 Andrew P Deamer
  - 4 Charles M S Botting
  - 5 Kenneth J Darvill
  - 6 Jeffery C Birt
  - 7 J Michael Cole
  - 8 Nigel C Smith
  - 9 Graham G Firman
  - 10 David R Cox
  - 11 Frederick R Scott
  - 12 Robert H Newton
- By resident members of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch on the day of the Branch Dinner.

**WITNEY, Oxon, S Mary V**

Mon Oct 21, 1985 2h41 (16½)

**5040 Plain Bob Triples**

Arr. M W Coleman

- 1 James N O'Beirne
  - 2 Bertram J Coggins
  - 3 Joy Freeman
  - 4 Christine M Bond
  - 5 Colin M Turner
  - 6 Donald B Carter
  - 7 Edward R Venn (C)
  - 8 Mark Vincent
- First Triples: 1. First P.B. Triples: 5, 6. For the wedding of Jennifer Baughan and Christopher Hoare (at Witney on 19/10/85).

**THATCHAM, Berks, S Mary**

Fri Oct 25, 1985 2h51 (13½)

**5152 Johannesburg S. Major**

Comp. S Humphrey

- 1 Jennifer Butler
- 2 Mrs A D Smith
- 3 John M Smeath
- 4 Henry Lawrenson
- 5 William Butler (C)
- 6 Peter M Brown
- 7 Michael K Till
- 8 Colin M Turner

First in method by all. 80p

**DRAYTON, Oxon, S Peter**

Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h28 (9½)

**5040 Stedman Triples**

Arr. J.P. (No. 14)

- 1 John M Smeath
- 2 John Pladdys (C)
- 3 Anne C Orme
- 4 Helen J Piper
- 5 Henry Lawrenson
- 6 Robert L Piron
- 7 Geoffrey K Dodd
- 8 C Michael Orme

**BODICOTE, Oxon, S John Bapt**

Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h39 (9½)

**5040 Stedman Triples**

Arr. J.P. (No. 7)

- 1 John Pladdys (C)
- 2 Anne C Orme
- 3 Helen J Piper
- 4 Henry Lawrenson
- 5 Robert L Piron
- 6 C Michael Orme
- 7 Geoffrey K Dodd
- 8 John M Smeath

**SHERBORNE ST. JOHN, Hants, S Andrew**

Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h45 (10½)

**5040 Plain Bob Minor**

(Seven different extents)

- 1 R Kerry May
- 2 Bobbie May
- 3 Jennifer Butler
- 4 Simon R Cory
- 5 Keith C Gillings
- 6 William Butler (C)

First peal: 1. First Bob Minor:

2. Golden Wedding compliment to Leo and Gladys Dive, formerly of this village. 60p

**EMBERTON, Bucks, All Saints**

Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h44 (9)

**5040 Minor** (3m: 1 extent St Clements; 3 each Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob)

- 1 Andrew D Osborne
- 2 Godfrey L Foat
- 3 Sheila Watts
- 4 B Douglas Hird
- 5 Ronald S Barclay
- 6 David Phillipson (C)

First attempt: 3. First Minor as conductor. For All Saints'-tide. £1.50

**STOKE POGES, Bucks, S Giles**

Mon Oct 28, 1985 2h45 (13½)

**5056 Cambridge S. Major**

(Johnson's var. Middleton's)

- 1 Frederick R Scott
  - 2 J Michael Cole
  - 3 Louise J Clements
  - 4 Andrew J Agg
  - 5 Graham G Firman
  - 6 Andrew P Deamer
  - 7 Nigel C Smith
  - 8 Robert J Crocker (C)
- 95th Birthday compliment to Arthur D Barker.

**Oxford Univ Society****OXFORD, S Mary Magd**

Thur Oct 10, 1985 2h33 (7½)

**5056 Spliced S. Major**

(8m: 768 Rutland; 704 London; 640 each Pudsey, Superlative; 576 each Bristol, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 512 Cambridge; 119 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. P G K Davies

- 1 Nicholas G Robinson
- 2 Ian M Gardiner
- 3 Michael E Ovenden
- 4 Andrew A Ward
- 5 Peter H Mackie
- 6 Andrew P Deamer
- 7 Phillip R J Barnes (C)
- 8 Ian Roulstone

With the bells open in thanksgiving for the life of Dr. John C. F. Poole, churchwarden at this church and a good friend to the Society.

**Peterborough DG****BLITHFIELD, Staffs, S Leonard**

Thur Oct 17, 1985 2h31 (8)

**5040 Surprise Minor**

(7 extents, 11m: (1) London, Wells; (2) Norfolk; (3) Hull; (4) Primrose; (5) Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne; (6) Beverley, Surfleet; (7) Norwich)

- 1 Stanley M Ruddlesden
  - 2 David P Westerman
  - 3 Stephen J Westerman
  - 4 Andrew W Gordon
  - 5 Alan Rowe
  - 6 Peter M Fleckney (C)
- Most S. Minor: 2.

**COTTESBROOKE, Northants, All Saints**

Thur Oct 24, 1985 2h51 (14)

**5040 Minor** (7 extents, 9m:

(1) Double Court; (2) Oxford T.B.; (3) Single Oxford; (4) Ipswich, Cambridge S.; (5) St Clements, Double Oxford; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Plain Bob)

- 1 William H Hulme
- 2 David P Westerman
- 3 Timothy A Wooding
- 4 Stephen J Westerman
- 5 Andrew W Gordon
- 6 Peter M Fleckney (C)

**MOULTON, Northants, SS Peter & Paul**

Fri Oct 18, 1985 2h52 (11)

**5039 Grandfire Caters**

Comp. M A Coleman

- 1 Terry G Smith
- 2 David P Westerman
- 3 Murray A Coleman (C)
- 4 John Weaver
- 5 Robin Wilson
- 6 Anthony D Sansom
- 7 Barry R Care
- 8 Denis G Pearson
- 9 Stephen J Westerman
- 10 Susie J Marshall

**St Martin's Guild, Birmingham****BIRMINGHAM, S Philip's Cathedral**

Thur Oct 17 1985 3h28 (31)

**5148 Cantuar A. Maximus**

Comp. R W Pipe

- 1 Mary T Rees
  - 2 Elisabeth A G Bowden
  - 3 Richard J Clements
  - 4 Richard L Jones
  - 5 Paul Needham
  - 6 Maurice Edwards
  - 7 Alan E Hartley
  - 8 Geoffrey Randall
  - 9 James W Belshaw
  - 10 Clifford A Barron
  - 11 C Michael Orme
  - 12 Christopher M Wulkau (C)
- 850th peal and circled the tower: 8.

**St Thomas Society****READING, Berks, S Mary V**

Sun Sept 29 1985 3h37 (25½)

**5120 Bristol S. Major**

Comp. W T Perrins

- 1 Jeremy D Alford (C)
  - 2 Andrew P Deamer
  - 3 Douglas Beaumont
  - 4 Nigel C Shepherd
  - 5 C Luke Heaton
  - 6 Simon M Alford
  - 7 Michael E Ovenden
  - 8 Roy Le Marechal
- For Evensong

**St. James' Guild****GREAT STANMORE, Middx, S John Bapt**

Mon Oct 14, 1985 2h51 (12)

**5024 Spliced S. Major**

(9m: 608 Glasgow; 576 each Bristol, Rutland, Superlative, Yorkshire; 544 London, Pudsey; 512 Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 128 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. G A C John

- 1 Paul N Mounsey (C)
- 2 David J Sheppard
- 3 Alan Regin
- 4 Roderick R Horton
- 5 S Kathleen M Baldwin
- 6 John N Hughes-D Aeth
- 7 Roger Baldwin
- 8 David J Dearnley

Composition rung for the first time.

**St Mary Abbots Guild****YORK, N. Yorks, Minster Church of S Peter**

Sat Oct 12, 1985 4h17 (59)

**5007 Stedman Cinques**

Arr. S J Pattenden

- 1 Stephanie J Pattenden
  - 2 Elizabeth A Hibbert
  - 3 Simon D Brown
  - 4 David J Sheppard
  - 5 Christopher S Caryer
  - 6 James W Belshaw (C)
  - 7 Geraldine R Lea
  - 8 Norman M Brock
  - 9 Alan R Patterson
  - 10 Christopher Forster
  - 11 Ian G Campbell
  - 12 Raymond East
- With the band's best wishes to Ruth and Nicholas Simon, on the birth of a daughter.

**KENSINGTON, London W, S Mary Abbots**

Sat Oct 19, 1985 3h32 (32)

**5080 Spliced S. Royal**

(8m: 720 Rutland; 680 Bristol, London (No. 3); 640 Pudsey, Cambridge; 600 Superlative (No. 2); 560 Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 119 changes of method, all the work)

- 1 Paul J R Daybell
  - 2 Peter W Emery
  - 3 James W Belshaw (C)
  - 4 Christopher S Caryer
  - 5 Stephanie J Pattenden
  - 6 Lorna E Champney
  - 7 Nicholas W H Simon
  - 8 Norman M Brock
  - 9 Geraldine R Lea
  - 10 David J Sheppard
- Circled tower: 2, 3, 5, 9. For the 725th anniversary of the founding of the parish. £1.60

**Scottish Association****DUNKELD, Perthshire, S Columba's Cathedral**

Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h53 (7)

**5040 Cambridge S. Minor**

Comp. R D Bailey

- 1 Michael B Broe
- 2 Christopher W Thomas
- 3 Sally L Thomas
- 4 Clare Y Caley
- 5 Nigel E Booth
- 6 John M Jenkins (C)

First peal on the bells. For the christening of Jennifer Booth.

**Salisbury DG****SEEND, Wilts, Holy Cross**

Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h37 (14½)

**5040 Spliced S. Minor**

(22m: (1) London, Wells, Cunecastle; (2) Alnwick, Newcastle; (3) Carlisle, Chester, Munden; (4) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning; (5) Berwick, Hexham, Primrose; (6) Cambridge, Bourne, Ipswich, Norfolk; (7) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York, Durham)

- 1 Joy Freeman
  - 2 Jude Bright
  - 3 John A Sealy
  - 4 David A Bright
  - 5 David A Strong
  - 6 Donald B Carter (C)
- Most methods: 2, 3, 4, 5.

**Southampton Univ Guild****BROCKENHURST, Hants, S Nicholas**

Tues Oct 22 1985 2h39 (4½)

**5056 Plain Bob Major**

Comp. T B Worsley

- 1 Anthony J Haywood
  - 2 Amanda J Vipard
  - 3 Neil H Darracott
  - 4 Susan M Morrison
  - 5 Jonathan M Godfrey
  - 6 Noel J R Gibbin
  - 7 Michael E Gibbin
  - 8 Josephine H Wood (C)
- First peal: 3. First on 8: 4. First as conductor. £1

**Suffolk Guild****IPSWICH, Suffolk, S Mary-le-Tower**

Sun Oct 27, 1985 3h26 (35)

**5042 Yorkshire S. Maximus**

Comp. S J Ivlin

- 1 Adrian Knights
  - 2 Stephen D Pettman (C)
  - 3 Diana M Pipe
  - 4 Michael G Whitby
  - 5 Neil V Avis
  - 6 Stephen A Cheek
  - 7 Kevin S Hohl
  - 8 Ralph N Earey
  - 9 John L Girt
  - 10 Owen P Claxton
  - 11 Simon A Rudd
  - 12 George W Pipe
- Firsts: on twelve, 6 and 8; Maximus, 7; S. Maximus, 10.

**Surrey Association****CHEAM, Gtr London, S Dunstan**

Sun Sept 22, 1985 2h43 (10)

**5040 Minor** (1 extent each London S., Norwich S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St Clements, Plain Bob)

- 1 Peter G Humphries
- 2 Hazel S Humphries
- 3 Steven P Kelly
- 4 John E Steed
- 5 Alan R Millidge
- 6 Tony Skilton (C)

To celebrate the marriage of Nigel Humphries and Caroline Prescott at Battersea the previous day; also on the 29th wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs Peter Humphries. £1

**Sussex CA****BALCOMBE, West Sussex,****S Mary**  
Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h49 (9)**5088 Rutland S. Major**Comp. J Morgan  
1 Carolyn R Sandwell  
2 Heather Weaver  
3 Neil Dobson  
4 Philippa J Barter  
5 J Duncan Weaver  
6 Gerald D J Sandwell  
7 Stephen R T Pocock  
8 P Jonathan Franklin (C)  
First T.B. 1 First Rutland 6  
25th peal: 2. 50th Birthday  
compliment to Gerald  
Sandwell.**STORRINGTON, W. Sussex.****S Mary**  
Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h44 (9)**5040 Doubles** (2 extents  
April Day, 20 Grandsire; 20  
Plain Bob)1 Michael B Taylor  
2 Anthony J Tunnell  
3 Jean Horton  
4 Martin J Chacksfield  
5 Alan J Taylor (C)  
6 Susan TaylorFor the Centenary of the  
Sussex County  
Association. £1**HURSTPIERPOINT,****Sussex, Holy Trinity**  
Tues Oct 29 1985 2h51 (12½)**5056 Cambridge S. Major**

Comp. C Middleton

1 John R Norris  
2 Peter T Hurcombe (C)  
3 Harry W Brown  
4 Stanley W Brown  
5 James H Lilley  
6 James Kirkcaldy  
7 Roger E Peckham  
8 Alan R Baldock500th peal: 8 Association  
Centenary Peal to  
commemorate the  
martyrdom of James  
Hannington from  
Hurstpierpoint, 1st Bishop of  
Equatorial East Africa, in  
Uganda on 29 October,  
1885. £4**Truro DG****MORWENSTOW, Cornwall.**  
**SS Morwenna & John Bapt**  
Sat Oct 19, 1985 2h39 (8)**5040 Minor** (London S.,  
Beverley S., Cambridge S.,  
Surfleet S., Kent T.B., Oxford  
T.B., Double Oxford)1 Wilfred C Boucher  
2 Claudia A Critchley  
3 G William Critchley  
4 Alan Carveth  
5 Anthony J Davidson  
6 Robert J Perry (C) £1.20**Winchester and  
Portsmouth DG****ALVERSTOKE, Hants,**  
**S Mary**  
Sun Sept 29, 1985 (13)(No time given)  
**5040 Plain Bob Triples**Comp. T Morris  
1 Brenda J Reading  
2 Janet M Chatfield  
3 Theo A Getty  
4 Helen J Piper  
5 H Lyndon Hatfield (C)  
6 Richard Harrison  
7 Geoffrey K Dodd  
8 Matthew P Chatfield  
First peal: 2, 8 To mark the  
installation of Rev N Chatfield  
as an Honorary Canon of  
Portsmouth Cathedral; also  
the retirement of Assistant  
Curate Rev. H (Dai) Price.**BINSTED, Hants.****The Holy Cross**  
Sat Oct 12, 1985 6h19 (12½)**11,520 London Surprise  
Minor**(Three 2160s and 7 extents)  
1 Christine R Hill  
2 Patricia D Taseuber  
3 Brian J Woodruffe (C)  
4 A Terence Collins  
5 Peter W Hill  
6 Allan G KeenUmpires: Andrew J Palk and F  
Keith Williamson  
The longest peal of London  
Surprise Minor £1**Worcestershire &  
Districts Association****AMBLECOTE, Stourbridge.**  
**Worcs, Holy Trinity**  
Wed Oct 16, 1985 2h29 (7)**5184 Spliced S. Major**  
(960 Cambridge, Yorkshire,  
Lincolnshire; 768 Pudsey,  
Superlative, Rutland, 143  
changes of method)Comp. C I Rowson  
1 Philip M Saunders  
2 Clifford Skidmore  
3 Robert Havard  
4 Christopher Lees  
5 Martin G Powell  
6 Alan Roberts  
7 Clive M Smith  
8 Martin D Fellows (C)  
92nd Birthday compliment to  
Mrs Lillian Pearsall of this  
parish.Peal forms are available  
(free) from the R.W. Office,  
Guildford.  
Send a stamped/addressed  
(9"x4") envelope now.**BOSBURY, Herefords,**  
**Holy Trinity**

Sat Oct 19, 1985 2h57 (15)

**5040 Minor** (3m: 1 extent  
each Double Oxford, St  
Clements; 5 Plain Bob)1 Thomas W Lewis  
2 Sally K Wheeler  
3 Tim Munslow  
4 David G Franklin  
5 Michael G Clements  
6 Richard J Clements (C)  
First Minor inside: 3. In  
memorial Leonard J  
Walters, sometime ringer at  
Stretton Grandison and  
Bosbury, and Past Master of  
Ledbury District £2**HANBURY, Worcs.****S Mary V**  
Tues Oct 22, 1985 2h34 (12½)**5040 Stedman Triples**Comp. J Carter (No. 18)  
1 Robert Havard  
2 Colin G Andrews  
3 Julian C Rogers  
4 H T Keith Haslam  
5 David Downing  
6 Clifford A Barron  
7 Martin D Fellows (C)  
8 Martin G Powell  
First Stedman: 5 85th  
Birthday compliment to  
William B Cartwright, Master  
of this Association.**Yorkshire Association****BROADCLYST, Devon.****S John Bapt**  
Fri Oct 25, 1985 3h9 (21)**5056 Yorkshire S. Major**Comp. S Humphrey  
1 Julia A Robson  
2 Roger G Green (C)  
3 Susan J Green  
4 Mary E Mears  
5 Richard M Robson  
6 Lawrence F Palmer  
7 Simon K Gianfield  
8 Michael E C Mears  
First Surprise and on 8: 5**HANDBELL PEALS****Hertford CA****ST. ALBANS, Herts.**1 Seymour Road  
Sat Oct 26, 1985 2h17 (13)**5056 Kent T.B. Major**Adapted from S Ivin  
1-2 Katherine S Hardy  
3-4 John R Mayne (C)  
5-6 Robert E Hardy  
7-8 Dorothea M Robotham**Leicester DG****KNIGHTON, Leics,****S Mary's Belfry**  
Wed Oct 9, 1985 2h11**5040 Grandsire Triples**Bruerton's 12-Part  
1-2 John Adcock  
3-4 Alan Cattell  
5-6 Paul Jopp (C)  
7-8 Garry W Mason  
First Grandsire in hand: 1-2,  
7-8. First Grandsire as  
conductor.**Oxford DG****MAIDENHEAD, Berks.****8 Crescent Drive**  
Wed Oct 9, 1985 3h3 (17)**5232 Bristol S. Maximus**Comp. P N Mounsey  
1-2 Jean A Darmon  
3-4 John N Hughes-D'Aeth  
5-6 Bernard F L Groves  
7-8 Paul N Mounsey (C)  
9-10 Katharine J Firman  
11-12 Robert H Newton**St James' Guild****STOCKWELL, SW,****37 Kay Road**  
Wed Oct 2, 1985 2h20 (15)**5152 Spliced S. Major**(23m: 224 each Ashtead,  
Bristol, Cambridge,  
Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray,  
Double Dublin, Glasgow,  
Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire,  
London, Preston, Pudsey,  
Rutland, Superlative,  
Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford,  
Wembley, Whalley,  
Yorkshire; 160 changes of  
method, all the work)  
Comp. N Smith  
1-2 Paul N Mounsey (C)  
3-4 David C Brown  
5-6 John R Peverett  
7-8 John N Hughes-D'Aeth  
Composition rung for the first  
time on handbells.**LATE PEALS****Ancient Society of  
College Youths****LONDON EC,****St Olave, Hart Street**  
Sat Sept 7, 1985 2h59 (11)**5184 London S. Major**Comp. C Forster  
1 Christopher S Caryer  
2 David J Sheppard (C)  
3 Christopher Ridley  
4 Timothy J Billings  
5 Andrew D Barnsdale  
6 Simon M Alford  
7 Peter S Muchlinski  
8 David Woodward £1**Bath & Wells DA****FROME, Som,****S John Bapt**  
Sat May 18, 1985 3h24 (31)**5152 Yorkshire S. Major**Comp. R W Pipe  
1 Marcus P Barton  
2 Mary E Mears  
3 Frank D Mack  
4 George W Massey  
5 Pauline C Champion  
6 John A Foster  
7 Reginald T McKenzie (C)  
8 Michael E C Mears**Kent CA****EAST FARLEIGH, Kent.****Parish Church**  
Tues May 28, 1985 2h28 (8)**5040 Minor** (1 extent St  
Clements; 2 Cambridge S.,  
Kent T.B., Plain Bob)1 Anne Lewis  
2 Thomas M Barlow  
3 Andrew C P Gunstone  
4 Barry A Roberts  
5 Malcolm Barden  
6 Thomas Cullingworth (C)  
200th peal: 3 £1**Lancashire Association****FARNWORTH, Lancs.****S John**  
Fri Sept 13, 1985 2h44 (12)**5024 Plain Bob Major**Comp. A P Heywood  
1 J Darryl Green  
2 Ian McNutt  
3 Olive Tester  
4 John S White  
5 Joseph Thornley  
6 Derek Sanderson  
7 Paul McNutt  
8 Geoffrey Fothergill (C)  
To mark the 25th anniversary  
of the founding of St. James's  
C. of E. Comprehensive  
School, Farnworth.**Miscellaneous Performance**Lilley, Herts. 21 Oct, 5040  
Reverse Original Singles: S J  
Tibbs 1, J R Turnock (1st as C)  
2, O A Davis 3  
First peal length on bells  
and in Reverse principle -  
witnessed by M Sansom of  
local band.

# Quarter Peals

## Quarters in England

**Waltham St. Lawrence, Berks.** 22 Sept, 1260  
P.B. Doubles: D S Titford (1st Q) 1, Elizabeth  
Struckett 2, Shirley Dexter 3, Katie Grant 4, D W  
Struckett (C) 5, Anne C Yates 6. For the marriage of  
Brenda Irene Yates with Leslie Graham Smith on  
14th September 1985 60p**Welbourn, Lincs.** 1 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor D Jones  
1, Kate Hedge 2, Gwen Bloomfield 3, Judy William-son 4, Barbara Clipsham (C) 5, F Bloomfield 6. For  
the birth of Benjamin to Maria and Chris Sharpe. 50p  
**Westminster, London.** (St. Clement Danes) 6  
Oct, 1275 Stedman Caters: Julie M Baker (1st  
Caters) 1, F T Blagrove 2, Ruth Foreman 3, Jennifer  
Bunyan 4, R J Andrew 5, M J Herbert (C) 6, J A  
Sealy (1st in m) 7, A J Crowther 8, S G Jakeman 9, T  
J Lock 10. Engagement compliment to Stephen  
Rossiter and June Saint £1The quarter at Whitehaven was not a farewell  
compliment to Simon Haworth who is not leavingthe area. He is, however, moving from White-  
haven into the Workington catchment area and  
will therefore be a sad loss on Sunday mornings  
and beginners' practice night. He assures us that  
we will not get rid of him so easily as he will begin  
learning to drive immediately and will continue to  
join us for Friday practices and Sunday evening  
quarters and will always regard himself as a  
member of the Whitehaven band, and so will we!**Whitehaven, Cumbria.** 13 Oct, 1280 Yorkshire S.  
Major: Valerie D Lees 1, Mary Snape 2, Ruth E Ayres

3, Susan J Sewell 4, S K Haworth 5, G H Sewell 6, J H McTear 7, M E Snape (C) 8. Not a farewell compliment to Simon Haworth. £1

**Wiburton, Cambs.** 22 Sept, 1320 P.B. & Cambridge S. Minor: S. Shipp 1, Gillian P A Bland 2, D F Murfet (C) 3, W M H Murrells 4, Anice M Gilchrist 5, A Yarrow 6. For morning service. £1

**Winchester Cathedral, Hants.** 6 Oct, 1259 Grandsire Caters: R Cater 1, Julia Cater 2, Susan Wolters 3, P W Tomes 4, J Walters 5, G C Grant (C) 6, P D Niblett 7, S Fenwick 8, P J Gorrod 9, G E Medd 10. Before evensong and also to welcome Edward Peter Darracott Colliss into the world. £1

**Winkfield, Berks.** 6 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: T Bish 1, Daphne Hutson 2, Alison M Struckett (1st inside) 3, Elizabeth W Struckett 4, DW Struckett (C) 5, B Cox 6. For Harvest service, and the baptism of James Edward Bish. 60p

**Wokingham, Berks.** (All Saints). 29 Sept, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Theresa A Scott 1, Sheila Williams 2, Hilary A Moss 3, S R Smith 4, W S Gibson 5, R Woodward 6, R J Wells 7, A G Pullan (C) 8. Farewell to local ringers, Hilary Moss and Simon Tomlinson, leaving for Nottingham and Bristol Universities. Also 3 Oct, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Martin Mahoney (1st T.B.) 1, Sheila Williams 2, Helen J Mahoney 3, H Baxter 4, W S Gibson 5, R Woodward 6, S R Smith 7, A G Pullan (C) 8. For the official opening of All Saints Three Day Festival of Praise and Thanksgiving. Also 4 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: N C Smith 1, S C Wells 2, Helen J Mahoney 3, J W Noakes 4, K J Lovell 5, A G Pullan 6, J A Harrison (C) 7, D L Kay 8. By employees of Ferranti Computer Systems Ltd for the All Saints Festival. Also 1280 P.B. Major: S M Bailey 1, A Newton 2, P Newton 3, E D Poole 4, R Biggs 5, S E Darmon 6, W Birmingham 7, W Lee (C) 8. By the Chiltern Group of ringers for the All Saints Festival. Also 5 Oct, 1280 Superlative S. Major: D Cunningham 1, Patricia M Newton 2, Tracey Newton 3, A Agg 4, N C Smith 5, R Agg 6, G G Firman 7, R H Newton 8. By an E.B.S.B. Branch band for the All Saints Festival evening concert. £5

**Worcester, Worcs.** (All Saints). 29 Sept, 1280 P.B. Major: Sarah Beacham 1, P J Hancock 2, G R Brock 3, M Louise Slater 4, C A Milward 5, M C Hansford 6, Jill M Hansford (C) 7, D Beacham 8. For evensong. £1.60

**Worth, W. Sussex.** 6 Oct, 1260 Norwich S. & P.B. Minor: C Stoner 1, Pippa Barter 2, Liz Sandwell 3, Jenny Dobson 4, G D J Sandwell 5, N Dobson (C) 6. Also 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J Moore 1, C Wilson (1st inside) 2, C Stoner 3, G D J Sandwell 4, N Dobson (C) 5, C Butcher 6. For 30th anniversary of St. Barnabas (no bells) - the second church in the team. £1

**Wraxall, Som.** 11 Oct, 1250 Superlative S. Major: R Coton 1, Corinna England 2, Diana Bridle 3, A H Ball 4, J A Dunstone 5, Teresa Dunstone 6, P J England (C) 7, G S Harris 8. 1st in m - 4 & 5. 80p

**Yatton, Som.** 6 Oct, 1280 Bristol S. Major: S Baker (1st T.B.) 1, Katie Jopp (1st in m, completes STD 8) 2, P J England (C) 3, Corinna England 4, K G Parker 5, R J Ballam 6, M J Hobbs 7, B G North 8. Also 12 Oct, 1280 4-Spliced S. Major: Corinna England 1, J Brain 2, M J Freeman 3, Teresa Dunstone 4, M J Hobbs 5, B G North 6, J H Gilbert 7, P J England (C) 8. £1.60

**York, N. Yorks.** (St. Martin-le-Grand). 4 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: Alison Edmonds 1, Emma Goodwin (1st P.B. Minor) 2, H G Wells 3, Julie Barrett 4, P J Sanderson 5, D E Potter (C) 6. 50p

**Youlgreave, Derbys.** 29 Sept, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gillian J Butterworth 1, Katherine A Oldershaw 2, D W Camm 3, D J Beach 4, R J Marchbank 5, T Marchbank 6, D Butterworth (C) 7, F G Faulks 8. Following the christening service for Christopher Sebastian Bartlett. 80p

**Abbots Leigh, Avon.** 14 Sept, 1296 Norwich S. Minor: Catherine A Cridland 1, C M J Stanley 2, J Ann Taylor 3, P G Neal 4, G L Sparey 5, G A A Taylor (C) 6. For the wedding of Rosemary Willy and Harry Brockway. £4.60

**Aston Rowant, Oxon.** 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: Mary Lee 1, Wendy L Whittle (1st Minor inside) 2, Louise A M James 3, Belinda M Wood 4, LD Wood (C) 5, W Lee 6. A Silver Wedding anniversary compliment to David and Belinda Wood. 50p

**Bampton, Oxon.** 14 Oct, 1280 Wadworth S. Major: Judith M Passant 1, Joy Freeman 2, Helen C Ramsbottom 3, M Vincent 4, I M Gardiner 5, E R Venn 6, N G Robinson 7, D B Carter (50th this year - 1st in m and 50th S. Major as C) 8. 1st blows in method by all except 8. 25th together - 3 & 8. 50th together this year - 2 & 8. 80p

**Bassingham, Lincs.** 29 Sept, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Ruth Butler 1, L G Townsend 2, N Pendleton 3, Soo Pendleton 4, S C Townsend (C) 5, Joanna Pendleton

6. And Norton Disney, 1260 P.B. Minor: Soo Pendleton 1, L G Townsend 2, N Pendleton 3, D Fox 4, G R Parker 5, S C Townsend (C) 6. Both for ordination compliment to Jim Rooke. £1.20

**Besthorpe, Norfolk.** 13 Oct, 1260 Doubles (3m): P A Heath 1, Nikki Heath 2, H T S Duffield 3, C J Cooper 4, N M Thomas (C) 5. £1

**Bilston, W. Mids.** 12 Oct, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: P J Sealey 1, Gail Baggott 2, E E Speake 3, M J Claridge 4, A G Smith 5, P J Day 6, C J Bennett 7, A J W Jarvis (C) 8. Prior to the wedding of David Everett and Rachel Woodberry. Also 13 Oct, 1250 Superlative S. Major: Caroline Mortimer 1, Corinne A Brant 2, Michaela A Brant 3, A G Smith 4, A J W Jarvis 5, Helen R Jarvis (C) 6, R Hodister 7, C J Bennett 8. Wedding compliment to David and Rachel Everett married here yesterday by the Sunday service band. £1

**Birchington on Sea, Kent.** 3 Oct, 1274 P.B. Triples: Louise M Piddock (1st Q on 8) 1, P R Russell 2, Lynda J Queen 3, Carole M Couchman 4, D C Sheekey 5, M J Little 6, D J Russell (C) 7, J R Crocker 8. An 83rd birthday compliment to H. L. Luck, a previous secretary. £1

**Bishop's Stortford, Herts.** 7 Oct, 1296 P.B. Caters: C J Mackay 1, P C Warboys 2, Leslie A Prime 3, J S Warboys 4, M Long 5, D Collins 6, N D Hughes 7, K Westwood 8, R F Prime (C) 9, E C Glazebrook 10. Half-muffled in memoriam, Douglas R. Hutley. £2

**Brent Knoll, Som.** 13 Oct, 1260 Doubles (2m): F Ball 1, D Westlake 2, C J Deane 3, Rosemary Hignam (C) 4, D C Polly 5, B Rich 6. Most methods - 1 & 3. For evensong. 60p

**Broadwindsor, Dorset.** 11 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs D Davis 1, L L Andrews 2, M J Hiller (C) 3, T M Andrews 4, J Davis 5, B Dent 6. Immediately after the Harvest Festival service. Also for the 75th anniversary of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. With this quarter the conductor becomes the first person to have called a quarter peal in every tower in the West Dorset Branch. 60p

**Bromley Common, Kent.** 20 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles (7,6,8 cover): Alison Boyes 1, Valerie R Lanaway (1st Q) 2, A S Baker (C) 3, Sara C Phelps 4, J R Turnock 5, N J N Hall 6, M J Turnock 7, P Winter 8. 1st Q - 2 & 8. For Patronal Festival. 80p

**Burwell, Cambs.** 20 Oct, 1260 P.B. Triples: E W Black (1st Triples) 1, Barbara Salmons 2, H J Miller 3, G E Barrett 4, D Gilbert 5, J P Hardy (1st Triples inside) 6, E F Salmons (C) 7, M J Kernan 8. Joint Portsea and Burwell Band. £1.50

**Burton on Trent, Staffs.** (St. Paul) 14 Oct, 1320 Intwood Bob Doubles: D R Rookyard 1, Noreen Atkinson 2, D P Jones (C) 3, C T Haynes 4, J A Cater 5, D J Mitchell 6. 1st in the method for all the band. 90p

**Cannock, Staffs.** 10 Oct, 1280 Spliced S. Major (C.Y.S.R.N.P.): R K Mowforth 1, R Jean Nixon 2, S G Pick 3, J Nixon (1st 6-Spliced) 4, W S Deason 5, Margaret Jones 6, S G Jones (C) 7, C Adams 8. Compliment to treble ringer on completing 60 years as a ringer. 80p

**Carbis Bay, Cornwall.** 12 Oct, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Canon A S Roberts 1, G W Critchley (C) 2, Claudia A Critchley 3, R A Currell 4, M G H Hood 5, T N Hitchens 6. 60p

**Caston, Norfolk.** 15 Sept, 1320 St. Clements, L.B. & P.B. Minor: Catheryn Irwin 1, N W Haggatt 2, Trudy Hawkins 3, C E G Banham 4, A P Johnson 5, D F Riley (C) 6. Most methods - 2 & 5. For Holy Cross. £1

**Chelsfield, Kent.** 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: K Louise Holmes 1, Helen T Smith 2, Tracey E Clayton (1st as C) 3, Anne L Barter 4, Philippa J Rooke 5, J J Rooke 6. For confirmation service, at which the ringers of treble and 2nd, were confirmed. Also 20 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Allison Boyes 1, Sara C Phelps 2, Philippa J Rooke 3, J J Rooke 4, Anne L Barter (C) 5, E Martin 6. For evensong. £1

**Chelford, Ches.** 29 Sept, 1260 Doubles (6m): S Okill 1, G M Bradshaw 2, D M Ellis 3, A M Bradshaw 4, D J Bradshaw (C) 5, G Barber 6. 50th together - 2 & 3. For Harvest Festival. 90p

**Chester, Ches.** 29 Sept, 1344 Kent T.B. Maximus: Shirley Harris 1, J W Griffiths 2, Christine Grimmett 3, J Hyden 4, C T Graham 5, Revd. B Harris (C) 6, R A Shekelton 7, N Thomson 8, P D Hughes 9, M Thomson 10, G R Gardner 11, P D A Mills 12. A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Harris (83). £1.20

**Chiddingfold, Sussex.** 15 Oct, 1260 Doubles (4m): Daphne Stuart 1, Penny Clark 2, Pauline Kennard 3, T D Waterman 4, R C Neal (C) 5, H Bailey 6. To mark 50 years of Chiddingfold Branch British Legion. 50p

**Chislet, Kent.** 20 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Sue Prout 1, Hazel Basford 2, M J Goss 3, R J Maxwell 4, D Goss (C) 5, H R Basford 6. Half-muffled in memory of Jane Thorne, parishioner and friend, who died on 15th October after a tragic accident. £1.20

**Church Gresley, Derbys.** 13 Oct, 1320 Harvest Doubles: G W Hair 1, Noreen Atkinson 2, D P Jones (C) 3, Dee F Allen 4, J A Cater 5. 1st in the variation

for all the band. For Harvest Festival evensong. Also 15 Oct, 1320 Rouen Place Doubles: Noreen Atkinson 1, J A Cater 2, D P Jones (C) 3, A J Marson 4, D M Webb 5. 1st in the method for all the band. £1.50

**Compton Bishop, Som.** 11 Oct, 1320 Chester S. Minor: J Comer 1, Sarah Comer 2, Marjorie Legg 3, Rosemary Hignam 4, A R Shallish 5, D Westlake (250th as C) 6. 1st in method by all. 60p

**Cotleigh, Devon.** 3 Oct, 1260 Doubles (3m): Maureen E Hawkins 1, Ruth Kelly (most m) 2, C C Deem 3, B Horrell (C) 4, D J Hawkins 5, W R Trickey 6. 50p

**Coventry, W. Mids.** (Allesley). 6 Oct, 1264 P.B. Major: Eleanor Payne 1, Lisa A Garvie (1st Q inside) 2, Beverley A Winter 3, S Feltham 4, Amanda B H Slater 5, I D Thompson (C) 6, P Stone 7, R Winter 8. For Harvest Festival. 50p

**Crimplisham, Norfolk.** 29 Sept, 1260 Doubles (5 m/v): P G Waterfield (50th in 1985) 1, A D Stacey 2, Helen J Waterfield 3, P J Waterfield (C) 4, D G Seymour 5. For Flower and Harvest Festivals. 50p

**Cropwell Bishop, Notts.** (St. Giles) 13 Oct, 1340 Kent T.B. Minor: Fiona Walters 1, Liz Harrison 2, J Rigby 3, B Bull 4, J Reader 5, G Dawson (C) 6. A 70th birthday compliment to Joe Reader (Tower Captain). £1.20

**Crocombe, Som.** 2 Oct, 1260 Doubles (4m): Beverley Perry (C) 1, Janet M Smith 2, Rebecca L Hooper 3, Sheila Y Jenkins 4, L E Perry 5, M R F Miles 6. Silver Wedding compliment to Mr and Mrs. Michael Miles. 60p

**Croxton Kerrial, Leics.** 6 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: Kathleen M Ward 1, A M Shipman 2, P B Shipman 3, Revd. A E Clayton 4, D G Jones 5, J R Ward (C) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs. I. Poole, P.C.C. Treasurer for many years.

**Curry Rivel, Som.** 16 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: H E G Jeanes 1, Jane F Peppard (1st attempt on 8) 2, G G Davis 3, Margaret Morris 4, R E Colman 5, D A Pike 6, A F Lee (C) 7, N J Atwell 8. 70p

**Deeping St. James, Lincs.** 11 Oct, 1284 P.B. Minor (72 Singles): Janet I Rogers 1, R P Muspratt 2, Nicola J Rogers 3, P F Collins 4, J W Haw 5, R H Rogers (C) 6. Ruby wedding compliment to Horace and Ruth Thacker. £1

**Downham Market, Norfolk.** 6 Oct, 1320 Doubles (4 m/v): Janet A Waterfield 1, P M Atkinson 2, Helen J Waterfield 3, P J Waterfield 4, P G Waterfield (C) 5, J C Warr 6. For Harvest Festival. 50p

**Dunstable Priory, Beds.** 12 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J Heeler 1, Lucy Shepherd 2, A Heeler (1st in m) 3, D Green 4, N Jane Leach 5, R A Horne 6, A M Shaphard (C) 7, N J Pemble 8. £1

**Durleigh, Som.** 13 Oct, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: Sally K Wheeler 1, A F Lee 2, Andrea B Goddard 3, G G Davis 4, E T Dibble 5, C T Clarke (C) 6. For evensong. 50p

**East Haddon, Northants.** 6 Oct, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Alison Collins 1, Iris R D Webb 2, S Ruddlesden 3, Hazel Withers 4, P Fleckney (C) 5, D P Western 6. For Harvest Festival. £1

**Elveden, Suffolk.** 14 Oct, 1280 P.B. Major: C Stannard 1, T Curzon 2, E Bishop 3, Sheila Curzon 4, R Stannard 5, Valerie J Woodward (1st Major as C) 6, E Nice 7, H Fuller 8. For Harvest Festival. £1

**Fiddington, Som.** 10 Oct, 1260 St. Clement's Bob Minor: L T Richards 1, Andrea B Goddard 2, A J F Frost 3, T Munslow (1st in m) 4, Sally K Wheeler 5, A F Lee (C) 6. 50p

**Filton, Avon.** 12 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: G Leddra (1st on treble) 1, J Welch 2, Ann Anderson 3, Wendy Goodliffe 4, B H Goodliffe (C) 5, E Welch 6. £1

**Friskney, Lincs.** 19 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: Rebecca Hopkins Harrison 1, Angela Smalley 2, Audrey L Harrison 3, P T Carr 4, G D Harrison 5, J Barrow (C) 6. To celebrate the marriage of Nicola Welch and David Askham. 60p

**Fulbourn, Cambs.** 26 Sept, 1260 Minor (6m): C A Johnson 1, S K Sheldon 2, I Grant 3, J E White 4, R A Mason 5, M R Kitson (C) 6. Also 29 Sept, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: C A Johnson 1, J E White 2, S K Sheldon 3, R A Mason 4, I Grant 5, M R Kitson (C) 6. For evensong. £1

**Grappenhall, Ches.** 13 Oct, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: M Thomson 1, N Thomson 2, E C Gorton 3, G A Littler 4, B J Ongley 5, C A Bradshaw 6, M Murphy 7, D J Pigg (C) 8. For thanksgiving and the Patronal Festival. £1

**Great Barton, Suffolk.** 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Elizabeth Tomlin 1, A J Blumfield 2, Winifred Ivings 3, H Ivings 4, A D Fisk (C) 5, H J Culpin 6. £1

**Great Totham, Essex.** 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: F A Delderfield 1, E Parsons 2, D R Barclay 3, Susan Spurgeon 4, T Spurgeon (C) 5, D J Beard 6. For confirmation service by the Bishop of Colchester, at which five local ringers were confirmed. £1

**Greenwich, London SE10.** 13 Oct, 1250 Sheppey S. Major: Sara C Phelps 1, M J Turnock 2, Freda Cannon 3, D G Hollis 4, W D Lanyon 5, I P Stevenson 6, N R Parsons (C) 7, A S Baker 8. 1st in m for all. For evensong. 50p

- Handsworth, S. Yorks.** 9 Oct, 1260 Doubles (2m): Janet Bashforth 1, A Beevers 2, M Coles 3, J J L Gilbert 4, I Coates (C) 5, C D Munday 6. 75p
- Hatfield Broad Oak, Essex.** 29 Sept, 1320 S. Minor (2m): G V Pearson 1, Jennifer M Moore 2, W H Aley 3, Mary Bone 4, T Taylor 5, F J P Bone (C) 6. Compliment to the vicar on the Silver Jubilee of his ordination, and for Harvest Festival. £1.20
- Haughton, Staffs.** 5 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: P Thomas 1, L E Venables 2, Sandra Penson 3, D I Stanford 4, C Adams (C) 5. A wedding compliment to Paula Bunyan and Michael Francis. 50p
- Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset.** 19 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. P Whitfield 1, Mrs. G Salmon 2, C P Wainwright 3, P G Whitfield 4, G Salmon (C) 5, R J Adams 6. Following the wedding of Gene Plummer, a ringer at this church, to Ernie Cluett. £2
- Hertford, Herts.** (St. Andrew). 15 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Denise A Lloyd 1, Heather A Lloyd 2, Cynthia Spaul 3, S E James 4, A MacKenzie 5, R Hornby 6, M G Lloyd (C) 7, D Kemp 8. For evensong. £1
- Heswall, Mers.** 13 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Wallace 1, R Peers 2, Carol Parr 3, Christine Grimmett 4, P Mills 5, P D Hughes 6, J S T Willasey (C) 7, J G Lifton 8. Also 1 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J S T Willasey 1, Kathryn Barlow 2, Jenny Coe 3, Susan Wallace (C) 4, R Peers 5, P D Hughes 6, J G Lifton 7, M Lloyd Morris 8. £1.60
- Horsham, Sussex.** 13 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Brenda Jones 1, Sandra Smith 2, Marion Sheppard 3, Patricia Wheeler 4, P J Franklin (C) 5, S G Ponting 6. 60p
- Hughenden, Bucks.** 6 Oct, 1342 Superlative S. Major: R Blaby 1, A Newton 2, Joyce Cornwall 3, P Newton 4, Gillian Hazell 5, R Biggs 6, R Hazell 7, D Cornwall (C) 8. 50p
- Hunsdon, Herts.** 18 Oct, 1280 Spliced S. Major (8m): W H Aley 1, Katherine E Cobb 2, D E Cobb 3, J S Rank 4, T Taylor 5, F E Warboys 6, L Luck 7, J S Warboys (C) 8. £1.50
- Hurstpierpoint, W. Sussex.** 6 Oct, 1260 Doubles (2m): Elizabeth Rand (1st attempt) 1, Anna Tester 2, Heather Jordan 3, S W Brown 4, H W Brown (C) 5, D J Brown 6. For Harvest Festival evensong. £1
- Illston-on-the-Hill, Leics.** 17 Oct, 1320 Allendale S. Minor: D E Webster 1, Gwyneth M Tyler 2, Cathie Axford 3, R J Holyland 4, P M Atkins (C) 5, T A Iliffe 6. 1st in method for all except 2. 50p
- Iwerne Minister, Dorset.** 27 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Dianne Benfield 1, Jean H Kennard 2, M H Cory 3, P Bosworth (1st in m as C) 4, A C D Lovell-Wood 5. In memory of Mrs. Lily Crabbe who died 27th September 1985, aged 78. Also 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: Dianne Benfield (1st in m) 1, Jean H Kennard 2, P A L Rioch 3, M H Cory 4, D J Knight 5, P Bosworth (C) 6. For evensong. £1.20
- Kenninghall, Norfolk.** 15 Oct, 1428 P.B. Triples: N W Haggitt 1, H B Fuller 2, J Warren 3, C E G Banham 4, F C Arnold 5, M Walland 6, D F Riley (C) 7, S Flatman (cover) 8. 1st Triples - 1 & 3. For Harvest Festival evensong. £1.60
- Kersey, Suffolk.** 9 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: Claire Partridge (1st in m) 1, H D Bellman 2, Jennifer Whittell (C) 3, Kate Bellman 4, N F Whittell 5, R C Howe 6. To celebrate the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mowles, also as a birthday tribute to the ringer of the 2nd. £1
- Kewstoke, Avon.** 6 Oct, 1260 Doubles (11m): G Perry 1, S Lewis 2, D Hawkings 3, C A Swatton 4, J S Walton (C) 5, G Kingdon 6. For morning service. 50p
- Kibworth Beachamp, Leics.** 16 Oct, 1260 Doubles (32 m/v): A Behagg 1, Thelma E Staples 2, P W Mayne 3, J Wadkin 4, T A Iliffe (C) 5. For Patronal Festival. 50p
- Knutsford, Ches.** 6 Oct, 1320 Kent T.B. & Cambridge S.: D M Hunns 1, Shirley Harris 2, Jackie Roberts 3, A Hopkins 4, P Townsend 5, Revd. B Harris (C) 6. For the celebration of the 10th birthday of the Church Youth Group. £1
- Lacock, Wilts.** 17 Oct, 1260 Doubles (7m): Zena Woodley 1, R M Stubbs 2, Kate Rouse 3, Maggie Willans 4, R W Willans (C) 5, P A Wall 6. By Bathwick ringers as a tribute in memory of Michael J. Stubbs' lost youth - 21 on 16th October.
- Leeds, W. Yorks.** (St. Anne, R.C.). 16 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: Gail Levine 1, C B Dove 2, Helena J Shaw 3, Margareta E Dewine 4, M Everett 5, M A Shaw (C) 6. 60p
- Lelant, Cornwall.** 12 Oct, 1320 S. Minor (Beverly & Surfleet): T R Sullivan 1, Claudia A Critchley 2, G W Critchley 3, R A Currell 4, M G H Hood 5, A J Davidson (C) 6. 60p
- Lewisham, London.** 6 Oct, 1250 Wight S. Major: C M Gould 1, Freda Cannon 2, P V D Swift 3, W D Lanoy 4, H M Williamson 5, D G Hollis 6, N R Parsons (C) 7, A S Baker 8. 1st blows in the method for all. For evensong. 50p
- Lindfield, W. Sussex.** 12 Oct, 1280 P.B. Major: Mary Lowans 1, E H Parkyns 2, Jennifer Stepton-Allan 3, S R T Pocock 4, F R Marshall 5, Richard A Hutchings 6, P J Franklin (C) 7, Raymond A Hutchings 8. £1
- Littleham, Devon.** 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Ali J Davies (1st Q) 1, Ruth Kelly 2, F W Williams 3, C C Deem 4, N E Deem (C) 5, R Payne 6. For Matins. Wedding compliments to Alan Sinden and Julie Purchase married on 12th October 1985. 50p
- Locking, Avon.** 6 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Caroline Dredge 1, Marjorie Legg (C) 2, C Nicholls (1st Q) 3, June Legg 4, G Prescott (C) 5, C Hornett 6. For Harvest Festival. £1
- Long Buckby, Northants.** 22 Sept, 1260 Doubles (5m): Valerie Clewitt 1, P Clewitt 2, R F Waddy 3, S M Ruddlesden 4, K W Brown (C) 5. For British Legion "Battle of Britain" service. 50p
- Lowestoft, Suffolk.** 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Triples: Pauline E Gorrod 1, E Sybil M McLean 2, Judith A Allen 3, C R McLean 4, G A Sutherland 5, D R McLean (C) 6, A E Crowe 7, J B Gorrod 8. For evensong and a birthday compliment to 4th (10th October). £1
- Middlewich, Ches.** 11 Oct, 1250 Ealing S. Major: A Hopkins 1, Shirley Harris 2, Jackie Roberts 3, Cynthia Warrilow 4, R J Warrilow 5, R A Shekelton 6, I R Nichols 7, Revd. B Harris (C) 8. 1st in method by all except conductor. £1
- Mildenhall, Suffolk.** 4 Oct, 1260 P.B. Triples: P R Meyer 1, Helen J Waterfield 2, P G Goodwin 3, Jane M Meyer 4, P J Waterfield 5, A D Stacey 6, P G Waterfield (C) 7, C R Nunn 8. 50p
- Mollington, Oxon.** 7 Oct, 1260 Minor (Single Oxford & P.B.): Jennifer Winslow (1st Minor) 1, R Taylor 2, J F Thorne 3, R A Sutherland 4, M Sayers 5, C F Mew (C) 6. 60p
- Monken Hadley, Herts.** 11 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J Fielden 1, Valerie Maynard 2, A Warren 3, Sheila Spreadbury 4, C Ward 5, Ruth Foreman 6, A Spreadbury (C) 7, D Elderkin 8. After the marriage of Richard Tayler and Maureen Coelho. £1
- Nazeing, Essex.** 13 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J Seymour 1, Joan Mansfield (1st in m) 2, W H Aley (C) 3, R G Seymour 4, F Mansfield 5, K Knapp 6. For Harvest Festival. 60p
- Nazeing, Essex.** 14 Oct, 1320 All Saints Doubles: Joan Mansfield 1, W H Aley (C) 2, F Mansfield 3, T Taylor (1st in m) 4, R G Seymour 5, A Peacock 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Reverend D. R. Read vicar of All Saints, Nazeing, 1961-1977, whose funeral took place earlier this day. 60p
- Newport, I.O.W.** 6 Oct, 1272 Minor (2m): Kate Bonathan 1, Julia R Ladd 2, Jane Young 3, B Lockhart 4, P T Young 5, D A Weir (C) 6. For evensong. £1
- Norbury, Ches.** 20 Sept, 1312 Dorchester S. Major: Joyce Gardner 1, Shirley Harris 2, R J Warrilow 3, Cynthia Warrilow 4, Jackie Roberts 5, R A Shekelton 6, G R Gardner 7, Revd. B Harris (C) 8. 1st in the method by all. £1
- North Ockendon, Essex.** 20 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Ann Beech 1, Kathy Ramsden (1st inside) 2, Alison Beech (C) 3, A Beech 4, B H Beech 5, M J Warren 6. For morning service. 50p
- Offwell, Devon.** 17 Oct, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: W R Trickey 1, W F Garner 2, Maureen E Hawkins 3, Derek J Hawkins 4, B Horrell (C) 5, C C Deem 6. 50p
- Othery, Som.** 8 Oct, 1260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: L T Richards 1, Andrea B Goddard 2, Sally K Wheeler 3, C T Clarke 4, A F Lee 5. Jointly conducted by 2, 3, 4 & 5. 50p
- Over Stowey, Som.** 17 Oct, 1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: A Hunt 1, Rosemary Hignam 2, D Westlake 3, T Mounslow (1st in m) 4, Sally K Wheeler 5, D C Polly (C) 6. 60p
- Pattingham, Staffs.** 1 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D Everett 1, Avril Rolfe 2, Sarah Dodd 3, Gail Baggott (C) 4, E Heath 5, J Baggott 6, P Sell 7, A Wilcox 8. 31st birthday compliment to 6th. Also 6 Oct, 1260 Kent T.B. Minor: N Bramall 1, Sarah Dodd (1st in m) 2, A Wilcox 3, E Heath 4, J Whittall 5, P Sell (C) 6. £1.20
- Penn, Bucks.** 12 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: Flossie Smith 1, Queenie Brown 2, Elizabeth Struckett 3, Delia Williams 4, Doris Randall (C) 5, Barbara Wright 6. By members of the Trefoil Guild to mark the 75th birthday of the Girl Guides Association. £1
- Polstead, Suffolk.** 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: S Sephton (1st attempt) 1, Elsie Braybrook 2, R Lynn 3, A Thompson 4, E Hynard (250th as C) 5, Mary Hynard 6. For evensong. 60p
- Portishead, Som.** 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: V J Williams 1, Gina D Burgess 2, A J Gould 3, R J Gale 4, J H Gilbert 5, Janet K Wyatt (1st Minor as C) 6. For evensong. £1
- Saint Peter in Thanet, Kent.** 20 Oct, 1320 Doubles (11 m/v): Hazel Basford 1, Susan Cook 2, M J Cook 3, Sonia K Stockwell 4, P M Stockwell (C) 5, E J Nicholls 6. Half-muffled in memory of Jane Thorne. 80p
- Saint Martin-in-the-Fields, London WC2.** 20 Oct, 1250 Spliced S. Maximus (4m): I W Blake 1, Anne M Anthony 2, Joanna M Ainsworth 3, D Dearnley 4, M Wheel 5, Stephanie J Regin 6, I H Oram 7, Gwen Rogers 8, G A Duke (C) 9, A S Braben 10, A Regin 11, I G Campbell 12. For evensong, compliment to Dominic Ian Duke, christened here this day. £2
- Salisbury, Wilts.** (St. Thomas). 29 Sept, 1260 Stedman Triples: Margaret Edwards 1, A J Howes 2, Elizabeth Champion 3, Claire Darlington (1st Stedman Triples) 4, L A Page 5, Gretta Harvey 6, Pauline Champion (C) 7, R C Harvey 8. 30th birthday compliment to Gretta Harvey, one of the youngest 30-year-olds we know. Also 6 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Diane Emsley 1, June M Webb 2, Claire Darlington 3, Elizabeth Champion 4, Gretta Harvey 5, R Harvey 6, A J Howes (C) 7, D Edwards 8. For Harvest Festival and also a 23rd wedding anniversary compliment to the parents of Daren Edwards. £1
- Sheffield, S. Yorks.** (Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul). 15 Sept, 1280 Cambridge S.M.: R J Johnston (C) 1, Katherine J Smith (1st Surprise) 2, Judith M Fletcher 3, Helen P Taylor 4, S R Darwin 5, Wendy Anderson 6, S J Reading 7, M J Platt 8. £1
- Shirley, W. Mids.** 7 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E J Franklin 1, C P Hope 2, Pamela J Timms 3, Judith M Russell 4, J B Webb 5, Margaret J Barber 6, C D Baugh (C) 7, E J Cole 8. To welcome H.R.H. The Princess Anne to Shirley for the opening of the Community Centre. £1
- Shoreham by Sea, W. Sussex.** 13 Oct, 1260 Doubles (2m): R Challen 1, A J Nicol 2, R M Palmer 3, Dr. D H C Taylor 4, H F Pettifer (C) 5, R J Pike 6. For evensong. By a "Ricardo" band, in the year marking the centenary of the birth of Sir Harry Ricardo, founder of the firm of Ricardo Consulting Engineers. £1
- Shottesbrooke, Berks.** 13 Oct, 1271 Winchendon Place Doubles: Ann F Saddleton 1, P E J Saddleton 2, P A B Saddleton (C) 3, R S J Saddleton 4, D R Smith (25th Q) 5, Angela M Smith (1st Q) 6. For Harvest Thanksgiving. £1
- Silk Willoughby, Lincs.** 11 Oct, 1320 Beverley S. Minor: Sally J Collin 1, Gwen I Bloomfield (1st in m) 2, Barbara Cliphamp 3, Sylvia M Collin 4, P D Collin 5, D J Sutton (1st in m as C) 6. For Harvest Festival. 50p
- Silk Willoughby, Lincs.** 13 Oct, 1260 St. Clement's Minor: R H Rogers (C) 1, Janet I Rogers 2, W A Holmes 3, R P Muspratt (1st in m) 4, J W Haw 5, G R Dawson 6. For Harvest Festival evensong. £1
- South Hackney, London E9.** 20 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: Helen M McGregor 1, Susan F Hyett 2, Anne Robertson 3, S Davies 4, P V M Parkes 5, P J R Bevis (C) 6. 60p
- South Lopham, Norfolk.** 6 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jonathan Scott 1, Julia Avons 2, S G Flatman 3, M Avons 4, T G Boast (C) 5, A G Driver 6. For Harvest Festival. £1
- Spitalfields, London E1.** 13 Oct, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: N Simon 1, Penny Flaxman 2, C Caryer 3, D Davies 4, Lorna Champney (C) 5, D Sheppard 6. For evensong. Also to celebrate the birth of Eleanor to Nicholas and Ruth Simon. £1.20
- Spitalfield, London E1.** 20 Oct, 1280 Glasgow S. Major: P V M Parkes 1, Gillian M Palmer 2, S Davies 3, Helen M McGregor 4, R Andrew 5, P J R Bevis 6, J E Hawes 7, T M Davis (C) 8. 1st in method by all except conductor. 80p
- Spilsby, Lincs.** 19 Oct, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Lorna J Waite (1st T.B.) 1, G D Harrison 2, Audrey L Harrison 3, C V Waite (1st Surprise) 4, J Barrow 5, D Collin (C) 6. 60p
- Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex.** 22 Sept, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Judith C Wilkinson (1st Q) 1, A M Barber (C) 2, Anne P Wilkinson 3, A T Dixon 4, G R Wilkinson 5, E R Wilkinson 6. £1
- Stotfold, Beds.** 6 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jackie Castledine 1, A J Castledine 2, R V Webb 3, Eileen Castledine 4, T Fraer 5, P Mehew 6, J R Castledine (C) 7, R Werrett 8. 1st in method by the local band. £1
- Stretton, Ches.** 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: D Houghton 1, Jen Darling 2, Sarah Owen 3, E C Gorton 4, N Thomson (C) 5, N Houghton 6. 1st inside - 2 & 3. For the 21st anniversary of the 21st Warrington (1st Appleton) Scout Group. £1
- Sunderland, Tyne & Wear.** (Roker). 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: L Nicholas (1st Q) 1, B Wilkinson 2, Christine Richardson 3, Heather B Horn 4, P S Davey 5, M Chester (C) 6. For Harvest Festival. Also 20 Oct, 1260 Doubles (2m): B Wilkinson 1, M Chester (C) 2, Christine Richardson 3, Heather B Horn 4, P S Davey 5, Claire Howell (1st Q) 6. Prior to baptism service for Carolyn Jane Wilkinson, daughter of Brian and Morag. £1.60
- Thorrington, Essex.** 13 Oct, 1260 Minor (3m): Daisy Andrews 1, Sara Orman 2, G Button 3, Eileen Button 4, A Andrews 5, N Orman (C) 6. In memory of Ada Greenway. 50p
- Timbury, Avon.** 22 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C Robinson 1, J Wilkinson 2, S Matthews 3, G Allen 4, T Spearing (C) 5, P Sutton 6. By three

Priston and three Timsbury ringers for Harvest evensong, as a farewell to Father Clifford Jones, who was in charge of both parishes before leaving to live in Norwich. £1.20

**Treeton, S. Yorks.** 5 Oct, 1260 Doubles (4m): M Coles 1, J J L Gilbert 2, A Beevers 3, Helen Turner 4, I Coates (C) 5, C D Munday 6. For Harvest Festival. 75p

**Trumpington, Cambs.** 12 Oct, 1320 Double Oxford Bob Minor: M J Hawes 1, Rosemary J Palmer 2, A J Gilchrist 3, Anice M Gilchrist 4, M E Taylor 5, D F Murrell (C) 6. £1

**Twickenham, Middx.** 20 Oct, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: R S Hicks 1, M J Wigney 2, A F Thirst 3, Jennifer M Bunyan (C) 4, Sally A Gregory 5, D J Hodges (1st Yorkshire) 6, D J Atkins 7, J A Sealy 8. For evensong. 80p

**Waddington, Lincs.** 15 Oct, 1260 Childwall Bob Minor: D J Sutton (C) 1, Gwen I Bloomfield 2, Sylvia M Collin 3, A D H Bird 4, C R Asher 5, Barbara Clipsham (circled tower) 6. 1st in m - 1, 2, 4, 5 & 6. 50p

**Walpole, Norfolk.** 12 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: J D Shanklin 1, M B Davies 2, A Stevens 3, R Green 4, A J Mitchell 5, J Spiller (C) 6. And **Burwell, Cambs.** 1264 P.B. Major: M J Hawes 1, P Hensman 2, D F Murrell 3, J Hardy 4, C L Bell 5, W S Harwin 6, Wendy Smith (C) 7, G Bloom 8. As part of Ely D.A. Peal Day (originally arranged to be peals). £2.30

**Waltham Abbey, Essex.** 28 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Triples: June Whitcher 1, J A Hales 2, Jane Webster 3, Caroline Snell 4, O C R Webster (C) 5, K M Hudson 6, M J Burns 7, F A J Goodwin 8. For the marriage of Barry and Katherine Oakley. Also 29 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Webster 1, J A Hales 2, June Whitcher 3, K M Hudson 4, M J Burns 5, P R C Laws 6, O C R Webster (C) 7, F A J Goodwin 8. For Festival evensong, farewell compliment to Bishop John Trillo. Also 6 Oct, 1280 P.B. Major: Jane Webster 1, Caroline Snell 2, June Whitcher 3, J A Hales 4, O C R Webster (C) 5, K M Hudson 6, M J Burns 7, P R C Laws 8. Also 13 Oct, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Naomi Hales 1, Katherine Cobb 2, J A Hales 3, Linda Tovell 4, June Whitcher 5, S Hamant 6, K M Hudson 7, P R C Laws 8, D E Cobb (C) 9, J Hales 10. 79th birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd. £3.40

**Walton, Som.** 23 Sept, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Beverley Perry (circled tower 3 times - C) 1, Jennie E Llewellyn 2, L E Perry 3, B Greuter (circled tower) 4, Sheila Y Jenkins 5. 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. R. M. Perry, grandmother of treble and 3rd. 50p

**Ware, Herts.** 6 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B S Barnaby (1st away from tenor) 1, Heather A Lloyd 2, Denise A Lloyd 3, Diane J Plumb 4, R Hornby (C) 5, M G Lloyd 6. For evensong. £1

**West Wycombe, Bucks.** 26 Sept, 1260 P.B. Minor: Mrs. L West (1st Minor) 1, F West 2, P Newton 3, Miss L Young 4, D Clay 5, J Young (C) 6. Also 29 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. L West 1, F West 2, A Neale 3, Miss L Young 4, D Clay 5, R Clay 6, J Young (C) 7, J Clay 8. For confirmation service by the Bishop of Buckingham. £1

**Wethersfield, Essex.** (13 West Drive). 22 Sept, 1260 Minor (3m): S P Peverett (most methods in hand) 1-2, J R Peverett (C) 3-4, T J Peverett 5-6. 60p

**Whitchurch, Devon.** 11 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Sarah Lunt 1, E Barnaby 2, Eleanor Smith (1st Q) 3, Clare Bickle 4, G Mudge (C) 5, M Phillott 6. 70p

**Whittlesford, Cambs.** 14 Oct, 1440 Doubles (6m): I G Hinton 1, Frances M Hinton 2, Cathy J Lee 3, M H D O'Callaghan 4, P D Hinton (C) 5. 50p

**Wilburton, Cambs.** 20 Oct, 1260 Norwich S Minor: S Shipp 1, Gillian P A Bland 2, D F Murrell 3, Anice M Gilchrist (C) 4, Angela R R Fordham 5, A Yarrow 6. For morning service. £1

**Windsor, Berks.** (St. John Baptist). 6 Oct, 1334 P.B. Major: F T Blagrove (C) 1, Monica Blagrove 2, A L Pearson 3, N Phillips 4, V J Michael 5, E Armstrong 6, I S G Blagrove 7, J R Martin 8. For Harvest Festival evensong. £1

**Withyham, E. Sussex.** 9 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Rebecca H Player 1, Caroline V Harris 2, Robert N Harris 3, Carol A Anderson 4, Linda A Wallis 5, Keith A Player 6, David Featherstone (C) 7, Michael W Dixon 8. Half-muffled in memory of Charles Willmington buried earlier today, a local ringer for many years. £1

**Wittering, Cambs.** 8 Sept, 1260 P.B. Doubles: M E Allman 1, Clare Lemarie 2, Emma Allman (1st inside) 3, M J Lemarie (1st in m) 4, A Waller (C) 5, K Barklett 6. To mark the re-opening of the Sunday School in the renovated church barn. 64p

**Woodton, Norfolk.** 13 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Bridget Heighton 1, N P J Cossey 2, Nikki Heath 3, N M Thomas (C) 4, A H Roberts 5, C Boyce 6. For Sunday service and the baptism of David Kenneth Matthews and in remembrance of Hugh Coggles faithful servant of God. £1.20

**Woolpit, Suffolk.** 29 Sept, 1260 Doubles (2m):

Claire Reeves 1, E Cracknell 2, M J Rose (C) 3, H Dempster 4, Catherine Hall 5, P Twitchett (1st Q) 6. For evensong at the end of Suffolk Guild Quarter Peal Week. 60p

**Worle, Avon.** 29 Sept, 1260 Doubles (3m): J F S Lambard 1, C A Swatton 2, Veronica W Johnstone 3, D J Gay 4, D Hawkings (C) 5. For morning service. Also 6 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Caroline Newman (1st Q) 1, Allyson Newman (1st as C) 2, Marion Newman 3, J Cook 4, R A M Newman 5, H C A Button 6. For Harvest Festival. Also 13 Oct, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: J F S Lambard 1, Veronica W Johnstone 2, C A Swatton 3, S Lewis 4, D Hawkings 5, J S Walton (C) 6. For morning service. £1.80

**Worsley, Gtr. Man.** 3 Oct, 1250 Quedgley S. Royal: J F Outram 1, J R Jervis 2, G A Littler 3, C Bradshaw 4, Christine Andrew 5, A J Jobson 6, M Thomson 7, I W Taylor 8, M Murphy 9, N Thomson (C) 10. Birthday compliment to Pauline Taylor. £1

**Zennor, Cornwall.** 12 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: Eve Benney 1, T R Sullivan 2, Margaret P Byrne 3, W R Curtis 4, Revd. F M Bowers (C) 5, A J Davidson 6. 60p

## Quarter Peal Tours, Days, etc.

### GREEN LINE IS BLUE AND YELLOW

St. Luke's little summer came along a day late in order to grace the Hertford C.A. Western District's outing this year. The programme showed five towers in Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire, and 40 ringers, with one or two extras, climbed on to the coach eager for the fray. In fact, the first surprise was the coach itself. Driven by Malcolm as usual, it was a Green Line as expected, but painted in vivid shades of blue and yellow. Perhaps it looked green if it goes fast enough!

Our first call was Wicken, where we broke ourselves in with some gentle eight-bell ringing, finishing with a rather long touch of Stedman. The conductor's excuse was that it did not want to come round! We then went on to Potterspurty, where the ringing master had the usual problem that comes with a ground floor ring - the mystery of the disappearing ringers. A cracked stay on the treble (not caused by us) meant that the learners were confined to the inside bells. At Hanslope there was a long climb up the tall thin tower, and several people went right to the top to sample both the view and the sway. However, at the bottom were welcome cups of tea and coffee, brewed by Di and Mark Rogers who joined us for the day in their car. By this time, several people were wishing they had not eaten their tea-time sandwiches as soon as they got on the coach that afternoon! On to Stoke Goldington, where one rings from a gallery overlooking the church (easy to keep an eye on the children), and the last tower, Olney, which also sported the heaviest bells of the day. Here we managed to get the seventh wrong after one ringer had spurned all offers of help for the raise (so that is why it was light-set!). However, the last touch was rung with it up the right way.

And so to the pub, although as your correspondent had to take the children home to bed, I cannot say what went on there. It is probably best left to the imagination. Many thanks to the organisers, and to Malcolm for driving the coach and showing the children what all the buttons and levers were for.

PENNY WATSON

### FOR B.A.T.T.Y.

Sunday 13th October

**Bristol, Avon.** (St. Paul, Southville) 1260 St. Clements Minor: M J Stanley 1, R C Neal 2, J L Snawdon 3, P G Neil 4, G L Sparey 5, C M Stanley (C) 6 (St. Michael). 1272 London S. Minor: P R Graupner 1, S McKernan 2, Kathryn L Carter 3, G L Sparey 4, I P Hill 5, D M W Threlfall (C) 6. **Chew Stoke.** 1260 Plain Minor (2m): I P Hill 1, Esther M Byers 2, Janet A McKernan 3, S McKernan 4, G L Sparey 5, C M Stanley (C) 6. **Bristol.** (St. Matthew, Kingsdown). 1260 Grandsire Triples: Heather A Kippin 1, Eleanor J Kippin 2, C J P Scott 3, M Booth 4, M A Hamment 5, R C Kippin (C) 6, P Stevens 7, Esther M Byers 8. (Cathedral Church) 1260 Grandsire Triples: K W Scudamore 1, Elaine M Hopper 2, J Brain 3, S McKernan 4, L Cobb (C) 5, Linda Drew 6, C H P Pipe-Wolferstan 7, Janet A McKernan 8. **Winsford, Som.** 1260 Doubles (5m): Babs S M Bergdahl 1, M J Freeman (C) 2, A Ball 3, J A Dunstone 4, P J Bergdahl 5, Vicki M Bergdahl 6. £4

### ALTON & PETERSFIELD DISTRICT QUARTER PEAL WEEK

The Districts two previous quarter peal days have this year become a rather more leisurely week, a fact which has made organisation far less of a headache than previously.

Our objectives are firstly to involve as many District members as possible in ringing or in attempting quarter peals and secondly to achieve as many "firsts" as we can.

Nineteen quarters were attempted of which three, at Selborne, Bentworth and Liss Campanile were unfortunately lost. It will be noted that 12 "first quarters" and nine other "firsts" of various kinds were recorded. There were 10 different conductors and some 76 ringers all but a handful of whom were District members, participated.

A. T. COLLINS

Details of the 16 successful quarters are as follows:

**Alton, Hants.** 29 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Bridget Warren (1st Q) 1, Valerie Williams 2, Helen Williams 3, Anne Biddlecombe 4, B Mackrell (C) 5, S Woodyetts 6. And 6 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: A T Collins (C) 1, Elizabeth H Cook (1st inside) 2, Valerie Williams 3, Josephine Williamson 4, Ann Collins 5, F K Williamson 6. **Bentley.** 1 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Margaret L Evans 1, A T Collins 2, Hilda Carter 3, Ann Collins (C) 4, H Thompson 5, O Hudson 6. 1st Q - 1 & 6. **Binsted.** 27 Sept, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: A T Collins 1, Brenda A Mayle 2, Hilda Carter 3, Patricia Taeuber 4, Ann Collins (1st Surprise as C) 5, J A Mayle 6. For the 27th anniversary of the rededication of the bells. **Blackmoor.** 6 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: K White 1, P Soper (1st Q) 2, D Cooper 3, N Luker (1st inside) 4, A T Collins (C) 5, R Pickford 6. 1st attempt - 1 & 6. **Bramshott.** 11 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Sarah Merry 1, Mary West 2, G West 3, M Jackson 4, R Barber (C) 5, L West 6. 1st Q - 1 & 4. **Buriton.** 5 Oct, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Lynn Tipper (1st T.B.) 1, Ann Hall 2, K Sansom 3, J Passam 4, K A Tipper 5, R G Tipper (C) 6. For Harvest Festival. **East Meon.** 28 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara E Skilleter 1, J H Hunt (C) 2, W F J Cope 3, M J Donaldson (1st inside) 4, A G Forbes (1st Grandsire Triples) 5, S B Dunster 6, P W Hill 7, T J Laker 8. **Froyle.** 5 Oct, 1260 Minor (2m): Hilda Carter 1, Josephine Williamson 2, Ann Collins 3, F K Williamson 4, Patricia D Taeuber 5, A T Collins (C) 6. **Hawkley.** 2 Oct, 1260 P.B. Doubles: L West 1, Doris Barbery (1st inside) 2, Mary West 3, G West 4, R Barber (C) 5, J Wilson-Beales 6. 1st Q - 1 & 6. **Liss.** (St. Mary). 29 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Alex Kent (1st on 8) 1, M B Hough 2, S N Hough 3, J A Read 4, C A Pound 5, T S Bowles 6, D M Hughes (C) 7, D Jones 8. For evensong. Also 3 Oct, 1260 Doubles (3m): Nancy de Combe 1, J A Read 2, D M Hughes 3, G A Cane 4, S N Hough (C) 5, T S Bowles 6. Also 6 Oct, 1280 P.B. Major: Alex Kent 1, Linda Eames 2, R A Routh 3, S N Hough 4, D M Hughes 5, A C Chandler 6, W A Harris 7, M B Hough (C) 8. 1st Major - 1 & 6. For evensong and Harvest Festival. **Petersfield.** 5 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Dawn Cane 1, Lynn Tipper 2, K A Tipper 3, K Sansom 4, Jacque Sutton 5, G Cane 6, R G Tipper (C) 7, M Brunton 8. For Harvest Festival. **Privett.** 5 Oct, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Lynn Tipper (1st Stedman) 1, Ann Hall 2, K A Tipper 3, K Sansom 4, R G Tipper (C) 5, R A Routh 6. For Harvest Festival. **Steep.** 1 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: Cecily C Roberts 1, Margaret Ayleiff 2, Ann Hall 3, Jill Townsend 4, R A Routh 5, A J Townsend (C) 6. £12

### SOUTH YORKSHIRE SINGLES

Most of the rings of three in the Darfield sphere of influence have been heard during September/October, when by good fortune, Harvest and other special services were all held on different Sundays. So, Barnburgh and Darfield ringers have made that "extra" effort to ring them for these joyous occasions. Outstanding amongst them has been the return to ringing of the good-going bells of St. Wilfrid, Hickleton. Silent for three years, they have come back into action but not from upstairs as before but from the ground floor, from either side of the west end organ. Numbers 2 and 3 cannot see each other so they have to look into a strategically placed mirror. (Perhaps unique? - it is hoped to have the bells available to Y.A.C.R. ringers in February). Unusual though Hickleton is, Hooton Pagnell is almost as unique - here numbers 1 and 2 are separated from number 3 by the "musical box" and attendant wires that play automatic tunes every three hours on the chime of nine bells in the tower (another one for Y.A.C.R. member to try out!). The awkward three's at Marr and High Melton were also rung before their Harvest services as well. All this being a vast improvement on the complete silence in 1975 from all the towers mentioned!



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## Birth

**THIMBLEBY** - To Trevor and Penny on 26 October, a son, John William, a brother for Jessica and Emma. 2130

## Personal

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS** and personal messages for the Christmas edition of *The Ringing World* can be sent to us any time now. These and other adverts/notices for the Christmas edition must be received by us no later than **Monday, 9 December**, please.

**RINGING FRIENDS IN NORFOLK** - Thank you all very much. Come and help us empty it sometime! Chris and Sally Thomas. 2124

## Change of Address

**CHAPMAN** - Colin, Ann and Emma are now living at 20 Mews Court, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9PF. Telephone number unchanged. 2128

**DARBY, Frank** - 31 Sawkins Close, Wimbledon, London SW19 6JU. (Phone: 01-789 9364.) 2123

**SMITH** - Clive, Lucy, Martin (and Wendy sometimes) of 2 Abnalls Lane, Lichfield, Staffs. Tel. No. is now Lichfield 264539 and STD Code 0543. 2107

**WOOD** - Mark, Anne and Celia. B.T. has changed our number from 05432-54585 to 0543-254585. All callers please pause in the correct place. 2133

## Holidays

**SCHOFFIELDS ANNUAL TOUR**, 16th to 24th August. H.Q. Melville Hotel, Falmouth. By National Coach, touring South West, starting from Witney and Tewkesbury. Five seats only, ringers or non-ringers. 65 Bramley Road, Tewkesbury GL20 8AQ. (0684) 292028. 2116

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## Mid-week Meetings

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**, S E District. Square Dance, Danbury, St John's School Hall, Fri, Dec 6, 7.30-11.30 pm. Tickets £2.75, including chicken and chip supper. Caller, Len Janaway. Contact Sue Spurgeon (Dan. 2733). 1923

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL**, Bristol City Twelve-bell practice at Redcliffe, Dec 5, 7 pm. Ten-bell practice at Christ Church, Dec 9, 7.30 pm. No Saturday practices in December. 2038

## Saturday Meetings & Practices

**ELY DA**, Wisbech District Meeting at Elm, Saturday November 23. Bells 3pm, Service 4.30, Tea, Business Meeting, evening ringing. Special method: London S Minor. All welcome. 2034

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**, NW District. Business meeting, Sat, Nov 23. Ringing from 3-3.45 pm at Rickling and 3.30-4.15 pm at Farnham. Service, tea and evening ringing at Manuden. 2142

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**DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY**, Sat, Nov 30, Rawmarsh (8) 7-9 pm. 2087

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION**, Northern District. Sat, Dec 7, Aston (6), 6.30 to 8.30 pm. M.J.C. 2073

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# Quarter Peal Tours

*Continued*
**STOTFOLD OUTING '85**

 This year's outing saw a change of management,  
the ring-leader being Richard Castletine.

 Regrettably the coach driver this time was not up  
to the (usually high) standard, causing lateness  
despite good planning by the organiser.

 Having picked up as per normal at Meppershall,  
Shefford, Arlesey and Stotford the vehicle arrived at  
Wathington, where we found a rather heavy-going  
ground floor eight.

 A very pleasant ringing room at Wallingford, and  
the bells are not bad either, a course of Bristol was  
included. Henley was the lunch venue, and was a  
most admirable choice, there are several good pub/  
restaurants by the riverside. The local ringers  
obviously enjoy a joke - the tower houses a wartime  
warning of butterfly bombs nearby!

 Ringing continued at Sonning, for some the best  
ring - a Taylor octave with Gillett brightness. A good  
course of London, probably the best struck touch of  
the day, contained probably the best "rhythmt" of  
the day.

 Cookham are a handy ring of bells, although the  
trebles are a little quiet, Philip Mehew noticed a peal  
board recording a peal he had called there x-years  
ago (a Purbeck Youths band).

 A nasty accident was averted outside Beacons-  
field church; a lady ringer in the act of disembarking,  
tripped and fell halfway down the coach steps  
before being restrained by fellow ringers nearby.  
Although understandably bruised and shaken, she  
did have a ring and was able to indulge in the social-  
ising, for which several suitable buildings were  
found within walking distance.

 It does the Stotfold band credit that, despite the  
District outing being reduced to a car tour this year,  
their trip was as popular as ever and the 47 seats on  
the coach were all but filled with locals and friends  
from as far afield as Essex and Staffordshire.

 Stan Ashton expressed our thanks to Richard for a  
bumper day out.

"As New Void"

**THE BISHOPSTONE TOURING BAND  
1985**

 On Monday 1st October 1984, Reverend Father  
Raymond C. Wallis (rector of St. Peter, Upwell,  
Norfolk from 1980 to 1984) was instituted as vicar  
of Bishopstone, East Sussex. During the evening Fr.  
Ray suggested to Paul R. Meyer (Captain, St. Peter,  
Upwell) that some of the ringers and friends should  
visit the Bishopstone area and ring some bells  
"down this way". Thus the seed was sown for "The  
Bishopstone Weekend". So on the evening of Friday  
13th September (we could not have picked a more  
unlucky day to travel) the chosen eight gathered at  
H.Q. (a hotel "somewhere in Seaford"). Six quarter  
peals were planned for the Saturday: one Triples,  
one Doubles and four Minor, of the six, four lasted  
the distance. The Saturday evening was set aside for

 a social gathering with Ray and Pat Wallis at Bishop-  
stone vicarage, everyone soon catching up with the  
gossip from "the other end". Thanks Ray and Pat for  
your hospitality. On the Sunday morning the touring  
band attended the 9.45 Communion at Bishopstone  
before departing towards Kent for the last two  
quarter peals. We arrived a little late for the first  
attempt (having seen *far too much* of Tunbridge  
Wells, including repeats!!) but we did not keep any-  
one waiting, the "local with the keys" was also  
delayed (not in T.W. though) and so we "grabbed"  
the tower for half an hour. The weekend was  
rounded off in style with a quarter in four Minor  
methods.

 Our thanks to everyone who assisted in arranging  
towers and meeting us, including those at Ripe,  
Willingdon and Nettlesstead where we did not quite  
make the grade.

P.R.M.

**Saturday 14th September**
**Seaford, Sussex.** 1260 P.B. Triples: H T Green-  
acre 1, G Knight 2, Sarah R Reedman 3, Paul R  
Barker (1st Triples) 4, Jane M Meyer 5, S S Meyer 6,  
P R Meyer (C) 7, R Coates 8 **East Hoathly.** 1304  
Plain & Little Bob Minor: R Coates 1, Sarah R  
Reedman 2, H T Greenacre 3, P R Barker 4, Jane M  
Meyer 5, P R Meyer (C) 6. 1st Plain & Little by all.  
**Pevensey.** 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: H T Green-  
acre 1, S S Meyer 2, Sarah R Reedman 3, G Knight 4,  
Jane M Meyer 5, P R Meyer (C) 6 **Little Horsted.**  
1320 Kent T.B. Minor: R Coates (1st T.B.) 1, P R  
Meyer 2, Jane M Meyer 3, Paul R Barker 4, S S  
Meyer (C) 5, G Knight 6.

**Sunday 15th September**
**Seal, Kent.** 1272 Spliced Minor (4m): P R Barker  
(25th Q) 1, Sarah R Reedman 2, Jane M Meyer 3, G  
Knight 4, P R Meyer 5, S S Meyer (C) 6. £3.20

**MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD  
QUARTER PEAL DAY  
Saturday 12th October**
**Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. (St. Paul)** 1260 Grand-  
sire Doubles: Elvia Bennett (1st Q) 1, D P Jones (C) 2,  
W G Hair 3, Noreen Atkinson 4, C K Atkinson 5, D R  
Rookyard 6 For the Autumn Fair at this church  
**Lichfield. (St. Michael)** 1260 Doubles (10 m/v):  
Katie Buxton (1st Q) 1, Amanda Butcher 2, D E  
Pomeroy 3, A J Marson 4, Gillian Eastwood (C) 5, D  
M Webb 6 **Nether Whitacre, Warks.** 1320 P.B.  
Doubles: Q Howell 1, K Fox 2, Elizabeth Fox 3,  
Deborah Fox (C) 4, R Dale 5, J Whiskens 6. 1st Q - 3  
& 6 **Polesworth.** 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Dianne  
Quimby 1, R Dingley (1st Surprise) 2, M Brown (1st S.  
Minor) 3, A E Else 4, M Quimby (C) 5, K Wright 6.  
And 1260 P.B. Minor: Patricia Henley (1st Q) 1,  
Dianne Quimby 2, R Dingley 3, P T Bates 4, M  
Quimby 5, K Wright (C) 6 **Rolleston-on-Dove,  
Staffs.** 1320 P.B. Doubles: A Starbuck (1st Q) 1, R  
Barnett (1st inside) 2, Patsy Starbuck 3, D J Pipe 4, B  
G Meads (C) 5, J Hewitt 6. **Tutbury.** 1260 P.B.  
Triples: G Roobottom 1, Patsy Starbuck (1st on 8) 2,  
D P Jones (C) 3, R W Pye 4, D J Pipe 5, C Wilde 6, B  
G Meads 7, J Robinson 8. And 1260 P.B. Doubles: R  
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**Mere, Wilts.** 14 Sept, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: SR 1, JS (C), JB 3, SC 4, MB 5, NA 6, DS 7, AK 8  
**Newlyn East, Cornwall.** 15 Sept, 1260 P.B. Minor: AK 1, JB 2, CJ 3, SC 4, NA 5, MB (C) 6  
**Ladock.** 1280 London S. Major: SC 1, MB 2, JB 3, JS 4, NA 5, DS 6, SR 7, AK (1st in m as C) 8  
**Phillack.** 16 Sept, 1250 Pudsey S. Major: CJ 1, JB 2, AK 3, SC 4, JS 5, SR 6, NA 7, DS (1st in m as C) 8  
**Helston.** 1280 8-Spliced S. Major: SC 1, DS 2, JB 3, NA 4, JS 5, AK 6, MB 7, SR (C) 8  
**St. Anthony-in-Meneage.** 1328 Double Norwich C.B. Major: CJ 1, AK 2, SC 3, JS (250th Q) 4, DS 5, MB 6, SR 7, NA (1st in m as C) 8  
**St. Stephen-on-Brannell.** 17 Sept, 1250 Bristol S. Major: SR 1, NA 2, JS 3, JB 4, MB 5, SC 6, DS 7, AK (1st in m as C) 8  
**Luxulyan.** 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: AK 1, JB 2, NA 3, SC 4, MB (1st in m as C) 5, JS 6  
**Fowey.** 1260 Stedman Triples: JB 1, CJ 2, SC 3, SR 4, DS 5, JS (1st in m as C) 6, AK 7, MB 8  
**Lanhydrock.** 1250 Rutland S. Major: CJ 1, JB (1st in m as C) 2, NA 3, DS 4, SC 5, MB 6, SR 7, JS 8  
**St. Budock.** 18 Sept, 1250 Superlative S. Major: JB 1, DS 2, AK 3, NA 4, SR 5, MB 6, JS 7, SC (C) 8  
**To the memory of Bill Smith.** St. Gluvias. 1280 P.B. Major: AK 1, SR 2, JS (C) 3, MB 4, JB 5, SC 6, NA 7, DS 8  
**Kenwyn.** 1280 Cornwall S. Major: DS 1, JS 2, MB 3, NA 4, SC 5, MB 6, SR 7, AK (1st in m as C) 8  
**Truro Cathedral.** 1259 Grandsire Caters: CJ 1, JS 2, JB 3, MB 4, SC 5, SR (C) 6, NA 7, DS 8, AK 9  
**Stephen Goddard 10.** St. Mabyn. 1280 8-Spliced S. Major: AK (1st Spliced as C) 1, SR 2, JB 3, SC 4, DS 5, MB 6, NA 7, JS 8  
**St. Endellion.** 1320 Norwich S. Minor: CJ 1, SC 2, AK 3, NA 4, DS 5, SR (C) 6  
**Stratton.** 20 Sept, 1260 Grandsire Triples: SR 1, CJ 2, JB 3, JS (1st in m as C) 4, MB 5, DS 6, AK 7, NA 8  
**Kilhampton.** 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: MB 1, CJ 2, DS 3, NA 4, JB 5, AK 6, JS 7, SR (C) 8  
**Bridgerule, Devon.** 20 Sept, 1280 Bristol S. Major: CJ 1, JB 2, JS 3, MB 4, SR 5, AK 6, DS 7, NA (C) 8  
**St. Austell, Cornwall.** 1250 Lincolnshire S. Major: NA 1, CJ 2, AK 3, JB 4, MB 5, DS 6, SR 7, JS (1st in m as C) 8  
**St. Germans.** 21 Sept, 1280 Oxford T.B. Major: CJ 1, AK 2, JB 3, DS 4, NA 5, JS 6, MB 7, SR (C) 8  
**Lansallos.** 1280 8-Spliced S. Major: CJ 1, JB 2, NA 3, SR 4, AK 5, JS 6, MB 7, DS 8  
**Bradninch, Devon.** 22 Sept, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: JB 1, CJ 2, SR 3, JS (C) 4, AK 5, DS 6, MB 7, NA 8 £4.55

**FIVE IN A DAY IN WILTSHIRE**

Saturday 5th October

**Collingbourne Kingston.** 1320 Jude S. Minor (3m): C M Turner 1, Joy Freeman 2, Jude Bright 3, J A Sealy 4, D A Bright 5, D B Carter (C) 6  
**100th together - 4 & 5 Collingbourne Ducis.** 1298 London S. Minor: J A Sealy 1, Joy Freeman 2, D A Bright 3, Jude Bright 4, C M Turner 5, D B Carter (C) 6  
**Pewsey.** 1320 Alnwick S. Minor: Joy Freeman 1, C M Turner 2, Jude Bright 3, D A Bright (50th Q this year) 4, D A Strong 5, D B Carter (1st in m - C) 6  
**1st blows in method - 3, 4 & 5 Preshute.** 1320 Fryerning S. Minor: D A Bright 1, Joy Freeman 2, J A Sealy 3, D A Strong 4, C M Turner 5, D B Carter (C) 6  
**1st blows in m - 2 & 4 1st in m - 3, 5 & 6 25th together - 1 & 6 Ramsbury.** 1320 Carlisle S. Minor: D A Strong (25th this year) 1, Joy Freeman (1st blows in m) 2, Jude Bright 3, J A Sealy 4, C M Turner 5, D B Carter (C) 6 £2

**QUARTER PEAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1985**

by A. A. J. Buswell

For a change I give "Front Page Towers" first. When the vicar moved to **Bramley, Surrey** in 1980 the bells were silent (p.841) - well not quite. There was a quarter in 1964 and one for each of the years 1976 to 1979. The new vicar revived interest in the bells, for in 1980 three quarters were published and this was equalled again in 1984. The intervening years all had two thus giving a total of 19.

The edition of 18th October mentions four towers: Eversley; Pott Shrigley; Holy Trinity, Guildford; and St. Mary-le-Bow. London. **Eversley** has not had any quarters rung on their two bells (or have they?) and I know of none while they were a four. So when they become a ring of six it will be the first on the bells. **Pott Shrigley** has had one quarter of Singles rung in the middle of last year. **Holy Trinity, Guildford**, have 87 being well spread over the years although there was a silence of six years from 1969. The last tower on this page, **St. Mary-le-Bow, London** have four. Cambridge Major in 1968, Grandsire and P.B. Doubles in 1969, Grandsire Triples in 1971 but I did not record what was rung in the 1983 quarter.

From the report given about **Pen Selwood**, it is not surprising that no quarters have been rung here but after augmentation this may soon be rectified. There was no tower for the edition of 25th October.

No new methods have been rung this month but there are four "new towers":

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|----------------------|----------|
| Southrepps, Norfolk  | page 897 |
| Bennington, Lincs.   | 898      |
| Lurgan, Ireland      | 920      |
| Enniskillen, Ireland | 920      |

Landmarks have been reached by Weaverham, Broad Blunsdon, and Hailsham on scoring their first 100, while Hornchurch, Stroud and Frodsham have reached their second hundred.

The Timworth (Suffolk) ringers' are correct in believing that the recent quarter (p.878) is the second on the bells, the previous one being in 1973.

There appears to be a new trend creeping into the quarter peal columns and it has been particularly noticeable this month. I have counted 13 reports of quarters where no date was given. Whether these are genuine omissions by the sender I cannot tell but they may be a way of saving one's self the embarrassment of having to send in a late report!

**THREE IN A DAY IN SOMERSET**

Saturday 21st September

**Muchelney.** 1260 P.B. Doubles: Helen Ward 1, Lynne M Sawyer 2, Janet Rees 3, A H R Brierley 4, S R Knight (C) 5  
**Kingsbury Episcopi.** 1260 P.B. Minor: A H R Brierley 1, Elizabeth Sephton 2, Lynne M Sawyer 3, Helen Ward 4, Rachel E Rees 5, S R Knight (C) 6  
**For the Feast of St. Matthew Lyng.** 1260 Doubles (2m): S R Knight (C) 1, Rachel E Rees 2, Elizabeth Sephton 3, A H R Brierley 4, Janet Rees 5, C Southern (1st Q) 6  
**Birthday compliment to Nicola Rees.** £3

**DEVIZES BRANCH QUARTER PEAL DAY**

On Saturday, September 7th, the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers (and one or two unsuspecting friends) held a quarter peal day. Attempts met with varying degrees of success, and despite disappointments at Bradford-on-Avon, Christchurch (Plain Bob Major) and Trowbridge (Grandsire Caters), several "firsts" were achieved in the six successful quarters. These included an all-teenage quarter, which made at least two parents determined to succeed in their attempt, if only to avoid the gloating looks of their daughters over Sunday breakfast. The day was rounded-off with ringing at Potterne. C.H.

**West Lavington, Wilts.** 1260 Stedman Doubles: Jill Hamilton 1, Joy Parsons 2, P Hacker (1st Stedman as C) 3, P Chapman (1st Stedman) 4, M Baker 5, W Beaven 6  
**Devizes (Southbrook).** 1260 Grandsire Doubles: C Smith 1, Jill Hamilton 2, M Baker 3, P Chapman 4, J Saxton (C) 5, B Fox 6  
**For a wedding.** By regular Southbrook ringers. **Holt.** 1260 P.B. Doubles: Karen Purnell 1, Tanya Denton (1st as C) 2, Sharon England 3, A P Coward (1st inside) 4, Alison Ridley 5, Helen Purnell 6  
**By a teenage band, average age 16 years.** **Hilperton.** 1260 P.B. Minor: A Morris (1st Minor) 1, P B Lucas 2, B Coward 3, M Moyes 4, T Mozley 5, I Mozley (1st as C) 6  
**Melksham.** 1280 Cambridge S. Major: J Ferrar

1, Christine Purnell 2, Christine Harvey (1st S. Major) 3, J Romain 4, P Thorn 5, J Burry 6, D Strong 7, R J Purnell (C) 8  
**Bishops Cannings.** 1260 Stedman Triples: B Dark (1st Stedman Triples) 1, P Hacker 2, M Baker 3, J Burry 4, K Webb 5, D Bailey 6, J Romain (C) 7, D Cook 8  
**Dedicated to Emma Mary Coombes, christened at Bishops Cannings on Sunday, 1st September.** £5

**QUARTERS IN EAST SUSSEX**

Despite a lot of fog on the way we all met early at East Hoathly where Keith made a good job of guiding us through Beverley Surprise at Laughton, the band would like to associate the quarter with the late Frederick J. Lambert who partook in the first peal on the bells which was also P.B. Minor.

We managed to come unstuck with Double Oxford at Chiddingfold, at Ripe, however, on the left handed ring of five, Keith ably concluded Stedman Doubles for us.

After lunch the excellent Gillett six at Westham went well to Oxford Treble Bob and we finished the day at Pevensy with quite a good quarter of Double Court with 83.3 per cent success for the day.

**East Hoathly, Sussex.** (No dates given). 1320 Beverley S. Minor: Kathie A Matthews 1, F H Hicks 2, C C Blanks 3, H R F Cowsill 4, R Grieve 5, K J Matthews (C) 6  
**1st in m - 3 & 4 Laughton.** 1260 P.B. Minor: F H Hicks (C) 1, R Grieve 2, H R F Cowsill 3, Kathie A Matthews 4, K J Matthews 5, F H Hicks (C) 6  
**1st in m - 2 & 3 Pevensy.** 1260 Double Court Minor: C C Blanks 1, R Grieve 2, H R F Cowsill 3, Kathie A Matthews 4, K J Matthews 5, F H Hicks (C) 6  
**1st in m - 1, 3 & 6.** £4.50

**FURTHER AFIELD THAN USUAL!**

Cathryn, Leonard, Wendy and Arthur whilst on holiday on the canals, were joined by Ailsa and Godfrey on the morning of Saturday 7th September, for a mini outing, ringing at Stoke Bruerne and Blisworth followed by a quarter peal at Gayton, Northamptonshire.

**Gayton, Northants.** 1260 Doubles (5m): V Ailsa Gray 1, Cathryn M Andrews 2, G F Gray 3, A P King (most methods to a Q) 4, L A Huckstep (C) 5, Wendy J King 6.

Having collected our boat, and chugged up to Braunston, Northamptonshire, it was found that there was just time to ring a quarter peal here as well!

**Braunston, Northants.** 1260 Doubles (5m): V Ailsa Gray 1, Wendy J King (most methods to a Q) 2, G F Gray 3, A P King 4, L A Huckstep (C) 5, Cathryn M Andrews 6.

The next five days, on mooring up, it was found that we were either a day late or two days early for ringing. However we made up for this on Friday 13th, by ringing a quarter peal at Ecton, Northamptonshire, with the help of two local ringers (well they are more local than we are!).

**Ecton, Northants.** 1260 Kent T.B. Minor: Wendy J King (1st T.B.) 1, Cathryn M Andrews 2, P W H Barker 3, A P King 4, J Hadlee 5, L A Huckstep (C) 6  
**1st in m - 3, 4 & 5.**

The holiday was enjoyed by all, and the first three quarters rung outside of Kent by all four of us at the first attempts, made it even more enjoyable. Thanks to Ailsa, Godfrey, Peter and Jack for making them possible! £2.50

**CHESTERFIELD DISTRICT (Derby D.A.)**

QUARTER PEAL DAY

Saturday 12th October

**Barlborough, Derbys.** 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: T Simmons 1, Jennifer Mosley 2, Susan Simmons 3, Sarah Cross (1st in m) 4, S Moor 5, A M Dowell (1st as C) 6  
**Clowne.** 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Sheila Bloomfield 1, Jill Headridge 2, Hazel Jones (1st inside) 3, Kathryn Bloomfield 4, Deborah Machell 5, T Swift (C) 6  
**Creswell.** 1280 Kent & Oxford Spliced T.B. Major: Jane Holmes 1, Sheila Bloomfield 2, Deborah Machell 3, Kathryn Bloomfield 4, Susan Hall 5, A Hall 6, J Leary 7, T Swift (C) 8  
**Norton, S. Yorks.** 1280 P.B. Major: V Nixon 1, Deborah Machell 2, Susan Simmons 3, T Simmons 4, D Jones (1st inside) 5, Susan Hall 6, A Hall 7, T Swift (C) 8  
**Old Brampton, Derbys.** 1440 P.B. Minor: Nicola Jones (1st Q) 1, B Goodwin 2, A M Dowell 3, Jane Holmes 4, J Leary 5, C Wragg (C) 6  
**Staveley.** 1280 P.B. Major: V Nixon 1, Jane Holmes 2, J Leary 3, S Moor 4, A Hall 5, Susan Hall 6, C Wragg 7, A Dowell (1st Major as C) 8. £8.40

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M.C.W.S

Wicken peal marked with quarter

The first peal on the bells at Wicken, Northants took place on 4th November, 1905 and consisted of 5040 changes of Grandsire and Antelope Doubles. That peal was also the first for the then-named Towcester Association.

In a quarter to mark the 80th anniversary of the peal the treble was rung by George Green, grandson of George Green who who rang the treble in the peal and J. Green rang the 4th (he is the great grandson of T. Green who rang the 4th in the peal). W. Yates and George Holland are long serving Wicken ringers while P. Keens and T. Green are recent recruits. R. Yates and Claire Yates are son and daughter-in-law of W. Yates.

This combination of old and new repeated in part the considerable achievements of 80 years ago.

**Wicken, Northants.** 5 Nov, 1260 Grandsire and Antelope Doubles: Claire Yates (1st on 8) 1, Geo Holland 2, Geo Green (C) 3, J Green 4, W Yates 5, P Keens (1st Q) 6, R Yates 7, T Green 8. To mark the 80th anniversary of the first peal on the bells and for the Towcester Association (now the Towcester Branch of the Peterborough D.G.) £2

75th Anniversary celebrations in West Dorset

The bells of Bradpole Church rang out in celebration on 26th October for the 75th anniversary of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Despite the two wars and the fast move forward into a new age, the membership of the Branch, today, is around the same as when it was formed in 1910. The inaugural meeting was held in the local schoolroom on 27th October 1910, under the chairmanship of the local ringing vicar, The Revd. Charles H. Langford. The vicar became the chairman of the Branch and school teacher, T. Hervey Beams was elected Ringing Master.

At the anniversary service ringers from Bradpole, Lyme Regis, Symondsburys, Evershot, Melbury Osmund, Rampisham, Burton Bradstock, Toller Porcorum, Netherbury, Bridport, Askerswell, together with Mrs. Godley the Guild President, Judith Robertson the Guild Secretary, and other ringing and non ringing friends were treated to an inspiring address

preached by the Revd. Oliver Wilmott, one of our longest serving Branch members. The service was conducted by the Revd. Richard Tebbs.

After the service the Branch adjourned to the Village Hall for a splendid supper, served buffet style by the local ringers' wives and ladies of the Branch. A sherry toast was drunk and then a splendid iced cake, made by Dorothy David, the wife of our Secretary was cut. A total of 62 were present at the supper.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the ladies for their superb effort in providing such a magnificent spread, to the Revd. R. Tebbs for taking the service and allowing us the use of the bells, and last but not least for the Revd. Willmott's address, at the Service.

The big haul at Pucklechurch

"Following the Flower Festival (in Mid September as previously reported) much preparatory work, including painting the whole frame, was carried out in the tower under the expert guidance of the Northavon Branch Secretary (G & B), Steve Slocombe. The preacher and celebrant, at the Parish Communion Service on Sunday, 27th October, the Bishop of Malmesbury (Rt. Rev. Peter Firth) blessed the Recast tenor Bell (now weighing 12.1.14) as it stood, by the font, at the back of the church.

On the following Saturday, all preparatory work having been completed, a small crowd gathered in the vestry, underneath the tower, to watch the tenor being hauled up. At the stroke of 10.00 a.m., the Vicar, the Rev. J. D. O. Hinton, said a prayer before the big haul began, with much bated breath all round. By 11.30 a.m., on Saturday 2nd November, the tenor bell was in position and the local press photographer had taken his photographs. It then remained to replace the 2nd and 3rd bells, together with their mutual frame side in position. By 5.00 p.m. all the heavy work had been done and the workers were indebted to the Vicar for offering to pay for their welcome lunch break, taken in the local Wadworth's inn, the Rose and Crown! A very interesting and well spent day was had by all.

It now remains for all three bells to be aligned, bolted down and have their wheels and ropes replaced. There is still much work to be done but the day of the big haul will not easily be forgotten."

Under new management

On Saturday 9th November, 1985 the Canterbury District of the KCACR held the penultimate meeting of the year at St. Nicholas-at-Wade. Once more the weather was atrocious. This meeting was the first with the new management team at the helm. The arrangements turned out to be somewhat tentative, with the Vicar not sure what order of service was needed and nobody having arranged for an organist or thought of the hymns. District organist No.2 was hastily organised and the members from Birchington chose the hymns. One of the Central Council Representatives was asked to read a lesson and what a lesson it was, very complicated and extremely long! After the service there was a quick paddle or should it be wade to the village hall for tea, which had been prepared and expertly arranged by the local ringers. After tea a short business meeting was held. One member was re-elected and the arrangements for the next few meetings reviewed. The new secretary spent what seemed to be a great deal of time trying to trace the old minute books. The District Chairman and the District Treasurer nearly came to blows over who had borrowed them last! After the meeting was concluded everyone returned to the church where they got thoroughly soaked whilst waiting for the key to be located. Ringing, however soon got under way with the new ringing master taking firm control of the proceedings. With a very crowded tower the bells were kept busy until late on in the evening, the special methods were rung *ad infinitum* and other methods up to and including London Surprise Minor were also rung. Once the bells had been lowered everyone departed to the "Gate" for a well earned pint after having rung on the heaviest ring of six in the County all the afternoon and evening.

P.R.Y.

An excellent arrangement

Mrs. Rosemary Hughes, a ringer at Anstey, near Leicester, has a flair for arranging - flowers, not peals. She has recently been judged British Teleflorist of the year. A partner at the World of Flowers Shop in Anstey, she won the Midlands regional heat, then beat eight other finalists to take the national title, and now goes forward to represent Britain in the international finals. Rosemary is a florist who comes from good ringing stock. Her parents are Jill and Peter Staniforth and her grandfather the late Harold Poole.

Youngest to reach 2,000

Three days before his 33rd birthday, David C. Brown has joined the ranks of those who have rung 2,000 peals. On Friday, 15th November, the total was reached with a peal of Addington Surprise Major at Watton-at-Stone, Herts. Our congratulations to Mr. Brown - next target 4,000 before the age of 70?

Late Notices

**SOMEONE** from Templecombe in Somerset has ordered a Ringing World calendar. Unfortunately no name and address was included with the order so we don't know where to send it. Mystery Templecombe ringer, please identify yourself.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**, Fylde Branch. AGM on Sat, Nov 23, 3 pm at St Anne's, Lytham St Annes. Meeting at 5 pm. All visitors welcome. 2145  
**SOUTHWELL DG**, Mansfield District. Sat, Oct 23, Pinxton (8), 3-5. Tea and meeting at Selston (7), followed by evening ringing until 9 pm. 2146