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Hursley – now a ten-bell tower

The tower of the present Church of All Saints, Hursley, is the only part remaining of the mediæval church built probably by William Edyngton, Bishop of Winchester, 1346–67, or his successor, William of Wykeham, 1367–1404. The present church is the third on the site. It was built in 1848, replacing a brick building which in turn replaced a yet earlier church thought to be Norman in about 1750. The present church was built by the Rev. John Keble from the proceeds of two books, the *Lyra Innocentium* and the *Christian Year*, and cost £3,380 for the structure and £1,200 for the woodwork, flooring and other interior fittings. This sum was exceeded and augmented by offerings from various friends. As part of this work, the tower which had survived the two previous churches was faced in the same Gothic style as the new church. It was surmounted by an elegant spire at a cost of £800 and was unfortunately removed in 1960.

Somewhat vague

The history of the bells is somewhat vague because almost all the old church records have been destroyed in recent years. The present bells Nos. 8 and 9 were cast by John Wallis of Salisbury in 1616; a tenor of about 12 cwt was added in 1713 by Will and Rob Cor; then the present 6 and 7 in 1835 by W & J Taylor of Oxford. They became six in 1880 when, to quote the *Bell News*, they were "rehung by Messrs Hooper and Stokes of Woobury, Devon (in the present oak frame). A new treble bell by Messrs Mears and Stainbank of the old foundry Whitechapel had been added; the ringing chamber has been raised in height and put in order. Seagar's silent apparatus has also

been afixed. On 11th February 1881 the Winchester Cathedral ringers rang some Grandsire Doubles – the first that are known to have been rung in the tower."

Mahogany boards

The bells had to wait another nine years for their first peal, which was 5040 Minor in five methods; this peal was rung for the Sussex County Association and conducted by George Williams on 26th December 1890. The local band were quite active at this time as there are beautiful mahogany peal boards recording 720s of Grandsire Minor and Plain Bob rung in 1902 and 1903 respectively. The unveiling of the board for the 720 Grandsire Minor took place on 30th April 1902 and was recorded in the *Bell News*, as was the opening "peal" rung on the restored ring at nearby Sparsholt by the Hursley band. A surviving notebook records ringing for various events during the 1914–1918 War.

Augmented to eight

In 1923 the bells were augmented to eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston who hung two new trebles in a wrought-iron frame beside the wooden one. At the same time the 1890 treble and 1713 tenor were recast. All the bells were hung on ball-bearings – the back six retaining their wooden headstocks. In 1979 funds were raised by the band with which to rehang the back six; iron headstocks, wheels and all the other necessary parts were purchased from Whitechapel Bell Foundry and erected by some of the ringers. The first peal on the eight being rung on Saturday, 29th December 1923, of 5024 Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 3 hours 20 minutes, and again conducted by George Williams.



Roy Le Marechal and Martin Waldron unloading the new bells.



Hot work.

Scheme revived

Emboldened by the success of this re-hanging, a scheme for augmentation to ten was prepared, and after various disappointments the scheme was revived in 1987. The necessary funds were raised quite quickly, thanks to the organising genius of Philip Belgeonne. The work was entrusted to Whitechapel Bell Foundry and a small party went to London on 18th May to witness the casting of the new bells. Installation work started on 17th July and it was carried out by Philip Jakeman, Martin Waldron and volunteers from the band, taking three weeks to complete.

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All Saints', Hursley, Hants

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Obituary

Walter Allman

The friends of Walter Allman were surprised to learn of his death on 25th August after a very short illness, as when he took part in a peal of Ealing Surprise Major on 31st May he was in his usual good health and spirits.

Walter had served the Church of All Saints', Runcorn, for over 50 years, and at his funeral service on 5th September over 150 people were present to pay their respects to a well-liked and respected member of the community. The Vicar paid tribute to his work for the church and in the town and to his cheerfulness, which even on the day he did not desert him.

He rang his first peal for the Chester Guild in the year he joined, 1937, Bob Minor at Hartford, conducted by H. W. Howard. The war years interfered with his ringing career, but immediately after the war he trained a young band from scratch at Runcorn to the state where they were competent in the four standard Surprise methods. In one of the peals they rang, every member of the band held some office or other in the Church, and one was ordained later. In 1946 he appeared in a peal at Frodsham and this was the first of many there. When the late J. C. E. Simpson came back into the area and began to arrange peals, usually on Friday evenings, Walter was soon a regular member.

In 1947 he was one of the band which rang Pitman's Four-Spliced, all the work, for the first time, conducted by Simpson. At about this time there was a competent band in East Cheshire under the leadership of John Worth, and there was a very friendly rivalry between East and West, but when any big job had to be tackled then they joined forces. In 1950 he rang the sixth at Over to the then record peal of 21,600 Bristol, and the next year took part in 15,480 Cambridge Royal at Worsley.

Walter had taken part in ringing tours in various parts of the country, and his sense of fun enlivened many an evening. As a method ringer he was thoroughly reliable, and although he seldom exercised his skill he was a highly competent conductor. His peal total is not known, but he had rung 346 peals for the Chester Guild. Among his peals was the first on the back eight at Manchester Town Hall (London Surprise) in 1949. Walter was that rare person in these days; he was a "character", cheerful and well liked by all.

To his family we offer our sincere condolences. On the day of his death a quarter peal of Pudsey was rung at Frodsham and a quarter peal of Cambridge at Warburton on 27th August. A peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Frodsham on 8th September and a memorial peal at his own tower of Runcorn of Plain Bob Major on 13th September. C.K.L.

John F. Grove

It was with sorrow and some shock that I heard of the death of John on 3rd September, since less than a month previously he was with us at Inveraray enjoying the ringing week as he had done each year since coming to live at Montrose, Angus, in 1974. Bessie, his devoted wife for 46 years, always came with him and enjoyed the social evenings after the ringing. John, aged 72 years died of a heart attack, following admission to hospital.

He learned to ring at Conisbrough, South Yorkshire; a naturally capable ringer right from the start. I conducted his first peal, which was at Blyth, North Notts on October 1, 1936 and was rung with clappers half muffled in memory of Robert Stockdale who was tragically killed in a road accident whilst returning from the opening of this new ring of bells, exactly one year previously. Robert was the popular secretary of the North Notts Association. Mrs. E. Dorice Kelly, John J.L. Gilbert, my brother Herbert and I are survivors from that peal.

John was a well built and most capable ringer on any bell and a specially good back end ringer. He had tremendous enthusiasm for bells and ringing which he constantly conveyed to others, including non-ringers. He had a pleasant and co-operative disposition, never ruffled and always most courteous to others during or following ringing.

Following the war he and Bessie lived at Hornchurch in Essex and John joined the band at Leytonstone. He also took part in some notable peals with John Crampion, David Beard and other well known ringers.

In 1954 Bessie and John moved to Hoyleake in Cheshire and he rang regularly at St. Nicholas Parish Church and at Liverpool Cathedral.

Following the installation of the ring of eight at St. Machar's Cathedral, Aberdeen, John resumed regular ringing by joining the band there, travelling some 80 miles each week to ring. He also rang in several peals at St. Machar's.

Aberdeen ringers, colleagues from Glaxo, where John had followed his profession as chemist, and other friends were present at his memorial service at Montrose and at the Chapel of Rest where cremation took place. Our sympathies go to his wife Bessie, son Peter, daughter Jennifer and grandchildren Richard (6) and Susan (5). John will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

NORMAN CHADDOCK

Arthur Hibbert

We regret to report the death on October 6 of Arthur Hibbert of Chapel-en-le-Frith, husband of Frances and father of Elizabeth, William and Peter. He died peacefully at home, aged 71 years.

William B. Dawson

We regret to report the death of William B. Dawson, Tower Captain of Bicker, near Boston, Lincs, in his 73rd year; a ringer for a great many years.

Sussex win the Essex

On Saturday, 16th September bands representing seven of the Associations in the home counties met at Ashford in Kent to compete for the Essex Trophy. This competition is organised every year to test the ability of the various Associations to ring on ten bells. The test piece chosen this year was a touch of Stedman Caters, especially composed for the occasion by John Pladdys. To say it was original would be an understatement, because although in itself it contained some pleasant music, the music tended to be produced in unconventional ways.

The bands had been drawn into two "pools" the first four - Winchester and Portsmouth, Middlesex County and London Diocesan, Essex and Kent - began the competition at 2.00 pm. The remaining three bands - Hert-

ford, Surrey and Sussex - were not required to arrive until 4.00 pm, although many of them arrived well before time to spy out the opposition.

The ringing proceeded without a hitch, but those who wanted to listen to the opposition had rather an uncomfortable time as it was raining and rather windy outside and the bells were inaudible in the church above the constant chattering and clinking of tea cups!

The final band finished their test piece at about 5.30 pm and Richard Carter (the judge) was released from his incarceration in the Church Hall to give his verdict. He made some general comments about the ringing before giving the results. He said that he was surprised at the variation in the speed of some of the test pieces, almost one and a half minutes between the quickest and the slowest. He also said there were a fair number of dropped back-strokes especially around the leads.

The results were as follows: 1st with 52 faults was the band from Sussex, who rang last and also rang the slowest. Did they learn by the other bands mistakes? 2nd was the band representing Surrey with 54 faults and 3rd was the band from Hertford with 78 faults.

After the results had been given the Essex Trophy was presented to the Captain of the Sussex band. One wonders where they are going to keep it! The Chairman of the KCACR, Tim Wraight then thanked everyone who had taken part in the competition, Nick Chesson and Malcolm Lodwick for the organisation, the vicar and ringers of Ashford for the use of their bells and lastly the 'Lady' Secretary of the KCACR, who knew her place and had spent the whole of the afternoon in the kitchen supplying numerous cups of tea and coffee.

P. R. Y.



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Editorial

All too often we hear of complaints that nearby bells have interfered with someone's quiet. In some cases of course we would have to admit that such complaints are justified and that the amount of ringing on a particular day has perhaps been rather excessive, especially where there is little attempt to provide adequate sound control.

In many cases, however, we do know that the sound of our bells is appreciated - and how pleasant it is to receive confirmation of this. Recently the ringers at Heavitree Parish Church, which lies a short distance from the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital at Wonford, received the following letter:

"15 September 1989

Dear Fr. Illing,

Last month and for some time this month I was a patient in Wonford Hospital.

I was on the fifth floor, confined to bed by a series of wires, drips, etc., and with nothing to look at but a blank wall covered in porridgey paper.

So you can imagine my delight on hearing your church bells - frequently, as it was the Bank Holiday - and thereafter at practice. Please congratulate your campanologists and tell them how much they relieved the boredom of hospital life for at least one patient.

Yours sincerely,

D. WILKINSON (Mrs.)"

We often hope that our ringing cheers-up patients such as Mrs. Wilkinson - how nice it is when they take the trouble to thank us for our efforts.

Approximately 40 years ago the Editor acknowledged with thanks receipt of a lengthy manuscript on the history of Southover Church, its bells and ringers. He regretted that space was not available to print the article and summarised its main points. George Elphick who wrote the article wondered, in view of our request for information on the development of local bands, whether we would be interested in looking again at his most interesting treatise - indeed we would, and the first part is included in this issue. Over the next few weeks the tower where J. S. Goldsmith, founder of this magazine, learnt to ring will be described in the years up to 1946 and an insight given into some of the ringers of that period.

D. for Distraction!

A certain tenor-ringer from Shaftesbury decided the time had come to "reveal" his true colours. During the peal at St. Mark's, Exeter, on 28th September, his trousers decided "downwards" had been called (about 40 minutes from the end)! Despite this the band carried on and rang a peal of Bristol - John's last in his "40's". Now we know what the D. stands for, and black was the colour of the day, I gather.

A SECRET CHORTLER

The Ringing World Diary 1990

The 1990 Diary is now available and can be ordered, either on the form provided in our issue of 15 September or by letter to The Ringing World office. The price (including p & p) is £3.30 for a single copy, £3.20 each for more than one to the same address and £3.00 for copies collected from Guildford. Leather-bound copies are again available (£6.60 or £7.70 with initials).

New features in the 1990 Diary include:

- better quality paper
- a totally revised Minor methods section including five new methods
- a more comprehensive "lead-in" to 1991

Apart from these modifications the format is similar to that produced when *The Ringing World* took over production of the Diary two years ago.

To avoid disappointment order now - stocks are limited.

A. N. STUBBS,
Director, Ringing World Ltd.

Rejoicings at Buxhall, Suffolk

September 15th marked 40 years to the day, the induction of the Rev. Norman Kendall, M.A., to the living of Buxhall. Canon Kendall and his wife have always been tremendously supportive of ringers and ringing, and part of the joy of visiting Buxhall, apart from the fine Gillett & Johnston six, is always the welcome from the Rector.

It was decided to honour the occasion by attempting to match the first peal on the restored bells - January 3, 1953; same order of methods, same conductor. The peal, enjoyable as it proved, was notable for other things too! Peter Minchin was invited - it was he who hung them in the autumn of 1952, and very well too. The peal honoured the Silver Wedding of Winston and Sue Girling, so a happy occasion all round, suitably marked by the Rector's vintage port (which we all remembered to pass round the correct way).

But as with all such events one is conscious of the passing years, and we remembered with thankfulness the lives of the five other members of that 1953 peal - Bill Button, Ron Steward, Bob Lester, Garnham Blaxcell and Cecil Pipe. G.W.P.

Recorded examples

I am assembling a series of tape-recorded examples of different styles of bellringing to illustrate lectures on the subject. As yet, I have no examples of closed-lead call-change ringing (as practised in Devon and Cornwall) on any number of bells, and "cartwheel" ringing (as in the Barnsley area), particularly of treble-bob ringing on six bells. If anybody would be prepared to lend me a tape from which I could make a copy, I would be much obliged. Please contact me at the address below, or on 0742-305474 (and the answerphone is friendly, really!).

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Lucky Thirteen

In the reign of William III of England (1689-1702) a Coldstream Guardsman named John Hatfield was tried by court-martial on the charge of having fallen asleep while on sentry-go at Windsor Castle. As proof that he was awake at the crucial time, he claimed to have heard 'Great Tom' of Westminster, over twenty miles away, chime thirteen times at midnight! This defence, which sounded so improbable, was, on investigation, proved to be justified and the soldier was acquitted. When he died in 1770, at the age of 105, he took his alibi to the grave with him - it was inscribed on the coffin plate.

Ringer ordained

On Saturday, 30th September, 1989, Jane Hedges, wife of the tower captain of St. Mary's, Gillingham, Dorset, was ordained as a Deacon in Salisbury Cathedral. The service was at 5.30 p.m. and, at the request of her husband Richard, a quarter peal was arranged especially to be rung whilst the service was being conducted.

Gillingham, Dorset. 30 Sept, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Sarah M Hunt 1, K Woodward 2, Jacqueline M Hobbs 3, M J Hobbs 4, P J Bird 5, P Bosworth 6, D J Hunt (C) 7, B J Wylde 8. For the ordination of Jane Hedges.

First peal congratulations

Lee Southall, Kerry Simpson, Rachel J. Mearns, Timothy Flitcroft, Arthur A. White, Sarah T. King, Harriet P. Morgan, Sharon E. Pankhurst, Ben Chantler, Alan Chantler, Annette K. Seccombe.

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Letters

Give and take in ringing

The letters in response to Mr Dodd have spurred me into making my own contribution to the various opinions, although I still have a somewhat open mind on the subject.

However another point first. I learned to ring in 1947, reached the dizzy heights of branch secretary, and for ten years up to 1968 was tower captain (successfully I consider) of the tower where I learned to ring. Then in 1968 after much soul searching I decided that I could not accept the existence of a god of any kind, and felt that I should no longer ring church bells, let alone be a tower captain. Apart from the occasional special peal like the half muffled one for the gentleman who taught me, this appertained for the next twelve years. Self-interest and time can temper one's views and I then started going regularly to a good practice, although I still did not ring on Sundays. The captain of this tower persuaded me that it was a waste that I didn't ring on Sundays and considered that even if I didn't attend church I should still ring. I therefore took his views to heart and ring every Sunday morning and alternate Sunday evenings at a local tower and have done for nine or ten years, but do not attend church because of my religious views. The church where I learned to ring is now "dead" (NOT because I left!!), apart from one of the original ringers who tolls a lone bell. I recently offered to get a band going with the existing ringer as captain, but was told in no uncertain terms by the priest-in-charge, that he would rather the bells be silent than have a non churchgoer in the belfry. How about some views on this?

To lead into the paying for use of bells, whilst I do think a reasonably sized donation, say up to £2 a rope for peals, is both desirable and fair, nobody has written about the following view. I often get a lot of pleasure from my weekday ringing, and although not a churchgoer feel that by ringing on Sundays, I am in a way giving something back in return - after all, unless a church has a first class Sunday band, Sunday ringing is not exactly rivetting. Most Sunday ringing, for whatever reason is a sacrifice of one's time. So to take this other view, if one is to be charged a "commercial" fee for the use of bells, then by the same token one should be paid a "commercial" rate for Sunday ringing. Very few people get paid less than £5 hour for Sunday work, but even at this rate if one were paid for Sunday ringing but did not accept the money, and one is still taking a commercial view, that represents a gift of £5-10 every Sunday. Surely these ringers are due a little in return for their labours, by having the use of other church bells occasionally for pleasure, even if they are of no direct help to the church visited. After all, from an overall point of view, without the kind of ringer with the enthusiasm to visit other towers for peals or grabs or whatever, ringing in general would be in a much worse state than it already is now.

Those in favour of high charges occasionally argue that other ringers never come and help them train a band, but one has sometimes to see the other side. There is a tower near to me

that has had a lot time given up by various ringers over number the years, and at least three bands taught to ring after appeals to the local branch of the Guild. On each occasion they were left with sufficient ringers to man the bells in call changes, and a person was left in charge who could teach more ringers. Then the helpers said that now that they had a band it was up to them to visit other local towers to improve their skills. In every case the ringing rarely survived more than about 12 months. If a new ready made ringre moves into the village who knows nothing about the past, and complains about getting no help, who can blame the local branch ringers for being septical, knowing the past history, especially when use of the bells for say a quarter peal is made difficult, and then very grudgingly. A couple of years ago I managed to get the bells for a quarter peal, a donation was given, and was afterwards told that had it been known that X was in the band then permission would not have been granted. X was totally unaware of doing anything to offend the person, and a few years earlier was one of those who spent many months helping to teach a band, ultimately to little avail. This may be an isolated case, but I suspect not.

Sadly, there are ringers who take but do not give, but I would like to think that they are very much the exception.

Macclesfield. **BARRY CORBISHLEY**

"When ignorance is bliss 'tis folly to be wise"

The recent correspondence in *The Ringing World* between Whitchurch and Chalfont St. Giles illustrates how one should not judge by appearances. In Whitchurch we were put onto the wrong track by the heading of the original "thank you" letter as Young "grabbers" rather than, say, "young service ringers". We were genuinely worried by the self-imposed description of "very new ringer" only able to handle one half of a rope, to such an extent that we felt a warning was due.

The Whitchurch ringers, as any competent ringer might, are likely to over-react when they perceive danger. Certainly we are not vindictive and had not "made a point of not ringing", but had felt we could be in the way. In previous years ringers attending Yellow Braces have been invited and encouraged to ring.

The ropes do not break because of lack of maintenance but from old age and lack of funds. Saving our wedding money when there are only two or three a year takes time, though thankfully the PCC has just agreed to add to our £100 to replace them.

There are only three resident ringers and our vicar certainly knows how to contact all of us. He also knows that we rely on willing support from the surrounding (hard-pressed) village ringers to top-up the band. Perhaps he may be forgiven for not knowing whether they were available.

I hope that all the ruffled feathers are now soothed. Would the Chalfont St. Giles ringers like to join us one Sunday? Any other ringer in the vicinity, please let us know; you will be made very welcome and help us field a full team.

CAROLE and TERRY WAGSTAFF
Whitchurch, Aylesbury

Belfry inspecting - Central Council not a closed shop

Thank you for publishing Chris Pickford's letter (R.W., 22/9), from which it is evident he and others may be misconstruing what I said in *The Ringing World* on 8th September.

Firstly, the very reason for my appeal was because I am sure that the Central Council should be outward-looking; with over 200 members and the majority of them taking part in no committee, it is surely better to encourage a more active membership than to co-opt even if that were possible.

Secondly, Chris writes of "claims of shortages" and "problems" which he will not find in my letter. There is no evidence that ringers well qualified in towers and belfries matters have shunned the Council in the past, and I would trust there are no more "Central Council types" than there are "Council for the Care of Churches types". As he has himself said, "we are all ringers . . . active in supporting bell restoration". There is no life membership on the "Towers and Belfries" nor on any other Central Council Committee.

Thirdly, maybe Chris knows of some local advisers whose experience is limited to modern installations; if so I agree with him that their experience should be broadened. A wide range of expertise is indeed needed. Having a past chairman of the CCC Bells Subcommittee as a member of the Towers and Belfries Committee has been of great value, and it would be beneficial if some such link could be maintained.

Fourthly - as Chris points out - of course experience and knowledge count for a lot, and no-one should expect to become an "instant expert" just through attendance on a special course. It would be very odd, however, if the principles of tower inspection and the facts of bellhanging could not be taught or gained from reading; surely such basic training - to a definable standard - should go hand-in-hand with experience in the belfry? Indeed the two facets could be put together as in GCSE or City and Guilds courses!

If indifferent advice is given by incompetent advisers then we - as ringers - have the opportunity of doing something about it through our representative members elected to the Central Council.

ALAN J. FROST, Chairman,
Towers and Belfries Committee

"Hands-on" the only way

What a wonderful letter from Chris Pickford (R.W., page 856), especially paragraph four.

He is absolutely correct in saying that "hands-on" expertise is the only way to decide what is right or wrong, and technical qualifications are not always the answer.

During my years with the foundry, it seemed that the acme of bellhanging knowledge was the local young man who had just rung his first course of Bob Doubles on the treble.

Take heart, Chris, we have the same problem out here, only the percentage is probably greater.

ERNEST J. ROWE
Villawood, N.S.W.

Plenty of Variations left

One or two letters have appeared this year complaining about the publishing of Doubles names: the first one was so scurrilous that I did not think it merited a reply, but the latest on p. 836 accuses me by implication of being greedy, so I would like to comment.

The number of available Doubles Variations may indeed be finite without there being any present risk of running out of possibilities (maybe getting sparse on the easiest ones) and I would be interested to know if a computer wizard would work out how many ways there are of getting a true six-score within certain limits, e.g. plain hunting treble; I imagine the answer would run to many thousands: perhaps the writer should complain again in fifty years time! To my knowledge at the time of writing there are still 98 unringed twin hunt variations using the present series of calls, and research may show other possible calls: the field of asymmetrical calls is still largely unexplored, and there is nothing to stop any tower or band ringing and naming their variation for the first time nor will they find this difficult for a long time to come.

Although we have rung a lot of new ones in the last few years, I do not think we have done it in a greedy manner: each one has been rung to a full quarter peal using as many callings as practicable, and about half these quarters have preceded a Sunday Service. It would have been easy, as only 120 changes are needed as qualification, to knock a dozen of these off on a practice night or moreover to ring many more in a multi-doubles peal: to do this might indeed be somewhat greedy.

I also have tried to be sensible over the choice of names, using a series of names to denote the ringing of a certain type of variation, avoiding at all cost anything tawdry or frivolous, as these names will go down into future ringing annals, and our successors ought not to be led to believe that the present generation of Doubles ringers were a thoroughly irresponsible lot who only did five bell ringing as some kind of joke. Incidentally the recent names commented upon were *not* motor cars: the clue is in the first two which were rung: "Harbinger" means "A sign of those things to come" and "Precursor", of similar meaning, pinpoints what the sequence is going to be, at least for those who are knowledgeable in these things.

It seems regrettable that there are some who appear to have a "hang-up" about the publishing of names of five and six bell innovations. In the same issue as the latest letter there was an article occupying ¼ page detailing some new Surprise Royal etc., which probably few ringers will have the opportunity to perform; I am not complaining about this, but fair is fair: according to "Dove's Guide" the total of towers having six or less bells outnumber those with higher numbers by approximately two to one: this suggests that the number of ringers with an interest in five and six bell ringing will be at least as many as those who can ring regularly on eight or more, and it should not be a source of complaint or irritation if they get a proportionate amount of coverage for their activities in the RW, which tries to include things for all sorts of ringers, and is not to be the domain of an elitist few.

The writer also questions the whole concept of Doubles Variations: I think that at some future time the use of non-standard calls on six or more bells will arise, just as the ringing of Doubles Variations has really taken off in recent years. We must be thankful for Mr. Melvyn Hiller's efforts to co-ordinate and list what

has been rung or not: had it not been for this a chaotic situation would have developed. It is essential to publish the new names in a clear manner, a letter to the RW being the best way; failure to do this in times past has led to confusion, duplication and disappointment. The use of non-standard calls has a marked effect on a five bell extent; e.g. a six-score of 177 Weston-on-the-Green Place with fd calls is nearly 50% different to one rung with standard calls and can no longer satisfactorily be described as "Weston-on-the-Green", hence it is now customary for the new name "Seekington" to describe what has been rung, and I cannot see any real objection to this practice. The C.C. Methods Committee's problem centres around this question of definition, and in my opinion decisions made many years ago to cover the situation of the time are not necessarily helpful to later developments and should be open to revision if necessary.

Some recent letters seem to be sneering at five bell ringing and this attitude is not unfamiliar, but there are benefits to be had from learning to ring a five well. One young fellow I know of, who had done his early ringing on five, went on to ring Surprise Major and Royal in good style in quick time; when asked how he had learnt to strike so well in so short a period he replied "because I was brought up on five bells"; the point being that each bell on five has to play a constructive part in establishing the rhythm, good control is needed to achieve the more pronounced modulations of speed that are required, and careful open spacing is needed at the same time, all of which helps to train ear and hand to one's own bell's part in the proceedings. It has sometimes been noticeable when bands, who can ring eight-plus well, visit the five I look after, that knowledge of Doubles methods and variations is minimal, and the actual ringing attempted is too fast for proper control, the bells are bunched instead of spaced evenly, and huge gaps appear at backstroke leads destroying any rhythm. Mentally speaking too, events take place rapidly in Doubles: it all happens in ten changes and switching on to automatic pilot is not an option! I find that conducting a quarter of say "Aurania" with twelve different callings is a bigger mental challenge than conducting London S. Major; the latter has more bells to check but a lot more time to do it in.

So please give the respect that is merited to the Doubles ringer and maybe find that Doubles is a beneficial and rewarding field to explore.

DEREK P. JONES

Burton-on-Trent

Precarious perch?

Do my eyes deceive me? On the front cover of September 22nd's issue there is a young girl precariously balanced on an R.S.J., grasping the lips of two of the bells of the new carillon at York Minster, but below if I'm not mistaken are the Minster's bells set! Surely the great and wise Mr. Potter would not jeopardise so young a life?

R. CARTER

Norwich

Anything for a skive

In *The Ringing World* of August 7th, 1970, there was an article written under the above heading by E.P. The ringers at Ingoldmells would like to contact E.P. if at all possible - information on identity and possible whereabouts: Tony W. Barker, "Hideaway", Orby Road, Addlethorpe, Skegness, Lincs PE24 4TR.



John and Nicola Dobson.

Bride greeted with a quarter

Families and friends gathered at the Church of St. Laurence, Frodsham, on 26th August to celebrate the marriage of Nicola Hollinshead and John Dobson.

A quarter peal of Plain Bob Major, rung by friends from Durham University, Blandford Forum and Swillington, greeted the bride who was uncharacteristically punctual. Nicola looked resplendent and was accompanied by five bridesmaids. The church was packed, swollen in rank by what seemed like half the Church of England!

The Nuptial Mass involved many of the couple's closest friends. The local band, with whom Nicola had learnt to ring, rang to greet the couple as they left the church.

Unable to wait until the reception, John took to the bottle within an hour of being married. Since whisky was not available, he "made do" with champagne in the back of a vintage Rolls-Royce on the way to the hotel. After a sumptuous meal and excellent speeches, the bride and groom left in the evening, in their well-decorated car.

John and Nicola met while studying at Durham University. Having spent two years at Cuddesden (Oxon) and Blandford (Dorset) respectively, they will make their home in Benfieldside, Co. Durham, the parish where John has taken his curacy. We wish them every happiness.

S.E.J.

Frodsham, Cheshire, 26 Aug, 1264 P.B. Major: Andrea Turrell 1, Alexandra Brougham 2, Maria T Jorysz 3, Sarah E Jacot 4, E J Cox 5, P Bosworth 6, M P Jacot 7, I H Jorysz (C) 8. To the Glory of God and to mark the marriage of Nicola Hollinshead and John Dobson.

After 50 years' service

After more than 50 years of dedicated service to the bells of St. Mary's, Tom Farmer has married and moved to the lovely Cotswolds village of Ilmington. To mark his leaving the ringers held a social evening on Thursday, 31st August, when some of his friends gathered to wish him luck.

Tom has devoted much of his life to St. Mary's, being involved in the parish as well as the bells, and it is true to say that many times the bells could have fallen into disuse had it not been for Tom's determination to keep them going.

The ringers presented him with a crystal bell as a memento and "thank you" for all his work.

Although he will be greatly missed, we all wish Tom and Muriel every happiness in their future life together.

A peal to remember

The Church of All Saints at Yelvertoft in Northamptonshire contains a splendid ring of five bells cast by Hugh Watts II of Leicester in 1635. There has been an active band of ringers in the Parish for a great many years. The current band consists of eight regular attenders, all of whom ring for Sunday services, weddings and Friday night practices, when we are often joined by friends from nearby towers (notably Scaldwell, Shawell, Spratton and Welford). All of the ringers are members of the Guildsborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers. Such is the level of their commitment that the Branch Secretary, Branch Ringing Master and Branch Steward all come from Yelvertoft!

Some of the members of this active little band are very prominent peal ringers, whose names appear regularly in this publication. However not many peals are rung at Yelvertoft. There are probably many reasons for this: peals of doubles are not very interesting (especially if you can ring Royal and Maximus), our peal ringers have already rung here, etc. etc. Indeed the last recorded peal was in 1985, rung silent and non-conducted to mark the 350th anniversary of the bells.

On Sunday 24th September 1989 a peal was rung (see record elsewhere) which is memorable for a number of reasons. Firstly it was, as far as we can determine, the very first peal of Grandsire Doubles ever to be rung on the bells. Secondly it was the first peal for two members of the band, Alan Chantler and his son Ben. Thirdly it was rung to welcome the arrival of the newly cast Treble bell, soon to be added to make us a six. Fourthly (therefore) it was the last peal to be rung on the five bells before augmentation. Fifthly it was the first peal of Grandsire Doubles for all of the band (completing the Grandsire 'family' for three of them). And finally (perhaps most importantly) it was rung to celebrate both Harvest Festival and the Church Urban Fund. The peal consisted of 42 extents of Grandsire and was called by Robin Wilson, thus achieving a personal goal for him.

Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild who attended the Triennial Dinner in May may remember that Alan was part of the 'DIY Cabaret', and that he stated that he had yet to ring his first peal. An attempt to correct this omission was made in July at Haselbech, on one of the hottest evenings of a long hot summer. Fortunately for the rest of the willing volunteers the attempt (Plain Bob Major called by Murray Coleman) had to be terminated after about an hour when the clapper of the seventh broke; the only consolation being that it could have happened after about two hours and forty minutes! Alan pretended that he didn't mind at all, as he really wanted to ring his first peal at home, but nobody fell for that. A second attempt was made at Yelvertoft earlier this week, but this failed owing to a miss-call. The successful peal has (at the time of writing) yet to be celebrated in the traditional manner, as Alan had to dash off to Gatwick Airport to meet another son. This journey had to be achieved (so we hear) without touching the steering wheel, owing to blisters! The next peal at Yelvertoft will be of Minor, with six new ropes. Isn't ringing wonderful?

A.E.C.

Heard about the thief caught stripping lead off the church roof? He claimed he was trying to clean up the environment.

Gaining experience in conducting

Plain Bob and Yorkshire Surprise Royal

You might be surprised, having read the previous articles in this series, that I intend to deal with a composition of Plain Bob, whereas previously I have considered only Surprise. However, conducting on ten and twelve bells is in some ways rather different to conducting on eight, and it seems sensible to consider matters at a slightly different level. It is an unfortunate fact that little ringing on the higher numbers is possible in some areas of the country, either through a lack of suitable bells, or, more frequently, due to a shortage of ringers. Therefore many perfectly adequate surprise major ringers just do not get the necessary opportunities to ring to an advanced level on ten and twelve through no fault of their own, and it is far better, given such a band, to score a reasonable peal of Plain Bob or Grandsire than to clutter about in Cambridge or Yorkshire. The necessary skills in keeping the bells right apply, after all, to any method, and any progressive band, having mastered Bob Royal, is then in a stronger position to move on to attempting a peal of Yorkshire, which is actually much easier to ring and keep right than is Cambridge.

The first peal of Plain Bob Royal was rung back in 1725, and the composition used was probably similar to most peals rung today, although at that time singles would not have been used. This type of composition keeps the back four bells fixed in the plain course position, which helps to provide a solid framework to the ringing; not being involved at calls these bells can concentrate their efforts on working together to establish a good rhythm. Incidentally, the method is not as easy to ring for any length of time as you might imagine; considerable concentration is required to ensure that dodges are NOT missed, and more than one ringer who has considered ringing Plain Bob beneath their dignity has been known to depart from the line in a spectacular manner. There is also a considerable temptation, which should be resisted, to ring the method by the treble, and in view of this it is wise to put someone as experienced as possible on the said bell.

5040 Plain Bob Royal: H.J. Tucker

<u>23456</u>	W	M	H
64235	-	-	-
36245	-		3
43265	-		3

Repeat three times, single for Bob H halfway and end.

No ceiling - no bells

Recently six of us went to an adjoining parish to ring for a wedding. On ascending to the ringing room we found the ceiling partly collapsed and apparently hanging by very little. Result of course - no wedding bells.

W. STEVENS

Wellington, Somerset

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How about a series of biographical profiles with photo appended? For years we had a tower on the front page; how about a weekly cover person or centrefold pull out pin up?

A.J.B.

Henry Tucker's peal of Bob Royal combines simplicity with good musical qualities and consists of four parts. Only the fifth and sixth ever find themselves in sixths place at the course end, so they are useful observations should you prefer not to ring a large bell. The calling begins with a bob at Wrong, which occurs at the first lead end, and this bob will be made by the fifth, which also makes the bob at Middle seven leads later, which then fixes it in sixths place for the next seven courses. Now call a Home, followed by a Wrong at the next lead, at which the fourth will run out and become fifths place bell at the course end. Proceed to call a block of three Homes, and once this is done, the coursing order will be x6xx5, so at the next lead call another Wrong, which will make the sixth run out and bring up 657890 two changes later. Call a further three Homes and the part end will be produced. Repeat the whole part, but at this repetition call a single for the final bob at Home, and then repeat the whole. Alternatively, you could call the singles instead of the bobs at Wrong at the first lead of the first and third parts, and this option does allow you to ring the out-of-course half of the peal first. Although mostly rung to Plain Bob, this composition is also true to any c.p.s. surprise method where the Wrong occurs before the Middle, such as Belgrave.

5040 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: F.E. Darby

<u>23456</u>	M	W	H
42356			-
54326			-
26435	-	2	2
43265		-	2

Repeat

Frank Darby's peal of Yorkshire was composed rather more recently than Tucker's, and on this occasion I have set the composition out slightly differently to the rotation which appears in the diary for musical reasons. The first call is a Home, which under normal circumstances gives the ringing 360 changes in which to settle, and this is followed by a Wrong, which will be made by the fifth. The Middle in the next course will be made by the same bell, which is now fixed in sixths place for the next seven courses, and a lead later call the first of a block of two Wrongs, which will be followed by two Homes. The coursing order will now be x6xx5, so call a Wrong, the sixth will run out, producing a 657890 roll-up, and now call two Homes, which will produce the half-way change. Repeat the whole not forgetting to call the solitary bob at Home as the last of three calls, and you will have rung fourteen courses, which gives the required length for a peal.

Once again this composition is true to a reasonably wide range of methods, including London, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Pudsey and Superlative No 2, but it is false to Cambridge. If you omit the first bob it will give 5040 of Bristol using fourths place bobs, although I imagine comparatively few inexperienced conductors will use it in this way!

J. HAWES

Restoration work at St Margaret's Westminster

These photographs showing the restoration work in progress were sent to us by Christine Harbott. The scaffolding round the tower was finally removed on August 24. No ringing was possible while the scaffolding was in position, and the restorers are now turning their attention to the inside of the tower. The stonework and woodwork, as well as the bell-frame and fittings are all due for attention, and ringing remains suspended for the time being.



The scaffolding-clad tower of St Margaret's, with the twin towers of Westminster Abbey in the background



John Euston examining the possibility of raising the flag



Ted Peett and John Euston with Big Ben in the background

Rummaging Through

By S.J. Coleman

III - Doing Things

Lest you had the severe misfortune to miss both of the first two episodes of *Rummaging Through*, I shall mention again that this series will be passing on some of the ideas sent in to the *Central Council National Ringing Survey*. In these early articles we are looking at Ringing Associations.

A number of questions in the Survey were designed to find out what the Districts of Ringing Associations might actually *do*. What their events actually *are*. Not an easy subject to ask about because the nature of an event is determined more by its character than its name. Fortunately, though, District Secretaries provided plenty of *write-in* information to make matters clear.

So if you are looking for ideas, these are some of the things going on elsewhere.

Traditional Saturday Meetings

Some Districts have none. Not because they are apathetic or lazy or without members, but simply because they feel that there are better ways to stimulate ringing.

They help at towers, organise outings, hold training sessions, arrange practices, and have social events, but they never hold a traditional Saturday meeting.

Some Districts, on the other hand, hold two or more Saturday meetings every month, and most hold several a year. Typically, it is ringing 3.00-4.30, Service, Tea, Business Meeting, and then more ringing. In many Districts these are hugely successful. But not, apparently, in all Districts.

Don't forget that the traditional timing of Saturday meetings was fixed to allow working men to attend by train after doing their normal stint on Saturday morning. The traditional ringing tea dates from a similar period. They are both grand institutions which we know and love, but

Are they suitable for all Saturday Meetings?

And if you want to know how your District compares, last year's figures were as follows

Districts with no Saturday meetings	9
Districts with 1 to 4 Saturday meetings	19
Districts with 5 to 9 Saturday meetings	28
Districts with 10 to 14 Saturday meetings	89
Districts with more than 14 Saturday meetings	27

And as regards services held at those meetings.

Districts with services at all Saturday meetings	30
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Districts with services at some Saturday meetings	126
Districts with services at no Saturday meetings	14

Social Events

Social events are increasingly common. Socials, suppers, barbecues, quizzes, barn dances - now, apparently, called "ceilidhs" but pronounced "caylids" - are now the norm in many places. Many Districts have at least one officer with special responsibilities for social events, and some have a whole committee.

Some people are a bit snuffy about social events, but they do enable ringers of all experiences to get together, often with their non-ringing families as well. So,

Does your District do enough - or too much - socially?

Last year's situation was

Districts with no social events	50
Districts with one social event	55
Districts with two or more social events	67

And for those who like the zany statistic, two Districts held **no** meetings other than social events, and one of them had a twelve person committee meeting four times.

But before you laugh too much, I add that the overall state of ringing in that District is reported to be improving. And that is something well worth thinking about.

Striking Competitions

Ringing competitions of various kinds have a long pedigree, but throughout most of the country the current form of striking competition is a relatively recent innovation. Nevertheless, they have become very popular.

72% of Districts now have one

But not all follow the same pattern, and a number of variations were reported to us.

The League Basis Competition in which towers contest each other - home and away - on their practice nights.

The Knockout Competition in which towers compete through a series of *rounds*, sometimes on the same day.

The Friendly Competition in which only the winning teams are placed and the rest get *highly commended* certificates.

The Eurovision Song Contest Style Competition in which the teams are placed in order by a panel of judges put forward by the competing towers.

The Raising and Lowering Competition in which the bands have to ring up and down in peal.

So,

What is a Striking Competition designed to achieve and is yours achieving it?

Clearly, many Districts have asked themselves this question and made thoughtful changes as a result.

Outings

And lastly, Outings. These can be a distinct headache - and even a financial disaster - in the modern age, but in some Districts they are a regular sell-out. Last year,

65% of Districts organised an outing and

The average attendance was 30.

So the last question this week is

Does your District need an Outing?

Next time we will be looking at Courses.

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Southover Church: its bells and ringers

George Elphick describes the church and ringers in the period up to 1946

Southover can justly be proud of two things, its bells, which are the finest ring of ten in Sussex, and having produced one of the most outstanding ringers of this century. The man to whom the whole exercise owes a debt that cannot be measured, John Sparkes Goldsmith. The church and tower, as many members of the ringing fraternity know was very near to the heart of the late John S. Goldsmith and is situated on the southern edge of Lewes, the county town of Sussex.

Southover is outside of the old town wall and by the grounds of the ruined Priory of St. Pancras. The original church seems to have been dedicated to St. Pancras, being no doubt a timber structure of Saxon workmanship, and is considered by some authorities to have stood where the Infirmary Chapel of the Priory was later built. The stone altar of this chapel still remains among the overturned walls of the ruins.

It appears that it was a monastic custom to build a parish church near the precinct. The present church was built to the north-west of the Priory and is considered by some authorities to have been at one time the Guest house of the Hospital. The building of the Priory was commenced soon after 1070 by a prior and three monks and must, when completed, have been one of the most magnificent in England. It was 420 feet long, having a vaulted ceiling above the high altar 93 feet high and possessed five great bells by 1537, when it was razed to the ground by the orders of Thomas, Lord Cromwell.

The parish church of St. John the Baptist, Southover, lies a few yards to the west of the Great Gate of the Priory and retains a twelfth century arcade between the nave and south aisle. This arcade originally went to the west one more bay and is now covered by the foundations of the present western tower.

The first record of a tower is in 1620 where an old map of Lewes shows one at the south-

east corner of the church. Now it is recorded that the inscription on one of the old bells was:- 'In Tonat Celis Voci Campana Michal-lis' which means 'The bell of St. Michael rings forth as the voice of Heaven'.

This is rather an unusual inscription and I can trace but one bell bearing the same words. This was cast by John Daniel of London between 1450 and 1461. Bearing in mind the type of inscription and the fact that founders used only a few that were their favourites, we are quite justified in assuming that the ancient bell mentioned in the Parish Book was cast in the mid fifteenth century, the founder probably being John Daniel of London.

The first mention of the bells that hung in the old tower is the gift of a treble by Ralph Colbrond soon after 1510 whose will implies that there were at least one if not more bells in the tower at that time. In the Churchwardens accounts it is confirmed that there were three bells by 1560, for they 'payed the ropemaker three shillings and sixpence for three new bell ropes' in that year and also in 1613. That there were regular ringers is shown in 1688 for they were paid four shillings and six pence for their services rendered in that year.

In the early part of the following year we find proof of there being a ring of four. Four ropes and baldricks were bought for ten shillings. Three of the baldricks were replaced in 1690 and oil was obtained for both the bells and clock. This is the earliest mention of a clock at Southover. By 1697 the bells required the same kind of attention, as they do today, for we read that it cost £2 to re-hang the great bell and provide a new wheel, also fifteen shillings for a new stock for the treble. Not only were the bells in a bad way but also the tower, for in the following year on the Sunday morning, February 6th the old tower fell, the damage being estimated at £1510.

It is assumed that the bells were unharmed, for it took two men a day to lower them, with

the aid of chains and other equipment that cost two shillings to borrow.

In 1714 the foundations of the present western tower were laid and the building was carried up to the first loft at a cost of £240, the money being raised by a brief.

The tower now 58 feet high is as steady as a rock, being built of chalk faced with brick and having two stone buttresses. The work appears to have been carried out by W. Stephens, a mason, who cut his name and the date 1714 on a stone at the top of the north buttress.

Let into the brickwork are carved stones probably from the old tower or Priory. On the south side is a Tudor rose surmounted by a crown, on the west a shield of the Warren Arms and on the north the initials 'A' beneath a mitre, no doubt representing the initials of John Ashdown, Prior of Lewes 1532-34.

On the west side also is the date 1714 with the initials N. T. standing for Nathaniel Trayton, Lord of the Manor. Finding that there was not sufficient money to finish the tower, some of it was used to repair the fabric of the church. No doubt the damage caused by the fall of the old tower. The four bells appear to have been hung in a temporary frame. It was not until 1738 that the parish decided to finish building the tower. To do so, it was agreed that Mr. William Newton and Mr. John Winton should find the money without interest. This was done and they employed a carpenter to pitch the roof and lay the floors. His name was Mr. Reynolds, who no doubt also made the octagonal lantern that crowns the present hipped roof being helped by T and G Collingham. This is surmounted by a copper weather vane in the form of a basking shark.

At the same time it was decided to recast the four old bells and add two new ones. The four old bells weighed 31 cwt. and when recast with the new bells provided a ring of six with a tenor of 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. The treble was given by Mr. Edward Trayton whose coat of arms were in a stained glass window at the church. These bells were cast by Samuel Knight at the London foundry in 1738: the year before his death. Samuel, who was the last of his line, learned his trade at his father's foundry at Reading, and commenced founding on his own in 1689. Between 1708 and 1710 he moved to London. His bells were roughly cast and the lettering of his inscriptions was bold and rugged, as also their grammar. The frame and fittings were made by Robert Catlin a carpenter and bell-hanger by trade who succeeded to Samuel Knight's business at his death. If his bells are a clue to Robert's character, he was a thorough, neat, and tidy workman, as well as being an excellent ringer, his name being mentioned several times in the peal book of the College Youths (one of the earliest London societies of bellringers) about 1722.

In 1779 two more bells were added, for it is recorded that on the 15th July of that year the first peal on the bells was rung by seven ringers of the Horsham Company and James Wilson from Cuckfield. The method was Grandsire Triples and was conducted by Thomas Lintott, the leader of the Horsham band.

This suggests that an enthusiastic band of change ringers existed, for churches seldom increase the number of their bells when there are no ringers to use them. It is most probable that these two new bells were cast by Thomas Lester and William Chapman at the Whitechapel foundry as they were the leading founders in the south of England at that time.

(to be continued)

Winchester Delight at Newport

The Event: Saturday, September 9th, 1989 - the day the whole of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild had been waiting for, who would reign supreme in 10 bell striking - could any one topple the Alton and Petersfield district, the holders of the 10 bell trophy?

The Venue: Five teams gathered to try their luck at NEWPORT, Isle of Wight - one of the W & P's superb recent augmentations, almost everybody making it for the draw at 13.45, via a variety of routes.

The Judges: Our very own Barry Fry and Bill Croft, who had kindly agreed at the last minute to help with gentle persuasion - a cup of coffee bought for him by the Guild Master!

The Result: After the five teams had performed tea was provided by our IOW hosts and a sumptuous repast having been enjoyed by all, a tense, packed audience waited for the comments of the judges. Barry Fry said it was a great joy to introduce Bill Croft who duly announced the results. Surprisingly to some he declared Winchester the winning district with good spirited ringing. Other districts taking part were Basingstoke, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight and Andover. There being no trophy to present he rounded off the afternoon by shaking hands with the winning CONDUCTOR!

ROVER

Specially arranged

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Harrow Weald on September 23rd was specially arranged to mark 25 years of ringing for David and Brenda Redfearn. They were taught to handle a bell by the conductor, and their first lesson was in this tower on September 22nd 1964.

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It is apparent that often the same names appear in the RW week after week. This seems to be a strange practice which could be replaced by a much more efficient system. Each ringer should be registered and given a registration number. This number could be quoted in peals and quarters. If there was one central register then a six digit number should suffice. If registrations were carried out by associations then I would suggest a two letter prefix and a four digit number. Common footnotes could also be given a code letter. Not only would this save space it would also stop the sexist practice of quoting only female first names in quarter peal reports.

A.J.B. (ZT-M-007)

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Peal Reports

SALLY MASON'S PEAL WEEK HEREFORDSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE 1989

As in the previous two years, a rural area was chosen for the peal week, centred on Bishop's Frome with its fine selection of pubs and extensive choice of real ales and bar food.

The party used two locations for accommodation – Paunceford Court at Much Cowarne for those who were to be on the full week, and Moor Court at Stretton Grandison for the "part-timers".

Because more ringers were involved this year, the number of peal attempts per day were increased from one to two. The first peal of the week was at Stoke Prior, Worcs, where we were joined by John Harrold to make a full band and enable Bill Thompson to score his 500th peal.

Sunday saw us at St. Nicholas', Hereford, where Sally conducted Cambridge Major from the tenor to score her 700th peal. We had received an invitation to ring at Much Cowarne on the Sunday evening. These bells are rarely rung and only the front five at that, but it was a pleasure to ring as it was arranged as part of the local flower festival.

Monday morning's attempt at Bromyard unfortunately got off to a late start for Double Norwich, and the conductor set up the peal after 34 minutes due to trippy ringing. This attempt was later to prove the only loss of the week.

On to Pershore next for London Major at the Parish Centre, with Peter Border conducting from a stayless second bell.

Tuesday morning resulted in a good peal of Bristol on the first-class eight at Great Hampton, with Tudor in charge of "Ivin's". We were pleased to meet Gerald Hemmings after the peal and enjoy a few stories!

In the afternoon we were due to go to Hinton-on-the-Green, but this had to be cancelled, and we were all extremely grateful to Chris Povey for allowing us to ring a peal of Yorkshire on the middle eight at Evesham Bell Tower, ably conducted by Katherine, with Andrew Mills making a meal of ringing the tenor. He must have had three shredded-wheats for breakfast when he rang Plymouth tenor to Caters in 2 hrs 49 mins – he took 3 hrs 22 mins at Evesham!

Wednesday morning saw Pitman's four successfully brought round with Peter conducting. Kingsley gave everyone completely wrong directions to the pub – but amazingly everyone arrived at the same one, which was not the one the directions were given for.

Suitably fed, on to Kingstone where the bells were transferred from Llanbradach, Wales, and are a joy to ring on. The peal was associated with the Diamond Wedding of Ivor and Sue Williams and a 70th birthday compliment to T. J. Grundy, and is to be recorded on a peal board in the tower. We were pleased to donate £16 towards the cost of the signwriting on the board.

Some people never seem to get enough ringing, and three younger members of the party met at John Harrold's to ring a handbell peal of Bob Major, enabling Katherine to score her first peal "in hand" – well done!

Thursday morning we were met by David Beacham at All Saints', Worcester, and rang a good peal of Cambridge Maximus, Sharon scoring her first peal on 12 and making a good job of it. In the afternoon we were originally due to go to Hallow, but had heard on the previous Sunday that the tenor clapper had broken the day before, so we had an afternoon off, taking advantage of the all-day opening and evening curries.

Friday we were at Eardisland and pleased to see Leslie Evans again and pull his leg on the merits of Kingstone and Eardisland bells. Uxbridge was conducted by Ian Butters and, although the peal was successful, Peter Border was taken ill, so much so that he did not ring in the afternoon at Leominster Priory. Bill Thompson was pleased to stand in and a good peal of Cambridge Royal was rung on a not-so-easy-to-strike ten.

The last day was soon round, and this time we were in South Warwickshire for a peal on the fine Gillett eight at Salford Priors. Peter had recovered sufficiently to ring and conduct Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

The start at Claines was late afternoon due to weddings, and Peter again found himself seeking a substitute. This time Sharon stood in and we concluded a good week's ringing with a fine peal of Grandsire Caters.

After a few drinks in the "Jug" we all departed our various ways – four of us off to South Wales for a peal at Pentre – the heaviest eight in Wales.

Our thanks go to all the people who gave permission for our peals and took the trouble to meet and welcome us, and last but not least to Sally, for all the arrangements she had made to ensure a good week of excellent bells, good company and a good standard of ringing – roll on 1990.

Donation: £4

R.K.M.

LEICESTER D.G.

STOKE PRIOR, Worcs,
S Michael
Sat Aug 26 1989 2h40 (8¾)

5120 Spliced S. Major
(8m: 640 each London,
Bristol, Cambridge,
Yorkshire, Superlative,
Rutland, Lincolnshire,
Pudsey; 129 changes of
method)

Comp. J S Warboys
1 Sally A Mason
2 Katherine A Oldershaw
3 John E Harrold
4 William E Thompsonsett
5 Tudor P Edwards
6 Tony Lewis
7 Ian Butters (C)
8 R Kingsley Mason
500th peal: 4. 500th tower-bell peal: 3.

HEREFORD, S Nicholas
Sun Aug 27 1989 2h41 (9¾)

5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. C Middleton

1 Tony Lewis
2 Ian Butters
3 William E Thompsonsett
4 Andrew B Mills
5 Tudor P Edwards
6 Katherine A Oldershaw
7 R Kingsley Mason
8 Sally A Mason (C)
700th peal: 8.

PERSHORE, Worcs,
Parish Centre
Mon Aug 28 1989 2h36 (9½)

5088 London S. Major
Comp. S J Ivin

1 Sally A Mason
2 Peter Border (C)
3 William E Thompsonsett
4 Katherine A Oldershaw
5 Ian Butters
6 Tony Lewis
7 Tudor P Edwards
8 R Kingsley Mason

GREAT HAMPTON,
Worcs, S Andrew
Tues Aug 29 1989 2h41 (12½)

5024 Bristol S. Major
Comp. S J Ivin

1 Tony Lewis
2 Tudor P Edwards (C)
3 William E Thompsonsett
4 Katherine A Oldershaw
5 Sally A Mason
6 Graham M Bradshaw
7 Andrew B Mills
8 R Kingsley Mason

EVESHAM, Worcs,
The Bell Tower
Tues Aug 29 1989 3h21 (14½)

5152 Yorkshire S. Major
Adapted from Humphrey's

1 Ian Butters
2 Sharon L Parker
3 Ruth M Border
4 Peter Border
5 Tony Lewis
6 Sally A Mason
7 Katherine A Oldershaw
8 Andrew B Mills

LUGWARDINE, Herefords,
S Peter
Wed Aug 30 1989 2h54 (12¼)

5152 Spliced S. Major
(4m: 1280 Cambridge; 1280
Superlative; 1312 London;
1280 Bristol; 112 changes of
method, all the work)

Comp. A J Pitman
1 Sally A Mason
2 Katherine A Oldershaw
3 Ian Butters
4 R Kingsley Mason
5 Peter Border (C)
6 Graham M Bradshaw
7 Tony Lewis
8 Kevin J Skillings

KINGSTONE, Herefords,
S Michael & All Angels
Wed Aug 30 1989 2h50 (12)

5088 Lessness S. Major
Comp. S Jenner

1 Sally A Mason
2 Tudor P Edwards
3 Ruth M Border
4 William E Thompsonsett
5 Peter Border
6 Andrew B Mills
7 Ian Butters
8 R Kingsley Mason (C)
500th tower-bell peal: 4. A
Diamond Wedding
compliment to Ivor and Sue
Williams; also 70th birthday
compliment to T J Gandy.

BISHOPS FROME, Herefords,
6 Knights Court
Wed Aug 30 1989 2h27 (14)

Plain Bob Major
(No. of changes not given)

Comp. J E Harrold
1-2 Sally A Mason
3-4 Andrew B Mills
5-6 John E Harrold (C)
7-8 Katherine A Oldershaw
First on handbells: 7-8.
Birthday compliment to John
Harrold.

WORCESTER, All Saints
Thur Aug 31 1989 3h12 (20)

5042 Cambridge S. Maximus
Comp. R I Allton

1 Sharon L Parker
2 Sally A Mason
3 Ruth M Border
4 Katherine A Oldershaw
5 Peter Border
6 Kevin J Skillings
7 Tudor P Edwards
8 Graham M Bradshaw
9 Ian Butters
10 R Kingsley Mason
11 Tony Lewis
12 Andrew B Mills (C)
First on 12: 1.

EARDISLAND, Herefords,
S Mary
Fri Sept 1 1989 3h5 (12¾)

5152 Uxbridge S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Sally A Mason
2 Sharon L Parker
3 William E Thompsonsett
4 Katherine A Oldershaw
5 Peter Border
6 Tudor P Edwards
7 Andrew B Mills
8 Ian Butters (C)

LEOMINSTER, Herefords,
Priory of SS Peter & Paul
Fri Sept 1 1989 3h13 (22¾)

5040 Cambridge S. Royal
Comp. M CW Sherwood

1 Sally A Mason
2 Katherine A Oldershaw
3 Ruth M Border
4 Graham M Bradshaw
5 Tudor P Edwards
6 William E Thompsonsett
7 Ian Butters
8 Tony Lewis
9 Andrew B Mills
10 R Kingsley Mason (C)
100th tower for a peal: 4.

SALFORD PRIORS, Warks,
S Matthew
Fri Sept 2 1989 3h (15)

5056 Lincolnshire S. Major
Comp. Rev. H Law-James

1 Sally A Mason
2 Sharon L Parker
3 Peter Border (C)
4 William E Thompsonsett
5 Katherine A Oldershaw
6 Andrew B Mills
7 Tudor P Edwards
8 Tony Lewis
First Lincolnshire: 2. A 20th
birthday compliment to
Sharon Parker.

CLAINES, Worcs,
S John Bapt
Sat Sept 2 1989 2h52 (13¾)

5021 Grandsire Caters
Comp. B M Mountjoy (No. 7)

1 Ruth M Border
2 Sally A Mason
3 Ian Butters (C)
4 Sharon L Parker
5 Andrew B Mills
6 William E Thompsonsett
7 Katherine A Oldershaw
8 Tudor P Edwards
9 R Kingsley Mason
10 Tony Lewis
First Grandsire Caters: 4.

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LICHFIELD ARCHDEACONRY PEAL WEEK

This year, a total of 56 ringers participated in a total of 14 attempts, of which 8 were successful . . . an increase on last year!

Towers from all over the archdeaconry were visited, from Abbots Bromley in the north to Coseley in the south, Codsall in the west to Little Aston on our eastern border. Many thanks to the respective incumbents and local bands . . . especially at Colwich where the incumbent himself rang his first for "X" years and the local band let us take the place of their practice night.

Most unlucky attempt of the week must have been the Bloxwich attempt which came to a slightly premature end after 2.36 of solid ringing. Even worse, Rob Wright and Ian Jellyman who stood in that peal had the misfortune of losing the rest of their peals too! However, it won't be long before they have another chance and, after all, the bear is quite good at Bloxwich!

Thank you to all those who helped out and participated during the week. S.C.W.H. £5

Netherseale, Leics. 22 Aug, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: J F Mulvey 1, P Oates 2, Nina Snow 3, Lucy Smith 4, S C W Hutchieson (C) 5, S G Pick 6, N G Riley 7, W J Hall 8. **Coseley, W. Mids.** 26 Aug, 1848 P.B. Triples: C Holloway 1, Andrea Holloway 2, E Ann Eden 3, M L Meakin 4, D J Bateman 5, E E Speake (C) 6, R Wright 7, P J Day 8.

LICHFIELD ARCHDEACONRY SOC.

CODSALL, Staffs,
S Nicholas
Fri Aug 18 1989 2h45 (9)
5056 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Mike L Meakin
2 Rev. John C Greatbatch
3 Martyn G Reed (C)
4 Gail K Baggott
5 Sarah Dodd
6 S Geoffrey Pick
7 Mike J Claridge
8 Stuart C W Hutchieson
First in method: 2, 5.
Wedding day compliment to Bill and Elaine Clubb.

TUTBURY, Staffs,
Priory Church of S Mary
Sat Aug 19 1989 2h55 (10)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. J J Parker
1 Roger Ridley
2 Nicholas E Thomas
3 Amanda E Butcher
4 Gordon K Chaddock
5 Vernon C Wright
6 Andrew C Ogden
7 Stuart C W Hutchieson (C)
8 Andrew E Else
First on eight: 1, 2. First in method: 6.

WEDNESBURY, Wood Green,
W. Mids, S Paul
Sat Aug 19 1989 2h56 (16)
Plain Bob Major
(No. of changes not given)
Comp. R Bailey
1 Rev. John C Greatbatch
2 Jennie Waldron
3 Peter Dawes
4 Mike L Meakin
5 S Geoffrey Pick
6 Martyn G Reed (C)
7 Mike J Claridge
8 William J Hall
First Major inside: 2. Birthday compliment to Jennie Waldron.

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

LICHFIELD, Staffs,
Cathedral
Wed Aug 23 1989 3h15 (31½)

5039 Grandsire Caters
Comp. E C Shepherd
1 Lucy Smith
2 E Ann Williams
3 Gail K Baggott
4 Mike L Meakin
5 Philip J Day
6 Eric E Speake
7 Stuart C W Hutchieson (C)
8 William J Hall
9 Andrew W Gordon
10 John P Burton
First Caters: 8, 10.

COLWICH, Staffs,
S Michael & All Angels
Thur Aug 24 1989 2h42 (7½)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
1 Stuart C W Hutchieson
2 Lucy Smith
3 Rev. Kingsley Jones
4 Rev. Brian Harris
5 Tony R Marsden
6 Simon P Ferguson (C)
First as conductor. For the Church Restoration Appeal.

SEDGLEY, W. Mids,
All Saints
Sat Aug 26 1989 2h54 (13)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Geoff Cook
2 David Smith
3 Lee Southall
4 Susan Smith
5 William N L Clubb
6 Mike Amos
7 Stuart C W Hutchieson (C)
8 David M Webb
First peal: 3. First Surprise: 4. First in method: 2, 6.

SHEFFIELD, S. Yorks,
Cathedral
Mon Aug 28 1989 3h17 (34)
5015 Grandsire Cinques
Comp. T Hooley
1 Gordon K Chaddock
2 Eric E Speake
3 Amanda E Butcher
4 Elizabeth Sheard
5 Martyn G Reed
6 William J Hall
7 Anthony W T Cleaver
8 C Richard Lycett
9 Stuart C W Hutchieson (C)
10 David M Webb
11 Philip R Johnson
12 Bernard J Townsend
First on 12: 6. First Grandsire Cinques: 3, 4 and as conductor.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

WIMBORNE MINSTER,
Dorset,
S Cuthberga
Sat Sept 16 1989 3h18 (29½)

5039 Grandsire Caters
A M Tyler's "all the music"
1 Patrick J Bird (C)
2 Albert M Tyler
3 Derek J Carr
4 Brian V Mountjoy
5 Brian J Wyld
6 D John Hunt
7 Timothy J Barnes
8 Peter J Williamson
9 Michael J Hobbs
10 Tudor P Edwards
A compliment to the Rector, Rev. David Price, in celebration of his 25th year in the Ministry; also to Maurice Jenkins who has completed 25 years as Verger at Wimborne Minster.

A.N.Z.A.B.

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand,
Cathedral
Sun Sept 17 1989 3h8 (10)
5088 Spiced S. Major
(3m: 1824 Rutland; 1632 Cambridge; 1632 Yorkshire; 98 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. P G K Davies
1 Christopher D C Oldham
2 Pleasance W Purser
3 Jane R Chandler
4 A Peter Whitehead (C)
5 Northleigh F E Reeve
6 Michael M Clayton
7 Colin H Ward
8 Gerald McIlhone
First S. Major: 2, 3. First Spiced: 5, 6, 7. First Spiced as conductor. A celebration for the life of Doris Purser, mother of the ringer of 2.

PROSPECT, S.A., S Cuthbert
Sun Sept 23 1989 2h49 (11)
5040 Minor (1 extent each London S., Oxford T.B., St Clement's, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Kent T.B., Cambridge S.)
1 Anne R Haskard
2 Diana E Bleby
3 Ian D Harris
4 Philip R Goodyer
5 Matthew A Ball (C)
6 James A Smith
First on tower bells as conductor. £1

BATH & WELLS D.A.

BITTON, Avon, S Mary
Sat Sept 9 1989 3h6 (14)
5120 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. B D Price
1 John Brain
2 Elizabeth A G Bowden
3 Ruth M Border
4 Peter Border (C)
5 Robert Perry
6 Frank D Mack
7 D John Hunt
8 David J Purnell
To celebrate the 30th anniversary of a peal rung in this tower on 8th September 1959 by six of the original band who took part on that occasion. It was in 1959, David Purnell's first peal, John Brain's first of Surprise and John Hunt's first in the method. Peter Border also conducted on that occasion.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.

BEDFORD, S Paul
Thur Sept 14 1989 3h17 (28¾)

5042 Cambridge S. Maximus
Comp. M A Coleman
1 Charlotte M Smith
2 Anthony H Smith (C)
3 Andrew M Keach
4 Shelagh R Melville
5 Jonathan R Pawley
6 Godfrey L Foat
7 John G Gipson
8 Nicholas H Brett
9 Robert L Piron
10 Martyn J Marriott
11 Barry R Eglesfield
12 Frank W Rivett

BEDFORD, S Paul
Sun Sept 17 1989 3h6 (28)

5004 Stedman Cinques
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Margaret Whiteley
2 Linda M Garton
3 Martin J Whiteley
4 John Pladdys
5 Roderick W Pipe (C)
6 David J Dearnley
7 Christopher H Rogers
8 David C Brown
9 Paul N Mounsey
10 John P Loveless
11 Frank W Rivett
12 Mark Regan
750th peal: 7. 650th peal: 3.

BEVERLEY & DIST. SOC.

HOLMFIRTH, W. Yorks,
Holy Trinity
Sat Sept 23 1989 2h48 (12¾)
5184 Ealing S. Major
Comp. M Maughan
1 Elizabeth Johnson
2 John M Goldthorpe
3 David R Mitchell
4 David S Johnson
5 Michael J de C Henshaw (C)
6 Paul S Andrews
7 David I Smith
8 Ray East £1

ELLOUGHTON, E. Yorks,
S Mary
Fri Sept 29 1989 2h32 (6¼)
5040 Minor (4m: 2 Oxford T.B., 2 Cambridge S., 2 Kent T.B., 1 Plain Bob)
1 Stephen J Lamb
2 Kerry Simpson
3 Dinah M Rhymer
4 Rachel J Mearns
5 Peter Mavity
6 Michael J de C Henshaw (C)
First attempt: 2, 4. First T.B.: 1. £1.60

CARLISLE D.G.

COCKERMOUTH, Cumbria,
All Saints
Sat Sept 16 1989 2h50 (12½)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Mary Snape
2 Norman Chaddock
3 Ruth E Whitelock
4 John E Anderson
5 Simon K Haworth
6 John Whitelock
7 Douglas T Sim
8 Leslie Boumphrey (C)
To the Glory of God and with gratitude for the life of Elsie (née Brothwell), married at Whiston, near Rotherham, to Norman Chaddock, 50 years ago today. Also for Harvest Festival.

KESWICK, Cumbria,
S Kentigern, Crosthwaite
Sat Sept 23 1989 2h46 (14½)

5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. A Knights
1 Pat M Evans
2 John H McTear
3 Ruth E Whitelock
4 Robert H A Clark
5 Timothy Flitcroft
6 John Whitelock
7 M Gareth Evans
8 Leslie Boumphrey (C)
First attempt: 5. First on the bells since their recent refurbishing and re-hanging.

CHESTER D.G.

RUNCORN, Cheshire,
All Saints
Wed Sept 13 1989 2h55 (15¾)
5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. J R Pritchard
1 Leonard Walsh
2 Shirley Harris
3 C Kenneth Lewis (C)
4 Lesley Hughes
5 Barry Corbishley
6 J Denis Maddock
7 Ivor R Nichols
8 Rev. Brian Harris
In memory of Walter Allman, a ringer at this tower.

GUILD OF CLERICAL RINGERS

NEWBOLD-ON-AVON,
Warks, S Botolph
Tues Sept 12 1989 2h50 (12)
5088 Newbold-on-Avon S. Major
Comp. R E Hardy
1 Rev. R Fred Rothery
2 Rev. J David E Smith
3 Rev. Peter T Robbins
4 Rev. Patrick C F Wooster
5 Rev. Dale Barton
6 Rev. David H Sansum
7 Rev. John D Nixon
8 Rev. Brian Harris (C)
First Surprise: 1. First in method by all except 2. With the best wishes of the band to David and Margaret Smith, for their forthcoming move to a new parish in Sussex.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.

SUNDERLAND, Tyne & Wear,
S Ignatius M, Hendon
Sat Sept 16 1989 2h44 (12¾)
5056 Spiced S. Major
(4m: 1344 Lincolnshire; 1280 Cambridge, Yorkshire; 1152 Rutland; 74 changes of method, all the work)
Comp. J S Warboys
1 Richard A M Turner
2 Rachael H Dyson
3 Helen L Craggs
4 John A Craggs
5 Andrew J Wallace
6 Stephen L Nicholson
7 Duncan G Walker
8 David V Craggs (C)
First Spiced: 2, 3. Most Spiced Surprise as conductor. A thank-offering for the life of Fred G B l'Anson, life-long benefactor of this church, also organist and choirmaster for 25 years. R.I.P. Also birthday compliment to the conductor and on the Association Dinner Day. £1.60

SHIPTON-under-WYCHWOOD, Oxon, S Mary V
Tues Sept 12 1989 2h54 (14¾)
5024 Drogheda S. Major
Comp. S J Ivlin
1 Frank W Rivett
2 Colin M Turner
3 J Alan Ainsworth
4 Peter Bridle
5 Terry J C Streeter
6 Geoffrey K Dodd
7 Bernard F L Groves
8 Donald B Carter (C)
First in the method: 8. 100th for the Guild as conductor.

KINGHAM, Oxon, S Andrew
Tues Sept 12 1989 2h52 (12¼)
5024 Belfast S. Major
Comp. D W Beard
1 Geoffrey K Dodd
2 J Alan Ainsworth
3 Colin M Turner
4 Donald B Carter
5 Terry J C Streeter
6 Frank W Rivett
7 Peter Bridle
8 Bernard F L Groves (C)
25th together this year: 1, 4.

FAIRFORD, Glos, S Mary V
Wed Sept 13 1989 3h20 (17¼)
5056 Quornden S. Major
Comp. A J Pitman
1 John R Martin
2 J Alan Ainsworth
3 Donald B Carter
4 Geoffrey K Dodd
5 Terry J C Streeter
6 William Butler (C)
7 Colin M Turner
8 Peter Bridle
First in the method: 3.
Completes the Surprise
Major alphabet this year: 7.

HURST, Berks, S Nicholas
Wed Sept 13 1989 3h4 (14¼)
5056 Offord D'Arcy S. Major
Comp. A M Barber
1 Terry J C Streeter
2 Colin M Turner
3 Peter Bridle
4 J Alan Ainsworth
5 William Butler
6 Geoffrey K Dodd
7 John R Martin
8 Donald B Carter (C)
First in method: 8.

THATCHAM, Berks, S Mary
Thur Sept 14 1989 2h58 (13¼)
5040 Yorkshire S. Royal
Anon.
1 Michael K Till
2 Andrew M Farmer
3 Helen J Piper
4 Peter Border
5 Colin M Turner
6 William Butler (C)
7 Jennifer Butler
8 Brian Bladon
9 Geoffrey K Dodd
10 Peter Bridle
100th on the bells: 10.

UPHAM, Hants, Blessed Mary of Upham
Thur Sept 14 1989 2h29 (7)
5024 Adelaide S. Major
Comp. J R Mayne
1 Bernard F L Groves
2 Colin M Turner
3 Donald B Carter
4 Rev. Barry J Fry
5 Peter Bridle
6 Geoffrey K Dodd
7 John R Martin (C)
8 J Alan Ainsworth
First in method: 3.

BISHOPS WALTHAM, Hants, S Peter
Fri Sept 15 1989 2h53 (10¾)
5088 Malmesbury S. Major
Comp. J W Washbrook
1 John R Martin
2 Dennis A Chapman
3 Rev. Barry J Fry
4 J Alan Ainsworth
5 Colin M Turner
6 Peter Bridle
7 Geoffrey K Dodd
8 Donald B Carter
First in the method, 350th
Surprise and completes the
Surprise Major alphabet: 8.

HUNGERFORD, Berks, S Lawrence
Fri Sept 15 1989 2h35 (12¼)
5024 Xiphodon D. Major
Comp. C J Sedgley
1 Peter Bridle
2 Colin M Turner
3 Jennifer Butler
4 William Butler (C)
5 Brian Bladon
6 Martin J Turner
7 Timothy G Pett
8 Peter Border
200th peal in 1989: 2. First in
method for the Guild.

FINEDON, Northants, S Mary V
Sat Sept 16 1989 2h56 (21¾)
5056 Spiced S. Major
(8m: 704 each Lincolnshire, Superlative; 672 Rutland; 608 each Cambridge, Pudsey, Yorkshire; 576 each Bristol, London; 139 changes of method, all the work)
Comp. A N Tyler
1 Ian Roulstone (C)
2 Frank W Rivett
3 Donald B Carter
4 Terry J C Streeter
5 Peter G C Ellis
6 Derek E Sibson
7 Peter Bridle
8 Colin M Turner
For the Parish Flower Festival.

HASELBECH, Northants, S Michael
Sat Sept 16 1989 2h48 (15)
5152 Spiced S. Major
(4m: 1312 Bristol; 1280 each Cambridge, London, Superlative; 112 changes of method, all the work)
Comp. A J Pitman
1 Donald B Carter
2 Colin M Turner
3 Phillip R J Barnes
4 Terry J C Streeter
5 Peter G C Ellis
6 Ian Roulstone (C)
7 Frank W Rivett
8 Peter Bridle

STAINES, Middx, S Mary
Sun Sept 17 1989 3h4 (17½)
5152 Lincolnshire S. Major
Comp. G B Thompson
1 Donald B Carter
2 Cathryn M Andrews
3 Paul I Butler
4 Eileen Stevenson
5 Terry J Streeter
6 Peter G C Ellis
7 Stephen A Wheeler (C)
8 Colin M Turner
First in method: 2, 4 and as conductor. Birthday compliment to Helen Wheeler, sister of the conductor.

FARNHAM ROYAL, Bucks, S Mary
Mon Sept 18 1989 2h57 (12)
5090 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. B D Price
1 Peter Border
2 Jane E Cubley
3 Cathy M Holdway
4 Colin M Turner
5 Terry J C Streeter
6 Peter Bridle
7 John R Martin (C)
8 Peter G C Ellis

ALDERMASTON, Berks, S Mary
Mon Sept 23 1989 2h38 (10¼)
5056 Orinoco D. Major
Comp. A G Driver
1 Michael K Till
2 Helen J Piper
3 Peter Border
4 Jennifer Butler
5 William Butler (C)
6 Brian Bladon
7 Peter Bridle
8 Colin M Turner

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

HEREFORD, Cathedral
Sat Sept 23 1989 3h22 (34)
5007 Stedman Caters
Comp. J.P., arr. Groves
1 Keith G Game
2 John Pladdys (C)
3 Valerie J Howard
4 Michael D Fiander
5 Robin Wilson
6 Cyril A Wratten
7 John A Howard
8 Robert J Crocker
9 Andrew B Mills
10 D Paul Smith

YELVERTOFT, Northampton, All Saints
Sun Sept 24 1989 2h55 (12)
5040 Grandsire Doubles
(42 extents)
1 Ben Chantler
2 Alan Chantler
3 Stephen Westerman
4 Robin Wilson (C)
5 David Westerman
First peal: 1, 2. First Grandsire Doubles: 3, 4, 5. First Grandsire Doubles on bells. For Harvest Festival Evensong.

Peal Compositions should be sent to:
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ST. JAMES' GUILD

LONDON EC, S Sepulchre-without-Newgate, Holborn Viaduct
Sat Sept 16 1989 3h23 (28¾)
5186 Bristol S. Maximus
Comp. P J Sanderson
1 David J Dearnley
2 Stephanie J Kenton
3 Joanna M Ainsworth
4 David G Hull
5 Linda M Garton
6 John P Loveless
7 Robin O Hall
8 John S Warboys
9 Peter J Sanderson (C)
10 George H Campling
11 Alan Regin
12 Mark Regan

SHOREDITCH, London, S Leonard
Mon Sept 25 1989 3h34 (28¼)

5040 Spiced S. Royal
(14m: 360 each Attenborough, Avoncliffe, Bristol, Carlisle, Claverton, Clyde, Lockington, London (No. 3), Middlesex, Nideggen, Quixwood, Rutland, Superlative (No. 2), Sussex County; 125 changes of method, all the work and each lead different)
Comp. J R Leary
1 Joanna M Ainsworth
2 David G Hull
3 David J Dearnley
4 Paul N Mounsey
5 Simon J L Linford (C)
6 David C Brown
7 Alan Regin
8 John R Leary
9 John N Hughes-D'Aeth
10 Stephen Coaker
This composition is rung for the first time and at the first attempt.
New methods:
Avoncliffe S. Royal
-50-14.50-50.18.70-14.30.16-16.70-16-90 a
Claverton S. Royal
-70-14.70-1250.36-14.70.18-12-30.18-12.30 c

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, S Philip's Cathedral
Thur Aug 10 1989 3h21 (31)
5002 Maypole A. Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Norman J Goodman
2 Elisabeth A G Bowden
3 Susan E Melen
4 Roderick W Pipe (C)
5 Julia R Cater
6 Andrew N Stubbs
7 Nicholas J Green
8 Andrew J Mitchell
9 Richard L Jones
10 Paul E Bibilo
11 C Michael Orme
12 Peter Border £1.20

BIRMINGHAM, S Philip's Cathedral
Thur Aug 17 1989 3h13 (31)
5052 Stedman Cinques
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Norman J Goodman
2 Phillip R J Barnes
3 Susan E Melen
4 Catherine R Taylor
5 Nicholas J Green
6 Christopher Bostock
7 Alan E Harley
8 Kevin J Skillings
9 Andrew N Stubbs
10 Simon C Melen
11 Roderick W Pipe (C)
12 Jonathan P Healy £1.20

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WEST HAM, London E, All Saints
Sat Sept 16 1989 3h6 (26½)
5162 Henleaze S. Royal
Comp. J N Hughes-D'Aeth
1 David J Dearnley
2 Joanna M Ainsworth
3 Ruth Blackwell
4 Alan D Flood
5 Peter J Sanderson
6 Robin O Hall
7 Simon J L Linford
8 Alan Regin
9 Mark Regan
10 George H Campling (C)

BIRMINGHAM, S Philip's Cathedral
Thur Aug 21 1989 3h14 (31)
5042 Superlative S. Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Norman J Goodman
2 Paul E Bibilo
3 Susan E Melen
4 W Nigel G Herriott
5 Christopher Bostock
6 Nicholas J Green
7 Alan E Hartley
8 Terry R Hampton
9 Roderick W Pipe (C)
10 S Clarke Walters
11 David J Pipe
12 C Michael Orme
First Superlative Maximus: 6.
100th peal on bells: 2.

BIRMINGHAM, S Philip's Cathedral
Thur Sept 7 1989 3h20 (31)
5050 Stedman Cinques
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Norman J Goodman
2 S Clarke Walters
3 Susan E Melen
4 John F I Turney
5 Phillip R J Barnes
6 Kevin J Skillings
7 Maurice F Edwards
8 Roderick W Pipe
9 Brian Harris
10 Ian Roulstone
11 Mark Regan
12 Peter Border
50th birthday compliment to Ray Aldington; also to mark the 50th anniversary of World War II.

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SOUTHWELL D.G.

NOTTINGHAM, S Peter
Tues Sept 12 1989 3h (22½)

5059 Grand sire Cinques

Comp. R I Allton
1 Andrew B Mills
2 } Peter L R Hayward
3 }
4 Anthony J Oldershaw
5 Elaine M Banton
6 Timothy Wylie
7 A Colin Banton
8 R Brian Mills
9 Katherine A Oldershaw
10 Richard I Allton
11 George A Dawson
12 Susan E Melen
To welcome Nicole Longden,
born earlier today - Daddy
should have been ringing
too!

SUFFOLK GUILD

KERSEY, Suffolk, S Mary
Sun Sept 17 1989 3h1 (14½)

5040 Plain Bob Triples

Comp. A Knights
1 Josephine M Beever
2 Elizabeth J Parker
3 David G Salter (C)
4 Frank C J Arnold
5 Andrew D Fisk
6 Neville F Whittell
7 Katharine J Whittell
8 Raymond E Parker
First on eight: 8. To welcome
the Rev. William J Sands to
the parish.

BUXHALL, Suffolk, S Mary
Fri Sept 15 1989 2h53 (15)

5040 Minor (7m: Double
Court, Cambridge, St
Clements, Double Oxford,
Plain, Oxford and Kent T.B.)

1 Peter Minchin
2 Marie R Carson
3 George W Pipe (C)
4 Paul V Stannard
5 Winston S Girling
6 Maurice J Rose
A thank you to the Rector,
Canon C N Kendall, M.A., and
Mrs. Kendall for their 40
years' ministry in Buxhall.

POLSTEAD, Suffolk, S Mary
Wed Sept 20 1989 2h28 (9¼)

5040 Minor (7 extents, 8m: (1)
Single Oxford; (2) Cambridge
S.; (3) Double Oxford; (4)
Kent; (5) St Clements,
Buxton; (6) Oxford; (7) Plain
Bob)

1 Katharine J Whittell
2 Josephine M Beever
3 Andrew D Fisk
4 Paul V Stannard
5 Winston S Girling
6 David G Salter (C)
150th together: 3, 6.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

BICESTER, Oxon, S Edburg
Sat Sept 23 1989 2h58 (15)

5056 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. M S Bruce
1 Dianne B Smith
2 Margaret C Gamble
3 Denise Biddles
4 Shirley McGill
5 Stanley M Ruddlesden
6 C Martin Foster
7 Gary R Harden (C)
8 Andrew J C Brown
100th peal on the bells. £2

SUSSEX C.A.

EDENBRIDGE, Kent,
SS Peter & Paul
Fri Sept 22 1989 2h53 (14)

5152 Lincolnshire S. Major

Comp. S Humphrey
1 Edgar R Rapley
2 Valerie J Howard
3 Jacqueline M Hunter
4 Ernest J Ladd
5 Christopher J Etherington
6 Frank W Lewis
7 David Kirkcaldy
8 John A Howard (C)

With the best wishes of the
band to Lucille Corby for a full
and speedy recovery from
illness. This peal was
arranged by Phil Corby, who
was then unfortunately
unable to ring.

**WINCHESTER &
PORTSMOUTH D.G.**

SHERBORNE ST. JOHN,
Hants, S Andrew
Mon Sept 4 1989 2h42 (10)

5040 Minor (7 extents: 1
Original, 2 Oxford, 2 Kent, 2
Plain Bob)

1 Rob A Pardy
2 Sue Martin
3 Gwynneth A Clay
4 Barbara A Foster
5 Toby Arkless
6 Michael J Clay (C)
First inside: 2.

NEW ALRESFORD, Hants,
S John Bapt
Sat Sept 23 1989 3h (16)

5088 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. S Ivin
1 Annette K Seccombe
2 Robert C Kippin (C)
3 Vanessa Powell
4 R Roger Savory
5 Malcolm M Powell
6 David J Forder
7 Michael J Thomas
8 Roy le Marechal

First peal: 1. Silver Wedding
compliment to Michael J and
Margaret Thomas, parents of
1.

**WORCESTERSHIRE &
DISTS. ASSN.**

STOURBRIDGE, Worcs,
S Thomas
Tues Sept 5 1989 2h55 (18½)

5040 Stedman Triples

Comp. A J Pitman
(Odd bob 10-part)
1 Martin D Fellows
2 Clive M Smith
3 David A Chiswell
4 Alan Roberts
5 David Downing
6 David G Franklin
7 Andrew J Ellis (C)
8 Martin G Powell
First Stedman as conductor.

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NETHERTON, Dudley,

Worcs, S Andrew
Sat Sept 9 1989 2h38 (13)

5056 Lincolnshire S. Major

Comp. Rev. H L James
1 H T Keith Haslam
2 Clifford Skidmore
3 David Downing
4 Eric E Speake
5 Martin D Fellows (C)
6 Philip M Saunders
7 William J Hall
8 Andrew J Ellis
In memory of Canon Reginald
C Stevens, A.K.C., Vicar of
this parish 1947-79.

EVESHAM, Worcs,
The Bell Tower
Tues Sept 12 1989 2h52 (14¾)

5056 Lincolnshire S. Major

Comp. H Law James
1 John W Nicholls
2 Clare French
3 Clive M Smith
4 David G Franklin
5 James Attwood, jun.
6 Alan E Hartley
7 Martin G Powell
8 Gerald C Hemming (C)
First Lincolnshire: 2.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.

BARNESLEY, S. Yorks,
S Mary
Sat Sept 9 1989 2h54 (13½)

5024 Rutland S. Major

Cox's arr. of Davies'
1 Peter Carbutt
2 Betty Murtagh
3 Leslie W G Morris
4 Michael Sheeran
5 David C Lester
6 Neil R Aspland
7 Ian North (C)
8 Richard E Price

CRESWELL, Derbys,
S Mary Magd
Sat Sept 16 1989 2h54 (12½)

5184 Warwickshire S. Major

Comp. C Forster
1 Denis A Smedley
2 Mary S Dixon
3 Betty Murtagh
4 Leslie W G Morris
5 Neil R Aspland
6 R Gordon Corby
7 Ian North (C)
8 Richard E Price
To welcome Nicole, a second
daughter for Clive and
Lorreta Longden, born 12/9/
89; also a farewell to Rev.
Peter Bowers, who left
Creswell at the end of August
to be inducted at
Swimbridge, Devon, on 17/9/
89.

HANDBELL PEALS**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF
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NORTH ADELAIDE, S.A.,
18 King William Road
Mon Sept 18 1989 2h2 (15)

5040 Oxford T.B. Minor

1-2 Philip R Goodyer
3-4 Matthew A Ball
5-6 James A Smith (C)
First handbell peal in
Australia for the Society. £1

GUILDFORD D.G.

PEASLAKE, Surrey,
3 Gasson Cottages
Fri Sept 22 1989 2h27 (12)

5040 Plain Bob Major

1-2 Martin J Turner
3-4 Karen M Monk
5-6 Sally A Schupke
7-8 Julian Morgan (C)

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

WESTMINSTER, Middx,
Imperial College
(Huxley Building)
Mon Sept 11 1989 2h23 (15)

5024 Glasgow S. Major

Comp. W E Critchley
(CCC 1981, No. 121)
1-2 Lesley J Belcher
3-4 Alison K Surry
5-6 Philip A B Saddleton
7-8 Roger Bailey (C)
First Glasgow on handbells:
1-2. First Glasgow on an
inside pair: 5-6.

WESTMINSTER, Middx,
Imperial College
(Huxley Building)
Mon Sept 18 1989 2h37 (15)

5040 Bristol S. Royal

Comp. O N Davies
1-2 Lesley J Belcher
3-4 Alison K Surry
5-6 John R Peverett
7-8 Philip A B Saddleton
9-10 Roger Bailey (C)
First Bristol Royal on
handbells: 1-2.

LATE PEALS**GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.**

BARROW GURNEY, Avon, SS Mary & Edmund
Wed July 12 1989 2h44 (12)

5152 Spiced S. Major

(23m: 224 each Yorkshire, Uxbridge, Cornwall, Double Dublin,
Bristol, Whalley, Watford, London, Tavistock, Glasgow,
Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lindum, Superlative, Wembley,
Rutland, Jersey, Preston, Ipswich, Cray, Ashted, Lincolnshire,
Pudsey; 160 changes of method, all the work)
Comp. N Smith
1 Leonard A England
2 Elisabeth A G Bowden
3 Jenny M A Astridge
4 Pauline C Champion
5 Anthony J Cox
6 Joseph St J Beaumont
7 Michael E C Mears
8 Reginald T McKenzie (C)

NON-ASSOCIATION

(Not the London County
Association)

BLACKHEATH, Kent,
1 Vicarage Avenue
Wed Sept 6 1989 2h24 (15)

5120 Glasgow S. Major

Comp. P J Sanderson
1-2 Caroline Ogilvie
3-4 Paul N Mounsey
5-6 Alison K Surry
7-8 Roger Bailey (C)
First Glasgow on handbells:
1-2.

OXFORD D.G.

WHEATLEY, Oxon,
Catchmole Cottage
Sun Sept 17 1989 2h25 (16)

5040 Plain Bob Major

Comp. E M Atkins
1-2 N David Lane (C)
3-4 Rachel H Pusey
5-6 John G Pusey
7-8 Leonard R Porter

SALISBURY D.G.

DOWNTON, Wilts,
S Lawrence
Sat June 24 1989 3h22 (22)

5280 Spiced S. Major

(8m: 960 London; 928
Watford; 896 Bristol; 672
Cambridge; 512 Dorchester;
448 Pudsey, Superlative; 416
Lincoln; 121 changes of
method, all the work)
Comp. A J Pitman
1 Sophie Hunter
2 Katrina A Lenton
3 Christine R Hill
4 John R Leary
5 John Kerr
6 Pauline C Champion
7 John Harrold
8 Reginald T McKenzie (C)

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With the success of our previous excursion to Essex, bar the food, we decided to 'do it again'. The food was delicious this time, however I don't think the landlady was too keen on us waking her up late one evening when we'd locked ourselves out of our rooms!

Navigation this time was unsurpassed with almost no faults! However, that cannot be said for certain ringers who left things behind including a wallet and coat.

The weather stayed lovely for us all weekend and some of the bells were amongst the best we'd rung yet. All in all we had a lovely time with good friends, good food, good bells and a good success rate in quarters! £8

Hythe. 28 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: I Hopkins 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, Jacqui M Dunster 3, E Treagus 4, J H Hunt (C) 5, W A Harris 6, D A Burt 7, S B Dunster 8.

Mersham. 29 Jul, 1250 Superlative S. Major: W A Harris 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, J H Hunt (C) 3, Barbara Salmons 4, Jacqui M Dunster 5, A T Buswell (1st in m) 6, S B Dunster 7, D A Burt 8.

Lyminge. 29 Jul, 1250 Lincolnshire S. Major: Blanche M Hunt 1, Jacqui M Dunster 2, I Hopkins (1st in m) 3, W A Harris 4, E Treagus 5, D A Burt 6, S B Dunster 7, J H Hunt (C) 8.

Elham. 29 Jul, 1280 Rutland S. Major: J H Hunt (C) 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, Barbara Salmons 3, A T Buswell (1st touch in m) 4, M Sales 5, E Treagus 6, D A Burt 7, S B Dunster 8.

Folkestone(SS Mary & Eanswythe). 29 Jul, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: Nikki M Pownall 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, Barbara Salmons 3, Jacqui M Dunster 4, A T Buswell 5, W A Harris 6, S B Dunster 7, J H Hunt (C) 8.

Selling. 30 Jul, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: A T Buswell 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, Jacqui M Dunster 3, Nikki M Pownall 4, M Sales 5, J H Hunt (C) 6, W A Harris 7, S B Dunster 8.

Chilham. 30 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Barbara Salmons 1, Jacqui M Dunster 2, A T Buswell 3, J H Hunt (C) 4, E Treagus 5, S B Dunster 6, I Hopkins 7, W A Harris 8.

Tenterden. 1 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: Jacqui M Dunster 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, E Treagus 3, I Hopkins 4, A T Buswell 5, S B Dunster 6, J H Hunt (C) 7, W A Harris 8. 1st in m: 4,5.

Buxted. 1 Aug, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: J H Hunt (C) 1, Jacqui M Dunster 2, Blanche M Hunt 3, E Treagus 4, I Hopkins (1st in m) 5, Nikki M Pownall 6, S B Dunster 7, M Sales 8.

Burgess Hill. 1 Aug, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: E Treagus 1, Blanche M Hunt 2, Jacqui M Dunster 3, J H Hunt (C) 4, I Hopkins 5, A T Buswell 6, N M Pownall 7, S B Dunster 8.

Port Sunlight Reunion In The North East

Stokesley, N Yorks. 6 Aug, 1250 Pudsey S. Major: Brenda D Humphreys 1, Jean Hallett 2, M A Humphreys 3, Michelle C Taylor 4, P D A Mills 5, P F Humphreys 6, J G Hallett 7, Christine Mills (C) 8.

Marske by the Sea, Cleveland. 8 Aug, 1280 Spliced S. Major (CYSRN): Brenda D Humphreys 1, Christine Mills 2, Michelle C Taylor 3, M A Humphreys 4, W J P Wishart 5, P F Humphreys 6, M J Halliwell (1st Spliced) 7, P D A Mills (C) 8.

Saltburn by the Sea, Cleveland. 8 Aug, 1260 Stedman Triples: Brenda D Humphreys 1, M A Humphreys 2, Christine Mills 3, Michelle C Taylor (1st Stedman as C) 4, N D Pictor 5, M J Halliwell 6, P D A Mills 7, P F Humphreys 8.

Whorlton in Cleveland, N Yorks. 10 Aug, 1272 London S. Minor: Brenda D Humphreys 1, Christine Mills 2, M A Humphreys 3, Michelle C Taylor 4, P F Humphreys 5, P D A Mills (C) 6. 1st London S. Minor by all the band.

Burnsall, N Yorks. 11 Aug, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Christine Mills 1, Brenda D Humphreys 2, Michelle C Taylor 3, P F Humphreys 4, P D A Mills 5, M A Humphreys (C) 6.

Whitby, N Yorks. 12 Aug, 1282 Cambridge S. Royal: Brenda D Humphreys (1st T.B. on 10) 1, Christine Mills 2, Margaret E Rand (1st Cambridge Royal) 3, Jean Hallett 4, Michelle C Taylor 5, P F Humphreys 6, P D A Mills (C) 7, M A Humphreys 8, D Elwick 9, J G Hallett 10. 1st Surprise Royal: 4,8. 50th tog: 2,8. 100th tog: 6,8. £4.60

Bang! Bang! — A Charming Lady

Colin Yandle, one of the Barnes ringers has his roots in Devon, and he recently invited the band to join him for a weekend at his "country cottage" near Bampton. Although the number of Barnes ringers who accepted his invitation, five, was a little disappointing, a few enthusiastic friends were found and a very enjoyable weekend was had by all. Colin had discussed the venture with the Rev John Scott and together they planned an interesting route across Exmoor taking in some excellent bells and giving us a chance to appreciate the scenery. To this another 3 towers were added by the enthusiasts and in what became a packed schedule we had a variety of ringing activities, some demanding deep concentration and some providing lighter moments. One event in particular will remain in our memories for some time: Ann Anger seemed all set to score her first quarter of Grandsire Doubles as conductor at Exford, when there was a banging on the trap-door entrance to the ringing chamber. With six extents complete we were reluctant to stop, but the banging became very agitated and so "Stand" was called. Imagine our surprise when a charming lady climbed into the ringing chamber and asked if she could watch! We learnt that she belonged to the parish and was anxious to have the bells rung regularly. Could we teach her to ring?

We lost two other quarters because they were perhaps too ambitious for some of those involved, but seven were successfully completed with a worthwhile scattering of "firsts". Of the 13 towers visited the bells of North and South Moulton, where we had general ringing which ranged from rounds and call changes to spliced surprise, were particularly enjoyed. Colin also made sure we visited three of the best hostleries in the area!

Although he was apprehensive at first about accommodating 12, and Mike valiantly spent the first night in his sleeping bag in the garden, in the end Colin had as much pleasure out of the weekend as the rest of us — almost doubling his tally of quarters from four to seven!

We hope that one day we will have a chance to run (or is it ring?) the course again. Thanks Colin for some superb bells and a first class weekend. EJRH

Morbath, Devon. 28 Jul, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Patricia Chapman 1, Christine Marchbank 2, J N Ley 3, A J Marchbank 4, E J R Hartley (C) 5, C Yandle 6.

Uffculme, Devon. 29 Jul, 1344 Rutland S. Major: E J R Hartley 1, A J Marchbank 2, Ann F Anger 3, T J Eyles 4, Claire F Edwards 5, Jill M Hupman (C) 6, M J Wigney 7, C Buswell 8. 1st in m: 3,4 and as C.

Hawkrigde, Som. 29 Jul, 1260 P.B. Minor: C Buswell 1, Christine E Marchbank 2, A J Marchbank 3, J N Ley 4, Claire F Edwards (1st Minor as C) 5, M J Wigney 6.

Dulverton, Som. 29 Jul, 1264 P.B. Major: Christine E Marchbank 1, E J R Hartley 2, Ann F Anger 3, J N Ley 4, T J Eyles 5, A J Marchbank 6, M J Wigney 7, C Buswell (C) 8.

Bampton, Devon. 30 Jul, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Claire F Edwards 1, E J R Hartley 2, Jill M Hupman 3, A J Marchbank 4, M J Wigney (C) 5, C Yandle 6. For Morning Service. 1st Stedman Doubles: 1,4.

Brushford, Som. 30 Jul, 1296 Spliced S. Minor (3m): Ann F Anger 1, T J Eyles (1st Spl.S.) 2, A J Marchbank 3, Claire F Edwards 4, C Buswell 5, M J Wigney (C) 6.

Culmstock, Devon. 30 Jul, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Claire F Edwards (C) 1, Ann F Anger 2, Jill M Hupman 3, M J Wigney 4, J N Ley 5, T J Eyles 6, C Buswell 7, C Yandle (1st on 8) 8. £5



The group at Isleworth

Leicester Students Take The South By Storm

The culmination of the year's activities for the ringers at Leicester University and Polytechnic was our now traditional summer ringing weekend. Our base was Heston, Middx., where we enjoyed marvellous hospitality from Richard Wheelhouse and his family.

Ringing began in earnest on Saturday when we were joined on our outing by past members of the Society. We began with the very pretty six at Cranford, then moved on to Windsor where we had hoped to ring the ten bells of the parish church only to find that the trebles had not yet been hung! Our ambition to ring at the castle also remains unfulfilled, but this provided a welcome break for some sightseeing. After ringing at Old Windsor we moved on to a well-deserved lunch. After lunch we rang on the sixes at Winkfield and Ottershaw, the eight at St Mary's, Twickenham, and finally we did get some ten-bell ringing on the pleasant ten at Isleworth. The day was then rounded off with a barbecue and some rather unorthodox handbell ringing.

Sunday service ringing took place at Heston, but a quarter-peal after morning service was unfortunately lost. After an excellent Sunday dinner we 'grabbed' one more tower at Norwood Green then headed back to the Midlands.

We were blessed with glorious weather for the whole time, some members even sporting their shorts! The weekend was most enjoyable and thanks are given to towers for the use of bells and to our hosts who looked after us so well. We are all looking forward to welcoming ringers coming to Leicester in October — whatever your standard please come along and join us. B. Heys

Pooh-Day

Have you ever been on a Pooh-Day outing? Age is no barrier. The older you are the better to play Poohsticks on Poohstick Bridge, or run races in Roo's sandy pit and play with blue balloons. This was the scene created by A.A. Milne for Christopher over sixty years ago, but played out today (August 16th 1989) by Sussex County (Eastern Division) ringers — yes, ringing came in too, Danehill and Hammerwood were visited before lunch, Hartfield, Coleman's Hatch and Fairwarp followed — what lovely names — to ring rounds or Primrose or Grandsire.

"Pooh Corner", the village shop at Hartfield, could have been an invite from Rabbit in his burrow up on the nearby forest. All sorts of "Pooh-phanalia" on display — couldn't stay too long — must get back to the tower. But then, with 52 ringers for six bells, it takes time for all to have a ring, but, thanks to Louise (the Master) everyone did have a ring at every tower.

Thanks to Pauline who masterminded the day, it was indeed a fine day, a fun day. Pooh would have been proud of his friends as we finally went our ways home, taking our litter with us, and flying our blue balloons. JMP

Twenty-two Go Adventuring Again . . .

One very sunny Friday afternoon, several carloads of ringers from the Durham area found themselves battling through the traffic of Sheffield in a desperate hunt for Ranmoor church. The first quarter of the now legendary "Richard's Derbyshire Weekend" started almost on time, ten of 'them' ringing 4-Spliced S. Royal in preparation for Monday's peal attempt, the rest of 'us' feeding the nearby pub's quiz machine. They got the quarter — we got poorer! Then it was onwards to Tideswell, our 'base camp', in time for their Friday evening practice. Après clanging was in "The George" and here Richard issued us with the plans for the weekend. A late night ensued, ending with a frantic search for lodgings/beds/floor space etc..

Saturday was designated tower-grabbing day. The morning saw us visiting Hayfield, New Mills and Disley. After lunch (in a pub, where else?) the boomerang got its only real airing of the weekend outside the detached tower at Marple. Here we discovered that boomerangs *don't* come back, they only get firmly lodged up tall trees, and that half lead splicing in Bristol is difficult! Bredbury was next, ringing between weddings. The rest of the time (while the unfortunate couples actually tied the knot) was spent peering admiringly at the waiting Rolls Royce's engine. More fun was in store at Gorton Unitarian church. This was obviously a favourite pigeon roost, and although there were eight bells we could only manage to ring seven since one of the ropes was conspicuous by its absence! We finished the list at Stock St George, returning to the Horse & Jockey at Tideswell for a superb specially provided buffet, and an evening of fun and Andrew's terrible jokes! Well fed and entertained, we retired with thoughts of the next day's service quarters. Some of us were forced to wake up and sympathise with Stephen (he'd left us at lunchtime to drive to Cambridge, where the Cambridge Youths had managed to lose Stedman Cinques after 3 hours) who arrived back at 5.45 am!

Three quarter peals were scored on Sunday morning (2 more were lost), followed by an endless breakfast at "Ann's Caf" which ran into lunch at the Red Lion. General tiredness and a bit too much Landlord may account for the fact that only 3 out of 6 quarters were gained in the afternoon attempts. Back to The George for several games of pool was the order of the evening, while Richard cooked a hug pot of Spaghetti Bolognese to satisfy the hungry hoards (and Helen's trouser leg!!).

Monday saw us heading towards Macclesfield for The Peal Attempt — 4-Spliced Surprise Royal, with no less than eight "firsts/mosts". The bells came round after 3 hours 7 minutes, whilst those of us who hadn't had to undergo the torture of sore hands and aching brains agreed that it was definitely the best peal we'd ever rung . . . there are some good pubs in Macclesfield! The journey back to Tideswell was via Worsley St Mark's ten bells, where we succeeded in ringing some Unbristol Royal! 'Event of the weekend' was seeing Rigby drinking a pint of orange squash and declaring "I'm sick of beer", back in the pub!

Tuesday was the last day of our long weekend. The day began by most of 'them' having a lie-in, while five of 'us' went along to Great Longstone to help Bill through his very first peal. Well done Bill! Much packing and lost luggage saw us on our way to Norton — a beautiful eight, where one of the young local ringers was helped to extend her repertoire from plain hunt on 5 to plain hunt on 8 by following shirt designs, not numbers! Our weekend officially ended back at Ranmoor again, where we got a bit further through the elusive Bristol Royal. The real gluttons among us (well, okay, it was only three of us) called in to Wakefield Cathedral's practice on our way back to the North East.

A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to all the local ringers for putting us up, the local incumbents for the use of their bells, the local pubs for sustaining us, Rigby for constant entertainment, and most of all to Richard who once had a thought that a ringing weekend in Derbyshire might be a good idea . . . Cheers Richard, and where's the next one?!
Rachael H Dyson

Sheffield, S Yorks(Ranmoor). 4 Aug, 1440 Spliced S. Royal (CYNR): Kathleen Crowe 1, J A Craggs 2, R A M Turner 3, Susan D Kelk 4, S L Nicholson 5, C A Cooper 6, J M Goldthrope 7, A P Warboys 8, D V Craggs 9, D Crowe (C) 10. For H.M. The Queen Mother's 89th Birthday.

Bakewell, Derbys.6 Aug, 1260 P.B. Minor: Diane Urquhart 1, R A M Turner 2, Rosalind Wright 3, A Bateman 4, D G Walker (C) 5, G Goodall 6, E Hutchinson 7, J Cooper 8. 6 & 8 covering. 1st Q: 1,3,6.

Tideswell, Derbys.6 Aug, 1264 P.B. Major: J Hallows 1, Lydia Gilborne 2, Ann Carr (1st inside) 3, Kathleen Crowe 4, D G Walker 5, R W Rowland 6, A J Wallace 7, D Crowe (C) 8.

Great Longstone, Derbys.6 Aug, 1260 P.B. Minor: Lynne P Hughes 1, Rachael H Dyson 2, W F Bennett (1st Minor) 3, P A Hughes 4, Fiona H Chester 5, M Chester (C) 6. 1st as a married couple: 1,4.

New Mills, Derbys.6 Aug, 1280 Pudsey S. Major: E Alyson Kerr 1, Helena J Shaw 2, Fiona H Chester 3, Rachael H Dyson 4, Susan D Kelk 5, C A Cooper 6, M Chester 7, A P Warboys (C) 8. 1st in m: 2,3.

Eyam, Derbys.6 Aug, 1260 P.B. Minor: Fiona H Chester 1, P L Carless 2, P Wright 3, R W Rowland 4, C A Leese 5, D G Walker (C) 6.

Bakewell, Derbys.6 Aug, Spliced S. Major (Std 8): P A Hughes 1, J A Craggs 2, S L Nicholson 3, Lynne P Hughes 4, D G Walker 5, J M Goldthrope 6, D V Craggs (1st Spl. as C) 7, A J Wallace 8.

Another Successful Venture

The 1989 Manchester Branch Annual Quarter Peal Week again proved to be a successful venture. 14 quarters were scored, but sadly 4 came to grief — two of them within minutes of the end.

The statistics show that 55 ringers took part, with 10 different conductors officiating. Worthy of special mention are two of the younger branch members who called their first quarter peals — Stephen Brannan (age 12) who called a local band quarter of Plain Bob Maximus and later in the week a quarter of Bob Major. Stephen's excellent attempt at calling Stedman Triples came unstuck with only 40 changes to go. Simon Ogier did an excellent job of calling Cambridge Major at Salford — his first as conductor.

Eight quarters were rung by a more or less local band, three of which were on practice-night. Five quarters were rung for service — it was particularly nice to be able to ring for service at West Didsbury where there is no local band.

Altogether, 18 "firsts" of one sort or another were achieved during the week — let's hope that local bands will be encouraged to build on this success during the next twelve months. £10

Pendleton, Lancs.29 Jul, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: Dorothy Eccles 1, Christine Andrew 2, M A

Jones 3, B Heys 4, R F Eccles 5, E J Yates 6, C A Bradshaw 7, J Brannan (C) 8.

Ashton-under-Lyne.(St Michael). 30 Jul, 1320 P.B. Maximus: Christine Andrew 1, Victoria J Malloch 2, S A Brannan (1st as C) 3, Wendy E Malloch 4, P J Malloch 5, A E Wood 6, B Heys 7, P Coxall 8, N R Bradbury 9, L Hill 10, D J Marshall 11, J Brannan 12. For Evensong by Sunday Service/practice-night band. 1st on 12: 2,3,4,6,7,8,9.

Flixton, Lancs.30 Jul, 1260 P.B. Minor: Patricia J Nix 1, Angela R Nix 2, A Twidell 3, C A Bradshaw 4, G F Nix 5, M Murphy (C) 6. For Evensong.

Fallowfield.31 Jul, 1260 P.B. Minor: N Bryan 1, P Barlow 2, Caroline Barlow 3, Jane Landles 4, L Jones 5, W G Wilson (C) 6.

Ashton-under-Lyne.(St Peter). 1 Aug, 1280 Bristol S. Major: Dorothy Eccles 1, S A Brannan 2, B Heys 3, Christine Andrew 4, N R Bradbury 5, P J Malloch 6, R F Eccles 7, J Brannan (C) 8. 1st B: 2,3,5.

Reddish.1 Aug, 1280 P.B. Major: B Heys 1, S A Brannan (1st on 8 as C) 2, R F Eccles 3, M A Jones 4, P J Malloch 5, L Jones 6, W G Wilson 7, J Brannan 8.

Northenden.2 Aug, 1274 Cambridge S. Minor: M Murphy 1, Angela Nix 2, S A Brannan 3, C A Bradshaw 4, W G Wilson 5, J Brannan (C) 6.

Manchester(Cathedral). 2 Aug, 1260 P.B. Royal: Helen Yates (1st Q) 1, Sarah Yates 2, S Ogier 3, Dorothy Eccles 4, Mary W Langford 5, M A Jones 6, P Marshall 7, E J Yates 8, A F Eccles 9, R F Eccles (C) 10. 1st on 10: 6,7.

Mossley.(St George). 2 Aug, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: M Gill 1, Jacqueline Hodgson 2, H Cartwright 3, K Slater 4, B Hodgson (1st Q) 5, G Rigby (C) 6.

Eccles.3 Aug, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Marilyn Clements 1, Wendy Fryer 2, J Thornley 3, T Fryer 4, D Jones (C) 5.

Salford.4 Aug, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: M A Jones 1, S Ogier (1st as C) 2, P Marshall (1st inside) 3, Dorothy Eccles 4, B Heys 5, R F Eccles 6, A F Eccles 7, J Brannan 8. Birthday compliment to the Queen Mother and to the tenor ringer.

West Didsbury.6 Aug, 1264 P.B. Major: M Ogier 1, S A Brannan 2, S Ogier 3, Dorothy Eccles 4, Christine Andrew 5, B Heys 6, R F Eccles 7, J Brannan (C) 8. For Morning Service.

Mossley.(Roughtown). 6 Aug, 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: Sarah Bayliss 1, H Cartwright 2, Lesley A Hodgson 3, S D Emery 4, C D Emery 5, G Nield (C) 6. For Morning Service.

Stretford.6 Aug, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: H R Entwistle 1, Mary E Eccles 2, D Rydeheard 3, A F Eccles 4, I P Bell (C) 5.

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Forthcoming Marriage

STEVENS/STENTIFORD - Philip and Mo are to be married at St Mary's, Kingskerswell, on Sat, Oct 21st. Our address will be 22 Priory Avenue, Kingskerswell, Newton Abbot TQ12 5AQ. Tel. 0803 873562. Ad. No. 3253

Change of Address

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Tower Announcements

BAWTRY, SOUTH YORKS, ST NICHOLAS - Please note that the bells are unringable due to massive frame movement. Hopefully restoration will take place in due course. Any queries to Mr N Turton (0302 710669) or Mrs J Gravestock (0302 710002). Ad. No. 6316

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL - Practice on Wed, Oct 18, cancelled. 6313

University Announcements

DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY welcomes new members of the University to ring at practice nights every Thursday, starting Oct 15. More information on Societies Day. 1323

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Mid-week Meetings

G & B D.A., Cirencester Branch. Thursday, 19th October, South Cerney, 7-9 pm. 1325

KCACR. Surprise Royal practice, Wed, Oct 25, at 7.30 pm at Maidstone. Special methods: London No. 3 and Superlative No. 2 (again) as well as Cambridge and Yorkshire. 1269

Saturday Meetings & Practices

BATH & WELLS DA, Axbridge Branch. AGM, Oct 14, at Blagdon. Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Names for tea to Mrs Hadley (0761-62495) by Wed, Oct 11th. 1236

ELY DA, Cambridge District. Oct 14, ringing at Melbourn (8) 3 pm. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing at Meldreth (8). Special methods: Double Norwich and Erin Triples. Names of people to be proposed for membership to District Secretary beforehand, please. 1241

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD. Sat, Oct 14, meeting at Rusper, 3.30-4.30 pm. Service at Warham 5 pm, followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to 0342 327554, please. All welcome. Guild informal dinner to be held at Gatwick Manor Hotel on 18th November 1989. For details phone 0342 321802. Ad. No. 1314

ESSEX ASSOCIATION, N.E. District. Meeting, Oct 14, at Tendring. Bells 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Evening ringing. Names for tea: N Avis, 25 New Village, Brantham, Manningtree, Essex CO11 1RL. Tel. Colchester 392551. Ad. No. 1286

ESSEX ASSOCIATION, South West District. Quarterly meeting, Sat, Oct 14, Epping. Ringing 4.45. Tea 5.30. Meeting 6 pm. Please bring picnic tea (tea and coffee provided). Everyone welcome. 1198

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Eastern District. Quarterly meeting to be held on Sat, Oct 14. Afternoon ringing at Nazeing from 3 to 4.30 pm. Service, tea and meeting to be held at St Augustine's, Broxbourne, from 4.45 pm. Evening ringing also at Broxbourne from 6.30 to 8.30 pm. Plus special 10-bell practice on Tues, Oct 31, at All Saints', Hertford, from 8 pm. 1316

HERTFORD CA, St Albans District. Sat, 14th (note date) October, St Albans Abbey, Handbell Workshop 3.30 to 5 pm; tea, meeting. Evening ringing 6.30 to 8.30 pm. Names for tea to St Albans 65276. Ad. No. 1232

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KCACR, Canterbury District. ADM, Sat, Oct 14, at Canterbury. Ringing at St Stephen's 3-4. Ringing at St Dunstan's 3.30-4.15. Service at St Dunstan's 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing till 9 pm. Names for tea to Mr B J Luck, 20 Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury (0227 761952), A.S.A.P. please! 1281

K.C.A.C.R., Maidstone District. ADM, Sat, Oct 14, at All Saints', Maidstone (10). Bells at 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm, followed by tea. Business meeting 5.45 pm. Evening ringing. Names for tea to Mrs Cullingworth (0622) 51005 by Oct 13th. 1240

MIDDX ASSOCIATION. District Striking Competition, Sat, Oct 14, St Michael, Wood Green. Draw 3 pm. Teams wishing to take part please contact Jenny Robinson (205 2416) by Oct 8. Service 5 pm at Christ Church, Southgate, followed by tea, judging, short business meeting and evening ringing. All very welcome. 1135

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. Evening practice at Coleshill (10) on Sat, Oct 14, at 7 pm. 1338

NORWICH DA, Southern Branch. Practice meeting at Brooke on Sat, Oct 14, 7 to 9 pm. 1306

SUFFOLK GUILD, North East District. Practice, Sat, Oct 14, Bungay. Ringing strictly one hour only, 7-8 pm. All welcome. 1329

W & P DG, Basingstoke District. Striking Competitions and quarterly meeting, Sat, Oct 14. Draw at 2 pm at Sherborne St John, where the competitions will be followed by a service. Tea and meeting will be in Silchester Village Hall, followed by evening ringing at Silchester. Names for tea to Dis Sec by Tues, 10th, please (Tel: 0256 55745). 1253

WORCESTER & DISTRICTS, Southern Branch. AGM on Sat, Oct 14, at Inkberrow (6). Ringing at 3 pm, followed by service at 4.30 pm. Tea and then business meeting. Evening ringing at Bishampton (6). Names for tea to John Alexander on Pershore (0386) 554061 by previous Tuesday. 1320

BATH & WELLS DA, Crewkerne Branch. Monthly practice, Sat, Oct 21, Fivehead, 7-9. All welcome. 0013

BATH & WELLS DA, Dunster Branch. Sat, Oct 21, AGM, Wiveliscombe. Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.15 pm, followed by tea and meeting and ringing to 9 pm. Suggested methods: Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. Names for tea by Mon, 16th, to Rev C J B Marshall (Wiv. 23309). Ad. No. 1273

BATH & WELLS DA, Glaston Branch. Annual Meeting at Wells St Cuthbert on Sat, Oct 21. Bells (8, 27 1/4) available 3 pm and afterwards until 7.30 pm. Service 4.30 pm, followed by tea and meeting. D J Buckley, Secretary, Sunset House, Easton, Wells BA5 1EE (Wells 870449). Ad. No. 1339

CHESTER DG, South Branch. Meeting at Nantwich, Oct 21. Ringing 15.00. Service 16.30. Tea 17.15, followed by evening ringing until 20.30. Names for tea to F R Morton (Crewe 661816) by Wed, Oct 18. F R Morton, Hon. Sec/Treas. 1268

COVENTRY DG. Quarterly meeting, Oct 21: 2.15 Corley, 2.45 Arley/Ansley, 3.30 Astley/Fillongley, 4.30 Service/tea/meeting at Fillongley, 7.15 Keresley/Allesley. Towers open for 1 hour. Names for tea to Rodney Swallow (0676 41261). Ad. No. 1298

ELY DA, Huntingdon District. Meeting, Sat, Oct 21, Gamlingay (6) 3-4.30 pm. Tea 5 pm at Gt Gransden Reading Rooms, followed by business meeting and evening ringing at Gt Gransden (6) until 8 pm. 1294

HERTFORD CA, Bishop's Stortford District. Sat, Oct 21, Widford (6) 4-5 for service, followed by tea and meeting at Little Cozens, Neither Street. Further ringing, Hunsdon (8) 7-8.30. 1262

KENT C.A.C.R., Ashford District. ADM, Oct 21, Wye (8) 3.00. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mary Marshall (Bethersden 441) by Wed, Oct 18, please. Also please forward nominations for officers for 1989/90. 1282

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Blackburn and Rosendale Branches. There will be a joint Branch meeting on Sat, Oct 21. Ringing will be at St Thomas', Helmshore, from 3 to 5 pm, and Immanuel, Oswald-twistle, from 6.30 to 8 pm. Cups of tea provided at Helmshore. All welcome! A E Pettifor. 1313

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Furness and S. Lakeland Branch. AGM on Sat, Oct 21, at Dalton-in-Furness. Ringing from 2.30 pm. Service 4.45 pm, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to Mr S Walmsley, Bell-Fast, Chapels, Kirkby-in-Furness LA17 7XY (Tel. Kirkby-in-Furness 550), by Wed, Oct 18th. 1308

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Manchester Branch. Meeting on Oct 21 at Pendleton. Bells 7 to 9 pm. Betty Ormrod, Branch Secretary. 1265

LEICS DIOCESAN GUILD, Market Harborough District. Oct 21: Bruntingthorpe (3) 3.15-4, Peatling Parva (5) 4.15-5, Misterton (6) 7-8.30. Bring own tea. Venue of District Striking Competition will be announced. G.M.T. 1311

LINCOLN DG, West Lindsey Branch. Branch practice at Owston Ferry (6), Sat, Oct 21, 6.30-9 pm. Special methods: Childwall, Wells Surprise. All welcome. 1333

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, Sonning Deanery Branch. Practice on Sat, Oct 21, at Shottesbrooke, 7-9 pm. All welcome. 1296

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, South Oxon Branch. Half-yearly meeting, Sat, Oct 21, at Chinnor (6). Ringing from 3 pm, followed by service, tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Chinnor after meeting. Names for tea to Colin Ede (Kingston Blount 52367). Ad. No. 6314

PETERBOROUGH DG, Peterborough Branch. Quarterly meeting, Sat, Oct 21, Deene 3 pm. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Evening ringing, Weldon. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mrs S Jones (Tel. Corby 69071). Ad. No. 6317

GUILD OF ST AGATHA, Arundel and Brighton District. Annual Outing, Sat, Oct 21: 9.30-10.15 West Meon (8), 10.30-11.15 Warnford (6), 11.45-12.30 Bishop's Waltham (8), 2.10-2.50 Curdridge (8), 3.15-4.00 Wickham (6), 4.45-5.30 Portsmouth (Cathedral) (10). Everyone welcome. R.J.W. 1335

RNGB. Meeting, Northampton area, Sat, Oct 21. 1000-1100 Flore, 1015-1100 Newnham, 1115-1215 Daventry, 1400-1445 Whilton, 1500-1600 Gt Brington, 1800-1900 Holy Sepulchre, 1915-2015 Duston. Ad. No. 1168

SALISBURY DG, Marlborough Branch Quarterly meeting, Sat, Oct 21. Ringing: East Kennet 2 pm, West Overton 2.45 pm, followed by service, tea and meeting 4 pm onwards. Ringing at Preshute after meeting. Numbers for tea to Buckley (Marlborough 52667) by Tues, 17th. Next evening meetings - Mon, Nov 20, at Ramsbury 7.30 pm; Fri, Dec 8, at Chiseldon 7.30 pm. 6315

SUFFOLK GUILD, SW District. Monthly District practice, Sat, Oct 21, at Rattlesden 7-9 pm. All welcome. 1343

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Southern Division. Practice meeting, Sat, Oct 21. 3 pm, Good Shepherd, Brighton. Service 4.30 pm, followed by tea. Evening ringing, St Nicholas', Brighton. Bookings for tea to Rowena Watson (Brighton 421911) by Thursday 19th, please. 1336

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD, Portsmouth District. Quarterly meeting at Havant, Oct 21. Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Tea and meeting 5 pm with evening ringing (1 hour). Names for tea to Mrs Karen Coulson on Havant 473862 by Thursday, 19th. 1315

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Western Branch. Evening meeting, Oct 14, at Kirkheaton, 6.30 to 8.30. All welcome. (N.B. date.) 1258

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS, N and NW Branch. AGM at Holsworthy (8) on Sat, Oct 28, at 3 pm. Service at 4.15 pm. Names for tea to Mike Rose, 29 Cavie Road, Braunton, Devon (0271 814491), before Thurs, Oct 26. Evening ringing at Stratton (8) at approx. 7 pm. 1321

ELY DA, Wisbech District. Ringing meeting at Leverington on Oct 28. 3.30 ringing, 4.30 service, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. (Committee Meeting 3.00) 1342

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, Hereford District. Autumn quarterly meeting on Sat, Oct 28. Ringing at Stoke Edith at 3 pm, then to Tarrington for service at 4.30 pm, followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to Jo Gilbert (0432 850461) before Oct 25th. 1344

LADIES' GUILD, Central District. Oct 28, Little Misenden, ringing and meeting 6.30-8 pm. Special methods: Durham, St Clements. 1293

SOUTHWELL DG. Half-yearly Meeting, Sat, Oct 28, at Greasley. Ringing 3 to 4.30 pm, followed by service, tea and meeting in Church Hall. Evening ringing at Eastwood until 9 pm. Names for tea to Don Beach (Langley Mill (0773) 717972) by Wednesday 25th, latest. 1332

SUSSEX CA, E Div. Sat Oct 28, ringing 3 pm at Christ Church, Eastbourne (8), followed by service and tea. Evening ringing at Willingdon (6). Names for tea to Pauline Kennard (Alfriston 870154) by Wed, 25th. 1326

HEREFORD DG, Clifford and Kington District. AGM at Almeley, Sat, Nov 4. Bells at 3 pm. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing until 8.30. Names for tea to Mrs M Anthony on Almeley 342 by Oct 29th. 1331

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Eastern District. **Advanced Notice**. The above District will be holding an Open Day on Sat, Nov 4 - 20 towers open - all proceeds to Hertford Bell Restoration. 1328

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Friday saw the course begin in earnest with a theory session. Our two tutors joined us in the class room which had once been a pig sty, but was now unrecognisable with carpets and furniture. This began two days of enthusiastic encouragement from A manda Whiting and Stephen Pettman. Confidence building was one of the aims and helpers were patient and plentiful to hand. During the day we rang at Otley, Hasketon and Bredfield.

Saturday began with further theory sessions, gently ironing out our problems and stumbling blocks that may have confused us. A little gentle bullying helped us attempt things which may have been beyond us in our home towers. However we were always made to feel at ease by our untiring tutors and their helpers, who seemed to have endless energy. Ashbocking, Burgh and Bredfield were towers for the day and then the evening saw us all, together with a large group of local ringers, gathering at a hostelry in Sutton Hoo. Here we walked by the river and later were entertained at the farm house home of some friends of the ringers. Throughout the course we were all made to feel most welcome and the hospitality gave us confidence and pleasure.

On Sunday we students were sent out alone, armed with a list of Sunday service rings covering Rushmere, Woodbridge, Wickham Market and Clopton. At all these we received warm welcomes and even Clopton lost its fears for us despite its reputation as a challenge to the unwary. Meanwhile back at "Mount Pleasant the home of the Barkers, a barbecue was being organised for our return. Our efforts at Clopton announced our arrival and they knew we were coming home like triumphant pigeons returning to the loft. We were greeted by our helpers and friends of the last two days and, over the welcome barbecue fare, were able to express our thanks and appreciation for all their efforts. The lasting impression was of a united group working together and enjoying it all. Certainly this student left with memories of the warmth of our welcome and feeling that the benefits would eventually be felt back in Kent, Norfolk, London and Northampton respectively.

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A somewhat controversial venue

What a pleasure it is for those of us that spend our lives deep in the heart of the West Riding to have a trip out to the North Riding. Not that we don't like the mills and moors that characterise the industrial side of the county, just that the charm that lies across Yorkshire's broad acres is something not to be missed.

Thus it was that on the 16th September a spattering of no more than forty die-hard Yorkshire ringers covered on Hutton Buscel - Hutton where? Ah, there you are you see. Yes, the attendance for the Yorkshire Association AGM was small due no doubt to the fact that many of us hadn't even heard of the village. Furthermore how many others who knew of it wanted to grab a three bell tower? Well it was a controversial venue, but inspired as well, I feel. How many of us would otherwise have stopped off to see this quaint church (almost hidden from the very road that passes it) when on a mad dash to the ten at Scarborough?

The day started for some with the Annual Sunday Service Band Striking Competition at Pickering. Only four bands out of a possible eight competed. Barnsley, Rotherham, Huntington and Stokesley. Come on the rest of you, is it really worth winning your branch competition if you won't turn up to the final? Ron and Maggie Warford kindly returned to Yorkshire from the northeast to judge.

Ringing for the rest of us was at Helmsley. Filey and Kikby Moorside before making for Hutton Buscel where there was plenty of time to grab the bells. Well three bell ringing isn't everyone's cup of tea, and it doesn't take long to ring the two possible extents of singles. Actually, something else that the stay-aways missed; I can now reveal the content of some of those 17m/v of singles that characterise so many of the quarter peals from this Association. Not that I'm going to let on though, Mr Editor will be pleased to note, you can think up ways to fill endless blank pages with correspondence!

After a short service, tea was taken in the nearby school room. Excellent it was too, with ham salad, apple-pie and ice-cream. The ensuing meeting heard the announcement of the striking competition results, given by the President, who also read out the judges' comments in the absence of Ron Warford who couldn't stay. First place was taken by Rotherham, followed by Barnsley, Huntington and Stokesley. What a day for Rotherhams Malcolm Turner - a son from his wife Helen in the early hours of the morning, and then scooping the coveted trophy for the stroking competition in the afternoon. The Association honoured two members in different ways. Firstly Doreen Sanderson, the recently retired General Secretary, was presented with a cheque, then the long serving Ben Cooper was formally elected a Vice President. The short General Committee meeting held after the main meeting approved Ron Johnston's design for an Associate Membership Certificate with just one or two minor alterations.

Which brings me to the last leg of the day. Ringing continued on the five bells at Wykeham where the recent grant from the BRF has led to a noticeably improved go of the bells. Also, at Pickering once more. Now that wasn't advertised in *The Ringing World*, so some of you at home missed out.

Final point Mr Ringing Master and the three others who stayed on at Wykeham, the method was rang was St Osmunds (or is that a variation?) either way I enjoyed it.

C MORRISH

Good sum raised for Centenary Project

The day of the Bath Branch Open Day dawned bright and sunny with just that hint of mist which presages a fine day and just that hint of chill in the air which announces the approach of autumn.

The first tower, Swainswick, was due to open at 9.30 a.m. but a long queue had formed outside well before that time and the tower opened slightly early.

At Batheaston the keyholder had been called out to a crisis at work and had left no message. Here an alert steward getting worried when no-one appeared to meet her rushed off to his house, obtained a key and returned just as the clock was striking ten to let everyone in. The steward at Bathford also had problems with the keyholder but these were resolved before the opening time.

The remaining towers of the morning presented no problems except for those visitors who were trying to ring at both St. Michaels and Christchurch. A traffic jam on the London Road and the problems of finding somewhere to park in the city proved too much for some. It was unfortunate that we were unable to obtain permission for Christchurch to be open for more than half an hour.

All went well for a time after lunch although the steward on the door at Widcombe had to endure a tirade from a very irate resident complaining quite erroneously at the frequency of the ringing there. At Claverton the queue of people seemed never-ending although at closing time there were only just enough to ring down.

The only event to mar the day was the absence of the keyholder at Marksbury who despite letters from the organiser and a personal reminder the day before failed to turn up. Another key was eventually obtained and ringing started an hour late. The organiser would like to apologise to anyone who would have liked to ring there but who did not hear that the bells would be available later.

Queen Charlton presented a challenge to all those who attempted to ring there. The best ringing was by a band who rang a touch of Stedman Doubles almost perfectly. Only one other band attempted the principle, most just sticking to rounds, these being difficult enough to ring on the bells.

At Twerton some of the most adventurous ringing of the day took place with Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major being rung among other methods.

At Kelston, the last tower of the day, more adventurous ringing took place with spliced Cambridge, Plain and Little Bob as well as Norwich and St. Clements.

This was the first time in many years that all the ringable towers in the Branch had been open and the organisers were pleased to see so many people. In fact one steward complained that there were so many visitors that he was unable to ring at the towers he hadn't rung at. The organiser's thanks to all those key-holders who met the stewards at the towers or who arranged for the key to be collected from specified places. Thanks also to all the incumbents who gave permission for their towers to be open during the day.

A total of £470 was raised towards the Bath & Wells Diocesan Association Centenary Project of a ring of bells for Highbridge.

The sum of the parts can be greater than the whole - especially when you are trying to put it back together.



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In the belfry a massive pre-fabricated steel frame was erected above an existing frame. The 1923 Gillett and Johnston frame was removed, galvanised and replaced, and the new trebles were hung in this frame and (using the new notation 1 to 10) the third went up into the new frame, the fourth below (in the former third's pit), the fifth up above the sixth which was turned side-for-side and re-roped, as was the seventh; the eighth was roped from the other side of its wheel and a very good circle was formed.

An interesting point to note is that there is only 74 lbs weight difference between the treble and seventh bell.

The bells were first rung on Friday, 18th August, and were pronounced to be a perfect match. The new trebles are excellent specimens of the founder's art, being finished in gleaming black lead. The treble has a most attractive moulding of a vine encircling it between the two top wires.

To date there have been 63 peals at Hursley, one on the six and 62 on the eight, 51 of them being rung since 1971 when the present band started to form.

Dedication Service

After much last-minute activity, the ringing room looked magnificent with new paint and polish and all the peal boards back in their rightful places, the trophy for the Winchester District six-bell striking competition and village general knowledge quiz in a prominent place. A framed record showing the names of the Institution, Overseas Societies and individuals, as well as ringers and parishioners who had contributed towards the cost was also on display; but there were many donations from others who wished to remain anonymous.

The Rev. Dr. Arthur Moore, Vicar of Hursley, officiated at the Service of Dedication, attended by some 120 invited guests, which included the principal officers of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild and those who had helped to make the augmentation possible. The service was preceded by the local band ringing rounds and call-changes on the eight and followed by the same on the new ring of 10.

The Hursley band entertained all the visitors to tea and other beverages in the hall nearby. A suitably-decorated cake was ceremoniously cut by Mrs. Jessie Kippin. The only formality remaining was for Tower Captain

The quarter peal band (left to right): Ian McCullion, Martin Waldron, Jessie Kippin, Tony Smith, Philip Belgeonne, Bruce Purvis, Brian Lovelock, Charles Kippin, John Croft, Andrew Craddock.

Martin Waldron to present the principal fundraiser, Philip Belgeonne, with a miniature Whitechapel handbell, suitably inscribed. Open ringing on the ten concluded an enjoyable and satisfying day.

A quarter peal of 1277 Grandsire Caters was rung on Sunday, 1st October (the day following the Dedication) by members and friends of the Hursley band: B Lovelock treble, Jessie Kippin 2, C H Kippin 3, A G Craddock 4, I McCallion 5, J S Croft (C) 6, M K Waldron 7, B S Purvis 8, A P Smith 9, P Belgeonne 10. 1st on 10 for B Lovelock and P Belgeonne.

Visitors are always welcome. Practice night is Friday, 7.30-9 p.m. Sunday ringing: 9 a.m. (3rd), 10.15 a.m. (others), 5.15 p.m. (1st).

No.	Note	Dia	wt	qrs	lbs
1	A#	23 1/16"	3	2	3
IN MEMORY OF "MEG" WALDRON 1914-1987 WHITECHAPEL 1989					
2	G#	24 1/16"	3	2	10
THE GIFT OF CHARLES & JESSIE KIPPIN WHITECHAPEL 1989					
3	F#	25"	3	2	23
PRESENTED BY S ^{IR} G. A. COOPER BART OF HURSLEY PARK 1923					
4	E#	25 1/2"	3	2	24
PRESENTED BY FREDERICK WILLIAM TALBOT OF PITT IN THIS PARISH 1923 "LAUS DEO"					
5	D#	27"	3	3	24
"VENITE EXULTEMUS DOMINO". MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS LONDON 1880 RECAST, GILLETT & JOHNSTON, CROYDON 1923					
6	C#	29"	4	0	21
W & J TAYLOR, OXFORD, FOUNDERS 1835					
7	B	29 3/4"	4	0	22
W & J TAYLOR, OXFORD FOUNDERS 1835					
8	A#	33 1/4"	6	2	11
PRAYSE GOD I.W. 1616					
9	G#	36 1/4"	8	0	23
GEVE THANKS TO GOD I.W. 1616					
10	F#	42"	14	0	0
ME RESONARE JUBENT PIETAS MORS ATQUE VOLUPTAS RICHARD FIELDEN & WILLIAM LAINSON CHURCHWARDENS WILL & ROB COR 1713 RECAST GILLETT & JOHNSTON CROYDON 1923					
			55	2	21

Corrections and amendments

- p. 669 Peal of Bristol at Cambridge. Ringer of 2nd was W J Ridgman.
- p. 754 Place notation for Lyddington D. Major is: x38x14x58x1236x14x18 x1234x18 LE 2nds
- p. 823 Peal at Bodicote. Conductor was G J Clifton
- p. 842 Peal at Adelaide Cathedral. Conductor was Ian D Harris
- p. 843 Peal at Kensington. J Keeler rang the 5th, D Brown the 6th. Conductor was D Brown
- p. 865 Peal at Newport. I-o-W was rung on Sunday, Aug 20 1989
- p. 882 Peal at Dronfield was 5056 Dronfield S. Major Peal at Creswell was 5056 Spliced S. Major (8 methods)
- p. 884 Peal at Worcester. Ringer of 7th was Robin R Churchill
- Peal at Houston - Treble ringer E Ann Williams
- p. 907 Handbell peal at Bracknell on 17 July. Delete all detail - duplicate of one on p. 736

A good habit?

I have noticed from time to time in the National Press that several hundred thousand members of the Abbey National have not taken up their free shares.

I wonder how many are ringers and whether they could be asked to accept their shares and pass them on to the Central Council Bell Rescue Fund or to their local Association Belfry Repair Fund, where I am sure these would be put to good use.

J. PEARSE,
Glos & Bristol Treasurer
Hint! hint!

South Cerney

Modern substitute

In reply to Michael King's letter on page 896 regarding the lubrication of plain bearings, I would suggest he dispenses with castor oil and tallow and uses one of the modern lubricants which are available.

One I have used for many years and can recommend is "Tri-Flow", a high performance lubricant which contains Teflon. It is clean and easy to use and is very effective.

Literature and supplies can be obtained from A.R.M. Lubricants Ltd, 97 Cato Street, Birmingham B7 4TS.

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Huyton, Liverpool

Black tail-ends are caused by the use of a mixture of dung and tallow to keep the ropes soft and supple. If you cannot find tallow then bees-wax will do. Please remember to tip your peanuts straight into your mouth as tallow has a nasty after-taste.

A.J.B.

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