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Bickley – rising from the ashes

Until 1861 Bickley was part of the parish of SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley. In that year, however, the substantial residence of Bickley Park and the new owner, a Mr. George Wythes, set about an extensive scheme of development, including the building of a new church. So it was that St. George's Church was begun in 1863 and opened for worship in 1864. The church was built of Caen stone in Victorian Gothic style, with a tower and spire measuring 175 feet at the west end. By 1906 deterioration of the stonework necessitated the rebuilding (and slight shortening) of the spire to its present height.

Enemy action during the early years of the second war caused repeated minor damage to the church which was patched up without the need for major structural repair. However, on 18th June, 1944 a flying bomb fell in the adjacent road, destroying the windows and most of the roof, and putting the church out of commission until 1946. At this time the tower contained five bells hung for chiming, the heaviest being about 14 cwt. The story of the new ring of bells really starts with the tragic events of 6th April, 1989, when an electrical fault in the base of the tower caused a fire which destroyed the lower part of the tower interior (including the organ) and the nave roof and caused extensive damage to the rest of the church.

The plans to rebuild the church began immediately and the reconstruction recommenced in July 1990. During the discussions about the restoration of the church, it was suggested that the old clock chime should be replaced with a new ring of bells of about the same weight, hung for full circle ringing. So it was that in the autumn of 1989 the KCACR bell restoration subcommittee were called in to give advice, and subsequently, in December, 1990 an order was placed with the Whitechapel Bellfoundry for a ring of six bells,

with an option on another two as and when funds became available, to be hung in a new eight-bell frame. The old bells and fittings were lowered from the tower by KCACR members under the watchful eye of Peter Romney, the convenor of the County Bell Restoration Sub-committee.

The new bells were cast in July, 1991, attended by several members of the congregation who had travelled up to Whitechapel for the day, and were transported to the church in August. During a brief stay on the tower floor a service of hallowing was held, at which the bells were blessed and named in honour of six English saints. The next day the job of raising the bells into the tower began, and we soon received the news that they were in the tower and ready to be rung. However, the try out had to be delayed for several weeks, as the continuing building work on the tower made access to the ringing chamber impossible.

In the meantime a massive restoration project was under way in the rest of the church. The nave roof was completely rebuilt in its original style, with hammerbeam vaulting, a new concrete floor was laid, the whole building was rewired and replastered, a new organ and choir were installed in the south transept, and statues and artefacts rescued from the fire



The picture which has become a symbol of the restoration – the Church of St. George rising from behind the phoenix.

were carefully cleaned and restored. The tower, the area of the worst damage, has been completely refitted, and now contains two levels of balcony, the second of which forms the ringing chamber. Throughout the restoration the phoenix has been adopted as the symbol of the work. This mythical bird burnt itself to ashes after living for 500 years, then came to life again from the ashes with renewed youth. So it was with St. George's, Bickley that, to quote the words of the Bishop of Rochester in his address at the rededication service, "through the initial tears came the determination to rebuild a church of greater glory". Perhaps the most potent symbol of the restoration is the magnificent west window, high in the wall of the tower. It is an abstract representation of the phoenix by Alisoun Howie, a stained glass artist from north London, and forms an impressive backdrop to the ringing gallery when viewed from the body of the church.

During this period of rebuilding, members of the Lewisham District were hard at work training a band of ringers for the bells. At first teaching was done at the nearby church of The Annunciation, Chislehurst, to whom we are very grateful, but we have now moved to the bells at Bickley itself. We are also very grateful to the ringers of SS. Peter & Paul, Bromley, who have made their bells available to us for additional practices, and to David Kingston for his assistance.

The culmination of the whole rebuilding and restoration project came on Saturday 21st December with the festival service of rededication, conducted by the Bishop of Rochester, the Rt. Rev. Michael Turnbull. In

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The band which rang the first quarter peal on the bells (L to R: Alan Hall, Mary Andrews, Brian Butcher, Chris Munday, Frank Lewis, Andrew Young).

Money matters

There were those who predicted a stormy meeting for the Guildford Guild AGM this year. The only two motions on the agenda involved MONEY. Before the main business of the day, however, the afternoon began with a good turn-out of ringers at Bagshot, Puttenham and the host tower, Farnham. Here the start of the service was somewhat delayed by the absence of the key to the organ, but once this was found the retiring Guild Secretary and organist extraordinaire gave his usual virtuoso performance, especially in his choice of recessional music.

The tea and meeting were held at the Memorial Hall in Farnham. The Master, Roger Heyworth, drew attention to some of the highlights in the "new look" Guild Report, notably the continuing enthusiasm for bell restoration with work now well advanced at Hawley and Epsom Common, and fund-raising keeping up well.

The meeting stood in silence in memory of those members who had died. Three of the

existing Guild officers were re-elected: Roger Heyworth, Master; Jeremy Pratt, Treasurer; and Roger Pashley, the Auditor. Both the Secretary, Robin Walker, and also the Bell Restoration Fund Administrator, Timothy Wellen, had decided not to seek re-election, and the Master paid tribute to their work for the Guild. Although much of his work went on behind the scenes, Robin had been a very visible secretary, visiting most towers in the Guild while he had been in office. Tim of course had been a major force in the Guild's bell restoration activity, his hard work and enthusiasm never diminishing. Jackie Roberts and David West were elected as Secretary and BRF Administrator respectively. Robin Walker was then elected to fill a vacancy which had occurred for one of the posts of Central Council Representative.

Both of the motions to increase the membership subscription - the first increase since 1985 - and to introduce a peal fee were passed after some discussion, but without much opposition. In addition, other rule changes to make the life of the Peals Recorder a little easier were passed (see Notices this week).

The Master then thanked the very many members of the various sub-committees who had worked so hard during the year, and also thanked the Farnham ringers for a splendid tea and excellent organisation.

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[Photo: Michael J. Head.
One of the instruction courses in Mere belfry.

BICKLEY - continued

his address the Bishop praised the magnificence of the restored church, and gave thanks for the dedication of all those involved in the restoration work, and in particular to Father David Herbert for his spiritual guidance through a very difficult period. After the service a band of ringers representing those who had been involved in the work on the bells rang a touch of Stedman Doubles. Although none of the Bickley ringers are yet able to ring unaided, most of them did then come to ring some rounds on their new bells, with varying amounts of help. As the congregation departed to the local school for a celebratory buffet lunch, another band of ringers who had been involved in the project rang a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Although sound control has been installed, we are very aware that bells are new to this largely residential area, and so ringing will necessarily be restricted. Practices will be held on tied bells for the foreseeable future, and ringing for services will be by arrangement with the local District officers. At least for the time being, peal attempts will not be allowed and ringing for other visiting bands will be strictly limited. There will, however be an opportunity for everyone to have a ring on the bells, together with all the other rings of bells in the Lewisham District, on our Open Day on August Bank Holiday Monday - why not book the date now?

The details of the bells are as follows:

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| Treble | 2'4" | Gabriel | D-sharp | 4-2-14 |
| 2nd | 2'6½" | Hugh | C-sharp | 5-2-13 |
| 3rd | 2'8½" | Augustine | B | 6-2-22 |
| 4th | 2'10" | Mary Magdalene | A-sharp | 7-1-26 |
| 5th | 3'2" | Michael | G-sharp | 10-1-11 |
| Tenor | 3'6½" | George | F-sharp | 14-1-9 |

All the bells were cast by The Whitechapel Bellfoundry, 1991.

After the service of rededication of the church the following quarter peal was rung by members of KCACR, who have been involved in the project to install the bells and train a band of ringers.

Bickley, Kent (S George). 21 Dec, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Christopher J Munday 1, Mary R Andrews 2, Alan G Hall 3, Brian G Butcher 4, Frank W Lewis 5, Andrew M J Young (C) 6. First quarter on the bells. To celebrate the rededication of the Church of St George.

Royally entertained at Crantock

The Annual Meeting of the Truro Diocesan Guild was held this year at Crantock, where we were royally entertained by our hosts, Rev. Morley Wills and the Crantock ringers. The afternoon commenced with the new style Guild Office, and it was later to be agreed to submit this to the Bishop to be approved for use as an alternative to the original.

The meeting itself, held in the village hall, proceeded according to the agenda, although a number of additional items were added by the President, who was anxious to know how England were getting on against Wales: "Item 5b - does anyone know the score?" Reports were received from the various officers, including the Librarian, who also strongly encouraged everyone to search the dusty corners of their towers for press cuttings, service sheets, etc., which might be of interest with the approaching Guild Centenary in 1997. The elections proceeded with equal alacrity, with all but one of the sitting members being re-elected. Wilf Boucher had indicated his desire to stand down as a Central Council representative, and so from 1993 his place will be taken by Peter Cummins. Wilf was thanked most warmly for his service in this capacity over more than 30 years.

The Summer Festival will be held at St. Stephen's-by-Launceston on 20th June, and next year's Annual Meeting will be at Camborne. Other than to confirm the election of some non-resident life members, that concluded the meeting and members turned to the excellent tea, laid on by their hosts at the back of the hall. Ample justice was done to the pasties, sandwiches, cakes and trifle, before ringing continued at Crantock and at Perranzabuloe.

P.J.T.

Successful day

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers held an Instruction Day based on Mere on 21st March 1992. Five courses were arranged at which the learners were taught a range of techniques between plain hunting and the method Cambridge Surprise Minor. In all, some 60 ringers participated from all over the diocese, about half being learners, and the bells of 10 churches were used. In charge of the day was Miss Shirley Rymer, from Calne, and thanks are due to all who helped, but particularly Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Barnett of Mere, who made the local arrangements and also served tea and coffee.



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Stowmarket - 25 years on

On 12th March, a quarter peal at Stowmarket, Suffolk (8, 20 cwt), marked the 25th anniversary of the rededication of these bells following restoration, which included the recasting of 2, 5 and 7. The Rt. Rev. Thomas Cashmore, Bishop of Dunwich, performed the ceremony which came at the end of a period of much time, effort and hard work to transform this ring of bells into a pleasant and easy-going peal, instead of the almost unringable condition they had previously been in. The restoration work was carried out by John Taylor, Bellfounders Ltd., of Loughborough, and then following the rededication on Sunday, 12th March, 1967, the bells were rung by the following: Rev. Arthur Muxlow (Vicar of Stowmarket), Oliver Barnard (tower captain), Harry Lister, Robert Lester, William Button, Joyce Lester and Leslie Forster. It is believed that Stuart Harrison may also have rung (the record is not too clear).

Sadly, Arthur Muxlow, Oliver Barnard, Harry Lister, Robert Lester, William Button and Leslie Forster have all since died. The contribution of each of them to the Exercise is fondly remembered by all who knew them, and it is a privilege to record their names with the Stowmarket tower.

Directly associated with the restoration work itself were Arthur Muxlow and Oliver Barnard, and also David Akers, sadly also no longer with us but in God's care. David, at the age of 15, assisted the bellhangers when one of them fell ill, and his assistance was so greatly appreciated that he was accorded the honour of ringing one of the bells for the first time.

Arthur, Oliver and David were also faced with the task of teaching a new band, and many ringers were taught at this time in Stowmarket.

Currently, Stowmarket is on the threshold of more major repairs, this time to the tower structure, and including incorporating two reinforced concrete ring-beams, extensive work to the masonry and woodwork, re-leading and re-coppering, and ultimate replacement of the upper spire, which was taken down in the mid-1970s because of decaying timbers, and only the lower "stump" now remains on the tower, a sad remnant of a once-proud spire, reminiscent of an upturned milk churn, complete with tarpaulin to keep out the rain (not very successfully) and a stark reminder to all around that the tower must have its complete spire back again. Work on the tower should commence in April, and we are presently restricted to ringing the front six bells, and these for limited periods only because of cracks in the tower walls and loose masonry.

At least £300,000 is needed for repairs, including work on two buttresses, and since the Appeal launch in June 1991 the response from all quarters has been overwhelming, and most grateful thanks are due to ringers and non-ringers alike who have rallied to our cause and have given donations or supported events to raise money. It is through your support that work is about to start, something which I certainly did not anticipate so soon after the

launch, and the day when our tower and spire will emerge from the scaffolding completely restored is now within reach, and we shall once again be able to ring all eight bells again.

If anyone still wishes to give a donation towards our appeal, which still leaves us short of target even if grants are included, please forward to the Rev. Jeremy Harrold, The Vicarage, 31 Ipswich Road, Stowmarket, Suffolk - for which our heartfelt thanks are extended.

Details of the quarter peal are as follows, and we were pleased to have ringing with us Mrs. Joan Muxlow, who kindly agreed to take part. W.S.G.

Stowmarket, Suffolk. 12 March, 1260 Grandsire
 Doubles: F Joan Muxlow 1, E A Cracknell 2, M J Rose 3, Rev. L R Pizzey 4, W S Girling (C) 5, Josephine M Beaver 6.



The band who rang at Bradfield on 1st March.

Three generations and 65 years

On Sunday, March 1st, for the morning service, six of the Bradfield ringers rang a quarter peal as part of the Oxford Diocesan Guild's challenge to ring a sponsored quarter in every ringable tower in its area.

The members of Bradfield Church raised £35 for their band, which will be sent to the O.D.G. towards upkeep and maintenance of bells in the area.

The Bradfield quarter was particularly noteworthy as it was the first for the treble ringer, Keri-Jane Morgan, a celebration of 65 years as tower captain for John Butler, ringer of the 2nd, and three generations of one family were taking part - marked with a * - a rather special quarter. We wonder how many tower captains have completed more than 65 years as captain.

The band: Treble Keri-Jane Morgan*, 2 John Butler*, 3 Rosemary Morgan*, 4 Jason Allum, 5 Reg Allum (C), 6 Steven Curtis.

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Ramblings of an old codger

That first 120 they rang at Scothern made me wonder how they set about it. When we was lads we'd got real good at ringin' a six-score, so when it was comin' to the 800th birthday of the church, Bert ses: "Why don't we ring a quarter peal to celebrate?". Well the Gaffer scratched 'is chin and ses: "Seems like a good idea to me, but I don't know as I can keep me mind on callin' the bobs all that while. It'll go on nigh on three-quarters of an hour".

Old Joe ses: "If it goes on that long you can count me out. My legs'll not stand it". Bert ses: "We could get one of them good ringers from up town to come an' ring Joe's bell and call the bobs while 'es at it". So that was that. We was all frit to death of ringin' with this posh chap, but we settles down, and after he'd called the first couple of bobs, we was goin' a right treat an' enjoyin' ourselves. Then after rounds 'ad come up the first time, 'e want an' put in a bob we wasn't expectin'. That got us in a right old tangle and no mistake. He starts bawling at everyone at once, but it weren't no use, we 'ad to stop. "You went and put a bob in the wrong place," ses Bert all hot and bothered like.

"No, the treble was just coming to lead," ses the expert. "Aye," ses Fred, "but I weren't in the right place to make the bob." "That's because you were running in", ses the posh fellow. "Nay," ses Fred, "I allus make the first bob." "Not in this extent", ses the posh chap. "You mean there's more extents than that one?", Bert cries.

The Gaffer scratched 'is ear and ses: "Looks like we've got some more learnin' to do". "Do you mean you're ringin' it by numbers?", ses the posh chap. "If you ring by the place you're in you can ring as many extents as you like without having to learn any more. It's a lot easier once you're used to it. If you like, I'll get some of our ringers to come to your practice night for a few weeks and show you how it's done. Then we can go for your quarter again."

And he did, too. It was a bit muddlin' for a start, but we soon got the hang of it - all except poor old Joe. I suppose he's too set in his ways now. Well, we rang a real good quarter before the year was out. We still ring that first six-score on practice nights for Joe - and he reckons he's as good as the rest of us! T.O.C. (From Lincoln D.G. Central Branch Newsletter)

First peal congratulations

Richard H. Laing, Dorothy G. Barton, Simon P. Kerr, Helen S. Cozens, Celia J. Waters, Kerry J. Robinson, Scott A. Hume.

Overheard: "It's no good telling me where I am. I know where I am; it's just that I'm not there."

(From "Forest Leaves")

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Letters

A gripping question

Could any reader of *The Ringing World* help us to resolve a problem, and debate, which has arisen at Christchurch Cathedral. Some members use rosin on their hands to enable them to get a more effective grip on the rope, especially on cold and dry winter mornings when their hands are shiny and slippery. Others claim that this practice is, in the long run, counter-productive as rosin-impregnated ropes are more slippery. What is the solution: the use of glycerine (or some other substance) as an alternative to rosin? "Washing" the sallies - if so, with what, soap and water or dry cleaning fluid, and how often? More generally, how do British ringers come to grips with slippery sallies on cold mornings?

PETER PERRY

Memories of Bill Holmes

In a recent issue, you asked for recollections of Bill Holmes of Edenham, and an amusing story comes to mind from about 18 months back when my wife and myself visited the village to join John Pladdys' party returning to celebrate the successful long length peal of 25,000 Stedman Caters scored at the tower.

Bill was describing an incident with the PCC at a time when he was pressing for the augmentation of the bells. They had been unwise enough to suggest that the ringers were not using all the bells they had at the moment, to which Bill replied that the organist was not using all the notes he had either, but that had not stopped them refurbishing the organ!

Needless to say, he got his augmentation.

J. H. TOWNSEND

Further to your request for stories about Bill Holmes, my favourite is one told to me by Tom Relfe of Barrowby. He and Bill had rung a peal and afterwards they had all gone their separate ways. Tom went and did some shopping and went back to his car about an hour later. He found Bill still walking around. He was looking for his car as he had forgotten where he had parked it. Bill changed cars frequently, so on Tom's query as to colour, make and registration, Bill's reply was: "B*!!*ed if I know!". RICHARD ALLTON Beeston, Nottingham

A way to remember Stedman front work

Thirds he cried with voice so strong
Then you lead a whole pull wrong
One blow in seconds to regain your sight
Then you lead a whole pull right
Thirds again or I'll call stand
Then you lead one blow at hand
Thirds again you quickly tak'
Then you lead one blow at back
Thirds again, the end in sight
Then you lead a whole pull right
One blow in seconds, not too strong
Finish with a whole pull wrong
Make thirds again on your way out
Dodge four five up without a doubt.

It is believed that this was made up by Arthur Inch Holmes and retold to us by Bill Holmes. (From Lincoln Guild Central Branch Newsletter)

Frame movement

Some forceful words have been uttered about the Coughton restoration, and my view regarding the sound of the bells is that the decision not to retune them was probably correct. Why begrudge a little tonal eccentricity from a country bell-tower?

Much more serious is the siting of the new frame, muffling five of the bells behind solid walls. The integrity of the project to overhaul and refit the bells into good-running order commensurate, surely, with good audibility, has been compromised for the sake of a redundant, part-rotten bell frame no longer fit for the purpose. The old frame should have been extensively photographed *in situ*, followed by careful sectioning into a minimum number of sub-assemblies for re-erection, perhaps with a specimen of the building, in masonry - in a purpose-built brick or stone display shed at ground level and easy of access by ringers and public alike. This option would no more have placed the original frame in a stuffed-and-mounted category than where it sits now, doing nothing but quietly soaking up yet a little more of the already muffled sound from the obviously interesting and rare Bagley bells.

The foregoing is partly a preamble to a very real worry that should be addressed over the number of completed and proposed frame lowerings and which in so doing reduces the external sound level from a ring of bells. With the reduced number of decibels, how are the bells heard on the village outskirts and farms upwind? How will mourners, some perhaps with hearing not as sharp as hitherto, hear the soft beats in half-muffled ringing? With the planned lowering at Linslade (February 21st) how is the sound to transmit in a north-easterly direction through the intervening nave? There is probably more stress to the tower at Linslade due to the shaky wooden frame reacting locally or unevenly against the tower, than if a really inherently rigid steel frame were fitted at the same level.

Where it is essential to take out the frame side forces lower down the tower, why cannot the frame be extended downwards on rigidly braced columns to react at the lower level? In some weaker towers, perhaps the horizontal forces could be taken out to a really well designed ring-beam via hydraulic or elastic dampers to absorb much of the energy.

It may be that steel frames do not always do justice to the material from which they are made. The steel frames in use won't fall apart but improvements may be possible that would extend their versatility as indicated. In my opinion, basic requirements for a good steel frame are: (1) Design to achieve high rigidity of the complete frame; (2) Exclude cast-iron from the main frame; (3) Use really adequate bolting practice that is not only strong enough in a simple sense but prevents joint movements comprising sliding, rotating and gapping. This would involve well-designed bolt arrays using high-tensile plain and fitted (dowelling) bolts tightened to a high pre-load.

Surely our church bells should, subject to the usual control by louvres, be able to ring out freely from their upper-tower level? It would be interesting to hear further comment on this subject and support, or otherwise, regarding my comments on bell frames.

Shoeburyness LAWRENCE BEAL

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A laugh a minute

A.J.B. uses a "laughter test", to verify whether, when phoning, he is talking to a machine or a live person. But the answerphonest too can be a purveyor of laughter *inter alia*.

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ANDREW N. BUCKLEY

Clunton, Shropshire

In and Out of Course

It was good to see Colin J. E. Wyld's article in a recent R.W. (pages 232-233). It is a long time since anything has appeared on this theoretical aspect of the Exercise.

The article was interesting and informative, but I do feel that the best explanation of the "In and Out of Course" and "The Analysis of the Rows" was that given by Jasper Snowdon in 1878 in his "Treatise on Treble Bob".

Mr. Wyld stated "... that there is no way just by looking at a change to tell to which set it belongs". On the other hand, Snowdon wrote: "Although the course of some can be seen at a glance, others are more complicated; these, however, may be so simplified that their course can be analysed at sight. For this reason every attention must be paid to the course of the rows on three or four bells."

It is interesting to note that when Jasper Snowdon first sent his article on the "In and Out-of-course of the Changes" to the *Bell News* (the forerunner of *The Ringing World*) it was initially returned by the editor of the "Ringing Columns" as unsuitable for publication. Following representations by a friend of the author, it eventually appeared in the magazine.

In the foreword to the "Treatise on Treble Bob", Snowdon wrote "... although this chapter (Chapter 2 of Part I) has not any particular reference to Treble Bob, it is, therefore, introduced here, as any one who wishes to understand the proof of peals, or, indeed, anything connected with the science of ringing, must thoroughly understand this matter; indeed, the importance of this knowledge cannot be too highly rated ..."

As Snowdon's book is now long out of print, perhaps the Editor might be prevailed upon to print the chapter in *The Ringing World*. It is less than 12 pages long and could be easily serialised.

JOHN CUMMINS

Curl Curl, N.S.W.

Simple principles

Do we need rules about method extension? Geoffrey Harris thinks not (letter, page 229). He can't understand the current rules, so he thinks there shouldn't be any. A "marked resemblance" between parent and extension is then good enough for him. Any marked resemblance? Is London No. 3 Royal an extension of London Major? It has some marked resemblances (Stedman whole turns, fishtails, wrong hunting, etc.) but it has Yorkshire places too. Will also marked dissimilarities count in Geoffrey Harris's brave new deregulated world? Can I claim that London No. 3 is an extension of Yorkshire Major, since (in my opinion) the places give it a marked resemblance? How marked is marked? Who will judge? Geoffrey Harris? I hope not.

There are two reasons why we want rules for method extension. The first is so we don't waste our time in stupid arguments over methods. Anyone who thinks that no rules equals no arguments should read the letters in the R.W. from before the 1953 extension report. Those with no interest in history, like Henry Ford (who thought it was bunk) and Geoffrey Harris (who's lost his R.W. for 1989), should try finding any two ringers who agree that Bristol, Rutland, Wembley, two Superlatives and three Londons Royal are all satisfactory extensions.

The second (and more important) reason for wanting rules is that they help us to design new extensions. If we can state in a rule exactly what it means to say that one method resembles another, then we have a recipe for generating methods with the required resemblances.

It is important to understand that I am not talking here about rules as restrictions on what people can do (heaven forbid!), but rules in their scientific sense of simple principles which help us to make sense of complicated subjects. The question should not be "do we need rules for extension?", but "what are the rules for extension?". A closely related (but different) question is "how should we write down these rules so that everyone can understand them and use them?".
 ROGER BAILEY
 London

Sound advice

I would be interested to hear from anybody with any advice, ideas or experience on any form of variable sound control that would be appropriate for a town centre church. I am currently involved with teaching a new band at St. Matthew's, Ipswich (6, 10 cwt), which is no more than 100 yards from our local theatre. We need a weekday evening practice, but I am conscious that the current volume of the bells would disrupt theatre performances. On the other hand we would like the bells to be as "open" as possible for Sunday service ringing.

If anybody has any thoughts on this subject I would be very pleased to hear from them at the address below.

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Katherine Swaffield, aged 13, of Littledean, received the highest mark in her class for her school talk on bellringing. Armed with a clapper, bell rope, stay, Association map, bell muffle and numerous other ringing items, she totally captivated her audience. Well done, Katherine!

(From "Forest Leaves")



Michael and Elaine King.

A noteworthy event

The wedding of Elaine Hey and Michael King (Tower Captain Extraordinaire!) took place at Darfield, South Yorkshire, on 22nd February, 1992.

Highlights of the day:

- The groom dressed in a posh new suit. No holes under the arm. No moth-eaten jumper. No red and white bobble cap.

- The quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung before the wedding by Darfield and Bentley friends and conducted by the groom himself (in spite of being a gibbering, nervous wreck).

- The bride looking lovely in a dress of ivory satin and lace, and carrying orchids.

- The groom standing smartly to attention for us to admire his attire, not realising that the price-tag was sticking out of his top pocket.

- The bride arriving five minutes early and catching out the ringers - not only those up the tower about to launch into Plain Bob Doubles,

Antique annual reports

I have a number of antique annual reports which may be of interest to Association librarians or private historians. They will be welcome to have them: an appropriate-size stamped, addressed envelope would be acceptable. I also hope that I can bring or send them to the Central Council meeting in May.

I list only those reports covering 1900 to 1945, but there are specimens from each subsequent decade, though not from all these Associations: Bath and Wells 1938; Durham and Newcastle 1909-10; Ely and St. Edmundsbury 1914-20 (all in one); Ely 1904, 1905, 1913, 1921-4, 1925-1934, 1936; Essex 1939, 1941; Kent 1940, 1943-4; Lancashire 1933-37; Middlesex 1933, 1938; Midland Counties 1933; Norwich and Ipswich 1921; Norwich 1945; Peterborough 1924; Surrey 1927-8; Winchester 1914; Yorkshire 1901-2, 1907-8, 1908-9, 1933-4, 1940-41, 1941-2.

MARGARET D. WOOLLEY
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 Bushey Heath
 Watford, Herts WD2 1LU

Doubles variation named

The following variation has been rung to a quarter peal at Church Gresley, and named as shown:
 18.2.1992. COLONSAY DOUBLES 93hn.

DEREK P. JONES.
 Burton-on-Trent.

Ruth, aged 6, who has had more bells in her life than dogs, informed me in the car today that we had passed a dog wearing a muffle!

ROSEMARY CHARLES

but also those in the pub about to launch into a second pint.

- The well-struck quarter peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung after the wedding by friends from the Barnsley Society.

- The best man's speech at the reception afterwards, which included Mike's old college days nickname (but I'm afraid I cannot divulge it as he is still our tower captain!).

Mike and Elaine left after the reception for a honeymoon in the Yorkshire Dales (plenty of rings of three), before returning to their new home together at Harlington.

All their bellingring friends join in sending their very best wishes for the future happiness together of Elaine and Ming (whoops - I let it slip!).

Written by A.D.B.
 (Anonymous Darfield Bellingring)

Ropley wedding - Simon Longlands and Sarah Potts

Saturday, 29th February 1992, dawned fine and very bright, and so it continued. At 9.30 a.m. the groom and five friends rang a quarter peal of Doubles, the conductor nearly going to sleep during the Plain Bob and then scaring the ringers of the second and fourth by having a plain lead in the second 248 of Grandsire, and the third also trying to make a single. Everything was under control!

At 1.45 the choir assembled for a short rehearsal under the direction of Mr. Simon McGregor, organist at the Chapels Royal. There was then open ringing for everyone who cared to come. Ringers from Edinburgh and our own ringers were able to ring touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and rounds.

Sarah entered the church to the echoes of the Trumpet Tune by Charpentier. She was given away by her brother, and the Rev. George Bright took the service. After the address there was a surprise item from Simon's sister Helen, who sang "Annie's Song". During the signing of the register the choir sang "A Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter.

Simon not only rings but also sings in Ropley Choir, as do both his sisters, and his mother is our organist. As the bride and groom came out, Price's 240 of Grandsire was rung.

The reception was held in the Parish Hall. A hot buffet was served to about a hundred guests. The ringers seemed to sit together and of course the speeches received considerable heckling - all in good fun. Simon had not one but two best men, the Brill twins from Alresford, who had a lot of tales about their walks in the Black Forest. The cutting of the cake took three knives to make an impression, but Sarah had her own way of dealing with it.

In the evening there was a barn dance in the same hall. This started very sedately but quickly went downhill. The caller had some tricks up his sleeve for one of our ringers as he juggles with knives. Roy Wyeth was blindfolded and had balloons placed in his hands and one between his legs, and while the caller made out to throw the knives, someone else burst them. Roy was very calm!

An enjoyable time was had by all, and at midnight cleaning started, with bride and groom helping. Simon and Sarah left for their new home in Petersfield before setting off on Sunday for Cornwall. May they have a long and happy life.
 R.S.

Ropley, Hants. 29 Feb, 1260 Doubles (2m): Caroline Emerson 1, Geoffrey Emerson 2, Elizabeth Woodley 3, Simon Longlands 4, Rodney Skinner (C) 5, Nick Raynham 6. For the wedding of Simon and Sarah Longlands.

Points from peals

Now that the publishing of all the 1991 peals is complete (I hope!), I can do my usual survey of the peals in the last six months of the year. It really does make it difficult for the Peals Analysis Committee as well as for me and others, to be accurate when peals are not sent in promptly. There has only been one issue of this paper this year (I write on March 12th) which hasn't had peals from last year. However 'nuff said.

I start with first on the bells. Very few this time. I confirm the first at **South Brisbane** in Australia. Also at **Compton Abdale, East Warlington and Kemsing**. The peal at **Alveston** (Warwicks) appears to have been its first, likewise that at **Broomfield** as well as it being first of Minor there.

In contrast to the few in the last category, there were a large number of "landmarks". Fifty peals have now been recorded at **Sproxtton** (but there had been 255 at All SS. Leicester), **Ditchingham, Chalfont St. Giles, Welshpool, Brandeston, Codsall, Melbourn, Mortlake, King's Norton (Leics), Ockbrook, Skillington, Bloxham, Ashby-de-la-Zouche, Buckingham and Sydney, St. Philip** (Australia).

The century mark welcomes **Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral, Banstead, Ashover, Ditcheat, Llanfeugan, Saddleworth and Wareham** (the last two confirmed). 150s go to **Writtle, Warwick, St. Nicholas, Ashbocking, Cattistock and Grantham**.

First, I have to apologise to **Warsop** for omitting it from the 200 peal landmark last time and also to **Belper and Pulford** for including them in the 150s instead of the 200 one. We now also have to include **Easton Neston, Chilvers Coton and Derby, St. Peter. Great Yarmouth** has had 200 in the tower (98 on the old bells and 102 on the new).

We come now to the 250 mark, where I start to say something about the peal total. There are no less than five such towers this time. The first is **Belper** which has had a rapid rise to this score - the last 200 only starting in 1985. Its first peal was in 1926 and there were only seven before the 2nd war from 1926 to 1930 - five Stedman Triples and one each of Grand-sire and Plain Bob Major. One peal in the forties led to four in the fifties and seven in the sixties. Only two of these were Triples (Stedman and Plain Bob), the rest were Major including five different Surprise methods. There were only five in the seventies, four of Surprise. The "explosion" started in 1981 and the 50 came up in 1985 in March. The first double figure year was in 1984 and thereafter every year has done this with the highest 40 in 1989. Only 12 of the peals in the last 200 have not been Surprise.

Bishopstoke's total (which I confirm), has a very similar history to Belper. First peal was in 1921, but there were rather more peals before

As a footnote to Canon Felstead's article, we understand that agreement has been reached and the total of peals at Meldreth as at the end of 1991 is 922.

PEALS

How many in the tower? When was the first? Where can we find details? . . .

Canon Felstead will be pleased to provide information. Write to him at: 29 Damask Way, Warminster, Wilts BA12 9PX.

Please enclose an s.a.e. for his reply

the 2nd war - 23 in the twenties and six in the thirties. Then there were four in the forties and fifties, 11 in the sixties, then the explosion - 87 in the seventies and 92 in the eighties. Six times in double figures - highest 13. Again a great majority of Surprise methods but not as many as Belper. Then, by coincidence, we have three Cathedrals - **Newcastle, Portsmouth and Derby**.

As is to be expected, their peal history is quite different. In the first place they all begin in the 18th century - **Portsmouth** in 1749, **Derby** in 1763 and **Newcastle** in 1797. They all started as 8-bell towers, Derby being augmented before 1809 (1st 10-bell peal that year), **Newcastle** in 1892 (bells opened on Whit Tuesday that year) and **Portsmouth** quite recently - not until 1957. **Newcastle** was further augmented to 12 just before the 1st war presumably (1st on the 12, Jan. 3rd, 1916). **Derby** had eight 8 peals before 1881, **Newcastle** six but **Portsmouth** didn't have another peal until 1897. All the peals were of Grandsire except one. **Derby** had Bob Major in 1826. It may have had one of Stedman, for in 1829 we find one of "Grandsire Triples in Stedman's Principle" (?).

After 1881, **Derby** only had eight peals before the next in 1945; **Portsmouth** likewise only had eight until the next in 1919. **Newcastle** has been more consistent in its history. There were 35 peals up to 1914, 44 between the wars, and a regular stream since the last war to bring its total to 250, with a larger annual average in recent years (thus twice it has reached double figures - 12 in 1975 and 10 in 1990). **Derby** has been consistent since the last war, after that long gap. There has been an average of four or five a year until 1980 when it "took off" in earnest - its annual average since then is 10.4 with seven times in double figures. **Portsmouth** only had 14 peals between the wars but picked up considerably after 1945, thus it had nine peals in 1946 and 1950. After that an average of four or five peals a year was the order of the day with rather more peals this last five years or so. Thus 1987 was the first of its double figure years with a nine in between its last two years of double figures - 10 in 1990 and 11 last year. So all three towers are going well these days and we hope will continue to do so.

The 300 land mark was passed by **Farnworth** and **High Wycombe** (as claimed). Both are doing well at the moment and had their analysis at 250 only a few years ago. At 400 we now have **Ashtead**. I feel I ought to say a little about this tower for its glory lies in the past. It was the sixth tower to reach 200 peals, in 1919 and had had double figure peal years in 1895, 1900,

1903, 1904, 1921 and 1922, having had its first peal in 1874. Peals came regularly but not so frequently then, so that 300 came in 1957. There was a brief flourish in the 1970's so that there were three double figure years then, but it has taken 35 years for the last 100 peals. Activity is now less frequent - only 14 peals in the eighties, no peals in 1990 and just three in 1991 to bring up the 400. But perhaps it will rise again. Next we have **Shoreditch**, slowing down a little last year but still doing enough to pass the 800 mark.

Finally, we have **Meldreth** - the third tower to reach 900. There is a little mystery here. The footnote to a peal in December said 950th on the bells. This is 25 or so more than I have. On comparing totals with other towers we have occasionally differed by one or two and the mistake by one of us has been quickly found, but never before as many as this. Actually, I wrote to Mr. Gipson after he wrote to me enquiring whether I agreed with the 950th peal telling him that I didn't and suggesting we compared lists of peals, but I fear, if he has answered, it has gone astray. But I hope, in the interests of accuracy, that he will do so. Of course, if several peals have never been published, I shall be short, for I rely on those mentioned in *The Ringing World* for my card index (actually my total for 1991 is 52 and he said there were 53 in a mention in "Leading Peal Ringers, 1991", so there is one different).

Finally - rare visitors. One tower hadn't been pealed since before the 1st war - **Didbrook**, whose only previous peal it was. Next longest silence was **Sidmouth** confirming that the last peal in the tower was in 1922. There had also been one in 1884. I confirm that the peal at **West Bagborough** was the first of Minor on the bells. There were two former peals in 1952 and 1908. Also in the fifties, **North Marston's** last peal was in 1957 with others in 1932 and 1954. There were several in the sixties. **Wroxton and Ranmoor** in 1962. It was the only peal before the recent one at the former, but the latter had many - 1860, 1873, 12 from 1883 to 1914, 23 from 1918 to 1932, 11 from 1952 to 1962. **Welcombe** comes next from 1965 with another one in 1957. **Hemingford Grey** had several dotted through the years until 1966 - 1896, 1903, 1924, 1927 and 1948. **East Allington's** only other peal was in 1967. Before 1968, **Ashbrittle** had peals in 1920, seven from 1935 to 1940, 19 from 1946 to 1959. **Ilton** has had five peals before the recent one - in 1964, 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969. **Elstree** also was last heard in 1967, with former peals from 1892 to 1922 and 12 from 1956 to 1966.

Next comes **Huish Champflower**, silent since 1969. Twelve former peals here in 1924 (3), 1927, 1929 (2), 1932 (2), 1936, 1938 (2) and 1946. Two towers last appeared here in 1970 - **Swanbourne** and **Merthyr Tydfil**. Both had several peals before that: the former in 1937, 1938, 1961, 1964 and 1967, the latter, 11 from 1898 to 1914, five from 1925 to 1929 and four from 1965 to 1970. Last but not least - **Little Milton** with a 20 year silence from 1972. It had peals also in 1949, 1956, 1957 and another in 1972 as well as the last one.

One or two final points. July 27th was not the first of Major on the bells - there had been one on July 6th, at **Potterton**. Unless they were a different ring, the peal at **Bradford-on-Avon** did not celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first on the bells, there was one there in 1799. At **Crowcombe**, the peal was not the first for 42 years. There was one on May 2nd, 1977. It was the second time running that no date was mentioned in the peal at **Weston-super-Mare!**

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

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An American tale (or Steve 'phones west!)

It comes to something when your parents (who are non-ringers) are invited to an event associated with your tower before you are, and then you are asked to write about the said event (having not ever received an official invitation). However, I'll forgive my tower captain just this once (after all, he didn't charge me too much for my dental treatment earlier in the week!). The tower in question is St. George's, Pontesbury, Shropshire, and the event was a cheese and wine evening held in church on 25th February in the presence of the Mayor and Lady Mayoress of the Borough of Shrewsbury and Atcham, the Right Worshipful Councillor Charles Forbes and Mrs. Pamela Munro.

By now all readers of *The Ringing World* should know of the plans of the Pontesbury bellringers, church congregation, villagers and other friends to raise a considerable amount of money to fund the ringing-out of eight bells from St. George's tower, instead of the present six, and eight new bells at that as well! Readers may not however be aware that a properly organised Bell Fund is now in operation, and the officers of this said fund had, with this event, spent a great deal of preparatory work to ensure that the evening was a great success, and indeed it was.

The normal Tuesday evening ringing practice had been cancelled on this particular day, but all the Pontesbury ringers were in church, smartly dressed in either lounge suits (as the invitations had requested) or the immensely stylish Pontesbury Bell Fund sweatshirts (orders please to J. S. Cowling at Kinton Grange, Kinton, Nesscliffe, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY4 1AZ) to welcome non-ringing members of Pontesbury tower, officers of the Church Stretton District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild (to which Pontesbury is affiliated) and Shropshire Association (neighbouring Association) and other guests. An amazing choice of hard and soft cheeses, of varying textures and also smelliness, were on offer to tempt the palate, along with wine and soft drinks, and a most enjoyable hour of congenial chat and camaraderie was spent before our honoured guests arrived.

Reasons for this particular social occasion were numerous - a good chance for the

officers of the Pontesbury Bell Fund to thank tower members for their support in ringing and fund-raising, to introduce our plans to our local Mayor and Lady Mayoress, but also to ask them to perform a little task in our now very smart ringing room, which they did with pleasure, and then had to repeat (well, sort of, in a posed way!) for a representative of the local press who arrived just after the ceremony had taken place.

As a result of a letter written to the *New York Times* (highlighting Pontesbury bells) by our intrepid tower captain, Steve Cowling, and its following publication and publicity associated with a visit by America's ABC television news, money has been rolling in to the fund from interested Americans, with the result that the tower now boasts more American members than English ones (a fact that Pontesbury is particularly proud of). One donation was given by the workers of the Central Regional Pathology Laboratories, St. Paul, Minnesota, in memory of one of their colleagues, Bert Woolfrey, a passionate Anglophile who greatly enjoyed his visits to Britain. This donation was given with the request that a small plaque be installed in Pontesbury's tower in memory of Bert, and this request was gladly accepted; and yes, you've guessed it, the ceremony on this particular evening was the official unveiling of the plaque, in the presence of the chief members of the Pontesbury Bell Fund, by the Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Shrewsbury and Atcham.

The evening had still one more aim, and a bit of a surprise this was too! The young ringers of Pontesbury, having finished their job of offering drinks to guests, ushered us all to take a pew (literally!) to listen to a speech given by Steve, part of which alluded to a herd of pigs and which ended with an official presentation of Pontesbury Bell Fund sweatshirts to the Mayor and Lady Mayoress.



Pontesbury ringers Steve Cowling, Ruth Phenix and Patricia Womark presenting the Pontesbury sweatshirts to the Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Shrewsbury and Atcham.

Following the clever wizardry by our Deputy Tower Captain, Roger Hughes, the telephone of our ringing Rector, David Roberts, had been moved from his home at the Deanery next to the church to be wired into the church's loudspeaker system. (Good job that there were no incoming calls for him on this night!). Steve then proceeded to make a call (initially to a fax machine by mistake - now I know what one sounds like when you 'phone it up!), trans-Atlantic to New York, and lo and behold, with a direct call there was the voice of the Op. Ed. Editor of the *New York Times*, Mike Levitas, sounding forth from the church's speakers. Mike was the person responsible for printing Steve's initial letter to the newspaper, and is now a proud member of Pontesbury's tower, keeping up-to-date with news of fund-raising and in regular conversation with Steve. The two of them chatted for a while, Mike informing us all on how "the ball started rolling", and then he spoke to our principal guests, the Mayor and Lady Mayoress - a very public 'phone conversation in full view and earshot of us all! An unusual end to a most enjoyable evening.

Overall, this particular social occasion was a great success, thanks to the hard work of the Pontesbury Bell Fund officers, Pontesbury ringers and the associated "other halves", especially Lesley the Long Suffering. Keep your eyes open for further news of our fund-raising events and support our fund if you can. If any readers happen to be passing through the village of Pontesbury on Saturday, 9th May (perhaps on your way to the AGM of the Hereford D.G., to be held later this day), then look upwards to the top of the church tower at 10.30 a.m., when our intrepid (or foolish!) tower captain (who is petrified of heights) will be beginning his sponsored abeseiling descent of the tower, thanks to the help of the Army (and encouraged by the playing of "633 Squadron" by the Shropshire Woodwind Orchestra!). Steve is now gladly taking sponsorship details (contact him on the address given earlier in this report) - a braver man than me! I'll settle for writing the reports!

P.J.L.

Pontesbury, Shropshire. 24 Dec '91, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Liz Henderson (1st Q) 1, R Purcell 2, P J Lewis (C) 3, Preb. D Roberts 4, J S Cowling 5, R Hughes 6. For the Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, USA; also for the wedding anniversary of Mike and Gloria Levitas of *The New York Times*. £1.20

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Peal Reports

A.N.Z.A.B.

MELBOURNE, Australia,
S Paul's Cathedral
Sat Mar 7 1992 3h5 (?)
Comp. C Charge
1 Fiona F Prince
2 Amanda J Heyes
3 Helen J Pettet
4 Richard H Laing
5 Brian G Pettet
6 David W Heyes
7 James D Heyes (C)
8 Ian D Harris
First peal: 4. First as
conductor.

MELBOURNE, Australia,
S Paul's Cathedral
Mon Mar 9 1992 3h (?)
5120 Surprise Major (C, Y, N)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Nick R Heyes
2 Amanda J Heyes
3 Helen J Pettet
4 Fiona F Prince
5 Robin G Turner
6 James D Heyes
7 Brian G Pettet
8 Ian D Harris (C)
First Surprise: 7.

BATH & WELLS D.A.

THORVERTON, Devon,
S Thomas of Canterbury
Wed Jan 29 1992 2h48 (15)
5120 Wellingborough S. Major
Comp. M A Coleman
1 Yvonne A Nicholls
2 R Ann Agnew
3 Valerie J Stone
4 Michael J Stone
5 Paul K Williamson
6 Barrie Hendry (C)
7 David J Purnell
8 Julian M Stone
25th together: 3, 4. First in the
method by all the band, on
the bells, and for the
Association.

WEST MONKTON, Som,
S Augustine
Wed Feb 5 1992 2h53 (18)
5056 Mauretania S. Major
Comp. M A Coleman
1 Cecil T Clarke
2 Valerie J Stone
3 R Ann Agnew
4 Barrie Hendry (C)
5 Paul K Williamson
6 David J Purnell
7 Matthew R T Higby
8 Julian M Stone
First blows in the method by
all the band, on the bells, and
for the Association.

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CREWKERNE, Som,
S Bartholomew
Wed Feb 19 1992 3h3 (22)
5184 Zeus Surprise Major
Comp. M A Coleman
1 Valerie J Stone
2 R Ann Agnew
3 Barrie Hendry (C)
4 John H Gilbert
5 Raymond J Haines
6 Matthew R T Higby
7 David J Purnell
8 Julian M Stone
200th peal: 4. First in the
method by all the band, on
the bells, and for the
Association.

EXMOUTH, Devon,
S Margaret, Littleham
Wed Feb 26 1992 2h37 (8)
5024 Jenny's Cove S. Major
Comp. M A Coleman
1 Preb. Christopher J B
Marshall
2 Barrie Hendry (C)
3 Peter J Leigh
4 Valerie J Stone
5 Paul K Williamson
6 Matthew R T Higby
7 Julian M Stone
8 David J Purnell
50th S. Major: 7. First S.
Major: 3. Completes alphabet
of S. Major methods: 2.
First peal in the method.
Jenny's Cove S Major:
b-38-14-1258-1236-14-
1238-14.56.78

BRIDGWATER, Som, S Mary
Sat Feb 29 1992 3h25 (25)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 David J Purnell
2 Barrie Hendry (C)
3 R Ann Agnew
4 Michael J Stone
5 Robert E Beck
6 Adrian P Beck
7 D Keith Lane
8 Julian M Stone
First Surprise: 7. 50th peal on
the bells. 50th peal together:
1, 8. With the best wishes of
the band to Wilfrid and
Helene Goodman, married
earlier this day at
Woolavington. Best wishes
also to Gilbert Davis of the
Bridgwater band, recovering
from heart surgery.

LYMINGTON, Hants,
S Thomas Ap.
Sat Feb 29 1992 2h38 (20¼)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. J Pladdys (No. 14)
1 Barry J Fry
2 Catherine L Hobbs
3 John Pladdys (C)
4 Jenny M A Astridge
5 Michael J Hobbs
6 D John Hunt
7 Keith H Fleming
8 Nigel R Woodruff

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TRUMPINGTON, Cambs,
SS Mary & Michael
Sat Mar 7 1992 2h43 (10)
5184 Spiced S. Major
(8m: 768 Rutland,
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire,
Pudsey; 576 Bristol,
Cambridge, Superlative; 384
London; 102 cru's, 143
changes of method)
Comp. Marcus C W
Sherwood
1 J D Sherwood (Trinity)
2 M S Edwards (Fitzwilliam)
3 H M Rothera (Trinity Hall)
4 R J Hamby (Downing)
5 D E Rothera (Trinity Hall)
6 A P Shepherd (Queens')
7 C E J Kilgour (C) (St. John's)
8 P L H Brooke (Caius)

CHESTER D.G.

BURTON-UPON-TRENT,
Staffs, S Paul
Sat Mar 14 1992 3h24 (28½)
5040 Cambridge S. Royal
Comp. J H Fielden
1 Graham M Bradshaw
2 Roland H Cook (C)
3 Brian Bladon
4 Rev. David H Sansum
5 David Beacham
6 Andrew N Stubbs
7 Raymond J Ballard
8 Denis Mottershead
9 John H Fielden
10 Simon Humphrey

MACCLESFIELD, Cheshire,
S Michael
Sat Mar 14 1992 3h13 (26¼)
5019 Stedman Cinques
Comp. R C Kippin
1 David W Friend (C)
2 Peter Dyson
3 Michael Thomson
4 Ian W Taylor
5 Nicholas Thomson
6 Ivor R Nichols
7 Richard S Starkie
8 Peter Broadbent
9 Rev. Brian Harris
10 C Michael Orme
11 Trevor W Marchbank
12 Neil D Lomas
175th Stedman: 10.

COVENTRY D.G.

WARWICK, S Mary
Sat Feb 29 1992 3h14 (25)
5040 Lincolnshire S. Royal
Comp. J H Fielden
1 Stuart A Aitken
2 Ruth M Border
3 Jane M Rogers
4 Joanne L White
5 David E Leafe
6 Mark W Sayers
7 Peter Border
8 John F Thorne
9 Simon P Rogers (C)
10 Geoffrey W Randall

WARWICK, S Nicholas
Sat Mar 7 1992 2h51 (15½)
5056 Bristol S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Michael Chester
2 Stuart A Aitken
3 Geoffrey W Randall
4 Raymon A Sheasby
5 David E Leafe
6 Christopher F Mew
7 Simon P Rogers (C)
8 Peter Border
Circled tower: 1. First in
method: 5.

SHIRLEY, W. Mids,
S James
Mon Mar 9 1992 2h25 (6¼)
5056 Heathrow S. Major
Comp. A M Barber
1 Geoffrey W Randall
2 Jane M Rogers
3 C Phillip Hope
4 Joanne L White
5 Simon P Rogers (C)
6 John F Thorne
7 Christopher H Robbins
8 Michael Chester
First in the method for all and
for the Guild.

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HAILSHAM, Sussex, S Mary
Sat Mar 14 1992 2h47 (9½)
5088 Pudsey S. Major
Comp. Raymond Overy
1 William G Merritt
2 Simon J Davies
3 Jill S Leggett
4 Paul I Butler
5 Valerie J Howard
6 Alan Regin
7 Christopher E Slade
8 Alan R Baldock (C)
150th S. Major: 8.

DERBY D.A.

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter
Thur Mar 5 1992 2h51 (14)
5152 Somerset S. Major
Comp. J W Washbrook
1 Jane E Orchard
2 Patricia A M Halls (C)
3 Gordon A Halls
4 Rev. David H Sansum
5 W Arnold Morley
6 Robert J Marchbank
7 F Gordon Faulks
8 John V Chadwick
250th together: 1, 3.

EAST GRINSTEAD, Sussex,
S Swithun
Sat Mar 7 1992 3h21 (29)
5042 Cambridge S. Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Patricia A M Halls
2 E Alyson Kerr
3 Cheryl L Dodge
4 Rev. David H Sansum
5 Gordon A Halls (C)
6 Jane E Orchard
7 Roger M Heyworth
8 Philip J H Hudson
9 Paul J Flavell
10 John E Heaton
11 Tony Laughton
12 David Kingman

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.

SHINCLIFFE, Durham, S Mary
Sat Mar 7 1992 2h17 (4)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7 extents: Hexham,
Allendale, Ipswich, Norwich,
Durham, Bourne, Cambridge)
1 Rachael H Dyson
2 Caroline E Burton
3 John A Craggs
4 Peter C Gay
5 Andrew P Warboys (C)
6 David V Craggs

WHICKHAM, Tyne & Wear,
S Mary
Sat Mar 7 1992 2h38 (6¾)
5040 Minor (21m: (1) Plain
Bob; (2) St Clements, Buxton,
Childwall, Lakesend; (3) St
Clements, Armitage-is-the-
name, Badgeworth,
Hempsted; (4) Double
Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall,
Allerton; (5) Double Oxford,
Kemerton, Corse, Edge Hill;
(6) Double Oxford, Pinehurst,
Edge Hill, Allerton,
Quernmore, Hindley,
Marshaw, Golborne, Swydd-
Ffynnon, Ysbyty-Ystwyth; (7)
Plain Bob)

1 Christopher A Leese
2 Dorothy G Barton
3 Caroline E Burton
4 A Deborah M Thorley
5 Rachael H Dyson
6 Andrew P Warboys (C)
First peal: 2.

ELY D.A.

COTTENHAM, Cambs,
All Saints
Sat Feb 29 1992 2h52 (16)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
(Seven different extents)
1 Ian M Holland (C)
2 Simon P Kerr
3 Michael H Carr
4 Simon J Wilson
5 Roger J Palmer
6 Clive J Dunbavin
First peal: 2. First inside: 3, 4.
For the 40th anniversary of
H.M. the Queen's Accession.

MELDRETH, Cambs,
Holy Trinity
Tues Mar 10 1992 2h44 (10½)
5024 Codicote S. Major
Comp. H Law James
1 Joan Hooton
2 Dorothea M Robotham
3 Ivan J Ludbrook
4 Geoffrey Pearson
5 Walter Hunt
6 Thomas J Lock
7 John G Gipson
8 John R Mayne (C)
555th peal together as a
"trio": 2, 6, 8. First peal in the
method by all the band and
for the Association.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs,
SS Mary & Michael
Tues Mar 10 1992 2h47 (10½)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each London,
York, Beverley, Surfleet,
Ipswich, Norwich,
Cambridge)
1 Donald F Murfet
2 Christopher E J Kilgour
3 Lesley H M Boyle
4 Linda C Woodford
5 Ian M Holland (C)
6 John P Loveless
After meeting short for Major,
Richard Green standing
down.

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Send a stamped/addressed (9" x 4") envelope now.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

IPSWICH, Suffolk,
S Mary-le-Tower
Sat Mar 14 1992 3h30 (35)
5040 Bristol S. Maximus
Comp. J N Hughes-D'Aeth
1 Yvonne A Towler
2 Susan Page
3 Paul A Cammiade
4 Susan J Rothera
5 Mark C Liebenrood
6 Neil V Avis
7 David E Rothera (C)
8 Stephen A Waters
9 Colin F Chapman
10 Brian G Meads
11 John I White
12 James L Towler

GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

EAST ILSLEY, Berks,
S Mary
Sat Mar 7 1992 2h36 (8½)
5184 Kenninghall S. Major
Comp. John R Mayne
1 Brian Bladon
2 Robert W Sherriff
3 Cynthia E Howell
4 Desmond L Jones
5 Anita D Sherriff
6 Katrina A Lenton
7 Anthony R Peake (C)
8 Marc Hart
First in the method by all
except the treble.

CIRENCESTER, Glos,
Holy Trinity, Watermoor
Sat Mar 14 1992 3h13 (19¾)
5024 Watermoor S. Major
Comp. Norman Smith
1 Dorothea M Robotham
2 Katrina A Lenton
3 Jennifer M Taylor
4 Marc Hart
5 Desmond L Jones
6 James R Taylor
7 Anthony R Peake (C)
8 John R Mayne
150th peal: 5. 200th different
S. Major method: 7.
First peal in the method.
Watermoor S. Major:
34-58.14-58-36.14-
14.58-14.56.7 F

TEWKESBURY, Glos,
S Mary V
Sat Mar 14 1992 3h28 (27)
5129 Grand sire Caters
Comp. K W Scudamore (No.
1)
1 Janet L Fox
2 Frances Mulvey
3 Andrew J Binstead
4 Timothy P T Soanes
5 Andrew A Ward
6 Jon P Hill
7 John K Smith
8 Ian P Unsworth
9 Keith W Scudamore (C)
10 Michael J Mulvey
With the band's best wishes
to Frank Byrne on a speedy
recovery. £1

HERTFORD C.A.

BLETSGOE, Beds, S Mary
Fri Mar 6 1992 2h55 (11½)
5040 Surprise Minor
(12m: (1) Northumberland,
Sandiacre, Carlisle; (2)
Cambridge; (3) Berwick,
Hexham, Primrose; (4)
Ipswich, Cambridge, Bourne;
(5) Norwich; (6) York,
Durham; (7) Cambridge,
Ipswich)
1 Andrew M Farmer
2 Ian R Fielding
3 Mary C Symes
4 Colin M Turner
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
6 Robert J Crocker

KENT C.A.

ST. PETER-IN-THANET,
Kent,
S Peter Ap.
Thur Feb 27 1992 2h43 (13)
5024 Spiced S. Major
(8m: 736 London; 640
Cambridge, Pudsey,
Superlative; 608 Bristol,
Rutland; 576 Lincolnshire,
Yorkshire; 132 changes of
method, all the work)
Comp. N R Aspland
1 Timothy S Wraight
2 Diana R Wraight
3 Darren R Moore
4 Thomas Cullingworth
5 Richard H Edwards
6 Dickon R Love
7 Mark P Gilham
8 John B Keeler (C)
First 8-Spiced: 3.

MAIDSTONE, Kent,
All Saints
Tues Mar 3 1992 3h3 (32)
5040 Cambridge S. Royal
Comp. J Clatworthy
1 Vanessa J Martin
2 Thomas Cullingworth
3 Catherine N Merlane
4 Richard H Edwards
5 J Roderick N Lebon
6 Nicholas J Chesson
7 John B Keeler (C)
8 Mark P Gilham
9 Thomas M Barlow
10 J Alan Ainsworth
700th peal together: 2, 7.
Circled the tower 21 times: 2.
A birthday compliment to
Tom Cullingworth (79) and
Derek Carr.

HIGH HALDEN, Kent,
S Mary V
Thur Mar 5 1992 2h40 (13)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 720 each Netherseale,
London, Wells, York,
Durham, Bourne, Norwich)
1 Mark P Gilham
2 Darren R Moore
3 Roger H Pocock
4 J Roderick N Lebon
5 Dickon R Love
6 Richard H Edwards (C)

LITTLE CHART, Kent,
S Mary V
Thur Mar 5 1992 2h40 (6)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Carlisle,
Beverley, Ipswich, Surfleet,
Cambridge, Norwich,
London)
1 Roger H Pocock
2 Richard H Edwards
3 Dickon R Love
4 Darren R Moore
5 Mark P Gilham (C)
6 John R Cooper
For the 35th anniversary (9th
March, 1957) of the first peal
on the bells (P.B. Minor);
conducted by the tenor ringer
from the same bell.

FRITTENDEN, Kent, S Mary
Sat Mar 7 1992 2h42 (15)
5088 Cornwall S. Major
Comp. R Dennis
1 Thomas Cullingworth
2 Dickon R Love
3 Vanessa J Martin
4 Moira J Murphy
5 F Paul Lewis
6 Catherine N Merlane
7 Mark P Gilham
8 John B Keeler (C)
A wedding day compliment
to Elizabeth Cranmer and
Darren Fisher.

APPLEDORE, Kent,
SS Peter & Paul
Sat Mar 7 1992 2h50 (12)
5152 Spiced S. Major
(4m: 1312 Bristol; 1280
London, Cambridge,
Superlative; 112 changes of
method, all the work)
Comp. A J Pitman
1 Vanessa J Martin
2 Valerie S Keeler
3 Mark P Gilham
4 Catherine N Merlane
5 Thomas Cullingworth
6 Dickon R Love
7 John B Keeler (C)
8 Thomas M Barlow

TUNSTALL, Kent,
S John Bapt
Mon Mar 9 1992 2h30 (7)
5184 Ealing Surprise Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Thomas Cullingworth
2 Richard H Edwards
3 Dickon R Love
4 Mark P Gilham
5 Darren W Moore
6 Neil W Jones
7 John B Keeler (C)
8 Catherine N Merlane

MAIDSTONE, Kent,
S Michael
Fri Mar 13 1992 2h27 (6)
5024 Bristol S. Major
Comp. R Baldwin
1 John B Keeler
2 Thomas Cullingworth
3 Valerie S Keeler
4 Richard H Edwards
5 Steven Coaker (C)
6 Thomas M Barlow
7 Vanessa J Martin
8 Mark P Gilham
Half-muffled in memory of
Joe Mason. R.I.P.

EAST FARLEIGH, Kent,
The Parish Church
Sat Mar 14 1992 2h35 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each London,
Durham, Cambridge, Wells,
York, Ipswich, Norwich)
1 Valerie S Keeler
2 John B Keeler (C)
3 Thomas M Barlow
4 Thomas Cullingworth
5 Moira J Murphy
6 Richard H Edwards

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

HEPTONSTALL, W. Yorks,
S Thomas
Sat Mar 14 1992 2h55 (18¼)
5088 Spiced S. Major
(4m: 1728 London; 1152 each
Cambridge, Superlative;
1056 Bristol; 122 changes of
method, all the work)
Comp. Richard G Crosland
1 Paul Male
2 Anne E Pettifor
3 Nicholas Helliwell
4 Angela Beardow
5 J Colin Ashworth
6 Richard J Parker
7 D Robert Pettifor
8 George H Campling (C)
In memory of Frank Reynolds
and Leslie W G Morris.

LEICESTER D.G.

CLAYBROOKE, Leics,
S Peter
Sat Feb 29 1992 3h7 (13)
5088 Silver Delight Major
Comp. Stephen Fenwick
1 Eileen J Goodall
2 Neil Harvey
3 E Alan Jacques
4 Garry W Mason
5 Geoffrey N Goodall
6 Paul M Atkins
7 Len Goodall (C)
8 Timothy J Wykes
To celebrate the 25th
wedding anniversary of
ringers 1 and 5.
First peal in the method.
-58-14-58-18-34-34-18 mx £1

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics,
Bell Foundry Campanile
Mon Mar 9 1992 2h28 (6½)
5188 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. Andrew N Tyler
1 Brian G Warwick (C)
2 Winifred M Warwick
3 Rev. Malcolm C C Melville
4 Shelagh R Melville
5 Brian S Chapman
6 Burley P Morris
7 Philip J H Hudson
8 Rev. Reginald J Stretton

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics,
Bell Foundry Campanile
Wed Mar 11 1992 2h26 (6½)
5040 Spiced S. Royal
(6m: 1680 London (No. 3),
Rutland; 480 Yorkshire,
Lincolnshire; 360 Superlative
(No. 2), Cambridge; 125
changes of method)
Comp. Andrew F Alldrick
1 Brian G Warwick (C)
2 Winifred M Warwick
3 Ronald D Hughes
4 Ian N Robinson
5 Andrew D Higson
6 Timothy Wylie
7 Brian S Chapman
8 Philip J H Hudson
9 Rev. Reginald J Stretton
10 George Pluckrose

SCOFTON with OSBERTON,
Notts, S John
Sat Mar 14 1992 2h24 (3½)
5040 Surprise Minor
(11m: 7 extents: (1) London,
Wells; (2) Cambridge,
Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk;
(3) Bourne; (4) Hull; (5)
Beverley; (6) Surfleet; (7)
Norwich)
1 Gail L Wade
2 Caroline J Carter
3 Richard J Scott
4 Mark J Pendery
5 Pamela J Fisher (C)
6 Francis W Fisher
Most methods as conductor.
Birthday compliment to
Malcolm E Wade.

LONDON C.A.

UCKFIELD, E. Sussex,
Holy Cross
Sat Mar 14 1992 2h50 (12)
5088 Osprings S. Major
Comp. D Knox
1 Iona A E MacLachlan
2 Katherine P Davies
3 David Holdridge
4 Ann Smith
5 Dennis A Hewitt
6 John E Hawes (C)
7 James W Belshaw
8 Stephanie J Pattenden
First peal in the method for all
except conductor.

MIDDLESEX C.A. &

LONDON D.G.
WINDSOR, Berks,
S John Bapt
Sun Feb 16 1992 2h55 (17½)
5008 Double Norwich C.B. Major
Comp. F T Blagrove
1 Andrew Clark-Maxwell
2 Monica Blagrove
3 Amy H Wood
4 Eileen Stevenson
5 Michael J Palmer
6 Ian S G Blagrove
7 L Roy Woodruff
8 Frank T Blagrove (C)
For the 40th anniversary of
the Accession of H.M. the
Queen.

MIDLAND COUNTIES

GUIDE
CHURCH GRESLEY, Derbys,
SS George & Mary
Sat Feb 29 1992 2h48 (8)
5040 Gresley Delight Minor
(7 different extents: CCC
(1949) Nos. 64-69, 73)
1 Derek P Jones (C)
2 Steven Peers
3 William J Hall
4 Alan Rowe
5 Malcolm Quimby
6 David Spencer
First Minor: 6. First in method
(TDMM. 1254). 25th peal and
first Minor in the tower, and
first since augmentation.

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NON-ASSOCIATION

KINGSTON-upon-THAMES,
Surrey, All Saints
Sun Mar 1 1992 3h6 (19)

5040 Spiced S. Maximus

(5m: 1392 Newgate; 1344
Bristol; 1104 Superlative; 768
Cambridge; 432 Yorkshire;
98 changes of method)

Comp. J W Belshaw
1 Stephanie J Pattenden
2 David J Dearnley
3 Paul N Mounsey
4 Stephen A Coaker
5 Alan D Flood
6 Simon J Davies
7 James W Belshaw (C)
8 Simon C Melen
9 Lorna E Champney
10 David J Sheppard
11 Ian G Campbell
12 Alan Reglin

CREWE, Cheshire,
Christ Church

Sat Mar 14 1992 3h11 (20)

5040 Yorkshire S. Royal

Comp. S J Poole
1 Ian Butters
2 Janet House
3 Geoffrey R Gardner
4 Patricia A M Halls
5 L Ruth Stokes
6 Geoffrey Fothergill
7 Susan E Melen
8 Christopher C Stokes
9 Richard S Starkie
10 Simon J Poole (C)

LUTON, Beds, S Mary
Sat Mar 14 1992 3h32 (25)

5088 Avon Delight Maximus

Comp. R H Burton
1 Paul N Mounsey
2 Simon J L Linford
3 David E House
4 Neil Buswell
5 John N Hughes-D' Aeth
6 Timothy J Barnes
7 Paul J Flavell
8 Brian P Diserens
9 Richard H Burton (C)
10 Michael P A Wilby
11 Martin C Faulkes
12 Peter J Townsend

NORWICH D.A.

SOHAM, Cambs, S Andrew
Sat Feb 22 1992 2h49 (21)

5120 Spiced S. Major

(6m: 1120 Rutland; 800 each
Cambridge, Lincolnshire,
Pudsey, Superlative,
Yorkshire)

Comp. Steven Chandler
1 Ailsa M Jackson
2 Donald F Murfet
3 Colin A Johnson
4 Susan E Marsden
5 Katharine J Whittell
6 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
7 Jeremy W Warren
8 David G Salter
First on 8: 1.

ELVEDEN, Suffolk,
SS Patrick & Andrew
Sat Feb 29 1992 3h3 (17½)

5024 Double Norwich C.B. Major

Comp. Sir A P Heywood
1 Mick Cole
2 Rachel L Eagle
3 Susan E Marsden
4 Colin A Johnson
5 Betty M Baines
6 Frank C J Arnold
7 Jeremy W Warren
8 Jeremy W Spiller (C)

First on eight: 2. First
DNBCM: 5, 7.

CASTLE ACRE, Norfolk,
S James
Sat Feb 29 1992 2h44 (10)

5040 Minor (7m: 1 extent
each Norwich S., Cambridge
S., Double Oxford, Oxford
T.B., St Clements, Kent T.B.,
Plain Bob)

Comp. Jeremy W Spiller
1 Walter J Houghton
2 Dr. Mary Parker
3 Sarah L Seaman
4 Frank C J Arnold
5 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
6 Jeremy W Warren
Thanks to Walter Houghton
for standing in at extremely
short notice.

BUNWELL, Norfolk,
S Michael & All Angels
Sat Mar 7 1992 2h27 (9)

5040 Minor (7m: 1 extent
each Norwich S., Cambridge
S., Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., St
Clements, Double Oxford,
Plain Bob)

Comp. Jeremy W Spiller
1 Helen S Cozens
2 Ailsa M Jackson
3 Frank C J Arnold
4 J Martin Thorley
5 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
6 Jeremy W Warren
First peal: 1.

OXFORD D.G.

MATCHING, Essex, S Mary
Sun Mar 1 1992 2h25 (7¾)

5040 Surprise Minor

(23m: (1) Lightfoot,
Wearmouth, Netherseale; (2)
Cambridge, Ipswich, Bourne,
King Edward, Primrose,
Norfolk, Hull, Queen Mary;
(3) Carlisle, Chester, Munden;
(4) Beverley, Surfleet,
Berwick, Hexham, York,
Durham; (5) Westminster,
Allendale; (6) Cambridge,
Hull, Primrose, Bourne,
Ipswich, Norfolk; (7)
Norwich)

1 Mary C Symes
2 Andrew M Farmer
3 Terry J C Streeter
4 Ian R Fielding
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
6 Colin M Turner

HIGHCLERE, Hants,
S Michael
Thur Feb 20 1992 2h47 (11½)

5024 Great Dodd Delight Major

Comp. G A C John
1 Timothy G Pett
2 Peter Bridle
3 Geoffrey K Dodd
4 Helen J Piper
5 Peter Border (C)
6 Colin M Turner
7 Marc Hart
8 Robert J Crocker

Great Dodd Delight Major:
38-38.14.-12.-18.-12.-
58.16-16.78 2nds place
I.h. 13527486

HATFIELD HEATH, Essex,
Holy Trinity
Sun Mar 1 1992 2h1 (4½)

5040 Surprise Minor

(17m: (1) London, Wells; (2)
Beverley, Surfleet, Durham;
(3) Durham, Beverley,
Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham;
(4) Cambridge, Bourne,
Ipswich, Hull, Primrose,
Norfolk; (5) Ipswich, Bourne,
Cambridge; (6) Westminster,
Allendale, Fryerning; (7)
Norwich)

1 Ian R Fielding
2 Andrew M Farmer
3 Mary C Symes
4 Terry J C Streeter
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
6 Colin M Turner

WEST HENDRED, Oxon,
Holy Trinity
Sat Mar 7 1992 2h28 (8)

5040 Minor (5m: (1) Bacup S.;
(2, 3) Berwick S.; (4) Buxton;
(5) Beverley S.; (6, 7) Bourne
S.)

1 Colin R Hares
2 Helen J Piper
3 Richard L Thumwood
4 Terry J C Streeter
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
6 Ian R Fielding

ROSS-ON-WYE,
Herefords, S Mary V
Sat Mar 7 1992 3h23 (20)

5088 Bristol S. Major

Comp. A J Cox
1 Diana M Bridle
2 Cathy M Martin
3 Peter Tombs
4 Patricia M Newton
5 Andrew M Farmer
6 Robert H Newton
7 John R Martin (C)
8 Peter Bridle
1,700th peal: 8.

PAULERSPURY, Northants,
S James
Mon Mar 9 1992 2h57 (15)

5040 Surprise Minor

(18m: (1) London, Wells; (2)
Carlisle; (3) Westminster,
Allendale, Fryerning; (4)
Berwick, Hexham; (5) York,
Durham; (6) Beverley,
Surfleet; (7) Cambridge, Hull,
Primrose, Bourne, Ipswich,
Norfolk)

1 Andrew L Utting
2 Mary C Symes
3 Andrew M Farmer
4 Robert J Crocker
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
6 Colin M Turner

PASSENHAM, Northants,
S Guthlac
Mon Mar 9 1992 2h59 (18)

5040 Doubles (20m: 3 extents
each Winchendon, Huntspill;
2 each St Simon, St Martin, St
Osmund, Eynesbury, St
Nicholas, St Remigius,
Huntley, New, St Vedast,
Blaisdon, Westminster,
Blackburn, St Hilary, Dragon,
Shipways, Rev. Canterbury,
Plain, Grandsire)
1 Robert J Crocker
2 Andrew M Farmer
3 Andrew Gordon
4 Colin M Turner
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)
100th peal of Doubles: 1.

WHITFIELD, Northants, S
John
Wed Mar 11 1992 2h16 (7¼)

5040 Doubles (39m: 240 each
178, 1, 4; 1 extent each 16, 18,
180, 32, 28, 39, 37, 106, 103,
112, 110, 104, 107, 113, 73, 69,
80, 78, 70, 74, 81, 137, 134,
143, 141, 135, 138, 144, 7, 13,
11, 5, 8, 14, 131, 100. Ref. 1980
C.C. Doubles Collection)

1 Mary C Symes
2 Colin M Turner
3 Andrew M Farmer
4 Robert J Crocker
5 Peter G C Ellis (C)

ROTHERHAM, S. Yorks,
All Saints
Sat Mar 14 1992 3h36 (3¾)

5024 Spiced S. Major
(4m: 1280 each London,
Cambridge, Superlative;
1184 Bristol; 112 changes of
method, all the work)

Comp. A J Pitman
1 S Kathleen M Baldwin
2 Claire F Edwards
3 Ronald K Russ
4 Peter F Windley
5 Clive Buswell
6 Hugh Neill
7 Roger Baldwin (C)
8 J Alan Ainsworth

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, Staffs,
S Peter-ad-Vincula
Sat Mar 14 1992 2h49 (17¾)

5067 Stedman Caters

Comp. J.P.
1 John Pladdys (C)
2 Peter L R Hayward
3 Garry W Mason
4 John R Ridley
5 John C Eisel
6 Michael D Fiander
7 Cyril A Wratten
8 C Michael Orme
9 Robert J Crocker
10 Murray A Coleman

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SALISBURY D.G.

LACOCK, Wilts, S Cyriac
Sat Mar 14 1992 2h36 (12½)

5040 Spiced Doubles

(42 extents in 50 individual Plain Course methods: Plain Bob, Candlesby, Boxford, Rev. Canterbury, Raveningham, Dorton, Westminster, Blackburn P., St Hilary, Dragon, Broughton, Chesham, Ockham, Knapton, Lyng, Intwood, Strelley P., New Bob, Huntspill, St Vedast, Blaisdon, Oakley, Chipstead, Itchingfield, Forncett, Ellingham, Beddingham, Screveton, St Nicholas, Winchendon P., St Remigius, Thornborough, Hascombe, Longford, Fundenhall, Haddiscoe, Harpley, Huntley, Ossington, St Simon, St Martin, St Osmund, Eynesbury, Slapton, Merton, Rugby, Braywood, Welford, Longworth, Sutton-on-Trent; 198 changes of method)

- 1 Sara Howard
- 2 Jenny Hancock
- 3 Julian Ferrar
- 4 Robert Purnell (C)
- 5 Graham Harper
- 6 Richard Lovelock

50th birthday compliment to the conductor. Most methods to a peal by all the band and on the bells. The band's thanks to Chris Purnell and Peter Thorn for ringing in the practice sessions for this peal.

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SOCIETY OF

RAMBLING RINGERS

WILLOUGHBY-ON-THE-WOLDS, Notts,
S Mary & All Saints
Sat Mar 7 1992 2h22 (6)

5040 Treble Bob Minor

(1 extent each Capel, Sandal, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford, Norwich, Cambridge)

- 1 Susan M Dawson
- 2 George A Dawson
- 3 Christine L J Mills
- 4 Robin Hartley
- 5 R Brian Mills
- 6 H Geoffrey Wells (C)

In memory of Frank Bradley, one-time Rambling Ringer, friend and mentor - methods that Frank enjoyed ringing. £2

ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD

BANBURY, Oxon, S Mary
Sat Mar 7 1992 3h24 (17)

5007 Stedman Caters

- Comp. J W Belshaw
- 1 Stephanie J Pattenden
 - 2 Nicholas W H Simon
 - 3 Tina R Stoecklin
 - 4 Simon J Davies
 - 5 Juliet R Lawrance
 - 6 James W Belshaw (C)
 - 7 Paul J R Daybell
 - 8 Simon J Gay
 - 9 Thomas F Lawrance
 - 10 David Holdridge

SOUTHAMPTON UNIV. GUILD

Dinner Day Peals

RINGWOOD, Hants,
SS Peter & Paul
Sat Feb 29 1992 3h10 (18)

5040 Grandsire Triples

J J Parker's 12-Part (6th obs.)

- 1 Helen C Green
- 2 Hilary Garrard
- 3 Tracey E Clayton
- 4 William T Webb
- 5 Nicholas Johnson
- 6 Nicholas I Kimber (C)
- 7 Robert T Child
- 8 Adrian T Buswell

First Grandsire and Triples: 3.
First on eight: 1.

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

BISHOPSTOKE, Hants,

S Mary
Sat Feb 29 1992 2h52 (10)

5024 Plain Bob Major

- Comp. Philip J Gorrod
- 1 Simon D Wood
 - 2 Celia J Waters
 - 3 Philip J Gorrod (C)
 - 4 Ali J Mountford
 - 5 Alan J Luxford
 - 6 Rhoda Mottram
 - 7 C James Hustler
 - 8 Stuart C Palin

First attempt: 2. First on a working bell: 1.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants,

S Mary
Sat Feb 29 1992 3h17 (21)

5040 Spiced S. Royal

(1680 each Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire)
Comp. Michael Maughan

- 1 Judith A Durrant
- 2 Heather A Kippin
- 3 Derek C Jackson
- 4 Christian M Peckham
- 5 Susan M Gibbin
- 6 Martin Morris
- 7 Malcolm M Powell
- 8 C James Hustler
- 9 Noel J R Gibbin (C)
- 10 David J Forder

First Spiced S. Royal: 4, 5, 8.
First Spiced S. Royal as conductor. First Spiced S. Royal for the Guild.

SOUTHWELL D.G.

NOTTINGHAM, S Mary
Sat Mar 7 1992 3h43 (36)

5280 Spiced S. Maximus

(10m: 528 each Strathclyde, Londinium, Belfast, Bristol, Lyddington, Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Cambridge; 109 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. R Bailey

- 1 Elizabeth J Clarke
- 2 Stephanie J Warboys
- 3 S Clarke Walters
- 4 Joanna M Ainsworth
- 5 Christopher N McCarthy
- 6 David G Adams
- 7 Tim J Peverett
- 8 Susan E Melen
- 9 Kevin J Skillings
- 10 John S Warboys (C)
- 11 Andrew B Mills
- 12 Ian Butters

First blows of Spiced Maximus: 5, 6, 12.

LOCKINGTON, Leics,
S Nicholas
Sun Mar 8 1992 3h6 (14½)

5007 Stedman Cinques

Comp. C H Hattersley

- 1 Susan E Melen
- 2 Elizabeth M Nowill
- 3 Adrian P Beck
- 4 Howell J Williams
- 5 Jenny M A Astridge
- 6 Tim J Peverett
- 7 Mark R G Smith
- 8 Christopher J Woodruffe
- 9 Frederick C Pearson
- 10 Martyn J Marriott
- 11 Brian J Woodruffe (C)
- 12 Clive W Longden

First Stedman Cinques: 2, 7, 8. Circled tower to 12-bell peals: 1. First Stedman Cinques as conductor.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, Cumbria, S Mary
Sun Mar 15 1992 3h25 (21¼)

5039 Grandsire Caters

Comp. Thomas Hooley

- 1 Elizabeth P Heaton
- 2 Christine M E Testa
- 3 Stanley Walmsley
- 4 Cheryl L Dodge
- 5 Peter S Lacy
- 6 Philip J H Hudson
- 7 John E Heaton
- 8 David J T Wilson
- 9 Richard I Allton (C)
- 10 Mark R G Smith

Circled tower twice: 3.

SUFFOLK GUILD

WILBY, Suffolk, S Mary
Sat Mar 14 1992 2h43 (15)

5088 Plain Bob Major

Comp. J R Ketteringham

- 1 J Martin Thorley (C)
- 2 Frank C J Arnold
- 3 Trevor D Hughes
- 4 Patricia M Bailey
- 5 Richard T L Rapior
- 6 David R McLean
- 7 Michael J Parker
- 8 Trevor N J Bailey

A compliment to the conductor's daughters, Katharine (Birmingham) and Penelope (Leeds) and David Salter (Ipswich) - all have March 12th birthdays. The conductor has now called 500 peals for the Suffolk Guild. With best wishes to the composer.

OFFTON, Suffolk, S Mary
Sat Mar 14 1992 2h46 (8½)

5040 Plain Bob Major

Arr. D G Salter (No. 2)

- 1 Iain W Mitchell
- 2 David G Salter (C)
- 3 Jeremy W Warren
- 4 Andrew D Fisk
- 5 Mary Allum
- 6 Robin D Allum
- 7 Josephine M Beever
- 8 Katharine J Whittell

Birthday compliments to Katharine and Penny Thorley and the conductor, all 12th March.

THORINGTON, Essex,
S Mary Magd.
Sat Mar 14 1992 2h43 (9)

5040 Surprise Minor

(7 extents in 7 different methods: York Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Durham Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Bourne Surprise, Beverley Surprise)

- 1 G Noel Orman
- 2 Alan R Andrews
- 3 Katharine J Whittell
- 4 Amanda M Whiting
- 5 Simon A Rudd
- 6 David G Salter (C)

First 7 Surprise Minor: 3.

KIRBY-LE-SOKEN, Essex, S Michael
Sat Mar 14 1992 2h52 (9¾)

5024 Pudsey S. Major

Comp. J S Warboys

- 1 Michael G Whitby (C)
- 2 David I Stanford
- 3 Winston S Girling
- 4 Mary S Garner
- 5 Jonathan J E Williamson
- 6 John L Girt
- 7 Iain W Mitchell
- 8 David L Sparling

First in method: 2, 3, 4, 5. Completes standard eight: 3.

SUFFOLK GUILD

BECCLIS, Suffolk,
Campanile, S Michael & All Angels
Sat Mar 14 1992 3h18 (25½)

5040 Kings Norton S. Royal

Comp. S A Coaker

- 1 David J Dearnley
- 2 George W Pipe
- 3 Paul N Mounsey
- 4 Simon J L Linford
- 5 Richard P J Carter
- 6 Stephen A Coaker (C)
- 7 Robert Dennis
- 8 Mark C Liebenrood
- 9 Ian Roulstone
- 10 Mark Regan

A tribute to the Suffolk ringers at their meeting in March 1922 and their planning for the formation of the Guild the following year.

SUSSEX C.A.

BALCOMBE, W. Sussex,
S Mary
Sat Feb 29 1992 2h57 (9)

5152 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. E Shuttleworth (reversed)

- 1 Linda J Etherington
- 2 Peter W Dickinson
- 3 C Douglas Linington
- 4 John R Palmer
- 5 Mark A Dawkins
- 6 Jacqueline M Hunter
- 7 Ian H Oram
- 8 Ian V J Smith (C)

First S. Major inside: 4. 200th peal as conductor. The band would like to associate the peal with the memory of William Rogers, Life Member of the Association, who died on February 26th.

WELSH COLLEGES' SOC.

SKETTY, W. Glam,
S Paul
Sat Mar 14 1992 2h54 (13½)

5088 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. N Pitstow

- 1 Andrew K Holmes
- 2 Susanah J Clements
- 3 Judith B Doyle
- 4 Judith A Baldwin
- 5 Naomi C Lewis
- 6 Richard A Wolfgang
- 7 Christopher M Mundy
- 8 Martin S Davies (C)

First peal of Treble Bob Hunting: 1. First S. Major: 3, 6. First S. Major as conductor. £1.60

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

EAST TYTHERLEY, Hants, S Peter
Fri Mar 6 1992 2h51 (14½)

5056 Spiced S. Major

(14m: 448 Bristol; 384 each London, Pudsey, Superlative, Ashted, Lincolnshire, Uxbridge, Cambridge, Rutland, Yorkshire, Lindum, Cassiobury; 192 each Cornwall, Cray; 103 changes of method)

- Comp. N Smith
- 1 June M Webb
 - 2 Christopher J Woodruffe
 - 3 George E Evenden
 - 4 Patricia D Tæuber
 - 5 Dennis A Chapman
 - 6 Brian J Woodruffe (C)
 - 7 Andrew J Howes
 - 8 Andrew J Palk
- Most Spiced S. Major: 2, 7, 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, Hants,
S Michael
Sat Mar 7 1992 3h7 (16)

5039 Grandsire Caters

Comp. Edgar C Shepherd

- 1 Colin J Butler
- 2 George E Evenden
- 3 Peter J Williamson
- 4 Elva R Ainsworth
- 5 Deborah Handley-Garland
- 6 Patricia D Tæuber
- 7 Nicholas I Kimber (C)
- 8 Christine R Hill
- 9 Stephen J Donovan
- 10 C James Hustler

First as conductor for the Guild.

OWSLEBURY, Hants,
S Andrew
Mon Mar 9 1992 2h42 (9)

5040 Minor

(6m: 1 extent each D. Oxford, Ipswich S., Kent T.B., Grandsire, Cambridge S.; 2 Plain Bob)

- 1 Julie A Hodkin
- 2 Peter J Clarke
- 3 James A Hodkin
- 4 Graham J Wright
- 5 Roy LeMarechal (C)
- 6 Christopher J Stubbington

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**WORCESTERSHIRE &
DISTS. ASSN.**

SEDGLEY, Staffs,
All Saints
Sat Mar 7 1992 2h47 (13)

5088 Sedgley S. Major
Comp. Charles J Sedgley
1 Martin D Fellows
2 Andrew W Gordon
3 HT Keith Haslam
4 Paul M Evans
5 Alan Roberts
6 Philip R Johnson
7 David G Franklin
8 Andrew J Ellis (C)
400th peal: 3. First peal in the
method by all except 1.

TETTENHALL,
Wolverhampton,
Staffs, S Michael & All Angels
Sat Mar 7 1992 2h45 (15)

5088 Johannesburg S. Major
Comp. William Barton
1 Kevin Jones
2 Christopher Lees
3 HT Keith Haslam
4 Robert E Havard
5 Andrew W Gordon
6 Martin D Fellows
7 Philip R Johnson
8 Andrew J Ellis (C)
100th Surprise Major: 8. First
peal in the method by all.

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YORKSHIRE ASSN

(York Colleges Guild)

YORK, S Michael
Sun Mar 8 1992 2h42 (8½)
5040 Doubles (7m/1p: (1, 2)
Stedman; (3-9) St Nicholas;
(10-16) Winchendon Place;
(17-23) St Simon; (24-30) St
Martin; (31-36) Rev.
Canterbury; (37-42) Plain)
1 Emma Ashford (YSFC)
2 Kerry J Robinson
(Goodricke)
3 Timothy P Hart (Alcuin)
4 Christopher M Rudge
(Langwith)
5 Rupert M Burgess (C)
(Derwent)
6 Scott A Hume (Derwent)
First peal: 2, 6.

ROTHERHAM, S. Yorks,
All Saints
Mon Mar 9 1992 2h52 (10½)

5184 Deira Surprise Major
Comp. R A Davies
1 Michael Sheeran
2 Angela Beardow
3 R Adrian Davies
4 Catherine M Ladd
5 Michael J de C Henshaw
6 Ronald J Johnston
7 Neil Donovan
8 Malcolm S Turner (C)
In memory of Leslie W G
Morris.

HANDBELL PEALS**CHESTER D.G.**

WISTASTON, Cheshire,
St Mary's Belfry
Tues Mar 10 1992 2h16 (15)
5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. C K Lewis
1-2 Geoffrey A Edwards
3-4 John R Scott
5-6 Michael CE Hodge
7-8 Frank R Morton (C)
950th peal as conductor for
the Chester D.G.

BUERTON, Cheshire,
4 Windmill Close
Fri Mar 13 1992 1h54 (15)
5040 Minor (1) St Clements,
Childwall, Buxton; (2) St
Nicholas, Heatherslade,
Gower; (3) Single Oxford,
Wight; (4, 5) Rev. Canterbury;
(6, 7) Plain Bob.
1-2 Geoffrey A Edwards
3-4 John R Scott
5-6 Frank R Morton (C)

HERTFORD C.A.

WATFORD, Herts,
15 Harford Drive
Wed Mar 11 1992 2h34 (14½)

5015 Spiced Caters
(3m: 1704 Stedman; 1620
Erin; 1691 Grandsire; 3
changes of method)
Comp. John R Mayne
1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3-4 John R Mayne (C)
5-6 Roger Baldwin
7-8 John R Southey
9-10 Dorothea M Robotham
1,750th peal: 1-2.

LEICESTER D.G.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, Leics,
106 Beaumont Road
Mon Mar 2 1992 3h13 (15)

5280 Barford S. Maximus
Traditional
1-2 Rupert A Clarke
3-4 Paul Jopp
5-6 John M Jelley (C)
7-8 Roland H Cook
9-10 Simon C Melen
11-12 David J Marshall

LICHFIELD**ARCHDEACONRY SOC.**

TAMWORTH, Staffs,
73 Summerfield Road
Tues Mar 3 1992 2h22 (11)

5184 Kent T.B. Major
1-2 Lucy Smith
3-4 Betty Robbins
5-6 Paul S Seaman (C)
7-8 Clive M Smith
First handbell peal for 17
years: 3-4.

LINCOLN D.G.

CLEATHAM, S. Humbs,
Thorpe House
Fri Mar 6 1992 2h22 (15)

5120 Major (6m: Little Bob,
Gainsborough and
Wellington Little Bob,
Double, Reverse and Plain
Bob; 383 changes of method)
Arr. from N J Pitstow
1-2 Geoffrey R Parker
3-4 Margaret A Parker
5-6 George E Feirn (C)
7-8 Jack L Millhouse

SOUTHWELL D.G.

LONG EATON, Notts,
2 Fosbrooke Drive
Wed Mar 4 1992 2h11 (15)

5056 Plain Bob Major
1-2 Elizabeth M Nowill
3-4 Susan E Melen
5-6 S Clarke Walters (C)
7-8 Clive W Longden
First on 8 in hand: 1-2.

1991 PEAL**HERTFORD C.A.**

LILLEY, Herts, S Peter
Sat Dec 28 1991 2h26 (6¼)

5040 Doubles (4 extents each
Huntley, St Remigius, St
Nicholas, Winchendon, St
Osmund, Eynesbury, St
Martin's, St Simon's, Plain
Bob, Rev. Canterbury; 2
Grandsire)
1 Peter J Constable
2 Trevor W Groom
3 Peter W Harper
4 Keith D Waples
5 Robert J Crocker (C)

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Quarter Peals

Bedley, Worcs. 2 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: K Hawkesford 1, Beryl Hartley 2, G Sreeves 3, M Sreeves 4, A E Hartley 5, A J Barnfield (C) 6. For Evensong. Also 21 Feb, 1320 P.B. Doubles: A J Barnfield 1, K Hawkesford (1st inside) 2, G Sreeves 3, Beryl Hartley 4, A E Hartley (C) 5, J Merrell 6. For advancement. £2.40

Chicago, Illinois (Mitchell Tower). 30 Nov, 1272 P.B. Minimus: Thomas Farthing 1, Harriet Morgan 2, Gregory Watson 3, Mark Rizzo 4. 1st minimus: 1, 2. 1st minimus in tower; 3. Birthday compliment to Leonard R Porter. Also 15 Feb, 1320 P.B. Minor: Greg Watson (1st Minor in hand) 1-2, Kit Almy 3-4, Tom Farthing (C) 5-6. For Valentine's Day. \$1

East Bergholt, Suffolk (1 Fern Cottages). 29 Jan, 1344 T.B. Major (Ilkeston variation): S A Rudd (C) 1-2, Amanda M Whiting 3-4, M C Liebenrood 5-6, J E Williamson (1st T.B. in hand) 7-8. Also 5 Feb, 1312 Kent T.B. Major: S A Rudd (C) 1-2, A M Whiting 3-4, DL Sparling 5-6, NV Avis 7-8. £1.60

Frinstead, Kent. 16 Feb, 1260 P.B. Doubles: O T Davies (1st on treble) 1, D J Colam 2, J A Fekety 3, P E MacDonald 4, B A Roberts (C) 5. Before the christening of Robert Leigh Pemberton. By King's School Rochester Ringers. Also 1260 Grandsire Doubles: O T Davies 1, D J Colam 2, J A Fekety 3, B E MacDonald 4, B A Roberts (C) 5. After the christening of Robert Leigh Pemberton. By K.C.R. Ringers. Also 16 Feb, 1260 Reverse Canterbury P.B. Doubles: N R Morwood 1, D J Colam 2, J A Fekety 3, B E MacDonald 4, B A Roberts (C) 5. By King's School Rochester Ringers for Evensong. £3

Histon, Cambs. 14 Feb, 2500 Doubles (2m; 3 covers): Rachel A Upchurch 1, M B Davies 2, Chris Clare 3, Mavis L Driver 4, R F Walker (C) 5, M G Purday 6, D A Upchurch 7, T J English 8. 50 x 50 changes as a compliment to the Rev and Mrs

Kidner of Histon on their 50th Wedding Anniversary from all the Histon ringers. Also 16 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Cicely M Stevens 1, Chris Clare 2, Janet F Coleby 3, M B Davies 4, R F Walker (C) 5, T J English 6. For Evensong. £2

Hitchin, Herts. 16 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R A Brown 1, Sara L Cranfield 2, K D Waples 3, M J Cranfield 4, T W Groom (C) 5, A J F Moon 6, D Kemp 7, J N McCutcheon 8. For Evensong. Also 23 Feb, 1312 Yorkshire S. Major: Sara L Cranfield 1, M J Cranfield 2, K D Waples 3, J N McCutcheon 4, T W Groom 5, P J Cranfield 6, D Kemp 7, R A Brown (C) 8. For Evensong. £2

Hughenden, Bucks. 30 Jan, 1280 Spl. S. Major (CYNRRP): Robert Newton 1, Joyce Cornwall 2, Sheila Bruce 3, Chris Mundy 4, Elaine Baker 5, Gillian Hazell 6, Peter Bruce 7, Roger Hazell (C) 8. £1.20

Kensington, W8. 16 Feb, 1365 Grandsire Triples: A Taylor 1, Elizabeth Hibbert 2, Helen Tucker 3, Adrienne Pyne 4, R Oakeshott 5, N Simon (C) 6, E Mould 7, A Cole 8, S Gay 9, R Lewis 10. For Evensong. Also 23 Feb, 1299 Stedman Caters: Stephanie Pattenden 1, T Lawrence 2, Adrienne Pyne 3, Kathy Davies 4, N Simon 5, S Gay (C) 6, R Oakeshott 7, Juliet Lawrence 8, D Holdridge (circled tower) 9, R Lewis 10. £4.80

Mark, Som. 12 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Trimm 1, C Nicholls 2, Valerie J Stone 3, J S Walton (C; 650th Q) 4, Mo Sweet 5, P J Maffey 6, J Creber 7, C A Swatton 8. Belated Ruby Wedding Anniversary compliment to Mr & Mrs John Creber by some of their friends. 80p

Kimberley Hall, Moats Tye, Suffolk. 16 Feb, 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: S A Rudd (C) 1-2, A M Whiting 3-4, D L Sparling 5-6, M C Liebenrood 7-8. 80p

Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs (St Giles). 14 Feb, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Kelly Bishop 1, D J Pitstow 2, S J Wilcox (1st inside) 3, K Brown 4, D C Powell (C) 5. In memory of Mrs Dorothy Edwards, a member of this church for very many years, whose funeral was held today. Also 23 Feb, 1299 Stedman

Caters: Jane Machin (1st Stedman Caters) 1, Pat Bishop 2, Irene Buckley 3, Jennie Beech 4, D J Pitstow 5, C W Machin 6, E Nixon (C) 7, F Beech 8, K Brown 9, P Mellor 10. £1.50

Redditch, Worcs. 6 Feb, 1320 P.B. Doubles: Sarah Freeman 1, A C Freeman 2, Beryl Hartley 3, Jennifer M Freeman 4, A E Hartley (C) 5, I D Clarke 6. Prior to a service to commemorate the 40th Accession to the throne of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II by local service band. £1.20

St Martin-in-the-Fields, London. 18 Feb, 1275 Stedman Caters: Ruth Simon 1, Christine Dringer 2, D Holdridge 3, Adrienne Pyne 4, R Oakeshott 5, N Simon 6, F Milner (1st Caters as C) 7, E Mould 8, S Gay 9, R Lewis 10. £2

Saffron Walden, Essex. 16 Feb, 1311 Stedman Cinques: S A Rudd (C) 1, A M Whiting 2, D M Pipe 3, M C Liebenrood 4, M G Whitby 5, G W Pipe 6, I Mitchell 7, R N Earey 8, D L Sparling 9, W S Girling 10, A Knights 11, O P Claxton 12. Birthday compliment to Amanda Whiting. £1.20

Studley, Warwicks. 5 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: Beryl Hartley 1, R H Spray 2, D Dancy 3, D P Bagley 4, A J Barnfield 5, A E Hartley 6. For the Queen's Accession. £1.40

Upper Arley, Worcs. 16 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Clare Frodsham 1, Jean Marshall (1st in m) 2, Susan Frodsham 3, Paul Marshall 4, John Frodsham (C) 5, Neville King 6. For Morning Service. Also 23 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Clare Frodsham 1, Jean Marshall (most m) 2, Susan Frodsham 3, Tom Whatmore 4, John Frodsham (C) 5, Neville King 6. For Morning Service. £2.40

Whitchurch, Oxon. 31 Jan, 1260 Doubles (5m): Doreen E White 1, J Harland 2, J R Reed 3, Stephanie A May (C) 4, K G Baker 5, P Britten 6.

Whitchurch-on-Thames, Oxon. 5 Feb, 1260 Doubles (7m inc Stedman): J R Reed 1, J Harland 2, L F Palfrey 3, Susan Norbury 4, K G Baker (C) 5, R M Carpenter 6. By PAWS as a 70th birthday compliment to Frederick "Phil" Phillipson, a Whitchurch ringer. Also for St Agatha's day. Also 19 Feb, 1260 Doubles (6m): J Harland 1, K G Baker 2, L F Palfrey

3, Stephanie A May (C) 4, J R Reed 5, Doreen E White 6. £1.80

Friday 31st January was the 200th anniversary of the granting of the charter for the building of a toll-bridge across the Thames between Pangbourne, Berks and Whitchurch-on-Thames, Oxon, which is still open today and charges the sum of 6p for cars to use.

The ringers from Pangbourne and Whitchurch-on-Thames decided to mark this occasion by ringing simultaneous quarter peals. The attempt at Pangbourne came to grief, but the Whitchurch attempt was successful.

Watton-at-Stone, Herts. 7 Feb, 1280 Delrow S Major: J M Kemp 1, Heather A Lloyd 2, Anne Saunders 3, S A Saunders 4, K G Game 5, R Hornby 6, Susan L Paterson 7, J J Ford (C) 8. £1

Wellesbourne, Warks. 12 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Tracy Reader 1, Elizabeth Mackie 2, Rita Lewis 3, Pamela Copson 4, C A R Loman (C) 5, E J Copson 6. For Evensong. £1. Also: on 19 Jan, 1260 P B Minor: Tracy Reader (1st minor) 1, Elizabeth Mackie 2, E J Copson 3, C A R Loman 4, Pamela Copson 5, J Ariss (C) 6. For Evensong. £1. Also: on 29 Dec, 1260 P B Doubles: Tracy Reader 1, Sheila Oram 2, Pamela Copson 3, E J Copson 4, C A R Loman (C) 5, S J Oram 6. For Evensong. Also a 310th birthday celebration for the back 6, all cast by Bagley in 1681. £1

Wells, Som. (The Cathedral). 9 Feb, 1299 Stedman Caters: Jennifer M Taylor 1, E T Lee 2, D G Yeo 3, A E Cox 4, M J Horseman 5, R G Edwards 6, J R Taylor (C) 7, E J Chivers 8, J Brain 9, MW Baker 10. Prior to the final Eucharist for Bishop Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Taunton, moving to Wakefield - (Lucky Wakefield!). £1

Welwyn, Herts. 12 Jan, 1260 P B Doubles: Amanda Gilbert 1, Janet Coates (1st inside) 2, P K Montgomery (C) 3, P J Cox 4, Sally Coates 5, BW Gilbert 6. For Evensong. Also in thanksgiving for the life of Brian K Jolly, Headmaster of Woolmer Green JMI School. £2

West Coker, Som. 9 Feb, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sandra M Haines 1, R Haines (C) 2, R J Harvey (1st inside) 3, D M Neal 4, S A Terry 5, P R Smart 6. For Evensong. £1.20

West Lydford, Som. 9 Feb, 1272 London S Minor: M A Collings 1, D J Hawkins 2, P J Payne 3, O A Davis 4, K J Skillings 5, G E Bonham (C) 6. 80p

Westbourne, W Sussex. 9 Feb, 1344 L B Major: Mary Limburn 1, Teresa Roberts 2, E Treagus 3, S L Kelly 4, C G Shutter 5, J Hollis 6, P Goodhew 7, P M Wilkinson (C) 8. For Evening Service. £1.50

Westminster, London WC2. (St Clement Danes). 12 Jan, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Rachel C Davies 1, M J Trimm (C) 2, Sarah C Woodcock 3, R J Collins 4, E J Webb 5, Vanessa Powell 6, G S Barr 7, M C Bennett 8, J R S Sawle 9, P A B Saddleton 10. By a St Olave's Society band. Also: on 2 Feb, 1287 Stedman Caters: M J Wigney 1, Gill Palmer 2, Jill M Hupman 3, R J Andrew 4, Debbie Malin 5, S G Jakeman 6, J P Adams (150th Q.) 7, D W Bailey (1st caters) 8, F T Blagrove (C) 9, T J Lock 10. £1.60

Weston-s-Mare, Avon. 2 Feb, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: C Nicholls 1, Jean Gay 2, Marion Newman 3, Allyson Newman 4, Sue Field 5, R Baker 6, D Gay 7, R Newman (C) 8. In memory of Vera Button. 80p

Whaddon, Bucks. 9 Feb, 1260 Doubles (5m/v): S J Powell 1, P D McKenzie (most m.) 2, Lindsey C Cutler 3, Sally A Franklin 4, B J Curtis (C) 5, M J Austin 6. 50p

Whately, Som. 15 Nov, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: G W Massey (C) 1, D Ball 2, Jenny Alderson 3, R Davis 4, J A G Ball 5, M P Barton 6. £1.30

Winford, Som. 9 Feb, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Marilyn Floyd 1, J Mills (1st S.) 2, Rosemary Ball 3, A E Cox 4, C Hobbs 5, A H Ball (C) 6. For Evensong. 60p

Wivelsfield, Sussex. 22 Dec, 1260 P B Minor: S Buckley 1, Dilys Smith 2, I Hodge 3, Edna Everest 4, G Stuart 5, S Everest (1st minor as C.) 6. For the Carol Service. 60p

Wiveton, Norfolk. 18 Nov, 1260 P B Minor: Judith Paxton 1, Mick Cole 2, Mary Poyner 3, Anna Welbourne 4, T Thacker 5, H Poyner (C) 6. In thanksgiving for the release of Terry Waite this day. On 19/1/91 the 5 bells at Bale, Norfolk were rung at midday, and in the evening a Q. of P B major was attempted at Holt which unfortunately finished 'a bit early'. £1.80

Woburn, Beds. 2 Feb, 1280 Cambridge S Major: J R Pemble 1, Jennifer V Johnson 2, Alison C Smith 3, Diana J Reading 4, Lucy Shepherd 5, N J Pemble 6, A M Shepherd (C) 7, R A Horne 8. To celebrate the 90th

birthday of Harold Laythorpe of Woburn. £1
Wokingham, Berks. (St Paul). 25 Jan, 1260 S Oxford B Triples: Susan E Davenport 1, D Sullivan 2, KR Davenport 3, W A Hodgson (50th Q.) 4, Lavinia Sullivan 5, C Cole 6, H W Baxter (1st in m. as C.) 7, F G Vitel 8. 1st in m.; 4 & 6. For Patronal Service. £1.60

Wootton St Lawrence, Hants. 30 Jan, 1320 Northrepp Doubles: Hannah R Cook 1, D A Holmes (C) 2, Helen J Piper 3, A P Lewis 4, Christine Holmes 5, M R O Garnett 6. 1st in v. by all. £1

Worcester, Worcs. (All Saints). 29 Jan, 1440 Spl S Royal (CY): Ruth Halling 1, Claire Redstone 2, Paul Evans 3, David Bagley 4, Barbara Piper 5, Michael Clements 6, Charles Hayward 7, Anthony Barnfield 8, Roy Williams (C) 9, Stuart Piper 10. 1st spl. S royal for all except 6th ringer. £2

Worle, Avon. 9 Feb, 1260 Doubles (11m): J F S Lambard 1, J G Cook 2, Yvonne Criddle 3, C A Swatton 4, J S Walton (C) 5, B Williams 6. For Morning Service. Also 16 Feb, 1260 Doubles (6m): J F S Lambard 1, B Williams 2, J S Walton (C) 3, J G Cook 4, C A Swatton 5. For Morning Service. Also 23 Feb, 1260 Doubles (7m): Joanne M Spence 1, B Williams 2, C A Swatton 3, J F S Lambard 4, J S Walton (C) 5, J G Cook 6. For Morning Service. £3.40

Wrotham, Kent. 7 Feb, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: G P Cottle 1, B A Roberts 2, B E MacDonald (1st Y) 3, D R Bagshaw 4, R H Pocock 5, R N Bagshaw 6, R H Youdale 7, N W Jones 8. £1

York, N Yorks. (St Olave). 3 Feb, 1260 P B Doubles: Gillian E Potter 1, Anne Bush 2, T Johnson 3, Emma Smithson 4, N A Pitts 5, A R Quinn (C) 6. 50p

York, N Yorks. (St Stephen, Acomb). 30 Jan, 1250 Cambridge S Minor: Wendy Leng 1, Susan Webb 2, Lynne Stretton 3, Martin Hardgrave 4, Clive Whiteley 5, Philip Brook (C) 6. A farewell compliment to Martin, leaving for Odense, Denmark. Martin having been made redundant from his job in Dundee, returned last May to live in York. Since then his ringing has blossomed having mastered a number of S. minor methods and had begun to ring S. major. His evenings became occupied with various practice nights in the area and Q. peal ringing. He more than doubled his previous Q. total. The band are sorry to be losing such an able ringer. 60p

Four In A Day Around Oxford

23rd February 1992

Marston, 1260 Doubles (3m): H Deam 1, R Jones 2, A Gammon 3, P Bayes 4, M Durrant (C) 5, R Day 6. For Morning Service.

Horsepath. 1260 Doubles (4m): N Pugh 1, R Goodwin 2, G Adams 3, R Jones 4, S Davies (C) 5, B Lowe 6. 25th tog: 3.4.

Cuddesdon. 1300 P.B. Doubles: S Zvegintzov 1, R Jones 2, M Durrant (C) 3, P Bayes 4, S Davies 5, N Pugh 6. In memory of Rt Rev Peter Mumford, former Bishop of Truro and erstwhile student at Cuddesdon Theological College.

Great Haseley. 1260 Doubles (7 m/v): R Jones 1, P Bayes 2, G Adams (C) 3, R Goodwin 4, M Durrant 5, N Pugh 6.

N.T.G. Quarters Around North Oxfordshire

The National Teachers Guild held their first meeting of 1992 in the beautiful countryside between Banbury and Oxford on Saturday 22nd February.

Despite the cold weather and the early start a good turnout of members arrived at Steeple Barton for the first quarter of the day. (This included one of our habitual first arrivals who had sat outside Steeple Aston church for sometime and had wondered why nobody else had turned up! Wake up Mike!) The highlight of the day was the quarter on the magnificent eight at Great Tew. We even managed to score all five this time (and, despite the Secretary's navigation, even had a super lunch at Souldern). Our next quarter peal days are 25th April around Cambridge and 13th June in Bedfordshire. Let's see even more members at these!

Steeple Barton. 1260 Doubles (3m): R Jones 1, J Mercer 2, M Durrant 3, A Griffin 4, R Woolley (C) 5.

Stanford St Martin. 1260 P.B. Minor: J Badger 1, R Jones 2, B Salmon 3, A Griffin 4, P Bayes 5, R Woolley (C) 6.

Great Tew. 1264 P.B. Major: J Mercer 1, B Salmon 2, R Jones 3, G Adams 4, M Durrant 5, P Bayes 6, A Griffin 7, R Woolley (C) 8. In memoriam R.B. (Johnny) Johnson, an Honorary Member of the Guild and one of the last of "The Few".

Souldern. 1272 P.B. Minor: D Badger 1, B Salmon 2, J Badger 3, J Mercer 4, M Durrant 5, R Woolley (C) 6.

North Aston. 1260 Doubles (3m): G Adams 1, R Jones 2, B Salmon 3, P Bayes 4, M Durrant (C) 5, J Mercer 6.

Four Surprise In Kent

10 members of the Rochester District took part in a Surprise Major Quarter Peal Day. The only failure was at Ospringe when the conductor was slow to put things right. It was pleasing to note that in the successful quarters it was a first for somebody. Our thanks go to the incumbents for the use of the bells and to the tower secretaries who opened the doors of their belfries promptly. £4.80

Selling, Kent. 22 Feb, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: A D Vidgeon 1, T S Wraight 2, R H Pocock 3, D R Bagshaw 4, D G Davis 5, S A Wraight 6, R N Bagshaw 7, G P Cottle (1st S. Major as C) 8.

Borden, Kent. 1280 Superlative S. Major: T S Wraight 1, D R Bagshaw (1st in m) 2, G P Cottle 3, S A Wright 4, D G Davis 5, R N Bagshaw 6, B A Roberts 7, N W Jones (C) 8.

Sittingbourne, Kent. 1344 Rutland S. Major: R N Bagshaw 1, D G Davis 2, D R Bagshaw 3, R H Pocock 4, S A Wraight 5, G P Cottle 6, T S Wraight 7, N W Jones (C) 8. 1st R. 2.3.

Tunstall, Kent. 1280 Spl. S. Major (RCYS): G P Cottle 1, D R Bagshaw 2, B A Roberts 3, S A Wraight 4, T S Wraight 5, R N Bagshaw 6, D G Davis (1st Spl) 7, N W Jones (C) 8.

Guildford District Q.P. Weekend

The third annual district quarter peal weekend was held in February. All quarters attempted were rung successfully; 41 people rang in 10 quarters, with 10 individual first of various kinds, and one method rung for the first time.

Guildford, Surrey (St Mary). 15 Feb, 1440 St Martha Little Alliance Minor: Sally A Schupke 1, J Morgan (C) 2, Jane Fitt 3, J H B Deane 4, M C Bryant 5, R G Bull 6. 1st Q in m. £1.20

Shalford, Surrey. 15 Feb, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Judy Moss (1st in p) 1, R G Bull 2, Sally A Schupke 3, J H B Deane 4, J Morgan (C) 5, M C Bryant 6. £1.20

Stoke-next-Guildford, Surrey. 15 Feb, 1272 York S. Minor: J Morgan 1, R L Marsh 2, D G Lodge 3, R G Bull 4, Sally A Schupke (C) 5, M C Bryant 6. 1st in m; 2,3 and as C. £1.20

Wonersh, Surrey. 15 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): J Bryson 1, Jennifer Hepburn (most m) 2, M C Bryant 3, Sally A Schupke 4, J Morgan (C) 5, P Tatlow 6.

Cranleigh, Surrey. 16 Feb, 1260 P.B. Triples: Margaret Nursey (1st Triples) 1, Monica Heather 2, Joy Eldridge 3, Sue Fox 4, B Pink 5, T Kellett 6, D Thorne (C) 7, T Spurgeon 8. £1.60

Ewhurst, Surrey. 16 Feb, 1260 P.B. Triples: Karen Monk 1, Mary Kelly 2, N G Hughes 3, M J Townsend 4, B Pink 5, E A Thornton 6, J P Parker (C) 7, J M Moffat 8. 1st Triples: 4,6 and as C. £1

Guildford, Surrey (Cathedral). 16 Feb, 1265 Stedman Triples: J R Pratt (C) 1, Maggie Joyce 2, P J Joyce 3, C M Mowley 4, R D Crighton 5, C H Rogers 6, D J Tubbs 7, M Morris 8. For Evensong. £1.60

Guildford, Surrey (Holy Trinity). 16 Feb, 1320 Bourne S. Minor: T Hunt 1, Sally A Schupke 2, R L Marsh 3, M C Bryant 4, R G Bull 5, J Morgan (C) 6. On the back six. £1.20

Guildford, Surrey (St Nicolas). 16 Feb, 1260 Stedman Triples: Clare Hiley 1, Sally Schupke 2, T Lain 3, M C Bryant 4, Jane Fitt 5, J Morgan (C) 6, R G Bull 7, R L Marsh 8. For Evensong. £1.70

Haslemere, Surrey. 16 Feb, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Doris Quick 1, S Mullimer 2, P Bagshaw 3, Jenny M Schukman 4, J H B Deane (C) 5, C W Quick 6. For Evensong. £1.20

In Kent

Aylesford. 8 Sept. 1260 P.B. Minor: L Blair 1, Maryjane Bealing 2, M Taylor 3, Kathryn L Babbage 4, Shona Colebrook 5, DW Elphick (C) 6. 60p

Maidstone (St Michael & All Angels). 27 Oct. 1260 P.B. Minor: Debbie Elphick 1, Shona Colebrook 2, Kathryn L Babbage 3, M Taylor 4, J C Parker 5, DW Elphick (C) 6. 60p

Ash-by-Wrotham. 29 Nov. 1260 P.B. Doubles: L Blair 1, Debbie Elphick 2, D W Elphick 3, Shona Colebrook (C) 4, Janet M Yeo 5, M Taylor 6. 60p

Maidstone (St Michael & All Angels). 1260 P.B. Minor: Debbie Elphick 1, Shona Colebrook 2, T Cullingworth 3, M Taylor 4, M N Pring 5, D W Elphick (C) 6. To celebrate Fr Paul Gibbons Silver Jubilee of Priesting. 60p

Aylesford. 22 Dec. 1260 P.B. Minor: Shona Colebrook (75th in '91) 1, Kathryn L Babbage 2, J C Parker 3, C T Homewood 4, M Taylor 5, DW Elphick (C) 6. 60p

Aylesford. 12 Jan. 1260 P.B. Minor: Debbie Elphick 1, Janet Yeo 2, Malcolm Taylor 3, Kathryn Babbage 4, Shona Colebrook 5, Darren Elphick (C) 6. £1.20

Maidstone (St Michael & All Angels). 12 Jan. 1440 Single Oxford Minor: Debbie Elphick 1, Kathryn L Babbage 2, Shona Colebrook 3, J C Parker (1st in m) 4, M Taylor 5, D W Elphick (1st in m as C) 6. £1.20

Ash-by-Wrotham. 17 Jan. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Lyn Briers 1, Debbie Elphick 2, Malcolm Taylor 3, Shona Colebrook 4, Darren Elphick (C) 5, Anthony Kilner 6. £1.20

Aylesford. 21 Jan. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Lee Blair 1, Debbie Elphick 2, Shona Colebrook (C) 3, Charlie Homewood 4, Malcolm Taylor 5, Darren Elphick 6. £1.20

Vive la France!

Question: "How do you get a cheap break in the South of France at New Year?" Three easy steps can ensure success.

1. Persuade a member of your hand-bell band to use his hard-earned sabbatical at a conveniently sited French institute.
2. Convince same member that a second East Bergholt Band World Tour is a "whacko wheeze".
3. Descend upon the hapless member like a... well like a group of hand-bell ringers. As well as France, the plan was to visit Switzerland, Italy and Monaco as well. At the ridiculously early hour of 1.30 a.m. three of us set out from East Bergholt on 27th December, still recovering from the Yuletide excesses. Our first objective was to meet Nigel in Geneva hence a day-long drive across France, stopping at the appropriate named village of La Belle Idée to ring a somewhat breezy quarter of Oxford Minor — a birthday compliment to Podge Christian. Far from being a "belle idée", it was a very cold "idée". On to the Campanile Hotel near Geneva. ... hello Nigel!! The following day was spent sight-seeing in the mountains above Geneva and concluded with a quarter on the shores of Lake Geneva. Another long trek took us through the Mont Blanc tunnel to Italy and via Turin ("shrouded" in mist) to Antibes. On New Year's Eve we spent the day in the hills visiting the amazing hill-top village of Gourdon to ring a quarter of Yorkshire in a spot giving us a breath-taking view of the valley below. Ringing almost came to grief when a hang-glider circled within 20 feet of us to satisfy his curiosity and to confirm that there really were lunatics ringing bells on that rocky outcrop. On New Year's Day we rang the specially commissioned date touch by Brian Whiting. A visit to San Remo, lunch bought in the local market followed by a picnic and a quarter on the beach nearby made it seem most unlike the 2nd January. Returning to Antibes through Monaco, we stopped to ring outside the famous casino. Our ringing started poorly but improved as we went on — a Monte Carlo rally one might say. A happy half hour was spent in counting the Rolls Royces before returning to Ville Franche for aperitifs and evening meal — a memorable day. Our last quarter came about only as a result of the ferry back to "Blighty" being delayed for an hour. Thanks to Nigel for the accommodation and making arrangements. There

will be enduring memories of fabulous meals, good wine, great scenery and... oh yes, hand-bells as well. £8

La Belle Idée, France. 27 Dec. 1320 Oxford T.B. Minor: S A Rudd (C) 1-2, Amanda M Whiting 3-4, M C Liebenrood 5-6. Birthday compliment to Podge Christian. £8

Geneva, Switzerland. 28 Dec. 1280 Cambridge S. Major: S A Rudd (C) 1-2, Amanda M Whiting 3-4, N J Newton 5-6, M C Liebenrood 7-8.

Gourdon, France. 31 Dec. 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: S A Rudd (C) 1-2, Amanda M Whiting 3-4, N J Newton 5-6, M C Liebenrood 7-8.

Antibes, France. 1 Jan. 1992 P.B. & L.B. Major (composed by B E Whiting): S A Rudd 1-2, Amanda M Whiting 3-4, N J Newton 5-6, M C Liebenrood 7-8. (No C given). To celebrate the arrival of '92.

Imperia, Italy. 2 Jan. 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: S A Rudd 1-2, Amanda M Whiting 3-4, N J Newton (C) 5-6, M C Liebenrood 7-8.

Monte Carlo, Monaco. 2 Jan. 1280 Oxford T.B. Major: S A Rudd 1-2, Amanda M Whiting 3-4, N J Newton 5-6, M C Liebenrood 7-8. (No C given).

Calais, France. 5 Jan. 1260 P.B. Minor: S A Rudd 1-2, Amanda M Whiting 3-4, M C Liebenrood (C) 5-6.

Alveley, Salop. 8 Feb. 1260 Doubles (2m): Martin Bluck 1, Margaret Whatmore 2, James Cutts 3, Thomas Whatmore 4, Paul Marshall (1st as C.) 5, Jean Marshall 6. To celebrate the inauguration as a Prebendary at Hereford Cathedral of Revd William Massey, former vicar of this Church. £1

Anstey, Leics. 29 Feb. 1260 P.B. Minor: W J Thornton 1, M Fiddler 2, F W Fisher 3, D Akers 4, G B Brown (C) 5, Gail Wade 6. £1

Ash, Som. 11 Feb. 1260 Stedman Doubles: Terence Thomas 1, Jan Sapiezynski 2, Matthew Hillyard 3, Patricia Tucker 4, Patrick Tucker (C) 5, Frederick Sandy 6. £1

Ashford, Kent. 9 Feb. 1296 Cambridge S Minor: D C Manger 1, Karen Lebon 2, Pam A Manger 3, Shirley Marshall 4, Margaret H Ross 5, R H Edwards (C) 6. For Sunday Evensong. £1

Berkhamsted, Herts. 16 Feb. 1260 Grandsire Triples: Valerie Korson 1, Victoria Macdonald (1st in m. inside) 2, Judith Burbidge 3, R M Casserley 4, Margaret Burbidge 5, D Burbidge (C) 6, J Sansom 7, M S H Macdonald 8. A 40th birthday compliment to Victoria Macdonald. £4.50

Birchington, Kent. 9 Feb. 1280 P B Major: Lynda J Thomas 1, Emma J Rothery 2, Hazel B Basford 3, H R Basford 4, D C Sheekey 5, A L Andrews 6, M J Little (C) 7, P R Russell 8. For Evensong. £1.50

Bletchingley, Surrey. 2 Feb. 1260 P B Triples: Angela Price 1, Yvonne P Cooper 2, Diane J Reynolds 3, C D Linington 4, G E Boosey 5, Katharine J Chivers 6, S D Thomas (1st triples as C.) 7, Janne Selmes 8. For Evensong. £1

Bradford-on-Tone, Som. 15 Feb. 1260 Childwall B Minor: Jane F Beveridge 1, W E Dunn 2, J M Levin 3, J G Sargeant 4, R E Colman 5, A F Lee (1725th Q. - C.) 6. 1st in m. by all the band. An 81st birthday compliment to Mrs Peggy Thompson. £1

Bradford-on-Tone, Som. 16 Feb. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: G L Comer 1, Jane F Beveridge (75th on the bells) 2, J Wenham 3, A F Lee (C) 4, A M Hicks 5, D G Richards 6. For the baptism of Samantha Carnell. £1.35

Bridgwater, Som. 9 Feb. 1260 Grandsire Triples: Martin South 1, Frances Pearce 2, Keith Lane 3, Gilbert Davis (C) 4, Fred Sweet 5, Peter Leigh 6, Michael Stone 7, Valerie Stone 8. For Evensong. 80p

Brighton, E Sussex. (St Peter). 6 Feb. 1260 Grandsire Triples: J E Hawes (C) 1, T Reeves 2, M Haigh 3, G Usher 4, N Cullen 5, P Nancarrow 6, D Kirkaldy 7, T Bagnall 8. For Accession Day. £1.60

Bristol, Avon. (St Ambrose). 29 Jan. 1260 P B Minor: Frances Pearce 1, Edward James (1st inside - aged 13) 2, Stephen Rich 3, Bill Wilkinson 4, Stephen Bateman (C) 5, Andrew Thompson 6. On the back-6. 80p

Broad Chalke, Wilts. 9 Feb. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: E Fry 1, M Penney (C) 2, M Golden 3, R Jones 4, R Fry (1st inside) 5, D Gilbert 6. For Morning Service. £1.40

Bushey, Herts. 10 Feb. 1280 Preston S Major: James Gamble 1, Ian Blake 2, Terry Streeter 3, Stuart Talbot 4, Guy Morton 5, Richard Hunt 6, John Peverett (C) 7, Andrew Alldrick 8. 1st in m. by all. £1

Butcombe, Avon. 9 Feb. 1260 P B Minor: N A Taylor (1st minor) 1, Eleanor Marchant 2, G R Marchant 3, A R Marchant 4, F S Ford 5, M W Fairey (C) 6. As a farewell to Bishop Nigel McCulloch, Bishop of Taunton, leaving the Bath & Wells Diocese to become Bishop of Wakefield. £1

Caistor, Lincs. 2 Feb. 1344 P B Major: J H Clarke 1, Elaine Turner 2, Nancie E Colley 3, K Joan Barton 4, S F Wright 5, D J Prescott 6, L I Barton 7, E W Colley (C) 8. For Evensong. 80p

Cardiff, Glam. (St John the Baptist). 2 Feb. 1260 P B Doubles: John Vesey 1, Susannah Clements 2, Zoe Barker (1st inside) 3, Richard Hall 4, Evan Chapman (1st as C.) 5, Angela Jones 6. £1.50

Cawthorne, S Yorks. 14 Feb. 1272 Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston & Oxford Minor: J Barden 1, C A Moxon 2, D Hamby 3, D N Stables 4, E Stainrod 5, P Charlesworth (C) 6. Ring with the bells open as a thanksgiving for the life of Mr J A Moxon (93), father of the 2nd ringer, on the eve of his funeral. £3

Also: on 15 Feb. 1320 Oxford T B Minor: J Barden 1, E Stainrod 2, G Scaurfield 3, D N Stables (C) 4, B Saunders 5, P Charlesworth 6. With the bells half-muffled at the funeral of Mr J A Moxon, as a token of esteem from the ringers. £3

Chenies, Bucks. 9 Feb. 1260 P B Doubles: A Ainsworth (1st Q.) 1, Sue Walters 2, Denise Owen (1st inside) 3, D J Goodman 4, R W Knight (1st as C.) 5, W Atkins 6. In remembrance by the local band for fellow ringer, Frank Walters, who died one year ago to the day. £1

Chertsey, Surrey. 9 Feb. 1260 Stedman & P B Doubles: Frances Lambeth 1, Susan Loveday 2, Katherine Taylor 3, David West 4, Malcolm Loveday (C) 5, David Haines 6. Half-muffled in memory of Revd George Archibald, Vicar of Chertsey 1950-82, died 3/2/92, aged 79. £1

Chipstable, Som. 25 Jan. 1260 Rev Canterbury PI B Minor: W R Trickey 1, W E Dunn 2, Jane F Beveridge 3, Anne S Stenning 4, J M Levin (C) 5, A F Lee 6. 1st minor in m.; 1, 2 & 3. 80p

Christchurch, N.Z. (St Pauls Papanui). 8 Feb. 1260 P B Triples: R N Richards 1, Patricia Reeve 2, Teena Batterbury 3, Margaret Morrell 4, C Parkin 5, L E Trott 6, R H Idle (C) 7, G W Armitage 8. To welcome our new Vicar, Revd David Pickering to the Parish. 60p

Christchurch, N.Z. (The Cathedral). 8 Feb. 1260 Grandsire Triples: Paul Barrett 1, Christopher Oldham 2, Dr Peter Perry 3, Colin Ward 4, Dr Robert Bennett (C) 5, Michael Clayton 6, Northleigh Reeve 7, Jane Bayley 8. For the wedding of Nicholas Carney & Louise Hull.

Christchurch Priory, Dorset. 29 Dec. 1264 P B Major: Barbara L Jones 1, Susan E Unsworth 2, Gillian W Davis 3, J Statham 4, Catherine V Gibson 5, Rosemary J Rogers 6, J R Pratt 7, P W Tomes (C) 8. For Evensong. 1st Q. on the back-8 since rehanging. £2

Clenchwinton, Norfolk. 13 Feb. 1260 Doubles (4m): Cathryn A Walker 1, M A Walker (1st in 2 m.) 2, H T Greenacre 3, C J Warboys (C) 4, A D Walker 5. 40p

Colerne, Wilts. 1 Feb. 1260 P B Minor: R Hunt 1, K Sorsby 2, Jacqui Bradburn 3, I Sheppard 4, R W Haynes 5, R N Lawrence (C) 6. Immediately after a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Joan Platt. £1

Drayton, Norfolk. 5 Feb. 1260 Doubles (2m): C Dugdale 1, Sarah Dye 2, Ella Frost 3, Margaret Carter 4, M Howe (C) 5, M Frost 6. On the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the bells, ringers of 3, 4 & 6 being members of the original band. £5

Dublin, Ireland. (SS Augustine & John). 9 Feb. 1260 Grandsire Doubles (768 covering): Bethan Collins 1, June Kelly 2, J Clarke 3, Rachel Collins 4, D N Collins (C) 5, W Clarke 6, Jean Thompson 7, E Taylor 8. For Evening Mass. 1st Q.; 6 & 8. £1

Edenham, Lincs. 10 Feb. 1264 P B Major: Cathryn A Walker (1st major) 1, Daphne P Cox 2, Valerie S Wild 3, G A Dawson 4, R Walker 5, T Maddison 6, W B Cox 7, A D Walker (C) 8. For Rodney, our bellhanger friend, presently working at All Saints, Holbeach. 50p

Eynsford, Kent. 9 Feb. 1260 Grandsire Triples: David Hilling 1, Daphne Paterson 2, Robert Paterson 3, Jane Paterson (1st triples in m. inside) 4, Martin Luffman 5, Matthew Hilling (1st triples in m. as C.) 6, Michael Caswell 7. For Evensong. £1.60

Farnborough, Hants. 9 Feb. 1260 D Court Triples: Gwyneth M Stallard 1, Judy E Couperthwaite 2, J R Peverett 3, W J Couperthwaite 4, Lynne P Hughes 5, H P Reed 6, M J Turner (C) 7, M Pidd 8. 1st in m. by all. £1

Folkingham, Lincs. 27 Jan. 1260 St Clements C B Minor: W B Cox (C) 1, Valerie S Wild 2, Daphne P Cox 3, A B Morris (1st in m.) 4, T Maddison 5, R Osborn 6. 50p

R K Williams 7, M G Clements (C) 8. For Evensong. £1.60

Wotton-under-Edge, Glos. 9 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: Andrew Langley 1, Topsy Oxenham 2, Adrian Woodcock (1st in m. inside) 3, Richard Blacker 4, Andrew Ward 5, Ian Unsworth (C) 6. Rung 'Open' in thanksgiving for the life of Leonard E Savoury, who died 23/1/92 aged 88, a one-time ringer at this Church. 80p

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Aldbury, Herts. 16 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: D Moore 1, Caroline Craufurd 2, Sonia Morris 3, L Haines (C) 4, M Ridgway 5, Pam Dickens (1st Q) 6. For Evensong. £1.20

Ashted, Surrey. 9 Feb, 1288 LB Major: Jennifer Heyworth 1, R M Heyworth (C) 2, Margaret Gray (1st in m) 3, Helen Gazeley (1st in m) 4, D J Cox 5, A J Gray (1st LB Major) 6, R D Chapman (1st in m) 7, R Trueman 8. Birthday compliment to Richard Trueman. For Evensong. £1

Barnsley, S Yorks. 15 Feb, 1320 Woodbine & Oxford TB Minor: V Meade 1, E Stainrod 2, J Barden 3, D N Stables 4, B Saunders (1st TB as C) 5, P Charlesworth 6. £1.20

Barton Turf, Norfolk. 16 Feb, 1440 DNDCBM: D Grey 1, A F Boyce 2, S Jennie Forster 3, J B Gardiner 4, J R Smith (C) 5, A S Forster 6. To celebrate 60 years membership of NDA by A F Boyce. 60p

Bath, Avon (St Michael with St Paul). 9 Feb, 1296 Spiced S Minor (3m): G J Hawkins 1, Carol A Beding (1st spiced) 2, Elizabeth M Boden 3, A Phillips 4, D J Harper (1st spl S minor) 5, D J Kelly (C) 6. For Evensong. £1

Beeston, Notts. 31 Jan, 1259 Grandsire Triples: G L Wilkinson 1, Sylvia J Blackburn (1st in m) 2, Kathryn A M Duller (1st in m) 3, R I Allott (C) 4, R G Davies 5, P S Lacy 6, D J T Wilson 7, I G Vincent 8. After meeting short of changes for a peal. 80p

Blythburgh, Suffolk. 11 Jan, 1272 Norwich S Minor: Brenda Maxfield 1, Mary Allum 2, A D Fisk 3, D Gilbert 4, R D Allum 5, A J Blumfield (C) 6. £1.20

Boughton Monchelsea, Kent. 10 Feb, 1260 Minor (2m): Martin Pring 1, Janet Yeo 2, Glynne Knight 3, Roy Barclay 4, David Bryden 5, Pete Smith (C) 6. £1

Cardiff, S Glam. 13 Feb, 1280 Oxford TB Minor: A S Baker 1-2, W J Goodfellow 3-4, R R Churchill (C) 5-6, J Parker 7-8. £1

Carlton Colville, Suffolk. 11 Jan, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): Brenda Maxfield 1, Mary Allum 2, A D Fisk 3, A J Blumfield 4, R D Allum (C) 5, J P Hardy 6. £1.20

Caterham, Surrey. 16 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Terry 1, Violet Potter 2, K Tidy (1st inside) 3, D G Little 4, K J Matthews (C) 5, R Perryman 6. To celebrate the birth of David Bailey, K Tidy's second grandchild. £2.50

Chester, Ches (Cathedral). 16 Feb, 1346 Yorkshire S Maximus: Helen Foster (1st S Max) 1, Helen S Mitchell 2, K J Rogers 3, A J Wootton 4, W E Court 5, S R Zientek (1st S Max) 6, Melanie R Daw 7, I R Nichols (C) 8, S R Kelly 9, P C Maddocks 10, F Osbaldiston 11, W H Dowse 12. £1.20

Durleigh, Som. 9 Feb, 1260 Cambridge S Minor: A Kent 1, Valerie Stone 2, Yvonne Nicholls (1st Surprise) 3, C T Clarke 4, P Leigh 5, M J Stone (C) 6. For Evensong. 60p

Duxford, Cambs. 15 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Zara D Gardner (1st attempt) 1, Marilyn D Thompson 2, I J Barton 3, P D Hinton (C) 4, Katherine M A Wright 5, J E E Carpenter (1st attempt) 6. £1.20

Euston, Suffolk. 17 Feb, 1260 Minor (2m): Kay Nunn 1, Winifred Ivings 2, C R Nunn 3, J G Stannard 4, H Ivings 5, P V Stannard (C) 6. 76th birthday compliment to H Ivings. Also 40 years ringing at Euston and maintaining the bells and tower. £1

Fairwarp, E Sussex. 16 Feb, 1260 PB Triples: Jill Parsons 1, Terry Gibson 2, Julie Richardson 3, Valerie Howard 4, Ray Parsons 5, P Richardson (C) 6, C Slade 7, J Palmer 8. For Evensong. £1.60

Fiddington, Som. 3 Feb, 1260 Cambridge S Minor: F W Sweet 1, J M Stone 2, Valerie Stone 3, J Brain 4, E T Lee 5, M J Horseman (C) 6. 90th birthday compliment to Jim Lott. 60p

Flixton, Gtr Man. 16 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Andrew Twidell 1, Malcolm Murphy (C) 2, Stan Rummey 3, Bryan Wall 4, Helen Nix (150th Q) 5, Christopher Nix 6. 200th recorded Q on the bells. Engagement compliment to John Holdsworth and Liz Munroe. £1.20

Goldington, Beds. 16 Feb, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Jenny Thompson 1, Janet Collins 2, Sally Cassell 3, Alison Collins 4, Barry Thompson 5, Dennis Green (1st S as C) 6. For Evensong and to celebrate the baptism today of Christopher Thurburn-Huelin. £1

Great Amwell, Herts. 31 Jan, 1260 Double Court Bob Minor: John J Ford 1, Susan L Patterson 2, Shane A Saunders 3, John M Kemp 4, Roy Hornby 5, Anne Saunders (C) 6. £1

Great Ashfield, Suffolk. 16 Jan, 1260 Doubles (4m): Mary Allum 1, Brenda Maxfield 2, L S Sharpe 3, A D Fisk (C) 4, R D Allum 5. In memory of J Sturgeon. Also 23 Jan, 1260 Doubles (2m): A D Fisk (C) 1, Sue Ashton-Jones 2, Brenda Maxfield (1st in m ins) 3, J P Hardy (100th Q) 4, R A G Perryman 5. Birthday compliment to Mr & Mrs P Fisk. £2

Great Batworth, Cambs. 2 Feb, 1260 Christmas Eve/Churchyard Bob Singles: C J Higgins 1, J Haas 2, Julia H Telford 3, D Larke 4. For Candlemas. 80p

Groby, Leics. 16 Feb, 1296 Francis Genius Delight Minor: M Beck 1, Sue J Scott 2, Pamela J Fisher 3, W J Thornton 4, R J Scott 5, F W Fisher (C) 6. For Evensong. 1st in m for all. Birthday compliment to 6. £1

Guiseley, W Yorks. 16 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: W Waller 1, Caroline E Burton 2, A E Marsh (C) 3, R Appleby 4, Susan D Kelk 5, J W Gibson 6, J P Cooper 7, B Haigh 8. £1

Hatfield, Herts. 16 Feb, 1264 PB Major: Anne Saunders 1, Stephanie J Robinson 2, Claire C Nicholson 3, Elizabeth J Drummond-Tyler 4, S Huckle 5, R Rashbrook 6, W R E T Goss 7, S A Saunders (C) 8. A compliment to Sarah & Martin Pascoe, married in this church the previous day. Sarah, the sister of ringer of 2, is a former member of the band. £1

Holford, Som. 3 Feb, 1260 Doubles (11m): E T Lee 1, Valerie Stone (C) 2, M J Horseman 3, J M Stone 4, J Brain 5. 60p

Hollasley, Suffolk. 16 Feb, 1280 Cambridge S Major: M Yardley 1, Micky McBurnie (1st S Major) 2, Jill Wakefield 3, Jill Waterson 4, C Spreadbury 5, A McBurnie (1st S Major) 6, J Williamson 7, B Wakefield (C) 8. £1.60

Hoo St Werburgh, Kent. 16 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Pauline Weller 1, Carole L Spencer 2, Margaret E Pettett 3, D W Moore 4, A D Vidgeon 5, D R Moore (C) 6. For Evensong. £1.20

Hunston, Suffolk. 9 Jan, 1260 Eynesbury Bob Doubles: A D Fisk (C) 1, Brenda Maxfield 2, J P Hardy 3, L S Sharpe 4, R A G Perryman 5. 1st in m by all. Also 30 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A D Fisk (C) 1, J P Hardy 2, Brenda Maxfield 3, R A G Perryman 4, L S Sharpe 5. £2

Lamerton, Devon. 16 Feb, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: W C Boucher 1, Margaret A Reeves 2, J P Burnham 3, P G Bazley 4, E Barnaby 5, T E Barnaby (C) 6. As a warm welcome to the Revd Fr John Rawlings, recently installed as Vicar of Tavistock. 60p

Leighton Bromswold, Cambs. 25 Jan, 1260 Whole Pull PB Doubles: A Dewar 1, Ruth R Ball (C) 2, J Haas 3, D Larke 4, C J Higgins 5. Half-muffled in memory of Biggles, a little dog who had his part in the restoration of Huntingdonshire church bells and for many years gave much pleasure to many people. £1

Limpsfield Chart, Surrey. 2 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Margaret Boosey 1, Jeremy Boosey 2, Douglas Weeks 3, Keith Matthews 4, John Hall 5, Keith Buchan 6. For Choral Evensong. £1.20

Llandaff, S Glam. 2 Feb, 1250 Bristol S Major: D A Perry 1, W J Goodfellow 2, Sara C Phelps 3, R R Churchill (C) 4, A S Baker 5, F B Jackson 6, R C Woodward 7, D J Llewellyn 8. For Candlemas Evensong. Also to congratulate Mr & Mrs J Phillips on their 40th wedding anniversary and Mr & Mrs C Kipling on the birth of a son. £1

Lowestoft, Suffolk. 11 Jan, 1260 Minor (2m): Brenda Maxfield 1, Mary Allum 2, A D Fisk 3, J P Hardy 4, R D Allum 5, A J Blumfield (C) 6. £1.20

Marsham All Saints, Norfolk. 16 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Felicity Wool 1, Catherine Sturgess 2, Rachael Eagle 3, Hannah Wool 4, Stephen Smith 5, David Wool 6, Barbara Caffyn (1st Trip as C) 7, Caroline Davies (1st Triples) 8. To congratulate 5 for his birthday, 4 for passing her driving test, and 1 for attaining a sixth form scholarship. £1

Navenby, Lincs. 16 Feb, 1260 Doubles (5m):

Dinah Oxby 1, Judith J Williamson 2, Jenny Campbell-Walker (most m) 3, Keith Oxborough (most m) 4, Barbara Clipsham (C) 5, Frank Bloomfield 6. 50p

Oaksey, Wilts. 30 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: S Walker (1st in m) 1, Diana Eyre 2, A J Cox 3, S J Smith 4, R Gray (C) 5, B J Harvey 6. Half-muffled in memory of Alexander Philip Jones, aged 5 months. £1

Orsett, Essex. 15 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Avril Longley 1, Elizabeth D Hull 2, T G Hull (C) 3, Clare J Mitchell 4, D G Hull 5, J P Browne 6. Following completion of major repair work to tower and church. Very belated 21st birthday compliment to 5. 250th together 2 & 3. £1

Overton, Hants (The Campanile). 13 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Hannah R Cook 1, Christine Holmes 2, D A Holmes (C) 3, A P Lewis 4, M B Hough 5, M R O Garnett 6. 1st doubles on the bells. £1

Polstead, Suffolk. 16 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Elsie Braybrook 1, Pam Sephton 2, D Lugg 3, R Walker 4, N Wade 5, E Hynard (C) 6. In thanksgiving for the life of Air Marshal Sir Gareth Clayton, churchwarden and friend. £1

Priston, Avon. 9 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: E Lippiatt 1, V Bowring 2, Sheila Matthews (C) 3, J Wilkinson 4, Jill Wilkinson 5, T Hughes 6. For Evensong. Half-muffled in memory of Kelston Lippiatt, father of treble, and of Rosina Pearce-Simmonds, grandmother of a former tower captain, and Tom Lovejoy. 60p

Reading, Berks (94 Eastern Ave). 15 Feb, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: P J R Bevis (1st S in hand) 1-2, Helen M McGregor 3-4, A M Farmer (C) 5-6. 50p

Ringmer, E Sussex. 16 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Marian Stamp 1, Liz Clifford 2, Ruth Peters (1st in m) 3, John Stamper 4, Jonathan Franklin (C) 5, Bill Merritt 6. £1

Rockwell Green, Som. 12 Feb, 1260 Doubles (5m incl Stedman): A Cooke 1, D Bowden 2, W E Dunn 3, Anne Stenning 4, J M Levin (C) 5, F G Gardner 6. By the Wednesday group. £1

Rowbarrow, Som. 7 Feb, 1260 Doubles (4m): J G Cook 1, Valerie Stone (760th Q) 2, J Boorman 3, Margaret Trimm 4, J S Walton (C) 5, C A Swatton 6. 60p

Saltburn, Cleve. 16 Feb, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Linda M Shipp 1, Dorothy Ainsworth 2, P R Stevens 3, C E M Ainsworth 4, W J P Wlshart 5, N D Pictor (C) 6. 40th birthday compliment to Mrs D Ainsworth. For Evensong. £1

Sawston, Cambs. 16 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Marilyn Thompson 1, Nicola Thompson 2, Katherine Wright 3, Andrew Dalgleish 4, Stuart Abercrombie 5, Peter Hinton (C) 6. After Morning Service and Baptism. £1.20

Silkstone, S Yorks. 13 Feb, 1272 Oxford TB Minor: C A Simpson (1st TB) 1, E Stainrod 2, J Barden 3, D Stables 4, B Saunders 5, P Charlesworth (C) 6. £1.06

South Brisbane, Queensland. 25 Jan, 1260 PB Doubles: Janetta L Stoddart 1, D F Driver (C) 2, Lyn Burns 3, Mavis Driver 4, J R Sibbald (1st inside) 5, P F J Burns 6. £1

Thatcham, Berks. 2 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Jennifer Butler 1, Adrian Moon 2, Peter Bridle 3, Peter Brown 4, Ronald Christopher 5, Richard Sams (C) 6. For Candlemas. 50p

Thrandeston, Suffolk. 26 Jan, 1320 PB Minor: Michelle Chapman 1, Brenda Maxfield 2, Mary Allum 3, J P Hardy 4, R D Allum 5, A D Fisk (C) 6. £1.20

Thrybergh, S Yorks. 16 Feb, 1260 PB Doubles: Amy Hunter (1st Q) 1, Helen C Turner 2, Neil Donovan (C) 3, Felicity A Bunting 4, R Adrian Davies 5, Martin Coles 6. 70p

Thurloxton, Som. 3 Feb, 1260 Doubles (5m): J Brain 1, Valerie Stone (C) 2, E T Lee 3, J M Stone 4, M J Horseman 5. 60p

Tilehurst, Berks. 2 Feb, 1280 PB Major: June Winter 1, Wendy E Sandham 2, P J Sandham 3, Daphne Howcutt 4, Eunice A Wark 5, S R Smith II 6, E J Wells 7, D G Winter (C) 8. For Candlemas. £1

Whittle-le-Woods, Lancs. 5 Jan, 1280 Kent TB Major: David Tester 1, Jean Barnes 2, Ann-Marie Hopkins 3, David Marsden 4, Brian Ellis 5, Colin Tester 6, Alastair Hopkins 7, John Parsons (C) 8. For Evensong. £1.20

Wiveliscombe, Som. 9 Feb, 1260 Doubles (5m incl Stedman): Anne Stenning (550th Q) 1, Sue

Green (most m) 2, J M Levin 3, A Somefield 4, Preb C J B Marshall (C) 5, F G Gardner 6. For Evensong. £1

Wivenhoe, Essex 9 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Adrienne Wood 1, Vyvyenne Chamberlain (1st in m) 2, Liz Humphrey 3, Eric Sparling 4, Jerry Reid (1st as C) 5, Thom Reid 6. A farewell compliment to the Revd Stephen Hardie, Rector of this parish for 16 years. £5

Wotton Underwood, Bucks. 15 Feb, 1260 PB Minor: Julie Haseldine 1, Emma Haseldine 2, Mavis Clarke 3, F Keen 4, C Meakes 5, A Haseldine (C) 6. 13th birthday compliment to 2. £1.50

Wrentham, Suffolk 11 Jan, 1260 PB Minor: Mary Allum 1, A D Fisk (C) 2, Brenda Maxfield 3, R D Allum 4, D Gilbert 5, A J Blumfield 6. Birthday compliment to David Maxfield. £1.20

Yaxley, Suffolk 26 Jan, 1260 Armitage is the Name Bob Minor: Brenda Maxfield 1, Michelle Chapman 2, Mary Allum 3, R D Allum 4, J P Hardy 5, A D Fisk (C) 6. 1st in m by all. £1.20

Adelaide, S.Australia 22 Feb, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Matthew Sorell 1, Kaye Lynas 2, Philippa Camphee 3, Anne Haskard 4, Susan Tonkin 5, Matthew Ball 6, Philip Goodyer 7, Ian Harris (C) 8. After a wedding. (Annual)

Barking, Suffolk 15 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: P M L Day 1, W O Hewitt (1st minor inside) 2, Valerie A Mayhew 3, S D Edson 4, D R Barnard (C) 5, J R Slack 6. Birthday compliment to Val Mayhew. £1

Barrowby, Lincs. 24 Jan, 1260 P B Minor: J Faircloth 1, Barbra Cain 2, W Cain (1st minor inside) 3, Mary Faircloth 4, P Shipman (C) 5, M Bradwell 6. £1

Battle, Sussex 13 Feb, 1260 Doubles (11m): S J Bailey 1, Jenny Parker 2, P J Penney 3, Louise G Pink 4, A D Pink (C) 5, R J Smith 6. By the Guild of St Agatha. Mostm: 2,3. 60p

Beckford, Worcs. 18 Feb, 1260 P B Doubles: David Lane 1, Ron Miers 2, Andrew Middlecott 3, Ken Pratt 4, Kevin Jones (1st as C) 5, Steve Edmondson 6. For the 40th Anniversary of HRH Queen Elizabeth II accession to the throne, also for the birth of Charles James Middlecott born on 11th February. 50p

Benhilton, Surrey 16 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Karen M Linklater (1st triples) 1, Ann Murrells 2, Elizabeth A LeBihan 3, R J Cheesman 4, Janet R Thomas 5, Sheila M Cheesman (C) 6, P W S Richardson 7, S M Stranks 8. For Evensong. (Annual)

Chart Sutton, Kent 10 Feb, 1320 Spl S Minor (L,C): John Cooper 1, Roderick Lebon 2, Darren Moore 3, Richard Edwards 4, Dickon Love 5, Mark Gilham (C) 6. 90p

Cheriton, Kent 22 Feb, 1260 Doubles (2m): G Whittaker 1, Ro Edmond 2, A King (C) 3, Wendy King 4, S Popple 5, M Maytum (1st Q) 6, Charlotte Edmond (1st as cover) 7, Karen Hudston 8. £1.60

Chipping Campden, Glos. 18 Feb, 1260 Stedman Triples: P Quin 1, Jackie Hands 2, D Hammond 3, J Smart 4, J Nicholls 5, C Wilson (1st in m inside) 6, G D Payne (1st as C) 7, R Gilks 8. £1

Christchurch, Dorset 18 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Gillian Davis 1, Paul Tomes (C) 2, Jenny Orchard 3, John Statham 4, Giles Wood 5, Rosemary Rogers 6, Nigel Orchard 7, David Lay 8. Engagement compliment to Rachel Trevor-Morgan (Vicar's daughter) and Andrew Mylne. £2

Colwall, Herefords. 2 Feb, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: R G T Morris (C) 1, D Fox 2, J M Goldrick 3, Ruth Morris 4, Felicity Goldrick 5, Nicola Seabright 6, P G Morgan 7, D P Bagley 8. £3.50

Dallington, Sussex 15 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: R J Smith 1, Jenny Parker 2, A D Pink 3, P J Penney 4, S J Bailey (1st in m) 5, Louise G Pink (C) 6. By the Guild of St Agatha. 60p

Darfield, S Yorks. 9 Feb, 1260 P B Doubles: Kay Valentine 1, Ann-Marie Holmes (1st inside) 2, B Marshall 3, C Walton 4, M King (C) 5, Vicky Bielby 6. Prior to morning service to mark the 40th Anniversary of the Accession to the throne of HM Queen Elizabeth II. 50p

Dumbleton, Glos. 7 Feb, 1260 Single Oxford Bob Minor: John Collett 1, Clare French 2, John Spencer 3, Martyn Hawkes (C) 4, Ronald Daniels 5, Alfred French 6. £1

Dursley, Glos. 16 Feb, 1280 P B Major: Janet Fox 1, Anne Pope 2, D Bleaken 3, L Martin 4, R Grover

5, N Martin 6, Elizabeth Byrne (C) 7, J Taylor 8. On Confirmation Day. 80p

Eccleshall, Staffs. 15 Feb, 1280 P B Major: Mary Sharp 1, Kath Adams 2, Louise Baskerville 3, W G Griffiths 4, D Baskerville 5, J Went 6, A S Whittall 7, C Adams (C) 8. First major: 3,5. To celebrate the marriage of Carolyn Lea and David Cooke. 50p

Edinburgh, Lothian. (St Cuthbert) no date given, 1320 Oxford T B Minor: John Jenkins (C) 1, Sarah K Buchanan 2, Clare Rogers 3, E Ryder 4, C J C Taylor 5, M B Broe 6. 1st TB - 2. For SACR Diamond Jubilee. £2

Haddiscoe, Norfolk 17 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Maxine K Fennell 1, T F Crawford 2, Vanessa A Crawford 3, L E Hassall 4, M S Dann (C) 5. On the eve of the 62nd anniversary of the discovery of the planet Pluto. £1

Harlington, Middx. no date given, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jill Hupman 1, David Holdridge (most doubles m) 2, David Ambler 3, Christopher Marshall (1st as C) 4, Michael Sealey 5, John Sealey 6. £1.50

Hartfield, E Sussex 20 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: Daphne Booker (1st att) 1, Rosemary Russell 2, Betty Green 3, Jacqueline Hunter 4, John Palmer 5, Peter Howard (C) 6. £1

Hayes, Middx. 20 Feb, 1740 P B Minor: Marie Balderson 1, Elsie Savory 2, Audrey Andrews 3, Anita Adams 4, David Pickett 5, Philip Murphy (C) 6, Darren Pickett (cover) 7. In memory of Mrs Edith Russ, wife of Ron and mother to Stephen & Ian, of Hillingdon. £3.50

Hersham, Surrey 4 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Genebeth Webb 1, Claire Howells (1st inside) 2, Dawn Howells 3, D Mealar 4, M C Webb (C) 5, C D J Webb 6. £1.20

Ipsley, Worcs. 7 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Jenny Lee (most doubles) 1, Tracey Griffiths 2, Rosemary Humphrey (joint C) 3, B D Humphrey 4, J Newbold (joint C) 5, Katie Mann (most m) 6. For Rosie's and Emma T's birthdays; also Katie Newbold's 21st birthday; for victory in "The Battle of the Wall"; and compliment to Bill's Mini on having working brakes. £1

Loughborough, Leics. (All Saints) 9 Feb, 1259 Grandsire Triples: Sarah C Worrall 1, N J Parr 2, R C Graves 3, R J Cheeseman 4, R M Wilson 5, R C L Brown 6, A D Higson (C) 7, Rowan P Wilson (1st on 8) 8. Prior to Evensong. As a golden wedding compliment to Horace and Lillian Myatt. £1

Luccombe, Som. 19 Jan, 1260 P B Doubles: T J Buckley 1, Audrey Westall 2, Anne Stenning 3, F H Davies (C) 4, J N Levin 5, F Kingdon 6. 1st Q: 1, well done Timothy. £1

Marchington, Staffs. 8 Feb, 1440 Cambridge S Minor: R J Burbidge 1, Eileen Fenwick 2, Noreen Appleby 3, Mavis Burbidge 4, A S Burbidge (C) 5, R Barnett 6. £1

Meldreth, Cambs. 18 Feb, 1260 Stedman Triples: John Gipson 1, Michael Beadman 2, Walter Hunt 3, Geoffrey Pearson 4, Maurice Collings 5, Richard Green 6, David Hawkins (1st in m as C) 7, Christopher Martin 8. In thanksgiving for the life and work, as a Reader in this Parish, of Derek Owensmith. £2

Ockham, Surrey 11 Jan, 1260 Minor (Cambridge S & P B): J G Young 1, D G Lodge 2, Louise J Collard 3, Christine M Tendall 4, D J Eyles 5, M C Webb (C) 6. In memorium to R Buchanan-Torrance, grandfather of the ringer of the 5th. Also 15 Feb, 1320 Minor (Kent T B & Double Oxford Bob): Louise J Collard 1, R Marsh 2, D G Lodge 3, J G Young 4, Christine Tendall 5, M C Webb (C) 6. £1.60

Papanui, N.Z. 14 Feb, 1280 P B Major: C D C Oldham 1, Patricia Reeve 2, N F E Reeve 3, Megan Clayton 4, Margaret Morrell 5, Anne Jenner 6, S Jenner 7, R H Idle (C) 8. Valentines Day Quarter. 60p

Peterborough, Cambs. (Cathedral) 16 Feb, 1440 Oakham S Royal: P N Green 1, Judith M Corby 2, Alison R Willgress 3, I N Willgress 4, Sally A Mason 5, J M Roffe 6, R H Rogers (C) 7, P C Warboys 8, A M Farmer (500th Q) 9, R K Mason 10. For Evensong. £1.20

Prospect, S.Australia 16 Feb, 1280 Spl S Major (8m): Robert Allan 1, Philip Goodyer 2, Ian Harris 3, Amanda Heyes 4, Douglas Bell 5, Matthew Sorell 6, Matthew Ball (C) 7, Fiona Prince 8. For the birthday of the ringer of the tenor. (Annual)

St Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex 16 Feb, 1260 Huntley Place Doubles: Joyce Spencer 1, P J Penney 2, A D Pink (C) 3, Louise G Pink 4, Jenny Parker 5, A Harrison 6. Half-muffled by the Guild of St Agatha for the funeral Vespers for Gilbert Hagger. 60p

Saltburn, Cleveland. 18 Feb, 1320 Kent T B Minor: Dorothy Ainsworth 1, Phil Stevens 2, Stephen Lamb 3, Carl Ainsworth 4, Peter Wishart 5, Norman Pictor 6. 1st touch of Kent - 4. Tuesday Practice Quarter. £1

Seaford, E Sussex. 6 Feb, 1260 Doubles (2m): R Audus 1, Jill Chilcott 2, A Thompsett 3, Linda Perkins 4, S Lucas (C) 5, F Smith 6. To celebrate the 40th anniversary of H.M. The Queen's accession to the throne. £1

Staple Fitzpaine, Som. 12 Feb, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: G Warren 1, Rachel C Drew 2, Mary A F Drew 3, Mandy Spearing 4, P J Hart 5, J G Sargeant (C) 6. 1st in m: 1,2,3,4,5. £1.20

Syresham, Northants. 14 Feb, 1260 Stedman Doubles: C Truman (C) 1, Julie Blencowe 2, Philippa Macmahon 3, I Chapple 4, P Curtis 5, H Lloyd (1st Q) 6. To celebrate completion of the new ringing chamber screen. 1st in m: 2,3. £1

Wellesbourne, Warks. 9 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Copson 1, E J Copson 2, Tracy Reader (1st away from treble) 3, S J Oram 4, C A R Loman (C) 5, D Baker 6. For Evensong, and as a welcome to Andrew (8 months) who has joined the family of Simon, Sheila and Mark Oram. £1

Wimbleton, London SW19. 8 Feb, 1260 Doubles (2m): Pippa Vaughan (1st on treble) 1, Susan Rance 2, Sylvia Davies 3, C Rance 4, L Davies (C) 5, D Hedges 6. £1.20

Wroxham, Norfolk. 16 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: J R Broadest 1, S W Gall 2, C Curson 3, Rachael Seamon 4, C Bird 5, K E Frostwick (C) 6. A compliment to Rev H Cedric Bradbury rung following his last service at this Church prior to his Institution as Rector of the Great Massingham Group. £1.50

Yapton, Sussex. 15 Feb, 1296 S Minor (Norwich & Cambridge): Marjorie Kemp 1, Susan D McNaughton 2, Susan M Spencer 3, H M McNaughton 4, Ann Daughtry 5, C R Spencer (C) 6. 85th birthday compliment to Jack Daughtry. 60p

SEVEN IN A DAY

7th March 1992

We aimed for EIGHT in a day, but general tiredness made us unlucky with the Cambridge Major in the evening at Folkestone. Thank you Maggie for organising it - here's to the next one!

Lylinge, Kent. 1260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy King 1, Janice Leeke (C) 2, Margaret Ross 3, Michelle Scott 4, Richard Edwards 5, Arthur King 6, Brian Butcher 7, Nigel Spencer 8. 50th together-2, 3. For Lent.

Bradbourne, Kent. 1272 Norwich S. Minor: Brian Lawrence 1, Jane Wallace 2, Margaret Ross 3, Mike Godfrey 4, Arthur King 5, Richard Edwards (C) 6. First in method-2. Compliment to the Bishop of Maidstone on his appointment as Bishop of Bradford.

Hythe, Kent. 1256 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major: Arthur King 1, Nigel Spencer 2, Janice Leeke 3, Margaret Ross 4, Mike Godfrey 5, Richard Edwards 6, Richard Birch (C) 7, Brian Butcher 8. First Spliced Major in methods for all. For a wedding.

Saltwood, Kent. 1260 Minor (2m): Michelle Scott 1, Wendy King 2, Margaret Ross 3, John Criddle 4, Mike Godfrey 5, Brian Butcher (C) 6. Birthday compliment to Maureen Criddle.

Lympne, Kent. 1272 Kent T. B. Minor: Wendy King 1, Michelle Scott 2, Margaret Ross 3, Janice Leeke 4, Mike Godfrey 5, Richard Edwards (C) 6. First in method-2. To celebrate England's victory over Wales in the Rugby at Twickenham today.

Burmarsh, Kent. 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Mike Godfrey 1, Margaret Ross 2, Wendy King 3, Michelle Scott 4, Moira Murphy (C) 5, Richard Edwards 6. First of Minor in method-3.

Brookland, Kent. 1296 Beverley and Surfleet S. Minor: Janice Leeke 1, Margaret Ross 2, Moira Murphy 3, Simon Dixon 4, Arthur King 5, Richard Edwards (C) 6. Rung just to prove that our quarter in these methods last year wasn't a fluke! (But, David, we still miss you. . .) £7

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Eastern Branch Quarter Peal Day

In one of Pam Copson's excellent little books we are exhorted to take ringing opportunities when they arise so, given the occurrence of the palindromic leap year day falling on a Saturday, the chance was seized. We decided to ring a quarter. To increase the chances of actually getting one we decided to make it a quarter peal day.

While the Eastern Branch does not yet exist in constitutional terms it now exists by repute and tradition and it was an honour for me to ring in the inaugural quarter peal and to share in the success of the rest of the day.

We did rely on the kind support of some ringers from outside the area and, of course, had to make use of towers from other branches. We are most grateful for this assistance.

It is the case that one is not permitted to make any criticisms of ringing installations or ringers in these columns and thus I have to say that all the bells were excellent and the ringing was of a high standard throughout the day. I have not yet rung at Coughton since the rehang but I am sure that they are an excellent ring in every way. A.J.B.

Redditch, Worcs. 29 Feb, 1280 P.B. Major: A E Hartley 1, Beryl Hartley 2, Rosie Humphrey 3, B D Humphrey 4, J Newbold 5, P M Evans 6, A J Barnfield 7, D Bagley (C) 8.

Alvechurch, Worcs. 1260 P.B. Triples: A J Barnfield 1, J Newbold 2, B D Humphrey 3, Rosie Humphrey 4, P M Evans 5, D Bagley (1st in m) 6, A E Hartley (C) 7, Beryl Hartley 8.

Bedley, Worcs. 1260 St Clements Bob Minor: Rosie Humphrey 1, A J Barnfield (circ twr) 2, B D Humphrey 3, J Newbold 4, A E Hartley 5, D Bagley (C) 6.

Studley, Warwicks. 1272 London S. Minor: Beryl Hartley 1, A E Hartley 2, R Bradley 3, A J Hartley 4, A J Barnfield 5, D Bagley (75th as C) 6.

Ipsley, Worcs. 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: A J Hartley 1, D Bagley (250th Q) 2, R Bradley 3, J Newbold 4, A J Barnfield 5, A E Hartley (C) 6.

Bedley, Worcs. 1 Mar, 1320 P.B. Doubles: Beryl Hartley 1, K Hawkesford 2, J Merrell 3, G Sreeves 4, A J Barnfield 5, A E Hartley (C) 6. For Evensong on St David's Day. £9.70

West Dorset Branch Quarters

Symondsburry, Dorset. 1 Feb, 1320 Bluebell Doubles: Timothy Andrews 1, Sylvia Furzey 2, Melvyn Hiller (C) 3, Kenneth Furzey 4, Bernard Gildersleve 5, Jack Follett 6. 1st in v: 2,4,6. Specially arranged and rung so that the band could offer their congratulations to Henry G Keeley, of Lyme Regis, who celebrated his 86th birthday the previous Wednesday.

Sherborne Abbey, Dorset. 2 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Susan Legge 1, David Ellery 2, Ivan Andrews 3, Roger Smith 4, Bernard Gildersleve 5, Graham Colborne 6, Melvyn Hiller (C) 7, Timothy Andrews 8. For Evensong. 475th tog: 7,8.

Uplyme, Devon. 4 Feb, 1320 Newborough Doubles: Delie Perry 1, Kenneth Furzey 2, Sylvia Furzey 3, Bernard Gildersleve 4, Melvyn Hiller (C) 5, Peter Symonds 6. A thanksgiving for the life and work of Peter Ransford, whose funeral took place in this church earlier in the day. Members of Peter's family were in the church throughout the quarter peal. 75th tog: 3,4. 1st in v: 1,2,3,6.

Cattistock, Dorset. 5 Feb, 1320 Daffodil Doubles: Peter Symonds 1, Sylvia Furzey 2, Melvyn Hiller (C) 3, Kenneth Furzey 4, Bernard Gildersleve 5, Malcolm Waterfall 6. 1st in v: 1,2,4,6. On the feast of St Agatha, patron saint of bell-founders.

Broadwindsor, Dorset. 8 Feb, 1320 Longparish Doubles: Ivan Andrews 1, Sylvia Furzey 2, Melvyn Hiller (C) 3, Christopher Longridge 4, Kenneth Furzey 5, Bernard Gildersleve 6. 1st in v: 1,2,4,5. 500th Doubles: 3.

Bradpole, Dorset. 9 Feb, 1320 St Quintin Doubles: Timothy Andrews 1, Sylvia Furzey 2, Melvyn Hiller (750th as C) 3, Kenneth Furzey 4, Ivan Andrews 5, Malcolm Waterfall 6. For Evensong. 75th tog: 4,5. 25th in the tower: 4. 1st in v: 2,4.

Powerstock, Dorset. 12 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Bernard Gildersleve 1, Ivan Andrews 2, Melvyn Hiller (C) 3, Kenneth Furzey 4, Timothy

Andrews 5, Peter Symonds (25th Q) 6. 25th tog: 3,6. Specially arranged and rung as a thanksgiving for the life of Elaine Sykes, buried at this church on Tuesday February 11th 1992 aged 90 years. Elaine and her late husband, Percy, donated the treble bell at Powerstock in 1960 in memory of their son, Wilfred, thus augmenting the ring from five to six bells.

Stoke Abbott, Dorset. 19 Feb, 1320 Broadwas Doubles: Peter Symonds 1, Timothy Andrews 2, Kenneth Furzey 3, Melvyn Hiller (C) 4, Bernard Gildersleve 5. 1st in v by all.

Bradpole, Dorset. 23 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia Furzey 1, Ivan Andrews 2, Timothy Andrews (100th Triples) 3, Kenneth Furzey 4, Michael Stone 5, Melvyn Hiller (C; 225th Triples) 6, Valerie Stone 7, Malcolm Waterfall 8. For Evensong, and also to mark the 75th anniversary of the death of Rev Charles Frederick Langford, founder of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

Puddletown, Dorset. 29 Feb, 1320 Oddington Doubles: Ivan Andrews 1, Sylvia Furzey 2, Kenneth Furzey 3, Bernard Gildersleve 4, Melvyn Hiller (C; 1125th Q) 5, Timothy Andrews (325th Doubles) 6. To welcome Ashley David Mears born 03/02/92. 1st in v by all.

Upwey, Dorset. 29 Feb, 1320 Nettlebed Doubles: Timothy Andrews 1, Melvyn Hiller (C) 2, Sylvia Furzey 3, Kenneth Furzey 4, Bernard Gildersleve 5, Ivan Andrews 6. 1st in v by all. £7

Isle of Wight Quarters

Niton. 2 Feb, 1250 Bourne S. Minor: Stephen Noyes (C) 1, June Mitchell 2, Margaret Colquhoun 3, Beccy Noyes 4, Graham Nobbs 5, Paul Miller 6. For Candlemas.

Carisbrooke. 2 Feb, 1250 Pudsey S. Major: Stephen Noyes (C) 1, Jane Weir 2, June Mitchell 3, Elise Barnard 4, Beccy Noyes 5, Darren Avey 6, David Weir 7, Graham Nobbs 8. For Evensong. 1st blows in m: 2,3,4,5,6 and by I.W. band. Also 9 Feb, 1344 Vectis S. Major: Margaret Colquhoun 1, Stephen Noyes (C) 2, June Mitchell 3, Elise Barnard 4, Beccy Noyes 5, Barry Downer 6, Graham Nobbs 7, David Weir 8. For Evensong. 1st blows in m by all.

Brightstone. 16 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Beccy Noyes (joint C) 1, Stephen Noyes 2, Angela Marlow 3, Luke Targett 4, Mike Marlow (joint C) 5, Ann Morris 6. For joint Methodist Chapels Service.

Carisbrooke. 23 Feb, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: David Weir 1, David Brewer (1st in m) 2, Jane Weir 3, Elise Barnard 4, Beccy Noyes 5, Luke Targett 6, Graham Nobbs 7, Stephen Noyes (C) 8. For Evensong. £4

Five In A Day

The weather in February tends to be a bit unpredictable and hardly conducive to going out for a day's worth of quarter peals. However, it is better than going to work, and when you have Christine Millar to persuade/cajole you and do all the organising, what can go wrong? So it was that a band was assembled on what turned out to be one of the finest spring days so far this year.

The remarkable wooden tower, which has a tendency to be mobile, at Burstow was the first venue, where Richard kept everyone guessing which method would be next in a quarter of mixed doubles. This quarter also produced some remarkable interpretations of Winchendon Placel On to Charlwood, admiring the planes coming into Gatwick all the way, and Grandsire Doubles was soon echoing out across the village with the organiser ringing her first inside in fine style. By now it felt like it should be lunchtime, but alas, there was still one to be rung on the light six at Capel. After a brief discussion on the merits of Stedman, and an unkind reminder that we had lost a quarter of it here last year, we adopted Rachel's suggestion of Double Oxford.

The arrival of reinforcements in the form of Pam Emy, and refreshments courtesy of the aptly named Six Bells at Newdigate, put us in fine form for the other six bells over the road. Like Burstow, the tower at Newdigate is a masterpiece of mediaeval carpentry. Pam called a quarter of Bob Doubles here with great confidence and the rest of the band

rose to the occasion and produced the best ringing of the day.

We had started the day with the news that one ringer had gone down with the flu: with a frantic phone call and a promise of an exciting quarter, Chris Cooper was persuaded to join us at Rudgwick for Bob Major. It had been Christine's ambition to ring her first of major this day, but somehow selecting an anticlockwise eight seemed to be pushing one's luck somewhat. However, the bells seemed to know the tune even if one or two of the more experienced performers did not, and in due course success was ours. We are very grateful to the five Churches where we were allowed to ring and to Christine for the precision arrangements. Keith J. Matthews

Burstow, Surrey. 27 Feb, 1260 Doubles (7m): Christine Millar 1, Rachel Baldock 2, David Wheeler 3, George Boosey 4, Richard Wallis (C) 5, Keith Matthews 6.

Charlwood, Sussex. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Rachel Baldock (C) 1, David Wheeler 2, Christine Millar (1st inside) 3, George Boosey 4, Keith Matthews 5, Richard Wallis 6.

Capel, Surrey. 27 Feb, 1260 Double Oxford Minor: Christine Millar 1, David Wheeler 2, Richard Wallis 3, Rachel Baldock 4, George Boosey 5, Keith Matthews (C) 6. 1st in m: 2,5.

Newdigate, Surrey. 1260 P.B. Doubles: Rachel Baldock 1, Keith Matthews 2, George Boosey 3, David Wheeler 4, Pamela Emy (C) 5, Christine Millar 6.

Rudgwick, Sussex. 1280 P.B. Major: Christine Millar 1, Richard Wallis 2, Pamela Emy 3, George Boosey 4, David Wheeler 5, Rachel Baldock 6, Christopher Cooper 7, Keith Matthews (C) 8. 1st Major; 1,3.

Oxted, Surrey. 1260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Christine Millar 1, John Hall 2, George Boosey 3, Douglas Weeks 4, David Wheeler (C) 5, Margaret Boosey 6. In celebration of Guy Bennett's 20 years as Rector of Oxted parish, and as a 'get well' compliment to Marjorie Howarth. £5

Anstey, Leics. 19 Feb, 1250 Ipswich S. Minor: W J Thornton 1, Ann Brown 2, C Newman 3, Gail Wade 4, F W Fisher 5, G B Brown (C) 6. Also 26 Feb, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: I Mellor (1st T.B.) 1, W J Thornton 2, Gail Wade 3, M Pendery 4, F W Fisher 5, G B Brown 6. £2.20

Bermundsey, London SE16. 1 Oct, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: James Hardy 1, Sara Phelps 2, Nick Jones (C) 3, Garry Barr 4, Russell Collins 5, James Sawle 6. Also 22 Jan, 1280 Superlative S. Major: George Doughty 1, Helen Normington 2, Sara Phelps 3, Ed Webb 4, James Normington 5, Garry Barr 6, James Hardy 7, David Bagley (C) 8. 1st in m: 4 and as C. £1

Biggin Hill, Kent. 16 Jan, 1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: M A S Jones 1, Sara C Phelps 2, D P Macey 3, N Pointer 4, A D Saunders 5, J J Hardy (C) 6. 1st blows in m: 3,4. 1st in m: 5. £1.20

Bisley, Glos. 5 Jan, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: I D Bucknell 1, Kay Exell 2, Lisa Trinder 3, A P Hendy 4, R E Bucknell (C) 5, S J Bucknell 6. For Evensong. Also 19 Jan, 1264 P.B. Major: Sarah Dickenson (25th Q) 1, Rachel Saunders 2, Kay Exell 3, Wendy Schofield 4, I D Bucknell 5, A P Hendy 6, R E Bucknell (200th in the tower) 7, S J Bucknell (C) 8. For Youth Fellowship Service. Also 2 Feb, 1296 L.B. Major: Gill Hopwood (1st L.B.) 1, Kay Exell 2, Lisa Trinder 3, Rachel Saunders 4, A P Hendy (1st inside) 5, I D Bucknell 6, P A Barton 7, R E Bucknell (C) 8. For Evensong. Also 9 Feb, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Gill Hopwood 1, Rachel Saunders 2, I D Bucknell 3, A P Hendy 4, Kay Exell 5, Wendy Schofield 6, Lisa Trinder 7, R E Bucknell (C) 8. For Evensong. Also 16 Feb, 1260 P.B. Triples: Rachel Saunders 1, Gill Hopwood (1st P.B. Triples) 2, Lucy Burrows 3, Wendy Schofield 4, Kay Exell 5, Lisa Trinder 6, R E Bucknell (C) 7, A P Hendy 8. Prior to the first service (Evensong) taken by the Rev Ian Farrow, who was inducted the previous day. Also 23 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sarah Dickenson 1, Lisa Trinder 2, Gill Hopwood 3, Rachel Saunders 4, A P Hendy 5, I D Bucknell 6, S J Bucknell (C) 7, R W Smith 8. For Evensong. Also 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Triples: Hannah Lewis (1st Triples) 1, I D Bucknell 2, Gill Hopwood 3, Lisa Trinder 4, Wendy Schofield 5, Kay Exell 6, R E Bucknell (C) 7, A P Hendy 8. For Evensong. £5.40

Obituary

Frank Reynolds

1919-1992

An uncomfortable truism of life is that the people we revere most in our formative years often fall from grace in latter times; our 'saints' take on hues of grey, whereas we were blissfully convinced (when we were teenagers and knew everything worth knowing) that life was all black and white. In ringing we thought our particular saint was perhaps a wonderful striker, brilliant conductor or exceptional organiser - realism, growing out of maturity, produces the shades of grey and hence disillusionment! One of my saints was Frank Reynolds - what made him so special was that he never fell from grace, and was as constant 25 years on as the day we first met.

Frank was born at Fallowfield, Manchester on 12th November, 1919, but lived at Prestwich, on the north side of Manchester, all his life. He married Joan in 1948 and together they have been cornerstones of Prestwich life, working tirelessly together for St. Mary's church, the blind folk, League of Friends of Prestwich hospital, Meals on Wheels and in numerous other ways, all for a simple cause - the common good. In parallel with these activities Frank was tower captain at Prestwich (where Jane, his daughter and apple of his eye, learnt to ring), General Secretary of the Lancashire Association, Central Council member, Towers and Belfries Adviser, etc; all undertaken with quiet efficiency, solid common sense and with Joan's unfailing support and dedication. (Famous ringers such as Pat Cannon, Wilf Williams and countless others have held court with Joan, not least because she always knows the inside track on ringing events and ringing personalities. If you ever wanted to know what was "going on" you



Frank Reynolds.

asked Joan, who despite not being a ringer herself, would tell you chapter and verse - she still can!

High standards and unwavering principles were unmistakable facets of Frank's character; woe betide the sloppy striker if Frank was calling a touch or the waiter in a favourite haunt who didn't "wait on" to his satisfaction. He could be formidable and his forthright views, expressed in a rich Lancashire accent, were not to be trifled with. Confrontations inevitably occurred, but the wisdom of his views delivered with tenacity and total conviction usually won the day. "He doesn't suffer fools gladly" could have been invented for Frank Reynolds, but underneath the sometimes gruff exterior one could easily find the real person - a deeply caring Christian. That fact forms my only explanation for the tolerance and friendship that he extended to me when I joined the Prestwich band in the late sixties, an impulsive (some would say impossible!) teenager, up from the south like a fish out of water at a northern university in the days when the north/south divide was an almost impenetrable barrier. (Salford University was very much "red brick" in those ancient times and Frank always irreverently referred to it as "The Tech"!)

He taught me the rudiments of handbell ringing after Prestwich practice each week, helped me with my engineering studies (he was a structural engineer by profession, latterly with ICI), gently chided me when I stepped too far out of line and, with Joan's inimitable hospitality, made Prestwich my second home. We shared a love of repairing all things electrical and mechanical, kicking against the throwaway mentality of the time, and I owe much of the knowledge that I acquired to his practical engineering skills.

Frank was a competent ringer and excellent striker, with a good understanding of basic composition theory and method construction. He was not a peal enthusiast (total 120, conducted 12) and I only rang three with him, the most memorable being Bob Major at Prestwich in 1979, which he conducted from the 6th, with a mostly local band. Frank was clearly delighted with the peal, which produced some of the finest ringing I've ever heard on these excellent but oddstruck bells. He enjoyed the occasional peal of Stedman Caters but described his only peal of Surprise

Maximus, at the Town Hall, as a frightening experience with "...ropes coming down around me like raindrops...!" He was most at home at Prestwich and taught numerous learners, integrating with the band at Whitefield (Stand) to ensure that Sunday Service and wedding ringing were maintained.

These, then, are some of my images of Frank Reynolds who, after a brief spell in hospital, passed to higher service on 3rd March 1992. I suspect that on that day St. Peter smiled broadly, for a place up there had surely had Frank's name on it for a very long time. He had been called home to rest at last, and we should take comfort from knowing that people like Frank are part of an invincible counter-balance to the evils of this world.

Some 300 people from several different faiths and from all walks of life attended the funeral service at Prestwich on 10th March, testifying to the number of lives that Frank had touched during his 72 years on earth. He would have completed 60 years of ringing at Prestwich this year, following in the steps of his beloved father "Pop". A board at the back of the church records that they rang together to mark the victory at El Alamein in 1942. Frank's learners, and many friends, rang the bells open before and after the service concluding with a quarter peal of Bob Major as follows:

Prestwich, Gtr. Manchester. 10 Mar, 1280 P.B. Major: A Ward 1, C Crossthwaite (C) 2, Christine Andrew 3, Susan Ferrie 4, C K Lewis 5, R F Eccles 6, Rev M Hart 7, D P Smith 8.

A memorial service on 28th March was preceded by a well rung peal at Prestwich, the details of which follow:

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
PRESTWICH, Lancs, S Mary the Virgin**
Sat Mar 28 1992 2h57 (16¼)
5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Comp. S Fenwick (Comp.501 Pg.17)

- 1 Dorothy Eccles.
- 2 Margaret Crossthwaite
- 3 C Kenneth Lewis
- 4 John P Partington
- 5 Cyril Crossthwaite
- 6 Brian Owen
- 7 Roland F Eccles
- 8 D Paul Smith (C)

In thanksgiving for the life and work of Frank Reynolds, Tower Captain and 60 years a ringer at this church.

(The band associate the peal with Susan Ferrie, nee Valentine, one of Frank's star pupils, who couldn't ring due to a clash of commitments).

As Cyril Crossthwaite, one of Frank's lifelong friends, said during his address Frank preferred simple methods rung well to complex methods rung indifferently, and hence the choice of Bob Major. Cyril traced the parallels in his life, ringing experiences and achievements with Frank's, starting from the mid-thirties, delivering a worthy and witty portrayal of Frank that was exactly right for the occasion.

To Frank's devoted wife Joan, sister Gert and Arthur, sister Kit in Australia, Brian, Jane and Karen, his grand-daughter, our deepest sympathies at this time but remembering with joy just how much we all benefited from knowing him, the fellowship that resulted from being in his company and the good works that he did. Farewell, Frank - Christian, mentor, confidant, gentleman, sincere friend - we'll miss you terribly, but it's only the end of a chapter not the end of the book.

D.P.S.

Horizontal rather than downwards!

There was an air of expectancy at 7 p.m. on 29th February as 16 teams representing Maidstone District towers gathered to do battle in the annual inter-tower darts tournament. This, the first event of the District's 1992 social calendar, is the time when hands generally moving in a downward direction move on a horizontal plane instead. Results tend to show that proficiency in one is a guarantee of success in the other.

So, who would throw the straightest arrows and true? Would East Sutton win again? Perhaps Yalding, who won for a number of years when the competition first began, were ready for another successful run. Or how about Stansted, the newest band in the District? In the event it was to be none of these. For the first time in a number of years there will be a new name on the winner's shield this year. East Sutton B went out in the first round, whilst East Sutton A, defending their title on home territory at the Shant Hotel, lost in the semi-finals to Birling A who went on to win the final, beating Hollingbourne B in two straight games.

So East Sutton's stranglehold has finally been broken. The 1993 competition should be most interesting!

R.A.B.

Leslie W. G. Morris - a tribute

My wife and I were saddened to learn of the death of Leslie Morris, who was General Secretary of the Yorkshire Association when we became members - myself in 1945 and Paddy in 1951. He held this office from 1938 until 1964 and did not miss a general meeting of the Association during the whole of this time. When he became a N.R.L.M. of the Suffolk Guild he was only the third member of the Y.A.C.R. to do so.

The first peal I rang with him was Yorkshire Royal on that fine musical(?) ten at Mirfield, with Ted Jenkins on the tenor. However our next peals of Yorkshire Royal together were at Whitby and Ripon. Because most of my adult life has been spent in exile from my native county I rang far less peals with him than I would have liked, but the ones we did share were of a very high quality, including the Pitman Spliced series of 5-9 methods and Spliced Surprise Royal - all these almost 40 years ago when such performances were much rarer than nowadays.

The most abiding memory I have of Leslie (probably a surprise to most who knew him) is of him gingerly holding our eldest daughter, when she was only a few weeks old, whilst I popped up the tower at Guiseley to ring in an excellent touch of D.N.C.B. Major - the first ringing Katharine heard. Although Leslie Morris was not a Yorkshireman by birth, his 66 years of residence turned him into as true a Tyke as I know.

J. MARTIN THORLEY.

Frank William Vernon

About the year 1935 the then Vicar of Balderton, the Rev. Fred Morton, asked me to teach a band of ringers for St. Giles' Church, Balderton. Being young and very enthusiastic and no doubt somewhat flattered by the request, I agreed, provided the Vicar would produce the recruits. Approximately eight young men presented themselves, one of whom was Frank William Vernon.

Although the going was hard, the recruits were keen and managed to ring extents of Grandsire Doubles within the year. At that time a brand new band was being taught at neighbouring Barnby-in-the-Willows, and Frank and I were cajoled into helping them. Under the dynamic leadership of Clifford Vessey a first-class Minor band evolved.

Frank and I went around the local neighbourhood whenever we could do so, assiduously collecting towers and ringing peals. Frank's first peal, one of Bob Minor, was memorable as it was rung by six first-pealers at Barnby-in-the-Willows on 13th February 1936. This was followed a year later by the same band ringing a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Frank must have rung well over 100 peals, but the precise number is unknown. Although these were mainly in Minor methods, he rang peals up to Stedman Caters. He was a very safe ringer and resolutely resisted efforts of others to make him go wrong.

For many years a valued member of Newark Parish Church, Frank was a keen member of the Cumberlands and will be sadly missed even though he had not rung for some years.

Frank died on 2nd March 1992, aged 82, survived by a son and three grand-daughters, to whom we offer our sincere sympathy.

His ready humour and keen interest in all matters appertaining to ringing made him a splendid companion, and he will long be remembered with affection.

J.W.R.

Jack Wilson

1913-1991

Jack Wilson passed away suddenly on December 2nd. For many years he had lived in a house almost beneath the tower at Towcester. He was a great friend of the ringers, a great lover of the sound of bells and a great supporter of the recent restoration and augmentation of the bells.

Although Jack had not himself rung for many years his interest in the progress of the band remained to the end. He had been a member of the old "Towcester and Districts Association" which eventually merged with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild - there now being but two members of the old association left - and he had rung in the one and only peal at Wappenham where his family lived and farmed.

Jack had worked for most of his life as a manager of the mill in Towcester which was part of the Easton Neston Estate owned by the Hesketh family. When he retired he could always be found in his garden or walking for miles around the Towcester area - his knowledge of the district being like an encyclopaedia.

Towcester Parish Church was packed for the funeral with his family and friends, the Vicar, the Revd. James Atwell gave an inspiring address covering the many aspects of Jack's life. The bells that he loved were rung half-muffled before and after the service and two quarter peals were subsequently rung in his memory.

The ringers extend their sympathy to Jack's wife, Queenie, his daughter Margaret Burbidge, her husband David and daughters, who are ringers at Berkhamsted.

WILLIAM A. YATES.

Towcester, Northants. 28 Dec, 1991, 1320 Little Bob Maximus: Claire L Brewer (1st on 12) 1, Margaret Burbidge 2, Susan L Patterson 3, Joanne C Lovell 4, William A Yates 5, Jon C S Lovell 6, David Burbidge 7, Richard W Yates 8, Robert Sinclair 9, David R Cox 10, Ann Wilby 11, Michael P A Wilby (C) 12. A thanksgiving for the life of Jack Wilson, father of the 2nd ringer. Also on 1 Jan, 1992, 1408 Little Bob Maximus: Joanne C Lovell 1, Paula S Cochrane 2, Hugh F Nickerson 3, Janet R Cafe 4, William A Yates 5, Jon C S Lovell 6, Bryan J R Gross 7, David Burbidge 8, Ann Wilby 9, George E Green 10, G Nigel Williams 11, Michael P A Wilby (C) 12. By members of the Towcester Branch in memory of Jack Wilson, friend and sometime ringer.

Charles E. Cooper

With the death of Charlie Cooper earlier this year, the tower of Great Dalby and the Melton Mowbray area have lost a loyal ringer and friend. He was born at Sleaford, Lincolnshire, but moved to the Melton district at a very early age.

For over 30 years he worked as chief ganger on a local stretch of the Northern Railway line, which ran from the Midlands as far as the east coast holiday resorts of Skegness and Mablethorpe, this line closing in the Beeching era.

Charlie started ringing at Great Dalby about 60 years ago and for the past 21 years was tower captain. When I first started attending evening ringing practices away from my home tower in the 1950s, Great Dalby was always one I looked forward to visiting because of the warm welcome extended to ringers of all standards. Many like myself have gained experience and encouragement as beginners over the years at this tower, in which Charlie had played a major role.

He was always a happy and cheerful character who had a great feast of humorous stories, some about characters of the past with which he would entertain everyone in the local after practice.

During the last war, as well as being a member of the Home Guard he was a first-aid worker, in which he retained an interest for the rest of his life, and he was renowned in the surrounding area for his skill in osteopathy, which many ringers can speak of from first-hand experience.

Charlie rang in the region of 40 peals, which included several with the late Ernest Morris; but it was for Sunday service ringing and practice nights that he gave the most.

He was still very active until the latter part of 1990, when he underwent an operation, from which he recovered sufficiently to ride a motor-cycle again; but in the summer of 1991 his health began to deteriorate and he died on 7th January 1992, aged 85.

The funeral took place at St. Swithun's Church on 13th January and it was attended by a very large congregation, including many ringers, following which a peal was rung in his memory.

ROLAND H. COOK

Composition Review

**5,068 Grandsire Major
by A P Smith**

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3-part. Contains all 24 678, 687, 768, 786, 867 and 876 course-ends; 12 each at handstroke and backstroke. First rung at All Saints' Basingstoke on 24th November 1990.

Grandsire on even numbers is justly neglected and Tony Smith has made a foray into territory once considered the exclusive preserve of Roger Scholes. The 87's at backstroke and venue for the first performance both suggest that a cover bell is expected. Although lately sanctioned by our wise and benevolent Central Council (which God preserve), this is probably an idea whose time has not yet come; at any rate, William Hill are offering excellent odds against a rash of repeat performances in the coming year. The apparent excess of coursends with the 2nd and 3rd in 6ths is misleading by the way - the rollup count is 111 2xxx's, 108 3xxx's, 129 4xxx's and 108 5xxx's, but the 4xxx's and 5xxx's are modestly hidden in the interiors of the courses.

Dr Strabismus of Utrecht

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Tower Announcements

ST. MARGARET'S, KING'S LYNN, has returned to ringing on Sundays at 9.15-10 am and 5.45-6.30 pm. The WEEKLY practice will commence on Tuesday, 28th April, at 7.45-9 pm. 4096

MAYFIELD - St. Dunstan's practice night will transfer to a Thursday for two weeks, i.e. to 30th April and 7th May '92. 4095

STEYNING, W. SUSSEX - New correspondent is Mrs. Anne Kettman, 36 King's Barn Lane, Steyning, W. Sussex BN44 3YR. Tel: 0903 812380. Ad. No. 4098

University Announcement

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS. Annual Cycle Tour, 19th-28th June, in Derbyshire. For more details contact resident secretary, Jackie Holt, 27 Cotham Vale, Bristol B56 6HS. Tel. 0272 738944. Ad. No. 0564

Association Announcements

GUILDFORD D.G. At the AGM on 14 March 1992, the following rule change was approved: "Rule 32a - A peal will only be accepted as being rung for the Guild if (a) it conforms to the Central Council regulations on peals; (b) all persons taking part are current ringing members, junior members or non-resident members of the Guild; (c) an account of the peal, together with the peal fee for each ringer participating, is sent to the Guild Peals Recorder within two months of the date of the peal (in the case of those rung in December by the following 31 January). If the above conditions are not fulfilled the peal shall not be recognised by the Guild, nor its details printed in the Annual Report, excepting that the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Guild shall be able to recognise such peals in exceptional circumstances."

"Rule 32b - The amount of the fees shall be determined from time to time by the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting of the Guild and published in the Annual Report. Any alterations to the amount of the fees shall take effect on the following 1 January. All fees collected shall be rendered to the General Treasurer on a regular basis." The meeting approved a peal fee of 50p per rope in accordance with Rule 32b. This rule change takes effect immediately. M A Wilson, Guild Peals Recorder, Ambergate, London Road, Hook, Basingstoke RG27 9EQ. Ad. No. 0556

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Leeds and District Branch. New Secretary is Dr. S Futers. All correspondence to 16 Holt Park Grove, Adel, Leeds LS16 7SW. Tel. (0532) 611240. Ad. No. 0593

Annual General Meetings

EAST DERBYS & WEST NOTTS ASSOCIATION - 104th A.G.M. to be held on Monday, 20th April, 1992. *Note change of venue.* Alfreton, Derbys, ringing 3 to 4.15 pm. South Wingfield, Derbys, ringing 3.30 to 4.30 pm, followed by service, tea, meeting and evening ringing until 9 pm. Names for tea by Wed, April 15, to C Aked, 6 Tewkesbury Avenue, Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts. Tel: Mansfield 645539. Ad. No. 0567

ELY D.A. AGM, Mon, May 4. Ringing: Soham 10-11, Fordham 10.30-11.30, Burwell 11-12. Service, Burwell 12, followed by lunch. Business meeting at the Guild Hall, Burwell, at 2 pm. The trustees propose the following: Hockwold - loan of 2,000; Trumpington - grant of £55; Willingham - loan of £2,000; Chesterton - grant of £150. Ringing will follow the meeting at Burwell and Swaffham Prior. 0554

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. AGM, St Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Sat, April 11. Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Tea and meeting to follow. Evening ringing also at St Woolos'. 0528

Publications

MANUAL OF BELL CONTROL, by Norman Chaddock, £8.95 + £1.20 p & p. Marius Press, Box 15, Carnforth, Lancs LA6 1HW.

Mid-week Meetings

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Manchester Branch. Holy Week practice, Manchester Town Hall, Thurs, April 16. Bells 7 to 9 pm. Betty Ormrod, Branch Secretary. 0534

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Leeds and District Branch. Practice on Thurs, April 23, at Leeds Parish Church (12), 7.30-9 pm. All welcome. 0594

Saturday Meetings and Practices

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Biggleswade District. Monthly meeting, April 11. Afternoon ringing 3 pm, Cople. Tea, business meeting 5 pm, Great Barford, followed by evening ringing. Method for month, Single Oxford. Please note address for correspondence for Biggleswade District: J Parsons, 17 Shillington Road, Meppershall, Shefford, Beds SG17 5ND. 0598

DERBY D.A., Chesterfield District. 6-bell Striking Competition and District meeting at Tibshelf on Sat, April 11. Draw at 5.45 pm. All welcome to general ringing following competition until 8.30. 0596

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD. Sat, April 11, Uckfield, ringing 3 to 4.30, followed by service, tea and meeting. Evening ringing, Buxted, 6.30 to 8 pm. Names for tea to A Everest (0342) 328151 by April 9. All welcome. 0539

ELY D.A., Cambridge District. April 11, ringing at Trumpington (8) 3 pm, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing, Great St Mary's (12), 6 pm. 0549

ESSEX ASSN, SW District. Epping, Sat, April 11, quarterly meeting 6 pm. All welcome. 0548

GUILDFORD D.G., Chertsey District. Sat, April 11, Striking Competition and quarterly meeting at Hersham. Draw 2.30 pm. Service 5 pm. Names for tea to Mrs P Bird (Tel: 0932 246013). Ad. No. 0581

KCACR, Canterbury District. Quarterly meeting at Barham, Sat, April 11. Ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Phyllis Dieltl on 0227 831416 as soon as possible, please. Evening ringing at Goodnestone. 0499

K.C.A.C.R., Maidstone District. Quarterly meeting on Sat, April 11, at East Malling. Ringing 3.30-4.30 pm, followed by tea, service and business meeting. Evening ringing at West Malling until 8.30 pm. 0571

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, Preston and Fylde Branches. Joint meeting, Sat, April 11. Afternoon ringing at Broughton 3.30-5 pm, followed by tea. Evening ringing at St Michael, Kirkham, 6.30-8 pm. Names for tea to John Ascroft (0772 742034). Ad. No. 0597

N.D.A., Northern Branch. Practice, Sat, April 11, at Erpingham (6) 7.30 pm. Beverley, Surfleet, Oxford T. Bob. All welcome. 0588

SOUTHWELL D.G., Bingham District, Sat, April 11, Crawford Cup District Round, 2.30 at Oxtun. Tea 5 pm. Evening ringing 6.30, Shelford. Names for tea to M Walton (Nott. 682908). Ad. No. 0514

SOUTHWELL GUILD, South Notts District. Sat, April 11, Bunny (6) 2.30-3.15, Keyworth (3) 3.30-3.45, Edwalton (3) 4-4.15, Wilford (5) 4.30-5.15. 0563

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD, Alton and Petersfield District. Quarterly meeting, Selborne, Sat, April 11. Ringing 2.30-4.15. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting in Selborne Cricket Pavilion. Evening ringing until 8.30 pm. Names for tea to Mrs J Warstat (Selborne 424). Ad. No. 0579

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Western Branch. Evening meeting, Sat, April 11. Ringing at Idle from 6.30 to 8.30. All welcome. 0391

GUILDFORD D.G., Guildford District. Sat, April 18, there will be a handbell evening at the Stirling Centre, Stoke-next-Guildford, from 6 pm. This is an event for all the family - you don't have to be a ringer - and will include tunes, methods and lapping. Do come along; there will be ringing for everyone. A sandwich buffet will be available. Names to Michael Bryant (0483-66573) by Wed, April 15th. 0478

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. A.G.M., Sat, April 25. Ringing at Old Whittington, 3.30-4.30; Staveley, 4-5 pm; Eckington, 4.30-5 pm. Service, tea, meeting and evening ringing at Eckington. Everyone welcome. P.A.M.H. 0578

KCACR, Rochester District. Striking Competition, Upchurch, Sat, April 25. Draw 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea, meeting and evening Barn Dance. Names for tea and barn dance information to Mrs Grassom (0634 366318). Ad. No. 0258

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD, Sonning Deanery Branch. Striking Competition at Shottesbrooke on April 25 at 2 pm. Tea at White Waltham Church at 5 pm, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at Shottesbrooke 7-9 pm. All welcome. Names for tea to Peter Saddleton (0734-789554) by April 19. Striking Competition entries to Pamela Elliston (0734-695967) by April 19th. 0526

W & P D.G., Winchester District. 6-bell Striking Competition and quarterly meeting, Sat, April 25. 10 am draw, followed by competition at Cheriton. 12.30 service, St John's, New Alresford. 1.00 lunch and 2.00 meeting in St John's Church Hall. New Alresford bells available before service. Bishop's Sutton and Ropley after meeting. Names for lunch by Wed, April 22, please, to Mrs E Johnson (0962 733266). Ad. No. 0506

CHESTER D.G. Annual Festival, Sat, May 9, 1992. Ringing: Rostherne, 1.30-2.30 pm; Moberley, 2-3 pm; Wilmslow, 2.30-3.30 pm; Norbury, 3-4 pm; Stockport St George, 3.30-4.30 pm, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing, Stockport St George. Names for tea to Andrew Bolton (061-439 6280) by Tues, May 5th. 0568

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS OPEN DAY

Monday, 25th May, 1992

Provisional Itinerary

| Tower | Bells | Start |
|-----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Launceston St. Thomas | (6) | 9.30 am |
| Lawhitton | (6) | 10.00 am |
| Lezant | (6) | 10.30 am |
| South Petherwin | (6) | 11.00 am |
| Lewannick | (6) | 11.30 am |
| North Hill | (6) | 12 noon |
| Linkinhorne | (6) | 12.30 pm |
| Quethiock | (3) | 1.00 pm |
| St. Ives | (6) | 1.30 pm |
| St. Cleer | (6) | 2.00 pm |
| St. Neot | (6) | 2.30 pm |
| Bradoc | (5) | 3.00 pm |
| Blisland | (6) | 3.30 pm |
| St. Mabyn | (8) | 4.00 pm |
| St. Tudy | (6) | 4.30 pm |
| St. Breward | (6) | 5.00 pm |
| Advent | (5) | 5.30 pm |
| Altarnum | (8) | 6.00 pm |
| Laneast | (6) | 6.30 pm |
| St. Stephen's-by-Launceston | (8) | 7.00 pm |
| Launceston St. Mary | (8) | 7.30 pm |

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Ad. No. 0582

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, 25th April, 1992

Ringing Arrangements:

| Time | Route A | Route B |
|-------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10.00-11.00 | Heptonstall, St. Thomas | |
| 10.30-11.30 | Todmorden Unitarian | |
| 11.00-12.00 | Walsden, St Peter | |
| 11.30-12.30 | Shore, St Barnabas | |
| 12.00- 1.00 | Milnrow, St James | |
| 1.00- 2.00 | Healey, Christ Church | Balderstone, St Mary |
| 1.30- 2.30 | Rochdale, St Chad | Heywood, St Luke |
| 2.00- 3.00 | Newhey, St Thomas | Middleton, St Leonard |
| 2.30- 3.30 | East Crompton, St James | Glodwick, St Mark |
| 3.00- 4.15 | Moorside, St. Thomas | Oldham, St Mary |

Service at St. Mary, Oldham, at 4.30 p.m.

Tea 5 p.m. and business meeting 6 p.m.
in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Oldham

Evening ringing at Oldham and Leesfield

A collection of 20p per ringer per tower will be taken
for the Association Bell Restoration Fund

Names for tea by Thursday, 16th April, to
Cathy Inston (Tel. 061-678 8556) or
Helen Rigby (Tel. 0706 847964)

Vegetarian meals are available

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**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

April 25th

| | |
|-----------|---|
| 0930 | Holy Communion in the Ringers' Chapel of the Cathedral |
| 1400-1500 | Lincoln, St Peter at Gwols |
| 1445-1600 | Lincoln, St. Botolph |
| 1500-1700 | Lincoln Cathedral |
| 1515-1645 | Lincoln, St. Giles |
| 1600-1645 | Lincoln, St. Mary-le-Wigford |
| 1715 | Evensong at St. Nicholas', Newport, followed by tea and business meeting in the Blenkin Hall. |

N.B.—Item 9 of the Agenda is to consider the
proposal to add to Rule 7 (b) the words: "and at least
half the band must be resident members;"

Cathedral and Lincoln St. Botolph bells
available after the meeting until 2100

Names for tea by Wednesday previous to
A. R. Heppenstall, 10 Willingham Road, Lea,
Gainsborough (0427 612158)

Ad. No. 0574

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, 2nd May

| | | |
|-------------|---|------|
| 10.00-11.00 | Bawtry | (6) |
| 11.00-12.00 | Tickhill | (8) |
| 11.45-12.45 | Wickersley | (3) |
| 12.00-13.00 | Todwick | (3) |
| 12.30-13.30 | South Anston | (8) |
| 14.00-15.00 | Barlborough | (6) |
| 14.30-15.30 | Eckington | (8) |
| 15.00-16.30 | Beighton | (6) |
| 16.30 | Service at Beighton, followed by tea and meeting | |
| 19.00-21.00 | Rotherham | (12) |

Names for tea to Lynne Ardron
(0742 471515) by 27th April

Car parking at Beighton: follow signs for the
public car park, as the church one is for
disabled use only

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**WINTERBOURNE HANDBELL RINGERS
IN CONCERT**

at St. Michael's, Winterbourne, Avon
on **Saturday, 25th April, at 7 p.m.**

Advance tickets from Terry Jefferies
(0272 560430) or Di Rix (0454 776518)

Ad. No. 0595

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, April 25th, 1992

at Long Melford

| | |
|---------|-------------|
| Ringing | 11.00-12.00 |
| Service | 12.00 |
| Lunch | 1.00 |
| A.G.M. | 2.00 |

Names for lunch to Amanda Whiting (0449 677766)
by Wednesday, April 22nd, please

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S = 1456, A* = A omitting SS.
66 CRU, including 24 56's and 14 65's.
24 8765's.

New compositions for Cambridge Major are fairly rare. Here we have two cropping up, both having good musical qualities. In his offering Graham Bradshaw has achieved 15 full courses with 5678 coursing together, and Queens, all within a neat 3-part. The penalties are a snap start, half lead calls and 1256 Singles. David Beard set out to include all 24 56's and 8765's and though the start is conventional, the 1456 Singles will not be to everyone's taste. Nevertheless, for those with a sense of adventure, these two compositions make useful additions to the repertoire. D.W.B.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN WORCESTER

Easter Monday, 20th April

BUSINESS MEETING

at 2.15 p.m. prompt, to be held at St. Swithun's Institute
Chairman: Very Rev. Robert Jeffery, Dean of Worcester

ANNUAL SERVICE

to be held at Old St. Martin's at 4.15 p.m.

TEA

A ringers' tea will be available at St. Swithun's Institute
following the Annual Service

Names for tea to David Beacham, The Lea, Hallow,
Worcester (Tel: 0905 640457), by 15th April

(No names - no tea.)

Ringling Arrangements

| | Route 1 | Route 2 | Route 3 |
|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 10.00-10.45 a.m. | Stoke Prior | Bushley | Whitbourne |
| 10.30-11.15 a.m. | Hanbury | Longdon | Clifton-on-Teme |
| 11.00-11.45 a.m. | Dodderhill | Hanley Castle | Shelsley Beauchamp |
| 11.30-12.15 p.m. | Droitwich | Hanley Swan | Martley |
| 12.00-12.45 p.m. | Ombersley | Madresfield | Broadwas |
| 12.30- 1.15 p.m. | Grimley | St. John's | Hallow |

Evening Ringing

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| St. Swithun's | 5.15-6.15 p.m. |
| Claines | 5.45-7.00 p.m. |
| All Saints | 7.00-8.30 p.m. |

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One theory of the "Sally"

In the beginning, all the tufted pieces that were thoughtfully placed in the rope to prevent the bellringers getting blisters were called charlottes.

This was because the chap that introduced this hand protector, and incidentally made a mint of money flogging the idea around the towers, had a sweetheart called - Charlotte!

Whilst he was away going from tower to tower selling, wearing his boot-leather out, they both had to endure a long engagement. So demonstrating his new invention he could "catch his Charlotte close to him, squeeze his Charlotte gently and catch his Charlotte as she came into his hands again".

When he'd made enough to produce hundreds of Charlottes so that all go-ahead towers in the land had six or eight or even more, he married his own Charlotte, lived a happy life with her, and they both died as I want to get on to the next part of the story quickly.

A good few years later, a Mayor of London, who shall be nameless, was courting a naughty music-hall singer called, coincidentally - Charlotte! This nameless mayor decided that he wished to learn the ancient art of bell-ringing and engaged the most knowledgeable captain of bellringers in the City of London to teach him.

The captain was good and strict with the Mayor as they were then. He took the Mayor in hand, insisted on good striking, and constantly bellowed suitable remarks:

"You're slow with your Charlotte!" which indeed the Mayor was not!

"Your Charlotte's slipping away from you!" which the Mayor did suspect.

"Hold your Charlotte tighter - she's slipping through your fingers." This did not help the last suspicion of the Mayor.

However, the Mayor gritted his teeth, said

nothing and progressed until he was ready to ring rounds with the rest of the band.

They were an uncouth lot, as ringers often are, I mean were, and pretty soon they were shouting: "I'm after your Charlotte!" and "It's my Charlotte now, you're after me!" or most woundingly, "Your Charlotte follows me now!"

The Mayor had had enough. He stood his bell and strode out of the tower in a right paddy.

Before you could recite the method of Orion Maximus he had abolished the name of Charlotte for the tufted bits throughout the whole of England and replaced it with Sally after an aunt of his, who when she was alive was so ugly her face used to stop clocks, and her voice was as tuneless as a cracked bell.

As the punishment for any ringers caught calling the tufted bit Charlotte by mistake was a 24-hour peal of Grandsire Doubles, it was never called Charlotte again. JOAN PIKE

Memories of Bill Holmes

Bill was reading the lesson in Edenham Church one Evensong, from I Corinthians, chapter 3, verse 2. He read "I have had to feed you with milk and not with solid fuel [then one of Bill's little chuckles], ahem food!" (Bill was, of course, a solid fuel merchant.)

Another that comes to mind is when he was stopped at Heckington Crossroads after the police had seen him swerving. He was asked if he had been drinking, and he replied: "Yes, I had two cups of tea this morning, two cups of coffee at dinner-time. I think I had two more cups of tea at tea-time. . .".

I might add that the first one is not one of Bill's "stories" - I actually heard him read that!

DAPHNE P. COX

5152 Ozone Surprise Major
R A Davies

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| 23456 | B | W | in | 5th | M | 4th | H |
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| 43265 | 2 | | | | | | |
| 23564 | | | | | | | 3 |
| 53462 | | | | | | | |
| 36245 | 2 | | | | | | |
| 527364 | | | | 2 | | S | |
| 423756 | | | S | | | | 2 |
| 342756 | | | | | 3 | | |
| 473526 | | | | | | | |
| 623457 | | | | | 3 | | |
| (246753) | | | | | | | |
| 736452 | | S | | | | | |
| 642357 | | S | | | | | |
| 35426 | 2 | | | | | | |
| 23456 | | | | | | | |

S at in = S3rds

67 CRU (16 5678, 8 6578), also contains 21 7568's, 16 7468's, 24 7856's, 8 8756's, 8 8567's.

First rung at Rotherham, 16/9/91.

With this composition Mr. Davies has brought some fresh air into an otherwise nondescript method. There will be differing views as to what is best included in a composition of this nature, and in this instance tenors parted courses have been included at the expense of some of the 56 and 65 courses. For some, the appearance of back-rounds will be a noteworthy feature. D.W.B.

"Great George" to be rehung

The recent ringing for Her Majesty the Queen's Accession, coupled with a succession of repeated failures of the clock mechanism, has prompted the authorities of the University of Bristol to give the Great Bell its first major overhaul in nearly 70 years.

Within the next couple of months, the clock hammer will be turned through 180 degrees to present an unworn face to the bell, the check spring will be reset and a sophisticated control mechanism to operate the striking motor will be installed to the specifications of John Taylor Bellfounders Ltd. of Loughborough.

In the autumn the bell itself will be rehung, Taylors also having been awarded the contract. The unusual "bridge"-type rivetted steel headstock will be replaced with a new one of cast-iron, almost identical to that on "Great Peter" of York, complete with new bearings and ancillaries. The existing clapper which was overhauled in 1985, and perhaps the wheel, will be re-used, a high lift crane being brought to the University to carry up the new components. The bell will continue to be rung manually, and it is hoped that the new fittings may ease this task somewhat.

It is hoped to submit a full history of this fine bell to coincide with the rehanging. D.L.C.



"Great George" of the University of Bristol.

Fully muffled

I would like to endorse much of what "Headstock" said regarding ringing on Good Friday. Over the past few years Good Friday seems to have become just another bank holiday, with shops open and newspapers published, both of which were unheard-of when I first started ringing. For this reason we have for the last two years rung a peal on Good Friday, not merely half-muffled as "Headstock" suggests (after all, we ring half-muffled for ordinary ringers and other church workers), but fully muffled. This really does make people stop in the street (as they are dashing down to the D-I-Y!) and say to themselves: "The bells do sound different today - so mournful - I wonder why they are ringing?". S. E. MARSDEN
Chatteris, Cambs.

Around and about

We very much regret to report the death of **William T. Cook**, Librarian to the Central Council and Ancient Society of College Youths for many years.

We understand that all the rooms in the HQ Hotel at Peterborough are now booked, although good alternative accommodation can be arranged. Tickets for ancillary events are also going well.

The Truro D.G. are planning an Open Day on Monday, 25th May. For details please see advertisement in this issue.

Any complete bands wishing to ring at Pimlico after the service on Easter Monday are invited to contact Stephanie Pattenden (081-749 0563) to book a slot.

If you were watching Edward Woodward's "In Suspicious Circumstances" on Channel 3 on March 30th, you might like to know that the church featured was St. Christopher's, Pott Shrigley. B. SCHOFIELD

The work of rehanging the eight bells in the N.E. tower of **St. Andrew's Parish Church, Rugby**, by the Whitechapel Foundry, is scheduled for completion on Friday, 8 May. The bells will be rededicated by Bishop Vernon Nicholls at a Service of Choral Evensong in church at 6 p.m. on Sunday, 17 May. At the same time a plaque will be unveiled to the memory of Sir Billy Butlin and in thanksgiving for the substantial donation by the Patron of our Appeal, Lady Sheila Butlin. The service, to which all are invited, will be followed by general ringing.

Twelve ringers started to learn to ring at **Kemsing** about 14 months ago, and two of these have now rung their first quarter. All the band, except the ringer of the 4th, in the latest quarter are members of the new band.

Kemsing, Kent. 29 March, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Godfrey Croughton 1, Fraser Clift 2, Jennie Williamson 3, Frank Rogers 4, Michael Williamson (C) 5, Janet Eaton 6. For Evensong. 1st Q-1, 6. £2

Elizabeth Dunford tells us that the subject of ringing now appears in the National Curriculum. Under the heading "Using and Applying Mathematics" the highest level (Level 10) includes the suggested project: "Write a booklet for other pupils about the mathematics involved in bell-ringing; in particular how group theory can be applied to change-ringing".

On disc

A recent correspondent expressed a wish that the Central Council Methods Committee would produce databases of rung methods on computerdiscs.

May I point out that this was accomplished some time ago by Andrew Craddock? I have copies which I can up-date each week from *The Ringing World* peal columns. I can also search to find whether a particular place notation has been rung or not.

Andrew can be contacted on: 0703 267657.
Wellingborough. W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

"The story of Frenchay's clock" (R.W., page 326). I suggest the conflict with the E.C. directive "Harmonisation of Public Clocks, 1991" be referred to English Heritage. S.B.

The churchwardens of **Christ Church, Raleigh**, have signed a contract with Eayre & Smith to augment Christ Church bells to a ring of eight by the addition of three new tenors. The new tenor will be 4½ cwt in C. In addition a new second will be cast to replace B-flat with B, with additional metal to bring it up to approximately 2 cwt. A new treble will be provided as well, also with a weight of about 2 cwt. The bells will be cast by Eijsbouts the first or second week in June.

Re-pointing of the tower and installation of a steel grillage fabricated locally is scheduled to take place during the summer, with installation of the new bells about October 1st.

The two light trebles of the present ring will be retained as part of the computer-driven "clock" which chimes two extents of Doubles with mechanical regularity at 8 a.m., noon and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

Unfortunately the installation work makes it impossible for Raleigh to host the striking competition this year. We expect to host it in October 1993; we look forward to seeing all of you at that time.

It is not known to what extent ringing will be curtailed, when the bells will be installed, when the peal will be, or who will be in it - but look for further details to appear in this paper soon. RICHARD PARSONS

Following the death of Bill Cook the Library Committee is considering as a matter of urgency the future location of the Library and the appointment of a temporary custodian.

Late Notices

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. Annual General Meeting to be held on Sat, April 25, at the Trebeck Hall, Southwell, commencing at 3 pm, followed by tea and Evensong. Names for tea to Mr. M Smith, 5 Woodlands Drive, Southwell (Newark 813684), by Wednesday previous. Ringing arrangements: Southwell Minster, 2 to 2.55 pm and 6.30 to 8.30 pm. Members should note that the Agenda contains motions to change both the Guild and Crawford Cup rules. 0604

BATH & WELLS D.A., Crewkerne Branch. Striking Competition, Sat, April 25, Hinton St George. Draw 7 pm. Note change of date. 0605

A.S.C.Y. Next practice, April 14, St Mary-le-Bow. Business meeting, April 14, at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane EC4, at 8.30 pm. 0616

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Chelmsford, Monday, 4th May

Cathedral bells from 9.15 a.m.

Service 10 a.m., followed by business meeting

in the Age Concern Hall, Cottage Place
Hot Lunch (£3.50) in the Age Concern Hall,
1 p.m.

Tea (£1.50) at Bentley Common, 5-6.30 p.m.

Lunch and tea tickets and afternoon ringing arrangements from Mrs. Ann Chapman,
20 Mews Court, Chelmsford CM2 9PF
(Tel: 0245 358040) - SAE please
by Wednesday, 29th April, latest

0600

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