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The Town

Where is Norbury? It may seem strange to newcomers to the district that, although there is a Norbury Church, there does not appear to be any defined village or place of that name. This has come about because the Industrial Revolution not only created Hazel Grove and the church and parish of Norbury, but also brought to an end the ancient township system of local government. The civic administration was in the hands of the four townships of Bosden, Bramhall, Norbury and Torkington, part of whose boundaries met in the proximity of the London Road. With the formation of the Hazel Grove and Bramhall Urban District Council in 1900 these townships lost their individual authority. This factor, combined with changes in the ecclesiastical boundaries, has led to the present parish of Norbury only vaguely resembling the township of that name.

The Church

Probably the first Christians were living on the edge of the Macclesfield Forest before William the Conqueror landed on this island. Some ancient documents (states Norman Turner in his book on Norbury Parish Church) suggest that there may have been a preaching cross or broadoak in Norbury as early as 1005 AD. The first records of religious life which we have start in 1465. In September of that year Hamnet Hyde, the Lord of the Manor, was granted a licence to build a private chapel in the township. No mention of the Norbury chapel can be found after 1511 until the end of that century, probably because not only did Henry VIII suppress the monasteries but he closed private chapels also. The chapel struggled on under different clergy until the arrival of the Rev. Jacob Picton who set about the task of raising the sum of £6000 to build a new church. The Church Commissioners granted £2000 and instructed a firm of architects in Manchester, Hayley and Brown, to draw up plans for one of their "Waterloo" churches at a cost of £3000 of which it was said that one of their chief characteristics was "unmitigated ugliness and hopeless inconvenience". The church was finally completed in May 1833 and it was consecrated on 2nd July 1834.

The Bells

When the bells were replaced at Disley church the Orford brothers offered the old ring of six to Norbury on condition that they would raise the £60 which it would cost to have them hung in the tower. Thomas Mears who was in charge of the installation at Disley, also supervised the work at Norbury. At the same time the 5th bell was recast. On 13th August 1837 they rang out for the first time.



Life was not all sweetness and light for the ringers since on Easter Sunday 1880 they walked out. The Vicar had reprimanded them for not attending the very services to which they had summoned parishioners. The vicar recruited a new band of ringers from the senior Sunday school. *The Stockport Advertiser* pointed out the virtue of the new Norbury ringers. The article said "There are too many churches where the ringers immediately after calling others to worship, are seen to slink off in their everyday clothes to their homes or the nearest public house".

From this time the regular appearance of the Norbury handbell ringers was noted in the local press, whilst the performance at the Belle Vue festival some years later earned them a creditable reputation.

In 1923 the PCC, aware that the bell-frame was in need of repair, decided to seize the opportunity to recast and augment the bells. Because the ringing of the bells had been part of the Hazel Grove scene for so long it was decided to throw open the fund to the general public. The estimated cost of the project amounted to £680 plus that of a new frame. Their removal from the tower attracted many visitors, before the bells were transported to Messrs. Taylor at Loughborough. The advice given was that as the third and fourth dated 1617 were such fine examples of the old bell-founders' craft, they should be preserved. These can now be seen resting on two beams in the tower. On their return to Hazel Grove four recast bells, along with the four new bells, were paraded around

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the village on suitably decorated lorries. When they rang out on 24th October 1925, another red letter day was marked up on the calendar of the Norbury bellringers.

On the evening of 31st October 1975 a peal of 5056 changes of Bristol was rung on the eight bells. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of the dedication. The peal was conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis, of Dunham Massey, who rang his first peal at Norbury over 40 years ago. Appropriately the peal was composed by Ernest Bennett who for many ringers was a ringer at Norbury, but unfortunately, due to ill-health, was unable to take part. Another ringer who took part was Fred Dunkerley who was formerly a member of a band which rang many peals at Norbury. The band then adjourned to a nearby hostelry where they met Lionel Hough who took part in the very first peal on the bells. Since the dedication over 400 peals have been rung on the bells.

A "Minor" tower of the twenties

John Fidler, another ex-Norbury ringer, vividly remembers the celebrations which took place when the bells were dedicated. On the Saturday, following services in church, and ringing, there was a slap-up tea in the school-room. In his book *The Story of Norbury Bells and Ringers* he relates: Tuesday 4th December 1923 was a special day in the history of Norbury bells for on them was rung a peal of Treble Bob Minor, 5040 changes, in 2 hours and 42 minutes by James Fernley Jr. Treble; John P Fidler 2nd; William Fernley 3rd; W. W. Wolstencroft 4th; James Fernley Sr. 5th; John W. Hartley Tenor; conducted by James Fernley Sr. This peal contains the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true extents. *The Ringing World* had much to say and Ernest Morris in his *History and Art of Change-ringing* says "To accomplish such a wonderful performance it is essential that each ringer must have intimate knowledge of the best way of memorising and retaining the multiplicity of methods" and to this end John Fidler wrote a most comprehensive treatise on the subject in *The Ringing World*, since published in book form.

Prior to the augmentation of the bells in 1925, Norbury was one of the premier six bell towers

in the country and on its bells the "splicing" of methods was developed. At that time it was thought that 35 methods in seven extents was the limit but as the interest in method splicing increased, greater numbers of methods were introduced. In the 1920s splicing was not favoured by the diehards, and ringers of the old school tried to stop it, but without success and today ringing peals in many methods is the aim of the ambitious ringer. Despite efforts and failures that would have daunted many, we at Norbury struggled on and when success was achieved there were no swollen heads. Jim Fernley was a modest man; he had set his sights on conducting the first peal in 35 methods and having achieved his ambition he encouraged the younger ringers to master conducting. To him Norbury was a nursery for ringers to master conducting. To him Norbury was a nursery for ringers of the district.

A peep into some old record books held in the tower shows that in 1921 a total of 109 x 720s in 37 different methods were rung by the Service Band during the year. Notable peals amongst many rung at Norbury include:

Saturday Dec. 8th 1923

A peal of Treble Bob Minor comprising Disley, Norbury, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Rostherne, Poynton and Marple.

The names of the methods in the peal represent six-bell towers in the Stockport and Bowden Branch, the methods having been first rung and named at Norbury.

Saturday April 13th 1935

A peal of Spliced Surprise Major comprising London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative First peal of Spliced Surprise Major in 4 methods in the county, by the Guild and by all the band.

Group Captain R. W. Cox, DSO, DFC, AFC

Group Captain Reggie Cox died on 13 June 1987 in the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, where he had been a patient for a short while. He was born in Stockbridge, Hants, on 12 August 1912, and joined the Royal Air Force as an aircraft apprentice in 1928.

On retirement from the RAF in 1962 he returned to Stockbridge and became interested in ringing the bells of the parish church. He did not find it easy to learn to handle a bell; this he blamed partly on having to wear tri-focal spectacles - as he put it, the sally never seems to come down quite where you think it should be; a frustration, but nevertheless he regularly rang for Sunday services and persevered on practice nights. In fact he did ring the tenor for one peal of Grandsire Doubles with a visiting band who arrived one short.

After a short while he realised that the broader interest of the Exercise could benefit if the teams of method and round ringers who were runners-up in the Andover District Annual Striking Competitions could be presented with a tangible recognition of nearly winning. He acted on this by donating two silver cups (smaller than the winner's) which have been and are now proudly held by the relevant "runners-up". The cups are suitably inscribed and identified as the Cox Runners-up Cups, and are a lasting memorial to a courageous Royal Air Force pilot.

A tribute by past and present members of the Andover District was paid on Sunday, 5 July, 1987, by ringing a half-muffled quarter peal of Doubles at Stockbridge.

Stockbridge, Hants. 5 July, 1260 Doubles (2m): P Claridge 1, J Wimplett 2, J Broad 3, R Mason 4, D Forder (C) 5, F Moulton 6. Half-muffled in memory of Group Captain R. W. Cox, DSO, DFC, AFC.

Saturday Dec. 23rd 1967 in 10 hrs and 32 mins
19,620 Plain Bob Royal Tenor 15 in C
Alan McFall 1-2 Gerald Moorhouse 7-8
Brian J. Woodruffe 3-4 Robert B. Smith 9-10
Neil Bennett 5-6

Composed and conducted by Brian J. Woodruffe
The greatest number of changes rung to a peal of Royal and the longest peal in time to be rung on handbells.

On August 16th 1974 Basil Jones rang his 1000th peal at Norbury. The method rung was Bristol Surprise Major and it was conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis of Dunham Massey who has, incidentally, conducted most of Basil's thousand peals. Basil learned to ring at Norbury and was tower captain for many years before moving to Marple.

Ringing for Sunday Service at Norbury is at 9.45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Practice night is on Thursdays at 7.45 p.m. and any ringers are made very welcome.

S. GRAHAM.

Inscriptions on the present bells

Treble	3-2-7
PETER LEE ESQ. 1750	
Recast 1925 as the gift of the Non-conformists of Hazel Grove	
"Behold how good and joyful a thing it is Brethren to dwell together in unity"	
2nd	3-2-10
PETER LEE LORD OF LIME DANIEL HEDDERLEY	
FR 1748	
Recast 1925 In memory of the Men of this Parish who gave their lives in the great War 1914-1918	
"For God, King and Country"	
3rd	4-0-24
"Ringers Bell 1925. In memory of Private Herbert Williamson, Loyal North Lancs Regiment who died Dec. 15th 1918 aged 38. For many years a ringer at this Church"	
4th	4-3-27
Dedicated to the Freemasons of Hazel Grove and District 1925	
(Square and Compass)	
"Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth"	
5th	5-0-16
Thomas Mears of London, Founder	
"God Save this Church" Thomas Legh Esq., Lyme Park 1837	
Recast 1925	
6th	7-1-12
"All people may behold and see the works of good Sir Peeter Legh 1682"	
(Two crests)	
Recast 1873 and again recast 1925	
7th	9-1-24
A Thankoffering from the Congregation 1925	
Tenor	14-1-22 in F sharp
"Nisi Dominus Frustra 1925"	
Arthur James Humphreys BA BD Vicar	
Edward Donovan Reeman BA Curate	
John W Fernley	
John T. Coles (Wardens)	
Total weight	53-3-2
Cast by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough	
(Acknowledgements to John P. Fidler.)	

Bronze mortar from Whitechapel

A correspondent in Australia has written to us with an article which recently appeared in the *Advertiser* of Adelaide. A 17th century bronze mortar, probably used by an apothecary, has been bought for a South Australian museum. Bronze mortars, the article says, were used in England from the 14th century and were forged by bellfounders. The one in question was forged in 1609 in Whitechapel by Joseph Carter of a well-known family of bellfounders who made bronze mortars for 300 years. The mortar was, until recently, in the Carter family.

Obituary

Alan M. Hickman

The death occurred on June 3rd of Alan Hickman of St. Mary's, Market Drayton, at the age of 82 after a short illness.

Alan had been a ringer at St. Mary's for over 68 years, having rung his first peal (Bob Major) in November 1919, in company with Charles Lilley as conductor, Ernest and William Weatherby and Edward V. Rodenhurst.

Alan was most regular in ringing for Sunday services; rarely would he miss, and over the years has taught many youngsters in handling a bell.

As he owned a grocer's shop for a number of years, Alan had not rung a great number of peals but he always enjoyed a quarter-peal.

He will be sadly missed at Market Drayton.

W. H. TYLER

Market Drayton, Shropshire. 14 June, 1264 P.B Major: G Mothershaw 1, Wendy Fryer 2, W Talbot 3, D Mitchell 4, Mair Mothershaw 5, E Roberts 6, A Fryer 7, W H Tyler (C) 8. Half-muffled as a token of respect for Alan Hickman, ringer at this church for over 68 years.



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> POINT LEAD < In the Beginning

Much is done nowadays to improve standards of ringing by using modern teaching methods, putting on day-schools and running week-end courses. Theory sessions take place (and not just in the pub!) and ringers who are acknowledged leaders in the exercise put an enormous amount of effort into helping others to learn. It remains the case, however, that how well you ring, and more important, how well you handle, are still largely determined by chance. This is because a new recruit's first teacher will almost certainly be the Ringing Master of the tower where he happens to present himself in order to learn. In the nature of the situation it is unlikely that he knows good towers from bad before he starts, still less that he will survey the area and choose the one where the best tuition can be had. In many a tower only one person teaches, even though his own handling may be hopeless. It is not therefore surprising that, at a recent one day school, a learner though understanding the method and what she was told to do, could not do it because she had been taught handling so badly that she could not control an average bell. Since we can hardly dictate where a person shall begin to learn to ring, do we need handling clinics?

M.M.L.

Family Agg peal

On Saturday, 11th July, 1987, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Penn, Buckinghamshire, a peal of Minor was rung by the Agg family - Anne and Rex, together with their four children, Elizabeth, David, Philip and Andrew.

The original idea of attempting such a peal was fostered a few years ago, but it took a seemingly endless period of time to get the whole family in the same place at the same time and in the right mood for peal ringing! Whilst everyone was, naturally, a little nervous at the outset, a very respectable peal was rung, and there were some happy faces when it was realised that a family ambition had been achieved.

It would be interesting to know how many families (i.e. mother, father and their children) have achieved this feat of ringing a tower bell peal.

Meant to be last

It was meant to be the last peal before the bells at Kingstone are taken down, but . . . the attempt was brought round at the half-way stage. The bells are being transported to Milton Keynes to The Stable and Cross Church for restoration and augmentation. Kingstone P.C.C. have purchased the ring of eight from Llanbradach, Mid-Glamorgan, and these will be installed in the tower at Kingstone.

Because the attempt on 24 July was unsuccessful, the last peal to be rung on the bells at Kingstone was that completed by the Milton Keynes band on July 12th, 1987.

Kingstone, Herefords. 24 July, 2520 Doubles (21 extents: 5 Rev Canterbury; 5 Plain Bob; 11 Grandsire Doubles); 1 T J Gundy, 2 Rev. J O Morris, 3 Dianne B Smith, 4 Frances Gilbert, 5 M V Powell (C), 6 R G Powell. £1

"Mini" ANZAB

Because many of the ringers from Victoria were unable to go to New Zealand for the ANZAB meeting, it was decided to hold a "mini" ANZAB at Bendigo on Sunday, June 7th - Monday, June 8th.

About 40 ringers and friends came up from St. Paul's and S. James' Cathedrals, Melbourne; St. Paul's, Geelong; Ballarat, and Hobart, Tasmania.

Ringing took place on Sunday and for most of Monday (until the Dean received complaints from a local publican).

We had an enjoyable evening in the Parish Hall and were entertained with ringing stories from Jack Roper and others, and the weather was perfect for the barbecue on Monday.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung before Evensong at the Cathedral. M.M.

Bendigo, Australia (St Paul's Cathedral). 7 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J Martin 1, D Nichols 2, Monica Martin 3, R Turner 4, W Randall 5, H Russell (C) 6, J Roper 7, J Fulton 8. For Evensong.

In the club?

I wonder if any of your readers have the good taste to be members of the Jaguar Drivers' Club, and if so, would they be interested in ringing a quarter peal? I already know of two other ringers in the Bath and Wells area who are members, so if there is anyone else out there I would be pleased to hear from them.

MELVYN J. FREEMAN.

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P.S. If anyone wants to join, I could provide them with details, or even a car - I have a nice XJ12 which I could be persuaded to part with for a moderate sum.

First peal congratulations

M. Louise Booth, Louise C. Boothey, Robert S. MacDonald, Ian T. Roche and Helen Brotherton.



Ex-residents mark centenary

When I realised that the Chester Guild Centenary was approaching I thought how appropriate it would be if we could ring a peal in the South by ex-resident members during the year for the event. As the time drew nearer all seemed well and there were sufficient ringers in the area. A quick count and there were still eight missionaries in the area, could I get them together on the same date.

A few telephone calls and we were in business. Now to get a tower. This proved harder than getting the band together but at the third attempt we got Wooburn.

All the band turned up early on the date, but the local ringer was not there to meet us. Telephoning failed but finally contact was made as we had to be finished for a wedding. After a course the second rope came untucked so we stopped. Was the Master of the Guild not praying hard enough for us? We finally made it with five minutes to spare.

The method chosen was Bristol to celebrate the long length rung by the Guild at Over in the fifties, and quite rightly the composition was by Ken Lewis, one of the most famous Cheshire ringers who had done so much for the Guild. Incidentally it was the conductor's 100th of Bristol S. Major on tower bells.

The band would like to congratulate the Chester Guild on its centenary and wish it all the best for the future. B. F. L. GROVES

Golden Wedding peal

Dennis and Vera Oram of Abbots Ann (Dennis is captain of the local band) celebrated their Golden Wedding on July 18th at the Church where they were married, All Saints, Barton Stacey.

During the morning a peal of Bob Minor was rung by friends of Dennis and they also rang for the service during the afternoon. The service took the form of a wedding service of thanksgiving and was conducted by the Rev Tristram, Rector of Abbots Ann with the Clatfords.

We wish Dennis and Vera many more years of wedded bliss.

G.K.D.

Memorial tablet at Aldershot

Please note that it has proved necessary to change the date for the dedication of the stone peal tablet at St. Michael's, Aldershot (see last week's RW p.679). The dedication service will now be held on **Sunday 11th October** at 2.30 p.m. Ringing before and after the service.

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Letters

When is a peal not a peal?

I suppose Brian Salter (p.660) is right; we really ought not to get so excited about whether the use of the phrase "peal of bells" is "correct" or "incorrect" - certainly not so excited that we begin to insult one another. But Eric Taylor's original contribution on the subject (p.558) was forcefully expressed, and was bound to irritate a few of your readers. The use of "peal" in this context is, he tells us, a "misuse" born of "ignorance".

What authority does he have, I wonder, to support his view; who says it is "incorrect" to speak of a "peal of bells"? Whilst he is searching for an answer to this, let me draw to his attention, almost at random, three authorities which seem ranged against him:

1. R. H. Dove's *Bellringer's Guide to the Church Bells of Britain and Ringing Peals of the World* interchanges the words "ring" and "peal" freely, not only in the title but in its chapter headings. Though not entirely free from error, of course, this standard reference book must surely be treated as some authority?
2. W. G. Wilson's *Change Ringing* also uses "peal of bells" (e.g. illustration pp.224/225).
3. The printed stationery used by John Taylor & Co. lists "peals" amongst their products, alongside carillons, chimes, and clock bells.

Perhaps we should just accept that the word "peal" has at least two meanings in common usage, and that both (because of their widespread usage) must be accepted as correct.

Come to think of it, I'm sure I've seen Eric Taylor ringing a bell "up in peal" - but perhaps he had another phrase for it?

DAVID HOUSE.

Brighton, Sussex.

All for one and one for all

I share Ian Davies' sense of amusement that my home tower should win the 12-bell competition one Saturday and come second in a 5-bell competition a couple of weeks later. Striking competitions are simply about how well you ring on the day! Maybe a decider could be organised on nine bells at Basingstoke.

Perhaps mis-reading between the lines of his letter, however, it is easy for me to imagine a less generous response to events. It would be distressing to think that the Cambridge District Secretary feels one of his most active towers does not give him the support he needs! Equally it would be distressing to think that the Cambridge District Secretary could be so far out of touch with one of his most active towers that he cannot recognise even the names of many of its regular Sunday band! Just for the record, every member of the 12-bell competition team rings regularly at St. Mary's, and has done so since before the competition band was selected.

Those of us who want an active and happy District can make only one response. We (and especially the most practised ringers) need to recognise the long hours worked by our officers, and support their efforts on behalf of less fortunate towers. Equally, we (and especially Association officers) need to recognise our duty to visit and keep in touch with each other's

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towers so that we can take pleasure in their achievements as well as offering help through their difficulties.

I am writing as an individual member of both the Cambridge District and Great St. Mary's band (though I did not ring in either competition). Just as Ian's letter represented his own view, so does this represent mine, and not that of the Association or its Committee. It seems that the reporter from the *Cambridge Evening News* was similarly writing for himself when he made that remark about "The Best Band in the Land" (hard luck Alexander's Ragtime!) No one at Great St. Mary's can remember saying anything so silly. Or if they did say it on the day, they won't admit it now!

ALAN WINTER.
General Secretary,
Ely Diocesan Association.

Cambridge compositions

Whilst I do not claim to be a Cambridge Major fanatic, I must confess to an interest in the many peal compositions available and try whenever possible to use a different one when called upon to conduct. In my collection I have the following 5024 attributed to C. J. Sedgley (No. 8).

B	In	M	W	4	H	2345678
		2	-			56234
-						63542
						45236
-						53462
			2			5273468
-					3*	23564
					3	36245
-						64352
			2			45362
-					3	56423
						62534
-						42635
		2			3	23456

I see though that I have the same composition, starting with the last Home, ascribed to J. W. Parker. Also, it is virtually the same as A. J. Pitman's 5024 which begins with Before, 4ths, In and omits the 3*.

It is unlikely that the three great men collaborated on such a project but I would be interested to know if the two callings were produced independently and why Pitman's is given prominence in the CC Collection? The Sedgley/Parker version appears to be slightly better, coming close to achieving nine combination courses in full.

Whilst writing, I have the following as C. J. Sedgley (No. 9) 5088:

In	B	M	W	4	H	2345678
	-					35264
-			-	2		3574628
						637524
-					3	35642
						35426
-						52364
						63425
-						32654
			2		3	25463
-						56234
						42635
-						34625
						64523
-					2	26435
						63254
-					3	23456

This is unfortunately false as given. Can anyone shed any light on this?

MURRAY COLEMAN.
Kettering, Northants.

Birmingham worthies

Christopher Groome's letter (p.640) mentions one or two Birmingham worthies of the period.

The peal record was quite likely to have been made and engraved by John Carter himself. He was a skilled craftsman and was by trade a revolver maker, in which field he made and patented a number of improvements. Evidence of his mechanical skill is given in his "Campana Mutaphone" now in the Science Museum and in the trusteeship of the Central Council.

The peal report in *Bell News* of 26 August 1882 shows that the initials of the ringers as given are not quite correct. Thus the ringer of 1-2 was T Russam (Tom), of 5-6 was T. Miller and of 9-10 was E. Hackley. The footnote to the peal reads:

This is the second peal of Grand sire Caters ever rung in hand, and the first ever rung in the same manner in the Midland Counties.

Tom Miller was something of a character and was a connecting link with the Birmingham ringers of the mid 19th century, ringing with the St. Philip's band, later with Johnson and the Holte Society at Aston and afterwards with the St. Martin's Guild. A Roman Catholic, he was for many years in charge of the bells at St. Chad's Cathedral.

Professionally Tom Miller was a bell tuner, working first for Blews and later for Barwells. When the consistory court was held in January 1926 to consider the application to recast Coventry bells, Tom Miller was called on to give evidence and this evidence shows that he was not in favour of "Simpson" tuning. It is interesting to note that he rang in the last (false) peal rung on Coventry bells in 1883.

Born in 1858, he died in January 1950 in his 92nd year.

J. C. EISEL.

Ullingswick.

Two's good company but one's best and three's a crowd

I was interested to read Chris Woolley's remarks on judging contests (p.640). I agree with him that the only way of judging a striking contest is to grade the teams according to the number of faults, with the team with the least number being declared the winner. If the judges of the 12-bell contest like to alter the terminology and talk about "accuracy" this amounts to the same thing (How does one assess accuracy without counting the faults?). As for the use of "impressions"; again I agree with Chris, the whole idea wants ditching altogether. What a farce it would have been if these impressions had affected the result! I suppose the judges "adjusted" these to make sure they didn't, which if so shows how valueless they were.

The use of three judges is, of course, a needless luxury. The proliferation of judges tends to complicate rather than clarify the issue. One, or at the most two, are all that are necessary provided they have good ears, a good sense of rhythm, some experience (not all good ringers make good judges) and self-confidence.

Although I have been judging contests since before the war (I reckon about 150 up to press although I have never actually counted them), and still adjudicate three or four yearly, I have never joined in a judges' threesome. I have, however, paired with many judges from David

Brearley of Bolsterstone to Jim Thorley of Thorne (both excellent judges) but we always marked for each other, judging an estimated half of the test piece each.

Of course at the first announcement comments and observations are given but the gist of these can be written on the paper given to each team. Part of this paper can be divided into one minute rectangles into which the faults are entered as they occur and each team can so follow its progress.

The 12-bell system of marking is an interesting experiment but there is nothing wrong with the old system: from Minor to Maximus a fault is still a fault and no amount of juggling with the system of marking can alter this. It goes without saying that the personal likes and dislikes of the judge should not show in the result; e.g. If he considers that the ringing is too quick or too slow, he may remark on this in his summary but should not criticise it unless it affects the striking and for no other reason.

For many years now I have judges contests on my own (with sometimes a marker) and I still consider that a single, competent judge gives the fairest results. If a judge reckons that he requires the assistance of one or two others in order to assess a fault or form an opinion he should not be in the judge's room!

HAROLD CHANT.

Wakefield.

Impressions of ecstasy

Like Chris Woolley (p.640) I, too, now have some reservations about the awarding of "artistic impression" marks in striking competitions. It seems to fall into the category of those ideas which sound good but which on closed consideration are both hard to put into practice and less substantial in theory than might be supposed. As an example, a short while ago a friend and I were invited to judge a neighbouring Guild's 6-bell competition which involved about ten teams at each of two afternoon venues, the winning two teams at each venue to go to an evening play-off. We had decided beforehand that the afternoon judging would be by faults alone but since the evening's teams would all be close as far as faults were concerned, the evening would present much more difficulty. Our strategy was therefore to announce to the four finalists at tea-time that in the event of a close finish *vis-à-vis* faults, the issue would be won or lost on "impression" marks added to the former.

Great! Off we all went; they to ring, we to shelter from the gloom and drizzle under a magnificent copper beech nearby. However, at the end of the four test pieces any passers by could be excused for thinking they were watching the frenzied tarantella of a couple of nuts - and not the ones on the tree. Why the panic? Although the fault scores and impression marks we had both given had tallied well, there was a sudden realisation that marrying these two items was not going to be so easy; and just what did "impression" really mean anyway?

How then does one set about combining an "unconfined" or "unlimited" fault score with a "confined" or "limited" percentage impression mark? One possible answer might be to turn the

former into a centile quantity, either by rating each team's fault score as a percentage of the total faults for all teams and subtracting this from 100, or merely subtracting each team's score from 100, assuming none have scored over that figure. Even this derived percentage fault score may have to be scaled again depending on the way it is combined with the (assumed) percentage impression score. The system seems pretty scary - see the following example.

Suppose four teams have faults 20, 24, 26 and 30; and impression percentages 60, 70, 80 and 90 respectively. If one fifth (20%) of the final marks were awarded for impression then under either of the possibilities in the previous paragraph the final marks would be 76, 75, 75 and 74 - still in harmony with the fault scores. However, increase to one quarter (25%) the contribution of impression marks and the final marks become 75, 75, 76 and 76! ... "and the last shall be first" ... OK, it's pretty hypothetical and generally speaking teams with low fault scores usually have the higher impression marks. However, when they don't, it does serve to illustrate the minefield of possibilities. What importance is an impression score to have anyway - 10%? 50%? I recall hearing a tale one beery night long ago of a judge who used 100%, but that's another story!

Just what do we mean by "impression"?

Is it speed of ringing, i.e. slow, brisk or variable? Are not the first two merely personal preferences reflecting the prejudices of the observer and using them in isolation enough to make any marks gained in this category a bit of a lottery. Many will probably agree that bells can be rung *too* slowly or *too* quickly for pleasant listening and that either extreme (funereal or suicidal) could justifiably be penalised. However, since the majority of bands are going to be ringing at a speed in the acceptable middle range, it seems wrong to attempt to rank them according to some self-determined ideal. In addition to the extremes of speed, variability is perhaps something more tangible that can be rated. Even so, who out there has rung a clockwork peal, and is the conventional 2-minute practice piece and opening rounds of the test piece ever enough really to establish a "good" consistent speed, especially if the latter is being marked? Full marks to the 12-bell competitions where the first half or whole course is not marked.

Is it rhythm? Good ringing which we label rhythmic is probably so described more because of an absence of faults than any other quality. Uneven leading and drumming for example are often quoted ... as upsetting the rhythm ... but have we not already taken them into account by including them in the faults tally? It amounts to penalising a team twice for the same mistake!

So, just what is it? We all smile at the Ice Skating Judge, arms aloft with his two cards, but have we ever considered the context in which the impression mark is actually used there. I submit to rate or quantify "technique" as an "interpretation" of the music. How on earth do we "interpret" Cambridge Minor or Grandsire Doubles except by perhaps the originality of the touch in relation to the tone of the bells! I have visions of a judge in the tower studying our facial ecstasy as we sway in unison with the roll-ups

before awarding his marks. No, I rather suspect we have latched onto the concept without looking at it closely enough.

In summary, why not use impression scores as a last resort to decide between teams of equal fault scores. Despite all the drawbacks outlined above it has to be said that some team ringing just "sparkles" in comparison to others, despite close overall fault marks.

GRAHAM COLBORNE.

Dorchester, Dorset.

"Politics" creeping in

As one of the many ringers in Dorset who is a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers AND the Dorset County Association, I was somewhat surprised and even insulted at the tone of Dr. June Brown's letter in *The Ringing World* (page 660).

Am I to assume that a Dorset County Association member is no longer welcome in certain towers in this area, and vice versa according to the tower captain's leanings?

Being a fairly new member to the world of ringers - which I assumed was based on Christian fellowship and friendship amongst people associated with the Church who shared a common interest - I am most disappointed to find that "politics" are creeping in to spoil what should and could be a very happy and rewarding pastime.

Can I suggest that Dr. Brown considers the feelings of all the many friends she could also be casting out before she starts to discriminate between who she does and does not want to ring in "her" tower! I thought I was welcome - maybe not!

LOCAL RINGER.

The age-old story

How dare Mr. Lewis (ex-Scotland, ex-Kent, ex- I dare not say where) challenge my age? Has he consulted Somerset House or my mother? Is he jealous of my youthful vitality whilst his own fades into his current retirement (I shan't be retiring for decades yet!)?

I remember when I was a teenage learner he was already a household name and had been for ages, especially when it came to controversy and, shall we say, stirring.

Mr. Lewis obviously detests meetings and yet he is so close to qualifying for the next Veterans' meeting where he could obtain his nice cakes, etc., without the "slagging-off" he is so used to.

I submit two recent true stories backing-up my youthful claims: (1) Whilst convalescing at home after a hospital operation recently, I answered a knock at the door and a young man said: "Hello sonny, is your mum in?" (2) At work two of my staff were speculating about my age - they couldn't agree whether I was 26 or 27!

I rest my case.

DAVID HIRD

Newcastle-upon-Tyne

P.S. - I was once asked, for those acquainted with Oscar Wilde, if I had a portrait in the attic.

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Saint Wulfram's honours a century of membership



At their Annual Dinner on the last Friday in June, the members of the Saint Wulfram's Society of Change Ringers were reminded that theirs was the oldest society in Grantham and district. The surprising fact that Mr. Fred Pinchbeck did not mention was that for a quarter of the Society's existence both he and Mr. Tom Relf had been members. There was thus much to celebrate: two of its members each with 50 years of service to the Society, and 40 years since the ring of ten bells at Saint Wulfram's Church had been recast, rehung and re-dedicated on Whitsunday, 1947.

After sampling the delights of dinner at the Brownlow Arms at Hough-on-the-Hill, the Secretary, Mr. Brian Buttery, spoke. He first of all welcomed the guests for the evening, the Rev. Robert Reiss and his wife Dixie. He felt that two vital ingredients were sometimes forgotten when the appointment of a new Rector of Grantham was made: was the person a "ringable Rector" and was he tall enough to wear the Rector's cope? Fortunately in the appointment of Bob Reiss the former was true, and a ringing member had been able to adjust the latter. He thanked the Rector for the help and encouragement that he had given since his arrival at Grantham. The Secretary welcomed the two members with 50 years' service, Fred Pinchbeck and Tom Relf, and promised them more later. He then reminded the members that this year was the 40th anniversary of the re-dedication of the bells of Saint Wulfram's. The Rev. H. Law James, a Master of the Lincoln Guild, had written a letter to the Grantham Parish Magazine in 1930, complaining of the state of Grantham's ring of bells. They were out of tune, noisy, not only to residents outside the tower but to the ringers

inside ringing the bells. It took 17 years and a World War before matters could be put right, and now the Society enjoyed one of the best rings of ten bells in the country. Finally, Brian Buttery welcomed the Guild Ringing Master to the dinner, Mr. Denis Frith. The Society had welcomed the Master to its dinners before, but this was the first occasion that they could do so from their own ranks. He said that Mr. Frith might have found a certain irreverence since his appointment in the belfry at Saint Wulfram's, but he was sure that he (Mr. Frith) had detected a quiet pride by the members that Saint Wulfram's Society had the Master within its membership (murmurs of approval and applause).

The Rev. Robert Reiss thanked the members for their invitation and asked them to think back and realise what momentous happenings there had been in the last 50 years, yet through them all Fred Pinchbeck and Tom Relf had remained members of the Society: a wonderful achievement. He had great pleasure in presenting them with two certificates recognising their 50 years of service to Saint Wulfram's Church and to ringing in Lincolnshire.

The Tower Captain of Saint Wulfram's Society, Mr. Martin Ward, then presented two carriage clocks to Tom and Fred, pointing out that they were in no way a reflection on their time-keeping, as their attendance at Saint Wulfram's belfry was exemplary.

They both expressed their thanks for the presentations, Tom reminding members of all the friendships and happy memories that had been built up over the period of their membership. In typical style, Fred said he had some good news and some bad: the good news was that he was to give a speech, but the bad news was that he did not know when to stop. He spoke of the halcyon days of the Society when young members were recruited from the Kings School and change-ringing flourished at Saint Wulfram's. He felt that these were returning as the School were once again providing the Society with some new recruits, and on this note of optimism he sat down, to much applause. With Fred in this form members felt that he could have gone on much longer.

A celebration cake, dedicated to "The Gold Boys", was served with the coffee, whilst the certificates, prepared by Mr. Vaughan Evans, and the carriage clocks were admired by all the members: an Annual Dinner long to be remembered in the history of the Society ended on a very happy note.



Receiving the clocks from tower captain Martin Ward



Progress at Limehouse

Plans are well advanced to hang a new ring of bells at St. Anne's, Limehouse in the heart of London's East End.

A ring of six bells, tenor 8 cwt., were removed from the redundant church of St. Paul, Homerton in the early summer of 1983 and are in storage at Whitechapel (see R.W. Sept. 2, 1983). St. Anne's magnificent tower, by Nicholas Hawksmoor, Architect of Christ Church, Spitalfields, has never housed a ring of bells, although it does house three clock bells.

Initial plans were to rehang just the Homerton six for ringing and to restore the clock bells for chiming only. However the restoration committee "Care for St. Anne's" has agreed to a revised scheme to provide a new bellframe designed to house up to ten bells and to remodel the nine existing bells (six + three) into a ring of eight. This would be achieved by recasting the two quarter bells into one heavier bell and using the existing 18 cwt hour bell as tenor of the new ring.

This work would be carried out as part of Stage 3 of the restoration of St. Anne's which would include stonecleaning and structural repairs to the tower and restoration of the clock. All this was originally estimated to cost £350,000 but costs have since increased to about £450,000.

However sufficient money has already been raised to enable the stonecleaning and structural work to get under way in the next few months. The clock will be restored and bells will be installed after this work is complete and once the remaining £120,000 has been raised.

As part of the Limehouse Festival weekend, Walter Dobbie's JUBI PEAL (6 bells, tenor 5 lbs) will be erected in the churchyard on Saturday 15th August (see advert) and the tower will be open to members of the general public to see conditions before work begins. Walter hopes to bring along his portable handbell foundry and a bellringing exhibition will also be mounted in the proposed new ringing chamber. Several thousand people are expected to visit the festival and visitors will be able to see many other events most of which will be free. The new Docklands Light Railway passes close to the church and provides an ideal opportunity for sightseeing in Docklands. Bells at other East London churches will be available on request.

One further fundraising event will be the Limehouse Marathon, sponsored in aid of the tower appeal, on Saturday 12th September. Anyone who would like to participate would be more than welcome even if they only attempt part of the course.

Obvious alternative

The obvious alternative to celebrating special occasions at churches where there are no bells is to ring a handbell peal! This was again done immediately after the wedding of Father Malcolm Smeaton and Angela Cowgill, at St. Bartholomew's Church, Longbenton, Newcastle upon Tyne, recently. Fr. Malcolm is Curate at the Church and a personal friend of the conductor, but the church, alas, has no bells. After the marriage service, attended by some 300 guests, and the reception in the Church hall, the peal was started, in a side hall, much to the delight of those still at the reception. After several interruptions, the guests gradually dwindled and drifted off and we were left to finish the peal in peace, being entertained afterwards by the Churchwarden, before going on to ring a tower bell peal at Blydon in the evening!
K.M.P.

A recipe for success

Take 100 ringers, a brilliantly hot day and pasties galore, and throw in a mystery ingredient - a missing Guild President - and you have a recipe for certain success. The occasion was the Truro Diocesan Guild's Summer Festival, where a large number of resident members were joined by visitors from across the Tamar in ringing at various towers in mid-Cornwall. The churches visited ranged from the large town churches of Bodmin and St. Austell (where only one ringer actually turned up!) to the remote country church of St. Michael, Caerhays, where the tenor has a tone all of its own. Among other delights on offer were an anti-clockwise ring (Luxulyan) and the very light six at Charles-town, now celebrating the 15th anniversary of their installation.

Eventually everyone gathered at Veryan, noted as being the only British "V" in "Dove". The bells here have recently been rehung after work at Loughborough. 1987 also marks the centenary of the installation as Vicar of Rev. J. A. Kempe, who not only had the ring of six installed but was the first secretary of the Truro Diocesan Guild. Evensong was conducted by the present Vicar, Rev. Michael Geach, who is himself a ringer, and was followed by a magnificent tea provided by local ringers and other parishioners. They coped superbly, even though the number present considerably exceeded the number of teas booked in advance. It was at this point that the mystery of the missing President was solved - Wilf Boucher turned up half-way through tea, having spent most of the day repairing a fault which had immobilised his car.

Evening ringing took place at Veryan and at Truro, where it was possible for visitors to sample the delights of the newly-raised ringing floor at Kenwyn. After so warm a day there was only one place in which to relax. The Vicar's generous decision to donate half the church collection to the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund was an added bonus.
R.J.P.

News from Dunster

At the Dunster Branch quarterly meeting recently it was learnt that the popular skittles evening will take place at the White Horse Inn, Washford next summer. The Branch's quarter peal day was a great success raising £25 for the Association Bell Fund. Wiveliscombe came sixth out of nine bands who entered the 6-bell striking competition semi-finals at Compton Bishop. Stogumber came eighth out of nine entrants at Berrow. The Branch dinner will be held at Halsway Manor on 14th November.
G.M.



Bill Butler and Bill Birmingham with the new peal band.

Board for peal rung 36 years ago

Sunday, 12th July, 1987, was a special day for the ringers and congregation of St. Mary's, Slough, because it marked the retirement earlier this year of Bill Birmingham as Tower Captain after 42 years' service.

The day started at 8.40 a.m. with a quarter peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal for Sung Eucharist. This was followed by a special Choral Evensong, during which a peal board, given by the ringers and congregation, was dedicated and presented to Bill as a token of appreciation.

The service, conducted by the Rev. Alan Bignell, was preceded by open ringing. About 50 ringers from surrounding districts took part, ably looked-after by Pat Newton, local Branch Ringing Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Whilst ringing was in progress, some members of St. Mary's congregation took advantage of an open invitation to visit the ringing chamber to meet the ringers and see them in action.

The peal board presented to Bill is somewhat unique, since it describes a peal rung 36 years ago! Superbly written, it records the first successful peal attempt on the then newly-augmented ring of ten bells in 1951. The first attempt, a year previously, had apparently failed after three hours' ringing, when one of the band, Frank V. Sinkins, found that at 85 years of age his legs wouldn't support him any more! It was Frank who originally suggested the augmen-

tation on the grounds that St. Mary's should have a ring of ten bells befitting a parish church of its status!

In presenting the peal board, Jeff Birt (Bill's successor) reminded the congregation that it was Bill who had been instrumental in seeing the augmentation through to a successful conclusion, particularly by way of appeals to the local community and industry. As a result, the two new trebles were donated by the Horlick family in memory of relatives killed on active service in World War II.

After the service, a splendid tea, provided by St. Mary's ringers and congregation, was enjoyed by all present, following which some well-struck touches of Kent T.B. Major and Grandsire Triples on handbells fascinated the non-ringing members of the congregation.

Slough, Berks. 12 July, 1282 Yorkshire S. Royal: Louise J. Cole 1, N. C. Smith 2, P. I. Butler (1st Royal) 3, W. Birmingham 4, J. C. Birt 5, S. A. Wheeler 6, Eileen Stevenson 7, C. P. Hope 8, J. R. Martin (C) 9, J. M. Cole 10. 1st S. Royal-6, 7. For Sung Eucharist and to mark the dedication this evening of the 1951 peal board, to be presented to Bill Birmingham following his retirement as Tower Captain. £1.10

Peal on front five

On Sunday, 14th June, a Bell Sunday was held at Bentham Parish Church in aid of the new ringing room floor to be constructed on a level with the west window, and the offerings at the services were given to this fund.

During the afternoon a peal was rung, unfortunately on the front five as the tenor is temporarily out of action, and after a tea kindly provided at the Rectory by the Revd. B. Underwood and Mrs. Underwood, the bells were again rung prior to the Evening Songs of Praise Service. The ringers took part in the service, and handbells were rung twice during it. The sermon was preached by the Methodist Minister, the Revd. John Millard, and the service was convened by Mr. Nigel Wilson, Lay Reader. Several members of the congregation, including the tower captain, chose a hymn and spoke briefly by way of testimony. On the following day, the annual meeting of the ringers was held, at which the Rector thanked them all for their hard work during the year. He appointed the Revd. Kevin M. Price as captain, and Mark Underwood was then elected Vice-Captain, Christine Pearson as Secretary and Treasurer and Michael Marshall as Vice-Chairman.
K.M.P.

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A False Peal at St. Peter's Church, St. Albans

by H. V. FROST

Church Bells 21st August 1880, p.611.

Notice

The Royal Cumberland Society's Annual Feast, will take place on Saturday, the 28th inst., at the "Red Lion", St. Albans. Invitation hereby given to members and friends of outlying districts who will favour the Society with their company. The Rev. H. N. Dudding, the Vicar, has kindly allowed the use of St. Peter's twelve bells, and steps are being taken to obtain the use of the ring of eight at the Abbey. Dinner Stewards - Mr Alfred Kirk and Mr George Flavell. [No account of this meeting has yet been discovered.]

The twelve bells had been opened in 1868 by a joint company of College Youths, Cumberlands, Benington and local ringers. ("Mr. Haley has been chipping a little more out of our 4th of the ten, as it had become slightly sharp again.") The professional twelve ringers engaged included H. Haley, J. Cox, Muskett, Miller, Dwight, Rogers, Pettit and Banks. In 1881, the eleventh became cracked through an accident to the clapper, the tenth was later found to be cracked so were recast in 1883, the two trebles handed over in part payment for the recasting.

J. W. Snowdon's list of twelve-bell towers published in 1876 states: "No peal ever rung".

F. E. Dawe, W. E. L. Buckingham, G. W. Debenham and other old ringers were quite sure that a peal had been attempted on the twelve, only Mr. Cox had been listening and the band were informed "No Peal today, gentlemen!" Mr. A. A. Hughes (Whitechapel) thought that it was a peal of Stedman Caters that was false and he gave a chuckle!

Now read on:

Old Rivalries

Church Bells 20th April 1878, p.231

Royal Cumberland Society (late London Scholars)

Sir, - Having been unsuccessful in our attempt for the long peal of Grandsire Caters on Boxing Day last, I wish to inform your readers that we shall make another attempt on Easter Monday at the same Church, viz., All Saints, Fulham.

Henry Hopkins, Hon. Sec.

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Church Bells 4th May 1878 p.255

Change Ringing at All Saints, Fulham

On [Easter] Monday, the 22nd April 1878, ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths visited Fulham and rang at All Saints (by the kind permission of the Churchwardens and best wishes of the Vicar) a true peal of Stedman's Caters, containing 5079 changes in 3hrs.26mins.

H. Haley, sen., 1; W. Cecil, 2; M. A. Wood, 3; H. Booth, 4; R. French, 5; S. Reeves, 6; G. Mash, 7; F. Bate, 8; J. M. Hayes, 9; T. Bugby, 10. Conducted by Mr. H. Haley, and has the 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 regular behind the ninth, each part being called alike, except the first and last courses. The above peal is an original composition by Mr. H. Haley sen., and was rung and conducted by him for the first time, May 16, 1842, at the above church.

Church Bells 1st June 1878 p.303

The Fulham Peal

Under this heading was a long letter signed by John Cox who claimed it was his composition and was composed by him in early 1835 and he attempted to call it at St. Magnus the Martyr on the 13th August 1836 and after ringing nearly three hours, lost it through illness on his part. On the 20th December in the same year, 5001 Stedman's Caters were rung at St. Saviour's, coming round for policy at 11 sixes from a



MR. JOHN COX,



J. PITT. PHOTO H. N. Haley LONDON

course end instead of 18, as he could not go for his 5079 through the incompetency of one of the ringers, the former coming round being much easier

He mentioned the names of Mr George Marriott, Charles Goozee and Mr Robert Jameson who all had seen the figures or knew of them.

He ended his letter by writing "It may not be amiss to mention that since the time of Messrs. Noonan and Gross up to 1845, the longest length of Stedman's Caters with the treble in 2nds place, viz., 59 courses, was rung at St. Clement's, May 16th 1845 composed and conducted by myself; the caller of the 5079 hearing it, in a few weeks added another course having 2 singles, which caused them to be out of course. This 60 was rung at Poplar, March 17th 1846, but the first time a 60 courses was rung was at St. James's, Bermondsey, 25th Sep. 1845, and not in 1846 as stated in Mr Hubbard's Book of 1854. This peal, an original with bobs only by me, treble in 2nds place, 2 sixes only excepted"

Church Bells 15th June 1878 p.326

The Fulham Peal - Answer to Mr Cox

Mr Haley wrote that he had never heard of or knew anyone that remembers Mr Cox attempting to call the peal in question, nor was it rung till he called it at Fulham in 1842. If Mr Cox had attempted to call the peal in 1836, it appears very strange that he did not claim it when I called it in 1842, and why he did not send the peal to Mr Hubbard who, he felt sure would have put his name to it in the book he published in 1854 which was twelve years after the first time I had called it; therefore, as he did not, and the peal is in that book with my name to it, p.124, I claim it to be my original peal. But Mr. Cox may have made a mistake in the peal; does he mean the 5079 which he called at St. Albans?

With regard to the 60 courses Mr. Cox is in error. He called 59 courses at St. Clement's in May 1845, which he states, and for which there is a tablet in the steeple. In three weeks after, I obtained another course, making 60, with the treble in 2nd's place at each course end, &c.,

with bobs only. This peal is in Hubbard's book, 1854, p.179, which I can truthfully say is the first 60 courses ever composed true with the treble in 2nd's place and the 7th, 8th and 9th in the tittum position. This peal has never been rung or attempted.

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In the same issue was a letter from G. Muskett which explained that following an attempt by the Cumberlands to ring a long length of Grandsire Caters at Fulham on Easter Monday, a great many of the College Youths went down to hear this said long peal, but the ringers had got out, lowered the bells and gone home - or gone to Putney. Not knowing how to occupy their time for the rest of the day, they asked permission to go for a peal of Stedman's Caters, which was rung. The Cumberlands had taxed them with bribing the steeplekeeper to allow them to go up the tower and now Mr. John Cox actually claims the peal as his composition. He quotes the names of Messrs. Marriott and Jameson to verify his statement. Both these gentlemen at that time, I am certain, knew nothing whatever about the composition of Stedman and I doubt if they know a very great deal now. As for the late Mr. Charles Goozee, he was a man far advanced in the science and highly respected by all who knew him; but then the man is dead. What is the use of bringing his name in question?

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Church Bells 22nd June 1878 p.339

The Fulham Peal

Mr Henry Dains was one of the Cumberlands who had not gone to Putney on Easter Monday and could throw some light upon this subject of Caters generally.

In the first attempt at this long peal, ten of our Royal company rang a touch that lasted about seven hours and a half, and on the above-mentioned day they rang about three hours. It will thus be seen that these touches together equal about three such peals as the one rung with so much boast on Easter Monday by the College Youths. During this performance one other, at least, of the Cumberlands was in his place, who amused himself in some quiet spot by noting down the course ends and composition of this peal as it progressed, and thus it was found to be the very one Mr Cox claims to have composed about the year 1836; at which time I may say, he was a College Youth, and Mr Haley a Cumberland Youth, and therefore each man has now his friends, &c., irrespective of the Society to which he at present belongs.

Mr Cox was in but one or two of the peals rung during the years 1839 to 1844, being on a provincial tour through the north of England for the benefit of his health.

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Church Bells 6th July 1878 p.363

Mr Haley replied that all Mr Dains wrote is from hearsay and not proof as he was scarcely (if at all) in the world when the 5079 was rung at Fulham in 1842. He also states that Mr Cox was a College Youth and myself a Cumberland in 1836. This is a fiction. I was made a Cumberland August 4 1840. He also states that Mr Cox went for a provincial tour through the north of England for the benefit of his health from 1839 to 1844. Now, Sir, this is another fiction. Mr Cox went to the North with three others besides himself, all of whom I knew well, but it was on a tour with the handbells. They returned and were in London in 1842 and one of them (Mr John Freeman) heard the peal at Fulham, after which he walked with myself and others to the City.

Mr Dains also states that one at least of the Cumberlands amused himself by noting down the course ends at Fulham on Easter Monday. I flatter myself that he did not cause so much alarm to the caller, or the ringers, as the one did that noted down the course ends at St. Albans.

[The Fulham peal has now run its full extent and it is time for the conductor to cry "Stand!" - Ed.]

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Church Bells 20th July 1878 p.387

'Peeping Tom' wrote, I am forbidden to open again either of the later controversies which have taken place regarding peals recently rung at All Saints' Church [Fulham] and I do not wish to do so. The most careful and trustworthy persons are apt to make mistakes and sometimes are liable to become the victims of delusion. But it was no mistake at St. Albans, when on one occasion the Royal Cumberlands (late London Scholars) attempted a peal there, and which peal would have been grandiloquently recorded had not someone outside the steeple pointed out that a false peal had been rung.

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Belfry Records

Church Bells 3rd August 1878 p.411

St. Nicholas, Newcastle-on-Tyne

On March 27th 1842 (Easter Sunday) the Union Society of Newcastle and Gateshead change-ringers in company with J. Cox and J. Freeman, two members of the Society of St. James' Youths, London rang on the bells of this Tower, a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5040 changes in the unprecedented time of 2 hours and 59 minutes. Weight of tenor, 36cwt. etc. J. Freeman rang the fourth and John Cox conducted from the fifth.

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Church Bells 17th August 1878 p.435

All Saints, Newcastle

On Thursday March 12th 1842 the Union Society of Newcastle and Gateshead change-ringers, having been visited by 4 members of the Society of St. James' Youths, London, rang in this Steeple Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes in 3 hours. Weight of tenor, 19cwt. John Cox conducted from the third and John Freeman rang the fourth.

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Mr. J. A. Trollope in his books *Stedman* and *The College Youths* gives the date of Haley's 7025 Stedman Caters at Poplar as 1844, but the Peal Book of the Cumberland Youths and the Peal Board as well as Haley's Peal Book give the date as 1846, the year after Cox's 6701 was rung at Bermondsey (60 courses without singles). To quote Mr. Trollope: "A newspaper controversy arose in *The Era* over the rival merits of the two compositions." J. Cox's 59 courses rung at St. Clement Danes and Haley's 60 courses with bobs only but never attempted or rung are published in Hubbard's book, 1854 edition as are also the compositions of the two "first" handbell peals of Stedman Triples, now disputed. (Haley's and Brook's Variations.)

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Bell News 16th June 1894 p.47

Stedman Triples in Hand

Under the heading of 'Central Council Correspondence' a letter from Henry Dains, representing the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths drew attention to a statement in 'The Bell News' of 1888 to the effect that the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in hand was a false performance.



ALL SAINTS, FULHAM.

A copy of the record of this performance taken from the peal book of the Society was given:

Change-Ringing Extraordinary - On Monday, December the 19th, 1853. Four Members of the London Cumberland Society of Change-Ringers met at The Three Kings, Clerkenwell, London and succeeded in ringing on handbells in hand, A True Peal of Stedman Triples, consisting of 5040 changes which was brought round in excellent style in 2 hours and 40 minutes. Performers: Mr John Cox 1-2; Mr Thomas Powell, 3-4; Mr Hy. Wm. Haley, 5-6; Mr Thomas Britten, 7-8. Conducted by Mr John Cox.

"The above was the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung in hand, and was performed in the presence of nineteen members of the College Youths and Cumberland Societies, including Messrs J. Miller, C. Andrews, E. Stokes, J. Fairbairn, H. Burwash, etc. Several of them had the figures of the peal before them and ticked off the sixes as they were rung."

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Bells News 23rd June 1894 p.64

Mr William Cooter sent a copy of the letters which had appeared in "Bell News" in 1888 from himself, Thomas Powell (the ringer of 3-4) and George Dorrington. He commented that his condemnation of the peal had been made publicly from 1853 till now. When "Bell's Life" and "Church Bells" refused to insert his letters, he had no opportunity of vindicating his position in print till 1888 when "Bell News" gave him his chance.

"The ringer of 3-4 was too intent upon his own share and was hardly qualified at that time to judge whether his associates were right or wrong.

The last two lines, copied by Mr Dains, that 'several of them had the figures of the peal before them and ticked off the sixes as they were rung', are a - well pure invention, as Mr M. A. Wood can testify."

"During the latter part of 1853, the rivalry was very keen between the two London senior societies respecting the first peal of Stedman Triples upon handbells. After several attempts by both parties, the Cumberlands rang on December 19th 1853, 2hrs.40mins. At the termination I publicly stated in the room (Mr

(Continued overleaf)

M. A. Wood was with me) that Cox shifted his bells for nearly a course, and put them right just before the part-end came up; consequently many changes were struck twice and others not at all. I was pooh-poohed, and the touch was paraded as a true peal. Some years afterwards, the late Mr. Haley acknowledged in the presence of Messrs M. A. Wood, Dorrington, myself and many others, that Mr Cox sequestered 1-2, and that I was correct in condemning what I saw; he also added that the first *true* peal was rung on January 20th 1854, every blow of which he heard and which was called, Sir, by your obedient servant, William Cooter."

Mr George Dorrington wrote that he and at least a dozen others heard the late Mr Haley make the confession that the peal was false. He added that when our late friend John Cox heard what Mr Haley had said, he (John Cox) did not attempt to deny it, but only remarked "Did he though, ah?"

Week by week the correspondence continued and letters from M. A. Wood, W. Baron, J. Nelms, G. Williams and 'A London Ringer', both for and against the assertion. Other so-called peals were questioned, such as a peal of Treble Bob with the same bell in the slow for two leads running and the 'Time Peal' at Bethnal Green in 1844 when a band started for Grandsire Triples, when the only watch in the tower stopped; after ringing four hours the party came down. Result, no peal. Conductor John Cox.

"In 1865 the Cumberland Society celebrated their anniversary at St. Albans, Herts; in the morning ten members rang about 3½ hours; after



MR WILLIAM COOTER

mutual congratulations and dinner, Mr Haley dazed the company by stating that one bell was before four times instead of three; the member who rang the said bell is now alive. Result, no peal. Conductor, John Cox. I mention these circumstances to show how unreliable Cox was, and that if he would ring false peals at one time, he would at another. Advice to correspondents, 'mind your dates'."

William Cooter

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Bell News 4th August 1894 p.126.
Editorial: (Harvey Reeves)

"... Those who know Mr. Cooter intimately, who have had years of intercourse with him, who are acquainted with the high character he bears for rectitude and truth in peal-ringing, believe in his honesty and integrity in this particular instance. It is a painful duty to have to say that the very eminent and distinguished ringer whose name is brought before us so prominently in connection with this peal, did not enjoy such a name for reliability in peal-ringing as his great talents entitled him to. We have only to read the instances mentioned in this week's correspondence. Not because he was not able – no man more so: but if an accident occurred while ringing, the temptation to "make a peal" was sometimes too great to be withstood.

The St. Albans episode is a case in point. And who doubts that those 'revolutions of the bells' – as this performance was eventually designated in print – would not have been dignified by the name of "peal" had not Mr. Haley suddenly appeared in the churchyard and detected the omission of a bob at 5; an omission fatal to the truth of the performance.

"... The present generation would have heard nothing of the St. Albans fiasco or the time-peal of Bethnal Green had not the correspondence been continued. Better to destroy the record of the peal and have done with it altogether, than have the mistakes and errors of such a man as John Cox exposed to view."

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The Era Sunday 6th August 1865

"Change Ringing – On Monday, July 31st, the London Cumberland Society of Change Ringers celebrated their 120th anniversary at St. Albans, Herts. They arrived in the town shortly after eight o'clock, and were received by the clergy and churchwardens, John Lewis, Esq., Richard Tullitt, Esq., and many of the leading inhabitants of the town. L. Proctor, Esq., of Bennington and Jeremiah Miller, Esq., accompanied the party. Mr. Miller as Master of the Society, wearing his insignia of office. The abbey was visited, where Mr. G. Morris, steeple-keeper of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and "champion chimer", played a variety of sacred

airs on the bells. [The Abbey bells were unringable 1832–1871.] During the day ten of the picked members of the company ascended the tower of St. Peter's, and rang, in their usual brilliant style, 5079 revolutions of the much admired method of caters on Stedman's Principle, which occupied 3 hours 26 mins. The performers were John Cox, treble; John Nelms, 2d; Isaac Rogers, 3d; Thomas Druton, 4th; Henry Swaine, 5th; John Home, 6th; George Marriott, 7th; George Turl, 8th; John Rogers, 9th; William Howard, tenor. The peal was composed by Mr John Cox and was conducted in his usual able manner. Professor Haley, Messrs Wood, Middleton, &c., expressed themselves highly satisfied with the result. During the afternoon the company rang several touches on the hand-bells." [per Cyril Wratten]

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Bell's Life in London Sunday 26th August 1865

Change-Ringing – On Monday, Aug. 21, ten members of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang in excellent style on the bells of St. Peter's Church, St. Albans, a true and complete peal of Stedman caters, consisting of 5079 changes, in 3h 26min, being the first peal on the bells for eight years. Performers: H. W. Haley treble, R. Jameson 2, G. E. Ferris 3, T. Powell 4, J. Pettit 5, E. G. Langton 6, R. Hopkins 7, W. C. Middleton of Gravesend 8, M. A. Wood 9, J. Dwight tenor. The above was composed and conducted by H. W. Haley. [Per Cyril Wratten]

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In Memoriam

JOHN COX

of the Royal Cumberland Society, died January 29th, 1885

One of the links that bound us to the past
Is snapped; and he who rang so oft
O'er ringers graves, is now himself laid low;
And for him, too, the bells sound sad and soft.

For fifty years his hand was never tired
Making sweet music for his fellow men;
If discord sometimes rose, what wonder then
In fifty years

But now he's gone; and, solemnly with tears
His end to bless –
Let rivals meet, and o'er the old man's grave
Drink deep the waters of forgetfulness.

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The author thanks Mr. W. T. Cook for the photograph of Henry Haley and thanks Julie Harding and Jean Chrisp for typing and photocopying.

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Peal Reports

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

To help emphasise our connection with the City as part of our 350th Anniversary Year, we decided to organise a peal day that could form part of the City of London Festival of Arts, which was happy to include us as part of the "festival fringe". Five peals were arranged within the City, and despite the hot and humid weather all five were scored, as was the peal at the rare tower of South Croydon by Ken Hesketh's band, who joined us all afterwards for relaxation and recovery at The George. A hard but successful day; thanks to everyone who rang. A.R.K.

LONDON EC, St Vedast,
Foster Lane
Sat July 11, 1987 2h57 (16½)

5040 Surprise Minor
(1 extent each London, Wells,
York, Durham, Surfleet,
Beverley, Cambridge)
1 Antony R Kench
2 Richard J Tibbetts
3 Gareth Dancer
4 Thomas Cullingworth
5 Stephen R T Pocock
6 John B Keeler (C)

LONDON EC, S Mary-le-Bow,
Cheapside
Sat July 11, 1987 3h38 (42)

5040 Spliced S. Maximus
(8m: 1296 Bristol; 576
Belfast, Cambridge,
Londinium, Newgate,
Yorkshire; 432 Lincolnshire.
Superlative; 95 changes of
method)
Comp. J R Leary
1 Andrew D Barnsdale
2 Andrew N Stubbs
3 Richard J Tibbetts
4 David J Sheppard
5 Graham G Firman
6 Roderick W Pipe
7 Antony R Kench
8 John N Hughes-D'Aeth (C)
9 Andrew W R Wilby
10 Michael P Moreton
11 D Paul Smith
12 Philip Rogers

LONDON EC, S Andrew,
Holborn Circus
Sat July 11, 1987 3h5 (18)

5088 London S. Major
Comp. S J Ivin
1 John S Mason
2 James G A Prior
3 Andrew Giles
4 Michael J Hobbs
5 Anthony J Cox
6 Patrick J Bird
7 Philip A Corby
8 Robert C Kippin (C)

LONDON EC, S Michael,
Cornhill
Sat July 11, 1987 3h29 (42)

5040 Spliced S. Maximus
(8m: 1296 Bristol; 576
Belfast, Cambridge,
Londinium, Newgate,
Yorkshire; 432 Lincolnshire.
Superlative; 95 changes of
method)

Comp. J R Leary
1 Peter D Hughes
2 Stephen A Waters
3 Nigel Thomson
4 Philip A B Saddleton
5 Simon J Linford
6 David E Rothera
7 Paul Jopp
8 Colin G Wright
9 David Woodward
10 David E House (C)
11 Martin C Faulkes
12 Mark Regan

LONDON EC, S Sepulchre-
without-Newgate
Sat July 11, 1987 3h46 (28)

5350 Stedman Cinques
Comp. J Pladdys
1 John E Chilcott
2 Kevin A Hughes
3 P Quentin Armitage
4 John Pladdys (C)
5 Stephen R T Pocock
6 Keith H Fleming
7 Alan D Flood
8 Martin Cubitt
9 David J Buckley
10 D John Hunt
11 Alan R Patterson
12 John I White

S. CROYDON, London,
S Peter
Sat July 11, 1987 3h21 (30½)

5040 Cambridge S. Royal
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Tudor P Edwards
2 Stephen Ivin
3 Peter G Brown
4 John G Gipson
5 Kenneth J Hesketh (C)
6 Robin H Rogers
7 Keith W Brown
8 John H Fielden
9 Peter S Bennett
10 Frank D Mack

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

BURY ST. EDMUNDS,
Suffolk, Norman Tower,
S James' Cathedral
Sat July 11 1987 3h49 (27½)

5040 London (No. 3) S. Royal
Comp. A J Cox
1 Michael J Clay
2 Fr. Barry J Fry
3 Deryck R Bugler
4 Geoffrey K Dodd
5 John R Schmidt
6 Anthony R Carter
7 Paul T Young
8 Stephen H Stanford
9 Michael E C Mears
10 Timothy F Collins (C)
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MIDSOMER NORTON,
Som, S John Bapt
Sat July 4, 1987 3h6 (22)

5007 Stedman Cinques
Comp. J R Mayne
1 Janet M New
2 Catherine R Taylor
3 Peter C Gay
4 Adrian P Beck
5 Jenny M A Astridge
6 Paul R Grampner
7 Fred J Savage
8 Barry Hendry
9 Robert Perry (C)
10 Robert E Beck
11 David J M Purnell
12 Doug Gill
First on twelve: 3. Golden
Wedding compliment to Mr
and Mrs Jack Purnell.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.

KEMPSTON, Beds,
All Saints
Sat July 18, 1987 3h3 (17½)

5040 Plain Bob Royal
Comp. C E Jeffries
1 Anne Izzard
2 Anthony H Smith
3 Charlotte M Smith
4 David I Stanford
5 Derek A Hammond
6 Stephen H Stanford
7 Ralph Chapman
8 Richard J Hillson
9 Andrew M Keech (C)
10 Clifford W Izzard
First on ten: 5. To welcome
the Rev. Richard N Carter as
the new incumbent of All
Saints'. Kempston. £1

CARLISLE D.G.

CLEATOR MOOR, Cumbria,
S John Evan
Sat June 20 1987 3h8 (21½)

5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. J J Parker
(12-Part, 7th obs.)
1 Anne Broadhurst
2 Susan J Sewell
3 Fiona H Burton
4 Gerald H Sewell
5 Rev. Kevin M Price (C)
6 L Martin Daniels
7 Michael Chester
8 John H McTear
To mark the ordination as
Priest on 5th July, in
Newcastle Cathedral, of the
Rev. Michael Thompson.

WHITEHAVEN, Cumbria,
S James
Sun June 21, 1987 3h6 (16)

5093 Grandsire Caters
(Fr. Ken's Big-G)
Comp. K J Rider
1 Fiona H Burton
2 Ruth E Ayres
3 Susan J Sewell
4 Simon K Haworth
5 John H McTear
6 Rev. Kevin M Price (C)
7 Michael Chester
8 John Whitelock
9 L Martin Daniels
10 Gerald H Sewell
First on 10: 1. 21st Birthday
compliment to John
Whitelock.

CHESTER D.G.

WITTON (Northwich),
Cheshire, S Helen
Sun June 21, 1987 2h48 (14)

5040 Plain Bob Major
Arr. Rev. B Harris
1 David A Godfrey
2 Shirley Harris
3 Helen Ward
4 Lynne Sawyer
5 Frank Horrocks
6 Alastair Brierley
7 Ashley C P Pugh
8 Rev. Brian Harris (C)
First Major: 3, 4, 5, 6. A
welcome to the Rev. Tony
Long, the new Vicar, and his
family. A Guild Centenary
Peal.

ECCLESTON, Cheshire,
S Mary V
Sat July 11 1987 3h10 (26½)

5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. J R Pritchard
1 Colin T Graham (C)
2 Jackie Roberts
3 Helen S Mitchell
4 Christopher C Roberts
5 Donald R Marshall
6 J David Adams
7 Peter C Maddocks
8 Simon J Poole
50th for the Guild: 8. Birthday
compliment to the conductor.
A Chester Guild Centenary
Peal.

IRTON, Cumbria, S Paul
Sat July 11, 1987 2h49 (16)

5056 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. M J Platt
1 John H McTear
2 Andrew J Wallace
3 Alastair J Hopkins
4 Frederick J Jackson
5 Duncan K Wallace
6 Graham M Bradshaw
7 Duncan G Walker
8 Denis Mottershead (C)
First Major: 5.

WOOBURN, Bucks, S Paul
Sat July 18, 1987 2h58 (18)

5056 Bristol S. Major
Comp. C K Lewis
1 Derek F Yates
2 Jane E Cubley
3 Ruth M Blackwell
4 Christine C Darby
5 N David Lane
6 Kenneth R Davenport
7 Bernard F L Groves (C)
8 Charles F Pocock
A Centenary Peal by
ex-resident members.

NANTWICH, Cheshire,
S Mary
Sat July 18, 1987 2h58 (14)

5056 Lincolnshire S. Major
Comp. Rev. H Law James
1 Frank Beech
2 Jennifer M Beech
3 K Peter Jones
4 Peter C Maddocks
5 Melanie R Daw
6 Frederick S Sutton
7 Roy Worrall
8 Ivor R Nichols (C)

POTT SHRIGLEY,
Cheshire, S Christopher
Sat July 18, 1987 2h43 (11)

5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: Wells, London, Durham,
York, Surfleet, Beverley,
Norwich)
1 Brian Schofield
2 Ruth H Smith
3 Kathleen M Matheson
4 Simon J Poole
5 Duncan M Matheson
6 Robert B Smith (C)
First S. Minor: 3, 4, 5.
Retirement compliment to
the Vicar of Pott Shrigley,
Rev. Herbert E. Watkins.

COVENTRY D.G.

SHIRLEY, W Mids,
S James
Mon July 6, 1987 2h30 (6½)

5024 Spliced S. Major
(8m: 736 London; 640 each
Cambridge, Pudsey,
Superlative; 608 Rutland,
Bristol; 576 Yorkshire,
Lincolnshire; 132 changes of
method, all the work)
Comp. N Aspland
1 Derek Walters
2 Ruth M Border
3 Christopher Bostock
4 Simon Plackett
5 R Andrew Sutherland
6 Christopher F Mew
7 W Nigel G Herriott
8 Geoffrey W Randall
(No Conductor given)
100th peal on the bells: 1.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

SHIRWELL, Devon, S Peter
Thur July 16, 1987 2h41 (11)

5040 Shirwell S. Minor
Arr. R D S Brown
1 Simon P Hartley
2 Donald G Lawson
3 Kenneth C Edwards
4 Fr. Lester J Yeo
5 Diccon Pearce
6 Robert D S Brown (C)
L.J.Y.'s birthday peal. First
peal on the bells.
First peal in the method.
Shirwell S. Minor:
-56-1456-56-36-14-56 A
CC Collection 1225 £1.20

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.

BLAYDON-ON-TYNE,
Tyne & Wear, S Cuthbert,
Stella
Fri July 3, 1987 2h37 (6½)

5040 Plain Bob Doubles and Minor
(4 extents Minor, 18 Doubles)

1 } Rev. Kevin M Price (C)
2 }
3 L Martin Daniels
4 Michael Chester
5 Duncan K Wallace
6 Michael J Arkle
First Doubles and Minor: 5, 6.
Compliment to Michael
Chester on his graduation as
B.Ed.

HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland,
S Oswald
Sun July 5, 1987 3h10 (21½)

5040 Plain Bob Royal

Traditional, arr. D G Walker
1 Richard A M Turner
2 Fiona H Burton
3 Lynne P Craven
4 Stephen L Nicholson
5 Chris A Leese
6 David J Eglinton
7 Ian Tilling
8 Duncan G Walker (C)
9 John A Craggs
10 Michael Chester
First Royal: 2. First on 10: 4. 6.
First on 10 inside: 5. First on
10 as conductor. To mark the
ordination into the priesthood
of Fr Richard Clarke. Birthday
compliment to David
Eglinton; also a graduation
compliment to Michael
Chester and Stephen
Nicholson. £1

TYNEMOUTH, Tyne & Wear,
Christ Church, North Shields
Sat July 11, 1987 2h57 (16½)

5040 Lincolnshire S. Royal

Comp. R W Pipe
1 Barbara M Wheeler
2 W John Grainger
3 Timothy P Bradbury
4 Thomas Lawrance
5 George S Deas
6 Denis Crowe
7 Stephen B Bell
8 Leslie Boumphrey
9 Christopher M Richardson
10 David Hird (C)
For the Anniversary Weekend
of Christ Church, Tynemouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

GREAT BENTLEY, Essex,
S Mary V
Sat July 11, 1987 2h40 (7½)

5056 Euryalus S. Major

Comp. A M Barber
1 Adrian G Semken
2 Andrew J Dickinson
3 Guy R Wilkinson
4 Alan T Dixon
5 Brian J Willett
6 Alan M Barber (C)
7 John A Hall
8 George E Thoday
First in the method by all and
for the Association.

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET,
Wilts, S Margaret of Antioch
Fri July 3, 1987 2h40 (8½)

5056 Radwell S. Major

Comp. A M Barber
1 Allan G Keen
2 John R Ridley
3 Cynthia E Howell
4 Cyril A Wratten
5 Anthony R Peake (C)
6 Marc Hart
7 John C Sheppard
8 Brian Bladon
100th S. Major: 1 To welcome
Brislington ringers at the end
of their first day's sponsored
walk; also Wedding
compliment to Roderick
Horton and Teresa Hall. First
in the method by all and for
the Association.

CASTLE EATON, Wilts,
S Mary V
Fri July 10, 1987 2h33 (7½)

5040 Spliced S. Minor

(14m, 7 extents: (1)
Canterbury, Morpeth; (2)
Alnwick, Newcastle; (3)
Rossendale, Stamford; (4)
Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (5)
London, Wells; (6) York,
Durham; (7) Cambridge,
Ipswich)
1 Eric Sutton
2 Cynthia E Howell
3 Anthony R Peake (C)
4 Gordon L Belcher
5 Nicholas A Weaver
6 Christopher P Wilton
Most methods: 4. Most
methods inside: 5.
Compliment to Caroline
Archard and Timothy Wilson
on the eve of their wedding.

GUILDFORD D.G.

GUILDFORD, Surrey,
Holy Trinity
Sat July 11, 1987 3h30 (23)

5152 Spliced S. Major

(4m: 1312 Bristol; 1280 each
London, Cambridge,
Superlative; 112 changes of
method, all the work)
Comp A J Pitman
1 Brenda A Mayle
2 W John Couperthwaite
3 John A Mayle
4 Simon M Alford (C)
5 Mike Pidd
6 Toby Arkless
7 Martin J Turner
8 Alan P Mayle

SEND, Surrey, S Mary
Sat July 18, 1987 2h36 (10½)

5040 Minor (5m: (1)
Grandsire; (2) Oxford T.B.: (3)
St Clements; (4, 5) Kent T.B.:
(6, 7) Plain Bob; seven
different callings)

1 Martin J Turner
2 M Jane Booth
3 M Louise Booth
4 Mike Pidd
5 Toby Arkless (C)
6 John R Martin
First peal: 3. Birthday
compliment to Susan Reed,
sister of Jane and Louise.

HURST, Berks, S Nicholas
Sat July 18, 1987 2h58 (14)

5056 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. M S Bruce
1 Nigel A L Mellor
2 Helen Couperthwaite
3 John J Durham
4 Jane A Thompson
5 F Keith Williamson
6 Gary J Audley
7 W John Couperthwaite
8 Mike Pidd (C)
200th tower to a peal: 6. First
in method: 2. By seven
members of Leeds University
Society and one daughter.

Please send details as soon as
possible after ringing and
PRINT names to avoid mis-
takes. Peal forms are available
free from "The Ringing
World" office - please send
SAE.

Peals received more than four
weeks after date of ringing are
treated as late.

45-SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (all the work)

by Adrian Malton

I was spurred on to writing this article after the publication of the Kent band's achievement of 165-spliced (RW p873). Congratulations to them.

All the work Spliced Surprise Major is a totally different ball game from that of short-course tenors-together spliced. The conventional music is virtually non-existent and what there is comes when you least expect it. Some ringers do not like the tenors parted at any cost. However, bands who have rung Norman Smith's or Tim Pett's 23-spliced all the work may like to try some of the other methods included in the 45-spliced in peals of a reasonably standard length.

The basic composition, by A. R. Peake, is as follows:

2345678

3578264 Y.
8375264 UKDBrWh.Wt
5873264 LoTGlCmCs.Ld
7358264 BaBiFaWe.Ru.
5763284 JHa.MCvSoPo.PrStERoRi
8632754 IcFo.IpCrAsLc.Be.Co.Go.He.ScAl
5738264 WnWoCh.Pu.

6 times repeated

Method names are abbreviated to their first one or two letters as appropriate, except where shown below. Bobs are indicated by full stops.

Contains 224 of Aldershot, Ashtead, Barnwood, Belfast, Bisley, Bristol, Cambridge (Cm), Cassiobury (Cs), Caversham (Cv), Cholsey, Conisbrough, Cray, Double Dublin, Ealing, Fairford, Fordingbridge, Glasgow, Goring, Harwell, Hereford, Ickleton, Ipswich, Jersey, Kenninghall, Lincolnshire (Lc), Lindum (Ld), Maulden, Portishead, Privett, Pudsey, Ringwood, Romsey, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Sonning, Stockport, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Wantage (Wn), Watford (Wt), Wembley, Whalley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire, with 314 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell.

When I planned the series of attempts culminating in the 45, the band had to be au fait with the methods in Norman Smith's 23-spliced so that there was absolutely no hesitation when ringing Whalley or Tavistock. Then the possibly awkward trio of Barnwood, Bisley and Fairford adds a challenge, and I suggest that the following peal of 25 methods (5600 changes) is rung for starters:

2345678

3578264 Y.
8375264 UKDBrWh.Wt
5873264 LoTGlCmCs.Ld
7358264 BaBiFaWe.Ru.
5738264 JHaIpCrAsLcPu.

6 times repeated

Note that Kenninghall is rung in the third lead instead of Cornwall in the 23. Harwell should present fewer problems at the back as the places in 5-6 are right, but the 3rd's and 4th's place bells need to be careful.

If the composition of 45-spliced is examined it can be seen that if Whalley is not bobbed you restart again at Rutland. This gives scope for inserting two courses of new methods. Thus the following peal of 25 methods (5600 changes) is available:

2345678

3578264 Y.
7358264 UKDBrWhRu.
5763284 JHa.MCvSoPo.PrStERoRi
5738264 IcFo.IpCrAsLcPu.

6 times repeated

The new methods come after the bob at the end of Harwell. Sonning needs to be mastered thoroughly, especially 4th's and 7th's place bells, as does Romsey, which is actually Sonning above the treble. Ealing and Ickleton are straightforward and Stockport has a lot of Rutland in it. In Fordingbridge there is a temptation to put in unnecessary dodges in 3-4 but the methods are all the same lead end group, so that helps.

The methods at the end of the 45-spliced can also be introduced in an arrangement of 23 methods (5152 changes):

2345678

 3578264 Y.
 7358264 UKDBrWhRu.
 8632754 JHaIpCrAsLc.Be.Co.Go.He.ScAl
 5738264 WnWoCh.Pu.

 6 times repeated

In these new methods it is important that Belfast is well known so that 5th's and 6th's place bells do not foul up the middle of the lead. Goring and Hereford are fairly straightforward. Scawthorpe is a pleasant combination of Watford and Lindum with a 5-pull dodge across the half-lead and, of course, 3rd's and 6th's place Scawthorpe and Aldershot are Watford. Wantage is tedious in the extreme, especially as in one part 2 and 8 are on the front for 11 dodges together; 5th's, 7th's and 8th's place bells are Barnwood. Wordsworth can be tricky if the hunting all the way is not completed: 2nd's and 4th's place bells are Wembley. In the last part be prepared for the 87s in this method when the tenor is 6th's place bell. Cholsey is also reasonably straightforward but needs to be learnt thoroughly as it is bobbed to run into the Pudsey.

Thus there are three different peals available in which all methods of the 45 can be rung by way of practice.

Having become confident on the lines, bands may wish to go straight to the 45 which is 10080 changes or try an intermediate length. Concentration does suffer the further the peal goes, but we had some excellent ringing in the fifth and very musical sixth parts. There are various permutations but I suggest one of the following peals if the extra length should want to be practised:

36 methods (8064 changes)
 2345678

 3578264 Y.
 8375264 UKDBrWh.Wt
 5873264 LoTGlCmCs.Ld
 7358264 BaBiFaWe.Ru.
 5763284 JHa.MCvSoPo.PrStERoRi
 5738264 IcFo.IpCrAsLcPu.

 6 times repeated

Or this peal:

34 methods (7616 changes)
 2345678

 3578264 Y.
 7358264 UKDBrWhRu.
 5763284 JHa.MCvSoPo.PrStERoRi
 8632754 IcFo.IpCrAsLc.Be.Co.Go.He.ScAl
 5738264 WnWoCh.Pu.

 6 times repeated

Or this peal:

32 methods (7168 changes)
 2345678

 3578264 Y.
 8375264 UKDBrWh.Wt
 5873264 LoTGlCmCs.Ld
 7358264 BaBiFaWe.Ru.
 8632754 XCrAsLc.Be.Co.Go.He.ScAl
 5738264 WnWoCh.Pu.

 6 times repeated
 X=8th's place Jersey

There are several possibilities for cutting out a different single method by ringing the 2nd's or 8th's place version of the previous one:

HEREFORD D.G.

CLIFFORD, Herefords,
 S Mary
 Mon June 23 1987 2h52 (12½)
5040 Oxford Bob Triples
 Comp. J J Parker (6-part)
 1 Karen Trumper
 2 Leslie Evans
 3 W Anthony Price
 4 Frederick R Harris
 5 Andrew L Mainwaring (C)
 6 Laurence T Mainwaring
 7 A Harold Fitter
 8 Rev. John Morris
 First in method: 7. First in method as conductor. 25th peal together: 3, 5.

HERTFORD C.A.

KIMPTON, Herts,
 SS Peter & Paul
 Sat July 4 1987 2h35 (10½)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
 Johnson's var. of Middleton's
 1 Judith E Titmus
 2 Rosemary E Scott
 3 Jill E Crocker
 4 Neil A Pirie
 5 Roger D R Brown
 6 Keith Lewin
 7 Robert J Crocker
 8 Ken Newman (C)
 First on 8: 1. First on 8 as conductor. First in method: 3. Prior to the wedding of Timothy Brooker to Susan E Scott.

WHEATHAMPSTEAD, Herts,
 S Helen
 Sat July 4, 1987 3h10 (14½)
5152 Wheathampsted S. Major
 (6th place bobs)
 Comp. R Baldwin
 1 Charles F Pocock
 2 Andrew F Alldrick
 3 John R Peverett
 4 Guy W Morton
 5 Stephen J Crawley
 6 Frederick W Ellis
 7 S Kathleen M Baldwin
 8 Roger Baldwin (C)
 Xth Birthday compliment to S Kathleen M Baldwin; also a welcome to Christopher William, first-born child for Guy and Susan Morton. First in the method for all except 6. £1.60

ALDBURY, Herts,
 S John Bapt
 Sat July 11 1987 2h20 (6½)
5040 Surprise Minor
 (12m: (1) Chester, Munden; (2) London, Wells; (3) York, Durham; (4) Beverley, Surfleet; (5) Westminster, Allendale; (6) Norwich; (7) Cambridge)
 1 Rosemary E Scott
 2 Barbara Nichols
 3 Colin M Turner
 4 Neil A Pirie
 5 Christopher W Stanley
 6 Robert J Crocker (C)
 25th peal: 1 Most Surprise Minor: 5.

PENN, Bucks, Holy Trinity
 Sat July 11, 1987 2h40 (10)
5040 Minor (7m: London S., Norwich S., Double Oxford Bob, Kent T.B., St Clements Bob, Cambridge S., Plain Bob)
 1 A Rex Agg
 2 Elizabeth A Agg
 3 C Anne Agg
 4 Andrew J Agg
 5 David A Agg
 6 Philip J Agg (C)

KENT C.A.

RAINHAM, Kent, S Margaret
 Sat July 18, 1987 3h (18)
5024 Rutland S. Major
 Comp. A J Cox, from P G K Davies
 1 Valerie J Howard
 2 Diana Wraight
 3 Anne L Martin
 4 F Paul Lewis
 5 Timothy S Wraight
 6 Thomas Cullingworth
 7 John B Keeler
 8 John A Howard (C)
 First in method: 2, 5. Compliment to Anne and Paul Lewis on the birth of a daughter, Katharine Siân, on 12th July, 1987.

ST. MARY CRAY, Kent,
 S Mary
 Sun July 19, 1987 2h41 (12)
5040 Minor (7m: 1 extent each London S., Norwich S., Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St Clements, Plain Bob)
 1 Geoffrey D A Long
 2 David J Dearnley
 3 Graham A C John
 4 Ian G Mills
 5 Anne L Martin (C)
 6 Thomas M Barlow
 First including T.B.: 1. 15th Wedding anniversary compliment to Geoff and Jenny Long; also 1st Wedding anniversary compliment to Ian and Launa Mills; also to mark the births of Annika Melanie Mills (29th May) and Katharine Siân Lewis (12th July).

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

SEFTON, Merseyside,
 S Helen
 Sat June 13 1987 2h51 (11½)
5088 Plain Bob Major
 Comp. R Bailey
 1 Andrew Yarwood
 2 Lenard J Mitchell
 3 L Martin Daniels
 4 Julie A Addison
 5 Bryan J McCahey
 6 John S Hopwood
 7 Peter D Hughes
 8 Richard I Allton (C)
 First Major: 1. First in the method as conductor.

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LOW BENTHAM, N. Yorks,
S John Bapt
Sun June 14, 1987 2h54 (14)
5040 Doubles (13 m/v: 16
extents Grandsire; 4 each
Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury
Pleasure; 3 each Kennington,
Southrepps, April Day,
Clifford's Pleasure; 2
Windrush; 1 each St Helen,
Newborough, Longparish,
Salwarpe)
1 A Mark Underwood
2 Donna Jones
3 Ian W Westby
4 L Martin Daniels
5 Rev. Kevin M Price (C)
First inside: 3. For Bell
Sunday, prior to the Songs of
Praise Service

BRAITHAY, Cumbria,
Holy Trinity
Sat June 20, 1987 2h30 (8)
5040 Doubles (13 m/v: 16
extents Grandsire; 4 each
Plain Bob, Rev. Canterbury
Pleasure; 3 each Kennington,
Southrepps, April Day,
Clifford's Pleasure; 2
Windrush; 1 each St Helen,
Newborough, Longparish,
Salwarpe)
1 Gary J L Seal
2 L Martin Daniels
3 Rev. Kevin M Price (C)
4 Hilary J Atkinson
5 Michael Chester
Farewell compliment to Gary
J L Seal, organist at this
church.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL,
Lincs, All Saints
Sat July 4, 1987 2h45 (14)
5040 Grandsire Minor
1 Thomas A Relf
2 John A Hickman
3 L Martin Daniels
4 Rupert M Burgess
5 William C Cox
6 Rev. Kevin M Price (C)
First in the method by all
except 3, 6.

WANSFORD, Cambs,
S Mary V
Sat July 4, 1987 2h24 (4)
5040 Minor (5m, 7 extents:
(1) Plain Bob; (2) St Clements,
Armitage-is-the-name,
Badgeworth; (3) St Clements;
(4) St Clements, Buxton,
(5, 6, 7) Plain Bob)
1 Alfred Waller
2 L Martin Daniels
3 William C Cox
4 Rupert M Burgess
5 Rev. Kevin M Price (C)
6 John A Hickman

CLITHEROE, Lancs, S Mary
Sat July 11 1987 2h56 (18½)
5024 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. J S Warboys
1 Geoffrey J Haworth
2 Eric J Musson
3 Jean Barnes
4 Cyril Crossthwaite
5 John T Parsons
6 Ian Smith
7 John Hartley
8 Alan F Scholfield (C)
First Surprise inside: 2. For
Ribble Valley Rail Day.

HEYWOOD, Lancs, S Luke
Sun July 12 1987 3h9 (21½)
5056 Gooden S. Major
Comp. A J Pitman
1 Geoffrey Fothergill
2 Gail L Idle
3 Anne E Pettifor
4 John P Partington
5 D Robert Pettifor
6 Dennis R Allcock
7 Malcolm Murphy
8 Peter Bellamy-Knights (C)
50th peal on the bells: 1. A
welcome to the new assistant
curate.
First peal in the method.
Gooden S. Major:
-38-14-1258-16-14-
38-34.12.78 b

HEPTONSTALL, W. Yorks,
S Thomas
Wed July 15, 1987 3h13 (18½)
5152 Spliced S. Major
(23m: 224 each Ashted,
Bristol, Cambridge,
Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray,
Double Dublin, Glasgow,
Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire,
Lindum, London, Preston,
Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative,
Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford,
Wembley, Whalley,
Yorkshire; 160 changes of
method, all the work)
Comp. N Smith
1 J Colin Ashworth
2 Michael H Tompsett
3 Richard J Parker
4 Geoffrey Fothergill
5 Peter C Randall
6 George H Campling (C)
7 Richard S Starkie
8 Jeffrey Brannan

LEICESTER D.G.

LEICESTER, S Mary-de-Castro
Thur July 16 1987 2h54 (15½)
5088 Crewkerne S. Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Sally A Mason
2 R Brian Mills
3 George A Dawson
4 Simon C Melen
5 David G Adams
6 W John Riley
7 Andrew B Mills
8 R Kingsley Mason (C)
First peal in the method by all
the band and on the bells.

BARROW-upon-SOAR,
Leics, Holy Trinity
Mon July 20, 1987 2h44 (9½)
5188 Biddenden S. Major
Comp. H Poyner
1 Louise C Boothey
2 Jennifer V Barnes
3 B Stedman Payne
4 Vikki Stevenson
5 James E Wightman
6 Burley P Morris
7 David G Carling
8 Howell J Williams
(No Conductor given)
First peal: 1. First Surprise: 2.
First in method: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

Method

8th's place Watford (Watford Gap)
2nd's place Tavistock (Lithium)
8th's place Lindum
8th's place Maulden (Scratchwood)

8th's place Privett
8th's place Stockport (Wirral)
8th's place Ealing (Horsham)
8th's place Ringwood
8th's place Conisbrough (Membury)

8th's place Scawthorpe
8th's place Aldershot
8th's place Wantage (Corley)

Cuts out

London
Glasgow
Barnwood
(Caversham
(Sonning
Stockport
Ealing
Romsey
Ickleton
(Goring
(Hereford
(Scawthorpe
Aldershot
Wantage
Wordsworth

These can be introduced if desired.

If Conisbrough is not bobbed this cuts out Goring and Hereford (we found the Mx methods no problem). Also a bobbed lead of Buckland can be used to replace the Privett course. We did not employ this as we wished to master Romsey, but the folling peal is available:

28 methods (6272 changes)

2345678

3578264 Y.
7358264 UKDBrWhRu.
5763284 JHa.MCvSoPo.Bu.
8632754 IpCrAsLc.Be.Co.Go.He.ScAl
5738264 WnWoCh.Pu.

6 times repeated
Bu=Buckland

I hope these notes and suggestions will be of use to bands who want to try some Spliced with a difference.

LICHFIELD

ARCHDEACONRY SOC.

BLITHFIELD, Staffs,
S Leonard
Fri July 10, 1987 2h40 (8½)
5040 Minor (1 extent each St
Clements, Cambridge S.,
Oxford and Kent T.B.; 3 Plain
Bob)
1 Clare L S Webb
2 Amanda E Butcher
3 Stuart CW Hutchieson (C)
4 Christopher A Duckett
5 Clive M Smith
6 Gordon K Chaddock

LITTLE ASTON, Staffs,
S Peter
Fri July 17, 1987 2h31 (9)
5040 Minor (1 extent each
London S., Double Court,
Cambridge S., Kent T.B., St
Clements, Oxford T.B., Plain
Bob)
1 Eric E Speake
2 Lucy Smith
3 Brian L Burrows (C)
4 Christopher A Duckett
5 Clive M Smith
6 Gordon K Chaddock
Rung during the 10th year in
which the Rev. Roland Oliver
has been Vicar.

LINCOLN D.G.

KIRTON LINDSEY,
Humbs, S Andrew
Wed July 8, 1987 3h1 (12)
5120 Spliced S. Major
(8m: 896 Rutland; 704
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 604
Cambridge; 576 London,
Pudsey, Superlative; 448
Bristol; 87 changes of
method, all the work)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 David Fox
2 Jack L Millhouse
3 Gwen I Bloomfield
4 John Freeman (C)
5 Barbara Clipsham
6 George E Feirn
7 Ian Lloyd
8 Geoffrey R Parker

EDENHAM, Lincs,
S Michael & All Angels
Wed July 15, 1987 2h45 (16)
5040 Plain Bob Major
Comp. R W Pipe
(Debenham Peal)
1 Robin H Rogers (C)
2 Robert S MacDonald
3 Janet I Rogers
4 Michael J Belcher
5 Kenneth J Hesketh
6 William A Holmes
7 Keith W Brown
8 Martin F Mitchell
First attempt: 2.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH D.A.

LLANDAFF, S. Glam,
Cathedral
Sat June 20 1987 3h12 (20½)
5040 Yorkshire S. Royal
Comp. J Clatworthy (No. 2c)
1 Maggi Churchill
2 Tudor P Edwards
3 Ruth Simon
4 Christopher W Kipling
5 David J Llewellyn
6 Nicholas W H Simon (C)
7 Trevor T Lewis
8 Rev. Neil J Sheard
9 Nigel D R Orchard
10 Robin R Churchill
With best wishes to those
soon to be ordained in this
Cathedral, particularly Rev.
David C Brookes, a ringer
here. £2

LONDON C.A.

RIPON, N. Yorks,
Cathedral
Sat July 11, 1987 3h18 (23)
5003 Grandsire Caters
Arr. J W Belshaw
1 James W Belshaw (C)
2 Lucy Smith
3 Ruth Simon
4 Nicholas W H Simon
5 David Holdridge
6 Paul J R Daybell
7 Stephanie J Pattenden
8 Hilary F C Small
9 Clive M Smith
10 Lorna E Champney
First on 10: 5. Wedding day
compliment to Julie Baker
and Brian Diserens. £1

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MIDDLESEX CA. & LONDON D.G.

KNIGHTON, Powys, S Edward
Sat July 11, 1987 2h36 (10)
5152 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. A J Watkins
1 Stu A Aitken
2 Simon J Davies
3 Jane Haslam
4 Connie A Barter
5 Margaret A Swain
6 Ian Wiltshire
7 Andrew J Watkins (C)
8 Andrew M Bull
First Surprise inside: 3. 25th together: 4, 7, 8. In memory of Cyril E Jaine, Tower Captain of the Priory Church, Leominster.

NON-ASSOCIATION

SPITALFIELDS, London E, Christ Church
Sat July 11, 1987 3h4 (17½)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. N J Diserens
1 Christopher S Caryer
2 Helen M Diserens
3 Andrew J Mitchell
4 Roger D Diserens
5 Neil Buswell
6 Brian P Diserens
7 Timothy P Bradley
8 Noel J Diserens (C)
A compliment to Brian Diserens and Julie Baker prior to their wedding at St. John-at-Hackney. £1

N AMERICAN GUILD

KALAMAZOO, Michigan, Kalamazoo College
Fri July 3, 1987 2h54 (9)
5040 Plain Bob Triples
Comp. R Bailey (No. 1)
1 Thomas W Farthing
2 Andrew Farmer
3 T J Smith
4 Chris Stibal
5 Tina Stoeklein
6 Brent Eckert
7 John Schreiner (C)
8 Peter Domalavage
First as conductor. First P.B. Triples for all. Birthday compliment to Kathryn Lesh and Sarah Beukema.

WASHINGTON, D.C., USA, Old Post Office Tower
Fri July 3 1987 3h4 (27½)
5040 Lincolnshire S. Royal
Anon.
1 Colleen Kollar
2 Beth Sinclair
3 Margaret S Spencer
4 Cecily Rock
5 Norma E Henderson
6 R Brett Wormley
7 Donald F Morrison
8 William J Kollar
9 Edward J Futcher (C)
10 Richard S. Dirksen
First in method for all except conductor. By Washington Ringing Society.

WASHINGTON, D.C., USA, Cathedral
Sat July 4, 1987 3h16 (32)
5021 Grandsire Caters
Comp. A Knight
1 Richard A Anderson
2 Helen Owen
3 Anne G Martin
4 Norma F Henderson
5 Don Morrison
6 Colleen Kollar
7 Quilla Roth
8 R S Dirksen
9 Edward W Martin (C)
10 Phil Merrill
First on 10: 1. For Independence Day; also in memory of Elsie Chaddock. By Washington Ringing Society.

NORTH STAFFS ASSN.

KIDSGROVE, Staffs, S Thomas
Sat July 11, 1987 2h44 (11)
5088 Bristol S. Major
Comp. C J E Wyld
1 Christine Sherratt
2 Norman Sherratt
3 K Peter Jones
4 Mervyn Harrison
5 Roland W Morant
6 Harold Dowler
7 Charles A S Webb
8 Roy Worrall
(No Conductor given)
First Bristol: 4. For the 150th anniversary of this church. £1

NORWICH D.A.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, Norfolk, S Mary V
Fri July 10, 1987 2h49 (8½)
5152 Lincolnshire S. Major
Comp. S Humphrey (Comp. 500)
1 H William Barrett
2 Rebecca Cubitt
3 Nikki R Heath
4 David Cubitt
5 P Mary Cheesewright
6 Neil M Thomas
7 Richard P J Carter (C)
8 J Michael Roberts
First Lincolnshire: 2.

SHELFANGER, Norfolk, All Saints
Sat July 11 1987 2h23 (5½)
5040 Minor (1 extent each Double Court, Cambridge, Double Oxford, Oxford T.B., St Clements, Kent T.B., Plain)
1 J Martin Thorley (C)
2 Patricia M Bailey
3 Frederick C Gunton
4 Trevor N J Bailey
5 Frank C J Arnold
6 Trevor D Hughes
600th tower-bell peal and circled tower twice: 2. 50th peal on the new bells by the N D A.

OXFORD D.G.

WITNEY, Oxon, S Mary V
Sat July 4, 1987 2h57 (16½)
5056 Wadworth S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Ian M Gardiner
2 Joy Freeman
3 Mark Vincent
4 Timothy G Pett
5 James N O'Beirne
6 Andrew A Ward
7 Colin M Turner
8 Donald B Carter (C)
First blows in the method: 5. 6. First in method: 2, 3, 4, 7. First in the method as conductor. 25th Surprise: 3. 25th together: 3 and 8, 5 and 8.

TILEHURST, Berks, S Michael
Sun July 5 1987 2h54 (17½)
5040 Plain Bob Triples
Comp. R Bailey (No. 2)
1 Wendy E Sandham
2 Cathy M Holdway
3 Naomi C Lewis
4 Julia C A Wells
5 Paul J Wells
6 E John Wells
7 Joanne P Druce (C)
8 James E Harmsworth
First in method inside: 2, 3. First Triples as conductor. Circled tower to peals: 7. Compliment to Rev. Paul Seaman on his ordination to the priesthood. £1

BODICOTE, Oxon, S John Bapt
Sat July 11, 1987 2h46 (8)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. J J Parker (7 obs.)
1 Ian T Roche
2 Anne D Thorne
3 Chris J Gardner
4 Johan E Gardner
5 Brian J Curtis
6 John Harris
7 Graham J Clifton (C)
8 Ronald A Thorne
First peal: 1. 50th peal: 7. Circled tower: 8. To mark the retirement of the Rev. Donald Bishop after 27 years of service to the parish; also congratulations to Andrew Thorne on obtaining his degree. 80p

ISLEWORTH, Middx, All Saints
Thur July 16 1987 2h56 (16)
5040 Yorkshire S. Royal
Comp. F E Darby
1 Frederick R Scott
2 Patricia M Newton
3 James G A Prior
4 Robert H Newton
5 Jeffery C Birt
6 J Michael Cole
7 John R Martin (C)
8 Andrew P Deamer
9 Harold W Rogers
10 Peter Bridle
Birthday compliment to Louise Cole.

HUNGERFORD, Berks, S Lawrence
Thur July 16 1987 2h43 (11)
5024 Hackpen Delight Major
Comp. C C Monson
1 Helen J Piper
2 Brian Bladon
3 Frank W Rivett
4 Colin C Monson
5 Colin J Turner
6 Geoffrey K Dodd
7 Robert J Crocker
8 Bernard F L Groves (C)
First peal in the method.
Hackpen D. Major:
38-38 14-12-36 14-34 18-36-78 (i.e. 178)

WEST WYCOMBE, Bucks, S Lawrence
Sat July 18, 1987 2h54 (14)
5040 Plain Bob Major
Comp. G Williams
1 Percy Newton
2 Walter Lee
3 Lyn Young
4 David Clay
5 Edward Armstrong
6 Paul Bayes
7 Roger Hazell
8 John Young (C)
83rd Birthday compliment to Percy Newton; also Wedding compliment to Nigel Woodruff and Sheila Guy, married at Aston Clinton this day. £1.50

OXFORD UNIV. SOCIETY

OXFORD, Oxon, S Mary Magd
Wed June 24 1987 2h49 (7½)
5058 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. I M Gardiner
1 Adam J Carill
2 Sarah H L Bates
3 John E Camp
4 Scott J Tebbutt
5 James C G Harris
6 Rob P Bruce
7 Gary P Exell
8 Ian M Gardiner (C)
First Yorkshire: 2, 4, 5, 6. For the Invocation of Roy Jenkins to the office of Chancellor of Oxford University.

HUNGERFORD, Berks, S Laurence
Sat June 27, 1987 3h4 (12)
5088 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. N J Pitstow
1 Bev N C Ouzman
2 Gill Murrells
3 Gary P Exell
4 Bill B Lister
5 Nigel J Gay
6 James C G Harris
7 Ian M Gardiner
8 Scott J Tebbutt (C)
First Yorkshire: 5. First as conductor.

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

WEEDON BEC, Northants, SS Peter & Paul
Tues June 16 1987 2h46 (14)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. G Lindoff
1 Kirsty A Gascoin
2 Andrew W Gordon
3 Timothy A Wooding
4 David P Westerman
5 Stephen J Westerman
6 Murray A Coleman
7 Ian N Willgress
8 Peter M Fleckney (C)

TONG, Salop, S Bartholomew
Sun June 21, 1987 3h22 (12)
5040 Surprise Minor
(32m: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle, Sandiacre, Wooler, Morpeth, Canterbury; (3) London, Wells, Cunecastre; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Netherseale, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London; (5) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York, Durham; (6) Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne, Hull, Primrose, Norfolk; (7) Norwich)

1 William H Hulme
2 David P Westerman
3 Andrew W Gordon
4 David J Garton
5 Stephen J Westerman
6 Peter M Fleckney (C)
Compliment to Rev. Bob Geoffries, leaving this parish to become Dean of Worcester Cathedral; also for the 900th anniversary of the church.

ISLIP, Northants, S Nicholas
Tues June 30 1987 2h53 (12)

5040 Surprise Minor
(34m: (1) Carlisle, Northumberland, Whitley; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle, Sandiacre, Wooler, Morpeth, Canterbury; (3) London, Wells, Cunecastre; (4) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Netherseale, Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's London; (5) Westminster, Allendale; (6) Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham, York, Durham; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne, Hull, Norfolk, Primrose)
1 William H Hulme
2 David P Westerman
3 Andrew W Gordon
4 David J Garton
5 Stephen J Westerman
6 Peter M Fleckney (C)

ELVEDEN, Suffolk, Memorial Tower of SS Patrick & Andrew
Sat July 11 1987 3h10 (17½)

5056 Bristol S. Major
Comp. I M Holland
1 Christopher N Stephenson
2 Susan J Riley
3 Brenda M Dixon
4 Simon J Dixon
5 Alan J Marks
6 Richard Green
7 Ian M Holland (C)
8 W John Riley
First Bristol: 3.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

EDINBURGH, Lothian, S Cuthbert
Sat June 27, 1987 2h43 (7)
5040 Minor (3m: 2 extents each Cambridge S., Plain Bob; 3 Kent T.B.)
1 James Brotherton
2 Clare Brotherton
3 Helen Brotherton
4 Nigel E Booth
5 William A Brotherton (C)
6 Michael B Broe
First peal: 3. First Minor: 1, 2. A thanksgiving for the lifetime of Elsie Chaddock.

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ST. THOMAS SOCIETY

DUNSTABLE, Beds, S Peter (Priory)
Sat June 20 1987 3h15 (23½)

5056 London S. Major
Comp. R Baldwin

- 1 Mark B Davies (Trinity, Oxford)
- 2 Charlotte A Gould (Homerton, Cambridge)
- 3 Alison M. Godfrey (Newnham, Cambridge)
- 4 Katherine A Oldershaw (Clare, Cambridge)
- 5 Rob P Bruce (Magdalen, Oxford)
- 6 Scott J Tebbutt (Oriel, Oxford)
- 7 Gary P Exell (C) (Worcester, Oxford)
- 8 Philip J Agg (Magdalen, Cambridge)

First London: 3, 5, 6. By resident undergraduate members of the Oxford University Society and Cambridge University Guild. 80p

MAIDSTONE, Kent,

All Saints

Sat July 4 1987 3h37 (32½)

5024 Bristol S. Major

Comp. S J Ivin

- 1 Peter D Hughes (C)
- 2 Frederick R Scott
- 3 Jonathan C Machell
- 4 Nigel J Gay
- 5 Gary P Exell
- 6 Andrew P Deamer
- 7 Phillip R J Barnes
- 8 Paul N Mounsey

Completes standard eight:
First Bristol as conductor.

S. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SOCIETY

NORTHAMPTON, S Giles

Sat June 27 1987 3h13 (24½)

5040 Idlicote S. Royal

Comp. W E Critchley

- 1 Graham C Paul
- 2 Alan A Paul
- 3 Raymond A Vickers
- 4 W Eric Critchley (C)
- 5 Stanley M Ruddlesden
- 6 Nicholas J Parsons
- 7 George W Holland
- 8 Charles E Truman
- 9 James Linnell
- 10 Barry E Saunders

First peal in the method.

Idlicote S. Royal:

-50-16-50-16-70-18-12-50-36-90 b.

MOULTON, Northants,

SS Peter & Paul

Fri July 3, 1987 2h54 (11)

5040 Zambesi S. Royal

Comp. J Wood

- 1 Richard Haseldine
- 2 Alan A Paul
- 3 Raymond A Vickers
- 4 W Eric Critchley (C)
- 5 Stanley M Ruddlesden
- 6 Barry R Care
- 7 George W Holland
- 8 Charles E Truman
- 9 Barry E Saunders
- 10 Graham C Paul

First peal in the method.

Zambesi S. Royal:

-70-14-56.70.36 14-70.58-56 14.70-14-10 Mx.

DAVENTRY, Northants,

Holy Cross

Sat July 11 1987 3h15 (18½)

5040 Underhill S. Royal

Comp. J Wood

- 1 Graham C Paul
- 2 Ruth Stokes
- 3 Charles E Truman
- 4 W Eric Critchley (C)
- 5 James Linnell
- 6 Christopher C Stokes
- 7 Barry R Care
- 8 Stanley M Ruddlesden
- 9 Barry E Saunders
- 10 Alan A Paul

First peal in the method.

Underhill S. Royal:

56.70.56.14.70.56
-36.14-70.58-
56.14.70.-14-10. Mx

MOULTON, Northants,

SS Peter & Paul

Fri June 19, 1987 2h51 (11)

5040 Redmoor S. Royal

Comp. J Wood

- 1 James Linnell
- 2 Alan A Paul
- 3 Graham C Paul
- 4 W Eric Critchley (C)
- 5 Raymond A Vickers
- 6 Stanley M Ruddlesden
- 7 Barry R Care
- 8 George W Holland
- 9 Richard Haseldine
- 10 Barry E Saunders

First peal in the method.

Redmoor S. Royal:

-70-14.70.56-36.14-70.58 14.56-70.-14-10. Mx

SOUTHAMPTON UNIV. GUILD

SEVENOAKS, Kent,

S Nicholas

Sat July 18, 1987 3h8 (16)

5152 Yorkshire S. Major

Arr. M A Coleman

- 1 Neil H Darracott
- 2 Josephine H Wood
- 3 Judy A Griggs
- 4 Norman G T Steere
- 5 Rupert Howes
- 6 Simon J Dixon (C)
- 7 David G Ridley
- 8 Anthony J Haywood

First in method: 5. 50th peal:

6. A belated 21st Birthday compliment to 1

SUFFOLK GUILD

BREDFIELD, Suffolk, S Andrew

Sat July 11, 1987 2h38 (11)

5040 Doubles (42 extents, 188 m/v: (1) Ludgershall, Barrowby; (2) Stoke Abbott, Claxby, Welby; (3) Saville, Queens Park, Tring, S.U.G.C.R., Twnbarlwn, Blaisdon Bob; (4) Highgate, South Brewood; (5) Almondbury, Branston, Lindsey; (6) Eling, Lenton, St Vedast Bob, South Brewood, Stowey, Kelmarsh; (7) St George, Radlett; (8) Burns, St Wulfram, Folkingham; (9) Carlton, Huntspill Bob, Fairfield, Hadham, Oake, Bradden; (10) Cliffe, Hendred; (11) Alvaston, Dale, Redcliffe; (12) St Merryn, St Samson, New Bob, St Clether, St Modwen, Winshill; (13) Dragon Place Bob, Ddault, Arcadia, Darwin, Sulgrave, Skillington; (14) St Hilary Bob, Brightwell, Sandford, West Hanney, Flounder, Bastett; (15) Blackburn Place Bob, Alcatraz, A.H.A., Arnold, Ardingley, Lillingstone; (16) Westminster Bob, Burton Joyce, Iffley, Stoke Bardolph, Come Along, Wickerstreet Green; (17) St Owen Place, Llanwen, St Peter, Gonerby, St Owen; (18) Fifield Bob, Rev. St Julian, Simpson, Aspley, St Michael; (19) Bampton Place, St Aloysius, St Eadburga, Spindlebury, Rev. St Faith; (20) Twineham Bob, Rev. Union, St Kenelm, St Firmin, Downlad; (21) Grandsire, St Helen, Newborough, Longparish; (22) Ladbrooke, Keysoe, Zennor, Pinks; (23) St Quinton, Allestree, St Lucy, St Frideswide; (24) Daffodil, St Anne, Bluebell, Middleton Stoney; (25) St Margaret, St Valentine, Oxford, Freeland; (26) St Swithin, Antelope, Northleigh, St Cross; (27) Gresford, Jacobstow, St Tydfil, Harbury; (28) Isis, Ray, Beckley, Stanton; (29) Quantoxhead, Nazeing, Southwell, Oxtun; (30) Saxondale, Uttoxeter, Tuxford, Vauxhall; (31) Waxham, Yaxley, Xanxene, Zeal Monachorum; (32) Pinxton, St Endellion, Newark, Roxholm; (33) Moxley, Allexton, Clashmore, Beaufield; (34) Foxhill, Hexgreave, Goxhill, Ixworth; (35) Jevington, Laxton, Kexby, Wollaton; (36) Coxmoor, Duxford, Euxton, Pancrasweek; (37) Winchendon Place Bob, St John, St Crispin, Chilton, Vennington, Great Ashfield; (38) St Nicholas Bob, Lapley, St Mary, Heyford, Theltenham, Hunston; (39) St Augustine Bob, All Saints Place, St James Bob, Minster Place, Fortune, St Guthlac, Marchington; (40) St Simon s Bob, Eynsham, St Jude, St Ignatius, Haughley, Pakenham; (41) St Martin s Bob, St Leonard, St Laurence, Churchill, Zizania, Thurston; (42) Eynesbury Bob, St John Baptist, St Stephen, St John Divine, Great Livermere, Fornham All Saints)

Arranged D G Salter

1 H William Barrett	4 Michael J Parker
2 Katharine J Whittell	5 David G Salter (C)
3 Andrew D Fisk	6 A Harry Archer

25th together: 2, 5. In memory of George Gershwin (Composer), 50 years on

SOUTHWELL D.G.

GREASLEY, Notts, S Mary

Wed July 15, 1987 2h49 (13)

5040 Stedman Triples

(Dexter's var. of Thurston's

4-Part)

- 1 Raymond D Helliwell
- 2 David W Camm
- 3 Donald J Beach
- 4 Katherine A Oldershaw
- 5 Anthony G Oldershaw
- 6 F Gordon Faulks
- 7 Derek Butterworth (C)
- 8 R Philip Graves

Half-muffled in memory of Rev. P G Walker, rector at the above church for over 23 years. £1.20

SUSSEX C.A.

EAST GRINSTEAD, Sussex,

S Swithun

Wed July 15 1987 3h17 (28½)

5039 Grandsire Caters

Comp. A M Tyler

- 1 Christine M N Ball
 - 2 Heather Weaver
 - 3 Margaret A Large
 - 4 James H Lilley
 - 5 Judy A M Howard
 - 6 Andrew Ball
 - 7 J Duncan Weaver
 - 8 M Peter Howard
 - 9 Ian V J Smith (C)
 - 10 Christopher C Blanks
- Prior to Patronal Festival Evensong.

TRURO D.G.

ST MARTIN-BY-LOOE,

Cornwall, S Martin-of-Tours

Sat July 18, 1987 2h48 (9)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: 1 extent each York,

Durham, London, Wells,

Beverley, Surfleet,

Cambridge)

- 1 Philip J Morse
 - 2 E Anne Body
 - 3 Mark G H Hood
 - 4 Peter A Cummins
 - 5 John M Body
 - 6 Fergus M S Stracey (C)
- Silver Wedding compliment to the Rev. and Mrs N S Fox. £1.20

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

BISHOPSTOKE, Hants,

S Mary

Tues July 14, 1987 2h48 (10)

5056 Dorchester S. Major

Comp. P Muchlinski

- 1 Roy Le Marechal
- 2 Christine R Hill (C)
- 3 Patricia D Taeuber
- 4 George T Medd
- 5 Rupert Howes
- 6 Dennis A Chapman
- 7 Graham A Nobbs
- 8 Peter W Hill

First in method for all except 8, and first for the Guild.

BARTON STACEY, Hants,

All Saints

Sat July 18, 1987 2h32 (7)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

(7 different extents)

- 1 Jack C Wimlett
- 2 Colin Hares
- 3 Helen J Piper
- 4 Rev Barry J Fry
- 5 Geoffrey K Dodd (C)
- 6 Roger J Knight

Specially arranged and rung for the Golden Wedding of Dennis and Vera Oram, who celebrated with a Service of Thanksgiving after the peal in the church they were married in 50 years ago

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks,

All Saints

Sat July 18, 1987 3h58 (29)

5568 Lincolnshire S.

Maximus

Comp. R Le Marechal

- 1 Roger Bailey
- 2 Martin J Turner
- 3 Linda R Eames
- 4 Roy Le Marechal (C)
- 5 Gwynneth A Jones
- 6 Alison K Surry
- 7 Toby Arkless
- 8 Simon M Alford
- 9 Paul T Young
- 10 Michael J Clay
- 11 Martin B Hough
- 12 David A Weir

First on 12 and first blows of S. Maximus: 5

WORCESTERSHIRE & DIST. ASSN.

STOURBRIDGE, Worcs,

S Thomas

Tues June 9 1987 2h41 (6½)

5184 Grafton D. Major

Comp. S Jenner

- 1 Clifford Skidmore
- 2 Alan E Hartley
- 3 Alan Roberts
- 4 Philip M Saunders
- 5 David G Franklin
- 6 Martin G Powell
- 7 Stephen Jeffery
- 8 Martin D Fellows (C)

First in method: 4, 6, 7. First Delight: 5.

STOURBRIDGE, Worcs,

S Thomas

Wed July 8, 1987 2h54 (18½)

5040 Stedman Triples

Comp. J Carter (No. 18)

- 1 Martin D Fellows (C)
- 2 Simon J Wilmshurst
- 3 Alan Roberts
- 4 Christopher Lees
- 5 David A Burt
- 6 David G Franklin
- 7 Clifford A Barron
- 8 John E Lawley

ROCK, Worcs,

SS Peter & Paul

Wed July 15, 1987 2h48 (13)

5088 Superlative S. Major

Comp. J Pigott

- 1 John E Lawley
- 2 Clifford Skidmore
- 3 David Downing
- 4 Alan Roberts
- 5 Philip M Saunders
- 6 Martin D Fellows (C)
- 7 David G Franklin
- 8 Martin G Powell

First Superlative: 3. In memoriam Kitty Beacham of Hallow.

Please send details as soon as possible after ringing and PRINT names to avoid mistakes. Peal forms are available free from The Ringing World office - please send SAE. Peals received more than four weeks after date of ringing are treated as late.

PERSHORE, Worcs.
S Andrew's Parish Centre
Sat July 18, 1987 2h34 (9)

5184 Pershore S. Major
Comp. H Poyner

- 1 David Downing
 - 2 Clifford Skidmore
 - 3 Kathleen Morgan
 - 4 Christopher Lees
 - 5 H T Keith Haslam
 - 6 Philip M Saunders
 - 7 Clifford A Barron
 - 8 Martin D Fellows (C)
- First in the method by all except 3. In memoriam Kitty Beacham of Hallow.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.

ROTHERHAM, S. Yorks.
All Saints
Mon July 6 1987 2h58 (10½)

5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. C Middleton

- 1 Martin Coles
 - 2 Ronald J Johnston
 - 3 John J L Gilbert
 - 4 A Deborah M Thorley
 - 5 Alan Trebble
 - 6 Simon J Reading
 - 7 Philip Walker
 - 8 Neil Donovan (C)
- Compliment to Lucy Johnston on the award of her B.A. (Oxon).

SKIPTON, N. Yorks.
Holy Trinity
Sat July 11, 1987 3h17 (22)

5088 Pudsey S. Major
Comp. S Humphrey

- 1 Christopher J Wright
 - 2 Margaret A Reeves
 - 3 Carolyn Rosier
 - 4 Jeremy D Owen
 - 5 Peter D Daker
 - 6 Colin Reeves
 - 7 M F Digby Burton
 - 8 Richard H Burton (C)
- First Surprise: 3. By members of the Sunday service band.

SHEFFIELD, S. Yorks.
Cathedral
Sat July 11, 1987 3h21 (34)

5042 Yorkshire S. Maximus
Comp. J Worth

- 1 John J L Gilbert
 - 2 Jennifer M Armeson
 - 3 Helen C Turner
 - 4 Simon J Reading
 - 5 Judith M Reading
 - 6 Ronald J Johnston (C)
 - 7 Timothy Wyle
 - 8 David Smith
 - 9 Stuart R Armeson
 - 10 Simon E Wood
 - 11 Neil Donovan
 - 12 Malcolm S Turner
- 21st Birthday compliment to Lucy Johnston.

SHEFFIELD, S. Yorks.
Cathedral
Wed July 15, 1987 2h47 (17)

5152 Superlative S. Major
(27-course block reduced)

- 1 Timothy Wylie
 - 2 Simon J Reading
 - 3 Helen C Turner
 - 4 William Haynes
 - 5 Ronald J Johnston
 - 6 Malcolm S Turner
 - 7 Christopher M Bennett
 - 8 Simon E Wood (C)
- First in method as conductor. To celebrate the birth of Chantal, a daughter for Catherine and Simon Wood; also Birthday compliment to Catherine Wood. £2

HANDBELL PEALS

CHESTER D.G.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.
9 Hawthorn Lane
Tues July 7, 1987 2h18 (11)

5024 London S. Major
Comp. H Dains

- 1-2 Brian Harris
- 3-4 J David Atkinson
- 5-6 Peter C Randall (C)
- 7-8 Alan F Scholfield

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.
9 Hawthorn Lane
Tues July 7, 1987 2h20 (11)

5056 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. A J Cox

- 1-2 Peter J Townsend
 - 3-4 Neil D Lomas
 - 5-6 J David Atkinson
 - 7-8 Peter C Randall (C)
- First Surprise in hand: 1-2.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire.
9 Hawthorn Lane
Tues July 14 1987 2h18 (11)

5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. C K Lewis

- 1-2 Rev Brian Harris
- 3-4 C Kenneth Lewis (C)
- 5-6 Neil D Lomas
- 7-8 Simon J Poole

DRONOLDRE SOCIETY

SHEFFIELD, S. Yorks.
168 Blair Athol Road
Sun July 12, 1987 2h30 (15)

5152 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. R W Pipe

- 1-2 Clive Longden
- 3-4 Neil Donovan
- 5-6 Len Goodall (C)
- 7-8 Malcolm Turner

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

LONDON SW, Imperial College (Huxley Building)
Mon June 22 1987 2h30 (15)

5184 Spiced S. Major
(27m: 192 each Ashtead,

- Bilsborrow, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmschore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringle, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire: 161 changes of method)
Comp. N Smith
- 1-2 Tim J Peverett
 - 3-4 Alison K Surry
 - 5-6 Roger Bailey
 - 7-8 John R Peverett (C)
- Most methods in hand: 1-2, 7-8. Birthday compliment to Stephen Peverett.

DANBURY, Essex.
36 Mill Lane
Tues July 14 1987 2h20 (14)

5088 Kent T.B. Major
Comp. A T Winter

- 1-2 Joe E G Roast
 - 3-4 John G Harpole
 - 5-6 Paul A Cammiade (C)
 - 7-8 Colin F Chapman
- First T.B. in hand: 7-8. £1

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

LONGBENTON, Tyne & Wear.
S Bartholomew (Forest Hall)
Fri July 3, 1987 1h53 (15)

5040 Doubles (11 m/v: 1 extent each St Helen,

- Longparish, Newborough, April Day; 2 each Kennington, May Day, Litchurch, Seighford; 4 Rev Canterbury Pleasure; 11 Grandsire; 15 Plain Bob)
- 1-2 L Martin Daniels
 - 3-4 Rev. Kevin M Price (C)
 - 5-6 Michael Chester
- Most m/v on handbells: 5-6. Immediately following the marriage of Father Malcolm Smeaton (curate) to Angela Cowgill.

N. AMERICAN GUILD

WASHINGTON, D.C., USA.
Hurst Hall, St Alban's School
Sat July 4, 1987 2h49 (14)

5055 Stedman Caters
Comp. R E J Dennis

- 1-2 Edward J Futcher (C)
 - 3-4 Quilla C Roth
 - 5-6 Meg C Athey
 - 7-8 Don F Morrison
 - 9-10 R S Dirksen
- In memory of Elsie Chaddock. By Washington Ringing Society.

LISLE, Illinois.
4315 Azalea Dr. No. 223
Fri July 10, 1987 1h48 (15)

5040 Treble Bob Minor
(7 extents: 1 combined K and O; 3 each Oxford and Kent)

- 1-2 Andrew M Farmer
 - 3-4 Christine S Stibal
 - 5-6 Thomas W Farthing (C)
- £1

LISLE, Illinois.
4315 Azalea Dr. No. 223
Sat July 11, 1987 2h35 (15)

5280 St Clements College Bob Major

- Comp. N J Pitstow
- 1-2 Andrew M Farmer
 - 3-4 Tina R Stoeklin
 - 5-6 Christine S Stibal
 - 7-8 Thomas W Farthing (C)
- First in method for all except 7-8. Birthday compliment to A.M.F. £1

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.
55 Massachusetts Avenue
Mon July 13, 1987 2h41 (11)

5088 Kent T.B. Major
Comp. S Reeves

- 1-2 Anne Mahoney
 - 3-4 Kenneth R Ballou
 - 5-6 Betsy Hosler
 - 7-8 Donald F Morrison (C)
- First in method: 1-2, 5-6, and as conductor

NORTH STAFFS ASSN

STONE, Staffs.
14 Stuart Close
Thur July 2, 1987 2h25

5040 Plain Bob Minor

- 1-2 Simon Gay
 - 3-4 Brian L Burrows
 - 5-6 Philip W Gay
- (No Conductor given)
First in hand: 1-2.

NORWICH D.A.

SHERINGHAM, Norfolk.
7 Nelson Road
Tues July 7, 1987 2h15 (12)

5040 Grandsire Triples
(Parker's 12-part)

- 1-2 Mary C Poyner
 - 3-4 William H Jackson
 - 5-6 Harry Poyner (C)
 - 7-8 H William Barrett
- Birthday compliment to 1-2.

OXFORD D.G.

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.
44 George's Hill,
Widmer End
Wed July 8, 1987 2h34 (14)

5040 Pudsey S. Royal
Comp. J H Fielden

- 1-2 Patricia M Newton
 - 3-4 Katharine J Firman
 - 5-6 Bernard F L Groves (C)
 - 7-8 Graham A C John
 - 9-10 Robert H Newton
- First in the method on handbells of Royal: 7-8.

READING, Berks.
18 Sandhills Way, Calcot
Wed July 15, 1987 2h18 (15)

5088 Spiced S. Major
(4m: 1344 Yorkshire,

- Lincolnshire; 1248 Cambridge; 1152 Rutland; 98 changes of method, all the work)
Comp. M C W Sherwood
- 1-2 Patricia M Newton
 - 3-4 Robert H Newton
 - 5-6 Bernard F L Groves (C)
 - 7-8 Graham A C John
- First Spliced on handbells: 7-8

SOUTHWELL D.G.

MELBOURNE, Derbys. 45 Blanch Croft
Thur July 9, 1987 2h45 (16)

5040 Spiced S. Royal
(30m: 720 Mickleover; 480 Scawthorpe; 360 Redcliffe; 240

- Aldenham, Brockhall; 120 Albanian, Banbury, Bollington, Bristol, Cambridge, Edale, Feltham, Hadfield, Lincolnshire, London No. 1, London No. 3, New Cambridge, Oakham, Old Glossop, Ossett, Pudsey, Putney, Ranmoor, Rutland, Swindon, Superlative No. 2, Tytherington, Wembley, Worsley, Yorkshire; 125 changes of method)
Comp. R B Smith and B L Burrows
- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1-2 Adrian Dempster | 7-8 David J Marshall |
| 3-4 Robert B Smith | 9-10 David C Lester |
| 5-6 Brian L Burrows (C) | |
- Most Spliced Surprise Royal in hand.

YORKSHIRE ASSN

HAMPOLE, Yorks.
Hampole Manor
Wed July 8, 1987 2h12

5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. J R Pritchard

- 1-2 Howard Scott
 - 3-4 Harold Chant
 - 5-6 C Mark G Ockelton
 - 7-8 Wilfrid F Moreton (C)
- To welcome Judith Ruth Moreton.

LATE PEAL

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

WASHINGTON D.C., USA.
Old Post Office Tower
Sat May 30 1987 3h2 (27½)

5067 Stedman Caters
Comp. D E Parsons


- "The Washington Peal"
- 1 Richard S Dirksen (C)
 - 2 R Brett Wormley
 - 3 John Owem
 - 4 Geoffrey Davis
 - 5 William Kollar
 - 6 Peter K Domalavage
 - 7 R Roger Savory
 - 8 Edward W Martin
 - 9 Edward J Futcher
 - 10 Phillip L Merril
- To commemorate the first peal of Stedman Caters (1787) and the 350th Anniversary of the Ancient Society of College Youths. \$3

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Quarter Peals

Aberdare, Mid-Glam. 11 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: D W James 1, C W E Loft 2, D G Davison 3, D L Kerley 4, A E Giblett 5, D G Kerley (C) 6. To welcome Richard Charles, son of Charles and Merrill Loft, born 5th February, 1987. Also 20 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: C W E Loft 1, D L Kerley 2, D W James 3, D G Davison 4, A E Giblett 5, D G Kerley (C) 6. Half-muffled in memory of the former Archbishop of Wales, the Most Rev. D G Childs. Also 10 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: D M Thomas (1st Q) 1, C W E Loft 2, A E Giblett 3, D L Kerley 4, D W James 5, D G Kerley 6. £3

Addington, Surrey. 14 June, 1320 Trinity Sunday T.B. Minor: E G H Godfrey (C) 1, Judith Godfrey 2, Linda Wiltshire 3, Dr. Wendy Wallace 4, Dr. T W Broyd 5, I Wiltshire 6. For Evensong. 50p

Alton, Hants. 14 June, 1260 P.B. Triples. Elizabeth H Cooke (1st Triples) 1, J W Kinersley 2, Josephine R Williamson 3, Hilda Z Carter 4, F K Williamson (C) 5, Brenda A Mayle 6, M J Church 7, Ann Collins 8. For Alton Deanery Evensong. £2

Alverstone, Hants. 8 Mar, 1260 Erin Triples: S N Hough 1, Jacqui M Dunster 2, Moira S Blake 3, B M Baverstock 4, R Harrison 5, T A Getty 6, H L Hatfield 7, S B Dunster 8. (No Conductor given.) 1st in m-2, 3, 5. 80p

Anstey, Leics. 10 June, 1280 Rutland S. Major: Gillian Smith 1, Ann Brown 2, W J Thornton 3, M Pendery 4, R Elkington 5, C Newman 6, R J Scott 7, G B Brown (C) 8. 1st Rutland-2, 3, 4, 6, 7. £1.40

Arundel, Sussex. 12 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: G Marjorie Kemp 1, Judith K Hunt (1st Minor inside) 2, G D Heath 3, Betty C Haselgrove 4, A G Tettmar 5, Anne Daughtry (C) 6, G H Lee 7. For the birth of Emily Jane Macy, grand-daughter of Alan and Marjorie Tettmar. 50p

Ashbocking, Suffolk. 10 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: S L Girt 1, Amanda M Whiting (C) 2, S A Rudd 3, C P Davies (1st inside) 4, S J Day 5, J L Girt 6. Birthday compliment to Elizabeth Christian. 60p

Askerswell, Dorset. 10 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J Willey 1, Mrs D Davis 2, W Loughton 3, B Gildersleve 4, E Amey (C) 5, J Davis 6. 81st Birthday compliment to the treble ringer. 70p

Auckland, N.Z. 23 May, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Valerie Stone 1, R Turner (C) 2, Liz Neill 3, Brenda Claridge 4, P J Adams 5, Jenny Murphy 6, R H Bennett 7, J M Stone 8. 100th Q on the bells. After a wedding. And 24 May, 1272 Cambridge S. Minor: Liz Neill 1, Valerie Stone 2, R Turner (C) 3, Jenny Murphy 4, R H Bennett 5, M J Stone 6. After Morning Service. And Hamilton, 1280 P.B. Major: R H Bennett 1, Jenny Murphy 2, Valerie Stone 3, A D McAdam 4, R Turner 5, M J Stone 6, J Neale 7, D Kennett (C) 8. Before Evensong. And 1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: Pam McAdam 1, Jenny Murphy 2, R Turner 3, Valerie Stone 4, R H Bennett 5, D Kennett 6, M J Stone (C) 7, A D McAdam 8. 1st in m-2, 3, 6. After Evensong. And Auckland (7 Maroubra Place, Howick). 1260 P.B. Minor: M J Stone 1-2, R Turner (C) 3-4, Jenny Murphy 5-6. All rung prior to the ANZAB A.G.M. in Christchurch. £4

Aylestone, Leics. 31 May, 1296 P.B. Major: Emily S Clements 1, Carol I V Brown 2, Mary D Kinchin 3, Elaine Clutterbuck 4, G Roper 5, W J Kinchin 6, J Grant (C) 7, T I Roper 8. 1st Q-1, 5 Before Evensong, to celebrate the arrival of Christopher William Morton, grandson of 3 and 6. Also 14 June, 1250 Spliced S. Major (C Y S N): J Grant (C) 1, Elaine Clutterbuck 2, Mary D Kinchin 3, Carol I V Brown 4, Anne E Westman 5, T I Roper 6, N A Westman 7, W J Kinchin. 1st Spliced S. Major-3, 6. For Christopher William Morton, nephew of 5 and 7; also best wishes to 1 and 2 on leaving Leicester Polytechnic. £2

Bath, Avon (Christ Church). 6 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jan E Trevithick 1, Sheila Matthews 2, M J Cannon 3, R D Bell 4, D J Kelly (C) 5, D Preston 6. For the wedding of Jane Burdon and Michael Gay.

Batheaston, Som. 2 June, 1260 Middlesex Triples: Jan E Trevithick 1, Zena Woodley 2, M J Stubbs 3, Carol Bedding 4, J R D Normington (1st in m) 5, R M Stubbs 6, M J C Cannon (C) 7, P A Wall 8. For the birthday of H.M. the Queen. Also 7 June, 1260 Middlesex Triples: Zena Woodley 1, Jane A Cannon 2, R M Stubbs 3, P M Giles 4, J R D Normington 5, M J Stubbs 6, M J C Cannon (C) 7, C Guy 8. Immediately following a service of rededication by the Bishop of Taunton, after ten months of restoration work following an arson attack last August. £1.50

Batheaston, Som. 14 June, 1260 Old/P.B. Doubles: C Guy 1, Jane E Trevithick (1st blows of Old Doubles) 2, D J Kelly 3, Mary Kelly 4, M J C Cannon

(C) 5, Emma V Cottrell (1st attempt) 6. In memory of Joyce Hawkins. 50p

Bathwick, Avon. 8 Feb, 1263 Stedman Caters: Zena Woodley 1, R M Stubbs 2, Linda Drew 3, Maggie Willans 4, D Gough 5, N M White (C) 6, J Normington 7, G E Slade 8, R W Willans 9, H C Newman 10. For Morning Service; also to celebrate the wedding of Claire Luckhurst and John Crockett, and the engagement of Carolyn Bland and Nicholas White. Also 26 Apr, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Andrea Huxford 1, Vanessa Partridge (1st on 10) 2, Maggie Willans 3, D A Huxford 4, Linda Drew (300th on the bells) 5, M J Stubbs (1st Grandsire Caters as C) 6, Catharine Bannock 7, D L Parfrey 8, J Normington 9, P A Wall 10. For Morning Service. Also 3 May, 1260 P.B. Royal: Linda Drew 1, Zena Woodley 2, Kate Rouse (1st Royal) 3, Catharine Bannock (1st Royal inside) 4, R W Willans 5, J Normington 6, Catharine R Taylor 7, R M Stubbs 8, Maggie Willans 9, M J Stubbs (C) 10. For Morning Service. Also 17 May, 1296 P.B. Caters: Zena Woodley 1, M J Stubbs 2, M Powell 3, Linda Drew 4, D A Huxford 5, Kate Rouse 6, H C Newman 7, J Normington 8, R M Stubbs (C) 9, P A Wall 10. 1st P.B. Caters-6, 7, 8. For Morning Service. Also 28 May, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth M Parfrey 1, Catharine R Taylor 2, R M Stubbs 3, Kate Rouse 4, J Normington 5, G J Hawkins (C) 6, R W Willans 7, Maggie Willans 8, M J Stubbs 9, Linda Drew 10. For Ascension Day. Also 31 May, 1296 Little Bob Royal: Linda Drew 1, Zena Woodley 2, M J Stubbs (C) 3, Kate Rouse 4, Catharine R Taylor 5, J Normington 6, Maggie Willans 7, H C Newman (1st Royal) 8, R W Willans 9, R M Stubbs 10. 1st Little Bob Royal-2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Also 7 June, 1296 Grandsire Caters: M J Stubbs 1, Zena Woodley 2, Kate Rouse 3, J Normington 4, Jane Cannon 5, M J C Cannon (C) 6, R W Willans 7, R M Stubbs 8, Maggie Willans 9, P A Wall 10. For Morning Service. Also 14 June, 1296 Erin Caters: Catharine R Taylor 1, M Powell 2, Kate Rouse 3, Zena Woodley 4, R M Stubbs (C) 5, R W Willans 6, J Normington 7, Linda Drew 8, P Townsend 9, P A Wall 10. 1st Erin Caters-1, 2, 3, 4, 6. 400th together-5, 8. For Morning Service and Confirmation. £4

Bathwick, Avon. 14 June, 1263 Stedman Caters: A H Ball 1, Rosemary Higman 2, M A Arcscott 3, S Slocombe 4, Helen M Jenkins 5, D W Alecock 6, A Hunt (50th as C) 7, J R Schmidt 8, M J Freeman 9, Judith A Caton 10. In thanksgiving for the life of Vera Hull. £1

Bexhill-on-Sea, E. Sussex. 14 June, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Dorian Martin 1, Margaret Pink 2, Daphne Nelson 3, Lesley Kennard 4, Catherine Nevin 5, J M Swift 6, R Kennard (C) 7, G Usher 8. For Evensong; also Farewell compliment to the treble ringer, returning to the USA. 52p

Bexley, Kent. 10 May, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: D T Miller 1, Margaret E Bellinger 2, E J Coode 3, Mary R Andrews 4, P W Hicks 5, A G Hall (C) 6. For Confirmation Service. Also 28 May, 1280 Oxford T.B. Major: Brenda U Coode 1, Mary R Andrews 2, Susan A Fisher 3, D T Miller 4, K Medhurst 5, E J Coode 6, P W Hicks 7, A G Hall (C) 8. 1st in m-3, 4. For Bexley United Churches Holy Communion on Ascension Day. £1

Biggleswade, Beds. 13 June, 1260 Stedman Triples: Sheila I Smith 1, H Anne Parsons 2, C G Smith (1st Stedman) 3, J Parsons 4, Charlotte M Smith 5, A H Smith (C) 6, A S Smith 7, D G Carr 8. Compliment to the Vicar's daughter, Katherine, and Ian Hucklesby on the occasion of their marriage. £1

Bilston, W. Mids. 13 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jessica E Bennett (1st attempt, age 9½) 1, A G Smith 2, D J Smith 3, Helen R Jarvis 4, C J Bennett (C) 5, Wendy Broadley 6. £1

Birchington, Kent (All Saints). 14 June, 1260 Doubles (6 m/v): E J Nicholls 1, Amanda J Horton 2, Josephine D Horton 3, P M Joyce 4, M J Little (C) 5, J C Peppiatt 6. Birthday compliment to "Freddie" Peppiatt (the lady with the gnat bites!). £1.20

Bishop's Waltham, Hants. 5 Mar, 1280 P.B. Major: Roanna L Evans 1, Barbara Skilleter 2, Jacqui M Dunster 3, E M Handley (1st on eight) 4, J H Hunt (C) 5, D Hohl 6, F W Mitchell 7, S B Dunster 8. 80p

Bledington, Glos. 23 May, 1279 Badwell Ash Doubles: Joanne L Wood 1, Frances Mulvey 2, Patricia S Wood 3, M J Mulvey 4, A J Wood (C) 5, T Wood 6. And Dursley, Glos. 24 May, 1280 P.B. Major: A Harrison 1, Frances Mulvey 2, Tamsin Kilgour 3, Christine Hollyoak 4, Caroline Ellis 5, L Martin 6, E N Martin 7, M J Mulvey (C) 8. £1.10

Bradford-on-Tone, Som. 15 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G L Comer 1, L T Richards 2, A

Margaret Gillard 3, A F Lee (C; 625th Q in the Taunton Branch) 4, D A Pike 5, J Wenham 6. 100th together-1, 2. Golden Wedding compliment to the churchwarden and his wife, Mr and Mrs William J Spiller. 60p

Braintree, Essex. 31 May, 1264 P.B. Major: D A Childs 1, Debbie N Brown (1st Major) 2, Laura E Childs 3, Queenie D Brown 4, Julie E Udall 5, J S Connell 6, P Clarry 7, R J Lindsell (C) 8. To welcome Rebecca Anne Clarry, born 27th May 1987, daughter of Paul and Pat. £2.50

Bramford, Suffolk. 24 May, 1298 Cambridge S. Minor: Helen R Christian 1, E Christian 2, Carol A Lukins 3, R L K Whittell 4, S Christian 5, D M Bloomfield (C) 6. Wedding compliment to Ivan Catling and Diana Dye, married at Whitton Parish Church the previous day; also for Rogation Sunday. £1

Bramshott, Hants. 14 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: M Jackson (1st P.B. Minor) 1, Val Williams 2, Jane Orchard 3, Nicky Dawkins 4, M Dawkins 5, R Barber (1st Minor as C) 6. £1

Brancepeth, Durham. 17 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Bridget J Brown (1st attempt) 1, P A Hughes (1st Doubles inside) 2, Lynne P Craven (1st Doubles as C) 3, N J Harris 4, T J Jefferis 5, Andrea E Turrall 6. By a D.U.S.C.R. band at the end of term, as a farewell to the leavers. £1

Brecon, Brecknock (St Mary). 7 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: J Trimm 1, Anne Kleiser 2, Laetitia Jack 3, B Williams 4, P Johnson 5, G Miles 6, M T Johns (C) 7, R Wheeler 8. For Whitsunday Evensong and the Feast of "Potamidena the Younger". 50p

Bristol (Redcliffe), Avon. 14 June, 1253 Grandsire Cinques: Helen M Jenkins (125th Q) 1, Jill M Hansford 2, Rosemary Higman 3, D C Polly 4, M C Hansford 5, M A Arcscott 6, P Valuks 7, P K Williamson 8, A Hunt 9, P R Graupner (C) 10, M J Freeman 11, A H Ball 12. For Evensong. £1.20

Broomfield, Essex. 11 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: Janet Yeo 1, Joyce Bills 2, G Withams 3, P Childs 4, J Bills 5, D M Stoneman (C) 6. For St. Barnabas's Day. 60p

Bucklebury, Berks. 21 May, 1260 P.B. Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Joan L Marshall 1, J J Durham 2, D L Bayley (1st inside) 3, P M Brown 4, M K Till (C) 5, Angela M Smith 6, C Carter 7, D J Goddard 8. 1st on eight-6, 8. Farewell compliment to Derek Bayley, steeple-keeper here, moving to Marlborough. 80p

Burgh, Suffolk. 26 May, 1320 P.B. Doubles: D J Hallett (1st away from cover) 1, M G Whiby (C) 2, D A Bye 3, J F Jennings 4, J C Sager 5, J P Hallett 6. And Tunstall, 30 May, 1440 P.B. Doubles: Sandra E Gant (1st Q) 1, Glensy M Fear (1st as C) 2, Jan Baertl (1st inside) 3, M G Whiby 4, S L Girt 5, C E Baertl 6. And Burgh, 2 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Mary S Garner (1st away from cover) 1, J L Girt 2, J F Jennings 3, D A Bye 4, M G Whiby (C) 5, D J Hallett 6. Also 9 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: Mary S Garner (1st Minor) 1, Marie Goodship 2, J F Jennings 3, D A Bye 4, J C Sager 5, M G Whiby (C) 6. £4

Burwell, Cambs. 14 June, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: M J Hawes (1st T.B.) 1, Evelyn Kirby 2, E W Black 3, D Gilbert 4, P W Alexander (1st inside) 5, I M Holland (C) 6. 1st Kent-2, 3. Golden Wedding compliment to Luther and Florence Constable. £1

Canterbury, Kent (Cathedral). 14 June, 1282 Cambridge S. Royal: P J H Small 1, T J E Brett 2, Ruth S Niblett 3, Vanessa J Martin 4, Phyllis R Young 5, D H Niblett 6, Susan E Gray 7, K A F Record 8, M Barden 9, R C Offen (C) 10. 1st S. Royal-2, 5. For Evensong. 50p

Canterbury, Kent (St Stephen). 7 June, 1260 Stedman Triples: Eileen S Palin 1, Vanessa J Martin 2, Jill Joyce 3, S C Palin 4, Susan E Gray 5, D H Niblett (C) 6, D M Joyce 7, K A F Record 8. For Evensong. 50p

Castle Cary, Som. 11 June, 1344 Grandsire Triples: R W Davis 1, A B Shingler 2, D A J Biles 3, Sue Sharpe 4, K L Laver 5, B V Mountjoy (C) 6, Jenny M Alderson 7, P D Alderson 8. Silver Wedding compliment to Jenny and Peter Alderson. £1.50

Catherington, Hants. 25 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: W I Skilleter 1, Barbara Skilleter 2, Gill Hales 3, Jacqui M Dunster 4, S B Dunster 5, J H Hunt (C) 6. Birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. 60p

Caythorpe, Lincs. 30 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J Stafford 1, Brenda Gillman 2, Gillian Stafford 3, M Gillman 4, F Derry (C) 5, C Hencher 6. Birthday compliment to M Gilman. 50p

Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks. 30 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: Claire F Edwards 1, P J Agg 2, J A Ainsworth 3, Barbara Edwards 4, Marion Ainsworth 5, Vanessa Wellings 6, J C Davidge (C) 7, B W Hine

- (1st on eight) 8. Also 10 June, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Mary E Lees 1, Claire F Edwards 2, Barbara Edwards 3, Jean Kelly 4, M P Jacot 5, R H M Price 6, H Neill (C) 7, Linda J Peers 8. For the centenary celebrations of the Milton's Cottage Trust. £2
- Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks.** 13 June, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Wendy M Hills-Harrop 1, Sally D Kedge (1st Surprise) 2, E G Swift 3, Catherine J Thompson 4, D A McKenzie 5, J F Thompson (C) 6. 60p
- Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks.** 15 June, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Gill Sheen 1, E G Swift 2, Catherine J Thompson 3, D A McKenzie 4, J F Thompson (C); 300th Q) 5, P R Chilton 6. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs Geaves, member of this church. All extents called differently. 60p
- Chelmarsh, Shropshire.** 15 June, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Dawn Ogilvy 1, C Godfrey 2, J Cutts (C) 3, H Thomas 4, J Gilbert 5, A Bellamy 6. In thanks-giving for the life of Stan James, a ringer in this tower for over 50 years. £1
- Cheshunt, Herts.** 14 June, 1344 June S. Major: W H Aley 1, Clare S Watson 2, M Sales 3, Jennifer V Johnson 4, B E Bradstock (C) 5, A J Crowther 6, R Sales 7, T Taylor 8. 1st in m by all. 80p
- Chetwynd, Shropshire.** 9 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: N W Doughty 1, A P Harrison 2, M J Corlett 3, E W Broom 4, P J Everall (C) 5, K W Brice 6. Half-muffled in memory of Mrs Mary Borough of Chetwynd Park, whose funeral was earlier that day. £1
- Chew Magna, Avon.** 13 June, 1287 Grandsire Triples: J Sewart 1, K Taber 2, P Gall (1st inside) 3, D Yeo 4, C Hallsworth 5, G S Sparey 6, C H P Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 7, T Peppard 8. For the Village Fair and B.A.T.T.Y. 80p
- Chewton Mendip, Som.** 10 June, 1280 London S. Major: Rosemary Higman 1, R Caton 2, A Hunt 3, Helen M Jenkins 4, Teresa J Dunstone 5, A R Shallish (1st in m) 6, M J Freeman 7, A H Ball (C) 8. 80p
- Chiddingly, Sussex.** 14 June, 1260 Doubles (6m): Sylvia Moulden 1, Penny Neal 2, Margaret Bennet 3, R C Neal 4, T D Waterman (C) 5, H Bailey 6. For Evensong. 50p
- Chirton, Wilts.** 12 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jeanne Cook 1, G Heath (C) 2, D Cook 3, C Grant 4, W Cook 5, B Dark 6. Half-muffled in memory of William G. Cannings, for many years tower captain, also honorary life member of Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers. £1
- Chislet, Kent.** 7 June, 1260 Doubles (6 m/v): N Paramor 1, Amanda J Horton 2, Hazel B Basford 3, M J Little 4, Josephine D Horton (C) 5, J C Peppiatt 6. Birthday compliment to Mike Little. £1.20
- Church Lawford, Warks.** 12 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: Joan Curbishley 1, Sue Tompsett 2, Linda Illingworth 3, Joanne White 4, L A S Smith 5, A J Illingworth (C) 6. 1st Minor-1, 5. By a Rugby Deanery band. £1
- Clapton-in-Gordano, Som.** 6 June, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: Gina D Burgess 1, R J Gale 2, D J Gale 3, R Luxton (C) 4, Janet K Wyatt 5, J L Snawdon 6. Compliment to the Rev. Penny West, being ordained Deacon this day at Wells Cathedral. 50p
- Clyst Honiton, Devon.** 16 June, 1280 P.B. Major: A Williams 1, M M Pitchers 2, Samantha Hayes-Bradley 3, A C Hopkins 4, S Bucknell 5, Barbara L Caffyn (1st Major as C) 6, E W Ford 7, R E Bucknell 8. Those aware of it being No. 6's 20th birthday rang it to mark the occasion. 80p
- Coaley, Glos.** 7 June, 1260 Doubles (2m): Judith Frewer 1, Mandy Troxler 2, N Martin 3, Yvonne (Sam) Sirett 4, T C Chivers (C) 5, K Clutterbuck 6. For Evensong on Whitsunday. 50p
- Colchester (Shrub End), Essex.** 12 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: Jayne Coleman (1st Minor) 1, Pauline Millatt 2, E Ann Williams 3, R D Evers (1st of m inside) 4, D I Cobb (C) 5, Margaret Harvey 6. For Confirmation Service; also to welcome Thomas George Parnham, born on 4th June, great-nephew for ringer of 3rd. £1
- Colliers Wood, London S.W.** 16 June, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: E G H Godfrey (C) 1, Jo Drew 2, S C Theobald 3, D Gilmore 4, Linda Wiltshire 5, I Wiltshire 6. £1.20
- Corfe, Som.** 23 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: F Sharp 1, Sue Warren 2, K Brewer (C) 3, N Mockridge 4, J Warren 5, L Warren 6. A tribute to Mrs Christine Woolnough, who died the previous week. 60p
- Cotthelstone, Som.** 9 June, 1284 P.B. Minor: A F Lee 1, C T Clarke 2, M J Horseman 3, E T Lee 4, E T Dibble 5, J Brain (C) 6. 60p
- Cowfold, W. Sussex.** 14 June, 1260 Doubles (3m): Elizabeth Barter (1st Q) 1, Jenny Dobson 2, Pippa Barter 3, N Dobson 4, G Sandwell (C) 5, J Moore 6. For Trinity Sunday. 60p
- Cradley, W. Mids.** 6 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J M Clifton 1, Mrs B Bolter 2, Mrs M Hensman 3, H J White 4, M Gordon (1st as C) 5, T G Davies 6. For Pentecost; also an appreciation of the 50 years' service as Secretary to the Belfry of the Hall family. 60p
- Crofton, Yorks.** 12 June, 1320 P.B. Doubles: A Longhurst (1st away from tenor) 1, C Caley (1st inside) 2, Caroline Longhurst 3, A Daley 4, G E Hancock 5, Frances M Moreton 6. Conducted by W F Moreton. £1
- Croydon, Surrey (St John).** 28 May, 1282 Albanian S. Royal: Christine Dringer 1, Kate Flavell 2, Denise Biddles 3, Caroline Humphries 4, P J Flavell (C) 5, Shirley McGill 6, S C Theobald 7, I Wiltshire 8, C M Foster 9, A J C Brown 10. For Ascension Day. 50p
- Dawlish, Devon.** 7 June, 1260 Doubles (10m): Barbara Dodd 1, Maureen Hawkins (25th Q) 2, M Dodd 3, D J Hawkins 4, N G Birt (C) 5, A Morris 6. To mark the opening of the Dawlish Arts Festival. Also 10 June, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Gail Griffiths (1st Q) 1, Barbara Dodd (1st in m) 2, Maureen Hawkins 3, A Morris 4, D J Hawkins (C) 5, M Dodd 6. Also 17 June, 1260 Minor (Cambridge S. and P.B.): Barbara Dodd 1, Maureen Hawkins 2, D J Hawkins 3, A Morris (1st extent Cambridge) 4, M Dodd 5, N G Birt (C) 6. £1.80
- Derby (Cathedral).** 9 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: B Green (1st attempt) 1, Patricia A M Halls 2, Bridget L Marsh 3, S Peers (C) 4, P D Gee 5, C Beckhelling 6. 60p
- Dodderhill, Worcs.** 11 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J Drury (1st Q) 1, Ruth Smallwood 2, M G Powell (C) 3, C Tansell 4, M Smallwood (1st inside) 5, P Clark 6. £1
- Dorchester, Dorset.** 10 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R H Duke 1, Felicity J Morgan 2, Jane C Shuttleworth 3, Beryl M Shuttleworth (C) 4, E Shuttleworth 5, D R Bugler 6, N D Bucknall 7, Betty J Duke 8. For the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh. £1
- Downham, Essex.** 7 June, 1260 Plain Doubles (11m): Ann Dorking 1, G I Lucas (C) 2, P A Cammiade (500th Q - the 1st was also called by 2) 3, N S D Taylor 4, Janice Manterfield 5, R H Dorking 6. For Village Fete. 60p
- Dunstable, Beds (Priory).** 13 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: N Jane Leach 1, A M Jeffs 2, M P Stupart 3, Lucy Shepherd 4, A Heeler (C) 5, A M Shepherd 6. £1
- Duston, Northants.** 8 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: C A Swann 1, A Scott 2, S Short 3, N J Swann 4, N Parsons (C) 5, P J Dolman 6. Half-muffled in memory of Jack Rowell, former churchwarden and member of St Luke's Church. £1.20
- East Bergholt, Suffolk (1 Fern Cottages).** 14 May, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: S A Rudd (C) 1-2, Amanda M Whiting 3-4, N J Newton 5-6. 60p
- East Meon, Hants.** 26 Apr, 1264 P.B. Major: W I Skilleter (1st on eight) 1, J H Hunt (C) 2, Barbara Skilleter 3, Jacqui M Dunster 4, W F J Cope 5, M J Donaldson 6, S B Dunster 7, W A Harris 8. 80p
- Eastwood, Essex.** 14 June, 1320 P.B. Doubles: Christine Banton 1, P Knight (1st inside) 2, D Sloman 3, M Newman 4, P Sloman (C) 5, R Stanley 6. 1st Q-1, 4, 6. 1st Q on the bells. For the ordination of Sheila Waring as Deacon. £2.50
- Egham, Surrey.** 7 June, 1358 London S. Royal: D H Stone 1, Helen J Audley (1st London Royal) 2, Joan Summerhayes 3, Justina M Buswell 4, G J Audley 5, N Summerhayes 6, R E Finch 7, N Buswell 8, D R Cox (C) 9, A D Flood 10. For Evensong.
- Elland, W. Yorks.** 11 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: Fr. P Hirst 1, S Spyvee (1st Q) 2, P Birkett 3, A Rogers 4, M Knaptton (1st inside) 5, P Male (C) 6. To celebrate Fr. Peter Hirst's 25 years in the Ministry. 60p
- Exeter, Devon (Cathedral).** 14 June, 1296 P.B. Caters: A C Hopkins 1, Gillian S Hallett 2, Barbara L Caffyn 3, Jacqueline L Taylor 4, Catherine L M Hewitt 5, M M Pitchers (1st C of Caters) 6, Linda V Cull 7, A J Crabtree 8, I L C Campbell 9, S K Sheldon 10. 1st on ten-1, 2, 3, 4, 10. On the front ten. £1
- Exning, Suffolk.** 7 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Janet M Howe 1, Valerie M Moore 2, Delphine J Sharpe 3, D Kiddy 4, I J D Whitear (C) 5, Janet M Langham 6. For the birth of Mariana Victoria Langham on 29th March 1987, a grand-daughter for the tenor ringer. £1
- Farnborough, Hants.** 14 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: W J Couperthwaite 1, Margaret M Lewis 2, Judy E Couperthwaite 3, J Williams 4, D M Hodgson 5, R Lifford 6, V B Bedford 7, J Arkless 8. For Evening Service. £1
- Fen Ditton, Cambs.** 7 June, 1320 Doubles (12 m/v): Kaye F Perryman 1, Marion T Perryman 2, A G Parry (C) 3, G S Perryman 4, J S Abercrombie 5, A T Patters 6. 1st in more than one method-2, 4. For Evening Service on Whit Sunday. 60p
- Fлитwick, Beds.** 10 May, 1272 P.B. Minimus: Christine MacDonald 1, Louise Mackie 2, Sarah Wheeler 3, M Hartfield (C) 4, P Wheeler 5. 1st Q-1, 5. For Evening Service.
- Frensham, Surrey.** 24 May, 1320 Doubles (2m): Judith E Rae 1, Hilda V Carter 2, Elizabeth J Gay 3, Brenda A Mayle 4, J A Mayle (C) 5, H S Glover 6. 60p
- Frome, Som.** 7 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jenny Tennant 1, Janet New 2, J Harrold 3, P J W Hardwick 4, J A G Ball 5, N Schwarz 6, R T McKenzie (C) 7, H Vennell 8. And **Mells.** 15 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: Teresa Mattick (1st Q) 1, P J W Hardwick 2, N Schwarz 3, R Weaver 4, A Weston (1st inside; 1st Minor) 5, M Barton (C) 6. £2
- Fulbeck, Lincs.** 6 June, 1260 Doubles (2m): Elizabeth Wood 1, F Derry (C) 2, C Hancock 3, J Draycott 4, M Gilman 5, C Hencher 6. For the wedding of Deborah Hawkins to Andrew Robinson. 50p
- Gloucester (St Mary-de-Crypt).** 10 May, 1264 P.B. Major: P Conway-Jones 1, Frances Mulvey 2, Caroline Ellis 3, Christine Hollyoak 4, A J Wood 5, I Taylor 6, D J Harbottle 7, M J Mulvey (C) 8. Half-muffled in memory of Harold Austin, one-time captain of this tower. £1
- Grappenhall, Cheshire.** 7 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: M Thomson 1, Elizabeth McIntyre (1st inside) 2, N Thomson 3, E C Gorton 4, D J Pigg (C) 5, Alison Rumbold 6. For Whitsun Evensong. £1
- Great Budworth, Cheshire.** 6 June, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: Linda M Capper 1, Helen Ward (1st Yorkshire) 2, Pam Thomson 3, Janet Rees 4, S Knight 5, A Brierley (1st S. Major) 6, J R Jervis 7, D J Pigg (C) 8. To celebrate the marriage of Lesley Prince and Paul Carson. 80p
- Great Gidding, Hunts.** 14 June, 1320 Doubles (5 m/v): N S Blyton 1, M P Keck 2, Ann Bunting 3, B C Bunting 4, R M Burgess (C) 5. For Trinity Sunday. 50p
- Great Stanmore, Middx.** 14 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: W Morris 1, E Hibbs 2, K Simpson 3, P G Scott 4, Joan Hooton 5, R A Partridge (C) 6. To mark the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Prebendary Michael Bowle, Rector of Great Stanmore. £1
- Hadlow, Kent.** 13 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Marion Pickard 1, R Pickard (1st inside) 2, Margaret Romney 3, T Pratt 4, P J Privett (C) 5, P F Romney 6. £1
- Halesworth, Suffolk.** 16 May, 1264 P.B. Major: D Crooks 1, Ruth V Bedford 2, Mary Allum 3, T C Barber 4, D C Alderton 5, R Allum 6, R J Watts 7, S E G Young (C) 8. For the blessing of the wedding of Mark and Sue Willand. 80p
- Hambleton, Hants.** 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: L Mary Roberts (1st Minor) 1, J H Hunt (C) 2, Gill Hales 3, Jacqui M Dunster 4, M Langtry 5, S B Dunster 6. 60p
- Hartford, Cheshire.** 6 June, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Pam Thomson 1, Elizabeth Sephton 2, S R Knight 3, E E Sephton (1st Stedman) 4, J R Jervis (C) 5, E Sanderson 6. Birthday compliment to Dorothy Sephton. 90p
- Hatfield, Herts.** 7 June, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: Anne Saunders 1, Stephanie L Wharton 2, Sarah J Wharton 3, Mary E Goss 4, Elizabeth J Drummond-Tyler 5, W R E T Goss 6, S A Saunders (1st as C) 7, J J Ford (C) 8. Engagement compliment to Stephanie Wharton and Simon Robinson. £1
- Hemyock, Devon.** 15 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Nicola Reed 1, Marilynn Booker 2, A J Crabb 3, L V Morrell 4, D Bromwich 5, B E Samuels (1st as C) 6. To celebrate the Golden Wedding of Mr and Mrs Clifford Adams; also Birthday compliment to Marilynn Booker and Ruth Reed. £1
- Henfield, Sussex.** 7 June, 1372 P.B. Triples: Pauline Garbett (1st on 8) 1, Cheryl Dodge 2, M Durham (1st Bob Triples inside) 3, Dawn Dodge 4, P W Dickinson 5, J A Green 6, R B Green (C) 7, B Garbett 8. 1st Q on 8 by Sunday service band for at least 10 years. 50p
- Heveningham, Suffolk.** 15 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E J Thurlow 1, Mary Allum 2, Naomi Shaw 3, D L Alderton 4, R D Allum (C) 5. 1st Grandsire Doubles: 3, 4. 50p
- Higham, Kent.** 14 June, 1272 P.B. Minor: T S Wright 1, Diana R Wright 2, Linda M Cox 3, D J Sumner 4, S M Cox 5, R A Hutchings (C) 6. To welcome Father Tony Pinchin as the new Vicar of Higham. £1
- High Wycombe, Bucks.** 21 May, 1280 Rutland S. Major: Sheila Bruce 1, June A Saint 2, Elizabeth A Agg 3, S A Rossiter 4, A R Agg 5, P J Bruce 6, R H Newton (C) 7, C Parkinson 8. For the weighing-in ceremony of the Mayor of High Wycombe. Also 24 May, 1260 P.B. Minor: A P Bruce (1st Q) 1, June A Saint 2, Sheila Bruce 3, G Whiteside 4, S A Rossiter 5, P J Bruce (C) 6. For Evensong. £1
- Hinderclay, Suffolk.** 31 May, 1260 Doubles (16m): V J C Dale 1, Rowena L Marshall 2, D G Mayell 3, H G Goddard 4, A C Malton (C) 5. 50p
- Horningsea, Cambs.** 24 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): P J Sandham 1, Wendy Sandham 2, J E Harmsworth 3, Julia Wells 4, P J Wells (C) 5. In memory of Rev. J S Tilston, Rector of Tilehurst, St Michael, 1980-1984. Also **Wymondham, Norfolk.** 1287 Grandsire Triples: J E Harmsworth 1, Wendy

Sandham 2, C Sansom 3, Gillian Knox 4, T Shorman 5, Julia Wells 6, P J Wells (C) 7, P J Sandham 8. For Evensong. Both by C.A.T.Y. £2

Horsham, Sussex. 28 May, 1260 Stedman Triples: Brenda Jones 1, N F C Gale 2, E R Rappley 3, S G Pouting 4, Jennifer Smith 5, D D Smith (C) 6, S T R Pocock 7, R G Tickner 8. For Ascension Day Service. 80p

Hothfield, Kent. 6 June, 1260 Minor (2m): Amanda J Horton (25th in '87) 1, Josephine D Horton 2, M J Cook 3, D C Sheekey 4, S C Palin 5, M J Little (C) 6. First 2 Minor-3, 4, 6. Wedding compliment to Simon White and Margaret Harden. £1.20

Hughenden, Bucks. 7 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: Catherine Heals (1st Q) 1, D Cornwall (C) 2, Louise Cornwall 3, P Newton 4, Joyce Cornwall 5, Gillian Hazell 6, R Biggs 7, R G Hazell 8. To welcome Rev. Eastgate's new grandson. 75p

Huish Episcopi, Som. 24 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Spiller 1, Edna Grabham 2, Margaret Morris 3, J Burt 4, T Mockridge 5, E Hancock 6, D G Astridge (C) 7, F G Holland 8. For the christening of Eddie Hancock's grandchild. £1.50

Huntington, N. Yorks. 7 June, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Margaret J Sanderson 1, Alex J Clements 2, C R Smith 3, Doreen E Sanderson 4, R J Sanderson 5, P J Sanderson (C) 6. 50p

Ilminster, Som. 18 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Morris 1, T Mockridge 2, Linda Dabinett 3, J Burt 4, R W Davis (C) 5, S Huish 6, D G Astridge 7, E Hancock 8. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs S Strickland (parents of treble ringer) on their 52nd wedding anniversary, married here in the Minster. 50p

Ipswich, Suffolk (St Margaret). 11 June, 1280 P.B. Major: Shirley Girt 1, J E Bonney 2, J P Hollins 3, Sally K Munnings 4, R N Earey 5, I C Symington 6, J L Girt 7, S L Girt (C) 8. Half-muffled in memory of W Keith Whittell, former member of St Margaret's band, cremated this day. £1

Jersey, C.I. (St Mark). 13 June, 1260 Stedman Triples: P J Clarke (1st in m) 1, Hazel A Bailey 2, Julia M Clarke 3, F J Bailey 4, J R Worrall (C) 5, Judy E Collins 6. For a wedding, also in memory of Mrs Edith Hughes, friend of 2 and 4. 60p

Kalamazoo, Michigan (Kalamazoo College). 10 May, 1440 Kent T.B. Minor: T J Smith 1, Yuriko Yamanaka 2, Sarah Beukema 3, B Eckert 4, Tina Stoecklin 5, J Schreiner (C) 6. In memory of John Bunyan Spencer. Also 17 May, 1260 P.B. Minor: Yuriko Yamanaka 1, Laura Mazzola 2, Amy Conrad 3, Sarah Beukema 4, B Eckert 5, J Schreiner (C) 6. For Parents' Day. Also 18 May, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: J Schreiner (C) 1, Sarah Beukema 2, T J Smith 3, B Eckert 4, Tina Stoecklin 5, Laura Mazzola 6. In thanksgiving for the life of Katherine Schreiner, grandmother of the conductor. Also 20 May, 1260 St Clement's Minor: Chris Stibal 1, Josephine Beever 2, Sarah Beukema 3, Tina Stoecklin 4, R Seitz 5, J Schreiner (C) 6. 1st Q outside the British Isles-2. Graduation compliment for 1. Also 8 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: Chris Stibal 1, Sarah Beukema 2, T J Smith 3, B Eckert 4, Amy Conrad 5, Yuriko Yamanaka 6, J Schreiner (1st as C on 8 in tower) 7, Tina Stoecklin 8. \$5

Kenilworth, Warks. 6 May, 1320 P.B. and St Clements Minor: P B Spencer 1, Rosemary Spencer 2, H J Bodenham 3, K Davis 4, A M Dore 5, D P Crawley (C) 6. For Confirmation Service officiated by the Bishop of Coventry. Also 7 June, 1320 Cambridge S. and Kent T.B. Minor: Rosemary Spencer 1, K Davis 2, D P Crawley 3, Christine Jackson 4, P B Spencer 5, N J H Fardon (C) 6. 18th Birthday compliment to Miss Rachel Oxtoby. Also 14 June, 1320 Norwich S. Minor: Rosemary Spencer 1, Jane H Kempton 2, P B Spencer 3, K Davis 4, N J H Fardon 5, C Bostock (C) 6. To welcome the new curate, Keith Moberley; also Birthday compliment to Mrs G M Spencer. And **Leek Wootton.** 20 May, 1260 P.B. Triples: Rachael Dick 1, Christine Jackson 2, Elisabeth Oxtoby 3, H J Bodenham 4, P B Spencer (C) 5. For Confirmation Service. £2

Kersey, Suffolk. 10 June, 1264 P.B. Major: Peggy Humbert (1st Major) 1, G R Whittell 2, Margaret M Roberts 3, Katharine J Whittell 4, Kate Bellman 5, D G Salter (C) 6, H D Bellman 7, N F Whittell 8. To thank Peggy Humbert for her support at Kersey and to wish her happiness in her move to the south-west.

Kingsford, N.S.W. 10 June, 1376 Westminster S. Major: Esther M Byers 1-2, J H Fryer 3-4, W T Perrins (C) 5-6, G Harman 7-8.

King's Lynn, Norfolk (St Margaret). 10 June, 1280 P.B. Major: T Owen 1, P R Barker 2, A D Walker 3, P Gagen 4, P R Meyer 5, N Greenacre 6, N V Harding (C) 7, R Harrop 8. 100th Q this year-2, 3. In honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. £1.35

Kirkheaton, W. Yorks. 4 June, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: A R Thompson 1, D Ingleby 2, Gillian Davison 3, W A Carter 4, A Naylor 5, J R Senior (C) 6.

Diamond Wedding compliment to Kathleen and Leonard Senior, parents of the tenor ringer and tower captain, at the same time as that of their wedding in this church on 4th June, 1927. £1

Knebworth, Herts. 12 June, 1280 Cornwall S. Major: Teresa J Brown 1, Heather A Lloyd 2, Anne Saunders 3, R Hornby 4, S A Saunders 5, J M Kemp 6, J J Ford (C) 7, R A Brown 8. 1st in m by all. £1

Langdon Hills, Essex. 30 May, 1320 Spliced Plain Doubles (4m): Ann Beech 1, B H Beech (most Spiced) 2, C Garraway 3, S D Stott 4, G I Lucas (C) 5. Also 31 May, 1320 Spliced Plain Doubles (24m): Diana Belcham 1, D E Belcham 2, C Garraway 3, D Stott 4, G Lucas (C) 5, J P Harman 6. Most m except conductor. Also 6 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: Avril Longley 1, Susan Burns 2, B Beech 3, A Beech (C) 4, G Lucas 5, J Harman 6. Also 13 June, 1440 Plain Doubles (7m): Susan Burns 1, B Beech 2, C Garraway 3, A Beech 4, G Lucas (C) 5, P J Marshall 6. Most m-2, 4, 6. £2.10

Leeds, W. Yorks (Cathedral). 10 June, 1260 Doubles (4m): G N Graham 1, Margareta E Devine 2, C B Dove (C) 3, B T Johnston 4, A D Sibson 5. 50p

Lichfield, Staffs (St Michael). 7 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: M J Dixon 1, Gillian Eastwood 2, P W Olding 3, G T Thomas 4, D E Pomeroy (C) 5, A J Marson 6. For Matins. Also 1320 Grandsire Triples: A P Butcher 1, Amanda Butcher 2, D E Pomeroy (C) 3, A J Marson 4, 1,000th Q on the bells 4, D M Webb 5, Gillian Eastwood 6. For Evensong. 14 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: M J Dixon 1, Gillian Eastwood 2, P W Olding 3, G T Thomas 4, D E Pomeroy (C) 5, A J Marson 6. For Matins. Also 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Amanda Butcher 1, Gillian Eastwood 2, G T Thomas 3, D E Pomeroy (C) 4, A J Marson 5, D M Webb 6. For Evensong. 15 June, 1260 Doubles (6 m/v): A P Butcher 1, M J Dixon 2, Amanda Butcher 3, D E Pomeroy (C) 4, A J Marson 5, G T Thomas 6. For Confirmation Service. £1

Llangyfelach, W. Glam. 4 May, 1272 Minimus (4m): C C Evans (1st Q) 1, N P Doyle 2, A C John 3, M R Thomas (C) 4. Tower Open Day. 50p

Long Ashton, Avon. 12 June, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: K Taber 1, D Mossop 2, R G Edwards 3, Gill Hek (1st in m) 4, M J Freeman 5, G L Sparey 6, D G Yeo 7, J H Gilbert (C) 8. 100th Birthday compliment to Mr Graham Tissington of Long Ashton. £1

Lyddington, Rutland. 14 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: R Windle 1, Janet E Ingram 2, Nicola A Stevens 3, D J Allison (1st inside) 4, R G Beadman 5, C J Groome (C) 6. For Evening Service. 60p

Middle Littleton, Warks. 7 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B Philpot 1, J Harrison 2, E Hutchinson 3, P Brown 4, M Harrison (C) 5, N Bearcroft 6. For Evensong. Retirement compliment to Mr Tombs, a ringer at the tower for 40 years. 50p

Narborough, Leics. 7 June, 1260 Doubles (2m): Mavis Ward 1, Marjorie Cadwallader 2, C Berridge 3, Heather Mann 4, A R Mann (C) 5, C Harper 6. For the christening of Oliver Michael, son of Philip and Jane Dunn. £1

Nazeing, Essex. 9 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: C Crabb 1, W Haley (C) 2, R G Seymour 3, F Mansfield 4, R Sales 5. After meeting short for practice. 70p

Newport, Gwent (St Woolos). 7 June, 1264 P.B. Major: A Fawcett 1, Catherine A Hayman 2, N W Jones 3, J A Freaney 4, P C Phillips 5, K S Clayton 6, B J Hayman 7, P S Bennett (C) 8. For Whitsunday Evensong. Also 14 June, 1344 P.B. Major: Catherine A Hayman 1, N W Jones 2, Yvonne Fox 3, P C Phillips 4, J A Freaney 5, A Fawcett 6, B J Hayman 7, G Dancer (C) 8. For Evensong. £1.50

North Cerney, Glos. 10 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: Shirley Parsloe 1, Mary Bliss (C) 2, Judith Carter 3, Patricia Salmon 4, Barbara Holden 5, Ruth Kelsey (1st Q) 6. To mark the ordination as Deacon of the Rev. Penelope West at Wells Cathedral on 6th June. Penny was formerly ringer, churchwarden and diocesan reader at North Cerney, and is continuing her ministry at Portishead where she has been a Deaconess for the last year. 60p

North Ockendon, Essex. 15 June, 1260 St Martin's Bob Doubles: Ann Beech 1, A Beech (150th Q) 2, R G Butt 3, B H Beech (C) 4, S J Nash 5, P J Marshall 6. 1st in m-3, 5. 50p

Norton-sub-Hamdon, Som. 13 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: R S Bridle 1, Pam Ebsworth 2, S Bridle 3, Diana M Bridle 4, Teresa J Dunstone 5, M J Freeman (C) 6. 30p

Nunburnholme, N. Humbs. 6 June, 1272 London S. Minor: D S Johnson (C) 1, Susan J Watson 2, D J Watson 3, Judith M Haselhurst 4, J M Goldthorpe 5, M J de C Henshaw 6. 1st in m-2, 3, 4. £1.20

Petersfield, Hants. 10 June, 1260 Doubles (2m): Carole Davies (1st Q) 1, Maureen Routh 2, K Sansom 3, T Bowles 4, K A Tipper (C) 5, R H Routh 6. 60p

Preston, Dorset. 7 June, 1260 Kent T.B. and P.B. Minor: J Slade 1, Hilda Slade 2, Pam Robb 3, Betty Marsh 4, P Bartrip 5, D Cull (C) 6. 60p

Privett, Hants. 14 May, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: Barbara Skilleter 1, Jacqui M Dunster 2, Moira S Blake 3, A T Buswell (1st S. inside) 4, J H Hunt (C) 5, A A J Buswell 6, S N Hough 7, S B Dunster 8. Congratulations to ringer of 6 on being elected to Denmead Parish Council. 80p

Offton, Suffolk. 26 May, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: B E Whiting 1, K S Hohl 2, S A Rudd 3, B Lockett (1st in m) 4, A H Warren 5, R N Earey 6, S J Day 7, Amanda M Whiting (C) 8. Also 2 June, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: B Lockett 1, S L Girt 2, Amanda M Whiting 3, Ann M Lea (1st Surprise) 4, S J Day 5, R N Earey 6, B E Whiting 7, S A Rudd (C) 8. £2.40

Orwell, Cambs. 7 June, 1260 Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob Minor: E Clarke 1, Kaye F Perryman 2, Jane King 3, Marion T Perryman 4, G S Perryman 5, A G Parry (C) 6. 1st Reverse Canterbury Minor for all the band. For Morning Service on Whit Sunday; also Wedding anniversary compliment to Geoff and Marion Perryman. 60p

Reading, Berks (S Laurence). 14 May, 1260 St Remigius Bob Doubles: Rosemary Scott 1, Wendy Sandham 2, J E Harmsworth 3, P J Wells (C) 4, Julia Wells 5, P J Sandham 6. 1st in m by all. And **Streathley.** 2 June, 1260 P.B. Minor: B C P Everrett 1, J E Harmsworth 2, Wendy Sandham 3, F H Hale 4, Julia Wells 5, P J Wells (C) 6. Both by C.A.T.Y. £2

Rickmansworth, Herts. 7 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: G Hall 1, J Euston 2, Christine M Avery 3, H A Thomas 4, J B Cooke 5, A G Hall 6, D M Hibbert (C) 7, M Franklin 8. For Whit Sunday. £1

Rothwell, Northants. 14 June, 1316 P.B. Triples: Susan Riley 1, R A Coles 2, A C Ray 3, Helen Coleman 4, W J Riley 5, M A Coleman (C) 6, C N Stephenson 7, M J Hawkins 8. For Civic Service/Patrol Festival. £1

Rowley Regis, W. Mids. 7 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F Hindmarsh (1st in m) 1, Gilliam M Roberts 2, Sandra Wilson 3, B Darby (C) 4, A Roberts 5, M Vine 6, D Chiswell 7, L Bird 8. For Pentecost. 80p

Royston, Herts. 7 June, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: B R Curtis (1st T.B.) 1, A P Curtis 2, A Belton 3, D Coleman 4, Teresa L M Adams 5, J R Turnock (C) 6. 1st Kent-2, 3, 4. 60p

Ruislip, Middx. 14 June, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: Elizabeth Kimber (1st T.B.) 1, Elsie Savory 2, Ruth M Foreman 3, Susan R Blake 4, I W Blake 5, T J Lock (C) 6. For Elsie Savory, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of first signing the visitors book and becoming a life member of the Guild of St. Martin's, Ruislip. £1

St. Mellons, Cardiff. (No date given) 1260 P.B. Minor: Clare L Phillips (1st Q) 1, R A French 2, Mary M J Littler 3, G S Dunsford (1st Minor) 4, E M Chapman 5, J A Vesey (C) 6. To celebrate the end of the academic year. And **Caerphilly, Mid-Glam.** (No date given) 1260 Grandsire Triples: J M Atkins 1, E M Chapman 2, P J Evans 3, R A French 4, Mary M J Littler 5, H J Pryor 6, J A Vesey (C) 7, Clare L Phillips 8. 1st Triples-1, 4, 7, 8. Compliment to B Eric Frost. £2.80

Sawston, Cambs. 20 Apr, 1272 Cambridge S. Minor: Janet L Bly 1, Ruth H Kemsley (1st Surprise) 2, Kaye F Perryman 3, H V Bettinson 4, J S Abercrombie 5, A G Parry (C) 6. 50p

Scale, Norfolk. 15 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J M Thorley (C) 1, P J Cook 2, Patricia M Thorley 3, H F Robinson (1st Q) 4, F C Gunton 5, R M Hall 6. Silver Wedding compliment to Margaret and Howard Egglestone. £1

Sharnbrook, Beds. 10 May, 1260 P.B. Triples: Gemma Davison 1, Jo A Webb 2, Alison Webb 3, P J S Albon (C) 4, Helen W Webb 5, N C Ashfield-Bowers 6. For Evensong. Also 17 May, 1260 P.B. Triples: Jacquie Albon 1, N C Ashfield-Bowers (1st inside) 2, Alison Webb 3, Helen W Webb 4, P J S Albon (C) 5, Jo A Webb 6. For United Service. Also 14 June, 1260 Doubles (7m): N C Ashfield-Bowers 1, Helen W Webb 2, Judy M Anderson 3, T W Anderson 4, P J S Albon (C) 5, Jo A Webb 6. For Evensong. £1.80

Shedfield, Hants. 17 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jacqui M Dunster 1, H L Hatfield (C) 2, Allison Reed 3, Betty J Daysh 4, C Abel 5, S B Dunster 6, S N Hough 7, P Page 8. For Good Friday. 80p

Shenfield, Essex. 7 June, 1320 P.B. Triples: S F Priddle (1st Q) 1, H G Goddard 2, Jill E Evans 3, R G Butt 4, P R Trueman (C) 5, Jenny H Martin 6. Also 14 June, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Jill V Evans 1, A C Malton (C) 2, R G Butt 3, Rowena L Marshall 4, P R Trueman 5, H G Goddard 6. For Evensong on Trinity Sunday. £2

Sherbourne, Warks. 7 June, 1260 P.B. Triples: Pamela Copson 1, E J Copson 2, Anne-Marie Barker 3, Christine Field 4, Jennifer Gee 5, E Edginton 6. Conducted jointly by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. For Morning Service on Whit Sunday. £1

Shoreditch, London E. 12 June, 1287 Stedman Caters: S A Coaker 1, S J L Linford 2, J M Hupman (1st Stedman) 3, C N Merlane 4, D A Gibbons 5, M J Wigney 6, R G Booth 7, A S Baker 8, J E Hawes (C) 9, D A Hewitt 10. £1

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Personal

DAVID BEACHAM and family wish to thank everyone for their sympathy and support following Kitty's death. They also express their thanks for the donations given in Kitty's memory to the Worcester Scanner Appeal (£348) and the Sarah Beacham Memorial Trust (£362). 1500

STAN BROWN wishes to thank all who sent cards, "get-well" messages and upheld him in prayer during his recent spell in hospital. He is now home, feeling much stronger, and will be ringing again soon. 1506

Change of Address

DUNSTER - Steve and Jacqui have now moved to 28 Corby Crescent, Anchorage Park, Portsmouth, Hants. Tel: (0705) 693321. Ad No. 1519

PICKSTONE - Mary, Gen. Sec. D.U.S.C.R., has moved to 7 Grafton Street, Cambridge CB1 1DS. Tel: (0223) 314365. Newsletter to follow shortly. 1475

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LCA PRACTICES, August 1987. Fri, Aug 7, 6.30-8.30: Spitalfields, Surprise Major, Wed, 19th, 6.30-8.30: Southwark Cathedral, 12-bell Mon, 24th, 6.30-8: St Clement Danes, General 10-bell. M.J Turnock, Senior Steward. 1448

MIDDLESEX ASSN, N & E District. Surprise Major practice, Fri, Aug 14, at St Giles', Holborn, 6.30-8 pm. All welcome. 1491

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION, Western District. 10-bell practice to be held at Hillingdon on Mon, Aug 10, at 7.30 pm. 1505

SURREY ASSOCIATION, Southern District. Wed, Aug 12, evening practice at Charlwood (6), 7.30-9 pm. 1518

Saturday Meetings & Practices

BARNSELY & DISTRICT SOCIETY. Aug 8, evening meeting at Ecclesfield, 7.00-9.00. 1510

ELY DA, Cambridge District. Sat, Aug 8, sponsored walk (14 miles) and ringing in support of Bell Restoration Fund and Ely Cathedral Appeal. Start at Brinkley with ringing from 9.30 until 10.15. 1503

EAST GRINSTEAD DG. Meeting on Sat, Aug 8: Lower Beeding, 3-4.30 pm; Cowfold, 6.15-7.30 pm. Cups of tea available at Lower Beeding. Bring own picnic. 1480

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DA, Chippenham Branch. Summer meeting, Sat, Aug 8: Shipton Moyne (6), 3-3.45; Long Newton (6), 4-4.45. Followed by picnic tea. Malmesbury (8), 6.30-8 (Special method: Double Norwich). Followed by quarterly meeting. All welcome. 1514

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION, Northavon Branch. Branch practice, Alveston (6), Sat, Aug 8, 6.30-8.30 pm. 1478

G & B DA, Swindon Branch: 1987. August - Sat, 8th, meeting at Castle Eaton, 6.30-8 pm. September - Sat, 12th, quarterly meeting. Stratton St Margaret, 10-10.45 am. South Cerney, 11-11.45 am. Shrivenham, 12-12.45 pm. Pub lunch available at Shrivenham, October - Sat, 10th, meeting at Christ Church, Swindon, 6.30-8 pm. November - Sat, 14th, meeting at Blunsdon, 6.30-8 pm. December - Sat, 12th, AGM at Wroughton. Bell available 3.30 pm. Tea and meeting. Names for tea to Branch Secretary. 1499

HERTFORD CA, Western District. Sat, Aug 8, meeting at Flamstead (6). Bells 3 pm. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to Penny Watson, 65 Hawthorne Lane, Hemel Hempstead. Special methods: Northumberland S.M. and Single Court. 1445

LACR, Fyde Branch. Next Branch meeting will be held at St Helen's, Churchtown, on Sat, Aug 8. Ringing from 3-5 pm. All visitors welcome. 1504

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. Evening meeting on Sat, Aug 8, at Overseale, from 6.30-8 pm. 1470

OXFORD DG, Reading Branch. Practice at Henley-on-Thames, Sat, Aug 8, 7-9 pm. Everyone welcome. 1520

SOUTHWELL DG, North Notts District. Sat, Aug 8, at Laneham (4), ringing 5.30 pm; Grove (4), ringing 6.30 pm; and Rampton (6), ringing 7.30 to 9 pm. All welcome. 1473

SUFFOLK GUILD, North East District. Quarterly meeting, Sat, Aug 8. Ringing 3 pm. Westhall. Service 4.30 pm. Tea and business meeting. Evening ringing, Bungay. Names for tea to Ruth Bedford (Aldeburgh 3330). Ad No. 1424

W & P D.G., Winchester District. Quarterly meeting, Sat, Aug 8. Ringing at Twyford (8) 2.15 to 3.15, and Winchester College (6) 3.30 to 4.15. Service at St Swithun-above-Kingsgate at 4.30. Tea and meeting in St Lawrence Parish Room, Colebrook Street, at 5. Ringing at Cathedral 6.30 to 8. Names for tea to Mrs Sheila Mottram (Tel: Winchester 62453) by Wed, Aug 5. 1388

BATH & WELLS DA, Chew Branch. Sat, Aug 15, practice meeting, Nailsea (6) 7.30-9 pm. 1507

BATH & WELLS DA, Crewkerne Branch. Monthly practice, Sat, Aug 15, Wambrook 6.30-7.30 and Whitestaunton 7.30-9. All welcome. 14

BATH & WELLS DA, Dunster Branch. Sat, Aug 15, practice meeting, Porlock (6) 7-9 pm. 1516

COVENTRY DG, Coventry Archdeaconry. Meeting, Sat, Aug 15. Ringing at Honiley (6) 3-3.45 pm and Leek Wootton (5) 4-4.45 pm. Visitors welcome. 1512

HEREFORD DG, Ledbury District. Quarterly meeting, Sat, Aug 15, Stretton Grandison (6). Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Picnic tea (B.Y.O.), followed by business meeting. Evening ringing till 8.30 pm. 1502

HERTFORD CA, St Albans District. Sat, Aug 15, Sandridge 3.30 to 5 pm. Service. Tea and meeting at 79 The Ridgeway, St Albans. Evening ringing, Essendon, 7 to 8.30 pm. Names for tea to Alan Jeffs (St Albans 68684) by Thursday, 13th. 1447

KENT C.A.C.R., Ashford District. Meeting, Aug 15, Kingsnorth (6). Ringing starts at 3.30 pm (note change of time). Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs Marshall (Bethersden 441) by Wed, 12th, please. Special method: Cambridge S Minor. 1477

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Blackburn Branch. Sat, Aug 15, at Darwen. Evening meeting 6 till 8.30 pm. All welcome. 951

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Manchester Branch. Joint meeting with the Mid-Cheshire Branch of the Chester Guild on Sat, Aug 15, at Grappenhall. Bells 6.30 to 8.30 pm. Betty Ormrod, Branch Secretary. 1484

LEICESTER DG, Melton District. Meeting at Eaton, Sat, Aug 15. Bells 7-9 pm. 1430

LINCOLN GUILD, Southern Branch. Meeting at Skillington (5), Aug 15, at 7 pm. All welcome. 1486

MIDDLESEX ASSN, North and East District. Quarterly business meeting, Sat, Aug 15. Ringing at St Botolph's, Aldgate, 3-4.30 pm. Service 5 pm, St John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney, followed by tea, short business meeting and evening ringing. All welcome. 1492

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, Sonning Deanery Branch. Practice at Sandhurst on Sat, Aug 15, 7-9 pm. All welcome. L.G.D. 566

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Southern Division. Sat, Aug 15, Car Treasure Hunt. Meet Henfield Church 2.30 pm. Tea at Twineham 5 pm, followed by quarterly meeting. Evening ringing at Twineham until 8 pm. Names for tea to Ringmer 813189. Ad No 1509

YORKSHIRE ASSN, Central Branch. Sat, Aug 15, Kirkburton (8) 3.30. Cups of tea 5.00. Shelley (6) 7 to 8.30. 1494

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Cleveland and North Yorkshire Branch. Sat, Aug 15, day out at Whitby. Ringing from 2 to 7 pm, including one or two quarters but plenty of open ringing for all. Enjoy the sea air and join us for a bar meal in the evening. 1180

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Saturday, August 22nd, 1987

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Skipton, N. Yorks. 9 June, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Gillian Daker 1, Carolyn Rosier 2, Margaret A Reeves 3, R H Burton 4, C J Wright 5, J D Owen 6, M F D Burton 7, C Reeves (C) 8. £1

Soberton, Hants. 12 Mar, 1250 Lincolnshire S. Major: Roanna L Evans (1st T.B. on 8) 1, Moira S Blake (1st in m) 2, Jacqui M Dunster 3, J H Hunt (C) 4, W F J Cope 5, W A Harris 6, S N Hough 7, S B Dunster 8. Also 26 Mar, 1250 Superlative S. Major: Barbara Skilleter 1, Moira S Blake 2, Jacqui M Dunster 3, Blanche M Hunt 4, J H Hunt (C) 5, I L Miller 6, S B Dunster 7, S N Hough 8. 21st Birthday compliment to Katherine M Roper, sister of the ringer of the 3. Also 9 Apr, 1250 Pudsey S. Major: Barbara Skilleter 1, Moira S Blake (1st in m) 2, Jacqui M Dunster 3, J H Hunt (C) 4, Helen M Hohl 5, D Hohl 6, S B Dunster 7, S N Hough 8. £2.40

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Spratton, Northants. 14 June, 1260 Doubles (5 m/v): A E Chantler 1, Pamela M Spencer 2, J M Spencer 3, D P Westerman 4, S J Westerman (C) 5. Half-muffled in memoriam Samantha Summers (aged 5), Lucy Summers (aged 3), cousins to 2 and 3. 50p

Stanford-on-Soar, Notts. 16 June, 1280 Pudsey S. Major: Julie E Doughty 1, A C Moul 2, Nancy L Surman 3, D I Bassford 4, D Parrott 5, R J Danby 6, A P Sweating 7, J D Cooper (C) 8. 1st blows in m-3, 5, 8. 1st in m by all except 2 and 6. Birthday compliment to Claire Cooper (5 last Thursday) and Craig Bassford (4 next Thursday). £1

Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex. 27 May, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Clare G Partridge (1st Q) 1, A M Barber 2, Anne P Wilkinson 3, E R Wilkinson 4, G R Wilkinson (C) 5, T Warner 6. £1

Staverton, Northants. 5 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: A Pace (aged 15) 1, R E Harding (aged 13) 2, Claire Rands (aged 14) 3, M J Harding (aged 14) 4, S Short (C; aged 15) 5, Sally Reynolds (aged 14) 6. The idea for an "under 16" quarter peal was conceived on the back of the coach during the annual Daventry Branch ringing outing and was rung two days before Stephen Short's 16th birthday. They are to be congratulated. £1.20

Stow, Lincs. 29 May, 1260 P.B. Doubles: I Dicken

(1st Q) 1, Clare Ella 2, C P Turner (C) 3, L Gray 4, J F Underwood 5, S Ella 6. For the birth of Adam Ian Middleton, nephew of 2 and 6. Also 5 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lisa Claxton (1st Q) 1, Clare Ella 2, C P Turner (C) 3, M Jones 4, J F Underwood 5, L Gray 6. 1st in m-2, 4. For the birth of Jemma Elizabeth Till. Also 12 June, 1260 P.B. Doubles: S Lewis (1st Q) 1, Clare Ella 2, C P Turner (C) 3, L Gray 4, Barbara Rand 5, J F Underwood 6. For the birth of Charlotte Elizabeth Turner. £1

Stowmarket, Suffolk. 14 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: E A Cracknell 1, W S Girling (C) 2, Marie Carson 3, Josephine Beever 4, D Webb (1st in m) 5, M J Rose 6, J L Girt 7, J Mann 8. To say farewell to Marjorie and Arthur Hall, get-well compliment to Ted Edwards, and compliment to Jennie Ragan, made Deacon at Goodmayes by the Bishop of Barking, 13 June. £1.60

Sunderland, Tyne & Wear (Roker). 14 June, 1250 Roker S. Major: Fiona H Burton 1, J A Craggs 2, R A M Turner 3, I Tilling 4, C M Richardson 5, D V Craggs 6, D G Walker 7, M Chester (C) 8. 1st blows in m by all. 1st Q in m (previously pealed). For Evensong on Trinity Sunday. £1

Swansea, W. Glam. 28 May, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Hilary Rose 1, N Doyle (C) 2, Brenda Armstrong 3, J Armstrong 4, P Wagstaff 5, D Shail 6. Ruby Wedding compliment to Arthur and Marjorie Hurley. £1

Swavesey, Cambs. 30 May, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: Chris Clare 1, D A Upchurch 2, M B Davies 3, R F Walker 4, A J Stevens 5, A G Parry (C) 6. 1st in m for all the band. 50p

Symondsburry, Dorset. 11 June, 1320 Senacre Wood Doubles: T M Andrews 1, M J Hiller (C) 2, B Gildersleva (50th Q) 3, I L Andrews 4, R V Smith 5, J Follett 6. 1st in variation by all the band. 50p

Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset. 11 June, 1260 St Barnabas Doubles: A M Smith 1, R G W Robertson 2, Clare J Robertson (1st in the variation) 3, Judith A Robertson (C) 4, Susan P E Legge 5. 18th Birthday compliment to Clare Robertson. 75p

Terrington St. John, Norfolk. 17 May, 1260 P.B. Doubles: O White 1, Helen Spiller 2, Denise Baxter 3, K Donoghue 4, J W Spiller (C) 5, V W Peyman 6. Also 12 June, 1320 P.B. Minor: O White 1, Helen Spiller 2, Diane Baxter 3, K Donoghue 4, W H Spiller 5, J W Spiller (C) 6. 1st Minor-1, 4. £1.20

Theberton, Suffolk. 30 May, 1320 P.B. Doubles: T D Hughes (C) 1, A J Care (1st Q) 2, Irene Rowe 3, D T Hughes 4, Maria K Hacker 5, Samantha K Hacker 6. £1

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Upham, Hants. 29 Apr, 1260 P.B. Triples: J H Hunt (C) 1, Barbara Skilleter 2, Jacqui M Dunster 3, Moir S Blake 4, Helen C Keat (1st P.B. Triples inside) 5, S B Dunster 6, C J Stubbington 7, E M Handley 8. 80p

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In Western Canada - May 1987

In August 1986 Michael Simpson of Victoria, British Columbia, wrote to *The Ringing World* giving brief details of a proposed tour to Western Canada as part of the fund raising effort towards the completion of Christ Church Cathedral. The tour took place in May. The party of 19 was led by Canon Free of Bristol Cathedral and included seven ringers.

We were met at Calgary Airport by Molly Whan Tong from Victoria and Andrew Bushell of the Calgary band. Molly was responsible for all the travel arrangements and was to accompany us to Vancouver on the first part of the tour. Ringing at Calgary had been arranged for Sunday morning but as it would be limited to the time between services Andrew had arranged for us to ring on Saturday evening. We were feeling the effects of the flight and it was about 1 a.m. UK time but Molly's welcoming drinks helped to revive us before we left for Elbow Park. With Andrew and Ann Williams of the local band we enjoyed an hour's ringing including touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Minor. Calgary is one of the most isolated change ringing towers with the nearest towers in Vancouver and Mission City over 500 miles away so we were pleased to hear that the local band had scored a quarter peal of Bob Major earlier in the day. On Sunday morning we joined the local band to ring for the 11 a.m. Eucharist. The ringing was recorded and we hope that the BBC will be able to use part of the service touch of Bob Major in the *Bells on Sunday* programme. Our coach was ready to leave immediately after the service so our stay in Calgary was all too brief and we were sorry to leave so soon after such an enthusiastic welcome from the local ringers.

Our journey from Calgary to Vancouver was by coach and train through the spectacular Rocky Mountain scenery of the Banff and Jasper National Parks. There were overnight stops at Banff and Lake Louise. Before leaving Banff on Monday morning we took the lift to the top of Sulphur Mountain for fine views of Banff, the Bow Valley and the surrounding peaks. Lake Louise is 5280 feet above sea level and we woke on Tuesday morning to find that several inches of snow had fallen during the night. The drive from Lake Louise to Jasper followed the 140 mile Icefields Parkway. This road winds round the mountains and climbs passes over 6000 feet about sea level. Wild life is strongly protected in the National Parks, mountain sheep and deer wandered near the road and elk, caribou and a coyote were seen during the day. At Jasper we relaxed over tea at the Jasper Park Lodge, famous for its cycling waiters delivering orders to the lodges in the grounds.

After dinner in Jasper we boarded the train for the 16 hour journey to Vancouver. During the night the train crosses into British Columbia and in the early morning works its way along the side of the Fraser Canyon. Later in the morning we could see across the Fraser River to Westminster Abbey, Mission City, where we were to ring later in the week.

Thursday morning was taken up with a con-



Local and visiting ringers outside Victoria Cathedral (before quarter peal attempt on Ascension Day) from left to right: Michael Batten (Victoria), Jeanette and Ray Finch (Egham, Surrey), Judith and Michael Simpson (Victoria), Frank Hicks (Mayfield, Sussex), Shelagh Melville (Bedford), Valerie Goode (Earl Shilton, Leics), Walter Wright (Bisley, Glos), Walter Hunt (Cambridge), David Oliver (Victoria), Arthur Izard (Victoria). Photo by Roy Goode.

ducted sightseeing tour of Vancouver. In the evening we met the local ringers for a practice at Holy Rosary Cathedral - the ringers having kindly postponed their practice from Tuesday so that we could join them. We were pleased to meet Michael Simpson who had managed to come over from Victoria. A successful practice included Grandsire, Stadman and Oxford Bob Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Major. Afterwards we adjourned to the "local" which turned out to be the cafe that Frank Hicks had discovered as the best place for breakfast! We were grateful to Jeff White and Ted Lee for driving us on Friday afternoon to Mission City about 40 miles east of Vancouver. We were welcomed at the Abbey by Fr. Benedict who showed us round the Church and demonstrated the remarkable acoustics. In the tower we met Brother John who stayed to ring some Grandsire Triples with us. Michael Simpson had also come along so the ringing included Grandsire Caters as well as Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. It was a warm sunny afternoon and after ringing we were glad to stroll in the grounds to the view point overlooking the Fraser River.

Back in Vancouver that evening we met Archdeacon Ted Greenhalgh and his wife Isabel from Christ Church Cathedral who had travelled over to accompany us on the trip to Victoria the following day. We arrived in Victoria at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday the 23rd May after a journey which included a pleasant 1½ hour ferry crossing. The ladies of the Christ Church Parish Guild had prepared a splendid tea for us and we were welcomed by the Dean, the Rt. Rev. John Frame. Molly introduced us to our hosts and we were soon driven home by the various families who were to look after us during the week.

On Sunday morning we joined in ringing for both the services enjoying touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. In the afternoon the visiting ringers and their hosts were invited to a barbecue by Arthur and Cynthia Izard at their home overlooking the Saanich Inlet. During the afternoon we were entertained by some handbell ringing and also heard the tape of the ringing at Calgary.

Monday was devoted to sightseeing. In the morning we toured the Provincial Museum of British Columbia and some of the more energetic managed to visit the Parliament Buildings as well. In the evening the group met for dinner together before visiting the attractive Butchart Gardens about 13 miles north of Victoria. There

was more sightseeing on Tuesday with a city tour which included a panoramic view of Greater Victoria from nearby Mt. Tolmie and ended with a visit to Sealand with its seals, sea lions and killer whales. Before attending the ringing practice in the evening we were entertained to another delicious meal by David and Mary Barlow. Another busy day ended with more ringing chat over drinks at "The Old Bailey". The Dean and Mrs. Frame with some parishioners joined us for a full day excursion on Wednesday. We were entertained to lunch by the parish of Nanoose Bay on the west coast of Vancouver Island over 70 miles north of Victoria. Stops on the way included the forestry museum at Duncan with a steam train ride and Chemainus where the history of the area is illustrated in a series of outdoor mural paintings. After lunch the tour continued into the MacMillan Provincial Park for a walk among the giant Douglas firs at Cathedral Grove. Back in Victoria that evening we were guests for dinner with various Cathedral families.

On Thursday we were free to amuse ourselves until the evening when we attended the Ascension Day Eucharist followed by a Parish Supper. During the afternoon the Dean showed a group round the Cathedral describing its history and explaining the completion plans. Before the service a band made up of Michael and Judith Simpson, Michael Batten and all the visitors attempted a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters. We were all disappointed when this came to grief after about 20 minutes' good ringing. After the supper Canon Free thanked Molly for her work in organising the visit and presented her with a giant pot plant on behalf of the visitors. In her reply Molly announced that the estimated profit made towards the completion fund was £1800.

Friday was free for last minute sightseeing and shopping until we met at Victoria Airport for the short flight to Vancouver. Archdeacon Greenhalgh, Molly and some of the host families were there to see us off. At Vancouver we changed planes for the night flight to London. This was the end of a memorable and successful tour and our grateful thanks are due to everyone who made it so memorable - the ringers at Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria for all the ringing arrangements, our hosts in Victoria for their generous hospitality and of course Molly for the overall organisation.

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Gateshead, Bucks?

Readers may have been surprised to read that the peal of Gateshead S. Major rung on the 25th anniversary of the first peal in the method, on 27th June 1987 (page 668), was rung at St. Mary's, Gateshead, Bucks.

Alas, St. Mary's, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, where the first peal in the method was rung, is no longer a ringable tower as the result of a disastrous fire some seven/eight years ago.

Perhaps recordists would note the peal was, however, rung at St. Mary's, AMERSHAM, Bucks.

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Home from home in Aberdeen

Ringing in Aberdeen on the first new ring in Scotland for very many years has come substantially closer with the steady progress that can now be reported. The earlier front page article (R.W., March 20th, 1987) had announced the exciting and important news of the ring of eight to be hung in St. Machar's Cathedral, Old Aberdeen. Now we record that the essential preliminary work prior to installing the bells has been successfully completed.

Construction work in the tower began several weeks ago with the formation of the working platform just below the projected level of the grillage to support the bell-frame. The platform stands on a convenient level of massive granite corbels, originally used some 4-500 years ago for the floors built in the tower when it was inhabited by the early Bishops of Aberdeen. Will St. Machar's have the only ringing chamber with an open fireplace and chimney?

Other unusual features in the construction of the tower, however, have posed some tricky problems, for the work involved in getting the grillage, frame, bells and fittings actually into

the tower and so on up into position. The base of the tower consists of a solid, vaulted, stone-roofed vestry, which denies the usual route of vertical access for the bells. The tower walls are some 4½ feet or more thick but, by chance, an old bricked-up window, more than 15 feet above ground level, when opened-up gave relatively direct entry to the ringing chamber to be. The massive walls resulted in very arduous and laborious excavations for the formation of the holes for the grillage - not the slightest concern now exists for the strength of the tower for ringing!

The installation work is being undertaken by the local ringers, led by Martin Whiteley, working under the supervision of former bell-hanger John Jenkins of Edinburgh, brought back to active service just for this one special project. Because of the special problems of access to the tower and the need to protect the fabric of the Cathedral's remarkable mediæval west front, exhaustive studies and calculations were undertaken by the "engineers" of heights, angles and safe working loads for several alternative methods. In the event, the weather created more difficult working conditions than the potential mechanical complexities. In the incessant downpours, thick fog and high winds, the churchyard took on the semblance of a North Sea oil platform as steel girders and other heavy metal objects were hauled aloft by a crew of men whose appearance had more than a little to do with the offshore oil industry! In two weekends' work the entire grillage was raised into position, made true and bolted tight prior to being cemented finally in situ into the tower walls, and all the side frames were stacked ready for later installation. Such was the earlier careful preparation that the grillage was found to be perfectly horizontal in all dimensions from the placement of the first beam to the tightening of the last nut and bolt.

The bells and frame from St. Stephen's, Ealing, could have been tailor-made for St. Machar's Cathedral, so little major difficulty is anticipated when the assembly of the frame and bell-hanging begins in the middle of August. Hopes are high that bells will be sounding-out within two months of that time - well within the 12 months from the original inception of the idea of the restoration of bells to the Cathedral, nearly 420 years after they were removed at the Reformation. P.J.S.

Late Notices

TEACHERS' GUILD. Meetings: Aug 12 and 13 in Suffolk, Aug 30, Paulerspury, Northants. New active members welcome. Details from Secretary 1529
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Rossendale Branch. The next Branch meeting will be held on Sat, Aug 15, at St Mary's, Rawtenstall (8), from 3-5 pm. Everybody welcome. C.A. Barnet. 1525

EAST DERBY & WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION. Ringing meeting, Sat August 15, Crich 3-5.30pm; South Wingfield 6-9pm. Note - no teas provided. Everyone most welcome. 1534

ELY D.A. Cambridge District. Please note sponsored walk due to take place on Sat August 8 has been postponed. 1536

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD West Lindsey Branch. Evening meeting on Sat August 15 at Saxilby, 7pm. Special methods: Norbury TB and Kingston TB. 1535

MIDDLESEX C.A. N & E District meeting, Sat August 15, South Hackney now not available. Cup of tea (bring own food) and short meeting 5pm, St John, North Hackney followed by evening ringing until 7pm. 1533

An appropriate choice

Christ Church, Spitalfields, was an appropriate choice for a peal of Cambridge S. Major on July 11th, prior to the wedding of Brian Diserens and Julie Baker. It was on these bells, nearly 70 years ago, when they were in St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, that his grandmother, Freda E. Diserens (née Orr), learned to ring. Freda, who celebrated her 88th birthday on July 6th, now has very poor eyesight but still manages to ring occasionally.

Peal successful

We hear that the 100th peal at Ringwood was successfully completed on Saturday, 1st August.

Stanley E. Armstrong

We regret to report the death on 24 July of Mr. Stanley Armstrong, a Vice-President of the Sussex Association. The funeral will be at Downs Crematorium, Brighton, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 11th August.

William G. Young

We regret to report the death late last week of Mr. William Young. Originally from Poole Mr. Young was at one time Deputy Tower Captain at Winchester Cathedral and has latterly rung at Wimborne Minster. His funeral was on Wednesday, 5th August.

First on bells by local band

R. H. Hall requests information on the occasions first peal on the bells have been achieved by a local band (R.W., 24 July, p. 660).

One such instance was at North Hinksey, Oxford, when on 20th April 1981 the local ringers scored the first on the bells to five Minor methods, this being the first attempt by all except the conductor.

P. H. TOCCK

Weymouth

The quarter peal at Liverpool (Walton-on-the-Hill) on 30 May (p. 694) was rung as a Silver Wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Cowie.

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