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# Foundry Focus – the work of John Taylor & Co.

This edition of "Foundry Focus" describes the work of John Taylor & Co. (Bellfounders) Ltd. for the period October 1987 through to December 1988. It follows on from the information published in the last Taylor "Foundry Focus" and updates the information given there, and describes work subsequently undertaken.

The last "Foundry Focus" article included details of the two rings of 12 which the foundry had completed in that period. There have been no new rings of 12 coming out of our foundry in this time but three rings have been augmented.

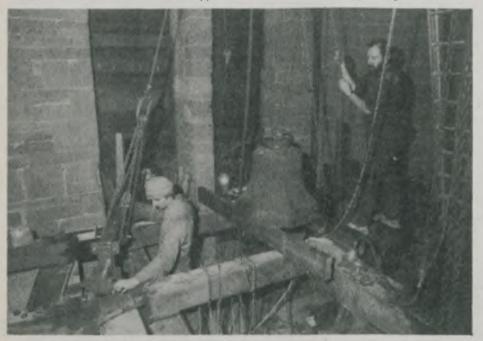
Firstly, at the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity at Ossett two trebles and a sharp 2nd bell were cast and tuned in 1987 but were not hung until Easter of 1988. The purpose of the augmentation here was initially to enable a light octave to be formed with the eight for tutoring purposes. The augmentation project was very much the driving force of Pat and Ian North and it is sad to record that Pat did not in fact live to see the bells hung, or hear them. Full details of all the bells are included with this article.

The second ring of 12 completed was at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, New South Wales. Here the bells had been cast as a ring of 10, by Taylors in 1964. In 1984 we provided a semitone bell to become a future flat 6th of 12. The following year we cast the 2nd of 12, and in 1988 the treble of 12 was cast and supplied with full ringing fittings to celebrate the Australian Bicentenary. Full details of this peal are also included.

The third ring to become 12 was also "overseas", this time at **St. Thomas's Church, Newport, Isle of Wight**. On our recommendation the weak tenor bell was recast with significantly more metal and the weak treble of 8 was replaced, thus allowing the "blending in" of the four new trebles of the ring of 12. These bells are at present on the Isle of Wight awaiting installation in the new bellframe which is being constructed to Taylor's design by Westland Acrospace.

From the full table of weights and founders it will be seen, what a mixed group the back eight are. More importantly the unusual weight progression clearly shows the weakness of bells Nos. 6–9 which is brought about by varying profile shapes. To this it must be added that remarkably for 1920 the Warner 10th bell is exceptionally fine and the 11th bell by William Eldridge is also a good casting. Therefore as well as having five fine new treble bells there are three good bells at the back end.

The last year has seen some seven recast, refurbished or augmented rings of bells going to various churches in the old county of Yorkshire. The first scheme was the final phase of the work at **St. Wilfrid's Church, Burnsall**. It was mentioned in the article of May 1987 that the six bells were languishing in our works



Rehanging the bells of St. Laurence, Ludlow



Installation work in progress on the Bournville Carillon

pending the next step of their fitment. The bells have now been rehung and the finished weight of the tenor is 9–2–0 in G sharp.

At All Saints' Church, Helmsley an ambitious project involved the casting of seven new bells around a Taylor bell dated 1905 which had originally been hung in Naburn Hospital, York. This bell became the 7th of the new octave and the weight is 14–3–27 in F sharp (a full article has already appeared on this project).

At St. Michael and All Angels, Haworth the ring of six bells, famous for their association with the Bronte family, but long unringable, were removed from the tower. Meanwhile the existing wooden bellframe was strengthened by fitting new supporting steels to its base. The six bells were then tuned and completely reequipped. The weight of the tenor following tuning is 10–3–16 in G sharp.

The next Yorkshire project was at the church of St. John the Baptist, Kirk Heaton. Here the indifferent old ring of six bells have been sold to another buyer and a new octave has been produced and hung in the tower. Full details of this project have also appeared in *The Ringing World* and the tenor bell weighs 11–1–27 sounding the note G.

Holy Cross Church, Swainby (also referred to as Whorlton-in-Cleveland). The Warner ring of six were removed from the tower and a new bellframe has been installed with complete new fittings provided for the six. The *Continued overleaf* 

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# **FOUNDRY FOCUS** – continued

finished weight of the tenor after tuning is 7-2-10 sounding the note A sharp.

The next of the Yorkshire group is the interesting project at St. Olave's Church, Marygate, in York. Again a complete article has already appeared and this must surely be one of the few examples of a ring of bells being restored back to full circle ringing after being altered to chiming in the early years of this century. The key note of this peal is now G sharp with the tenor weight 9-0-14

The final church in the Yorkshire group is at St. Peter's Church, Stokesley, where the peal has been augmented by the addition of two new trebles. All of the site work in reordering the frame was carried out by the bellringers. mainly under the direction of the tower captain, Mr. John Hallett.

The ambitious project at St. Leonard's Church, Ryton-on-Dunsmore in Warwickshire has seen the three bells restored and hung in a new frame designed complete for eight along with the provision of three new trebles, to make six. The tenor weight here is 9-3-4 in Fsharp. The vicar, the Reverend Trevor Sykes, is also padre at the Police Training College situated in the parish of Ryton and the Police College assisted the project by purchasing the 2nd of six. This bell therefore bears the badge of the Police Training College.

At St. Michael's Church, Dundry, Avon, the weak upper stage of the tower necessitated the removal of the bells and the provision of a new bellframe installed some 10 ft beneath the existing frame. The treble of the peal was recast and the tenor which was reputed to weigh 17 cwt arrived at the foundry weighing 15-0-16 and left after tuning weighing 14-2-23 sounding the note F

At St. Thomas A'Becket Church in Greatford, Lines., the five bells had hung derelict for approximately 20 years. They have now been restored and hung in a new frame designed complete for six. The bells were previously in the minor key and have been retuned to bring them into the major key, such that further augmentation could take place by the addition of a treble bell. The key note of the peal is A sharp, tenor weight 6-1-14.

At St. Laurence's Church, Ludlow in Herefordshire the octave has long been renowned for its difficult handling characteristics due in part to the poor condition of the bell fittings, but in the main to the tower oscillation which takes place on this massive central tower. The bells were removed to the works for complete refurbishment. Whilst there the tenor bell was found to be heavily scabbed and porous in its head and recasting was recommended. This was accepted and the finished weight of the new tenor bell is 25-0-14, the key note being D. The new fittings supplied enabled them to be "tucked up" much more and with the improved "go" and reduced forces the tower movement has been reduced.

The bells at St. Mary's Church, Walshamle-Willows, Suffolk, were also refurbished and here the old 4th bell which had been described by the late Paul Taylor as being totally untunable was retained outside the peal and a new 4th bell cast to replace it. The six bells were rehung with complete new fittings in the existing Day of Eye wooden frame. The key note of the tenor is F sharp and finished weight 11-2-9

Refitting also took place at St. Paul's Church, Wednesbury (Wood Green) where the Taylor octave of 1887 was retuned and refitted prior to hanging in the existing compo-

site timber and metal frame. The tenor weight following tuning is 16-1-22 in the key of F

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Wootton in Oxfordshire were also restored. Here four large bells form perhaps the largest group by the relatively rare founder Edmund Hemins of Bicester. These four bells have responded very well to tuning and have been hung in a sympathetic manner, on new canon-retaining headstocks. The treble by Mears & Stainbank, and the 2nd by Rudhall, have been tuned to bring them into correct scale with the four Hemins bells. The note of the tenor following tuning is C and the weight 9-2-20.

The distinction of being the only ring of five bells and also the lightest ringing peal on the North American Continent goes to Christ Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. Here the tenor is 3 cwt, viz. 2-3-24, in the key of F. As mentioned in previous articles, the intention here is still for the bells to be augmented at a later date, hopefully by the addition of three larger bells and replacement of the existing 2nd bell.

The derelict ring of eight bells at St. Mark's Church, Leicester, were removed early in 1987 and in order to give a better "weight gradient" to the intended peal of 12 the treble was tuned down to become the 2nd and a new treble cast from the old 2nd. All new fittings were provided and the frame designed to house the 3 bells (12 diatonic and a flat 6th). The frame was constructed in Australia and this together with the bells and fittings were installed under Taylors' supervision in St. Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, New South Wales. The tenor weighs 21-3-3 and sounds note D. The tower was constructed to the design of Edmund Blackett who designed the Cathedral which was built 1874-1884. At that time only the base of the tower was constructed (to a height of approx. 30 ft). The new tower total height of about 102 ft remains incomplete as doors, windows, louvres and electricity have not been installed. The crowning glory would be not only the installation of the additional bells, but also the erection of the spire to the original design. The construction of the tower and purchase and installation of the bells was an Australian Bicentennial project.

Another Bicentennial project was at St. Clement's Church, Yass, New South Wales. The six bells were returned to the foundry for retuning. The back five of these were cast by Blews with the treble added by Taylors in 1950, having been tuned to tuning figures sent in from Australia. These figures proved to be widely inaccurate and thankfully the bells have responded well to corrective tuning. The tenor weight is now 6-1-13, note B flat

Augmentations appear to feature rather strongly in this article. Firstly, a treble was added to complete the ring of six at All Saints' Church, Thrumpton in Nottinghamshire; two trebles have been cast to augment Madley Church of the Nativity of the B.V.M., Herefordshire; Holt, St. Andrew's, Norfolk; Ingoldmells, SS. Peter and Paul, Lincs. all to rings of eight and Aldwick, St. Richard's, Sussex, this peal being augmented from a ring of four to produce a ring of six and at Lilley, St. Peter's, Hertfordshire where the ring of three bells were firstly restored, the cracked 2nd being recast and then a new treble added to produce a ring of four and latterly a new treble added to complete the peal of five, tenor note C, weight 6-0-24.

Somewhat unusually there have been only two recastings of cracked bells from within rings of bells. The first one is for Oxford, St. Mary Magdalene, where the tenor bell has

Frame side being lowered into St. Saviour's Cathedral, Goulburn, N.S.W., Australia

been recast and the weight of this following tuning to standard international pitch is 7-1 12. Secondly, at Lanivet, St. Ia in Cornwall the cracked 5th has been recast. This bell was an 1808 casting by the Pennington family and was rendered completely toncless through a soundbow crack, due to a number of factors including porosity within the metal, high tin content, brittleness and relatively thin soundbow profile

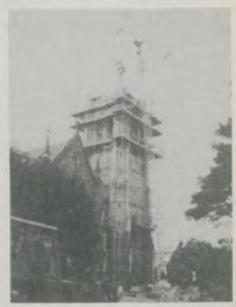
As well as the ringing peal for Raleigh, a number of single and small groups of bells have been exported to America. The first order of the group was a small clock chime of five for Smiths of Derby, Inc., this being the American connection of Smiths Clock Group. The next was a large clock chime for Swarthmore College where the hour bell weighs 34-1-4 and sounds the note D. 33 cwts 2 qrs 0 lbs, and is in D.

Other orders for America have included single bells for Roanoke, Virginia; Carefree, Arizona, and Saddleback, Philadelphia, and Dallas, Texas

Whilst mention is made of clocks it is worthy to note work which was carried out on the three clock bells at Trinity College, Cambridge. This is probably of little interest to bellringers, but in connection with Smiths of Derby and the builders Ratte & Kett of Cambridgeshire the two quarter bells and the hour bell were completely refurbished for the reenactment by Sebastian Coe and Steve Cram of the beating of the hour strike whilst running round the quad at Trinity

Another interesting project was carried out by our handbell department in producing the gift bells presented by BBC's "Songs of Praise" in the hymn writing competition. The BBC trailers for this programme carried some good footage of the foundry in operation.

In the last article referring to the carillon department we mentioned the fact that a limited refurbishment was taking place on the Bournville Carillon. This was subsequently carried out and at a later date the Bournville Estates Trust agreed to major restoration work. This has now been completed, the carillon being completely overhauled with new clappers, transmission, keyboard, wiring, etc. Further carillon work has taken place at Grosse Pointe, Michigan USA, where the Gillett &



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# Editorial

It looks rather lengthy and dry. It has a liberal sprinkling of letters, numbers and sub-sections. Nevertheless, since it seems that new restoration projects are started almost every week, there should be many readers with more than a passing interest in the proposed revision of the "Code of Practice for the Conservation of Bells and Bellframes" which is published in this week's issue (pp. 147-8). Not breakfasttime reading possibly, but worthy of study and comment. After all, you may one day be involved in discussion vis-à-vis the preservation or re-casting of an old bell or the removal of an old frame.

The Index for 1988 Ringing Worlds is also included in this issue. As will be seen, it has stretched to 9+ pages, which is a very awkward number (printers count in 8s). Not everyone will be pleased with the decision to make use of the spare pages rather than to leave them blank, but careful work with scissors and possibly photo-copier should provide adequate copies for those who need to include an index in a bound copy.

Next week we hope to have the first results from the Central Council Survey of **Ringing. Members of the Survey Commit**tee have spent many hours analysing the data collected, and they hope to publish their results and conclusions over the next few weeks.

# FOUNDRY FOCUS - continued

Johnston carillon has been increased by a further five bells. Work has just commenced on a major restoration of the carillon at St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset, Mass., USA involving the casting of some 41 replacement and/or additional bells together with major frame replacement, transmission and keyboard work, etc. This project should be shipped in the middle of the year for August-September installation.

Another Australian Bicentennial project was the provision of a chime for Church of the Apostles, Launceston, Tasmania. This is an 18bell chime, the largest weighing 5-0-22 in C, has the bells operated electronically with internal solenoid clappers and a keyboard incorporating automatic and manual playing facilities. The chime is designed such that it can be extended at a later date to become a full set of two chromatic octaves.

> 4-2-26 4-3-12

4-2-00

5-0-22

5-2-02

5-0-17

5-1-22 5-2-16

7-1-24

8-1-06

10-0-04

16-1-23

# St. Thomas's Church, Newport, Isle of Wight

Tenor note F			
Treble	John Taylor 1988		
2nd	John Taylor 1988		
3rd	John Taylor 1988		
4th	John Taylor 1988		
5th	John Taylor 1987		
6th	Thomas Mears —		
7th	Thomas Mears 1808		
8th	William Eldridge 1674		
9th	Thomas Mears 1808		
10th	0th John Warner 1920		
11th William Eldridge 1675			
Tenor	John Taylor 1988		

# Bellfounders' Gift Page

# Three parts, three conductors

The recent peal at Lincoln Cathedral is worthy of note for a couple of reasons. Some time ago Jack Millhouse had suggested that we ought to ring a jointly conducted peal of Stedman Cinques. The right opportunity then arose with the impending retirement of the Dean of Lincoln Cathedral, the Very Reverend the Hon. Oliver W.T. Fiennes. The Dean retires on 22nd January after 20 years at Lincoln. He has always been a strong supporter of the Company of Ringers and has helped us on many occasions

A three part peal by Chas. Roberts was selected. The first part was called by Ian Lloyd, the current Master, the second part by John Freeman, the immediate past Master, and the third part by Jack Millhouse, the past Master. The band consisted entirely of members of the Cathedral Company and a very acceptable peal was rung. The band were en-tertained by the Dean and Mrs. Fiennes afterwards in the Deanery. The peal details will be duly written out and framed as a retirement gift to the Dean from the Company

There are a couple of additional footnotest to the peal. For Mr. Freeman and Mr. Millhouse it was their first peal in their new Christmas pullovers and for Mr. Sharp, following his recent diet. It was his first peal for 20 years under 12 stone.

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Tenor note	)	
Treble	John Taylor 1988	4-2-04
2nd	John Taylor 1985	5-0-16
3rd	John Taylor 1964	5-2-12
4th	John Taylor 1964	5-3-22
5th	John Taylor 1964	6-2-08
6th	John Taylor 1964	6-3-10
7th	John Taylor 1964	8-0-24
8th	John Taylor 1964	9-3-00
9th	John Taylor 1964	13-1-10
I0th	John Taylor 1964	15-3-20
11th	John Taylor 1964	21-1-23
Tenor	John Taylor 1964	29-1-04
Flat 6th	John Taylor 1984	6-3-09

# Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Ossett Tenor note D

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Treble	John Taylor 1987	4-2-06
2nd	John Taylor 1987	4-2-03
3rd	John Taylor 1934	4-3-19
4th	John Taylor 1934	5-0-02
5th	John Taylor 1934	5-1-20
6th	John Taylor 1934	6-1-13
7th	John Taylor 1934	7-0-23
8th	John Taylor 1934	9-0-10
9th	John Taylor 1934	12-0-01
iOth	John Taylor 1934	14-1-14
l I th	John Taylor 1934	18-3-04
Tenor	John Taylor 1934	27-1-25
Sharp 2nd	John Taylor 1987	4-1-18





# A Devon puzzle

This foundry-mark appears on the 2nd of a ring of three, hung dead for chiming, at Ringmore in South Devon. The bell was recast, so parish records show, in 1869 at Whitechapel, after having been broken when the clapper broke during ringing for a local wedding and the blacksmith was sent up the tower to hit it with a sledge-hammer.

The initials are evidently those of Robert Stainbank, who had bought out George Mears five years previously, but the foundry has no record of this mark and nobody so far has admitted to having seen it on any other bell; yet the stamp obviously was designed and executed with a great deal of care and no small expense

Can anyone tell me of another example of it? If so, could they write to me at The Vicarage, Bampton, Tiverton, Devon EX169NG (Rev.) JOHN SCOTT

# First peal congratulations

Rachel A. Upchurch, Alison V. Dewberry, Stephen C. Bennett, Theresa M. Rice, Peter S. Rose, Guy D. Mills, Chris J. Newland, Alistair C. N. Banton, Heather I. Webb, Anne Wenham, Derek B. F. Wenham, Ian J. Hazel. Cathy Carson.

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# **Fate of the London bells**

In answer to Geoff Dodd's enquiries (letter p. 1132, Dec. 2) concerning various London towers. I now give him some information with apologies for my delay in doing so.

Firstly, the date when the bells of St. Michael's, Star Street, Paddington were presumably last rung full circle was Saturday May 20th 1933, and the following report appeared in The Ringing World at the time:

# AN 'IMPOSSIBLE' TOWER

SILENT LONDON PEAL TO BE CHIMED On Saturday, May 20th, the back six of the ring of eight at St. Michael and All Angels, Star Street, Paddington, one of London's 'impossible' towers, were rung by the following: R.H. Dove 1, R. Davies 2, F.G. Woodiss 3, C.H. Kippin 4, E.G. Talbot 5, D. Cooper 6 Anxiety as to the safety of the tower, also the difficulties of ringing, limited the ringing to plain courses of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor.

Although the bell-chamber is only 10ft, by 14ft, and the brick walls barely 2ft. thick, nevertheless, a ring of eight (by Warner, 1861), with a ton tenor, is hung in a massive two-tier structure 'four on four,' 70ft, above the ground, and it is not to be wondered at that the tower rolls' badly under the strain, especially as all the bells swing in one direction. The band do not recommend this as an ideal tower for a long peal, nor for a summer meeting. The ringing room has no means of ventilation except via the staircase, and there is only one tiny window on a level with the floor

As on the day in question the temperature was in the region of the eighties in the shade and the electric light in the tower fused, ringing conditions could hardly be described as comfortable. To enable the bells to be heard it has been decided to install a chiming apparatus (by Taylor and Co.), which will at any rate be an improvement on one bell 'clocked' as at present. for the expense of making this tower lit for ringing is beyond the means of a poor parish. Other 'tower grabbers' who may wish to visit this church should bear in mind that they must provide their own ropes

Dan Cooper had lent me a spare set of ropes from Croydon Parish Church which was an 8-bell tower at that time and although I had roped the eight bells we could only muster six ringers.

I have a vague recollection of our going on to a District Meeting afterwards and one of the other survivors, Roydon Davies or Charles Kippin, might remember, not that it is of any particular importance, but one thing I do indeed recall was Dan Cooper's hearty laughter when he noticed the churchwarden moving his car to a safe distance from the tower.

Our success such as it was at Star Street prompted me to organise a repeat performance at Spitalfields where a pleasant Saturday afternoon was spent ringing the front seven bells with the 33 cwt. tenor "clocked", this being quite unringable

Like Star Street, Spitalfields bells were subsequently fitted for chiming and I have often wondered whether our visit in 1933 which was the first occasion these bells had been rung for many years may not also have been the last time they were rung.

Any hopes I may have had of ringing also at St. Dunstan's in the West were quickly dispelled at first sight of these bells which were totally unringable even in those days and they have now disappeared, although by way of compensation I was able to arrange an evening's ringing at St. John's, Waterloo Road where, although unrung at that time, the bells presented no difficulty.

Thirty years were to pass before an opportunity to ask permission to ring at Walworth occurred in 1963 when I had occasion to visit the church in connection with a new tower clock and permission was granted on condition that the bellfounders confirmed that the bells could be rung

Accordingly I wrote to the Whitechapel Bellfoundry whose reply was terse and to the point, that Walworth bells could be rung if I could find a band foolish enough to try, or words to that effect and as in conveying the gist of Mr. Hughes' letter to the rector I omitted all reference to the mental capacity of the ringers, regarding this as irrelevant, it was only necessary to fix the date, and the outing to which Geoff refers duly took place on April 11th, 1964.

I had arranged for a ringer who shall be nameless to oil the bearings the previous day so I was astonished to learn that he had been unable to do any oiling "because the bearings could only be oiled with the bells 'up' and when the bells were 'up' he couldn't reach the bearings'

Since no one had come equipped for the job we had perforce to attempt to ring bells which might well have had no attention in the way of lubricating possibly for forty years, for to my knowledge they had been only chimed since 1928 at least. I don't remember how I described our attempt to keep the bells up, from memory I think our ringing might have been described as a shambles, but it was worth it and it made my day

There must have been changes at Pimlico since 1964 for I had no difficulty in obtaining permission to ring at St. Barnabas's, nor indeed at any of the dozen towers we visited that

A note of personal sadness arose towards the end of the programme when on entering the ringing room at Sidcup I was greeted by the unmistakable voice of an old friend, Cyril Palmer, but when he came out of the shade I could not recognise the young man who had covered the Servers' peal thirty-two years earlier, so had illness taken its toll and it did not seem long after that before I read his obituary notice in The Ringing World.

**RON DOVE** 

# Chief Guide's birth centenary

1 am sure that among lady ringers there must be some who at one time or another were members of the Girl Guides Association. I wonder if they realise that this year sees the centenary of the birth of Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide, on February 22nd. This is a date worthy of marking by a peal or quarter. so do start asking fellow ringers if they were ever Guides or Brownies and see how many peals and quarters we can ring together in memory of our Chief Guide. The Trefoil Guild ringers are hoping to ring a quarter peal on their annual outing on October 14 to mark this special year

BARBARA M\_EDWARDS Chalfont St. Giles

# A weekend to remember

Are you trying to organise a ringing weekend? Are you wondering where you can go? Let someone else do all the organising for you, and come and enjoy a carefree weekend in the beautiful and historic City of York. All you need do is to get your party to York and then relax and leave all the arrangements to us. The format, to suit you, will ensure a weekend to remember.

In order to raise money for the newlyestablished York Bell fund, the bellringers of York are offering to arrange a ringing weekend (Friday evening to Sunday tea-time) in and around York for a party of 25 (minimum) to 35 (maximum) ringers, in either July or August this year. The cost of £47.50 per head (£42.50 for groups of more than 30) would cover all expenses.

Interested? If you would like further details, please contact Mrs. Doreen Sanderson, 8 Pear Tree Close, Huntington, York YO3 9QZ (Tel. 0904 768368).

# Ropes and straps

The tendency of a descending bellrope to spiral is so small as not to cause a problem to either a left-handed or a right-handed ringer, as both will have their hands positioned in the way which is natural and comfortable to themselves. The best teachers will always hand a generous length of tail-end to the pupil who will then grasp it in his or her natural way. The practice of asking the pupil which way he/she handles, say, a garden fork, etc., should be discouraged, as this can cause difficulties to a pupil which could stay throughout life. If my teacher had asked me that question there would have been confusion from which he or I would never have recovered, as I am left-handed with a garden fork or spade, right-handed with a sledgehammer and fellingaxe, and ambidextrous with a cricket bat. Some left-handed ringers, though, do have a tendency to throw the rope towards the right, which can be disconcerting, and I once had a left-hander close on my right who threw his rope inside mine while ringing in a peal.

It seems now that this problem has been noticed in the straps on handbells, according to your correspondent, J. R. Thompson (R.W., 20/1/89, p. 52), depending on which side of the animal produced the hide from which the straps are cut. I consulted a learned friend of mine who said it depended from which end of the animal you viewed it when deciding which was left or right! So much for the expert. There is no need to worry, however, because to overcome the problem the straps are cut across the breadth of the hide and not longitudinally through the length. There is, however, an occasional rogue strap which, when you bring your hand up (at handstroke?) tries to push the hand down. In this case, stop, turn the bell over once and everything will be all right.

C. BRETT-SMITH

Erith, Kent

If the right side of the brain controls the left side of the body ... then only left-handed people are in their right mind!

Everyone is born right-handed. Only the greatest can overcome it!

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# Of particular interest

John Fielding's "Interesting Project" (January 13, 1989, p. 29) was of particular interest to me, as I have often gazed at a similar set of small bells in the ringing chamber of St. Mary. Portsea, and wondered about the possibility of driving them electrically. As far as I can ascertain they are the remnants of a Seage's silent practising apparatus abandoned when the bells were rehung in the 1930s. I should very much like to see Mr. Fielding's designs in print.

I had considered using door-bell solenoids, but I have serious doubts about their long-term reliability, as they are really only intended for infrequent use. My conclusion was that the sort of solenoid used in electric organ actions is the most likely to serve reliably over a long period, and has the advantage that suitable electronic drive circuits already exist. Could any of our ringing organ builders be persuaded to develop the idea?

I'm afraid it is too late to help Mr. Fielding, but a very effective way of removing accumulations of paint from iron, brass, etc., is to boil the article in a solution of washing soda (sodium carbonate). It removes any amount of paint without affecting the metal underneath. It should not be used on aluminium, however, as the soda attacks and discolours the metal.

GEORGE BARRETT

# Gas light in Hereford

The archives at Lincoln are truly amazing, and more goodies are appearing all the time!

A case in point is the file of ringers' rules from other places that has been discovered by John Ketteringham and a summary of which has appeared on pp. 55/6 of the R.W.

Of particular interest to me is the set of rules from Hereford, a copy of which John has kindly sent me. No copy has so far come to light at Hereford itself.

The date of the rules at Hereford reflects the history of the bells. From 1839 the bells were not rung because of the poor state of the tower, and as a part of a general restoration of the fabric of the Cathedral it was found to be necessary to rebuild the piers that support the massive central tower. At the same time the lantern part of the tower was thrown open to view from below. After restoration, the Cathedral was opened for service on 30 June 1863. The bells were one of the last items to be restored, and they were rehung in 1865/6 by Whites of Appleton. It must have been necessary in the circumstances to reform the company of ringers. and so these rules were produced, being dated 24 March 1866. While the rules are slightly ambiguous, it seems as if the custom was to chime the bells on Sundays, and to ring them on 12 special occasions in the course of the year, including Christmas, Easter and Whit, and on practice nights for at leat six months in the year. One rule that appeals to me is the one that states that it is the foreman's responsibility to light and put out the gas in the belfry: gas had been installed a few years earlier during the renovations.

Ullingswick

J. C. EISEL

P.D.W.

A left-handed ringer named Pope

Said, "Steve Coleman's words give me hope; Now it isn't just me

When the sally flies free -

For it's due to the twist of the rope."

# Way back when . . .

Ringers in general and peal ringers in particular are optimistic folk by nature and think nothing of making plans far into the future on the assumption that their plans will, quite naturally come to fruition. So it was that plans were laid to ring a peal at All Saints, Bristol on 7.1.89 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of a peal of DNCBM rung at the church on 7.1.39. The 1939 peal in my father's peal book had always fascinated me not least because, until the recent restoration, the bells were not rung for many years due to concerns for the tower structure and father would tease as we drove past the tower saying "You'll never ring a peal there son"! After the restoration we began to talk of ringing a commemorative peal, made easier by the fact that 7.1.89 turned out to be a Saturday.

In the original peal my father rang the 5th and Don Clift the 3rd, but although they had been in London together after the war contact was lost; they were the only survivors of the 1939 peal. It was not until we went to Usk a couple of years ago to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original of course, with Don ably conducting, and a peal that fired my interest in this demanding composition) that they met again and thus the plans were finally determined for the commemorative peal.

On this occasion the optimism failed us; my father died, very suddenly, almost exactly one year before the peal attempt and then, with only a few weeks to go, Don was rushed into hospital for emergency surgery and would be out of peal ringing for several months. Replacements were drafted in (thanks to Heather Kippin for organising) and, finally, January 7th arrived.

All Saints' bells are real bells, none of this Simpson tuned stuff here; gutsy, big wheels, plain bearings, hard work, melodius and very rewarding if the ringing is good. The ringing room has been thoughtfully restored to a very high standard, with many fascinating old peal books to distract the mind during peals. Forward Major, Stedman, DNCBM all seem to have been called by this chap Daltry - nothing to do with The Who I'm sure - whoops, I should have dodged at the end of those near places - concentrate. Very dim lighting, thoughts drift away again to what it must have been like in 1939. The storm clouds of war would have been threatening to those with the vision to see them, the churches in close proximity (St. Mary and St. Peter le Port, and St. Nicholas) all lost their ringing peals during the bombing of the dock area, dad was in the choir at Yate and would not marry for another five years - here I am ringing the bell he rang 50 years on to the day - concentrate, near places again, black look from the treble ringer. Good old Chris, ringing the tenor immaculately and right on the ball conducting-wise (same composition as in 1939) - the last single must be coming up soon - catches me completely unawares, but Tudor P. is ringing Don's bell and we make it OK - wonder how dad and Don fared at that point - stern words for concentration from conductor as we approach final course - bells run rounds triumphantly, back to reality.

We all signed a get-well card to Don in the cellar bar of The Grand Hotel over a convivial drink and departed into a foggy night in high spirits – a memorable peal indeed and many reflections on what it must have been like way back when.

D. PAUL SMITH

# Spratton – more of the background

In M. K. Waldron's letter (RW 4057) he states that I have been misleading in my article (RW 4053) and implies that I have been so through ignorance. However, "in fairness to the two English bellfounders", I did not include several items which influenced our choice.

Whatever he thinks of the reputation of the English foundries, we are active Guild members with many good contacts. We have inspected (and listened to) bells recently installed by, and spoken to many people who have had recent contacts with, all three firms. Eayre and Smith stood out in our judgement as the leaders in giving good personal service and Eijsbout's bells were invariably good and invariably matched their companions (I will not detail some of the criticisms of other firms, perhaps being larger gives more scope for errors). We see nothing inherently wrong with subcontracting if done with care (Do Rolls Royce, Jaguar, Ferrari etc. all cast their own engine blocks?).

Seven hundred years experience is, of course, a red herring and guarantees nothing automatically, even if it was all possessed by one firm instead of being shared. For what it is worth, Eijsbout's are not without a history and Ray Ayres is related to Watts of Leicester. We based our judgement on modern performance.

Checking my files, I do realize that I might owe Whitechapel an apology as their estimate did in fact offer a bell "accurately and harmonically tuned on the five tone principle to agree in pitch with the existing five." and this might mean that a bell so tuned would match ours. On the other hand, a bell could be accurately tuned and agree in pitch but still fail to be a good match if our present bells were inaccurately tuned or the harmonics were slightly off. Modern bells, even when they agree in pitch, are "brighter" than old bells, probably because they are more accurately tuned.

Taylors informed us that they had the existing tuning figures and then stated quite categorically<sup>e</sup> that their offering would be "tuned on the Taylor 'True-Harmonic' Principle", whatever this may be.

Several local experts did express opinions that a modern Whitechapel bell would match our 1929 Taylor tuned bells rather better than would a modern Taylor bell. Nobody mentioned Simpson tuning at all, though Mr. Waldron may well be correct.

E & S claimed that they could, and would, match our existing sound and they did. Why should we have taken a risk that Taylor's "True-Harmonic" Principle was the same as Simpson, even assuming that this was how our bells were tuned in 1929? I'd rather trust a modern computer analysis than a sixty year old paper record! As for the scornful "'Complete profiles' – whatever they may be", I cannot find this phrase anywhere in my report but would have no difficulty understanding it if I had.

Whether the bell is a nice golden colour and free of surface imperfections is, of course, an incidental bonus and a by-product, we understand, of more modern casting techniques than are used in England. The fact that the E & S quotation was slightly cheaper was also a bonus; indeed we would have still chosen it on available evidence even if this hadn't been true.

No doubt posterity demands the best; in our opinion we chose the best and we got the best. This opinion is shared by nearby Yelvertoft (with whom we have close links), who have just ordered a similar augmentation from the same source. Perhaps an English bell would have |Continued overleaf been as good, it couldn't be better. Talk of "over zealous parsimony" from somebody who appears to think that English foundries, and only English foundries, can do a good job is unnecessary and insulting.

Suggestions that only now will we discover the benefits of six bell ringing are also rather patronising as we also have another six bell tower in our trust and most of us regularly ring in other bands up to Royal and even, on rare occasions, Maximus.

Incidentally, our tenor now has its new clapper and, although not perfect, is much easier to raise than before

As Mr. Waldron attached his full title, I will mine. JON SPENCER.

Spratton Tower Captain and Steeple Keeper, Cottesbrooke Tower Captain and Steeple Keeper, Guilsborough Branch Representative on the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers Management Committee.

# **Donations wanted please**

I have followed with great interest your recent correspondence concerning the new ring of 16 at the Bull Ring, Birmingham and wish now to offer a modicum of practical help to ensure a healthy future for the proposed scheme.

We have amongst us a number of the most expert exponents of our art-form many of whom, like myself, are at the height of their prowess. Surely their skills ought to be preserved for future generations?

I therefore propose the setting up of a sperm bank for the Exercise, and wish to let you know that I am willing to make a modest contribution myself. Other great names might also give careful consideration to this matter and they too might like to make a donation.

And in years to come, if this scheme proves successful, I'll listen from heaven on a part of me producing the most wonderful of music in a land truly blessed with milk and honey

Anon. (of course)

# Youngest for the Ely D.A.

Rachel Upchurch's father, David, took up ringing early in 1985 and made rapid progress. He rang his first quarter peal by the time he had been ringing for six months, this despite restrictions placed on his ability to attend practice nights due to his evening classes. By the end of 1985 he rang his first peal.

David's enthusiasm was infectious and very soon Rachel, his eldest daughter, was asking to learn. Initially she was considered too small to learn to ring and for a time was put off. Undeterred she continued to press David to take her along to practice nights and in December 1986 Harold Muncey agreed to start lessons.

Very soon Rachel was displaying the same determination that we had come to expect from David. Progress was initially slow as she found it physically difficult to handle a bell because of her size and weight. Nevertheless progress was steady and she rang her first quarter peal in January 1988, the treble to Bob Doubles

Soon a peal was suggested but this was put off to enable her to grow a little and gain a little experience. During 1988 she rang seven more quarters, including two of Bob Minor. The peal was eventually arranged for 7th January 1989. Rachel chose the band herself and as we gathered on the big day it became obvious that the rest of the band were more nervous than Rachel!

Vic Wood, Blackburn Branch Master, cuts the cake

# Remarkable happenings in Hoghton

On Saturday 14th January more than 60 members of the Preston & Blackburn branches of the L.A.C.R. converged on Holy Trinity, Hoghton. They had come to attend a joint meeting arranged to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first meeting of the Blackburn Branch, held at Hoghton in January 1889. Perhaps, even more remarkable than the event itself was the fact that 90% of those attending arrived within 15 minutes of the starting time! The number who attended compares favourably with the 30 who attended the inaugural meeting

Interestingly Hoghton was only a member of the Blackburn Branch for three years, joining the Preston Branch on its formation in February 1892, which gave us a suitable excuse to hold a joint meeting and meaning that we will soon have another 100 to celebrate

55 members sat down to a traditional Lancashire hotpot tea which was preceded by Vic

The bells were raised and after slight adjustments to the ropes we were quickly into changes. Two extents passed quickly and without incident. Suddenly the nerves of the rest of the band began to show in anxious looks as we realised that Rachel was now breaking new ground. Apart from a few minor trips these nerves did not fully manifest themselves until the very end of the fourth extent. A realisation that we were over half-way through induced a short period of choppy ringing that was soon over with the band growing in confidence.

By this time Rachel was well in her stride and the fifth and sixth extents contained some of the best striking in the peal. Soon we were into the final extent and the increasing agitation of the inside ringers communicated itself to Rachel as she became aware that the end of the peal was near. Finally, after two hours and thirty-eight minutes, the bells came round for the last time. The nervous father was so overwhelmed that he even offered to buy the conductor's beer for him! Rachel took her success in her stride and, I suspect, slept well that night

One final note is to record that Rachel's performance makes her the youngest peal ringer in the Ely Diocesan Association. Congratulations Rachel!

D.R. CARTER

Wood, master of the Blackburn Branch cutting the anniversary cake, which was made by Anita Regin and beautifully and appropriately iced with bells and ropes by Peggy Crossthwaite. At the same time an illuminated plaque was presented to provide a permanent reminder of the occasion, the cake rapidly disappearing.



Appropriately iced

After some appropriate words from Cyril Crossthwaite, Preston Branch Chairman, the two branches separated to hold their business meetings, after which ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

A raffle raised £30 for the Preston Bell Restoration Appeal. JOHN REGIN

# Down but not out

The AGM took place recently. The years pass so quickly, but the enthusiasm of a small group keeps the Biggleswade District active. Although many of those in office have held most of the different posts over the years. It was good to welcome a newcomer, Jeff' Claughton of Blunham, who with his wife Sandra is teaching a band there.

Mike Dew was in charge for the afternoon ringing at Great Barford, ending a distinguished career of mastership: sadly, the family are moving to the north.

Shortened Evensong was taken by the Deaconess in the chancel of the church at Eaton Socon; she had chosen an apt lesson, intended for Synod use. The organist, too, was resourceful, preluding the service with "Holsworthy Church Bells" by S. S. Wesley, The usual Eaton "tea and a half" followed, hot soup starting a thoughtfully prepared meal.

The chairmanship was assumed by Bob Werrett, and the other officers are now: Vice-Secretary and Chairman-Graham Crick: District Fund Treasurer-Alan Smith: Masters-Owen Davis and Wendy Piercy: BRE Treasurer-Sheila Smith: BRF Auditor-Archie Russell: Outing-Jim Yates; Information-The Vice-Chairman; Catering-Wendy Piercy; Striking Contest and Editor of The Bedfordshire Clanger-Owen Davis; Committee-Elizabeth Wade, John Parsons and Jeff Claughton; General Committee Reps-Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It was decided that the Ringing Masters would find another ringer to join them in representing the District in the Association entry in the Ridgman Trophy ten-bell contest in April, at which the test piece would be a 3-course touch of Stedman Caters

Evening ringing was extremely well supported by visitors (understandably - they must be the best eight for miles!). The other special methods for the day, the standard eight spliced, were rung twice, the bawling of the baby of a non-ringing visitor caused the demise of the first attempt (we like to think)! O.D.



February 10, 1989

# Obituary

# John M. Smeath

John Smeath died suddenly at the age of 52 on Christmas Eve. On January 4th a large crowd of family, friends and colleagues mourned his passing when, on a lovely warm Cornish winter's morning, he was laid to rest in Kenwyn churchyard whilst Kenwyn bells, half-muffled, rang from the tower where his grandfather and his father had both served as tower captain.

Although John came from such a strong ringing tradition it was always his greatest regret that he did not take up the art until he was 40. Spurning the opportunity to learn to ring during his schooldays in Truro he chose the rival attractions of rugby, and as a young man, a subsequent career as an officer in the Royal Air Force. It was not until shortly after he settled in Boxford, Berkshire, following a civilian career as an air traffic controller with the Civil Aviation Authority that he started to ring in 1977.

However, it was quickly apparent that John had ringing in his blood and that he was a natural and talented ringer. John, along with his wife Diana, who learnt to ring at the same time, soon became well known as enthusiastic ringing personalities in West Berkshire. Week by week they attended many local practices and became regular Sunday service ringers at St. Nicolas, Newbury. They also organised ringing and teaching at the very difficult five of their local village tower at Boxford and joined in all branch activities with enthusiasm and commitment. John served for a period of time as deputy branch ringing master.

Above all John enjoyed the experience of well-struck ringing. With his natural ability he was an example of good handling, excellent striking but, above all, of always giving of his best in the belfry. In the 12 years since he learnt to ring he took part in 137 peals and as many quarter peals. His peal total included Surprise Maximus, Cinques, Royal, Caters and Surprise Major up to 27 spliced.

He was elected a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths in 1980 and he counted it a great privilege to take part in many Society peal days. One of the peals which gave him greatest pleasure was at Hungerford in 1984, when, for their 25th wedding anniversary. Diana rang her first peal – inside to four spliced Surprise Major!

In 1987, with an eye on a future early retirement, John and Diana moved from Berkshire "back home" to Cornwall. They took up residence in John's beautiful family home on the cliffs above Loe Beach, Feock, with commanding views of the river Fal. In the 18 months since they moved, albeit that John continued to work in London during the week, they immediately involved themselves in Cornish ringing and were loyal supporters of ringing at Truro Cathedral and Kenwyn. On the very day of John's untimely death Diana was to represent the Truro Cathedral ringers by reading a lesson at the traditional Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

To John's mother, to Diana and daughters Rachel and Sarah, we offer our deepest sympathy. His memory will live on amongst those who were privileged to know him. John loved good bells and good ringing, he loved the fellowship of the belfry. He was a fine ringer, a kind and gentle man and a good friend. May he rest in peace. H W F



Mr. Frank Ainsley

# Frank Ainsley R.I.P.

The parish church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, Sunderland was filled to capacity on the morning of Thursday 5th January, for the funeral of Frank Ainsley who died suddenly in the early hours of Monday 2nd January, aged 83 years.

Among the very many mourners, besides family and parishioners from both St, Ignatius and Christ Church (at both of which Frank and Mollie, his second wife, have been faithful worshippers) were a large number of members of the Durham & Newcastle Association of Church Bellringers; also representatives of the many local organisations with which Frank was connected.

Frank was a lifelong member of St. Ignatius' congregation, serving his church over the years in many ways including holding office as Churchwarden, PCC Vice-chairman, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Planned Giving Chairman/Organiser. Continuing until his death as 'Covenant Officer' and of course 'Tower Captain' a position he has held for the past thirty years. He was also until recently a member both man and boy of the liturgical church choir and though not generally known he was an accomplished pianist and organist.

As a youth Frank learned the art of Change Ringing under the expert tuition of Joseph W. Parker, becoming a noteworthy ringer, Conductor and Composer. He rang 37 peals and numerous quarter peals. He was elected to membership of the D & N Association in 1924 and held the office of Treasurer from 1947 to 1962, after which he was association auditor for many years. He also represented the D & N on the Central Council and was well known by ringers all over the country. His early 'Parker' training gave him a lifelong intolerance of poor striking. He always maintained that good striking is more important than complexity of method or the scoring of a peal or touch.

Frank spent his working life in the Civil Service and was for many years manager of the Sunderland North DHSS until his retirement. Ten years ago he was one of the founder members of 'The Midweek Guild' (RW p. 900) alias Ken Arthur's 'Old Codgers', and continued to ring until deterioration of his general health in recent months forced him to cut down although he still rang short service touches up to the latter part of 1988. Over the last few years he maintained his keen interest in ringing,

conducting and composing with the aid of his home computer remaining in touch with other high tech ringers by post.

On the eve of his funeral a quarter peal was rung by local ringers, half muffled as a last token of respect. The bells were rung open (by request of his wife and family) both before and after the funeral service by D & N members and a peal of Bristol Surprise Major was also rung open in the evening by D & N members as a thanksgiving tribute to Frank's life and service.

Frank will be a great loss to the exercise for his expertise and friendship, also his wry sense of humour. To Mollic, his dear wife, and his devoted family we offer our love, sympathy and condolences.

Sunderland, Tyne & Wear (St Ignatius the Martyr). 4 Jan, 1260 P.B. Triples: Susan Reineck 1, D G Walker 2, Helen L Craggs 3, Rachael H Dyson 4, J A Craggs 5, T Reineck 6, D V Craggs (C) 7, E Chayter 8. Halfmuffled in memory of Frank Ainsley, tower captain for 30 years.

# Denis B. Ongley

Post Christmas celebrations were saddened in South Cheshire with the sudden death on Boxing Day of Denis Ongley, tower captain at Alsager, Cheshire. Denis, aged 56, collapsed and died whilst waiting to go through the turnstiles at the Stoke City–Manchester City football match. A quiet, thoughtful man, he had gone with his son-in-law to his first match for many years.

He came to Cheshire from Kent in the early 1940s when his family came to Goostrey to bring Kent fruit farming methods to Cheshire. Educated at the prestigious Sandbach School as a day pupil, he spent all his working career in the banking industry, except when doing his National Service in the R.A.F. during which time he learnt to drink tea and coffee without milk. He rose to the position of Assistant Manager in a large branch of the National Westminster Bank in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

The mid fifties saw him spending a lot of time in Alsager, where he married a local girl. He and Sybil have lived in Alsager all their married life. About this time he progressed from motor bikes to sports cars and I well remember being a passenger in one car that had no floor.

He learnt to ring in his early teens at Goostrey where his brother rang and his father was tower captain. He rang one peal in his early ringing days and was content to ring a very occasional quarter peal. His main ringing interest was maintaining Sunday Service ringing at Alsager and was tower captain for 26 years, having many frustrating battles with the PCC.

Denis had an interest in model railways and also the 'real thing' being a founder member and treasurer of the Alsager Railway Association. He was also a member of the B'Hoy's of Alsager, a charity fund raising society, and also a member of Newcastle Chamber of Commerce and trade.

Alsager bells were rung open at the request of his widow before the funeral service in a packed church and interment in the churchyard. Our sympathies extend to his widow Sybil and his two daughters. He was a proud man last May when he gave his eldest daughter away in marriage, having rung on these bells at her birth.

A peal and quarter peal were rung in his memory by members of the South Branch of the Chester Guild.

# Arthur W. Payne

With the death of Arthur Payne on 2nd December 1988, the Transvaal Society lost a greatly respected founder member. Arthur was a native of Devon, having been born there in 1913. He learnt to ring at St. Peter's, Tiverton and was immensely proud of those bells, always being willing to support the claim that they are better than anything Somerset can produce.

Much of Arthur's working life was spent in the service of his country. He served in the Royal Air Force, and eventually came to South Africa in 1960 to work in the Air Attache's office at the British Embassy. Later he became an officer in the passport section of the Consulate in Pretoria. Thus he was well established in South Africa when the Transvaal Society was being formed in 1976 and his wise counsel was very supportive in the early years. Apart from ringing, Arthur was a tircless worker at the Cathedral of St. Alban in Pretoria and a sometime President of the Guild of Church Musicians.

May he rest in peace.

JOHN HILL

I first met Arthur Payne in 1945 when he returned home to Devon after his wartime service in the RAF and took up his old job with a Tiverton firm of Auctioneers and Valuers. He was a shy, good natured, kindly soul who became a valued friend and companion on many ringing outings. Although he would probably only describe himself as a ringer of modest achievement he was a man of that thoroughly loyal and regular breed that make up the backbone of a good Sunday service band.

When he was born in 1913 his grandfather was Captain of the St. Peter's Tiverton Society and Arthur continued the family tradition by learning to ring in the early 1930s. In 1936 he moved to Washfield and rang

In 1936 he moved to Washfield and rang there for several years before moving back to Tiverton. His membership of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers dates from *c*. 1933 and he was made an honorary life member in 1959.

As far as I know he only rang three peals – the last being one of Grandsire Caters at Stroud in 1961. It was just prior to this peal that he re-enlisted in the RAF and was eventually posted to South Africa. As a generous parting gift to his fellow ringers at St. Peter's, Tiverton he presented an oak table for the ringing room in memory of his mother.

Two days before he died he sent me a letter in his beautiful copperplate handwriting – full of reminiscences of ringing in Devon in the good old days. He ended by saying that he hoped we could meet up again soon when he next paid a visit to the UK – alas it was not to be. R.J. BOWDEN

# Joan Pemberton

The Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild is sorry to record the death of Joan Pemberton who died at home following a long illness on Tuesday, 6th December 1988.

Joan commenced ringing after the wartime ban was lifted at St. Hilary's Church. Wallasey (6) where she eventually became a first class Surprise Minor ringer and a most faithful member of the band. She frequently travelled round to branch meetings in Cheshire and Lancashire with her sister, Marjorie, with the late Tommy Rogers acting as chaperone. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, together with her future husband Banky Pemberton, she started attending practices at Bebington (8) and soon became proficient at ringing Surprise Major in methods up to and including London Surprise.

Following her marriage she rang at St. Oswald's, Bidston (6), but the eventual arrival of a family and assisting her husband on his market garden rather restricted her ringing activities for a while.

She was a keen member of the Wirral Handbell Tune Ringers, being one of the original members together with her husband.

Being of a rather shy nature, it took some considerable time to really get to know her but once that was achieved her marvellous dry humour became apparent.

The funeral service took place at Bidston Church on Tuesday, 13th December 1988 when the little church was packed to capacity with her ringing colleagues and friends. Following the service, she was laid to rest in the churchyard.

Joan will be immensely missed by all who were fortunate to know her and we extend our deepest sympathy to all her relatives.

Quarter peals in memoriam were rung at Chester Cathedral, Oxton, Port Sunlight and St. Hilary's, Wallasey.

G.E.P.

# Arthur Joseph Hart

1915-1989

It came as a stock to learn of the passing of "Joe" for up to then he had been in pretty good health. He was taught to handle a bell at Maresfield by his father 60 years ago when a lad of 13. His first peal was at that tower on 9th February 1935, being Grandsire Doubles conducted by his life-long friend Arthur Lewry – Joe ringing the tenor which didn't go too well in those days.

In all he rang about 25 peals up to and including Surprise Major.

He came from a ringing family – his Uncle Jim and cousins rang at Uckfield and his father and two uncles at Maresfield. Joe was also an excellent sportsman especially at cricket being Maresfield's star fast bowler. His great joy was to be put in to bowl against his old friend, Bill Rogers, of Rotherfield when their two teams met.

The funeral was at Maresfield on Friday, 6th January, the bells being rung half-muffled before and after the service which was conducted by the vicar, the Revd. K. Boullier, who spoke of Joe's skill as a sportsman and ringer.

May he rest in peace.

P.H.

# Sidney Smith

1900-1988

Lane End - the village, the church and the tower - suffered a sad loss on Christmas morning: this was the death of Sidney Smith, ardent churchgoer, local historian and, until his illness prevented it, active bellringer. Sid, in fact, was the force behind the setting up of regular bellringing at Lane End since, due to the fact that so many able ringers had been absent during the Second World War, ringing in the tower had more or less ceased by 1945. When he became churchwarden of Holy Trinity Church, he felt that the bells should be put to good use as announcers of services being held in the Church. His interest in the bells and their ringers remained unaltered until the very end of his life. I, personally, remember him in my early days as a learner, ringing with such obvious enjoyment that, to my untrained eye, he seemed to be "dancing" with the bells!

Sid could be seen at every annual outing with his "little black book" taking notes of details, dates and peculiarities of every church and tower that was visited, notes he always put to good use as he has given innumerable leetures on churches and local history and also written a number of books on these subjects. "The History of Lane End" by Sidney Smith, for instance, can be found in the High Wycombe and Aylesbury reference libraries.

Sid was a very highly valued member of the community for, as well as local historian, bellringer and churchwarden, he held for a number of years such positions as Governor of the local school, Parish Councillor, Trustee of the Pickett Charity, etc. He also had an old people's home named after him: Sidney House.

Two quarter peals and a full peal were rung as tribute by members of the local band (which includes his foster son Colin Hagger) and by various friends who were too numerous to include in one ring of six bells.

Villagers and beltringers alike will feel sadly Sidney Smith's absence. May he rest in peace. M.P.

Lane End, Bucks. 5 Jan, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Gill Bettison 1, Maribel Penn 2, P Rose 3, L Sears 4, C Meakes (C) 5, I Sparrowhawk 6.

Lane End, Bucks. 8 Jan, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J Watts (1st Q) 1, Sally Ann Dutson 2, L Sears 3, C Hagger 4, C Meakes (C) 5, R Schofield 6. Both as tributes to Sidney Smith.

# Leslie Bacon

Leslie Bacon of Creswell, Derbyshire died on December 3rd 1988 at the age of 81. Les was tower captain for 57 years, ever since the tower and bells were opened in 1927. Failing health had prevented him from ringing regularly from 1983, but he struggled on until he could ring no more.

The original band, of whom Les was the only one still ringing, used to walk or cycle the  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles to Bolsover for tuition under the late John Flint, where good handling and striking was paramount. A tradition which we have tried to follow.

He rang about 40 peals, mostly in the 1930s, with names like Arthur Knights, Percy Knights, John Flint, Jack Brothwell and John Turley.

When he was well he never missed service ringing or practices except when on the afternoon shift. He was a winding engineman at Creswell Colliery.

Less was a quiet man, rather a loner, but a gentleman.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the funeral service and a quarter peal of Norwich Surprise Minor was rung on the following Sunday afternoon. D.A. SMEDLEY

# Significant step

The quarter peal rung at Bakewell on 15th January marked a significant step for the new team of ringers at the parish church. The team was re-formed a year ago under the leadership of James Franklin after regular service ringing had sadly lapsed. It is heartening to know that this fine Peak District peal is once again in enthusiastic hands. We thank warmly Fred Pearson for his help in guiding us through the first quarter and look forward to the day when an "all local" band achieves its first quarter.

Bakewell, Derbys. 15 Jan, 1260 P.B. Minor: I Dempsey 1, R A M Turner 2, E Hutchinson 3, J Cooper 4, J Franlin 5, F Pearson (C) 6, 1st Q-1, 4, £1

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W John Grainger Christopher M Richardson Timothy J Bradbury

**Timothy Wylie** 

John Hyden

David Hird (C)

HURWORTH-ON-TEES,

Co. Durham, All Saints Mon Jan 2 1989 3h (17<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)

(7 extents: 1 each London, Wells, York, Durham,

5040 Surprise Minor

Beverley, Surfleet,

John Hyden

6 David Hird (C)

SUNDERLAND,

Comp. C Forster

lan Tilling

8 David Hird (C)

SUNDERLAND,

Comp. P J Flavell

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funeral

Tyne & Wear,

Iris Anderson

Tyne & Wear,

John E Anderson

**Stephen L Nicholson** Timothy Wylie W John Grainger

S Michael, Bishopwearmouth

Wed Jan 4 1989 2h39 (121)

5120 Watford S. Major

John E Anderson

Michael J Tudor

5 W John Grainger

First in method 3, 4, 5, 7

S Ignatius, Hendon Thur Jan 5 1989 2h43 (13)

Barbara M Wheeler

**Timothy J Bradbury** 

In thanksgiving for the life of

1989, and rung following his

Frank Ainsley of this tower, who died on 2nd January

Christopher M Richardson

John E Anderson

5 W John Grainger

George S Deas

Stephen B Bell

8 David Hird (C)

5088 Bristol S. Major

100th for the D & N: 5.

6 George S Deas 7 Christopher M Richardson

Cambridge)

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Comp. T Hooley

Co. Durham, S Andrew Mon Jan 2 1989 2h36 (12)

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2 Jenny M A Astridge 3 Elisabeth A G Bowden 4 Deryk R Bugler 100th peal: 7. Circled tower twice: 1.

(22m: 448 Lincolnshire; 224 each Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge,

Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Ipswich,

Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley, Whalley, Yorkshire;

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All Saints

ELY D.A.

Paul K Williamson

Timothy J Barnes Timothy F Collins (C)

John R Schmidt

HISTON, Cambs, S Andrew

Sat Jan 7 1989 2h38 (93)

Rachel A Upchurch

Michael B Davies

Chris Clare Robert F Walker David A Upchurch

David R Carter (C)

First peal, aged 11 years 4

LEICESTER, S Margaret

Sat Jan 7 1989 3h39 (323)

5040 Spliced S. Maximus

Superlative; 88 changes of

Lesley H M Boyle

(4m: 1296 Bristol; 1248 each

to ring a peal for the

Barford, Cambridge,

method, all the work)

Comp. DW Beard

Enid Lawson

Gwen Rogers

**Gareth Davies** 

Paul S Seaman

Howell J Williams

William R Haynes

11 Philip Rogers 12 John P Loveless (C)

MELBOURN, Cambs,

5088 Bristol S. Major Comp. J L Morris

Thomas J Lock

Geoffrey Pearson Walter Hunt

Murray A Coleman

John R Mayne (C)

Specially arranged and rung,

birthday compliment to Mr W

wife donated the two trebles

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G Coningsby, who with his

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John G Gipson

on the day, as an 80th

year ago to the day

shown

John S Rank

Tues Jan 10 1989 3h6 (15)

Dorothea M Robotham

Alan Regin

10 Phillip M Orme

Linda M Garton

Association.

months: 1 - the youngest ever

F 2

5040 Plain Bob Minor

(7 different extents)

Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative

Fri Jan 6 1989 2h56 (14)

5152 Spliced S. Major

# ANCIENT SOCIETY OF

# COLLEGE YOUTHS CHELMSFORD, Essex,

Cathedral Sat Jan 7 1989 3h17 (341) 5050 Stedman Cinques

- Comp. R E J Dennis
- **Richard J Tibbetts**
- Colin G Wright David E Rothera Neil V Avis
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- 5 Christopher H Rogers (C) 6
- Antony R Kench Stephen A Waters
- 8 **Christopher K Cooper**
- 9 Robert Dennis
- Adrian C Malton 10
- James L Towler
- 12 Martin C Faulkes
- 50th Birthday compliment to David Rothera

# BATH & WELLS D.A.

STAPLEGROVE, Som, S John Evan Mon Jan 2 1989 2h39 (12½) 5040 Minor (7m: 1 extent each Wells S., London S., Cambridge S., Oxford T.B. Kent T.B., St Clements, Plain Bob)

- Mervyn A Arscott 2
- Shirley M Beck Gill A Williamson 3
- Paul K Williamson 4
- 5
- Peter J Williamson 6
- Peter Valuks (C)

To mark the retirement, after 35 years in the ministry, of the Rev Alan Beck, Rector of Staplegrove 1979-1988

MIDSOMER NORTON, Som, S John Bapt Sat Jan 7 1989 3h8 (22)

5007 Stedman Cinques Comp D Parsons (No. 9)

- Zena Woodley
- Barrie Hendry Janet M New 2
- 3 Paul K Williamson 4
- Jenny M A Astridge 5
- 6 Steven Taylor
- R William Willans Edward J Chivers Robert Perry (C)
- 8
- 9 10 Adrian P Beck
- David J Purnell 11
- 12 Robert E Beck
- First Stedman Cinques: 1, 7 Engagement compliment to

Helen Purnell and Jeffrey Hayward

# CHESTER D.G

- CHESTER, Cheshire, Cathedral Mon Jan 2 1989 3h23 (243) 5016 Plain Bob Maximus Comp. J Reeves Andrew J Jobson William E Court **Christopher C Roberts** 4 Jackie Roberts **5 Robert Peers** 6 J Denis Maddock 7 Eric R Jones John F Oultram (C) 8 9 Geoffrey Parting 10 Henry A Blakemore 11 Ian W Taylor

- 12 John R Bibby
- First Maximus: 1, 7, 8, 10.

CHELFORD, Cheshire, S John Evan Tues Jan 3 1989 2h27 (8) 5040 Treble Bob Minor

- (7m: 1 extent each Cambridge S., Wragby Delight, St Albans Delight, Kingston T.B., London Scholars' Pleasure
- T.B., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B.)
- **Roland W Morant Brian Schofield**
- J Derek Smith
- Graham M Bradshaw
- Ivor R Nichols 5
- Barry Corbishley (C) 6 To mark the birth of Duncan
- Bernard Burnes, the conductor's first grandchild.

WARMINGHAM, Cheshire, S Leonard Sat Jan 7 1989 2h39 (12)

5040 Surprise Minor (London, Norwich, Primrose, Surfleet, Ipswich, Beverley,

- Cambridge) Frank R Morton (C)
- Malcolm Clarke Roland W Morant 3 David J Phillips

Andrew P Simcox Mervyn J Harrison

500th peal: 3. Retirement compliment to Rev. I O Jones, Vicar of Elworth and Warmingham

# COVENTRY D.G.

- CHIPPING CAMPDEN, Glos, S James
- Sat Jan 7 1989 3h1 (22) 5056 Superlative S. Major
- Comp. C H Martin
- Pamela E Copson John W Nicholls
- Peter J F Quinn Richard J Taulbut 3
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- **Michael Chester** 5
- Christopher F Mew (C) 6 Geoffrey W Randall

8 Simon P Rogers £1

# SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

- WINCHESTER, Hants, Cathedral Mon Jan 2 1989 3h27 (35) 5015 Grandsire Cinques Comp. T Hooley

**Gail Cater** 

- Elizabeth Johnson David J Forder 3
- **Robert Cater**
- Christine R Hill (C) 6 Patricia D Taeuber
- **Barry F Peachey**
- Dennis A Chapman 8
- Heather LE Peachey
- 10 Peter W Hill
- Julia R Cater 12 Malcolm M Powell First Grandsire Cinques: 2 First Cinques as conductor
- By a resident Hampshire band.

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

SHOREDITCH E, S Leonard Sun Jan 8 1989 3h25 (281) 5184 Bristol S. Maximus

- Comp. R Baldwin
- Stephanie J Kenton
- Joanna M Ainsworth 3 Linda M Garton
- Catherine N Merlane 4
- John R Peverett (C) 5 6
- Marcus A Wheel Tim J Peverett
- 8 Graham A Duke 9 John S Warboys
- 10 Stephanie J Pattenden
- lan G Campbell

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter Thur Jan 5 1989 2h51(14)

5088 Pudsey S. Major

Jack V Chadwick

Rev. David H Sansum

Robert J Marchbank

Wm. Arnold Morley

Gtr Manchester, S Margaret Sat Jan 7 1989 3h19 (25½)

5040 Quedgeley S. Royal

Jane E Orchard

3 John R Thorpe
4 Patricia A M Halls
5 Gordon A Halls (C)

**Timothy Wylie** 

8 Simon J Poole

9 David Kingman

SS Michael & Mary

Comp. N J Pitstow

Susan E Melen

Christopher Earp Simon C Melen

David J Marshall

8 Robert B Smith (C)

DORSET COUNTY

SPETISBURY, Dorset,

5040 Surprise Minor

Surfleet, Beverley,

Cambridge) 1 D John Knight

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S John Bapt Mon Jan 2 1989 3h10 (17)

(7m; 1 extent each Bourne,

Norwich, London, Wells,

Alison C Garrard

**Timothy J Barnes** 

Andrew G Smith

John R Schmidt

Timothy F Collins (C)

ASSOCIATION

**Rev. Frederick Ross** 

Simon J Poole

**Ruth H Smith** 

MELBOURNE, Derbys,

Sun Jan 151989 2h50 (15)

5152 Superlative S. Major

10 David Hird

Frederick C Pearson

Rev. David H Sansum

7 Gordon A Halls (C) 8 F Gordon Faulks

DUNHAM MASSEY,

Comp. H Dains

Comp. R J Parker

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6 Neil J Morgan

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# ESSEX ASSOCIATION

# LITTLE BADDOW, Essex, S Mary V Mon Jan 2 1989 2h40 (11) 5024 Bristol S. Major Comp. S J Ivin

- David J Gammon
- Josephine A Brown 2
- 3 Susan Rothera Yvonne A Towler
- 4 5 Patrick W Saltmarsh
- 6 **Tony Spurgeon**
- 8 Peter G Brown

50th birthday compliment to David E Rothera

# TERLING, Essex,

**All Saints** Sat Jan 7 1989 2h46 (111) 5152 Spliced S. Major (16m: 448 each Ashtead, Cambridge, Jersey Lincolnshire, London, Superlative, Yorkshire; 224 each Bristol, Double Dublin, Ealing, Lindum, Pudsey, Rutland, Uxbridge, Watford, Wembley; 160 changes of method, all the work) Comp. T G Pett

- 1 Rowena L Marshall
- 3 John E Steed
- Tim J Peverett David E Rothera 4
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- 6 Colin F Chapman
- James L Towler

8 Adrian C Malton (C) birthday compliment to David Rothera

# STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET, Essex, S Mary V

5056 Plain Bob Major

- Comp. J R Pritchard
- Alison V Dewberry
- Stephen C Bennett
- 3 Jeni C Dodds
- 5 Gerald V Pearson

First attempt: 1, 2 **Compliment to Frank** Warboys (of Thaxted) on being awarded the O.B.E in

# GLOS. & BRISTOL DA

BISLEY, Glos, All Saints Sat Jan 7 1989 3h1 (14) 5024 Cambridge S. Major Comp. T B Worsley 1 Ralph E Bucknell Lisa Trinder (14) Rachel M Saunders (14) 3 4 Wendy J Schofield 5 Carole L Bucknell 6 Mark Edwards Peter G Holden 8 John R Ridley (C) First Surprise: 2. First Cambridge S. Major: 3, 4 Birthday compliment to Eileen Bucknell. 80p

Peal Compositions should be sent to: Peter Border, **5 Verdon Place Barford**, Warwick **CV358BT** 

**BRISTOL**, All Saints Sat Jan 7 1989 3h2 (161) 5088 Double Norwich C.B. Maior Comp. J Hunt

- Deborah L Blagden
- Eleanor J Kippin Tudor P Edwards 2

Specially arranged to mark the 50th anniversary of a peal

rung at this church, on these

bells (7/1/39), in which Don

C Clift rang the 3rd and John

W Smith the 5th The same

method and composition

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- David J Llewellyn 4 D Paul Smith
- 5 Don C Exell 6
- 7 Geoffrey S Harris 8 Robert C Kippin (C)
- James L Towler (C)

- Susan Rothera

Most S.S. Major: 3, 6. 50th

Sun Jan 8 1989 3h2 (13)

- 4 Mary Bone
- 6 Stephen C Woolmer

**Clive B Moore** 8 Fred Bone (C)

the New Year's Honours. £2

were rung to both peals HERTFORD C.A. EATON BRAY, Beds,

S Mary V Sun Jan 1 1989 2h35 (9}) 5040 Surprise Minor

(7m: London, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, Cambridge) 1 Keith D Waples

- Colin M Turner
- 2 **Russell A Brown** 3
- 4 John J Ford
- Peter G C Ellis 5

6 Robert J Crocker (C)

**RICKMANSWORTH, Herts,** S Marv V

Sat Jan 14 1989 2h55 (20) 5040 London (No. 3) S. Royal

- Comp. C K Lewis
- Alan R Patterson **Roger Baldwin**
- 3 Susan L Patterson
- **Richard J Tibbetts** 4
- S Kathleen M Baldwin 5
- Frank W Rivett 6 John R Martin (C)
- 8 Peter G C Ellis

Colin M Turner 9

- 10 Peter Bridle
- LANCASHIRE ASSN.

**CLITHEROE**, Lancs,

S Mary Magd Sat Jan 7 1989 3h5 (18) 5040 Stedman Triples Comp. J W Washbrook Dale Barton (C) A J Eric Musson Cyril Crossthwaite Joseph Thornley 3 4 **Geoffrey Fothergill** 5 Alan F Scholfield 6 Walter E Wilkinson 8 Victor J C Wood First Stedman Triples: 2, 7 Walter Wilkinson has been in a very large number of attempts for peals of Stedman Triples. The losses cannot have been his fault. He made one small mistake only.

TODMORDEN, W. Yorks, **Christ Church** Sat Jan 7 1989 3h2 (231) 5152 Yorkshire S. Major Comp. R W Pipe Michael Rigby Helen Rigby Nicholas Helliwell 3 Clare McArdle 4 5 Peter L R Hayward 6 **Dennis R Allcock** 

**Derek J Thomas** 

First in method: 3

8 Geoffrey S Harris (C)

ACCRINGTON, Lancs, S James Sat Jan 14 1989 2h57 (11‡) 5042 Cambridge S. Maximus Comp. R W Pipe Diana J Handley Cyril Crossthwaite Alison J Brittliff

COLEORTON, Leics, S Mary Wed Jan 4 1989 2h49 (13)

5152 Nailstone S. Major

Sally A Mason Martin F Mitchell

Edward W Colley

William A Holmes

**Janet | Rogers** 

8 R Kingsley Mason

LEICESTER, S

Mary-de-Castro

**Rev. Frederick Ross** 

Thur Jan 5 1989 2h51 (15)

Murray A Coleman (C)

George A Dawson Graham M Bradshaw

5056 January S. Major

Comp M A Coleman

Sally A Mason

David G Adams

W John Riley

**R Brian Mills** 

SAPCOTE, Leics,

All Saints

8 R Kingsley Mason First in method by all.

Thur Jan 5 1989 2h44 (91)

5040 Yorkshire S. Royal

Comp. C J Sedgley (MY)

Michael E Brown

**Brian S Chapman** 

**Burley P Morris** 

**Richard Ward** 

**Brian E Mozley** 

9 B Stedman Payne 10 Reginald J Stretton

QUORNDON, Leics,

S Bartholomew Fri Jan 6 1989 2h44 (11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)

Brian G Warwick (C)

Ruth A Stretton Winifred M Warwick

Rev. David H Sansum

8 Reginald J Stretton First Pudsey: 2. On the Feast

Sat Jan 7, 1989 2h34 (14)

James E Wightman

Winifred M Warwick

George Pluckrose Brian G Warwick (C)

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics,

Bell Foundry Mon Jan 9 1989 2h32 (6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)

Comp. E M Atkins (adapted)

Brian G Warwick (C)

Winifred M Warwick

**Ronald D Hughes** 

Timothy Wylie Brian S Chapman B Stedman Payne

Alan Cattell

Brian E Mozley

10 George Pluckrose

5040 Plain Bob Royal

Brian S Chapman

5040 Grandsire Triples

Brian S Chapman

**B Stedman Payne** 

**Stephen Greedy** 

5058 Pudsey S. Major

Comp B H Taylor

of the Epiphany

S Thomas

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S. WIGSTON, Leics,

J J Parker's 12-part

(7th observation)

Clair Martin

Alan Cattell

8 Brian E Mozley

First inside: 1

First on 10: 4 First Yorkshire

Brian G Warwick (C)

Ruth A Stretton Winifred M Warwick

Michael Maughan (C)

Comp. M Maughan

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February 10, 1989

Our Lady & S Nicholas Wed Jan 11 1989 2h30 (77)

Beverley; (2) Surfleet; (3) Double Oxford, Plain Bob; (4)

St Clements, Plain Bob; (5)

1 Brian S Chapman

Timothy Wylie Burley P Morris

LINCOLN, Cathedral,

Comp. C.W. Roberts 1 Ian Lloyd

St Hugh's Tower Sat Jan 7 1989 3h35 (232)

5007 Stedman Cinques

Jack L Millhouse

**Gwen | Bloomfield** 

Margaret A Parker David Fox

Barbara Clipsham

Harold F Gibson

10 Geoffrey R Parker 11 Peter A Sharp

12 J Philip Hunt

Leslie G Townsend

By the Cathedral company as

the Very Rev. Hon. Oliver T W Fiennes, for 20 years Dean of

Fiennes. The conducting was

shared by 1, 2 and 3, each of

whom served as Ringing

Masters under this Dean

WORCESTER, All Saints

Sat Jan 7 1989 3h6 (20)

Stuart C W Hutchieson

5042 Cambridge S.

1 Janet | Rogers

Sally A Mason

5 Lucy Smith 6 Eric E Speake

**Michael J Belcher** 

Martin F Mitchell

8 Christopher J Sharp

10 Philip R Johnson

12 J Alan Ainsworth

MONMOUTH DA.

MONMOUTH, Gwent,

5040 Stedman Triples

**Tudor P Edwards** 

Kenneth Phillips

Andrew J Phillips

Peter S Bennett

First Stedman on the bells.

Clift for a speedy recovery

With best wishes to Donald G

£1

8 Gareth Dancer

and return to ringing.

William E Thompsett

Nicholas W H Simon (C)

FH Dexter's 8-part

Linda Davies

var. of Thurstan's

Mon Jan 2 1989 2h58 (18)

LLANDAFF &

S Mary

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9 Michael Maughan (C)

R Kingsley Mason

Maximus Comp. R W Pipe

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a retirement compliment to

this Cathedral, and to Mrs.

John Freeman

LINCOLN D.G.

6 Brian G Warwick (C)

2 James E Wightman

Winifred M Warwick

Oxford T.B.; (6) Kent T.B.; (7)

5040 Minor (8m: (1)

WANLIP, Leics,

Cambridge)

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- 4 Frederick C Pearson
- 5 **D** Robert Pettifor Anne E Pettifor
- 6 Geoffrey Fothergill (C)
- 8
- Timothy Wylie Michael H Tompsett 9
- 10 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
- Simon J Poole
- 12 Simon Humphrey LEICESTER D.G.

THURCASTON, Leics,

Comp. N J Pitstow

lan Spibey

Mon Jan 2 1989 2h49 (10)

5088 Yorkshire S. Major

W John Thornton

**Christopher Newman** 

Tues Jan 3 1989 2h40 (93)

Winifred M Warwick

Brian S Chapman Louise C Boothey Brian G Warwick (C)

First inside: 5. A 21st birthday

Mark Pendery

Roland H Cook

8 G Barry Brown

BARROW-ON-SOAR.

5024 Plain Bob Major

**Burley P Morris** 

**Ruth A Stretton** 

Brian E Mozley

8 B Stedman Payne

compliment to Richard G

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics,

Tues Jan 3 1989 2h21(6)

James W Bowley

Ronald D Hughes Robert C Graves

**Reginald J Stretton** 

Andrew D Higson

R Philip Graves (C)

A 21st birthday compliment

**COUNTESTHORPE**, Leics,

Wed Jan 4 1989 2h36 (101)

Brian G Warwick (C)

Winifred M Warwick

James E Wightman

Peal forms are available

(free) from the R.W. Office,

Guildford.

Send a stampad/addressed

(9"x 4") envelope now

Brian S Chapman

**Timothy Wylie** 

**Richard Ward** 

Brian E Mozley

First Yorkshire: 7

5152 Yorkshire S. Major

E Alan Jacques

Tom Harris

to Richard Stretton

Comp. J H Fielden

John J Morris

5088 Beer S. Major

Comp. J Morgan

First in method: 6

Leics, Holy Trinity

Comp. J R Ridley

Francis W Fisher

Paul M Atkins (C)

**All Saints** 

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S Andrew

**Bell Foundry** 

# LONDON C.A

# WESTMINSTER, London WC, S Clement Danes Mon Jan 2 1989 3h7 (21) 5039 Grandsire Caters Comp. A M Tyler

Allison Boyes Sara C Phelps 3 **Pauline F Smith** Michael T Sprackling (C) 4 Alan J Smith 5

- Mark C Liebenrood 6
- **Brian M Baldwin**
- 8 Robert W Winstanley
- 9 Dennis A Hewitt 10 Russell D Maiden
- First on 10: 1, 10. First Caters: 7. First Grandsire Caters: 2 First odd-bell method to a £1 peal: 6. 500th peal: 9.

EALING, London W, Christ the Saviour Sat Jan 7 1989 2h57 (131) 5040 Grandsire Triples

- Bruerton's 12-part 1 Elizabeth J Jones

C Susan Crowson

- Janice E Higgins 3
- Ann George ۵
- 5 Michael T Sprackling (C) 6 Russell D Maiden
- Edward G Mould

8 Christine E Dringer By the local band to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar, Rev Preb. Michael J Foizey 61

# HACKNEY E., S John Bapt Sat Jan 7 1989 3h1 (164) 5056 Rutland S. Major

Comp. S J Ivin

- Christopher A Cooper 2 Nicholas W H Simon (C) 3 Frank H Hicks
- **Richard M Hobbs** 4
- 5 Paul J R Daybell
- Lorna E Champney 6
- Stephanie J Pattenden 8 James W Belshaw £1

# MIDDLESEX C.A. & LONDON D.G.

GREAT STANMORE, Middx, S John Evan. Mon Jan 2 1989 2h54 (12)

5024 Bristol S. Major Comp. S Ivin

- Joan Hooton
- Dorothea M Robotham Geoffrey Pearson
- 3
- Thomas J Lock 4
- **Robert A Partridge** 5
- 6 John G Gipson
- John R Southey
- 8 John R Mayne (C)

STEPNEY, Middx, S George-in-the-East Sat Jan 7 1989 2h46 (6) 5120 Glasgow S. Major

Comp. P J Sanderson 1 Roger G Booth 2 Michael Trimm

- **Richard SJ Saddleton** 3
- Lesley J Belcher 4
- 5 Marcus A Wheel
- 6 Stuart M Cox 7 Alison K Surry
- 8 Roger Bailey (C)
- First Glasgow: 2, 3, 5

# N. AMERICAN GUILD

WASHINGTON, D.C., Cathedral Sun Jan 1, 1989 3h22 (32) 5024 Little Bob Royal Comp. C Forster Hellen Owen Linda D Rankin Kathryn Lesh Donald F Morrison 3 4 Ann G Martin 5 6 Anthony P Buttle John Schreiner 8 Robert G Gibson

- 9 Willian J Kollar 10 EW Martin (C) First Little Bob Royal: 7. First Royal: 3. First Little Bob: 8, 6,

2. First for Association: 6. WASHINGTON, D.C., Post Office Mon Jan 2 1989 3h18 (29<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) 5040 Plain Bob Royal Comp. D F Morrison

- Tina Stoecklin Theresa M Rice
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- John Owen 3
- Rebecca A Joyce 4
- Cecily W Rock 5
- Ben Ballard John Wells King 6

Quilla Roth 8 Donald F Morrison (C) 9 10 William J Kollar First peal: 2. For the New Year

and the opening of the 101 st Congress.

# NORWICH D.A.

NORWICH, Norfolk, S Peter Mancroft Sat Jan 6 1989 3h35 (373) 5059 Grandsire Cinques Comp. A M Tyler Rebecca Cubitt David R M Heighton Nikki R Thomas 2 3 Christopher M Gould 4 5 Abigail M Hind 6 David Cubitt Richard PJ Carter (C) Stephen F High 8 Trevor N J Bailey 9 J Michael Roberts 10 **Martin Cubitt** 12 Peter J Sawyer First on 12: 1. First Grandsire Cinques and completes family: 8. First Grandsire Cinques as conductor. 25th peal: 1. 300th on tower bells:

# NON-ASSOCIATION

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, Beds, S James Sun Jan 1 1989 3h7-(18)

5184 Spliced S. Major

(27 m: 192 changes each of Ashtead, Bilsborrow, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative Uxbridge, Yorkshire; 161 changes of method) Comp. N Smith

**Christopher J Pickford** 5 Rosemary Pickford

- **Rosalind Regan**
- Mark Regan 3 Margaret Whiteley Δ

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Andrew M Keech

8 Martin J Whiteley (C)

Frank W Rivett

Peal Compositions should be sent to: Peter Border, 5 Verdon Place, Barford, Warwick **CV358BT** 

EVERSHOLT, Beds, Sun Jan 8 1989 3h (171) 5040 Grandsire Doubles (11 240's and 20 extents) **Rosemary Pickford** 2 Mark Regan 3 James W Yates 3 4 Andrew M Keech 5 Christopher J Pickford (C) 6 6 Simon D Brown First Doubles: 4. For

# OXFORD DG

Epiphany

S John Bapt

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TILSWORTH, Beds, All Saints Sun Jan 1 1989 2h31 (83) 5040 Surprise Minor (7m: Ipswich, London, York, Beverley, Surfleet, Norwich, Cambridge) Peter G C Ellis 1 Cathy M Holdway Barbara Nichols 2 3 Colin M Turner 4 John R Martin 6 Robert J Crocker (C) GORING-ON-THAMES, Oxon, S. Thomas of Canterbury Mon Jan 2 1989 2h33 (8) 5088 Lincolnshire S. Major Comp. C P Starbuck and S Humphrey 1 Peter Bridle **Cathy M Holdway** 3 Paul | Butler Naomi C Lewis 4 Peter G C Ellis 5 Bernard FL Groves 6 John R Martin (C) 8 Colin M Turner STRATFIELD MORTIMER, Berks, S Mary V Mon Jan 2 1989 2h50 (113) 5152 Double Norwich C.B. Major Comp S Jenner William Butler (C) Cathy M Holdway 2 Paul | Butler 3 **Rev. J Anthony Ellis** John R Martin Colin M Turner Peter G C Ellis 5 6 Peter Bridle 8 1,300th peal: 8. To congratulate the Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire, the Hon. Col. Gordon W N Palmer, O B.E., on being awarded K.C.V.O. in the New Year Honours List

ABINGDON, Oxon, S Helen Mon Jan 2 1989 3h2 (20) 5040 Cambridge S. Royal Comp. J Clatworthy Michael M Poole Nicholas J Clarke David C Ockwell Brian J Read **M Eluned Hallas** Martin J Kirk 7 Timothy G Pett (C) 8 James N O'Beirne 9 John G Pusey 10 Donald B Carter First on 10: 5 25th Cambridge: 10. HIGHCLERE, Hants. S Michael & All Angels Wed Jan 4 1989 2h40 (11) 5024 Bristol S. Major

Comp. S J Ivin Peter Bridle

- Cáthy M Holdway Peter Border
- 3 Brian Bladon
- Nicholas J Clarke 5
- 6 Geoffrey K Dodd John R Martin (C)

8 Colin M Turner **Circled tower: 8** 

LANE END, Bucks, Holy Trinity Fri Jan 6 1989 2h40 (53) 5040 Doubles (3m: 10 extents Grandsire; 16 each St Simon's, Plain Bob) Peter S Rose Roger G Hazell **Gillian N Hazell** 3 4 John Young 5 David A Cornwall (C) 6 Roger A F Scofield First peal: 1. First Doubles: 2, 3, 6. Half-muffled in memory of Sidney J Smith, ringer at Lane End, who died Christmas Day 1988, aged £3 88

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints

Sat Jan 14, 1989 3h17 (32) 5040 Rievaulx S. Royal Comp. A Ainsworth (12882) Alan Ainsworth (C) Patricia M Newton 3 Susan Rothera Stephen S Russ Thomas M Barlow 4 5 Peter F Windley 6 Hugh Neill Thomas Cullingworth Robert H Newton 8 9 10 James L Towler First peal in the method. Rievaulx S. Royal: (Being derived from Whitby S.R. it is named after another

Yorkshire Abbey) dl. -30-14-50-16-70-18-56-1470-14-10 cps

HARPENDEN, Herts, **S**Nicholas Sat Jan 14 1989 2h47 (13) 5152 Belfast S. Major Comp. R J Tibbetts (6ths place bobs and half lead singles in 345) 1 Charles F Pocock 2 Alan Ainsworth (C) Colin M Turner 3

- 4 John R Peverett 5 Peter G C Ellis 6 Frank W Rivett
- **Gerald Penney**
- 8 Peter Bridle

SHOTTESBROOKE, Berks,

- S John Bapt Sun Jan 15 1989 2h45 (10) 5040 Surprise Minor (10m: (1) Primrose; (2) York, Durham; (3) London, Wells; (4) Norwich; (5) Ipswich; (6) Beverley, Surfleet; (7)
- Cambridge)
- 1 Peter Bridle 2
- Cathy M Holdway John R Martin (C) 3

Most (Minor) methods: 2 (4).

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

- Terry J C Streeter
- 5 Colin M Turner 6 Peter G C Ellis

BIRMINGHAM

KING'S NORTON,

Comp. D E House

Guy D Mills

David B Flint

**Ross Bradley** 

9 David J Pipe

10 Paul L Carless

First peal: 5.

8 HT Keith Haslam

EDINBURGH, Lothian,

S Cuthbert Fri Jan 13 1989 3h12 (21)

5120 Spliced S. Major

method, all the work)

Comp. J S Warboys

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Helen Brotherton

John M Jenkins (C)
 Susan E Pound
 Clare Y Caley

Donald Trumpler

Michael B Broe

100th as conductor

SUFFOLK GUILD

TUNSTALL, Suffolk,

Mon Jan 2 1989 2h41 (71)

5040 Minor (4m: 1 extent

T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob)

Molly S Waterson

**Glenis M Fear** 

4 J Peter Rothwell

lain W Mitchell

6 Simon A Rudd (C)

Farewell compliment to Peter

Rothwell; also 22nd birthday

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William A Brotherton

8 Christopher W Thomas

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(4m: 1440 Lincolnshire; 1280

each Cambridge, Yorkshire; 1120 Rutland; 74 changes of

2

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Birmingham, S Nicolas

5039 Grandsire Caters

Tues Jan 3 1989 3h5 (17)

Roderick W Pipe (C)

Catherine R Taylor

3 Ray Aldington 4 Norman J Goodman

# THORNHAM MAGNA, Suffolk, S Mary Magd Sat Jan 7 1989 2h33 (9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) 5040 London S. Minor

- (7 extents)
- 1 Patricia M Bailey Josephine M Beever
- J Martin Thorley 3
- Katharine J Whittell
- 5 **Trevor N J Bailey**

6 David G Salter (C) First London Minor by all. First London: 2, 4. Completes family: 5. A 6th birthday compliment to Helen T Waters of Cambridge, grand-daughter of the ringer of the third.

ALDEBURGH, Suffolk, SS Peter & Paul Sun Jan 8 1989 2h46 (11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>)

5152 Spliced Major (2576 each Plain and Little; 35 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. C K Lewis,

- arr. W F Moreton
- J Martin Thorley (C)
- 2 Frederick C Gunton
- 3 Trevor D Hughes
- Patricia M Bailey 4
- 5 Richard TL Rapior
- Peter Mayle 6
- 7 Alan P Mayle

8 Trevor NJ Bailey A 6th birthday compliment to Helen T Waters of Cambridge, grand-daughter of the conductor.

# TRURO D.G.

LANTEGLOS-BY-CAMELFORD, Cornwall, S Julitta Mon Jan 2 1989 2h40 (10) 5040 Plain Bob Minor (7 different extents) Kenneth G Ford 2 Peter G Bazley 3 Jerry P Burnham

- Wilfred C Boucher

Anthony H G Parry (C) 6 Peter A Cummins Circled the tower: 6. £1.20

# WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

SYDLING, Dorset, S Nicholas Sat Jan 7 1989 3h9 (19) 5040 Stedman Doubles Linda R Earnes Martin J Turner 2 Michael Winterbourne 3 4 Mike Pidd 5 Martin B Hough (C) First Stedman SOUTHAMPTON, Hants, S Marv Sat Jan 7 1989 3h12 (21) 5000 London S. Royal (No. 3) Comp. FE Darby Peter W Hill

- 2 Fr. Barry J Fry 3 Derek C Jackson
- 4 George E Evenden 5 John R Schmidt
- 6 Malcolm M Powell
- Michael J Hobbs
- 8 John P Colliss
- **Christine R Hill** 9

10 R Roger Savory (C) 500th peal and first London Royal as conductor: 10.

PORTSEA, Hants, S Mary Sat Jan 7 1989 2h58 (17) 5088 January S. Major Arr. R W Pipe 1 Vanessa Powell

- 2 Fr. Barry J Fry 3 Christine R Hill (C)
- Jeremy W J Mather
- 5 Dennis A Chapman
- 6 George E Evenden
- 7 Malcolm M Powell 8 Peter W Hill
- First in the method for all and for the Guild. In memory of Arthur V Davis

# WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTS ASSN

(Christchurch)

STOULTON, Worcs, S Edmund, K & M Sat Jan 7 1989 2h30 (71) 5040 Plain Bob Minor

- **Caroline S Draper**
- **Ronald J Daniels**

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- 3 Arthur A Jopp 4 Chris J Newland
- 5 Anthony S Cocks 6 Andrew D Evans (C) First attempt: 4 Southern
- Branch quarterly peal.
- NETHERTON, Dudley, Worcs, S Andrew Sat Jan 7 1989 2h48 (13)
- 5088 London S. Major Comp. R Baldwin
  - Clifford Skidmore
  - H T Keith Haslam
  - Martin D Fellows (C)
- 4 Alan Roberts **5** Christopher Lees
- 6 Andrew N Stubbs
- Andrew J Ellis 8 Clifford A Barron

# YORKSHIRE ASSN

YORK, St Olave, Marygate Sun Jan 1 1989 2h36 (9) 5040 Minor (1) St Clements; (2, 4, 6) Plain Bob; (3) Kent T.B.; (5) Beverley; (7) Cambridge) 1 Alison L Edmonds lan G Campbell Christopher J Groome 3 4 Timothy P Bradley 5 Graham A Blackburn 6 David E Potter (C) By members of the York Minster Society of Change Ringers to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the casting of this ring of six by George Dalton of York. First peal on the bells.

HELMSLEY, N. Yorks, All Saints Mon Jan 2 1989 3h6 (15) 5152 Yorkshire S. Major (27-course block reduced) Alison L Edmonds 1 C Lynne Stretton Christine B Potter 3 Ian G Campbell 5 James Woolford 6 Graham A Blackburn 7 Timothy P Bradley 8 David E Potter (C) By members of the York

Minster Society of Change Ringers. First peal on this new ring of bells.

KIRKBURTON, W. Yorks,

HANDBELL PEALS

WISTASTON, Cheshire,

St Mary's Belfry Thur Jan 5 1989 1h50 (11)

5040 Minor (1, 2) Kent T.B.;

(3, 4) Oxford T.B., (5, 6, 7)

1-2 William F Gibbons

3-4 Michael C E Hodge

5-6 Frank R Morton (C)

Gable Farm Cottage Thur Jan 5 1989 3h12 (16)

1-2 Frank C Price

7-8 Gareth Davies

NEWMARKET, Suffolk,

Wed Jan 11 1989 3h6 (16)

3-4 Lesley H M Boyle

7-8 Gareth Davies

9-10 John Piloveless

11-12 Mark Regan

HERTFORD C.A.

WATFORD, Herts,

15 Harford Drive

Comp. S Ivin

5-6 David C Brown (C)

Wed Jan 11 1989 2h10 (13)

1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin

7-8 Dorothea M Robotham

Mon Jan 9 1989 2h50 (15)

5019 Stedman Cinques

3-4 Robert B Smith

9-10 David J Marshall

**Completes Stedman from** 

Doubles to Cinques in hand:

1-2. Completes conducting Stedman from Doubles to

HAMPOLE, Yorks, Hampole Manor

5040 Minor (44m: (1) Capel, London Scholars' Pleasure,

Kingston, Sandal, Ockley, College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk, Oxford T.B., Pontefract, Donottar, Wath and Carisbrooke D.; (2) Walsingham, Cromer, Lammas, Steventon,

Fulmer, Chalfont, Olney, Tibenham A. and Little Bob; (3) Old Oxford, Neasden, College Bob IV, St Albans, Willesden, Wragby, Newdigate and Charlwood D.; (4) Plain, Double,

Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury, D. Oxford, Thelwall, London,

Lytham, St Clements, Childwall, College and Wavertree C.; (5)

11-12 Rupert A Clarke

Cinques in hand: 7-8

YORKSHIRE ASSN

Thurs Jan 6 1989 2h7

Kent T B; (6 & 7) Plain Bob)

Howard Scott

Wilfrid F Moreton (C)

1-2

3-4

5-6 Peter J Staniforth 7-8 Roland H Cook (C)

5024 Bristol S. Major

3-4 John R Mayne (C)

5-6 Roger Baldwin

LEICESTER D.G.

**GLENFIELD**, Leics,

73 Leicester Road

Comp. F H Dexter

1-2 Paul Jopp

5280 Uxbridge S. Maximus

11-12 Mark Regan

Comp. D C Brown

1-2 Frank C Price

14 Paget Place

5280 Uxbridge S. Maximus

3-4 Lesley H M Boyle 5-6 David C Brown (C)

9-10 William H Jackson

Ongley, interred at Alsager on

In memory of Dennis B

CHESTER D.G.

Plain Bob)

3rd January

**REACH**, Cambs,

ELY DA.

Traditional

February 10, 1989

MIDDLESEX C.A. &

WESTMINSTER, Middx.

Wed Jan 11 1989 2h35 (15)

5280 Bristol S. Major

Comp. E A Barnett

(CCC 1981, No. 106)

1-2 Stuart M Cox

3-4 Alison K Surry 5-6 Roger Bailey (C) 7-8 Andrew M J Young

7-8

9-10

First Bristol on handbells

TWICKENHAM, Middx,

5040 Plain Bob Royal

7-8 Peter N Felton

9-10 Stuart A Aitken

First on 10 handbells: 3-4,

N. AMERICAN GUILD

Mon Jan 2 1989 2h25 (14)

3-4 Rebecca A Joyce 5-6 Donald F Morrison (C)

5500 Friendship Blvd.

5088 Kent T.B. Major

1-2 Tina Stoecklin

7-8 Nancy Porter

BRANDON PARVA,

Sun Jan 8 1989 2h42 (18)

1-2 William H Jackson (C)

5021 Grandsire Caters

3-4 Lesley H M Boyle

Norfolk, Woodstock

Comp. F.N. Golden

5-6 Frank C Price

SUFFOLK GUILD

each Rossendale S.

Kent T.B.; 3 Plain Bob)

1-2 James A Smith

hand: 7-8

3-4

7-8 Gareth Davies

9-10 John P Loveless

First Grandsire Caters in

STOWMARKET, Suffolk,

Sun Jan 8 1989 2h2 (15)

Kimberley Hall, Moats Tye

5040 Minor (5m: 1 extent

Cambridge S., Oxford T.B.,

3-4 Amanda M Whiting

Most methods in hand: 1-2,

5-6 C Mark G Ockelton

£1

£1

5-6 Simon A Rudd (C)

NORWICH D.A.

Chevy Chase, MD

Comp. J Reeves

8 Palmerston Road Sat Jan 14 1989 2h46 (15)

1-2 Stephen J F Mitchell 3-4 Margaret C Gamble 5-6 David C Brown (C)

LONDON D.G.

Imperial College

(Huxley Building)

All Hallows Mon Jan 2 1989 2h53 (153) 5120 Spliced S. Major (8m: 896 Rutland; 704 Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 640 Cambridge; 576 London, Pudsey, Superlative; 448 Bristol; 87 changes of method, all the work) Comp. P G K Davies 1 John Thompson

- Deborah L Blagden
- David Sunderland 3
- Michael J de C Henshaw 5 D Paul Smith (C)
- Neil Donovan 6
- **Richard H Burton**
- 8 Malcolm S Turner 250th peal: 7

OTLEY, W. Yorks,

All Saints Mon Jan 2 1989 3h (162)

5056 Spliced S. Major (8m: 768 Cambridge, Yorkshire, Superlative; 640 Bristol; 576 Rutland, Lincolnshire, Pudsey; 384 London; 153 changes of

- method)
- Comp. N R Aspland
- Michael Sheeran Leslie W G Morris
- Mary S Dixon Robert Haley 4
- Neil R Aspland (C) 5
- Clive W Longden 6
- Jan North 8 Richard E Price

SELBY, N. Yorks, Abbey Sat Jan 7 1989 3h32 (26) 5040 Plain Bob Royal

- Comp. HJ Tucker 1 Martin J Worrall
- Anne Young
- Alison J Carte 3 **Rachel K M Hickes** 4
- 5
- Derek J Swann Andrew D Twineham 6
- John M Wright
- 8 Terry A Crossley
- 9 David I Smith 10 Alan Clifton (C)

**Compliment to N Turner upon** his forthcoming election to membership of the Society of **Royal Cumberland Youths** 

OSSETT, W. Yorks, Holy & Undivided Trinity Sat Jan 7 1989 3h19 (27)

5040 Albanian S. Royal

- Comp. W E Critchley
- Mary S Dixon
- Leslie W G Morris David S Lockwood
- **Christine Andrew** 5
- Andrew R Aspland 6 Neil R Aspland lan North (C)

**Robert Haley** 

10 Richard E Price

Clive W Longden

**BOLSTERSTONE**, S. Yorks,

Sat Jan 14 1989 2h53 (13)

5088 Ewden S. Major

Leslie W G Morriș Mary S Dixon

**Michael Sheeran** 

**Richard Scott** 

**Robert Haley** 

Neil R Aspland

First peal in the method

Ian North (C)

8 Richard E Price

Ewden S. Major: 56-56.14-58-16-12-58-34-38 mx

Comp. S J Ivin

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# Quarter Peals -

Croscombe, Som. 12 Dec, 1260 Doubles (6m): Jill Wilkinson 1, P C Bridges 2, Rosemary Smith 3, Margaret Reed (C) 4, E T Lee 5, M J Horseman 6. 60p

Derby, Derbys (Cathedral). 18 Dec, 1282 Yorkshire S. Royal: S Walklate 1, D Walklate 2, M Foulds 3, Jane E Orchard (C) 4, Patricia A M Halls 5, S Mearns 6, G A Halls 7, Janet Foulds 8, R Meads 9, Frances E Haynes 10.

Derby, Derbys (St Peter), 13 Nov, 1440 P.B. Minor: G A Halls 1, Rachel D Coupe 2, D Tooley 3, Elaine Wallace 4, T Jarvis 5, N D Coupe (C) 6. £1

Ditcheat, Som. 3 Dec, 126C Grandsire Triples: M R Sperring 1, Ann S Stenning 2, J M Levin 3, Rosemary Higman 4, F S Ford 5, A H Ball (C) 6, C Hobbs 7, T C Peppard 8. 80p

Ealing, London (Christ the Saviour). 11 Dec, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Christine E Dringer 1, C Susan Crowson 2, Anne George 3, Janice Higgins 4, M J Sprackling 5, S Robertson 6, E Mold 7, T M Payne (C) 8. 1st in m: 2,3. By a Sunday Service band. 80p

East Leake, Notts. 14 Dec, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: Lynda P Lambert 1, Rachel S Bush (1st touch in m) 2, Patience M Cordeaux 3, A E Roberts 4, D I Bassford 5, M R Chilvers (1st in m as C) 6. By NUSCR. 60p

M R Chilvers (1st in m as C) 6. By NUSCR. 60p Eastwood, Notts. 4 Dec, 1264 DNCBM: D Butterworth 1, N J Morgan 2, Chrissy Stirland 3, R J Marchbank 4, D J Beach 5, P Graves 6, F G Faulks (C) 7, A Laughton 8. 80p

Egham, Surrey. 27 Nov, 1299 Stedman Caters: Joan Summerhayes 1, Joyce Parsons 2, N Summerhayes 3, R Finch 4, R Caporn 5, D Parsons (C) 6, C White 7, G Audley 8, A Flood 9, D Cox 10. For Evensong. By Egham ringers as a compliment to the Revd R Hargreaves on his retirement after 14 years as Vicar of the parish.

Exeter, Devon (St David). 17 Dec, 1272 Cambridge S. Major: Linda V Cull 1, R Ann Agnew 2, A Osborne 3, C C Deem 4, R T Perry (1st S. major) 5, L Palmer 6, M M Pitchers (C) 7, C Payne 8 £1.60

Eye, Herefords. 18 Dec, 1260 Doubles (2m): Melanie Evans 1, Karen Mainwaring 2, J Thomas 3, A Mainwaring 4, H Fitter (C) 5, P Evans 6. 1st Q: 1,6. For the Service of Lessons & Carols. 60p

Greasley, Notts. 1280 Cambridge S. Major: C Buswell (C) 1, Sharon L Parker 2, Christine L J Mills 3, M J Beach 4, B M Buswell 5, R Preston 6, A B Mills 7, Claire F Edwards 8. £2.50

**Greasley, Notts.** 18 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B Stevens 1, D J Beach 2, Emily Ashton 3, Mary Beach 4, A Widdowson 5, A Oldershaw 6, D Butterworth (C) 7, Katherine Oldershaw (circled tower) 8. 1st of Triples: 1,3. 800

Guernsey, Cl (Vale). 18 Dec. 1260 Doubles (8m): J David 1, Nicky David 2, Janet Scott 3, M Hilson 4, M Bubb (C) 5, H White 6. For Festival of 9 Lessons & Carols. £1.20

Hadleigh, Suffolk. 10 Dec, 1260 P.B. Doubles: H D Bellman 1, E Wade 2, D. Bugg 3, R Walker 4, N Wade (C) 5, S Brightwell (1st attempt) 6. The tenor ringer was sponsored to ring Hadleigh tenor for "People in Need" fund (St Joseph's College Ipswich Project). 60p Hamilton, NZ. 7 Dec, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Pam McAdam 1, J E Neale 2, A D McAdam 3, Valerie J Stone

Hamilton, NZ. 7 Dec, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Pam McAdam 1, J E Neale 2, A D McAdam 3, Valerie J Stone 4, D G Kennett 5, R H Bennet (C) 6. Also 14 Dec, 1260 P.B. Triples: I F Harrison 1, Pam McAdam 2, Mollie Lodge (1st Triples) 3, J E Neale 4, D G Lodge 5, Valerie Stone 6, D G Kennett (C) 7, P F Houghton (1st on 8) 8 1st in N.Z. for 3 & 5. For visit of Mollie & Doug Lodge, Oakham, Surrey and for Valerie Stone, still chasing 70. \$1.20

Harrow Weald, Middx. 18 Dec, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Hilda G Brown 1, Mandie Woods 2, E A Hibbs 3, Joan Hooton 4, R A Partridge (C) 5, C Brundritt 6. For Carol Service. £1

Hayes, Middx. 16 Nov, 1260 Doubles (2m): T Payne 1, Valerie Payne 2, C Venn (C) 3, D G Pickett 4, D J Pickett 5, P Venn 6. For the 14th birthday on 14th November and also 14th quarter of 5th.

Hexham, Northumb. 18 Dec. 1260 Stedman Triples: T Lawrance (C) 1, A Parkin 2, T Martin 3, J Lawrance 4, D Hewitt 5, L Gibson 6, A Oliver 7, N Parkin 8. For Evensong. 80p

Histon, Cambs. 6 Nov, 1260 P.B. Minor: Rachel A Upchurch 1, M B Davies 2, Chris Clare 3, D A Upchurch 4, A J Stevens 5, R F Walker (C) 6. For the 23rd Sunday after Trinity. Also 13 Nov, 1260 P.B. Triples: Cicely M Stevens 1, Chris Clare 2, M B Davies 3, M L Driver 4, R F Walker 5, Anice M Gilchrist (C) 6, D A Upchurch 7, T J English 8. For Remembrance Sunday. Also 27 Nov, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Susan L Taylor (1st Q) 1, A J Stevens (C) 2, M B Davies 3, Chris Clare 4, R F Walker T J English 6. For Advent Sunday. Also 4 Dec, 1260 P.B. Triples: Cicely M Stevens 1, Mavis L Driver 2, Chris Clare 3, M B Davies 4, T R Davies 5, R F Walker 6, A J Stevens (C) 7, D A Upchurch 8. For Evensong and to wish a happy 100th birthday to Mr Harry Clarke. Also 9 Dec, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: Mavis L Driver 1, H J F Muncey 2, Chris Clare 3, A J Stevens 4, R F Walker 5, D A Upchurch 6, M B Davies 7, W Hunt (C) 8. To mark the birthday of Samuel David Muncey, sixth grandchild of H Muncey, and a first birthday compliment to Lucy McCorry, niece of R Walker. Also 11 Dec, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Mavis L Driver 1, T R Davies 2, Chris Clare 3, M B Davies 4, R F Walker 5, D A Upchurch 6, P S Seaman 7, A J Stevens (C) 8. For Bible Sunday on the third Sunday in Advent. Also 17 Dec, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Mavis L Driver 1, Chris Clare 2, A J Stevens 3, T R Davies 4, M B Davies 5, D A Upchurch 6, R F Walker 7, D R Carter (1st in m as C) 8. 50th birthday compliment to Chris Clare. Also 18 Dec, 1260 P.B. Minor: Rachel A Upchurch 1, A J Stevens 2, Chris Clare 3, Mavis L Driver 4, D A Upchurch 5, R F Walker (C) 6 For the fourth Sunday in Advent prior to the Carol Service

Hong Kong (Happy Valley). 8 Dec, 1312 Kent T.B. Major: J O Hereward 1-2, D M W Threlfall 3-4, J Clatworthy (C) 5-6, D P Hilling 7-8. A farewell to David, Margaret, Matthew and Emma Hilling returning to the U.K. with the best wishes of the Hong Kong ringers and friends.  $\$ 

Huntington, N Yorks. 18 Dec, 1260 P.B. Doubles: C R Smith 1, P Edmundson (1st inside) 2, Margaret J Coles 3, C P G Cheetham 4, P J Sanderson (C) 5, R A Meadows 6. 50p

Hurst, Berks. 18 Dec, 1296 P.B. Minor: E W C Whitaker 1, D Creasy 2, P C Briggs 3, Lavinia Sullivan 4, D Court 5, D Sullivan (C) 6. For Carol Service. 60p

Ipsley, Worcs. 26 Nov, (no method given): Ann Cooney (1st Q) 1, Tracey A B V Griffiths 2, Rosemary J Insole 3, J Newbold (1st doubles as C) 4, B D Humphrey 5, C Tennant 6.

Jersey (St Mark). 17 Dec, 1260 P.B. Minor: Pat R Walker (1st attempt) 1, T A Knight 2, C Totty 3, Patricia R Belsey 4, L A Tremeer 5, J R Worrall (C) 6. For a wedding. Also 18 Dec, 1296 Beverley S. Minor: Hazel A Bailey 1, Patricia R Belsey 2, Lucy J T Smith 3, P J Routier (1st In m) 4, A C Belsey 5, J R Worrall 6. For the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. £1.20

Kensington, London W8. 18 Dec, 1470 Oxford Bob Triples: R Lewis 1, Tina Stoecklin 2, D Holdridge 3, L Melton 4, N Simon (C) 5, Lorna Champney 6, Stephanie Pattenden 7, A Taylor 8. For Carol Service. £1.40

Kidderminster, Worcs. 18 Dec, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: S J Caldwell 1, Helen Wilder (1st surprise inside) 2, Yvonne Grainger 3, Freda D Salter 4, J G Barker 5, R E Havard (C) 6. Rung following the Carol Service. 60p

Kings Bromley, Staffs. 18 Dec, 1260 St Clements & P.B. Minor: N F Arnfield 1, Amanda E Butcher 2, D M Webb 3, Lucy Smith 4, G K Chaddock 5, C M Smith (C) 6. A birthday compliment to the 5th. 60p

Kingsbury Episcopi, Som. 9 Dec, 1440 P.B. Minor: Margaret Harper 1, Janet Hayter 2, Lesley Knipe 3, R Beale 4, J Hayter 5, R Dean (C) 6. 60p

Beale 4, J Hayter 5, R Dean (C) 6. 60p Kingawood, Surrey. 12 Dec, 1260 Stedman Doubles: K J Matthews (C) 1, Thalia Weeks 2, Claire Roberts 3, Libby MacKay 4, A Roberts 5, E W Taylor 6. 1st in m: 2,4. To celebrate the marriage of lan & Libby MacKay. £120

Kirkheaton, W Yorks. 13 Dec, 1320 Cambridge S. & Woodbine D. Minor: J R Senior 1, D Ingleby 2, A R Thompson 3, W A Carter 4, W R Weston 5, J M Spencer (C) 6. For Advent.

Lacock, Wilts. 11 Dec, 1380 Grandsire Doubles: Beth McDowell (1st Q) 1, Jenny Hancock 2, Roger Baily 3, A Summers 4, Roger Lewis (C) 5, K D Alley 6 For Evening Service. £1

Lanchester, Durham. 17 Dec, 1260 P.B. Doubles: G Rothwell 1, Louise M Bland 2, C J Wheeler 3, R J Bland 4, P W Wheeler (C) 5, Ann M Bland (née Lynn)(1st Q) 6. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ordination

### of Rev E.B. Lynn.

The quarter peal at Lanchester, the home of the Revd E.B. Lynn, was rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his ordination. The band included his daughter, Ann Bland (ringing her first quarter) and two of his grandchildren. Most of the ringers attended a Communion service conducted by Revd Lynn later in the day at the nearby church in Satley. Refreshments, equalling the standard of any ringers' tea, were provided by the parishioners of Satley in the church hall, following the service.

Leeds, W Yorks (St Peter). 14 Dec, 1280 Spliced S. Major (CYN): P G Clark 1, Margareta E Devine 2, J M Thorley 3, Penelope J Thorley 4, T S Futers 5, K Grave 6, P S Oldfield 7, A D Sibson (C) 8. 1st Spl. S: 2,5,6 and as C. 80p

Lightcliffe, W Yorks. 11 Dec, 1299 Grandsire Doubles: N D Wilding 1, Catherine A Wilding 2, A E Talbot 3, Julia C Kirby 4, P C Kirby (C) 5, Elizabeth M Wilding (1st Q) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Frank Wilding (Vicar's father and grandfather of 1,2 and 6) who died on 5th December 1988.

Lillington, Warwicks. 17 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosaleen Preston 1, Dreeda Reading 2, J T Nutt 3, E C W Lupton 4, R J Taulbut (C) 5, D Harwood 6. Half-mutified before Requiem Mass for Walter Leslie Webb, Verger at St Mary Magdalene for many, many years. 60p

Limpsfield Chart, Surrey. 27 Nov, 1260 Doubles (5 m/v): Yvonne Hamilton-Smith 1, F D Weeks 2, Kathie A Matthews 3, L J Hall 4, K J Matthews (C) 5, B J Wilson 6. For Morning Service and Baptisms of Katherine Miller and William Henderson. Also 30 Nov, 1260 Doubles (7 m/v): Margaret Boosey 1, L J Hall 2, Kathie A Matthews 3, F D Weeks 4, K J Matthews (C) 5, G J Walker 6. For Patronal Festival Service. Also 4 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Kathie A Matthews 1, F D Weeks 2, B J Wilson (1st inside) 3, L J Hall 4, K J Matthews (C) 5, K B Buchan 6. For Choral Evensong.

£3.60

Linton, Kent. 18 Dec, 1260 P.B. Minor: Cynthia Webb 1, J Eagle 2, S Pope 3, D Bryden 4, Janet M Yeo 5, R A Barclay (C) 6. For Carol Service. 75p Liss, Hants (St Mary). 18 Dec, 1260 P.B. Triples:

Doris Barber 1, Daryl Alexander 2, Valerie Williams 3, D J Cooper 4, D Jones 5, R A Barber 6, D M Hughes (1st P.B. Triples as C) 7, M W Evans 8. For Advent Carol Service. 80p

Lyme Regis, Dorset. 15 Dec, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: K A Furzey (1st T.B.) 1, B R Gildersleve 2, Mrs L Powell 3, M J Hiller 4, Mrs L A Nicholson 5, A P Nicholson (25th as C and 1st minor as C) 6. First qtr on the "Keeley Six" or front six.

Lymington, Hants (3 Newbridge Way, Pennington). 6 Dec, 1344 P.B. Major: Flora M Stocker 1-2, Christine Potter (1st Major) 3-4. R Corke 5-6, M Bailey (C) 7-8. 1st Major in hand: 1-2, 5-6. First quarter of Major on the beils.

Maldstone, Kent (All Saints). 10 Dec, 1282 Yorkshire S. Royal: D Holdridge 1, S J Davies 2, J G A Prior 3, R G Booth 4, M C Liebenrood (1st blows in m) 5, I Wiltshire 6, L N Melton 7, C M Foster 8, D A Hewitt 9, J E Hawes (C) 10. £2

Marksbury, Som. 14 Dec, 1320 Queen Mary S. Minor: R Perry 1, G V Skelly 2, Rosemary Higman 3, Linda Drew 4, M Powell 5, A H Ball (C) 6. 1st in m: 3 and as C. 60p

Marske-by-the-sea, Cleveland. 6 Nov, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P Sotheran 1, June Sinfield 2, Alex' Sotheran 3, Sue Sotheran 4, P Wishart 5, L Franks 6, J Sinfield (C) 7, Elizabeth Sotheran 8. A Wedding compliment to Sally Stainthorpe-Smith and Neil Russon-Lambert, married the previous day.

Melbourne, Australia (27 Broadway), 27 Nov, 1260 St Clement's Bob Minor: M J Stone (1st in m in hand) 1-2. B Turner (C) 3-4. Jennifer Murphy 5-6. 600

2, R Turner (C) 3-4, Jenniter Murphy 5-6. 60p Mells, Som. 17 Dec, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: C R Hares 1, T Chapman 2, B H Oakes 3, Margaret Chapman 4, Katrina A Lenton 5, J Kerr 6, M Hart (C) 7, M J Winterbourne 8. 1st surprise: 1,3. £1

Nayland, Suffolk. 11 Dec, 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: E Wade 1, Veronica Downing 2, R Whiting 3, E Hynard 4, R Walker 5, N Wade (C) 6. For "Confirmation Day". 60p Nettleham, Lincs. 17 Dec, 1260 Doubles (3m): Suzanne E Platt (1st Q) 1, Gillian A Gladman 2, Margaret A Parker (C) 3, J W Godfrey 4, R S Harrison 5, K W F Gladman 6. Also 18 Dec, 1260 P.B. Minor: P R Beil 1, R C Lee 2, Margaret A Parker 3, K W F Gladman 4, R S Harrison (C) 5, G R Parker 6 Prior to Carol service.

New Alresford, Hants. 18 Dec, 1320 Oxford & Kent T.B. Minor: J H D Browning (1st T.B.) 1, Susan J Smith (1st Kent & Oxford) 2, Lyn M Breslain 3, Elizabeth Johnson 4, A Johnson 5, S D Smith 6. For Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. £1.20

Norman (1st Q) 1, Sheila Spreadbury 2, Caroline Cox 3, Valerie Maynard 4, P Barrett (1st inside) 5, A Spreadbury (C) 6. A compliment to Dick & Eileen Fordham on the occasion of their ruby wedding.

Fordham on the occasion of their ruby wedding £1 North Ockendon, Essex. 11 Dec, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Ann Beech (50th in m) 1, Alison Beech 2, B H Beech (C) 3, M J Warren 4, A Beech 5. For Evensong. 50p

North Stoneham, Hants. 7 Dec, 1260 Doubles (5m): Susan Leaker 1, Judith Godfrey 2, C J Hustler 3, N I Kimber 4, S J Dixon (C) 5. 75p

Nottlingham, Notts (St Mary the Virgin). 13 Dec, 1260 P.B. Royal: A C Moult 1, Susan N Austen 2, W A Thow 3, K J Skillings 4, Lynda P Lambert 5, S A Lucas 6, M R Chilvers (1st on 10 as C) 7, M J Garle 8, A P Sweeting 9, D I Bassford 10. By NUSCR for the University Carol Service.

Nuneaton, Warwicks. 3 Dec, 1280 Spliced S Major (Std 8): Fiona Chester 1, L Trevor 2, Janice E Sheasby 3, G Pratt 4, R A Swallow (1st 8 spliced) 5, C W Foxall 6, I Thompson 7, R A Sheasby (C) 8. £1.20

Oadby, Leics. 18 Dec, 1260 Stedman Triples: Alison J Atkins 1, Kitty Thompson 2, Caroline J Carter 3, Gwenyth M Tyler 4, T A lliffe 5, G Turnock 6, P M Atkins (C) 7, J R Thompson 8. 1st in m: 2,3. For Service of Nine Lessons & Carols. 50p

Oswaldtwistle, Lancs. 18 Dec, 1260 P.B. Minor: Jean Long 1, D Allen 2, A M D Whewell 3, A Butterworth 4, P Clare 5, G R Whewell (C) 6. For Service of Nine Carols & Lessons. £1.50

Peterborough, Cambs (Cathedral). 10 Dec, 1260 Doubles (2m): P N Parker (1st Q) 1, Judith M Corby 2, P G Sherwood 3, J M Roffe 4, Canon E G Orland (C) 5, R H Rogers 6. For Christingle Service. Also 11 Dec, 1260 Doubles (4m): Judith M Corby 1, J M Roffe 2, S D Upton 3, R H Rogers 4, C J Groome (C) 5. For Evensong. £1

Port Sunlight, Merseyside. 11 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: P F Humphreys (C) 1, Michelle C Taylor 2, Brenda D Humphreys 3, Christine Mills 4, P D A Mills 5, G W Phillips 6, M A Humphreys 7, J S Huxley 8. In memory of Joan Pemberton. Also 14 Dec, 1280 London S. Major: Brenda D Humphreys 1, Michelle C Taylor (Completes Std 8 to quarters) 2, Susan D Sparling 3, Christine Mills 4, G W Phillips 5, P F Humphreys 6, P D Hughes 7, P D A Mills (C) 8. £1.60

Puckington, Som. 3 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Angela Johnson 1, G Knipe 2, Margaret Harper 3, S Huish 4, R Dean (C) 5, B Brown 6. Half-muffled in memory of Ivan Welch, a ringer at this church for 50 years. 60p

Rayleigh, Essex. 4 Dec, 1320 Kent T.B. Minor: Sheena Booth 1, Rita Michell (1st T.B. inside) 2, Alex Butter 3, Diana Belcham 4, G Lucas 5, D E Belcham (400th as C) 6. For Evensong. Also 11 Dec, 1280 Wembley S. Major: D E Belcham 1, Alex Butter 2, Diana Belcham 3, Lydia Roberts 4, G Lucas 5, Ann Chapman 6, J Harpole 7, C F Chapman (C) 8. For Evensong, 1st in m: 2,4,5. Also 14 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J Harpole 1, J Warboys 2, Alex Butter 3, D E Belcham 4, Lydia Roberts 5, G Sandwell 6, M Hallett (C) 7, G Lucas 8. To commemorate the centenary of the first peal in the Rochford Hundred, at Rayleigh 14/12/1888. After a lost peal attempt. Also 18 Dec, 1280 P.B. Major: Janet Hallett 3, Diana Belcham 4, Angela Belcham 5, G Lucas 6, A Belcham 7, D E Belcham 8. For Carol Service.

Also 18 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Robinson 1, Rita Michell (1st in m & 50th Q) 2, Sheena Booth 3, Diana Belcham 4, D E Belcham (C) 5, P Mitchell 6. For Family & Parade Service & Sunday School Nativity presentation. 50th quarter in tower in 1988.

Reading, Berks (94 Eastern Ave). 10 Dec, 1440 P.B. Minor: June A Saint (1st in hand) 1-2, Helen M McGregor 3-4, A M Farmer (C) 5-6. Also 1260 P.B. Minor: P J R Bevis 1-2, S A Rossiter (1st in hand) 3-4, A M Farmer (C) 5-6. Also 11 Dec, 1260 P.B. Minor: P J R Bevis 1-2, S A Rossiter 3-4, A M Farmer (C) 5-6. Also 1344 Spliced P.B. & L.B. Minor: P J R Bevis 1-2, Helen M McGregor 3-4, A M Farmer (C) 5-6. 1st spliced in hand: 1-2, 3-4. £2.40

Rempstone, Notts. 14 Dec, 1260 P.B. Doubles: I Bassford (circled tower) 1, Rachel S Bush 2, Lynda P Lambert 3, M R Chilvers 4, Patience M Cordeaux (1st as C)(50th this year) 5, A E Roberts 6. by NUSCR 60p

Ringwood, Hants. 19 Dec, 1280 Rutland S. Major: J Bramley (C) 1, M D Bishop 2, Jackie Hobbs 3, Stella James 4, N R Garrard 5, J D Dodds 6, M Hobbs 7, T Barnes 8. 80p

Romsey, Hants (Abbey). 4 Dec, 1260 Stedman Triples: Ceri J Woodruffe 1, Karen A Moore 2, Barbara M Mitchell 3, I H Trueman (C) 4, B J Woodruffe 5, M J E Daniels 6, A J Palk 7, H J Page 8. An Advent quarter. Also 11 Dec, 1260 P.B. Triples: Rachel A Prince 1, Amelia H Drabble 2, Heather J Trueman 3, Barbara M Mitchell 4, I H Trueman 5, Ceri J Woodruffe 6, B J Woodruffe (C) 7, A A Price 8. Also 17 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Heather J Trueman 1, C J Woodruffe (1st G.T. inside) 2, Amelia H Drabble 3, I H Trueman 4, B J Woodruffe (C) 5, A J Palk 6, M J E Daniels 7, T Drew 8. An Advent quarter.

St Martin-In-the-Fields, London W. 1311 Stedman Cinques (no date): Christine Dringer 1, J Belshaw 2, S Davies 3, C Caryer 4, Lorna Champney 5, D Holdridge 6, P Daybell 7, B Diserens 8, N Simon (C) 9, T Bradley 10, D Woodward 11, H Small 12. For Evensong. £2.40

St Mary Cray, Kent. 18 Dec, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Victoria Vance 1, D Pointer 2, A W Hills 3, N Pointer 4, G D A Long (C) 5, J F Hills 6. For service of Lessons and Carols. £1.20

St Nicholas-at-Wade, Kent. 15 Dec, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J R Whittlesea (1st attempt) 1, Amanda J Horton 2, Cathryn M Andrews 3, Josephine D Horton 4, M J Little (C) 5, H W J Bolton 6. £1.20

Sandon, Essex. 6 Dec, 1260 P.B. Minor: Sarah E Furber 1, M Crossley 2, E Parsons 3, N Tovey 4, D M Stoneman 5, D J Gammon (C) 6. Also Maldon, Essex (St Mary). 8 Dec, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: M Edwards 1, E Parsons 2, Sarah E Furber 3, D J Gammon 4, S J Tolliday 5, J L Towler (C) 6. For the Maldon Victorian Evening Also Sandon, Essex. 13 Dec, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: M Edwards 1, Jannet C Crossley 2, K Davis (1st in m) 3, E Parsons 4, P W Saltmarsh 5, D J Gammon (C) 6. Also Maldon, Essex (St Mary). 15 Dec, 1260 P.B. Minor: E Parsons 1, Sarah E Furber 2, M Edwards 3, N Tovey 4, P W Saltmarsh (C) 5, D J Gammon 6. For the Maldon Victorian Evening Sawbridgeworth, Herts. 11 Dec, 1260 P.B. Minor. W

Sawbridgeworth, Herts. 11 Dec, 1260 P.B. Minor. W H Aley 1, Alison V Dewberry 2, Rosemary A F Bennett 3, Mary Bone 4, G A Bennett 5, F J P Bone (C) 6. For Christingle Service. £1.20

Shedfield, Hants. 13 Dec, 1440 P.B. Minor: J H Hunt (C) 1, Barbara Skilleter 2, Jacqui M Dunster 3, Betty J Daysh 4, C R Abel 5, S B Dunster 6, W I Skilleter (cover) 7 Prior to the performing of the Nativity Play in the church. 70p

Shenfield, Essex. 11 Dec, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Rowena L Marshall 1. A J Bryant 2, P R Trueman 3, H G Goddard 4, R G Jones (C) 5, R G Butt (circled tower) 6. For Evensong. Also 18 Dec, 1272 P.B. Minor: E A Potter 1, Jill V Evans 2, P Blacklock 3, F R Goddard 4, R G Butt 5, A J Bryant (C) 6. For Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. 100th tog: 5,6. £1.60

Sherborne Abbey, Dorset. 18 Dec, 1296 Stedman Triples: Audrey Riley 1, A S Watt 2, P A Reeves 3, A B Shingler 4, D Astridge 5, F A K Prime 6, M G Buckley (C) 7, J C Herbert 8. Prior to the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Sherston, Wilts. 17 Dec, 1260 P.B. Minor: A J Cox 1, Eunice D Overend 2, G H Edwards 3, P E Hewitt 4, C Bush 5, D A Strong (C) 6. Before the marriage of Rita and Chris Bush. Also 18 Dec, 1260 Doubles (2m): Margaret A Smith (1st Q) 1, Eunice D Overend 2, G H Edwards 3, D A Strong (C) 4, P May 5, P E Hewitt 6. For the Carol Service. £1.20

 Shoreditch, London E1. 18 Dec, 1272 Cambridge S.

 Minor: E G Mould 1, C A Cooper 2, M J Hall 3, S J Davies

 4, L N Melton 5, J E Hawes (C) 6.

Slough, Berks. 18 Dec, 1260 P.B. Triples: P A Tuck 1, S A Wheeler 2, Audrey M Birt 3, Eileen Stevenson 4, N L Brown 5, W Birmingham 6, J C Birt (C) 7, P P McDermot 8. For Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Soberton, Hants. 15 Dec, 1250 Pudsey S. Major. Barbara Skilleter 1, Jacqui M Dunster 2, J H Hunt (C) 3, Betty J Daysh 4, Nikki M Pownall 5, G C Anthony 6, D J Atkins 7, S B Dunster 8, 1st P: 5,6. 80p Southbroom Wilts, 15, Dec, 1260, Stedman

Southbroom, Wilts. 15 Dec. 1260 Stedman Doubles: Jill Hamilton 1, Pat Chapman 2, J Romain 3, M Baker (C) 4, C Smith 5, B Fox 6. In memory of Reginald Harris, aged 84, of Keevil.

South Croydon, Surrey. 11 Dec, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: E G H Godfrey (C) 1, Kathie Matthews 2, P G Mayhead 3, C A Cooper 4, Judith Godfrey 5, K J Matthews 6. For Evensong. 50p

Southover, E Sussex. 18 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W Merritt (C) 1, Elizabeth Clifford 2, G F Elphick 3, S Lucas 4, J S Ashcroft 5, Penelope Neal 6, Anne L Sawyer 7, T G Bagnall 8. For Carol Service. £1

Southwick, Hants. 14 Dec, 1260 Doubles (5m): L J Doubleday 1, Barbara Skilleter 2, Betty J Daysh 3, W I Skilleter (1st in 5m) 4, J H Hunt (C) 5. On the anniversary of the death, in 1591, of John of the Cross, Teacher. 50p

Southwold, Suffolk. 20 Nov, 1260 P.B. Triples: S Dawson 1, A Sage (1st Q) 2, Sarah Plummer (1st in m as C) 3, Julia Johnson 4, Barbara Payne 5, J Mortimer 6, S E G Young 7, B Hursell (1st Q) 8. For Patronal Evensong. Also 29 Nov, 1260 P.B. Triples: A Sage 1, M Sage (1st Triples) 2, Sarah Plummer (C) 3, Julia Johnson 4, Ruth Bedford 5, Helen Price 6, C R Plummer 7, D Pope (1st Q) 8. To celebrate the christening of Susan, born 8.8.88, christened 27 Nov, daughter of 3 and 7.

 Spitalfields, London E. 11 Dec, 1280 Spliced S

 Major (Std 8): P E Rayner 1, C S Caryer 2, D Holdridge

 3, L N Melton 4, H F C Small 5, Connie Barter 6,

 Stephanie Pattenden (C) 7, Lorna Champney 8. For

 Evensong.
 £1.60

Stamford St Martin, Lincs. 18 Dec, 1320 London S. Minor: Kirsty Turner 1, Judith M Corby 2, R E Lee (1st in m) 3, Rosalind A Knight 4, R H Rogers (C) 5, C J Groome 6. For Service of Nine Lessons & Carols. 70p

Stanford on Soar, Notts. 14 Dec, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Rachel S Bush 1, Patience M Cordeaux 2, Lynda P Lambert 3, A E Roberts 4, M R Chilvers (C) 5, D I Bassford 6. By NUSCR. 60p

Stoke-upon-Trent, N Staffs (St Peter-ad-Vincula). 21 Aug, 1280 August S. Major: Ruth V Walton 1, Deborah G Wild 2, Jennifer M Beech 3, Frank Beech 4, Wendy Daw 5, Robin A Daw 6, A M Daw 7, R H Daw (C) 8. Before Evensong. 1st in m for all. Also 4 Sept, 1260 P.B. Doubles: H Julie Hodgkinson (1st attempt) 1, R H Daw (C) 2, Deborah G Wild (1st as joint C) 3, R A Daw (C) 4, A M Daw (C) 5, J G Burton 6. Before Evensong.

Also 11 Sept, 1280 September S. Major: Ruth V Walton 1, Deborah G Wild 2, B Margaret Burton 3, J G Burton 4, Wendy Daw 5, A M Daw 6, R A Daw 7, R H Daw (C) 8. Before Evensong, 1st in m for all. Also 18 Sept, 1278 Grandsire Caters: Ruth V Walton 1, R A Daw 2, D M Matheson 3, J G Burton 4, Deborah G Wild 5, R H Daw (C) 6, Wendy Daw 7, A M Daw 8, Kathleen M Matheson 9, D R Bridgwood 10. Before Evensong. Also 9 Oct, 1260 P.B. Triples: Vivien C Walton 1, B Margaret Burton 2, Ruth V Walton 3, Deborah G Wild 4, Robin A Daw 5, Wendy Daw 6, R H Daw (C) 7, J G Burton 8. Before Evensong. 16th birthday compliment to Debbie Wild. Also 16 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: H Julie Hodgkinson (1st of

Also 16 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: H Julie Hodgkinson (1st of minor) 1, J G Burton 2, D M Matheson 3, Wendy Daw 4, P J Wareing 5, R H Daw (C) 6. Before Evensong. Also 30 Oct, 1260 P.B. Minor: B Margaret Burton 1, H Julie Hodgkinson (1st inside) 2, Wendy Daw 3, Deborah G Wild 4, R A Daw 5, R H Daw (C) 6. Before Evensong.

£2.60

Stratton, Cornwall. 19 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ellen Johns 1, W H Trewin (C) 2, Tracy Hardy 3, P Cummins 4, H Stacey 5, C E Taylor 6, R Dando 7, R Johns 8. Half-muffled as a tribute to Paul Durston, a chorister at Stratton for over 50 years. 84p

Streatham, London SW. 18 Dec, 1260 Doubles (2m): T T Bowlby 1, Helen S Hughes 2, P Valuks 3, R J Edmondson 4, R J Barber (C) 5, L N Winter (1st Q) 6. For the Carols by Candlelight Service. £1.20

Sydney, NSW (St Philip's Church Hill). 23 Nov, 1280 London S. Major: R Chapman 1, Mary Symes (1st in m except for spliced) 2, R Walters 3, H G Connon 4, Esther Byers 5, J Morgan (C) 6, A Davies 7, W Perrins 8. Also 2 Dec, 1260 P.B. Minor: A Woodward 1, Mary Symes 2, P Sears (1st minor inside) 3, Enid Roberts 4, R J Walters (C) 5, T Stevens 6. For Practice. Also 7 Dec, 1250 London S. Major: A Davies 1, Elizabeth Hill 2, Mary Symes 3, G Connon 4, T W Goodyer 5, A Champion 6, J Morgan (C) 7, R J Walters 8. For Practice. 1st in m except for spliced: 2,6.

Sydney, NSW (McMahons Point). 13 Dec, 1260 Stedman Triples: W T Perrins (C) 1-2, Esther M Byers 3-4, J Morgan 5-6, A K C Brown 7-8. In fond memory of "BATTY" Also 1344 Kent & Oxford T.B. Minor: W T Perrins 1-2, Esther M Byers 3-4, J Morgan (C) 5-6, A K C Brown (1st in m) 7-8. Abbott, Reg 1011 Aberdeen, St. Machar's Cathedral 500, 1088 first peal on newly installed bells 152, 158 peals 416 rededication 1-2 Abergavenny, Gwent 817 Adelaide, Australia 431, 841 special quarters 195, 768 affiliation to Central Council 592, 623, 720, 767, 792, 1085, 1156, 1178-9 Ainderby Steeple, N. Yorks 1088 Aldbourne, Wilts special quarter 617 Almondsbury, Avon special quarter 1158 Anglian Water 836 ANZAB 193, 451, 454-6, 472, 517, ANARS 195, 451, 454-6, 472 523-4, 646 peals 416 towers 249, 257-9 Aoyama Handbell Choir 876 Appledore, Devon 407 Appledor, Devon 407 Appleton, Oxon 106, 348, 967 Apprentice's Bell 967 Armada '88 197, 452, 540 Arnold, Notts special quarter 990 Arnott, Robert 597 Ashbourne, Derbys 769 Ashover, Derbys peals 127 Ashton-u-Lyme, Gtr Manchoster 195, 1131 assize weeks 821, 924 Aston, Birmingham 169 peals 416 asymmetrical calls 452 attendance records 449, 459 Auckland, New Zealand special quarter 880 augmentations 121, 223, 224-5, 279, 312, 320, 360, 407, 455, 480, 695, 717, 721, 789-90, 839, 858, 861, 884, 987, 1088, 1129, 1153-4, 1209-10 Australian Bicentennial Year (see also 'Tours') 99, 171, 193, 249, 257-9 Australian Acoustic Society 454 Avebury, Wilts 406 Backwell, Somerset special quarters 219, 923 Bacup, Lancs, Christchurch peals 255 Bagshot, Surrey special quarter 993 Baldersby, Yorks 4, 148, 880 Ballarat peals 255 ball lightning 312 Ballymena, Co. Antrim dedication 347 first peal on the bells 351 history of church, bells etc 273, 280-1 new twelve 3, 404 peals 280 Balsham, Cambs 338 history of church and bells, restoration 57-8, 989 erratum 123 Bampton, Oxon 647 Bampton, Oxon 647 band placing 415 Banister, Richard 363 Banwell, Somerset special quarter 226 Barber, Charles, <u>Bell Book</u> 477 Barron Bell Trust 1060, 1131 Bastard, John and William 961, 967 BATH AND WELLS DA 129, 460, 516, 858, 864, 942, 1222 Abs and a section of the sectio BATH AND WELLS DA (cont) Dunster 55, 272, 459, 594, 746, 990, 1061, 1189 Frome 1124 Taunton 9, 1172 Bath, Avon Larkhall, Special quarter 6 St. Michael with St. Paul special quarters 435, 1008, 1158, 1217 Bathwick, Bath, Avon 170, 355, 488, 915, 1074 BATTY 1127 Beaford, Devon first peal on the bells 1218 Beccles, Suffolk 316 Beckenham, Kent 293, 433, 496 peals 749 peals special quarters 724, 1152 Bede, the Venerable 817 Bedford Fair 772 BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION 760 Bedford 366, 1179 Biggleswade 191, 748, 959, 1014, 1051 Beginner's Guide to Change Ringing on Handbells 312, 452 belfry reform movement 409 belfry rules 570 bell fittings 222, 406 BELL FOUNDERS 

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The aim of the tour was to get as many ringers as possible competently ringing (and calling) spliced, whether in peals or quarter peals.

All peals attempted were successful (eventually!). Early losses at Parramatta and St. Andrew's prompted two re-organised attempts, and thanks go to the three English touring ringers who made up the numbers at Parramatta due to timing difficulties Donation £20

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Most Spliced: 5, 6, 8

S James

5

6

Stacey

Comp. S J Ivin

Elaine Lee

Brian R Cox

8 Ian D Harris (C)

4

Wed Dec 28 1988 2h46 (11)

(7m: 1152 Rutland; 960 London; 768 Cambridge; 576

Superlative, Yorkshire; 161 changes of method) Comp. M Maughan 1. Alistair K C Brown

# A.N.Z.A.B.

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First Spliced: 4, 7. First on tower bells as conductor. 50th together: 2, 8

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- David C Bath 4
- Tony Stevens
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SYDNEY, NSW.

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Royal (4m: 1440 Cambridge; 1386 Grandsire; 1260 Plain Bob; 949 Stedman; 3 changes of method)

- Comp. T Hooley
- David C Bath
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- 8 William T Perrins (C) 9 Philip R Goodyer
- 10 Ian D Harris

SYDNEY, N.S.W S Mark, Darling Point Fri Dec 30 1988 2h54 (8) 5024 Spliced S. Major (4m: 1312 Cambridge; 1280 Bristol; 1216 Superlative, London; 105 changes of

method, all the work) Comp. A J Pitman David C Bath

- 2 Esther M Byers
- 3 Philip R Goodyer 4 Alistair K C Brown
- William T Perrins
- 6 Brian R Cox lan D Harris (C)
- 8 David J Bleby

MAITLAND, N.S.W.

S Paul Sat Dec 31 1988 2h50 (14) 5040 Minor (7m: 1 extent each Annable's London.

Carlisle, Beverley, London Cambridge, Norwich, Hull)

- Brian R Cox
- 2 Ian D Harris
- 3 Alistair K C Brown 4 Esther M Byers
- Philip R Goodyer 5
- 6 William T Perrins (C)

SYDNEY N.S.W.

S Philip Sat Dec 31 1988 3h19 (19) 5056 Spliced S. Major (8m: 768 Rutland, London; 640 Bristol; 576 Cambridge, Pudsey, Superlative, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 142 changes of method)

- Elizabeth M Hill 2
- 3 Mary C Symes

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W

Wed Jan 4 1989 2h35 (10)

- 5024 London S. Major
- Comp H Law James 1 Richard E Dean
- **Ruth H Smith** Brian R Cox 3
- Elizabeth M Hill 4
- 5 Stephen Rich 6 Alan H Champion
  - David J Bleby
  - 8 Robert B Smith (C)
  - First in method. 3, 4, 6, 7

# RINGING IN THE NEW IN ULSTER

Excerpts from the diary of a five-day tour of Northern Ireland The English contingent arrived haphazardly in Belfast, in certain cases at the wrong airport. Following Andy's first quarter of Surprise Major inside, we gathered in the unique gas-lit. "Crown Liquor Salon" for revitalisation. Here we were complete, with the company of the English Rodge with his entertaining com-panion Huey Two", who had just alighted from the Liverpool Ferry.

Thursday saw the successful completion of an ambitious Thursday saw the successful completion of an ambitious quarter peal programme. This included a lightning visit to Southern Ireland to what one's appetite. A good quarter of Bristol was achieved on the challenging eight at Drogheda, which was dedicated to 60 years of ringing by Fred Dukes. He must be Ireland's most famous contemporary ringer for his long-standing service on the Central Council and years of helpful tour organisation. We then went onward to the capital for a 1,000-change miscellaneous performance to com-memorate 1,000 years of the city's history in Millennium Year. On Friday we toured the province and received a yery

On Friday we toured the province and received a very welcome tea at Enniskillen before traveling on to the impressive ring in Londonderry. The day culminated with an ad hoc "chilli" at "Balmoral Mews", including fruit salad in cake hoc "chilli" at "Balmoral Mews", including truit salad in case tin. The evening continued to reveal the inability of all present to complete "Trivial Pursuit". New Year's Eve commenced with a successful peal in Bally

mena, followed by further serious Guinness judging. Later the party ambled back to Belfast and prepared to welcome-in party ambled back to Belfast and prepared to welcome in 1989 The festivities started with a 10-pin bowling contest between "The Big Willie" and his "Poison Dwarf" versus an "Octogenarian" and his "Personal Fossil". A short drive took us to "O'Reilly's" in Dromara, a true mecca for the discerning Guinness drinker. We thoroughly enjoyed our meal, and intro-duced the old BUSCR pub game of "Squeeze" to any locals who wanted to hold hands.

Serious ringing at Drumbo interrupted things for a few minutes before adjourning to Balmoral Mews again. One party game caught the entire Lindsay family with their trousers down at once

at once! For the keener spirit, a 1989 date touch was successfully rung at Drumbo on New Year's Morning, courtesy of Big Rodge. The ringing continued with three more successful quarter peals. Exhaustion finally set in on Sunday evening, and was tempor-arily quelled with a Chinese and "Amadeus". I would like to thank all tower correspondents and rectors for the use of their belic, moreover, to lobe Lindew for correspondent

I would like to thank all tower correspondents and rectors for the use of their bells; moreover, to John Lindsay for organising several quarter peals for the touring party. I was proud to welcome-in a new year of ringing in Ulster, with a significant contingent of English ringers. I sincerely hope that 1989 will see a continued renaissance in ringing in Northern Ireland. To all those hoping to tour Ireland, please do not forget "the North": the people here are exceptionally friendly, and the bells are some of the finest in the country. Please do not be influenced by the unrealistic coverage in the media

Happy New Year to all ringers, and I hope to see you in Ulster soon. £7 PAUL HARDEN

(8m: 736 Bristol, London

640 Adelaide, Rutland; 608

Cambridge; 576 Pudsey, Superlative; 544 Brighton;

143 changes of method, all

Comp. R G Crosland

1 Gregory T Woods 2 Mary C Symes

Esther M Byers

John H Fryer

6 Ian D Harris

First on 8 1

Alistair K C Brown

Philip R Goodyer

William T Perrins (C)

the work)

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Monday, 26th December, 1988 Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim. 1260 P.B. Triples: R Lindsay 1, Sally McDowell 2, Maud Lindsay 3, D Drinkell 4, M Howes 5, C Lindsay 6, J Lindsay (C) 7, J McDowell 8.

Tuesday, 27th December, 1988 Drumbo, Co. Down. 1260 Grandsire Triples: Carole Shaw 1, Maud Lindsay 2, Janet Pritchard 3, K Hamilton 4, J Lindsay 5, C Lindsay 6, R Lindsay (C) 7, J Hamilton 8.

Lindsay G, H Lindsay (C) 7, J Hamilton 8. Wednesday, 28th December, 1988 Ballymena, Co. Antrim. 1260 P.B. Triples: Tracy Letters 1, Sally McDowell 2, Maud Lindsay 3, A D Twineham 4, R Lindsay 5, S Letters 6, J Lindsay (C) 7, J McDowell 8. And Drumbo, Co. Down. 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: S Walker 1, Maud Lindsay 2, P. N Harden 3, Heather M Gibbs 4, D McLean 5, A D Twineham (1st S. Major inside) 6, C Lindsay 7, R Lindsay (C) 8.

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8 Philip R Goodyer

First 8-Spliced: 2, 8.

All Saints

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

Comp. A J Cox

Gail L Idle

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£1.20

5040 Doubles (5 m/v, 42 extents: (1-4) Grandsire; (5-8) Plain

Bob; (9-12) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Place; (13-16) Clifford's

Pleasure; (17-20) Plain Bob; (21-24) April Day; (25-32) Plain

Bob; (33-36) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Place; (37-42) Plain

First peal on the bells by a local Sunday service band. First

NEWHEY, Lancs, S Thomas

Thur Dec 29 1988 2h41 (4)

5120 Superlative S. Major

Joseph Thornley Helen Rigby Paul M De Kok

**Geoffrey Fothergill** 

Stephen A Brannan

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Dennis R Allcock

8 Jeffrey Brannan (C)

4 Harriet Turner (13)

6 Deborah J Hale (15)

BROUGHTON ASTLEY,

Sat Dec 31 1988 3h2 (18)

W John Thornton

Francis W Fisher

Paul M Atkins (C)

ARCHDEACONRY SOC.

Wed Nov 30 1988 2h56 (17)

KINGSBURY, Warks,

5024 Rutland S. Major

Amanda E Butcher

Stuart C W Hutchieson

Michael Maughan (C)

**Elizabeth Sheard** 

Cyril T Collins

**Clive M Smith** 

SEDGLEY, W Mids,

Comp. M Maughan

John F Mulvey

Vernon Wright

**Clive M Smith** 

8 Philip R Johnson

Philip J Day

Philip R Johnson

8 Gordon K Chaddock

Sat Dec 10 1988 3h3 (13)

5152 Lincolnshire S. Major

Philip A Ramsbottom Cyril T Collins

Michael Maughan (C)

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SS Peter & Paul

Comp. N Smith

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All Saints

**Christopher Newman** 

2 Pamela J Fisher

Mark Pendery

4 Alison J Atkins

8 G Barry Brown

First in method: 2, 5

LICHFIELD

5056 Lincolnshire S. Major

LEICESTER D.G.

Comp. W Barton

Leics, S Mary

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5 David J Thompson (C)

First in method: 3, 7

Thursday, 29th December, 1988 Newcastle, Co. Down. 1320 Newcastle S. Minor: A D Twineham 1, J Lindsay 2, R J Lawson 3, Heather M Gibbs 4, S C W Hutchieson 5, R Lindsay (C) 6. 1st in m-2, 3, 6. And Rostrevor. 1320 London S. Minor: A D Twineham 1, S C W Hutchieson (C) 2, Heather M Gibbs 3, J Lindsay 4, R J Lawson 5, P N Harden 6. And Drogheda, Co. Louth. 1344 Bristol S. Major: Heather Faull 1, M Pomeroy 2, P N Harden 3, R J Lawson 4, D McLean 5, J Lindsay 6, R Lindsay 7, S C W Hutchieson (C) 8. A tribute to Fred Dukes on completion of 60 vers' ringing for 8. A tribute to Fred Dukes on completion of 60 years' ringing for the Irish Association. And Hillsborough, Co. Down. 1280 Yorkshire S. Royal: A D Twineham (1st T.B. Royal) 1, Maud Lindsay 2, J Lindsay 3, M Pomeroy 4, Heather M Gibbs 5, C Lindsay 6, R J Lawson 7, P N Harden 8, S C W Hutchieson (C) 9, R Lindsay 10, 1st Yorkshire Royal: 2, 3, 7, 10, 1st blows in Yorkshire Royal-5,

# Friday, 30th December, 1988

Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh, 1282 Cambridge S. Royal: Heather Faull (1st T.B. Royal) 1, Heather M Gibbs 2, J Lindsay (C; 100th Q in 1988) 3, M Pomeroy 4, R Lindsay 5, R J Lawson 6, D McLean 7, P N Harden 8, C Lindsay 9, S C W Hutchieson 10 Sunday, 1 st January, 1989

Drumbo, Co. Down. 1989 Yorkshire S. Major: A D Twineham 1, Heather M Gibbs 2, Heather Faull 3, R J Lawson 4, D McLean 5, M Pomeroy 6, R Lindsay (C) 7, S C W Hutchieson 8, 1st date touch-1, 2, 3. And Carrickfergus, Co. Antrim, 1250 Bristol S Major: A D Twineham 1, Maud Lindsay 2, Heather M Gibbs 3, M Pomeroy 4, A S Hudson 5, R J Lawson 6, R Lindsay (C) 7, S C W Hutchieson 8.

Monday, 2nd January, 1989 Drumbo, Co. Down. 1280 Cambridge S. Major: J Lindsay (C) J. Gillian Adair 2, Maud Lindsay 3, Heather Fault 4, M Pomeroy 5, A D Twineham 6, R Lindsay 7, C Lindsay 8 1st Cambridge S. Major–6. And 1280 5-Spliced S. Major (CNYSR): Heather Fault 1, Claire Hudson 2, Maud Lindsay 3, A S Hudson 4, M Pomeroy 5, C Lindsay 6, J Lindsay 7, R Lindsay (C) 8, 1st 5-Spliced–3, 6

# BATH & WELLS DA.

MIDSOMER NORTON. Som, S John Bapt Thur Dec 29 1988 3h17 (221) 5042 Swindon S. Maximus

# Comp A J Cox 1 Zena Woodley

- Paul K Williamson
- 3 Stephen J Bateman 4
- Janet M New 5 A Stephen Taylor
- 6 David J Purnell
- Jenny M A Astridge
- 8 **David J Buckley**
- 9 **Robert Perry**
- 10 Robert E Beck 11 Adrian P Beck
- 12 Barrie Hendry (C)

First in method: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11. First blows in method: 8 £1.60

# BEVERLEY & DIST. SOC

**HESSLE**, Humbs, **All Saints** Thur Dec 29 1988 2h48 (14) 5040 Minor (2 extents each Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Plain Bob; 1 Cambridge Surprise) **Rosina Baxter** Susan Watson David Watson 3

- **Judith Haselhurst**
- 5 Barry Baxter
- 6 Robert Jordan (C)

By the local Sunday service band, sponsored in aid of the Church Urban Fund.

# CHESTER D G

NEW MILLS, Derbys, S George

Mon Dec 26 1988 2h44 (13) 5056 Yorkshire S. Major

- Comp. M J Platt
- Andrew W Gordon
- Duncan G Walker 2
- Alyson Kerr
- Simon J Poole
- Alastair J Hopkins 5
- 6 Graham M Bradshaw
- Peter J Townsend

8 Denis Mottershead (C) To mark the 101st anniversary year of the Guild

5040 Surprise Minor (4m: 1 extent London; 2 each Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge) Trevor Holmes Helen S Mitchell John W Griffiths 3 4 Andrew J Jobson 5 Geoffrey Parting 6 Jonathan D Shanklin (C) First Minor: 1. Most S. Minor

**BACKFORD**, Cheshire,

Wed Dec 28 1988 2h40 (10)

S Oswald K & M

# **OXTON**, Cheshire,

S Saviour Wed Dec 28 1988 3h18 (20) 5040 Cambridge S. Royal Comp. R W Pipe

**1** Shirley Harris

- 2 Geoffrey R Gardner 3 C Kenneth Lewis
- Eric R Jones
- Philip J Rothera 5 6 J Denis Maddock
- Peter J Townsend R Gordon Corby 8
- **Richard S Starkie** 10 Rev. Brian Harris (C)
- 850th peal: 5 A 75th birthday compliment to Mrs Hilda Poulter, mother of the
- Vicar of this parish WOLSTANTON, Staffs, S Margaret
- Sat Dec 31 1988 3h (131) 5184 Double Norwich C.B Major
- Comp. G Lindoff
- James Townsend Duncan G Walker
- 2 3 **Robert Peers**
- Alastair J Hopkins

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- 5 J David Adams
- 6 Ian Friend
- Graham M Bradshaw 8 Denis Mottershead (C)

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

# **DURHAM & NEWCASTLE** D.A.

HEREFORD D.G.

SS Peter & Paul

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S Nicholas

STOKE LACY, Herefords,

Sun Dec 18 1988 2h43 (8)

John A G Clements Laurence T Mainwaring Frederick W Davies

5040 Plain Bob Minor

E Charles Biggs

James W Turner

75th peal: 4. Specially

arranged to mark Fred

Frederick R Harris (C)

Davies' first peal in the same

building of the present tower

method 50 years ago. Also

125th anniversary of the

LEOMINSTER, Herefords,

Tues Dec 20 1988 2h43 (71)

Sarah J Newman (14)

attempt as conductor. First inside: 3

Clair L Newman (14)

3 Jenny M Cole (15)

**IRISH ASSOCIATION** 

**BALLYMENA, Co. Antrim** 

Sat Dec 31 1988 3h (141)

5088 Yorkshire S. Royal

Comp. S Hutchieson

Heather Faull

Maud Lindsay

Roger Lindsay Paul N Harden

Heather M Gibbs

Roger J Lawson

John Lindsay

Mike Pomeroy

First T.B. Royal: 1. First

(Isle of Oxney Guild

of Change Ringers)

Bob (4 callings)

Anne Wenham

Patrick J Denne

3. First Doubles: 4, 5

THANINGTON, Kent,

Frank R Wenham

**Richard H Edwards** 

Derek B F Wenham

Sat Dec 31 1988 2h48 (5)

5040 Plain Bob Minor

Ian J Hazel

Paul I Butler

the passing of 1988

(Seven different extents)

Cathryn M Andrews

Josephine D Horton

Alan L Andrews (C)

First peal: 1. First inside: 4

First in method: 5. First as

conductor. Half-muffled for

Brian L Wetherall

First peal: 1, 6. Most methods

STONE-IN-OXNEY, Kent,

Sat Dec 24 1988 2h55 (13)

Grandsire (10 callings); 10 St

Crawford T Hillis (C)

Martin's, St Simon's; 12 Plain

5040 Doubles (10 extents

Andrew S Hudson

10 Stuart C Hutchieson (C)

Yorkshire Royal: 2, 3, 5, 7, 8

Priory of SS Peter & Paul

and nave, and for Carol

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, Durham, S Thomas-à-Becket Fri Dec 29 1988 2h23 (53) 5040 Doubles (3m: 12 extents each Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire; 18 Plain

- Bob) 1 Alastair C N Banton (101)
- A Colin Banton (C) 2
- Corinne P Banton 3
- Nigel R Self 4
- 5 Douglas Elwick First attempt: 1 On the

James" five, for the Feast of St Thomas-a-Becket and within the Octave of the Holy Nativity, after meeting short £1 for Minor.

# ESSEX ASSOCIATION

HATFIELD HEATH. Essex, Holy Trinity Sat Dec 24 1988 2h 15 (4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>) 5040 Minor (12m: (1) St Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Pinehurst; (2) Kent and Oxford T.B : (3 & 4) Norwich ; (5 & 6) Plain and Double Bob; (7) Cambridge S.) 1 Tim J Peverett (C)

- 2 Andrew J Dickinson
- Stephen P Peverett
- Adrian G Semken 4
- 5 Karen R Semken 6 John R Peverett

25th peal: 3

TOLLESHUNT D ARCY. Essex, S Nicholas Sat Dec 24 1988 2h28 (61/2) 5040 Minor (7 m: (1) Double Oxford; (2) St Clement's; (3) Kent and Oxford T.B.; (4) Norwich S.; (5) Cambridge S.; (6, 7) Plain Bob)

- Michael J Semken
- Tim J Peverett (C) 2
- Stephen P Peverett 3
- 4 Karen R Semken 5 Adrian G Semken
- 6 John R Peverett

GREAT YELDHAM, Essex, S Andrew Tues Dec 27 1988 2h31(7)

5040 Plain Minor (12m: (1) College, Wavertree

College; (2) Single Oxford; (3) Buxton, Pinehurst; (4)Childwall, Thelwall: (5)Double Oxford, St Clements; (6) Reverse Bob; (7) Plain Bob, Double Bob)

- 1 Michael J Semken
- 2 Karen R Semken Stephen P Peverett
- Andrew J Dickinson 4
- Adrian G Semken 5
- 6 Tim J Peverett (C) Most Plain Minor for all.

# **GUILDFORD D.G**

HERSHAM, Surrey, S Peter Thur Dec 29 1988 2h34 (8)

- 5152 Yorkshire S. Major
- Comp. R.W. Pipe 1. Christopher M.J. Stanley (C) 2. Heather I Webb
- Matthew C Webb

Alexander Nash

5 Jonathan Lane

Gary J Audley

Peter Felton

First attempt: 2

6 Stuart Aitken

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# CODSALL. Staffs. **S**Nicholas Sat Dec 10 1988 2h54 (9) 5152 Alloa S. Major Comp. M Maughan Eric E Speake

- Clive M Smith
- **Stephen T Yates** л
- Margaret Jones 5 Selwyn G Jones
- 6 C Richard Lycett
- Michael Maughan (C)
- 8 Philip R Johnson

# N. AMERICAN GUILD

CHICAGO, Illinois, Mitchell Tower University of Chicago Sat Dec 10 1988 2h44 (10) 5040 Plain Bob Minor 1 Sarah Beukema 2 Sarah Schofield 3 Cathy Carson 4 Ken East 5 Mark Rizzo 6 Tom Farthing (C)

First peal: 3. For the 80th anniversary of the hanging of the bells. \$5

BOSTON, Mass Church of the Advent Wed Dec 28 1988 2h59 (19) 5056 Rutland S. Major Comp D F Morrison

- Kenneth R Ballou
- Maurice W Southworth
- 3 Betsy Hosler 4 Norma E Henderson
- **Geoffrey Davies** 5
- 6 Linda C Woodford
- Donald F Morrison (C)

8 Edward J Futcher

First in method: 3. Completes the "standard ten" on the bells in 1988

# OXFORD D.G.

ASTON CLINTON, Bucks, S Michael & All Angels Sat Dec 31 1988 2h53 (13) 5088 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. N J Pitstow Sheila M Woodruff Nicholas J Pemble

- L Roy Woodruff Alan R Bentley 3
- 5 Walter Lee
- 6 John S White

Nigel R Woodruff (C)

- 8 Graham A Proctor
- First Yorkshire: 2 £1.40

**DORNEY**, Bucks, S James-the-Less Sat Dec 31 1988 2h30 (7)

5040 Surprise Minor (Primrose, York, London Norwich, Ipswich, Beverley, Cambridge)

- Cathy M Holdway
- Eileen Stevenson 3
- Mark C Instone John R Martin (C) 4
- 5 Colin M Turner

Peter G C Ellis

This peal finished at 10 40 p.m. Was this the last peal of

1988?

**Peal Compositions should** Peter Border, 5 Verdon Place, Barlord, Warwick CV358BT

# HUGHENDEN Bucks S Michael & All Angels Sat Dec 31 1988 2h51 (14) 5184 Rutland S. Major Comp. C Forster

Colin M Turner Peter G C Ellis

- 3 Cathy M Holdway Δ Mark C Instone
- 5 J Alan Ainsworth
- 6 Stephen A Wheeler
- John R Martin (C) 8 Peter Bridle
- STOKE POGES, Bucks S Giles

Sat Dec 31 1988 2h50 (13) 5152 Spliced S. Major (4m: 1312 Bristol; 1280 each Cambridge, Superlative, London; 112 changes of method, all the work) Comp. A J Pitman Bernard FL Groves (C) Peter Bridle Robert H Newton 2 3 John R Martin 4 Peter G C Ellis 5 **Patricia M Newton** 6

- 7 Peter H Mackie
- 8 Colin M Turner

# ST. JAMES' GUILD

YORK, Cathedral Sat Dec 31 1988 4h26 (591)

# 5042 Cambridge S. Maximus

- Comp. R W Pipe
- Stephanie J Kenton David J Dearnley 2
- **Gwen Rogers**
- 4 Enid Lawson
- 5
- Simon J L Linford Paul N Mounsey (C) John N Hughes-D'Aeth 6
- David C Brown 8

  - Ian G Campbell
  - John P Loveless
- Mark Regan 11

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12 Philip Rogers

# ST. MARTIN'S GUILD. BIRMINGHAM

EDGBASTON, Birmingham, W. Mids, S Bartholomew Wed Dec 21 1988 2h38 (10) 5024 Spliced S. Major (8m: 736 London; 640 Cambridge, Superlative Pudsey; 608 Rutland, Bristol; 576Yorkshire, Lincolnshire; 132 changes of method, all the work) Comp. N R Aspland Annette C Jarratt **Michael R Chilvers** 3 **Elizabeth Sheard** 

- 4 Catherine R Taylor
- 5 Michael J Garle 6 C Philip Hope
- Roger J Lawson
- 8 Stuart CW Hutchieson (C) First 8-Spliced: 5, 7, First 8-Spliced all-the-work: 2 and
- as conductor

# SOUTHAMPTON UNIV. GUILD

SUFFOLK GUILD

Arr. James A Smith

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Brian E Whiting

Simon A Rudd Owen P Claxton

Adrian Knights

David L Sparling

Amanda M Whiting (C)

First in method for all except

compliment to Lester Brett.£1

Ralph N Earey

8 James A Smith

4 An 84th birthday

WINCHESTER &

Cathedral

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PORTSMOUTH D.G.

PORTSMOUTH Hants

5003 Grandsire Caters Arr. M M Powell

Christine R Hill (C)

Mavis A Whitehead

Pamela M Rabbetts

Matthew C Webb

Vanessa Powell

8 Malcolm M Powell

Fr Barry J Fry

10 Michael J Pearce

First on 10: 1, 10. First

the passing of 1988.

HANDBELL PEAL

**COLLEGE YOUTHS** 

Cornhill (Vestry)

LONDON EC, S Michael,

Fri Dec 23 1988 3h8 (18)

5090 Stedman Cinques

Comp. J N Hughes-D'Aeth

1-2 William T Cook 3-4 John N Hughes-D'Aeth

5-6 Paul N Mounsey (C)

7-8 Philip A F Chalk

9-10 Graham G Firman

11-12 Michael P Moreton

Past-Masters of the Society

Duffield, senior Past-Master,

on his recent 90th birthday

as a compliment to Mr E P

By the Master and

anniversarv

Grandsire: 4. Half-muffled for

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF

9 Peter W Hill

Sat Dec 31 1988 3h10 (251)

Andrew R G Curphey

OFFTON, Suffolk, S Mary

Sat Dec 24 1988 2h45 (81)

5152 Montgomery S. Major

WICKHAM, Hants, S Nicholas Wed Dec 14 1988 2h42 (10) 5040 Minor (720 each Cambridge Surprise, St Clement's, Double Oxford, Childwall, Thelwall; 1440 Plain Bob) Sarah C Woodcock

- Susan M Morrison Rupert Howes
- 3 Rhoda Mottram
- 5 Simon J Dixon
- Roy A S Mould (C) Most methods: 2, 4, 6. With

best wishes for a speedy recovery to Brenda Hustler

# S. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SOCIETY

MOULTON, Northants, SS Peter & Paul Sat Dec 10 1988 2h58 (11) 5040 Whernside S. Royal Comp. W E Critchley **Christopher C Stokes** Alan A Paul **Ruth Stokes** W Eric Critchley (C) 4 5 Raymond A Vickers Andrew Haseldine 6 Barry R Care **Richard Haseldine** 8 9 Barry E Saunders 10 Graham C Paul First peal in the method Whernside S. Royal: -56-.14.56-50.36.-14-.58.-14-70,-14-.10. mx

**DAVENTRY**, Northants, Holy Cross Sat Dec 31 1988 3h15 (183)

- 5040 Twistle S. Royal
- Comp. W E Critchley
- James Linnell
- Shirley E McGill
- Raymond A Vickers Δ W Eric Critchley (C)
- **Richard Haseldine** 5
- Alan A Paul 6
- Charles E Truman 8 Stanley M Ruddlesden
- - 9 **Barry E Saunders** 10 Graham C Paul First peal in the method.

Twistle S. Royal:

-56-14 56-50.36.14-70.58 16-56.70.-56- 10. A

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# Quarter Peals

(No place given). 11 Dec, 1320 PB Doubles (6 & 7 covering): J Hollingshurst 1, R Rose 2, C G Vidgen 3, A M Grace 4, R D C Richards (C) 5, L Shamler 6, M Murfin (1st attempt) 7. "In honour of the Tuesday Singers". \$1.50

Abingdon, Oxon (St Helen) 11 Dec, 1280 Spliced S Major (CNPSY): Priscilla Morris 1, Kay Chamberlain 2, Eluned Hallas 3, J D Chamberlain 4, H E Bishop 5, B J Read 6, T G Pett (C) 7, M M Poole 8. For Confirmation Service by local band.

Acle, Norfolk, 4 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: Annett M Edwards 1, M Elizabeth High 2, Julie Beesley 3, C F Beesley 4, Nikki Thomas (1st as C) 5, Sarah Watson (1st as cover) 6. For Christingle.

Addington, Surrey. 21 Dec, 1320 Ipswich S Minor: Claire Whitehead 1, Alison Godfrey 2, N I Kimber 3, Judith Godfrey 4, Wendy Wallace 5, E G H Godfrey 6, 500

Ainderby Steeple, N Yorks. 24 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Hannah Mortimer 1, A D Mills 2, J Hallet 3, P Town 4, D Town (C) 5, G Blackburn 6. First Q in the tower and on the augmented ring. In memoriam Neil Ferguson Robinson (father of treble ringer) in whose memory the treble bell was donated.

Aldbourne, Wilts 25 Dec, 1260 Doubles (8m/v): Paula D Gilligan 1, A G Keen (C) (675th Q) 2, G A Newman 3, T P Gilligan 4, M Hart 5, G Cook 6. For Holy Communion. 50p

Aldenham, Herts. 19 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: Pat Ratcliffe (1st Q) 1, Theo Crowder 2, Helen Wastling 3, P Mackley 4, J R Southey (C) 5, Jill Langford 6. 100th birthday compliment to Kirsten Elizabeth Ratcliffe. £1

Arnold, Notts 26 Dec, 1320 PB Minor: D Surgey (1st minor) 1, Joanne H Barker 2, J C Davies 3, Lisa M Savelio 4, Elizabeth Beardsley 5, A C Moult (C) 6. For the Ruby Wedding this day of Mr & Mrs Guise, grandparents of ringer of 4. £1

Ashleworth, Glos. 12 Dec, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Iris Davis 1, Lisa Newman 2, Ruth Halling 3, G Swindail 4, Jane Swindail 5, M P Taylor (C) 6. A tribute to Clarence Finch, tower captain, who died March 1986. 60p

Aspley, Notts. 26 Oct, 1250 Zeus S Major: Angela D Wakefield 1, A P Sweeting 2, Nancy L Surman 3, R J Lawson 4, C P Hope 5, M R Chilvers 6, S J Mills 7, A B Mills (C) 8. 1st blows in m for all. 80p

Babbacombe, Devon. 27 Nov, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rose Curnow 1, Sue Taylor 2, Rachel King 3, Jacky Lawton 4, S K Glanfield (C) 5, M A Curnow 6. 60p

Balcombe, Sussex. 18 Dec, 1264 Truro Court B Major: N Wilson 1, E R Rapley 2, Valerie J Howard 3, R Overy 4, F H Hicks 5, D R Finch 6, E H Knapp 7, J A Howard (C) 8, Golden wedding anniversary compliment to Peggy & Raymond Overy with the best wishes of the band. £1.50

Barlaston, Staffs 27 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: C Machin 1, P Atkins (C) 2, W Evans 3, J Beech 4, C Rice 5, D Rice 6. For Christmas.

Barnby, Notts. 20 Dec, 1260 Doubles (3m): P F Curtis 1, Beryl N Reed 2, Helen Young 3, Sarah Tilley 4, D J Tysoe (C) 5, F Tomlinson 6. For Christmas Carol Service. 60p

Basingstoke, Hants (St Michael). 10 Dec, 1344 Little B Major: A N Hoar 1, Barbara A Foster 2, Esme J Weaver 3, Judy E Couperthwaite 4, R P N Williams 5, J Weaver 6, B F Peachey (C) 7, Heather L E Peachey 8. For the Mayor's Carol Concert.

Basingstoke, Hants (St Michael). 18 Dec, 1280 Kent TB Major: Esme J Weaver 1, A N Hoar 2, Barbara A Foster 3, J W Foster 4, J Weaver 5, T Arkless 6, G D Peck 7, M B Hough (C) 8. For the Nine Lessons and Carols Service. £1.20

Bathwick, Avon. 14 Dec, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Ines Laider 1, R M Stubbs 2, Kate Rouse 3, B Grinter (50th this year) 4, Tina Stoeklin 5, R W Willans 6, H C Newman 7, M J C Cannon 8, M J Stubbs (C) 9, Maggie Willans 10. 50p

Benhilton, Surrey. 18 Dec, 1280 PB Major: Jane Topley 1, Rosemary Cryle 2, Ann Murrells 3, T A Thomas 4, Elizabeth A Lebihan 5, L Murrells 6, P W S Richardson 7, J D Cheesman (C) 8. For Evensong.

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Beverley, Humbs (St Mary). 18 Dec, 1260 Stedman Doubles: P Mavity 1, Dinah M Rhyme 2, Rachel Mearns 3, N D Soanes 4, J M Brook (C) 5, D H Watson 6. 1st Stedman Doubles 1 & 2. 1st Stedman 3 & 4. 50p Bexhill, Sussex 16 Dec, 1280 Rutland S Major: R R Kennard 1, C E Slade 2, Louise G Pink 3, Catherine Nevin (1st in m) 4, M J Reed 5, E F P Bryant 6, D R Ware 7, A D Pink (C) 8. 70p

Bexley, Kent. 18 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: Mary R Andrews 1, D T Miller 2, C F Jeal 3, K Medhurst 4, P W Hicks 5, Margaret E Bellinger (C) 6. For service of Nine Lessons and Carols. 50p

Bideford, Devon 13 Dec, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Patricia Yeo 1, Joan Clarke 2, Heather Weaver 3, Judith Baldwin 4, J Ross 5, T Hampton 6, J D Weaver (C) 7, J Clarke 8.

Bidford-on-Avon, Warks. 28 Dec, 1264 PB Major: Veronica Quinn 1, Jennifer M Winslow 2, L Ann Mew 3, C F Mew 4, G Payne 5, J W Nicholls 6, J Ariss 7, P J F Quinn (C) 8. 80p

Bishampton, Worcs. 27 Dec, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: G F Smith 1, Sue Hills 2, Alison McCormick 3, M J Hills 4, S W Robinson 5, M B Cowley (C) 6. £1

Bottlisham, Cambs. 18 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: Sheila A Allen 1, M R Kitson (C) 2, A G Gillson (1st minor) 3, D G Brown 4, D E Latchford 5, B D Threlfall 6.

Brabourne, Kent 18 Dec, 1260 Doubles (3m): Ann Davies 1, Ceri Mitchell (most methods) 2, R Lucas 3, Cathryn M Andrews 4, A L Andrews (C) 5, J S Criddle 6. For the Carol Service. 60p

Brackley, Northants 30 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: J Woolley 1, Margaret Woolley 2, Julie Blencowe 3, Canon P C Woodward (1st inside) 4, R C Woodward (C) 5, Laura MacMahon 6. £1

Brassington, Derbys. 13 Nov, 1260 Doubles (2m): Clare Waterhouse 1, Gillian G Pearson 2, C F C Pearson 3, Elizabeth Nowill 4, J M Bell 5, J H Nowill 6. Half-muffled for Armistice and in memory of Rev J Lownds, Rector of Bonsall and Vicar of Cromford. 60p

Brassington, Derbys 4 Dec, 1260 Doubles (5m): M Pearson 1, Gillian G Pearson 2, C F C Pearson 3, Elizabeth Nowill 4, J M Bell 5, J H Nowill 6. 60p

Brasted, Kent. 18 Dec, 1260 Doubles (2m): Melanie Edgar 1, R P Sherlock 2, S G Bew 3, Catherine M Lewis 4, F W Lewis (C) 5, D Edgar 6. For Carol Service. £1

Bromborough, Mers. 1 Dec, 1280 DNCBM: D Peers 1, R Peers 2, J F Oultram 3, Christine Mills 4, J G Lifton

5, E R Jones 6, P D A Mills (C) 7, G Parting 8. 80p Bromham, Beds. 23 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M D Green (1st on 7) 1, Lin Barratt 2, M D Barratt 3, C E Jeffries (C) 4, D A Hammond 5, R J Hillson 6, Dennis Green 7, R Framp 8. Prior to Carol Service. £1.60

Bromham, Beds. 28 Dec, 1988 PB Triples: R Entwistle 1, Lin Barratt 2, Georgina Barratt 3, C E Jeffries 4, M Entwistle (1st Triples) 5, D A Hammond 6, M D Barratt (C) 7, D Green 8. £1.60

Bugbrooke, Northants. 15 Dec, 1260 Doubles (2m): Gillian White (1st Q) 1, W H Collins 2, Hilda Collins 3, R A Vickers 4, J R White (C) 5. In thanksgiving for completion of restoration of church handbells. £1

Burwell, Camba 26 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: J P Hardy 1, C J Dunbavin 2, Evelyn Kirby 3, E W Black 4, D Gilbert 5, P W Alexander (C) 6. Farewell compliment to the conductor, moving to Banbury in the new year. £1.20

Caddington, Beds 26 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: Elizabeth A Jones (1st of minor) 1, Chris A Williams 2, Lucy Shepherd 3, S R Williams 4, R A Horne 5, A M Shepherd (C) 6.

Cambridge (St Andrew). 28 Nov, 1280 Spliced S Major (CYNSPLRBA): Katherine A Oldershaw 1, J A Ferrar 2, Alison M Godfrey 3, Rachel H Pusey 4, S L Nicholson 5, R O Hall 6, P J Agg (C) 7, S J Gay 8. Most Surprise Major for all except 7. 80p

Cambridge (St Andrew). 30 Nov, 1260 Erin Triples: Alison M Godfrey 1, S L Nicholson 2, Louise M Bland 3, H V Bettinson 4, C E J Kilgour 5, R O Hall 6, I J Anderson (C) 7. 1st in m – 1,3,4,5,7. For St Andrew's Day. 70p

Cambridge (St Andrew). 3 Dec, 1280 Superlative S Major: Niki R Sibson 1, Alison M Godfrey 2, D Love 3, C E J Kilgour 4, Louise M Bland 5, R B S Oakeshott 6, R O Hall 7, I J Anderson (C) 8. 1st in m — 3,4,5. 80p

**Cambridge** (St Andrew). 6 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D Love 1, I J Anderson 2, Alison M Godfrey 3, R O Hall 4, S J Dann 5, Rachel H Pusey (1st on 8) 6, Katherine A Oldershaw (C) 7, Louise M Bland 8. 80p

Canterbury, Kent (Cathedral). 11 Dec, 1260 Stedman Triples: Susan E Record 1, Ann Davies 2, Vanessa J Martin 3, K A F Record 4, C Davies 5, D H Niblett (C) 6, M W Coleman 7, M Barden 8. For Evensong. 50p Canterbury, Kent (Cathedral). 27 Nov, 1296 Grandsire Caters: Nicola Jakeman 1, A L Andres 2, S C Palin 3, P R Russell 4, M J Little 5, I F Young 6, D J Russell 7, D H Niblett 8, J N Wilkinson (C) 9, B P V Lawrence 10. For Evensong by Canterbury District Band.

Canterbury, Kent (St Dunstan). 10 Dec, 1320 London S Minor: S Bennett 1, A L Andrews 2, Josephine D Horton (1st in m) 3, Cathryn M Andrews 4, L A Huckstep (1st in m) 5, S A Wheeler (C) 6. 90p

Canterbury, Kent (St Dunstan). 11 Dec, 1272 Norwich S Minor: M N Wetherilt 1, Amanda J Horton (1st in m) 2, Josephine D Horton 3, S A Wheeler (C) 4, Cathryn M Andrews 5, A L Andrews 6. For Christingle Service. 90p

Canterbury, Kent (St Stephen). 4 Dec, 1280 DNCBM: Elleen S Palin 1, Vanessa J Martin 2, Jill Joyce 3, Ruth S Niblett 4, D M Joyce 5, A J Oldershaw 6, D H Niblett (C) 7, S C Palin 8. For Evensong. 50p

 Niblett (C) 7, S C Palin 8. For Evensong.
 50p

 Caversfield, Oxon.
 12 Dec, 1260 Doubles (3m):

 Sally A Franklin 1, Janis McGill (most m inside) 2,

 Lindsey C CUtler 3, B J Curtis (C) 4, D B Carter 5. 25th

 doubles this year - 5.
 50p

Charlton on Otmoor, Oxon 18 Dec, 1260 Reverse Canterbury PB Doubles: W H Haynes 1, B J Curtis 2, M J Fairbairn 3, S J Powell 4, D B Carter (C) 5. 25th of Plain Doubles this year — 5. For the Christingle service. 50p Chelford, Ches 7 Dec, 1320 Little B Minor: Sally

Chelford, Ches. 7 Dec, 1320 Little B Minor: Sally Grace 1, A R Mays 2, Helen Hakami 3, D M Ellis 4, A J Wootton 5, D J Bradshaw (C) 6. Prior to the Confirmation Service. 1st in m — 1,2,3 & 5. 90p

Chelford, Ches. 14 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: L Copnall 1, B Schofield 2, Christine Pinnington 3, J D Smith 4, D J Bradshaw (50th as C) 5, D M Ellis 6. Following the funeral of, and in memory of, David Harradine, a ringer at this church for many years. 90p

Cherry Hinton, Cambs. 4 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: G Grayton 1, N Brice 2, Jennie Parsons 3, T Keyes 4, I W Davies 5, D Webber (C) 6. For Evensong. £1

Cheshunt, Herts 13 Dec, 1250 Cambridge S Major: G Russell 1, R Sales 2, Jennifer Johnson (C) 3, Caroline Bailey 4, A Crowther 5, R Durrant 6, J Towers 7, M Sales 8. For School Carol Service. 80p

Chiddingly, Sussex 18 Dec, 1260 Reverse Canterbury PB Doubles: Vicki Bennett 1, Sylvia Moulden 2, Ruth Ames 3, H R Posnett 4, T D Waterman 5, H Bailey 6. 1st in m by all. For Carol Service. 50p Chilmark, Wilts. 27 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: J Luck (1st

Chilmark, Wilts. 27 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: J Luck (1st of minor) 1, D Lever 2, R Arnold 3, A Feltham 4, J J Bancroft 5, F E Crosier (C) 6. For Christmas by ringers within the Tisbury Team Ministry.

Chilvers Coton, Warks. 15 Dec, 1260 PB Royal: R A Swallow 1, L Trevor 2, C Sheasby 3, Fiona H Chester 4, Janice Sheasby (1st on 10) 5, T Coleman 6, I Coleman (1st on 10) 7, I Merry 8, S Adams 9, M Chester (C) 10.

Chialet, Kent. 10 Dec, 1260 St Clements College B Minor: M J Little (400th Q) 1, S Bennett (1st in m) 2, D Reisenberger (1st in m) 3, A L Andrews 4, Cathryn M Andrews 5, S A Wheeler (C) 6. 90p

Andrews 5, S A Wheeler (C) 6. 90p Chiswick, Middx. 12 Dec, 1320 Minor (2m): A J Hampton 1, A D Garrod 2, Jill M Hupman 3, Jennifer M Bunyan 4, S A Aitken 5, M J Wigney (C) 6. 75th together 5 & 6. £1.20

Church Gresley, Derbys. 18 Dec, 1320 Settle Doubles: L Haywood 1, S J Gilbert 2, W G Hair 3, D P Jones (C) 4, R Barnett 5. 1st in variation: New Grandsire Wallflower Bobs, Earls Court Singles. For Carol Service. 75p

Church Gresley, Derbys 20 Dec, 1320 Horton-in-Ribblesdale Doubles: D A Woolcock 1, S J Gilbert 2, J A Cater 3, D P Jones (C) 4, A J Marson 5. 1st in vanation: New Grandsire Pinks Bobs, Earls Court Singles. 67th Q on bells in 1988.75p

Church Lawford, Warks. 10 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: Christine F Homer 1, Carol Eveleigh 2, Jane Davies 3, M Elizabeth Guy 4, Linda P Illingworth 5, Joanne White (1st as C) 6. Believed to be the first All Ladies' Q by Rugby Deanery members. £1.20

Rugby Deanery members. £1.20 Churcham, Glos. 17 Dec, 1260 Doubles (17m/v): Louise Hawker 1, C J Meads 2, N C Morris 3, V C Gibson 4, E J Gibson (C) 5, R J Hawker (1st Q) 6. £1

Cirencester, Glos (St John). 17 Dec, 1253 Grandsire Cinques: Wendy J Schofield 1, Eileen M Goodwin 2, Barbara A Holden 3, Elaine F Bates 4, Rachel M Saunders 5, Carole L Bucknell 6, A R Strickland 7, R J Day 8, D A Strong 9, R E Bucknell 10, P G Holden (C) 11, J M Pearse 12. 1st on 12 --- 1,4,5. 1st on 12 inside 2.7.8.9

Claines, Worcs. 20 Nov, 1260 Doubles (2m): Kathryn Bailey (1st Q) 1, M B Cowley 2, Sue Hills 3, Ann 4, M J Hills (C) 5, G F Smith 6

Claines, Worcs. 26 Nov, 1260 Doubles (3m): Joanna Chidgey (1st Q) 1, M B Cowley 2, F G F Smith 3, Ann Foley 4, M J Hills (C) 5, Sue Hills 6. £1

Claines, Worcs. 27 Nov, 1260 Doubles (5m) Rebecca Oakley (1st Q) 1, Sue Hills 2, M J Hills (C) 3 Ann Foley 4, M B Cowley 5, G F Smith 6. F1

Claverton, Avon 10 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: R M Stubbs 1, Maggie Willans 2, M J Stubbs (C) 3, Jody Hillier 4, P A Wall (1st inside) 5, H C Newman 6.

Coddington, Notts. 18 Dec. 1260 Doubles (9m/v): R Cook 1, Barbara Crabtree 2, P F Curtis 3, J Draycott 4, D J Tysoe (C) 5, F Tomlinson 6. For Christmas Carol 60p Service

Coffinswell, Devon 7 Dec, 1260 Doubles (3m) Wena Mansley 1, Jacky Lawton 2, M A Curnow (most methods) 3, N J Glanfield 4, S K Glanfield (C) 5, J E Glanfield 6. 60p

Combeinteignhead, Devon 14 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: M A Curnow 1, Rachel King 2, Sue Taylor 3, Jacky Lawton 4, N J Glanfield 5, S K Glanfield 6. 50th together 3 & 4 Wedding anniversary compliment to Sue & Andy Taylor. 60p

Coseley, W Mids. 23 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: C Holloway (1st Q of minor) 1, Nicola Westover 2, E E Speake (C) 3, E Ann Eden 4, T Holden 5, R Wright 6. Birthday compliment to Chris Holloway. 60p Cowlinge, Suffolk. 18 Dec, 1260 Grandsire

Doubles: Christine A Knights 1, Delphine Sharpe 2 Deborah A J Blumfield 3, D Kiddy 4, A J Blumfield (C) 5. Prior to the Carol Service. First Q on the bells for 6 years

Darlington, Co Durham (Holy Trinity). 24 Dec, 1272 PB Minor: D Williams 1, Sue Williams 2, Irene Park 3, A D Park 4, J H Stobart 5, P M Park (C) 6. On Christmas Eve.

Daventry, Northanta, 14 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: N Adams 1, Iris Webb 2, Janet Bowers 3, G Goodman 4, F Smith 5, D Woods (C) 6, P Wenham (cover) 7. For the Daventry Schools Carol Service, after meeting short for Major

Daventry, Northants. 18 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: A Waddy 1, R Waddy 2, G Goodman 3, F Smith 4, D Wood 5, P Wenham (C) 6. For the Carol Service Evensong

Dickleburgh, Norfolk, 18 Dec, 1260 PB Minor Angela Dorrington 1, Gale M Hodgkinson 2, J C Catchpole 3, Diane Blyth 4, E G H Maynard 5, M H Hodgkinson (C) 6. For the Parish Carol Service. £1.20

Dickleburgh, Norfolk. 21 Dec, 1260 Single Oxford B Minor: R W Crowe 1, Gale M Hodgkinson 2, Kathleen I Tebble 3, Betty M Baines 4, F C J Arnold 5, M H Hodgkinson (C) 6. On the 30th anniversary of the rededication of the augmented ring. £1.20

Diss, Norfolk. 9 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R W Crowe 1, Ann M Lea 2, Kathleen I Tebble 3, Betty M Baines 4, Gale M Hodgkinson 5, A E W Baines 6, M H Hodgkinson (C) 7, G R Tebble 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Mark Baines, elder son of the ringers of 4 8.6 £1.60

Dunstable, Beds (Priory). 20 Dec, 1320 Kent TB Minor: S R Williams 1, A M Jeffs (1st TB inside) 2, P H Jeffs (1st TB inside) 3, Lucy Shepherd 4, R A Horne 5 A M Shepherd (C) 6

Dunstable, Beds (Priory). 24 Dec, 1264 PB Major P H Jeffs 1, A M Jeffs 2, A M Shepherd 3, Lucy Shepherd 4, M P Stupart 5, J R Pemble 6, G A Proctor 7, R A Home (C) (400th Q) 8. For Christmas.

East Leake, Notts. 31 Aug, 1320 Minor (3m): J E Cocking 1, Dinah E Reed 2, Sharon L Parker 3, S J Mills 4, A B Mills 5, D I Bassford (C) 6. 60p

East Leake, Notts. 28 Oct, 1320 Minor (3m): S J Mills 1. Patience M Cordeaux 2, C P Hope 3, J O Cooper (C) 4. R J Lawson 5, D I Bassford (circled tower) 6. 60p

East Pennard, Som. 24 Dec, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jenny Anderson 1, T Rendell 2, M G Buckley (C) 3, A Watt 4, L A England 5. For Christmas.

Easthampstead, Berks 18 Dec, 1260 PB Triples Barbara E Wells 1, Margaret Bearne 2, H A Scott 3, A N Scott 4, K J Lovell 5, S G Scott 6, S C Wells (C) 7, J M Bearne 8. By Sunday Service band for Carol Service

80p Eaton Socon, Cambs. 24 Dec. 1260 Grandsire Triples: D Giles 1, Elizabeth Stevens 2, W A R Chamberlain 3, Catherine E Griffiths 4, Wendy Plercy (1st Grandsr as C) 5, T W Griffiths 6, G E Bonham 7, G Hall 8. For Crib Service.

Eccles, Gtr Manchester. 24 Dec, 1260 Doubles (2m): Marilyn Clements 1, Christine Carson 2, J Thomley 3, D N Jones 4, M Murphy (C) 5, J Blay 6. On

the 60th birthday of David Jones, ringer of 4. £1 Exeter, Devon (Cathedral). 4 Dec, 1259 Grandsire Caters: I W Avery 1, F D Mack 2, Mary Mears 3, Wendy Campbell 4, N G Birt 5, R D S Brown 6, P Stevens 7, L Bill 8, M E C Mears (C) 9, S K Glanfield 10.

Exeter, Devon (Cathedral). 11 Dec. 1282 Lincolnshire S Royal: Julie Sinden 1, I L C Campbell 2, Elaine Clutterbuck 3, Wendy Campbell 4, G P Tucker 5, P L Bill 6, A J Crabtree 7, J Grant 8, C L Barr 9, M E C Mears (C) 10. £1

Feckenham, Worcs 27 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A Jones 1, Jane Durrant 2, Beryl Hartley 3, A Hartley 4, Sue Newbould 5, D Jones 6, T Haslam (C) 7 E Styler 8. On the eve of the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Alan & Ruth Jones. Alan rang the treble and son David the 6th.

Fillongley, Warks. 16 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: M C Bennett (1st Q) 1, J F O'Brien 2, A J Colrman 3, I R Coleman 4, R A Swallow (C) 5, S E Adams 6. Treble is a Coventry Cathedral ringer. 900

Fillongley, Warks 18 Dec, 1300 PB Doubles Rachel E Perry 1, Shirley Swallow 2, J F O'Brien 3, I R Coleman 4, R A Swallow (C) 5, A J Coleman 6. For 60p candle-lit Carol Service.

Filxton, Gtr Manchester 18 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B Wall 1, Patricia J Nix 2, Angela R Nix 3, M Smethurst 4, C Bradshaw 5, Helen J Nix 6, G F Nix (C) 7, G K Eyers 8. For Carol Service. £1.50

Frampton-on-Severn, Glos 10 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R Merrett 1, Susan Catcheside 2, L Longney 3, D Merrett 4, R A Screen (C) 5, J Millard (1st Q) 6 Half-muffled in memory of A Townsend, interred earlier in the day

Frensham, Surrey. 25 Dec, 1272 Kent TB Minor: A Glover 1, Joanna Shepheard 2, Brenda A Mayle 3, P Mayle 4, A P Mayle (C) 5, C Beadle 6. Prior to family service on Christmas morning

Gedling, Notts. 27 July, 1280 Cambridge S Major: A P Sweeting 1, Patience M Cordeaux 2, M R Chilvers 3, Nancy L Surman 4, S J Mills 5, R J Lawson 6, C P Hope 7, D I Bassford (C) 8. 1st S Major inside --- 2. 80r

Gosforth, Tyne & Wear, 11 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: M Bell 1, Selina M Anderson 2, P Bell 3, R A Farquharson 4, J Bell 5, R R Warford (C) 6. For Evensong.

Gotham, Notts. 31 Aug, 1259 Doubles (11m/v): Dinah E Reed 1, D I Bassford 2, Sharon L Parker 3, S J Mills 4, A B Mills 5, 500

Great Baddow, Essex 11 Dec, 1264 PB Major: R Brown 1, Sheila Sheldrake 2, J Bills 3, Joyce Bills 4, S A Waters 5, D J Gammon 6, S Tolliday 7, S R Poyser (C) 8. For Evensong £2.50

Great Gransden, Cambs. 24 Dec. 1260 PB Minor Christine Morton (1st of minor) 1, Catherina Griffiths 2, P S George (C) 3, Wendy Piercy 4, T W Griffiths 5, G E Bonham 6. For Christmas. 60p

Great Yeldham, Essex. 14 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: Deborah J Smith (1st Q) 1, Janice M Watkins 2, M A Bishop 3, M H Brewster 4, Jean M Lewis 5, T J Peverett (C) 6 60p

Grimsby, S Humbs 24 Dec, 1344 Grandsire Triples M Colbrook 1, Jeanette Kennington 2, C Kennedy 3, Joanne Kennington 4, D Kennington 5, G Hall 6, F Kennington (C) 7, R Shortland 8. To mark the retirement from business of G Hall, ringer of 6. 80p

Groton, Mass 17 Dec, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: L Dickerson 1, MW Squthworth 2, K Ballou (1st S Royal in tower) 3, K Lesh (1st S Royal) 4, B E Nelson 5, J Brosius (1st S Royal in tower) 6, D F Morrison (C) 7, J E Schreiner (1st S Royal) 8, R Gibson 9, L C Woodford 10.

Hannington, Wilts 18 Dec, 1260 Doubles (2m): Vicki Speller 1, Ann Speller 2, A E Hoare 3, W J Liebow 4, NA Weaver (C) 5, R V Tanner 6. For Carol Service. 500

Harlington, Middx 11 Dec, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: A F Thirst 1, Jill M Hupman 2, S A Aitken (circled tower) 3, Jennifer M Bunyan 4, I C Church 5, J A Sealy (C) 6. For Evensong, 75th Q together 4 & 6. £1.20

Heathfleld, Som 11 Dec, 1320 Oxford Doubles: C L Gillard 1, A Margaret Gillard 2, Terry M Hicks 3, A F Lee (C) 4, A M Hicks 5. 1st in v by all. To mark the births of James Stewart Roche Maggo and Naomi Freya Harris

50p Hemyock, Devon 21 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Lin Holway (1st attempt) 1, W Dunn 2, Marilynn Booker 3, L V Morrell 4, W R Trickey (C) 5, B Samuels 6. For Christmas Carol Service. For all those involved in the teaching of ringing, there can be few more pleasant moments than the time a new pupil completes their first quarter peal. And what more pleasant time to do it than just before Christmas? So with an astonished smile and a cry of "Is that really all?!" Lin Holway gave her fellow Hemyock ringers an early Christmas present. To her, and all those struggling to learn the intricacies of our art, good wishes for continued development and success in 1989 £1

High Ongar, Essex. 15 Dec, 1260 Doubles (12m): J Williams 1, G Withams 2, Joyce Bills 3, J Bills 4, D M Stoneman (175th Q as C) 5, P D Saunders 6. Most methods 2 & 3. 50th together 2 & 6. 60p

Hinckley, Leics 18 Dec, 1280 Spliced S Major (Standard 8): M E Brown (C) 1, R P Hartley 2, T J Wykes 3, D M Brown 4, B S Chapman 5, B P Morris 6, M Angrave 7, G W Mason 8. For Carol Service.

Horley, Surrey 18 Dec, 1260 Doubles (9 methods): Shelley Anderson 1, Cheryl Grosling 2, R Grieve 3, C M Cooksey 4, R A Grant (C) 5, D Voice 6. For Carol Service.

Isleworth, Middx 23 Dec, 1260 PB Triples: Siobhan R Chapman 1, E M Chapman 2, Valerie Payne 3, J A Sealy 4, D Wallis 5, H W Rogers 6, M J Wigney (C) 7, S Vassal 8 £1.60

Jersey, C I (St Mark). 25 Dec, 1320 Surfleet S Minor: M J A Bailey 1, A P Beal 2, Lucy J T Smith 3, P J Routier (1st inside) 4, A C Belsey 5, W J Hall (C) 6. For Christmas morning service. 60p

Kelsale, Suffolk 30 Nov, 1260 PB Triples: P M Platt 1, T D Hughes (C) 2, Maria K Hacker 3, M M Rolph 4, Janice R Baldry 5, G R Bowles 6, M A Baldry 7, A H Archer 8.

Kemble, Glos. 17 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A R Horlick 1, Elizabeth Pearse 2, Gill Hopwood 3, J M Pearse 4, P G Holden (C) 5, D P Whitten 6. In memoriam Rev Kenneth Bristow. Half-muffled following the funeral.

Kineton, Warks 11 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A Bull 1, G Adams (1st Grandsire inside) 2, R Gibbins (1st Grandsire inside) 3, Jane Mason 4, D Kingston (C) 5, L Walker 6. For the engagement of Elaine Bull (daughter of treble) to Nigel Russel. £1.20

Kingsclere, Hants. 18 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A Harner (1st Q) 1, Gillian Gardner 2, Pamela Pearce 3, T Upton 4, Rev P Robbins (C) 5, M Boult (1st Q) 6

Lavenham, Suffolk. 18 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: A Haynes 1, D Ruffell 2, R Brewster 3, R Clouston 4, A Baker 5, B Johnson (C) 6. For the Christmas Carol Service £2.20

Laxton, Notts 18 Dec, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Janet Cooke 1, Mandy K Freeman 2, F Flint 3, B Birkett 4, B A Richards (C) 5, N J Parkes 6. For Carol Service.

50p Leigh-on-Sea, Essex 11 Dec, 1260 Doubles (4m): P N Wilkins 1, Helen L Harpole (C) 2, R D Ferro 3, J G Harpole 4, Mo Venus 5, M Rothwell 6. For Christingle Service. £1.20

Leigh-on-Sea, Essex 24 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: Mo Venus 1, J Folley (1st Q aged 10) 2, Helen L Harpole 3, A E Neale 4, J G Harpole (C) 5, M Rothwell 6. For the

Lighting of the Christmas Tree service. £1.20 Lemstord, Herts. 17 Dec, 1440 Double Oxford & Single Oxford B Minor: G A Reading 1, Diana J Reading Č J Tough 3, Penny Watson 4, M J Main 5, ВČ Watson (C) 6 £1.20

Limpsfield Chart, Surrey 18 Dec, 1260 Doubles (5m/v): Margaret Smith 1, Kathie A Matthews 2, M Tolley 3, L J Hall 4, K J Matthews (C) 5, F D Weeks 6. For Service of Lessons and Carols. £1 20

Limpsfield Chart, Surrey. 24 Dec. 1260 Doubles (3m/v): K B Buchan 1, J Boosey 2, F D Weeks 3, L J Hall 4, K J Matthews (C) 5, B J Wilson 6. For Midnight Service £1.20

Limpsfield Chart, Surrey. 25 Dec, 1260 Doubles (2m): Shirley Hardy 1, K J Matthews 2, K B Buchan 3, F D Weeks 4, L J Hall (C) 5, W L Tldy 6. For morning service

Little Gaddesden, Herts 11 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles. I G Catchpole 1, Virginia Westmacott 2, R C Westmacott 3, R W F Turner 4, N G P Gill (1st as C) 5, G Grainger (1st Q) 6. In memory of George Catchpole.

Long Crendon, Bucks 13 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: S R Rolfe (1st away from cover) 1, G J Tyler 2, Julie Haseldine 3, F Keen 4, R T Corker (C) 5, A Haseldine 6. 50p

Long Crendon, Bucks. 27 Dec, 1344 PB Triples: Sarah Bell 1, Mavis Clarke 2, Julie Haseldine 3, G Runnicles (1st Triples inside) 4, R T Corker 5, G J Tyler 6, A Haseldine (C) 7, S R Rolfe 8. For Christmas. 50p

Macclesfield, Ches (Christ Church). 15 Dec, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: D Smith 1, W H Dowse 2, K Rogers 3, A Foster 4, J D Atkinson 5, B Corbishley 6, I R Nichols (C) 7, P C Maddocks 8, R S Starkie 9, S Poole 10. £1

Macclesfield, Ches (St Michael). 22 Dec, 1260 PB Royal: Alyson Kerr 1, Helen Foster 2, K Rogers 3, J R Gibb 4, T Chalmers 5, G Bradshaw 6, D Pearson 7, I R Nichols (C) 8, B Corbishley 9, J D Atkinson 10. £1 Malvern Wells, Worcs. 21 Dec, 1456 PB Fourteen:

Malvern Wells, Worcs. 21 Dec, 1456 PB Fourteen: Lynda Bagley 1-2, S J Coleman (C) 3-4, Susan Coleman 5-6, R G T Morris 7-8, Ruth Morris 9-10, G C Bagley 11-12, D Warwick 13-14. £2

Mathern, Gwent. 18 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: J Hoskins 1, Monnica Williams 2, S Tyce 3, A Osley 4, I Osley 5, D Surman (C) 6. To mark the closure after 260 years of Mathern village school and to wish happiness and success to those who will teach and learn at the new Chepstow Dell Primary School. £2

Merriott, Som. 28 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: T E Thomas 1, Janet Hayter 2, J Sapiezynski 3, A K Woolley 4, T E J Hayter 5, P C Tucker (C) 6.

Merton, London SW. 20 Nov, 1260 St Clements Minor: Caroline Flockton 1, Nicola Simpson 2, Lorna Nunn 3, Niki Tompkinson 4, S J Flockton (C) 5, W J Day 6. A farewell tribute to Stuart (Merton's tower captain 1977-88) and Caroline Flockton, who have recently moved from Merton to Virginia Water. £1 Merton, Surrey. 23 Dec, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: M J Wigney 1, C Buswell 2, M Gosden 3, D Wallis 4, J A

Wigney 1, C Buswell 2, M Gosden 3, D Wallis 4, J A Sealy 5, Siobhan R Chapman (1st S as C) 6. £1.20 Mickleton, Glos, 28 Dec, 1260 Single Oxford B

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Midsomer Norton, Som. 20 Dec, 1311 Stedman Cinques: Helen J Purnell 1, Zena Woodley 2, Janet New 3, S Bateman (1st Stedman Cinques) 4, P K Williamson 5, S Taylor 6, E T Lee 7, F Savage 8, R Perry (C) 9, J Brain 10, D J Purnell 11, D Gill 12. £1.20

Morpeth, Northumb. 24 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: Ruth Williams (1st Q on 6) 1, P W Wheeler 2, Tanya E Wheeler 3, T G Williams 4, K S Maughan 5, R R Warford (C) 6. For Christmas Eve. £1.20

Navenby, Lincs. 23 Nov, 1440 Norwich S Minor: Gwen Bloomfield 1, J Freeman 2, Barbara Clipsham 3, I Lloyd 4, Judith Williamson (C) 5, D J Sutton 6. 1st in m as C. Silver wedding compliment to John & Judy Williamson. 50p

Navenby, Lincs. 4 Dec, 1260 St Clements & PB Minor: G Wilson (most methods) 1, F Bloomfield 2, Judith Williamson 3, Sylvia Collin 4, Barbara Clipsham (C) 5, A Aspland 6. 50p

Navenby, Lincs. 11 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: Clare Valentine 1, Judy Williamson 2, Jenny Campbell-Walker 3, Sylvia Collin 4, F Bloomfield (C) 5, Barbara Clipsham 6. 1st inside — 3. 50p

Newent, Glos. 19 Dec, 1988 Grandsire Triples (date touch): Susan Coleman 1, S J Coleman 2, Kathleen E White 3, M C Chandler 4, J A Long 5, G Davis 6, E J Gibson (C) 7, V C Gibson 8.

Newport, Gwent (Cathedral) 4 Dec, 1440 S Minor (Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet): J A Freaney 1, A J Watkins 2, Frances D Gilbert 3, N W Jones 4, A Fawcett 5, P S Bennett (C) 6. For Evensona. 75p

Newport, Gwent (C) 6. For Evensong. 75p Newport, Gwent (Cathedral). 11 Dec, 1320 Bourne S Minor: J A Freaney 1, Catherine A Hayman 2, B J Hayman 3, N W Jones 4, A Fawcett 5, P S Bennett (C) 6. For Evensong. 75p

Newport, Gwent (Cathedral). 12 Dec, 1440 Hull S Minor: P R Mason 1, N W Jones 2, Catherine A Hayman 3, B J Hayman 4, A Fawcett 5, P S Bennett (C) 6. For St Woolos Hospital League of Friends Carol Service. 75p

Newport, Gwent (Cathedral). 16 Dec, 1344 PB Triples: Barbara Jones 1, B J Hayman 2, Catherine A Hayman 3, P R Mason 4, M C Bennett 5, P J G P Hobbs 6, P S Bennett (C) 7, C Jones 8. For Confirmation Service and for the birth on Thursday of Tomas, son of Yvonne Fox, a ringer at this tower. 75p

Newport, Gwent (Cathedral). 18 Dec, 1280 Superlative S Major: J A Freaney 1, Frances D Gilbert 2, Catherine A Hayman 3, B J Hayman 4, A J Watkins 5, N W Jones 6, A Fawcett 7, P S Bennett (C) 8 75p

Newton Abbot, Devon. 23 Nov, 1320 Little B Minor: M A Curnow (1st minor) 1, Sue Taylor (1st in m) 2, Jacky Lawton 3, Rachel King 4, N G Birt 5, S K Glanfield (C) 6. 600

Norwood Green, Middx. 23 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: S Vassal (1st minor) 1, Valerie Payne 2, M J Wigney 3, E M Chapman 4, D Wallis 5, J A Sealy 6. £1.20

Nottingham, Notts (All Saints). 13 Sept, 1250 Finedon S Major: Patience M Cordeaux 1, M J Garle 2, A P Sweeting 3, M R Chilvers 4, Nancy L Surman 5, J D Cooper 6, S J Mills 7, D I Bassford (C) 8. 1st blows in m for all. 80p

Nottingham, Notts (All Saints). 18 Sept, 1320 Norwich S Minor: M R Chilvers (circled tower x 3) 1, Caroline E Burton (1st Q in m) 2, Patience M Cordeaux (1st Q in m) 3, D I Bassford 4, J R Rigby 5, C P Hope (C) 6. For Evensong. 80p Nottingham, Notts (All Saints). 27 Sept, 1280

Nottingham, Notts (All Saints). 27 Sept, 1280 Glasgow S Major: Caroline E Burton 1, A P Sweeting 2, M J Garle (C) 3, J D Cooper 4, M R Chilvers 5, D I Bassford 6, S J Mills 7, C P Hope 8. 1st in m for all. Wedding compliment to Helen Gibbs & John Phoenix. 800

Nottingham, Notts (All Saints). 4 Oct, 1376 Hitchin S Major: C P Hope 1, A P Sweeting (C) 2, M R Chilvers 3, Nancy L Surman 4, D I Bassford 5, J D Cooper 6, M J Garle 7, S J Mills 8, 1st blows in m for all. 800

Nottingham, Notts (All Saints). 16 Oct, 1264 PB Major: Rachel S Buch 1, Philippa J Dix 2, A E Roberts 3, Lynda P Lambert 4, S J Mills 5, A G Dicks 6, M R Chilvers (C) 7, A B Mills 8. 80p

Nottingham, Notts (All Saints). 20 Nov, 1260 PB Minor: M R Chilvers (circled tower x 4) 1, Karen Young 2, Rachel S Bush 3, Nancy L Surman 4, R J Lawson 5, D I Bassford 6. 1st inside at 1st attempt — 2. For Evensong. 60p

Nottingham, Notts (All Saints). 27 Nov, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Caroline Nash 1, Patience M Cordeaux 2, A G Dicks 3, Lynda P Lambert 4, D Pygott 5, D I Bassford 6. 60p

Nottingham, Notts (All Saints). 4 Dec, 1260 Minor (2m): Caroline Nash 1, Rachel S Bush (1st surprise) 2, Nancy L Surman 3, A E Roberts 4, M R Chilvers 5, D I Bassford (C) 6. 30th wedding anniversary compliment to parents of 6. 60p

Nottlingham, Notts (All Saints). 18 Dec, 1272 PB Minimus: R J Lawson 1, D I Bassford 2, Caroline Nash 3, M R Chilvers (C) 4. For the Christmas Carol Service. 400

Nunney, Som. 29 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: Janet New 1, L A England 2, D R Ball 3, Margaret Reed 4, J Harrold (C) 5, J A Ball 6.

Oakley, Beds 14 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: J Wetherell 1, R Entwistle 2, M Entwistle 3, J Stringer 4, R Framp 5, A lvings (C) 6. A Guild of Post & Telecom Ringers quarter for the retirement of Dennis Frith. Guild members 2,3,4,6. £1

Oulton, Suffolk\_14 Dec, 1240 PB Doubles: M Webb (1st Q) 1, G Secker (1st Q) 2, M Dennison 3, P Murphy 4, M Dann (C) 5. In celebration of the birth of baby Andrew to proud parents Mr & Mrs G Chilvers. £1 Overton, Hants\_1 July, 1260 PB Minor: Myrtle Swain 1, Marion M Holmes 2, S Trendall 3, Christine Holmes 4, A P Lewis 5, D A Holmes (C) 6. 60p

Oxhill, Warks 11 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: R Gibbins 1, Jennifer Winslow 2, A Bull 3, Jane Mason 4, G Adams (C) 5. Before the Christening of Kimberley Beth (Peanut) Allen. £1.20

Pagham, W Sussex. 4 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: J Suzanne Baker (1st Q) 1, Diane E Wills 2, Sheila M Woodruffe 3, N R Woodruffe 4, M J Wake (C) 5, P M Wills 6.

Pagham, W Sussex. 23 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P M Wills 1, Diane E Wills 2, D J King 3, Vikki E M Lock 4, M J Wake (C) 5, D M Lock 6. Half-muffled by past and present PCC members in memory of Freddie Alldis, past PCC Treasurer.

Pangbourne, Berks, 24 Dec, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jenny Wells 1, Clare Harrington 2, Heather Szotkowski 3, J A Harland 4, L F Palfrey (C) 5, K G Baker 6. For Christingle Service. 75p

Petham, Kent. 17 Dec, 1260 Doubles (6rr/v): Susan Westlake 1, Cathryn M Andrews (C) 2, M Godfrey 3, C W S Beeching 4, D Geen 5. Half-muffled prior to the memorial service of Mrs Kathleen Goddard, a reader of the benefice. 60p

Pitminster, Som. 24 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R V Lee 1, A Partridge 2, W D Whatmore 3, J R Medway 4, C K Brewer 5, R F Arscott (C) 6, J Shepherd 7, J Hague 8. On the 10th anniversary of the 1st Q on the bells (Grandsire Triples) following the rehanging and augmentation of the bells to 8. £2

Polstead, Suffolk 27 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: Alison Cox 1, Margaret Roberts (150th Q) 2, E Wade 3, N Wade 4, R Walker (50th Q) 5, E Hynard (C) 6. 60p

Pontesbury, Salop. 24 Dec, 1320 PB Doubles: Preb D Roberts 1, R Purcell 2, J S Cowling 3, P Lewis (C) 4, Rev M C Cluett 5, G Roberts (1st Q) 6. For Christmas. Also for Jane & Arthur Barnett who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary today.

Preston, Lancs. 18 Dec, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Anita A Regin 1, C Crossthwaite 2, Margaret Crossthwaite 3, A Gardner 4, V Criddle 5, J Regin (1st minor as C) 6. For Carol Service. £1

Preston, Lanca 21 Dec, 1250 Grandsire Triples: C Crossthwaite (C) 1, W K Martin 2, Anita A Regin 3, Margaret Crossthwaite 4, V Criddle 5, J Regin 6, E \_\_\_\_\_

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Couperthwaite 7, A Gardner 8. For the annual "Evening Post" Carol Service, also as a congratulation to Kenneth Martin on his completion of 50 years as a member of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers. £1

Preston Plucknett, Som, 18 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rebecca E Axe (1st Q) 1, Margaret J Bignell 2, D P Hammonds (C) 3, Jacqueline A Parsons 4, J C Taylor 5, S P Marjoram 6. For the Carol Service. 60p

Preston Plucknett, Som. 24 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: J C Taylor 1, Adele Marjoram (1st inside) 2, Rebecca E Axe (1st inside) 3, Jacqueline A Parsons 4, D P Hammonds (C) 5, R G Field 6. For the Nativity. 60p

Prittlewell, Essex. 26 Dec, 1280 Cambridge S Major: P Sloman 1, Helen L Harpole 2, D B Field 3, D Sloman 4, B C Sadler 5, D P Hill 6, A W Cansdale 7, J G Harpole 8. For Christmas. 80p

Radlett, Herts. 18 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J G Beardwell 1, Vanessa Humphryes 2, W R C Ogden 3, J H W Beardwell 4, G J Humphryes (C) 5, H S Beardwell 6, Before the United Carol Service of Radlett Ecumenical Parish. 50p

Randwick, Glos. 22 Nov, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev N Morrison 1, C Meads 2, D Merrett 3, P Turner 4, R Screen (C) 5, R Bowley 6. HAlf-muffled in memory of A R Barnett interred earlier today. £1.30

Randwick, Glos. 27 Nov, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rev N Morrison 1, Betty Telling 2, C Meads 3, Lynn Clutterbuck 4, K Clutterbuck (C) 5, R Screen 6. For Advent Sunday. £1.20

Rempstone, Notta 31 Aug, 1320 Single Oxford Minor: J E Cockling 1, A B Mills 2-3, S J Mills 4, Dinah E Reed (C) 5, D I Bassford 6. 60p

Richmond, Surrey 17 Dec, 1250 Superlative S Major: Jill M Hupman 1, F H Hicks 2, Siobhan R Chapman 3, Jennifer M Bunyan 4, J A Sealy 5, S A Aitken 6, M J Wigney (1st in m as C) 7, K J Matthews 8. For Cantanti Camerati's Christmas concert. £1.60

Rickmansworth, Herts. 3 Dec, 1260 Stedman Triples: Mary P L Kingsley 1, R E J Dennis (C) 2, M Kingsley (1st of Stedman) 3, Vanessa Franklin 4, J B Cooke 5, D M Hibbert 6, J Davidge 7, H A Thomas 8.

Ruislip, Middx 21 Dec, 1274 PB Triples: Audrey Andrews (1st Triples) 1, Elsie Savory 2, W Bunce 3, C J Small 4, D G Rowlands 5, Elizabeth Kimber (1st Tr. in m) 6, I W Blake (C) 7, D Edwards 8. Half-mutfiled in memoriam Peggy Bunce, wife of 3. £1

Salford Priors, Warks 28 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B Boxall (1st on 8) 1, L Ann Mew 2, Veronica Quinn 3, Jennifer M Winslow 4, C F Mew (C) 5, G Payne 6, P J F Quinn 7, J Ariss 8. 80p

Sapcote, Leics. 4 Dec, 1440 Cambridge S Minor: M E Brown (C) 1, Emma E Sennett (1st S inside) 2, Kathleen M Brown 3, R P Hartley 4, B P Morris 5, T J Wykes 6.

Sapcote, Leics 11 Dec, 1440 Kelso S Minor: Kathleen M Brown 1, T J Wykes 2, B P Morris 3, R P Hartley 4, M Angrave 5, M E Brown (C) 6. £1

Sapcote, Leics 18 Dec, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Emma E Sennett 1, Susan M Wykes 2, Lynette M Angrave 3, B P Morris 4, M E Brown (C) 5, R P Hartley 6, T J Wykes 7, M Angrave 8.

Saxthorpe, Norfolk 6 Oct, 1320 Minor (2m): D Williams 1, J Smith 2, D Pardon 3, N Golden 4, J Brain 5, H F Brown 6. 60p

Selby, N Yorka 18 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: M Worrall 1, Amanda Rock (1st minor) 2, Anne Young (1st minor) 3, J M Wright 4, D J Swann 5, A Clifton (C) 6, 60p

Sharnbrook, Beds. 27 Nov, 1260 PB Doubles: Jo A Webb 1, Caroline L Gray (1st Q) 2, Judy M Anderson 3, T W Anderson 4, P J S Albon (C) 5, J Craig 6. For Evensong. 50p

Shenfield, Essex 24 Dec, 1260 PB Minor: S A Bryant 1, T E Church 2, Jill V Evans 3, R G Butt 4, R S Harpole 5, A J Bryant (C) 6. For Midnight Communion. 50th Q together 3 & 4.

Sketty, W Glam. 18 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: D Beaumont 1, B Beaumont (1st inside) 2, A Beaumont 3, Hilary Rose 4, M B Rose 5, Julia Johnson 6. Jointly conducted 1,2,3,4,5. For Evensong. £1.20

Slough, Berks. 23 Dec, 1320 Doubles (5m): Eileen Stevenson 1, N L Brown 2, G R Blundell 3, W Birmingham 4, S A Wheeler (C) 5. Compliment to Patrick McDermott of the local band on achieving his M Sc degree.

Slough, Bucks. 15 Dec, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Lavinia Sullivan 1, Monica Blagrove 2, Jenny Instone 3, P Tuck 4, D Sullivan 5, M Instone 6, F T Blagrove (C) 7, S J Inger 8. For Upton Grammar School Carol Service.

Southampton, Hants (St Michael) 18 Dec, 1260 PB Doubles: Sarah C Woodcock 1, Rhoda Mottram 2, C J Hustler 3, R Howes (C) 4, R A S Mould 5, R E A Tunwell 6. By SUGCR for Morning Service. 90p

# **Code of Practice for the Conservation of Bells and Bellframes**

You may remember that, towards the end of 1986, the Administrative Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers set up a small Working Party to prepare proposals for a revised Code of Practice for the Conservation of Bells and Bellframes. Through your columns, comments were invited on the subject of the preservation of bells and bellframes from anyone who was interested. Taking into account the comments received and the views of the bellfounders and principal bellhangers, the Working Party submitted a report and a proposed Code of Practice to the Council's Administrative Committee on 15th October, 1988. The Committee approved this and it is important to note that the bellfounders and bellhangers have indicated their approval of the Code in the form in which it was drafted. A copy of the proposed Code of Practice is enclosed.

The proposed Code incorporates wording included in that issued by the Council for the Care of Churches in 1981 but is a longer document. While accepting the necessity for a Code, it is felt that each case should be judged on its merits without the restrictions inherent in the 1981 Code. To this end, certain new features appear. There is a general preamble in which it is emphasised that the proposed Code is advisory and not mandatory. There are, in the Appendices, guidelines for the appraisal of a bell and a bellframe and there are Notes for Guidance in the application of the Code. It was thought fit to provide these notes, not as part of the Code itself but as a supplement to it, to clarify the aim of the Code which is to provide a framework setting out broad principles but allowing for the exercise of judgment whenever the conservation of bells and bellframes is being considered.

Also, since mid-1987, the Council for the Care of Churches, through its Bells Sub-Committee, has been proceeding with a revision of its 1981 Code. A draft of a proposed revision was circulated in Autumn, 1988 to people concerned with the preservation and restoration of bells inviting them to submit their comments by the end of October, 1988. Invitations were sent to, amongst others, the Secretary of the Central Council and the chairmen of some of its committees. The Administrative Committee, having approved the Working Party's draft Code, submitted it to the Council for the Care of Churches together with a letter which included detailed comment on the draft prepared by the Bells Sub-Committee.

At its meeting, the Administrative Committee also approved a suggestion made by the Working Party that, in addition to a Code of Practice, there should be some form of appeal procedure falling short of the right of a parochial church council to petition the Chancellor of the Diocese. It was suggested that there should be a conciliation panel, made up of

# A psychiatrists' Guild?

An ardent disciple of Freud Was seen to get slightly annoyed When a student of Jung Said, "That rubbish you've rung Is something we ought to avoid!"

P.D.W

Which leads on to the tale of the psychiatrist's daughter, who was Jung and not a Freud

equal numbers of representatives from the Bells Sub-Committee and the Central Council of Church Bellringers, who could be called upon to adjudicate in cases of dispute between, say, the archaeologist on the one hand and the practising bell ringer on the other. When the proposed Code of Practice was submitted to the Council for the Care of Churches, the suggestion for a conciliation panel to be established was also made and an early meeting between the Bells Sub-Committee. the bellfounders and bellhangers and representatives of the Central Council was requested

I should be obliged if you would publish this letter and the complete proposed Code of Practice in *The Ringing World* for the information of the Exercise generally and the members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in particular. The criticism has often been made that, whilst the Code of Practice drawn up by the Council for the Care of Churches in 1981 was approved by the then Towers and Belfries Committee, it was never debated by or received the approval of the Central Council as a whole. When the Working Party commenced the work of preparing a draft

# A Code of Practice for the Conservation of Bells and Bellframes

**CI GENERAL** 

C1.1 This Code of Practice gives general guidance on matters to be taken into account when considering the future of old bells and bellframes where the renovation or replacement of an existing installation is proposed. Since circumstances differ from one tower to another, each case must be judged on its merits and, while every effort should be made to work within its framework, it is emphasised that the Code is advisory and not mandatory.

C1.2 A parish wishing to carry out work to its existing bell installation will require specialist detailed advice. This is available from:-

C1.2.1 The bellfounders and bellhangers, who have a wealth of experience in the practicalities of all aspects of work relating to bells. The names of the firms and their addresses are readily available from the organisations mentioned below.

C1.2.2 The Bells Sub-Committee of the Conservation Committee of the Council for the Care of Churches which is available to advise parishes on technical problems and to give information on the historical importance of bells, frames and fittings. Enquiries should be addressed to the Conservation Officer, The Council for the Care of Churches, 83 London Wall, London EC2M 5NA.

C1.2.3 The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, which has members in every diocese and is prepared to give advice on all these matters through its Towers and Belfries Committee. Requests for advice should be addressed to the Chairman of the Towers and Belfries Committee, c/o The Ringing World, Penmark House, Woodbridge Meadows, Guildford, Surrey GU1 1BL.

C1.2.4 The local diocesan ringing Guild or Association. Names and addresses of its officers will most probably be known to the local ringers and may be in the Diocesan Directory.

C1.3 Attention is drawn to the fact that a faculty is required for major works including the recasting or rehanging of bells, the addition of new bells to an existing ring or chime and for major repairs to a bellframe. An archdeacon's certificate may, in some dioceses, suffice for minor works and repairs to bells over and above normal maintenance.

# C2 BELLS CAST EARLIER THAN 1550

C2.1 A bell cast earlier than 1550 which is sound and retains canons should not be recast but because of its archaeological or other importance should be preserved intact. Such a bell should either be incorporated in a ring

Code, it was hoped that any draft would be approved by the Administrative Committee and then submitted to the Council as a whole before anything was submitted to the Council for the Care of Churches. Due to circumstances over which neither the Working Party nor the Administrative Committee had control, this has not been possible. The Central Council as a whole have yet to consider the Code approved by the Administrative Committee and this will not take place until the Council's annual meeting at Spring Bank Holiday, 1989. If a meeting with the Bells Sub-Committee were to take place before that time, it would be helpful if the views of the Exercise generally and members of the Central Council in particular on the Administrative Committee's proposals were known beforehand. Therefore, if anyone has strong views on the topics. I should be obliged if they could be expressed in The Ringing World, to me personally as chairman of the Working Party or both. I should prefer to see the comments in your columns as it might stimulate debate on the subject and give it the good airing which it deserves.

JOHN FREEMAN

or hung separately. If this is not possible, it should be preserved intact in some place of security, preferably where it can be seen by interested persons. Security is the most important consideration.

C2.2 If a bell of this period is cracked or its canons are missing or it is otherwise damaged, consideration can be given to the question of its being recast if it is so wished. Before a decision is made, an appraisal of the value of the bell from all aspects should be made in accordance with the questionnaire set out in Appendix 1 of this Code so that the important relevant factors are taken into account.

C2.3 If it is decided that a bell covered by C2.2 should be preserved intact, then it should be kept in a secure place as indicated in C2.1.

C2.4 When a bell is recast, inscriptions, marks and decorations of special interest or beauty should be reproduced in facsimile on the new bell together with the date of recasting.

C3 BELLS CAST BETWEEN 1550 AND 1700 AND THOSE OF A LATER PERIOD INCLUDED IN THE LISTS OF BELLS FOR PRESERVATION

C3.1 A bell cast between 1550 and 1700 or one of a later period which appears on the lists of bells for preservation kept by the Council for the Care of Churches generally should not be recast provided it is sound, of good tone and retains its original form. If it is desired to recast a bell which falls within the above categories, an appraisal should be made in accordance with the questionnaire set out in Appendix 1 of this Code so that all relevant factors are taken into account before a decision is made.

C3.2 When a bell is recast, inscriptions, marks and decorations of special interest or beauty should be reproduced in facsimile on the new bell together with the date of recasting.

C4 BELLS CAST AFTER 1700 AND NOT IN-CLUDED IN THE LISTS OF BELLS FOR PRE-SERVATION

C4.1 As a general rule, there would be no objection to the recasting of a bell cast after 1700 and not included in the Council for the Care of Churches lists of bells for preservation. However, the lists do not necessarily provide complete cover of all dioceses. Therefore, any bell, whatever its date, ought to be appraised on the lines already indicated so that excellent examples of the founder's art or bells having some noteworthy significance are not lost.

# **C5** REMOVAL OF CANONS

C5.1 When a bell cast before 1700 or one which appears on the Council for the Care of Churches' lists of bells for

preservation is to be rehung, the canons should normally be retained

C5.2 In the case of such a bell which is to be rehung for full circle ringing and where it is desired to remove the canons, consideration should be given to the desired ringing characteristics of the complete ring, the position of the bell in the ring, its weight, whether or not the other bells have canons and the condition and decoration of the canons of the bell in question

# C6 BELLFRAMES AND FITTINGS

C6.1 When bells are hung for chiming, the old bellframe should be used wherever possible

C6.2 When consideration is given to rehanging bells for full circle ringing in an existing frame, its suitability should be appraised using the questionnaire in Appendix 2 of this Code.

C6.3 Whenever an old bellframe is to be superseded and a new frame provided lower in the tower, serious consideration should be given to preserving the original in situ. If this is not possible, it is desirable that at least a single frameside most representative of the general structure and any insribed portions of the former frame should be preserved and protected.

C6.4 When a bell or a chime or a ring of bells is restored and ancient or unusual fittings are removed, highly unusual features such as ancient clappers and half wheels should be treated and preserved if it is reasonably practical to do so

### **C7 RECORDS OF EXISTING INSTALLATIONS**

C7.1 When a bell, or a chime or ring of bells, is restored and ancient or unusual fittings are removed, such removal should be recorded in the Church Log Book by the **Parochial Church Council** 

C7.2 Whenever an old bellframe is removed and the bells rehung in a new frame, a record of the design of the old one should be entered in the Church Log Book by the Parochial Church Council

C7.3 Whenever bells are rehung for ringing in an existing frame, or if the frame is enlarged or strengthened, it is desirable that a record be made by the Parochial Church Council in the Church Log Book of any interesting or inscribed features which, unavoidably, may be obliterated.

C8 REPORTS BY BELLFOUNDERS AND BELL-HANGERS

C8.1 When reporting on and quoting for major work relating to bells, the firms tendering should always give the date and founder of each bell in the ring, the principal dimensions of each bell, the presence of canons and cast-in-crown staples and any other points of special interest

**C9 IMITATIONS OF BELLS** 

C9.1 Any imitations of bells are unacceptable and should be condemned strongly.

# **APPENDIX 1 - GUIDELINES FOR APPRAISAL OF A BELL**

A1 1 PROPOSED USE. Will the bell be:

- A1.1.1 Part of a ring for full circle ringing?
- A1.1.2 Hung singly for full circle ringing
- A1.1.3 Hung for swing chiming?

A1.1.4 Fixed in position and sounded by a hammer? AL2 CONDITION

- A1.2.1 Is the bell sound?
- A1.2.2 If cracked, indicate the extent of the cracking.
- A1.2.3 Can the crack be repaired by welding?
- A1.2.4 Give amount of clapper indentation
- A1.2.5 Has the bell been quarter turned? A1.2.6 Describe quality of casting generally

A1.2.7 Describe quality of inscriptions and any special features

A1.2.8 Does the bell retain canons and argent? If so, describe their condition and decoration.

A1.2.9 What will be the position of the bell in the new ring? Will other bells have canons?

A1.2.10 Is there a cast-in clapper staple?

A1.3 TONE

A1.3.1 Is the tone of the bell good/fair/indifferent/ poor?

A1.3.2 How are the harmonics related?

A1.3.3 How will the bell fit in tonally with the rest of the ring?

- A1.4 RARITY
- A1.4.1 Name of founder.
- A1.4.2 Date of bell

A1.4.3 Are there other examples of the founder's work of this period in the diocese or elsewhere'

A1.4.4 Is the bell included in the List of Bells for Preservation for the diocese

A1.5 HISTORICAL. Is the bell historically noteworthy:

A1.5.1 Either nationally or locally?

A1.5.2 As part of a group?

A1.5.3 As an example of bell evolution?

AL6 GENERAL

A1.6.1 Is there any reason apart from outstanding quality, rarity and historical interest why the bell should be preserved?

A1.7 REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

APPENDIX 2 - GUIDELINES FOR APPRAISAL OF A BELLFRAME

A2.1 PROPOSED USE Will the frame accommodate

A2.1.1 A ring of bells for full circle ringing?

A2.1.2 A bell hung singly for full circle ringing?

A2.1.3 A bell/bells hung for swing chiming A2.1.4 A bell/bells fixed in position and sounded by a hammer'

A2.2 PRESENT STATE

A2.2.1 Of what material(s) is the frame constructed?

A2.2.2 Is it completely original?

A2.2.3 Has it been extended or altered in any way?

A2.2.4 Is it suitably constructed and anchored to resist the forces arising from the proposed use?

# A2.3 CONDITION

A2.3.1 What is the condition of the frame?

A2.3.2 If not good, can it be repaired and/or streng-thened to bring it to a satisfactory standard? If it is possi-

ble, indicate how it might be done

A2.4 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT A2.4.1 Has the frame value because of its age?

A2.4.2 Is it an example of good craftsmanship?

A2.4.3 Has it value as an example of bellframe evolution?

A2.5 GENERAL

A2.5.1 Is there any reason apart from adequacy for the proposed use, antiquity, craftsmanship and evolutionary value why the bellframe should be retained? A2.6 REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

NOTES FOR GUIDANCE IN THE APPLICATION OF THE CODE

## NI INTRODUCTION

N1.1 The Code of Practice sets out, in fairly simple terms, the factors to be taken into account when the question of whether or not a bell, bells or bellframes should be preserved is considered. Nevertheless, differences of opinion may arise over the interpretation of the Code. It is intended that the following notes will clarify the aim of the Code and help to achieve some uniformity in its application.

N1.2 The figures prefixed by C or A in brackets at the start of the following paragraphs refer to the paragraphs in the Code and Appendices where it is thought comment is needed.

## N2 SPECIFIC REFERENCES

N2.1 (C1.3) In some dioceses, subject to the Chancellor's approval, a definitive list may be available indicating what is required - a faculty or archdeacon's certificate.

N2.2 (C2.1) A bell cast earlier than 1550 which is sound and retains its original form (including canons) should be preserved intact

N2.3 (C2.2) If a bell cast earlier than 1550 is damaged in any way, or has lost its canons, the possibility of its being recast should not be rejected on the grounds of age Nevertheless, such a bell may have some historical or other important significance which ought to be taken into account. An appraisal of the bell should be made in accordance with the Guidelines set out in Appendix 1 of the Code. The recommendation made as a result of the appraisal, together with the views of all parties involved should be considered in reaching a decision

N2.4 (C3.1) Generally, a bell falling within one of these categories, retaining its original form, being sound and of good tone should not be recast. However, these categories include large numbers of bells and the question of recasting should not be rejected out of hand. The decision on this question should be made after an appraisal of the bell following the Guidelines set out in Appendix I and as indicated above

N2.5 (C4.1) Attention is drawn to the need for a careful appraisal of the qualities and historical importance of any bell following the Guidelines set out in Appendix 1 of the Code. Indeed, when advice is given as to whether or not any bell should be recast, such an appraisal ought to be made. This should help to ensure that bells of outstanding merit, regardless of their age, are not lost.

N2.6 (C5.1 and C5.2) The decision on whether canons should be retained ought to take into account the future use of the bell. The needs of change ringing - full circle ringing - obviously differ from those where bells are fixed in position or hung for swing chiming only. The Guidelines in Appendix 1 of the Code should be applied. N2.7 (C6.2) Guidelines for appraising the suitability of an existing frame for full circle ringing are set out in Appendix 2 of the Code.

N2.8 (C7.1) The responsibility for entries in the Church Log Book is that of the Parochial Church Council. If guidance is required, it could well be given by any of the parties listed in paragraph C1.2 of the Code

N2.9 (C7.2 and C7.3) Again the Parochial Church Council could seek advice from the parties indicated above

N2.10 (C9.1) It might seem that comment on this clear and unambiguous statement is unnecessary. However, various systems, imitative of bells, are on offer accompanied by persuasive literature which lays stress on the low cost of the systems when compared with that of rehanging and recasting bells. It is appropriate, therefore, to say that, while it must be accepted that the conservation and care of bells and bellframes is likely to be a costly item, there can be no justification in saving money by the installation of something which is a sham. This is the unanimous view of the parties listed in paragraph C1.2 of the Code and is likely to be that of the majority of the Diocesan Advisory Committees, if not all.

N2.11 (A1.3) In assessing the tonal qualities of a bell, great care is needed. At one end of the scale, there are bells which the majority would agree to be of excellent tone. Equally, at the other, there are bells which are held to be poor. In between there are many bells about which opinions as to tone would differ. Inevitably, the judgment is a subjective one. It is a personal matter and particular tone character will not be universally acclaimed. The judgment of tone cannot be regulated but, at least those faced with the problems of assessment, before making a final decision, should give due value to the opinions of others who may disagree

### N3 GENERAL

N3.1 Reference is made above, in relation to the retention of canons, to the need to differentiate between bells hung for full circle ringing and those hung otherwise. This difference needs to be taken into account in all questions of application of the Code

N3.2 The need for an appraisal of a bell, bells or bellframe in certain instances has been indicated. It is most probable that all the parties involved in a bell restoration scheme will have done such an appraisal for their own benefit. That of the Parochial Church Council could well be done by the local ringing Guild or Association. It is imperative that the bell adviser to the Diocesan Advisory Committee should do such an appraisal before advising the Committee on a course of action. It is to be expected, too, that in presenting his report and recommendations to the Committee, he will draw attention to points of view that conflict with his own.

N3.3 The satisfactory implementation of this Code involves various skills - those of the archaeologist, the architect, the bellfounder, the bellhanger, the bellringer, the builder, the engineer. Each, in his own field, can draw on a great store of knowledge, but it is unlikely that any one individual will be well versed in all these skills. Therefore, it behoves everyone, particularly those advising Diocesan Advisory Committees, to realise their own limitations and seek advice on problems which are outside their own field of experience. Some of the sources of advice relevant to bell restoration are given in Section C1.2 of the Code

N3.4 Each parish must take expert advice, possibly after consultation with the local ringing Association in the first instance, and then make its own proper and complete case to justify its course of action. In so doing, it needs to give due weight to the opinions of those advocating preservation of items of merit on the one hand and progressive renewal on the other.

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February 10, 1989

# Notices

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# Births

NEAL – To Mary and Roger, a son, Jonathan Charles, 4th January 1989, a brother for Victoria and second grandchild for Doris and Charles, formerly of St Matthew, Upper Clapton, London. 3038

PERRY – John and Linda are delighted to announce the arrival of Alice Eileen on 28th November A sister for David, Elizabeth and Matthew. Tel: Stratford-upon-Avon 298660. Ad. No. 3039 TWINEY - Ruth and Jim are delighted to announce the birth of Annabel Frances on January 20th, 1989. A sister for Ben. 3041

# Personal

ROSEMARY, will you dodge with me? Jonathan. 3034

# Change of Address

ATKINS - David and the Avondale Brewery have moved from Staines to 14 Ryde Place, Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire PO13 9AU. Telephone: (0705) 553198. All brews available shortly. 3035 BENNETT – Gavin has moved to 8 Welbeck Mansions, Welbeck Avenue, Hove, East Sussex. Tel: Brighton 726307 Work No. 01-822 1626. Ad. No. 3037

# Holidays

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### **Publications**

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# **Tower Announcements**

ST. LAWRENCE, HUNGERFORD - New Tower S1. LAWRENCE, HORGEN ONE Secretary is Angela Croft, 2 Parsonage Lane, Hungerford, Berks RG17 OJB. Tel: (0488) 84886. Ad. No. 6044

# Dinner

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Annual Dinner, Sat, Feb 25, 1989, at the London Masonic Centre, Clerkenwell Conference Centre, Clerkenwell Green, London EC1. Time: 6.30 for 7.30 pm. Tickets f15.00 from Rogers, 53 The Grove, Isleworth, Middx TW7 4JT (01-560 3921), or any other committee member. All members and friends welcome 2809 welcome.

## Association Announcements

ELY DA, Cambridge District. District Secretary is now Peggy Stanier, 70 High Street, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge CB5 OLD. Phone: (0638) 741328. Ad. No. 0182 741328. Ad. No. 0182 KCACR. Nominations for officers to be elected at the AGM on Monday, 27th March, should reach me by Monday, 27th February. Nominations are required for Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Peal Secretary, Librarian, Report Secretary and up to six extra committee members Nominations are also required for Central Council Representatives to take office in 1990. Please include name of proposer and seconder in each case. P F Romney, 150 Tonbridge Road, Hilden-borough, Tonbridge. 0190 LONDON CA. Please note two amendments to notices published. Ringing before the ADM on Sat

11th, 10–11 am, will now be at Short Street. Practice at Southwark in February is on Wednesday, 15th February, 6.30–8.30 pm. 0185 SUFFOLK GUILD. Management Committee Meet-ing at The Barn, Brook Farm, Buxhall, at 6 pm, Sat, Feb 18th 0078 SURREY ASSOCIATION, S. District. Please note new Secretary is: Mrs Sarah Gilmore, 2 Meadow-side, Barleycorn Meadow, Horley, Surrey RH6 9DL (Tel: 0293 776593). Ad. No. 0187 WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSO

**CIATION.** The Annual Meeting will be held in Worcester on April 22. All nominations for officers and all notices of motion must reach me before March 11 Martin D Fellows, General Secretary, 70a Hagley Road, Stourbridge DY8 10T 0146

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HANDBELLS – Ring of 12 (18 in G) with flat 6th, sharp 2nd and extra treble (for light 10) Fair condition. (061-881 9433) Ad. No. 3043 HANDBELLS FOR SALE – Set of 17, two octaves, above and below middle C plus F # and A# in the upper octave. £950 o.n.o. Phone: 021-422 6533. Ad No. 3040

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# Mid-week Meetings

DERBY DA, Chesterfield District. Mid-week meet-ing, Tues, Feb 14, Staveley 7.30–9 pm. Special methods: St Clements and Cambridge. 0198 DERBY DA. Twelve-bell practice, Sheffield Cathe-dral, 7.30–9 pm, Fri, Feb 10. Stedman Cinques and Yorkshire Maximus. All welcome. (T.L.) 0166 G & B D.A., Cheltenham Branch. Practice at Prest-bury (8), Tues, Feb 14, 19:30. Special methods: Grandsire T. and Yorkshire 0189 
 G & B D.A., Cirencester Branch. Practice, Wed, Feb

 15, Meysey Hampton, 7–9 pm.

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 SOUTHWELL DG, North Notts District. Evening meeting at Rampton (6) on Tues, Feb 14. Ringing 7.30 to 9 pm. All welcome.

### Saturday Meetings & Practices

ESSEX ASSOCIATION, SW District. Evening ringing, All Saints', Chigwell Row, Sat, Feb 11, 6.30 pm start. All welcome. 0121 HERTFORD CA, Eastern District. Special learners' practice, Sat, Feb 11, at Great Amwell (6), from 6.30 to 8.30 pm. 0157 HERTFORD CA, Western District. Sat, Feb 11, meeting at Northchurch (8). Bells 3 pm. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to W Preston, 20 St Mary's Avenue, Northchurch. Special methods: Yorkshire and Plaim Ret. (15) 0151 Bob. K.C.A.C.R., Maidstone District. Meeting, Sat, Feb

11, at Snodland (6). Bells 2.30–4pm. Service at 4 pm, followed by tea. Evening ringing until 6.30 pm. Names for tea to Jessica Vale (0634) 244368 Evening darts competition. For information, ring (0622) 814440. Ad. No.0118

(0622) 814440. Ad. No. 0116 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Liverpool Branch Meeting will be held on Sat, Feb 11, at St Thomas (8), St Helens. Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Tea 5 pm, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at St Helen (10), St Helens. Names for tea to Miss E Collins (Tel: 0744 20787). Ad. No. 0191

LONDON COUNTY ASSN. AGM, Sat, Feb 11, Short Street, 10–11. Southwark Cathedral, 10.45–11.45. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Lunch 10.45–11.45. Service in Cathedral 12 noon. Lunch in new Chapter House adjoining Cathedral 1.00. AGM 2.30 in Chapter House. St Sepulchre, Holborn, 5.30–6.30 St Martin-in-the-Fields 6.30–7.30. Names for lunch please to R Booth, 18 Friars Mead, Manchester Road, Isle of Dogs, London E14 9JZ. Phone: 01-515 9255. The Handbell Competition for the Dawe Cup will be held immediately after the meeting. Rules upon applica-tion to the Secretary. 0159 0159

SUFFOLK GUILD, North East District. Meeting, Sat, Feb 11. Ringing 3 pm, Beccles. Service 4.15 pm. Tea and business meeting. Evening ringing, Wrentham. Names for tea to B Pickup, 1 Brick Kiln Avenue, Beccles (Tel: 715616). Ad. No. 0163 SURREY ASSOCIATION, Southern District. FUN AND GAMES at Merstham (8)I on Sat, Feb 11, 7.30–9 pm A different sort of bell-handling practice for the experienced as well as learners. Everyone most welcome. Phone Nigel Goodship (0737 most 351033) to confirm the venue, as Merstham is having work done on the tower. 0160

SURREY ASSOCIATION, S. District. Practice 7–9 pm, Sat, Feb 11. For venue, phone Nigel (0737 351033). Ad. No. 0186

Ad. No. 0186 W & P D.G., Winchester District. Annual meeting, Sat, Feb 11. Ringing at Upham (8) 2.15–3 and Owslebury (6) 3.15–4. Service at St Marys, Bishopstoke, at 4.30 Tea and meeting in St Paul's Church Hall, Fair Oak Road, from 5 pm. Bishopstoke bells available before service and evening. Names for tea by Wed, Feb 8, please, to Mrs A Le Marechal, 55 Archers Road, Eastleigh. Tel: Soton 615559. Ad. No. 0084 Ad. No. 0084

BATH & WELLS DA, Chew Branch. Practice meet-BATH & WELLS DA, Chew Bratich, 1100,000 pm. All ing on Sat, Feb 18, at Long Ashton, 7.30–9 pm. All 0201

BATH & WELLS DA, Crewkerne Branch, Monthly BATH & WELLS DA, Crewkerne Branch, All practice, Curry Rivel, Sat, Feb 18, 7-9. All 0006

BATH & WELLS DA. Joint meeting, Taunton and Dunster Branches, Sat, Feb 18, at Milverton (8) 7–9 pm. Suggested methods: Erin Triples and Little Bob Major, followed by inter-Branch skittles match at the White Hart, Milverton. 0193

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, Mid-Cheshire Branch. Meeting, Feb 18, Witton (8), Northwich, 3 pm Names for tea to Lynne Sawyer (0606 41043) by Feb 15. Evening ringing, Great Budworth (8). 0178

COVENTRY DG. Feb 18, Coventry Longford (chimes 8), 2.30–3.30. Nuneaton Parish (8) 3.30–4.30, 6.30–8, with service and tea 5 – bring own food and share; soup and drinks available. Methods include Little Bob (talk at 6, with conduct-ing) and Glasgow 0165

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND WEST NOTTS ASSO-CIATION. Joint meeting with Derby District of DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION on Sat, Feb 18,

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSociation 0200 at Belper, 7–8.30 pm. 0200 ELY DA, Huntingdon District. Meeting, Sat, Feb 18. Afternoon ringing 3–4.30 at Little Stukeley (4), followed by service, tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Brampton (6) 6.45–8.30 0179

GLOS & BRISTOL DA, Gloucester Branch. Meeting at Norton on Sat, Feb 18. Ringing starts 7 pm prompt. Special methods: Stedman Triples and St

prompt. Special methods: Stedman Priples and St Clements Bob Major All welcome. 0188 G & BASSOCIATION, Stroud Branch. Quarterly meeting, Sat, Feb 18, Leonard Stanley, 3 pm. Ringing till 4.30. Service, tea and meeting. Ringing at Stonehouse 7.15–9. Phone. Stonehouse 4196 by Feb 15 for tea. 6046

HERTFORD CA, St Albans District. Sat, Feb 18, S. Mymms, 3.30–5 pm: service, tea, meeting. Evening ringing, Barnet 6.30–8 pm. Names for tea (Potters Bar 44139). Ad. No. 0155

KENT C.A.C.R., Ashford District, Meeting, Feb 18, Cheriton (8), 3.00. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs Arnold (Folkestone 30225) by Wed, Feb 15, 0172 please

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, S. Lakeland and Furness Branch, Monthly meeting on Sat, Feb 18, at Kendal 22838), by Wed, Feb 15. All welcomel Mrs E Jackson, 12 Appleby Road, Kendal (Tel: Kendal 22833), by Wed, Feb 15. All welcomel LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Rossentiato Branch. The next meeting will be held on Sat, Feb 18, at St Paul's, Ramsbottom, from 3 to 5 pm All violence A E Pettifor. 0184 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, Market Harborough District. Sat, Feb 18, Gumley (3) 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5 o'clock. Business meeting. Evening ringing, Market Harborough 7–8.30 pm. Names for tea to David Illson (Leics. 792641) by Wed, 15. G.M.T. 0180

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, Melton District. Evening meeting, Sat, Feb. 18, at Croxton Kerrial (6). Bells 7–9 pm. 0192

LINCOLN DG, West Lindsey Branch. Sat, Feb 18, Branch practice at Upton (6), 6.30–9 pm. Visitors 0199

welcome. 0199 MIDDX ASSOCIATION, N and E District. Annual District Meeting at St Augustine, Kilburn, Sat, Feb 18. 5 pm service, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Afternoon ringing 2.30–3.30 at St Anne, Highgate, and 3.45–4.45 at St Martin, Gospel Oak. All very welcome. 0175 NORTH WALES ASSN, Gwynedd and West Clwyd Branch. Annual General Meeting, Sat, Feb 18, at Llandudno. Ringing from 2 pm. Service 4.30. Tea, meeting and ringing till 8 pm. 6045 NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION South-

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, Southern Branch, Meeting at Shelfanger on Sat, Feb 18 Ringing 2.30. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting in Village Hall. Evening ringing at Winfarthing 7–8.30 pm. Names for teas to Mrs B Baines (Diss 643293) by Feb 14th. 0162

Baines (Diss 643293) by Feb 14th. 0162 OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, Sonning Deanery Branch AGM on Sat, Feb 18 2.30, ringing at Wokingham St Paul for 3.00 service. Tea and AGM at Wokingham All Saints' Annexe. Evening practice, Wokingham St Paul, 7–9 Numbers for tea by Feb 14 to Pauline Branson (Wokingham 794163) or Hugh Baxter (Wokingham 781448) Ad. No. 0177 Hugh Baxter (Wokingham 781448) Ad. No. 0177 SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Southern Division. ADM, Sat, Feb 18, at Hurstpierpoint. Ringing 3 pm. Service at 4.30 pm, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Anne Franklin (Ringmer 813189) by 15th please. Evening ringing with a simulator at Hurstpierpoint. 0197 GUILD, Isle of Wight District. Annual W & P

District Meeting at Niton, Feb 18 Ringing 3.00. Names for tea to Mrs C Miller (I.W. 730108) Ad. No. 0196

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Western Branch, Evening meeting, Feb 18, at Keighley (8), 6.30– 8.30 pm. All welcome. 0181

SUSSEX CA, Eastern Division. Annual Divisional Meeting at Hailsham (8) on Sat, Feb 25. Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing if time permits. Names for tea by Wed 22 to Pauline Kennard (Alfriston 870154). Ad. No. 0174

LADIES' GUILD, Western District. Mar 11, ADM, Marston Bigott. Watch this space for detailsl 0195

The best laid plans ...!

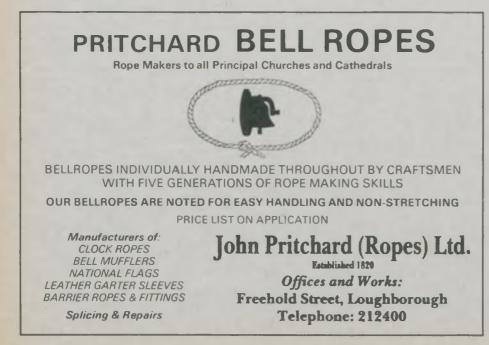
Early in 1988 young Alastair Banton asked when he could attempt a peal. Without giving much thought to the matter, Dad (Colin) replied, "Oh before the end of the year I should think!"

During the autumn, a burst of quarter-peal activity enabled Alastair to score numerous "firsts" including quarters on 8, 10 and 12 and "inside" to Plain Bob and Grandsire, and once again the question was asked, and Dad was reminded of his earlier half-promise. Alastair decided that he would "play safe" and asked to ring the treble to Bob Minor, and so Dad had the idea of making it a sort of family occasion. Alastair's Uncle and godfather (Nigel Self) would be spending New Year at Stockton, and he usually gets dragged out of peal-ringing retirement on these occasions, and Alastair's other godfather (Douglas Elwick) usually gets summoned to Stockton for a peal over the Christmas/New Year period so, if these two were willing, with Mum (Elaine) and sister (Corinne) the band would be complete.

The arrangements were made (surprise, surprise!) and the bells booked for Friday evening 30 December as there was no practice that night and all looked set until Friday morning, when Mum succumbed to the 'flu virus. Douglas couldn't manage any other time, and Nigel was returning home to Kent on the Monday morning so Mum gallantly agreed to go ahead and try. However, after trying the bells and adjusting ropes she decided she really couldn't last the time, and decided to return home. Alastair was so disappointed that Mum suggested we ring a peal of Doubles for him.

DORSET COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Meeting, Sat, Mar 18, Evershot 6.30. Practices: Wed, Feb 15, Hazelbury Bryan; Sat, Feb 18, Cattistock; Wed, Mar 1, Fontmell Magna; Wed, Mar 15, Wool; all at 7 0183 pm

> **ESSEX ASSOCIATION North West District** OPEN DAY Holiday Monday, 29 May 1989 0176



Well now, tower captains must be obeyed (at least at Stockton!!) and so we re-arranged ourselves onto the light James five, and rather later than intended the peal started.

Since none of the band are great exponents of Doubles, we decided to keep it very simple (not just for Alastair's sake either!) and began with 720 Reverse Canterbury, followed by 720 Grandsire (just to please Corinne!) and 720 Plain Bob. By this time we had settled down to a good, if rather brisk rhythm and the halfway point in the next block of Reverse Canterbury came after 1 hour and 12 minutes. The peal continued without any upsets and the final 720 of Plain Bob (for added safety!) brought us safely into rounds for the 42nd time after 2 hours and 23 mintues.

We were all delighted for Alastair who rang extremely well but sorry that Elaine was unable to ring with us, although we are pleased to report that she made a good recovery over the weekend. Unfortunately she was unable to ring in Corinne's first peal back in 1983, just a few weeks before young David was born, so, perhaps in about five years time if and when David is ready to ring his first peal, she might manage that and then we could ring an all-Banton's peal of doubles. Still, best not to make too many plans, for as we know only too well, Burns' old adage has a lot of truth in it! A.C.B.

# At the Town Hall

On Saturday, January 21st the AGM of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association of Change Ringers was held at Manchester Town Hall. At the start of the business meeting members stood to the memory of the Rev. Douglas Burnett a former chairman of the branch who had recently died. At the meeting the following members were elected to branch offices, branch chairman David Jones, branch ringing master Roland Eccles, branch committee member Stanley Rumney, LACR committee member Dorothy Eccles, junior committee member Simon Ogier. The secretary reported that four LACR certificates of proficiency had been awarded during the year to Peter Malloch, Wendy Malloch, Derek Marshall and Philip Wildes all of Ashtonunder-Lyne. During the year fifteen people had been made members of the Lancashire Association.

During the evening ringing took place on the Town Hall bells to suit all capabilities. BETTY ORMROD

# Encouraging sign for the future

North West Essex district members held their annual meeting on 28th January at Helions Bumpstead. Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds and call changes to spliced Surprise Major. Nearly 50 members and visitors, including the Association officers and three life vice-presidents, attended Evensong conducted by the Rev. G. Mansfield, with Herbert Ramsey, tower captain, playing the organ

After tea the district master, Gerald Pearson, reviewed his first year in office: the programme of three practices a month had been generally well supported, with increased attendances at Saturday meetings and Friday special practices and up to 25 at learners' practices. During the year 18 district towers had been visited. At the meeting 15 new members were elected, an encouraging sign for the future. There was one change among the officers elected for 1989: Frank Warboys, Thaxted, is the new deputy master. MB

# February 10, 1989

# From N.S.E. and W. - it's the **RAF**Guild

The RAF Guild Christmas meeting for 1988, was held on Saturday 3rd December. The 40 or so members attending congregated at the Taylors Foundry in Loughborough, having travelled, once again, from the four points of the compass to be there

The day started with a tour of the Foundry hosted by Mr. Jennings of that establishment. Unfortunately, those who arrived even a little late were unable to gain access to the Foundry, as the outer door had to be secured, and so missed the first part of the tour. It was unani-mously agreed that the tour was a splendid way to start the day. On behalf of the Guild, 1 should like to publicly thank Taylors and, especially, Mr. Jennings for their hospitality. I would recommend such a visit to anyone with even the remotest interest in bells.

The stragglers were picked up between the foundry buildings and, at the conclusion of the tour, the day's ringing commenced at the foundry campanile. From the foundry the convoy moved on to the 10 at Loughborough All Saints - a most enjoyable ring. Lunch was taken at Woodhouse by everyone bar the Chairman, who, it appears, was directed by some cad to a picturesque, but almost deserted, pub by a canal.

The afternoon's ringing commenced at Woodhouse and proceeded through Quorn, Mountsorrel and Sileby to Barrow-on-Soar, where a service was held and tea and the meeting undertaken.

The Chairman opened the meeting with the announcement that he was now approaching the end of his term of office and would not be standing for re-election in March. (I shall be opening a book on who will succeed him in the near future.) The minutes were read and signed, from whence discussion moved on to the programme for 1989.

This year's AGM will be held on the 18th March in the Wendover area and will be hosted by the outgoing veteran chairman. This will be followed, shortly after, by the Amport Course. This year's course number is 1918 but please - a plea from your Guild Officers would those who wish to attend contact Robin Noble before applying. As usual, serving members will then have to make the formal application through their station chaplains and non-serving members will need to contact Amport. A further point which was raised was a reminder that this is a joint RAF/RN course. We both enjoyed and valued the presence of those members of the RN Guild who attended in 1988 and would be delighted to welcome RN Guild representation in 1989. Any mem-bers of the RN Guild wishing to attend are also requested to contact Robin. His address is: Wing Commander R. Noble, C of E Chaplain, Royal Air Force, Halton, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP22 5PG.

Remaining on an RAF/RN theme, this year's joint meeting will be held on 20th May in the Taunton area - courtesy of our illustrious Ringing Master. Towers to be announced, but he assures me that he's got a little surprise up his sleeve for that meet-(However, would you buy a seconing dhand car from that gentleman?)

The Summer meeting is to be held in the Marham area of West Norfolk - a Steve Wood production - on 24th June. The Battle of Britain meeting will be in the Cheshire area methinks on the 16th September, but don't quote me. Lastly, the Christmas meeting will be on 2nd December in the Oxford area (it's my turn again).

I feel it fitting, at this point, to invite members of the Guild to think about organising meetings in their own areas. Help and advice are always available from any of the Guild Officers. The reward for so doing is a mention in the pages of this learned journal. On which note, I'd like to thank John Turner for organising the day's events in December on behalf of the Guild.

**Andy Hamnett** 

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I shall conclude by wishing all members of the RAF and RN Guilds a very happy and successful 1989. We hope to see as many of you as possible at one meeting or another in the near future. SNT

# A new record

Do please try to beat this one, all you oneweek learners out there. Tracy Armitage arrived at Darfield just before 10.00am on Sunday, January 15th wanting to learn to ring. By 10.40am, she was handling the treble at Barnburgh (3, 8 cwts); some 20 minutes later, the treble at Hickleton (3, 63/4 cwts). On the Thursday, the treble at Darfield (8, 14 cwts). Saturday, January 21st saw her pulling at the ropes of bells 1 and 2 at Badsworth (4, 13 cwts), the treble at Featherstone (3, 11 cwts), the 5th of the 12 at Wakefield Cathedral (12, 35 cwts) and the 2nd of the 15 cwts ring of 6 at Crofton. Having rung the 2nd at Hickleton and the 2nd at Darfield on Sunday, January 22nd, she was handling the 4th at Wath-on-Dearne at 10.38am, making it (just!) her 8TH TOWER within her 1st week (and also her 11th different bell) - albeit with a tutor but at nearly all of them, the FULL stroke and catch. Do you know of a learner who can beat this or is our Tracy a world record holder? M. KING

**Darfield Tower Captain** 



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# Comment

Is it still possible to be original in Plain Bob Major but at the same time produce a composition other people will want to ring? I have my doubts. This composition warrants publication because it is musical, neatly constructed and well worth ringing; it is, however, constructed from well known blocks and containings little that is new. AJC

# A whole turn for the worse

The peal of eight-spliced was proceeding smoothly when suddenly in London the ringer of the 5th began to wander from the straight and narrow. With remarkable alacrity the conductor yelled "Stedman" at him, inviting him to carry out that little manoeuvre on the front. All would have been well except for the fact that the treble ringer, exhibiting considerable ingenuity, changed from his 4/3 down dodge to make a point in 5ths, ran in quick and back to 4/5 up, where he dodged happily away. At the inquest after the monumental fire-up and total confusion, the treble ringer admitted that he had been a little surprised to find Stedman included in the Standard Eight Surprise Major methods, but as he had implicit faith in the ability of the conductor . . .

# L.C.A. Annual Report

The new London Tower Guide and London County Association Annual Report is now available. This latest issue contains details of the bells and ringing times of all the bells within the London boroughs, together with a day-by-day analysis of practices. There is also a list of Association practices and other useful information for both London residents and visitors. The report can be obtained at any Association practice or meeting, price £1.50, or by post from the Secretary, price £1.75 including postage: J. E. Hawes, 11 Nicholas Court, 166 Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, London SE120JA.

# New Doubles variations

The following variations have been rung to quarter peals and named.

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(New Antelope, Pinks Bobs, Earls Court Singles).

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At St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent:

25.1.89. Romanic Doubles.

(Reverse Wollaton, Pinks Bobs, Stithian Singles). DEREK P. JONES. Burton-on-Trent.

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front: Lesley Boyle (9), Elisabeth Bowden (2), Stephanie Kenton (8), Geraldine Forster (10),
Elizabeth Orme (4).
Daughter not parish
  I apologise for making a mistake in my recent
letter about Todmorden. St. Mary's is a
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daughter church not a parish church, though it will be the parish church when it has been repaired and re-ordered. Its history is curious but will, I hope, be told when the bells have been installed and the church re-opened. WILFRID MORETON Wakefield

# Christmas Crossword Solution

ACROSS:

1 Good King Wenceslas looked out; 15 Align; 16 Along; 17 Overt; 18 Ink blot; 20 GWR; 21 Big; 22 Drill; 23 Lights; 25 Mantra; 26 Hosanna; 29 Inside; 31 Christmas cake; 35 Little; 40 Element; 43 Caspar; 44 Hoopla; 46 Strip; 47 Ark; 49 Cat; 50 Noetian; 51 In the palace; 53 Elfin; 54 Saturday; 55 Rain; 56 Mastered; 57 Myth; 60 Erin; 61 Addition; 63 Eyre; 64 Benidorm; 68 Minor; 70 I ring my bell; 71 Tallied; 72 Egg; 73 Duo; 74 Nabob; 75 Humbug; 77 Kissed; 78 Lorelei; 81 Pieces; 83 New South Wales; 87 Scotch; 92 Ingrate; 95 Canapé; 96 Adagio; 99 Lyric; 100 Ego; 102 Nod; 103 Emerged; 104 Rerun; 105 Award; 106 Tulle; 107 St. Peters Cathedral Lancaster DOWN

Grandsire and Stedman spliced; 2 Origins; 3 King Lud; 4 Nearly; 5 Wrong; 6 Night; 7 Even; 8 Look away; 9 Sceptic; 10 Outback: 11 Knight; 12 Dukes; 13 Uhlan; 14 It came upon the midnight clear; 24 Her; 27 Art; 28 St. Mar-tin; 30 IOM; 32 Hacker; 33 Instigating; 34 Ado; 36 Instep; 37 Tarif; 38 Standard eight; 39 La Cenerentola; 41 Elect; 42 Emigre; 45 Places; 48 Herm; 52 Australasia; 58 Miriam; 59 Filler; 62 Nays: 63 Eyesight; 65 Oriel; 66 Treble; 67 Middle; 69 Noble; 76 Bow; 79 Eno; 80 Rum punch; 82 Car; 84 Escorts; 85 Sangria; 86 Lea; 88 Cold tea; 89 Tartlet; 90 Needle; 91 London; 93 Great; 94 Angle; 97 Diana; 98 Grail; 101 Hand.

Fourth out of the hat and first with all answers correct was:

Martin J. Turner, 127 Cheyne Way, Farn-borough, Hants. GU148SA.

# **Ringing for Sunday service**

If you had to make a rough guess on the number of towers where bells are rung on Sundays, what would it be? Perhaps 50%, 75%, 20%? In next week's issue we publish the first findings of the Central Council Survey of Ringing, which gives a much more accurate figure. You may be surprised at the result.

# VAT and Bell Restoration

We understand that the subject raised by Martin Fellows (R.W. February 3rd, p. 95) is under active consideration by the Central Council Bell Restoration Funds Committee and had already been included on the circulated agenda for that committee's next meeting.

# No antagonism

Mr. Spencer has asked us to add a note to his letter (p. 121) to the effect that he has in no way wished to suggest that there is a major difference in service and ability between English and continental bellfounders. He simply described the factors which led to the decisions taken at Spratton.

# Twin stamp

With reference to my letter which appears on the Bellfounders' Gift Page this week, could I add that David Cawley has pointed out to me that this stamp is a twin to the design which fom Kimber drew in one of his books for Robert Stainbank's family shield, and undoubtedly the stamp was made by him.

JOHN SCOTT

# Late Notices

SOUTHWELL GUILD, South Notts District. Evening meeting at East Leake (6), Feb 24, 7.30–9 pm. All welcome 0202

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ring at St. Mary-le-Bow. Those who heard the peal described it as a first-class performance. The

band pictured above was, left to right: Frances Dodds (C, 5), Enid Lawson (7), Joanna Ainsworth (3), Alison Surry (12), Gwen Rogers (1), Linda Garton (6), Stephanie Pattenden (11). Seated in the