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## Hereford - that "good feeling"

A welcome visitor to this year's Hereford Ringing Course (the 30th to be held) was the President of the Central Council, Christopher Groome. His Friday night lecture to the course was entitled "Ringing in the '90s", and he discussed various aspects arising from the Central Council Survey. A major problem identified was the high wastage of ringers - too many take up ringing only to leave after a short while. It is vitally necessary to take a close look at the way we train and encourage ringers. More dynamic tower captains are required, more thought on what District events should be organised and how they should be run (out-dated ringers' teas?); but above all we should try to produce a "good feeling" in our towers, making ringers happy to be in the band and wanting to continue with ringing.

That "good feeling" is certainly evident on the Hereford Course. Whatever progress or lack of progress is made during the weekend, there is undoubtedly a "good feeling" generated with so many enjoying a common interest and happy to be in each other's company. That feeling was perhaps summedup by one group who after a final successful lower on the Sunday afternoon threw their arms into the air and cheered from sheer enjoyment.

Once again the Course was heavily oversubscribed. A total of 100 or so students gained places, but at least 60 further applications had to be refused. Some of those who did not manage to gain a place at Hereford will no doubt attend the sister course at Sparsholt in September or the Central Council Course in Yorkshire this July. Both



The Bagley simulator in action.



Christopher Groome and Wilf Moreton.

those courses are based very largely on the Hereford model.

In spite of the ever-increasing numbers the Hereford Course format has remained remarkably constant. That is not to say, however, that the programme remains rigidly fixed, and the regular visitor can always expect some innovation to enlighten or entertain.



Clive Smith gives advice; John Hope, Master of the Hereford Guild, helps in the group.

This year the creative energy so often displayed on the Saturday evening was channelled into a rather unusual handbell ringing contest on the Friday. Five teams displayed remarkable talent before a large appreciative audience. No clever displays of change-ringing; artistic impression and innovative ability were the qualities tested, and it was no wonder that the R.W. Editor who judged the contest felt obliged to award the cup to Sheila Parry's team who rang handbells under water – a performance which

ended with a considerable splash. The whole event was video-taped for posterity by Neil (Noddy) Donovan, and this caused much amusement well into the weekend.

In contrast the same venue was used on Saturday for a debate between Bob Smith and Wilf Moreton on the best way to teach elementary change-ringing – Bob favoured the "by numbers" approach, Wilf the "very small steps" approach. And on Sunday the hall was converted yet again for a Sunday Communion Service taken by the former President of the Council, John Baldwin. John's theme was the Resurrection, and his link was the ring at Llandaff Cathedral shortly to be removed to return as a new treble.

Throughout the weekend the ever more sophisticated ringing simulators were on display, and many took the opportunity to "have a go". The use of simulators (first demonstrated at Hereford by Peter Cummins many years ago) seems at last to be catching on, and several guilds have now invested in one. Perhaps it is now time that a simulator is actually used by students at Hereford in addition to their practical sessions in towers – up until now it seems that they are "on display", and it would be interesting to see at least one group really using a simulator to its full potential as part of the learning process.

Central T.V. reporters visited the Hereford Course this year and they were particularly interested in hearing that ringers from Germany, USA and Australia were present.



A 1993 student? Gerald Porter was inspired to learn to ring by watching a session at Wellington on the 1991 Course. Although a native of the village, he was taught to ring at Burghill, but had his first ring on his own bells with the BI Group this year.

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The teaching at Hereford is carried out in the traditional small group way with one tutor, five or six students and a similar number of helpers. For the 24 tutors it is a weekend with little time to relax. Dashing from tower to tower is interspersed with lectures/discussions and individual advice. Their dedication is much appreciated by their students as are the efforts of the helpers, some of whom spend a whole weekend ringing course after course of Bob Doubles or, even worse, Kent! None however suffered more than the long-serving George Morris, who found himself in charge of a group learning Grandsire Doubles. Grandsire is a no-go method in Malvern, George's tower, and much was the amusement locally when his fate was revealed. However, he strove manfully at this unfamiliar method and received a certificate of commendation from his group.



"Noddy" Donovan, fresh from his appearance in Sheila Parry's handbell team, displays his talents on the Saturday night.

Once again the mammoth task of organising the practical ringing sessions was carried out with his normal quiet efficiency by Michael Powell, with no hitches whatsoever. Indeed an added bonus was the discovery of a little dog which had been inadvertently locked in the tower at Whitbourne. But for the group visiting the tower and David Bagley wanting



Concentration for Kent Major.

to see the bells, that little dog might have suffered a sorry end rather than a happy reunion with his mistress.



Jill Hansford and her students.



Mr. Speed - quick off the mark!

The spirit of Hereford is alive and well, and at 4 o'clock on Sunday there can be few who did not experience that "good feeling" after a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. "No special thanks", said Wilf Moreton, "it's a team effort here." However, we all know how much the Course owes to Wilf and Jo's effort, and they can rest assured that their efforts are very much appreciated by all who enjoy the "Hereford experience".

Wellington boots and whisky were auctioned-off on the Saturday evening – all proceeds to regular helper Ali Mitchell, currently working voluntarily in Brazil.

Weston Beggard, Herefords. 24 April, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Helen K Normington 1, Jackie H Mack 2, James R D Normington (1st Doubles as C) 3, Margaret E Macey 4, Adam W Kilgour 5. By helpers. Also Orcop. 1260 Doubles (5m): Garry S Barr 1, Gideon A White (most methods) 2, Rupert J Cheeseman 3, David P Macey 4, James J Hardy (C) 5. By helpers. And Moreton-on-Lugg. 25 April, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Klaus Stankowitz 1, Jackie H Mack 2, Helen K Normington 3, Margaret E Macey 4, James J Hardy 5, David P Macey 6. By helpers and students. Also Norton Canon. 1260 P.B. Doubles: James R D Normington 1, David Mack (1st inside) 2, Gideon A White 3, Rupert J Cheeseman (C) 4, Garry S Barr 5. By helpers and students. And Hereford Cathedral. 26 April, 1259 Grandsire Caters: George E J A Doughty (C) 1, Phil R Young 2, Sara C Phelps 3, Rupert J Cheeseman 4, Adam W Kilgour 5, Peter E R Brennan 6, Garry S Barr 7, Andrew J Mitchell 8, James J Hardy 9, Gideon A White 10. By helpers, for the Morning Service. Also R.N.I.B. College, Hereford. In the Bridge Room. 24 April, 1260 P.B. Minor: David Macey (1st Q on handbells) 1-2, Robert B Smith (C) 3-4, Ruth H Smith 5-6.



Some of the action at Wellington - Ron Thorne's group ringing touches of Plain Bob Minor with added assistance from John Baldwin, fresh from his sermon



## Bellfounders' Gift Page



Dear Central Council representatives,

Next Tuesday you will be attending the Central Council Annual Meeting in Peterborough and we do hope you have an enjoyable and profitable weekend. No doubt there will be plenty of opportunity for you to ring and meet up with old friends - and we

don't begrudge you that at all. We know that most of the Council's work is carried out by its various committees throughout the year. Indeed many of you serve on those committees and spend considerable amounts of time working for the benefit of ringers and ringing - for that our thanks. We know that the business of the Annual Meeting is largely to receive, discuss, and approve reports from these various committees and we do appreciate that occasionally seemingly trivial matters receive an inordinate amount of discussion

time at the Meeting itself. The weekend does however provide an ideal opportunity for the exchange of ideas and information and we do expect you to seek such information from representatives of other guilds and equally importantly to bring back details of any good ideas (perhaps in the areas of training and recruitment or bell restoration) to your own guild.

This year the Open Meeting is concerned with developments in the production of a Code of Practice for the Conservation of Bells and Bell Frames and we are sure that you recognise the great significance and immense importance of this document which could have a drastic effect on schemes for bell restoration in the future. We are sure that you will wish to listen to the discussion and perhaps express your own views on the subject.

We know that in the past we haven't always appreciated your efforts and have even on occasions suggested that you go to the Council Meeting purely for a social "jolly". Some of us have also complained that the Council itself suffers from the failings of a large bureaucracy. However we are sure that you will represent us well in Peterborough and we look forward to hearing all about the meeting and the various helpful information you are able to collect.
RINGERS EVERYWHERE

#### First peal congratulations

Alison M. Laing and (belatedly) David Baskerville.

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A memory of the Hereford Course. Scene: a ringing room somewhere in Herefordshire.

A nice smile and a pair of hazel-coloured eyes. "Get closer."

"At last she's noticed me!"

"No, you idiot, closer to the bell in front. And pull that back-stroke in!"



#### **Augmentation at Stanton Lacy**

On 23rd April the Stanton Lacy band rang a quarter peal in memory of George Cotterill who died recently, a faithful member since 1953. This also marked the last occasion of Stanton Lacy as a ring of six, for on 1st May 1992 eight bells rang out for the first time

To mark the Queen's Coronation the six bells were rehung in a completely new iron frame, and since then there has been a steady band of ringers. Although the then committee would have liked to make provision for two further bells, it was felt that the extra £50 needed was beyond their reach! However, when one of their number, Miss Kath Jones, died in 1990, she left a bequest for a bell to be cast in her family's memory. The Lewis family of ringers kindly donated a second bell, and the band set about fund-raising for the installation.

As part of the publicity a quarter peal of Plain Bob Doubles was rung on 26th February by a young band from Ludlow School. Denise Fletcher, a member of staff, conducted, and the others in the team were Edward Lewis, Laurence Tilt, Paul and Andrew Fletcher and Francis Lewis (not pictured). The Stanton Lacy band also ring at Bromfield and Ludlow, where this photograph was taken.

Much of the "spade work" in the tower was done by Des Ferguson, our well-known tower captain, and willing helper Phil Keene, and was completed in under a week. Fund-raising still has a little way to go, and any donations, large or small, would be most gratefully received. Please contact Desmond Ferguson, 4 Hayton View, Ludlow, Shropshire.

Stanton Lacy, Shropshire. 24 April, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Elsie Clee 1, P A Keene 2, Penny J Salisbury 3, G Fletcher 4, D E Ferguson (C) 5, J J P Ellams 6. In memory of George Cotterill, whose funeral took place on this day, and who was, like many above, a member of the "original" band which rang for the re-dedication of the ring after rehanging in 1953. It was also the "final" ring on the bells, which are the oldest (1693) complete ring of Rudhall's in Shropshire, before being augmented with two new trebles by Taylor's.

#### **VIDEO REVIEW**

#### "Anyone can be a Ringer"

Produced by the Kent County Association. Length approximately 17 minutes.

Available in VHS format for £10.00 (or 12.00 including postage and packing from Graham P. Cottle, 34 Wentworth Drive, Cliffe Woods, Rochester, Kent ME3 8UL). (Also available from Kent C.C. members at C.C. meeting for £10.00.)

Congratulations go to the Kent County Association on the production of an excellent video aimed at presenting ringing to the nonringing public as an activity which is within everybody's grasp.

The presenter is Ron Lobeck, the wellknown TVS weatherman, whose friendly, natural style helps to bring out the enjoyment of ringing and its social aspect whilst placing its main purpose quite firmly as service to the Church. The video whets the appetite, being informative in a light manner. Thus, whilst bells are seen being rung full circle, no attempt is made to explain the mechanics which make it possible. Nor is there a technical explanation of the intricacies of change-ringing, the detail of which might deter a would-be ringer

A number of ringers both young and old explain why and how they took up ringing and what they get from it. How splendid to hear Canterbury's 79-year-old Ted Dixon, a lifetime lorry driver, say "Anybody that learns to ring has friends for life everywhere they go"; and how fascinating to hear 78-year-old Tom Cullingworth explain that his first contact with bellringing was on November 11th, 1918. Compelling stuff this - it makes you want to meet these people and find out more. There is no doubt either about what ringing means to them, old and young alike. Their enjoyment and their enthusiasm is clear.

This is an enjoyable video in its own right and one which many ringers will want to buy. From an Association or Guild point of view it is a "must" for the public relations team, for it can be used either as a "stand alone" video or to accompany a talk or lecture.

Filmed, recorded and directed by people professionally involved in video and film making, most of whom are ringers, the use of high quality equipment has resulted in excellent quality of both sound and vision. (Special thanks must be accorded to Elizabeth and Andrew Barr, the joint directors.) Furthermore, the video is very well paced and keeps moving, thus succeeding in maintaining the viewer's interest throughout. It fully lives up to its title in suggesting to the viewer that "Anyone can be a Ringer".

ANNE and JOHN BARNES

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### Letters

#### Strange towers

A.J.B. has, as usual, hit the nail on the head. It is always hard to differentiate between the terms shy, reserved, unfriendly on the one hand and friendly pushy, intrusive on the other. This is an area I have studied in some depth over the seven years that I (a southerner) have been married to a Yorkshireman. At the outset I thought northerners were nosy and prying; he thought southerners were unfriendly and stand-offish. I find it strange to contemplate walking into anyone else's house without knocking, just shouting out "Hello, I'm here". Indeed do many homes in the London area have door handles on the outside of the front door? Once inside, I would not ask the owner how much the house was worth. He finds it strange that people can live in the same street for years without knowing each other, let alone knowing all the family history, particularly its medical history

How is this reflected among ringers? Well of course we are all more friendly than the "average" bunch of folk without the commonality of interest. But we all have different ideas of how to be friendly and different abilities in overcoming our shyness. How well I still remember running a local practice very many years ago, and then approaching a new arrival in the tower with the (I thought) friendly welcome of "Hello, are you a ringer?". This was met with gales of laughter from the assembled company. I did not know that this was the District Ringing Master. I had never met him before. This may have been my fault of his or it may have been no-one's fault, but the embarrassment of that moment can still be felt. Indeed even if I had met him several times it is more than likely that I would not have recognised him - I'm just that sort of person. People I work with know this now and help me along with "Kate - here's Fred. Remember he came last week to discuss I can then say of course I remember,

how could I possibly forget!

A friend of mine was once trying to find the way into a strange tower in Warwickshire for a ring on a Sunday morning. She saw a lurking soul who looked like a ringer (you really can't you!) and she bravely approached and asked him if he was a ringer. He confessed and then showed her the way in. She later discovered that he was a very-well-known ringer indeed, whose name was known even to her but whose face and considerable stature were totally unknown to her. She reported this incident to me for amusement, but also in gratitude that she was not made to feel embarrassed. We have all heard stories like this without such care being exercised.

So what can we do? I recommend the recruiting of a Yorkshireman to your band – someone who is not afraid to approach a new arrival with the words "Hello – I'm the Tower Captain. Are you a ringer? Where are you from? What can you ring?" This is useful cover for the rest of us, who cringe in the background just waiting for the visitor to announce that he is the President of the

Central Council or the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Yorkshireman would take such an announcement in his stride and not be put off from making the same approach on the next occasion. However, if you, in the supporting band, do happen to know the newcomer, you must take over the welcome process: "Hello Fred, fancy seeing you here. Meet the Tower Captain. This is Fred from Warwickshire. He's the country's leading peal ringer." Saves embarrassment all round.

The visitor can also assist, of course, and I particularly like the idea of "I am an alien from the planet Zarg. Who is your leader?" I would personally find it helpful on the next visit if the visitor began with "Remember me? I'm the alien from the planet Zarg and I was here last month".

KATE FLAVELL

New Malden, Surrey

#### 500th at Magdalen

May I appeal to all former members of Magdalen College, Oxford, who are or have been bellringers and who have not already been approached, to contact me.

This year is the 500th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of this magnificent tower which dominates the eastern approach to the High. It was referred to by King Charles I as "the most absolute building in Oxford", and perhaps more than any other is evocative of "the city of dreaming spires".

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The event is to be celebrated with a ringing of the bells by past and present bellringing members of the College, of all abilities, and it is hoped that as many of them as possible will take part.

If any of them who have not yet been approached by me would like to take part in this unique celebration, they should contact me at the address below, when further details will be supplied and an official invitation

Work on the tower began in 1492 and was completed in 1509. The first of its ring of ten bells had been hung in the ringing chamber by 1505 – four years before the tower was

One of the more notable occasions on which they are rung is the annual May Morning ceremony, when the College choir traditionally greets the sunrise from the top of the tower – a ceremony probably dating back to the inauguration and earliest years of the tower – and undergraduates listen to the bells as they pole their punts to an early breakfast, moored beside the banks of the Isis or the Cherwell.

M. H. ROUTH

Amport Firs, Nr. Andover, Hants (Weyhill 2394)

#### False touches of Grandsire

I read your correspondent's letter concerning short touches of Grandsire Triples (p.468) with some interest. I must say I cannot quite understand the objection to touches of 112 changes which seem to me to be perfectly suitable for a meeting, or indeed a "service" touch, even if they are not strictly of 2-course length.

However, it is the 26 touches of 139 changes which are offered that concern me, since 12 of them are false! Grandsire cannot be brought round at handstroke with a call if truth is desired. This is easily verified by writing out the first couple of changes at the start and also the last couple of changes before it runs round!

So, all the touches of 139 given, which end with a bob, are false.

JOHN R. MAYNE

#### Unhappy times at Usk

Ringers, their families and friends here in Usk have suffered a series of tragic events lately which have quite upset the local community.

First of all Lionel Jones was confined to hospital with a prostate problem which did not respond to treatment for some time; this has left him a touch frail but he has now resumed ringing on a restricted basis. Frank Hobbs is in Nevil Hall Hospital with a serious viral infection which is causing some concern, added to which he has fallen from his bed and broken his hip, and at the time of writing his condition is critical. Don Clift has been in and out of hospital with a heart condition which will necessitate major surgery in the very near future; his wife Marion is also quite poorly,

suffering from Bell's Palsy.

To add to these troubles, we have now lost Mrs. Stella Clench, much-loved wife of Reuben. Stella had fought bravely and with marvellous spirit against a kidney complaint which had plagued her for some years, but in the end she succumbed to peritonitis and was interred in St. Mary's Churchyard on Wednesday, 29 April. A half-muffled quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung before the funeral by local ringers and friends. Stella would have enjoyed listening to the ringing as she herself was one of the band here at Usk for many years, and was a regular member of our Sunday service team, also taking part in numerous quarters until arthritis prevented her ringing. We are fortunate to have her daughter Julia and son-in-law Trevor with, of course, husband Reuben as members of the local band. Stella will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her: she will surely rest in DAVID J. HÚGHES Usk, Gwent

#### Let brotherly love continue

The experience of the Rev. Michael Haighton (RW No. 4225) makes sad reading but thankfully his is the exception rather than the usual and in 55 years ringing only once have I been made to feel unwelcome. I travelled a long distance to attend the service of dedication of a recast and augmented ring and afterwards went up into the tower to join in the open ringing advertised. Instead of the usual way of organising the ringing by stating the method and leaving ringers to catch hold if they so wished, the master went to ringers known to him and asked them to organise a band for the next touch. Being a long way from home, I was unknown and so not invited to ring and after a long period of time (well over an hour) I approached the ringing master and asked if I might have a ring. After asking what I could ring he replied, "I'll see what I can do." A touch or two later he offered me a rope for a course of Royal, organised it seemed for aspiring ringers of Yorkshire Royal and after only a lead or so of dreadful ringing it fired out and I walked out.

The purpose of my letter is purely to point out how one may so easily be ignored if only through perhaps just thoughtlessness on how the ringing is organised, and to exhort, not only tower captains, but all ringers to, "Let brotherly love continue" and more especially, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unawares".

W. E. THOMPSETT.

Newport, Gwent.

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St. Albans.

### William Thomas Cook M.A.

Freeman of the City of London Linguist, Schoolmaster, Bellringer, Historian and Author Born Ealing, Middlesex, February 1933 Died Sidcup, Kent, March 1992

Bill Cook, Honorary Librarian of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, was an outstanding scholar of the history of ringing. His great depth of knowledge, acquired during the course of his custodianship and development of the two great libraries, led to his authorship in recent years of the definitive histories of both organisations. He was also author of several smaller historical works on bells such as those of St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey and jointly responsible with Cyril Wratten and John Eisel under the editorship of Jean Sanderson for writing Change Ringing: The History of an English Art, volume 1 of which appeared in 1987 and volume 2 of which is completed in manuscript.

Bill was a very accomplished man in many other ways. Born in Ealing on February 15th, 1933 he went to St. Paul's School and received a classical education. Taking the Cambridge entrance examinations early as a practice for Oxford he was awarded a place at Jesus College and wisely accepted. First however he did his National Service in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, based at Petersfield and subsequently at Bodmin. He went as an Officer Cadet to Cambridge for a year where, having volunteered for the Russian course, he

became fluent in the language.

Bill had taken up ringing at St. Stephen's, West Ealing in 1948, originally being interested through handbell ringing. He made good use of his opportunities for ringing whilst in the army particularly during his time in Cambridge and Cornwall. He was elected a member of the College Youths in 1950 and attached to the St. Mary's, Ealing band from 1951 until 1956. On returning to Cambridge he changed from Classics to Law. He was elected Secretary of the University Guild in 1954 and Master in 1955. On graduating with a Law degree he worked for a while in a firm of solicitors, Simmons & Simmons in the City before finding that the legal life was not for him. He left in 1958 and obtained his teaching qualification at evening classes whilst having a position in the shipping company of Herbert Langdon, who was then conductor at St. Paul's. This distinction he shared with a rare few but notoriously distinguished ringers such as George Debenham, George Cecil and John

Bill became a supernumerary member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild in 1959 and a full member in 1962 filling the vacancy caused by the death of Alfred B. Peck. During this service of more than 30 years he regularly put in more than 100 attendances per year plus a further 50 per year for the early morning service chiming.

Bill was also admitted to that even more distinguished company known down the generations as the "Scroof." These are they who undertake the ringing in the City of London when all the gentlemen ringers are away or when there are fees involved.

In 1960 Bill became a Supernumerary member of the Westminster Abbey company and a principal member in 1985.



Bill Cook tinkling the ivories in "Roaring Meg's".

Bill's first teaching post was at Merton and he set up home in Wimbledon. In 1962 he moved to Sidcup and a post at Sidcup Secondary School and subsequently to Ramsden Boys School in Orpington teaching French. He became Head of the languages department and Senior Master with the onerous tasks of timetabling and obtaining supply teachers. He was involved in the Drama department and taught many boys handbell ringing, always to a high standard of public performance. He was the chief representative of the staff on the P.T.A. and did much work for them. amalgamation of his school On the school with neighbouring girls school he happily took early retirement in 1990, thus fulfilling an ambition, as he put it, of "never being obliged to speak to a person under 18 again."

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In 1959 Bill was elected Junior Steward of the Ancient Society and Senior Steward in 1960. He became Master in 1961 and two years later became the Society's first Librarian. Also in 1963 he became a representative of the

Society on the Central Council.

As a ringer he took part in a number of notable performances. His first peal was of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Ealing in 1949. There followed many peals of Stedman Cinques. Bill's 100th 12-bell peal was at Southwark Cathedral in August 1978 and his 100th peal of Stedman Cinques at Wakefield Cathedral in August 1982. His 500th peal was Stedman Cinques on handbells in Cornhill Vestry in July 1991.

Bill's last peal was Stedman Triples rung with members of the College Youths at Combe Martin, Devon on September 27th 1991. This was his 505th peal of which 99 were on handbells and 59 of those were Stedman

Cinques.

He took part in a silent and non-conducted peal of Cambridge S. Maximus at Cripplegate in March 1973 and had rung the 3rd to the half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques following Sir Winston Churchill's Funeral at St. Paul's on January 26th 1966. The 3rd at St. Paul's was Bill's bell as was the 8th at Cornhill. Sunday by Sunday, morning and afternoon, he was a permanent fixture of the scene. Such was his identification with the 3rd that he was privileged to be placed on it for Wilfred Williams' infamous hoax peal of Bristol Maximus at Croydon in 1980! Bill conducted peals on both tower and handbells. Handbells were his entry to the art and one of his great loves. For over 25 years he was a regular member of the Cornhill Vestry band meeting monthly under Michael Moreton's leadership.

On April 22nd 1982 Bill took part in the first reported live broadcast of handbell ringing, transmitted to the USA from the Duke of York's Theatre, London by communications satellite, being a course of Grandsire Triples.

In 1974, Bill was elected to the Central Council's first Library Committee which reported in 1975 but was not reappointed. However it was reformed in 1976 and he continued as a member and chairman and thus the Council's Librarian in succession to Fred Sharpe. Through this he was an officer of the Council and a member of the Administrative Committee 1976–92. He was also the Trustee of the C.C. Rolls of Honour which are housed in St. Paul's Cathedral.

Following his retirement from school Bill was able to devote more time to his writing and research and also his ringing duties which incidentally included a place on the midweek chiming roster at St. Paul's for the daily 8 a.m.

service

During his last year at school he injured his back whilst moving heavy items at a PTA function. This was to plague him for the rest of his life severely reducing his activity and giving him much pain. Notwithstanding this he took part in a tour to New Zealand, Australia and Hawaii, leaving London on December 26th last year, where although he could not take part in the peals he nonetheless rang in every tower. His fellow tourists are unlikely to forget the occasions such as in "Roaring Meg's" restaurant in Queenstown NZ where after the meal Bill would sit down at the piano and accompany himself to a number of songs with great "feeling". The last of his many well written contributions to The Ringing World was that tour's report.

Bill could have been described as a loner but perhaps it was a natural reserve and courteous disposition that gave that impression. He was always very much at ease in company and when the more noisy of the gathering had said their piece, quietly he would tell his many stories and anecdotes with his characteristic

laugh and considerable wit.

Bill never married but maintained a close relationship with his family. He visited his parents every Sunday until their deaths and often his brother Jim and family in Bristol. It was to Jim's he went every Christmas and when called upon would perform his musichall songs to his own highly individualistic piano accompaniment. The family got to know the choruses pretty well over the years! Jim and Bill rang some 24 peals together mostly in the fifties of which Jim conducted the first and Bill about 15. The last of these was for Jim's 60th birthday in 1991.

Bill was no great sportsman but did do some fencing at school and rowing at Cambridge. Holidays, apart from Cambridge Guild week, were usually taken by himself, often in France although one year he walked the length of Offa's Dyke. In 1990 he took part in a tour of Italy which gave him immense pleasure.

Bill was last present at a College Youths meeting on March 10th and attended the CC Administrative Committee meeting on March 21st. He died at home on March 31st 1992. As is the custom for those who give service to Westminster Abbey his coffin was received into the Abbey on the evening of Tuesday April 14th by the Dean and Chapter. A memorial service was held in the King Henry VII chapel attended by over 100 members of his family and friends. As a measure of the respect in which he was held the mourners included the Master, Officers and members of the College Youths, the President of the Central Council, the Dean of St. Paul's and members of the Cambridge University Guild. A touch of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells during the service. The cremation took place the following day at Putney Vale conducted by the Precentor and Super-intendent of the Belfry of Westminster Abbey, the Revd. Alan Luff and at which the address was given by the Revd. Brooke Lunn.

Bill's contribution to ringing was considerable. His knowledge and wit during ringing business meetings will be greatly missed as will his other quietly undertaken work behind the scenes. It is most likely that his history book of the College Youth's will cause his name to be most familiar to future generations. It may be added to in years to come but it will surely not be rewritten

He was without doubt the great specialist on the history of London ringing and much knowledge has been lost in his passing. He was a respected friend and a reliable and constant servant to his fellow ringers. A card with flowers at Bill's funeral said what we all feel: "Alas, this page of history has turned too A.W.R.W.

#### Bill Cook

A quiet man. Always a very pleasant pub companion. In conversation he would not usually initiate a subject but would respond with great wisdom and knowledge on a wide variety of topics. His reading had been prodigious and on ringing matters his researches had produced an immediate of inaccuracies and false awareness assumptions in the work of earlier writers of ringing history. His own books were exemplary.

In recent months I discussed with him the possibility that several of the London ringers of the 18th century may also have been Freemasons, as contemporary records had indicated that they used the same pubs, particularly the Goose and Gridiron. No surprise to Bill. "Oh yes, might well be so – my father was a keen Mason and I had noticed the similarities in some of his literature.

He had a profound knowledge of the contents of the Central Council library, and could usually give a reference off the cuff in a casual conversation. He had been so looking forward to his retirement to have the time to re-schedule the records by computer.

He could be very interesting on walking in France and French vineyards, and he had more than a passing knowledge of English pubs. I have often thought it must have been pretty wonderful for any child to have him as a teacher.

He was particularly pleased to take part in the Central Council centenary peal for Sir Arthur Heywood in 1990. It was about that time that disquieting signs as to his health began to appear. Later, when walking became an obvious difficulty he made light of it.

We miss him sadly.

#### William T. Cook

There will no doubt be many tributes to Bill Cook, and emphasis will rightly be placed on his contribution to our knowledge of ringing in the past. His obituary would be incomplete however without mention of his own ringing achievements and I should like to note particularly the many handbell peals he rang at Cornhill Vestry and other venues in the City. Whether or not he would have admitted to a favourite method he was certainly fond of Stedman, and our handbell peals provided a medium for enjoying it at its best. Mainly Cinques, but with Caters occasionally and, once at least, Triples, these peals constitute a significant proportion of his total. Many were rung on his own set of bells. He had been a regular member of the band since its inception in the mid seventies, and helped a number of recruits, including myself, to find their feet in their early peals with the group. Bill's delighted smile as a peal came round, or his look of stoical resignation when it didn't, we shall not see again. Likewise afterwards we shall no longer enjoy his erudition, listening to the fruits of his research and his own recollections and anecdotes. I reflect on this with considerable sadness

PAUL MOUNSEY.

#### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

EGHAM, Surrey, S John the Baptist Saturday April 11 1992 2h54 (17)

#### 5016 Stedman Caters Comp. DE House

- Simon J Linford John W T Hibbert
- Stephen Coaker (C)
- Alan D Flood
- 5 Neil Buswell
- 6 D Paul Smith
- 7 John Chilcott
- Richard H Burton
- Alan R Patterson
- 10 David E Parsons

In memory of William T Cook.

TAUNTON, Somerset, S Mary Magdalene Sunday April 19 1992 3h29 (30)

### 5007 Stedman Caters Comp. FE Darby 1 Tudor P Edwards (C)

- John S Mason
- George W Pipe
- John G Gipson
- 5 Geoffrey W Randall 6 Peter C Randall
- John H Fielden
- Kenneth J Hesketh
- Philip J Rothera 10 James L Towler
- 11 R Kingsley Mason 12 Frank D Mack

In affectionate memory of William T Cook.

### CITY OF LONDON, S Sepulchre Tuesday May 5 1992 3h22 (28½)

#### 5017 Stedman Cinques Comp. REJ Dennis

- 1 Alan D Flood
- John S Mason
- Michael P Moreton
- James G A Prior
- Andrew N Stubbs
- 6 Christopher H Rogers (C)
- Richard J Tibbetts
- 8 S Clarke Walters
- Antony R Kench Andrew W R Wilby
- 11 Nigel Thomson
- 12 A James Phillips

By the Master and Past Masters of the Society in memory of William T Cook (Master 1961-2; Librarian 1963-92)

CITY OF LONDON, The Rising Sun, Carter Lane, EC4 Wednesday April 15 1992 2h59 (17)

#### 5019 Stedman Cinques Comp. PN Mounsey

- 1-2 S Clarke Walters 3-4 David F Moore
- 5-6 Paul N Mounsey (C) 7-8 David J Sheppard 9-10 Philip A B Saddleton
- 11-12 Michael P Moreton

In fond remembrance of Bill Cook, a regular member of this band.

#### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints Wednesday April 29 1992 2h55 (161/4)

#### 5021 Stedman Caters Comp. R C Kippin

- Emma St. John-Smith
- Harold W Rogers
- Olive L Rogers
- James G A Prior
- John S Mason
- 6 Geoffrey Dodds
  7 Lynn M Walters
  8 Alan J Frost

- Christopher H Rogers (C)
- 10 Peter N Felton

In memory of William T Cook.

#### SURREY ASSOCIATION

SOUTH CROYDON, Surrey, S Peter Thursday April 9 1992 3h10 (301/4)

#### 5021 Stedman Cinques Comp. R C Kippin

- 1 Shirley E McGill
- C Martin Foster
- James G A Prior
- 4 Ian Wiltshire
- 5 Stephen RT Pocock 6 Laith R Reynolds
- Paul N Mounsey (C) 8 Keith J Matthews
- 9 David J Dearnley 10 Michael P Moreton

First peal of Stedman Caters: 6.

Dedicated to the memory of William T Cook, who died 31st March 1992

#### George A. West

George died on 3 May 1992, aged 77, after a short illness. George had been a choirboy at Mitcham (SS. Peter and Paul), where he learned to ring at the age of 12 and served as a Sunday school teacher. He met his wife May at school and was married in 1935. The Wests moved away to Somerset for several years but returned to Surrey in 1955. He rang at Redhill from 1956, serving as District Secretary for the Southern District of the Surrey Association in the 1960s.

As Tower Captain, George was instrumental in the rehanging of the bells at St. John's, Redhill, in 1972, where his skills learned as a carpenter and joiner are still greatly in evidence.

He rang several peals in earlier years and conducted regular quarter peals at Redhill as well as assisting other local towers, including St. Bartholomew's, Horley, where he helped re-establish ringing when the bells were rehung.

George, who had continued to ring until his illness, will be sorely missed by all who knew

#### DEREK ATFIELD and GAIL TERRY

Redhill, Surrey (St John-the-Evangelist). 7 May, 1260 P.B. Triples: Betty Saggers 1, Gail M Terry 2, C Douglas Linington 3, David Gilmore 4, Derek Atfield 5, Jane Holland 6, Andrew J Holland (C) 7, George Warby 8. Rung open in thanksgiving for the life of George A. West, previous Tower Captain, whose funeral was held earlier this day.

#### Close contest for Master

Easter Monday was the day on which the Worcestershire & Districts Change Ringing Association held its Annual General Meeting in Worcester.

The morning started with many ringers from all over the country including Herefordshire and Leicestershire taking the opportunity to ring on the bells of 18 churches on three routes into Worcester, and although three quarters of an hour was allowed per tower, a full hour's ringing took place at each and every one.

The business meeting which took place at St. Swithun's Institute was chaired by the Dean of Worcester, The Very Reverend Robert Jeffrey. With the present Master, Mr. David Beacham not seeking re-election a close contest was fought between Mr. Martin D. Fellows and Mr. Roy K. Williams. Following a ballot Mr. Roy Williams was declared the new Master for the ensuing year.



David Beacham congratulating Roy Williams.

During the meeting Mr. David Beacham presented a cheque for £1,600 to the Dean. This cheque was the final instalment of a total amount of £10,300 which had been raised over three years by the Association towards the Cathedral Appeal. The target which the Association set was £10,000. Mr. Beacham said that our thanks must go to all who had contributed to this, and that Mr. Martin Fellows whose idea it was some three and a half years ago must also be thanked. His suggestion was that the money be put towards the cost of providing a ring beam in the tower.

In his reply of thanks the Dean gave an update on the works to the Cathedral, saying that it was good to see the inside of the Cathedral getting back to normal, but it would be some time before the bells could be rung as the problems being experienced with the third pinnacle were enormous, and that the work on the fourth pinnacle had not even started



David Beacham presents cheque to the Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. R. Jeffrey.

During the rest of the meeting there were two contentious proposals for additions to the

rules. Both these propositions were carried.

To round off the day the Annual Service took place in Old St. Martin's with the service

#### **Tenor change at Broughton**

On 1st January 1992 a peal was rung at St. Mary Magdalene, Broughton-in-Furness, to welcome in the New Year. Not an unusual event in itself, but less than four hours after it had ended the tenor bell was two floors down in the vestry awaiting transport to the Loughborough Foundry for the final phase of a long-awaited project

The original 10-0-19 cwt tenor, cast by Warners in 1896, was augmented by Taylors to a ring of eight in 1900. Eighty years later two more trebles were added, making a light, easygoing ring of ten, which attracted many visiting bands on tour in the Lake District. The tenor, however, although re-tuned, was always thought to be lacking of a certain "something", and 1991 finally saw the chance to put this to rights.

Tom Metcalfe (the tower captain), always vigilant on this subject, had once heard on the LACR "grapevine" that the Church of the Resurrection, Beswick, Manchester, was to be made redundant and had two 1973 Taylor bells, one of which might be of the right weight. A site visit indicated the heavier bell might well be suitable as a replacement tenor.

Despite his efforts, little more ensued until four years later, when a telephone call from "Jed" Flatters of Taylors suggested that demolition was imminent. Numerous frantic telephone calls proved it indeed to be so. A faculty was applied for and granted, and rapid negotiations were then entered into with the vicar to purchase the bell from Beswick's P.C.C. Soon after the agreement Tom, duly accompanied by his son Stephen and Roland Eccles of Manchester Cathedral, supervised the demolition contractors in lifting the bells onto a pickup for the first of several journeys up and down the M6.

Removing the old tenor from the frame was rapidly effected, thanks to a working party of Furness Branch ringers (plus the odd new year visitor . . .). Three days later Tom drove it down to the foundry for "recycling". It didn't want to go, as was borne out by the number of punctures and other incidents on the journey. The female member of the team was given a useful demonstration of how to change the wheel on a lorry, using only six bricks and a piece of wood, but luckily they found the jack by the time the second blow-out occurred!

Back at the tower it was all hands to the pumps (or rather chainsaw) to modify the frame for the new bell. By the following weekend the new tenor was back (final weight 12-1-2), and after another couple of days' hard work was in place, despite Tom finally admitting to having pneumonia. The following Tuesday practice it was rung full-circle for the first time (followed by a touch more

being conducted by the Chaplain, the Rev. Canon Albert Webb, and the address given by the Rev. Canon John Everest, Rector of Worcester City

There then followed a ringers' tea, with evening ringing taking place in and around Worcester.

Oh, glorious are the guarded heights Where guardian souls abide Self-exiled from our gross delights -Above, beyond, outside: An ampler arc their spirit swings -Commands a juster view We have their word for all these things. No doubt their words are true RUDYARD KIPLING.



modification to the frame . . .). The whole operation had taken a fortnight from start to finish!

The bell was blessed in its new home by Ian, Bishop of Carlisle, prior to a confirmation on Sunday, 9th February, and a quarter peal was rung after the service.

It must be said, however, that the old tenor still had some influence, and it took three attempts before the first peal on the new tenor was successful. It was more than a month later before a peal of Cambridge Major was rung on the back eight by a Furness Branch band.



The old tenor on its way out.

The Broughton ringers would like to thank the following for their help: Rev. Michael Price for arrangements at Beswick; P. McGuiness, demolition contractors, for care in removing the bells; Cumbria County Council for a grant toward purchase; J. Taylor & Co. Ltd. for tuning and fittings; M. E. Saunders & Sons for free loan of a pickup and return haulage; Vickers Shipbuilding & Engineering Ltd. for free loan of lifting gear; A. Sharp and G. Scott for free loan of trailers; G. Handley for free loan of a Land-Rover; R. Holden and M. Irving for free use of tractors and loaders; Rev. Peter Barnes and Broughton PCC for an interest-free loan towards initial purchase of the bell; the numerous ringers and friends in Furness who made donations; and finally to Andy Ingram, Kevin Mayfield, Andy Pollock and John Harrold for their labours during the proceedings. We all think the effort was well worth it!

#### Which Method (44)

On Saturday, February 22nd, a band of well-known 12-bell experts rang an unusually difficult peal of Spliced (35 methods) at St. Sepulchre's in London, composed and conducted by Stephen Coaker (RW page 92/309). There were 24 new methods (a record for a peal of Maximus?), so it was with tremendous relief that the WM editor handed the whole lot over to Larger Numbers.

Review of some previous WMs indicated that the awarding of one star for simplicity in some cases would be generous, so a new level of difficulty – no stars – is introduced. This is saved for methods where the line is difficult to learn, difficult to ring, and unlike anything

eise.

Music is also difficult to grade in some cases. The composition was very clever in that methods were devised to make the single lead rung as interesting as possible and elegance was at times unashamedly sacrificed in the pursuit of musical fulfilment.

A recent letter in *The Ringing World* criticised WM for dismissing easy methods. I make no apology for the angle which this review takes; these methods are difficult and are designed for experienced 12-bell ringers.

The peal kicks off with Smithfield, a Londinium-above method. The unmemorable frontwork seemed to be the sole responsibility of the three rotating bells with others not seeing what all the fuss was about. One for the back of the cupboard.

The next new method was Thameslink. The name presumably comes from its similarity with Thamesdown, the first section (9T.50×14) being the same. There are five 56789XET-s off the front plus Queens in the lead rung but precious little in the rest of it.

Chesterfield is exactly how one would expect an extension of Chesterfield Surprise Major to look. It is fortunate that it is a Delight method and can therefore bear the right name. However this is no reason to ring it. Useful if you want a group "e" method which isn't Cray.

The start of the second course introduced one of the best new methods, Vax. A very attractive line based on Zanussi above and Rigel below with all the musical qualities of both. The presence of T falseness may hinder production of a composition to exploit the features of this difficult but rewarding method.

Viaduct joins Smithfield in the back of the cupboard. If you want a reasonably musical method with a "d2" lead-end order then look no further. Otherwise pass swiftly along to the delights of Gypsy.

Gypsy is extremely difficult in all respects. Being "mx" doesn't help – if you go wrong you have little chance of getting right. Music is adequate but I don't think that was high on the composer's list of priorities.

People usually equate lots of points with difficulty, but this is not so if the points are a long way apart as they are in Luxembourg, whose line looks like a string of icicles. The music is good, featuring long internal rollups.

Angel challenges Gypsy for top billing in the complexity stakes. Again the line is extremely

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	LH	FCH	Right Place	Changes of Direction
Barking Creek S. Maximus Thameslink S. Maximus	g c1	<pre>cps(in) BD(out) cps(in) al(out)</pre>	58- 66%	112 80
Narcissus S. Maximus	k	cps(in) Ec(out)	58%	124
Tayside S. Maximus	k1	E(in) BEc(out)	48%	60
Adonis S. Maximus	h	cps(in) Bc(out)	59%	64
Westland S. Maximus	k2	T(in) Bc(out)	61%	70
Viaduct S. Maximus	d2	cps(in) Bc(out)	97%	16
Chesterfield D. Maximus	е	cps(in) Bc(out)	92%	16
Vax D. Maximus	k1	T(in) Bc(out)	66%	84
Smithfield D. Maximus	C	cps(in) BDcd(out)	62%	56
Angel D. Maximus	j2	cps(in) Bcd(out)	50%	110
Gypsy D. Maximus	mx	cps(in) Bcd(out)	57%	132
Luxembourg D. Maximus	â	cps(in) Bc(out)	60%	64
Rising Sun D. Maximus	k1	cps(in) BEa2cd(out)	50%	142

difficult and unusual but it has a number of interesting features. Both the half-lead and lead-ends have dodges in 4-5, 6-7 and 8-9, and there are plenty of musical combinations off the front. The fact that most of the rollups at the back are at handstroke rather than backstroke, while causing some amusement at the time, will probably stop normal people from ringing it.

The second half of the composition leaves little time for relaxation, although Westland is at least slightly more regular than the methods around it. Fishtails are made while the treble dodges in 3-4 and 5-6 which, although unusual, is not difficult. The best bit is the double dodges in 4-5 and 6-7 across the half-lead with points either side. T falseness will again cause problems (see past WM correspondence re "The Hundred").

Orion above the treble lends familiarity if not simplicity to Narcissus. The line is pretty difficult but musically rewarding, with nice little-bell rollups off the front in the plain course.

There is not much to say about **Tayside**, which is a bit like Strathclyde. Conventional music, but E falseness.

Finally the composition comes to the "sting in the tail" last course. Rising Sun is another very difficult line with Orion above. Random points and places very close together make it so tricky. Along with most of the new methods in this composition, Rising Sun has an uncommon lead-end order (kl). Methods in spliced are always more difficult if you're not sure where you are going to end up. Some of us need to plan our next lead in advance of conductor instruction.

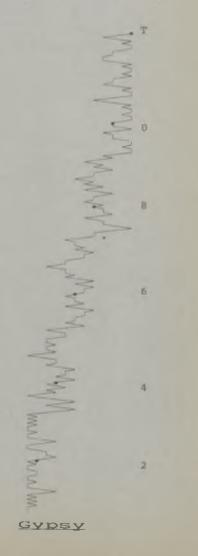
Then comes Adonis. The line is pretty nasty and very unusual, but the masochists are again rewarded by handstroke rollups.

Chandler's 23-spliced saves the easiest method until the end so that it isn't fired out in the last lead. No such benevolence from Stephen Coaker who gives us Barking Creek to finish with. No-one could suggest that it line and structure are elegant in any way but the Home lead is great fun. Six TEX9-s off the back and Double Whittington's – magic! At the risk of being repetitive, the line is very difficult and the number of internal places would make some people's toes curl.

There is no single "top method", but a selection of the more difficult and unusual blue lines gives the flavour of this not exactly trivial peal.

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	Originality	Music	Composition Choice	Simplicity
Barking Creek	RR	ЯR	181	89
Thameslink	RREA	nkn	ARR	*
Narcissus	RAW	RRR	REF	*
Tayside	RR	An	RR	RH
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Smithfield	88	22	RRR	88
Angel	RRHH	22	RRR	
Gypsy	2241	RR	ARRE	
Luxembourg	京京研	AKR	ARA	*
Rising Sun	RRW	RA	281	



### **Peal Reports**

#### ACROSS THE POND - AGAIN

Spurred on by the reduction in Transatlantic air-fares Turner's Tours (International) Ltd. set out on Sunday, 22nd March 1992, primarily to ring at the Post Office Tower in Washington. These ten bells in the Nancy Hanks Centre had been missed out of our record-breaking American trip last year,

due to work being done on the frame

Six bleary-eyed ringers left Oxford on the 6.30 a.m. coach to Heathrow, to be joined by three more at the airport, in order to fly with KLM in totally the wrong direction, to Amsterdam. There we transferred to the Baltimore flight, arriving in wintry conditions, which worsened as we drove north in two hired cars to Runnemede, New Jersey. Chicago Airport was closed with 11 inches of snow, a plane crashed on take-off in New York, but Turner's intrepid travellers battled through the blizzard. Huskies might have been appropriate! On arrival at the hotel we recovered from our journey with food, beer, a game of frisbee and the removal of Peter's bed. A successful end to a

Monday was bright, clear and very cold. The snow proved to be the wrong sort for snowmen or snowball construction (British Rail's influence gets further afield), so Peter's birthday was celebrated with an early morning call of party-poppers and squeakers, and his car was decorated with balloons. We were soon on the road again to meet Richard Parsons at Burlington

Enthusiastic local supporters, including the Vicar, were waiting for us. They had constructed two wooden frames with rope guides, which were suspended in the 42-foot drop in the crossing, anchored to four pillars. Bernard and Colin disappeared aloft on a belfry inspection, and after some minor repairs we did indeed manage to ring, with the frames moving quite considerably above our heads. More work on a permanent grillage (possibly mechanically raised and lowered) is planned, to complete the renovation of this splendid ring, previously only chimed for service.

Back on the road again to reach Washington by midafternoon. Here we were met by Sir David Wills and Sir John Graham of the Ditchley Foundation in Oxfordshire, who donated the Congress bells as a gift from the British to the American people. After introduction and photographs, they watched the first ten minutes of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. John King and Becky Joyce from the Cathedral joined the band, and took us for some very necessary refreshment afterwards



Abingdon, Virginia. - Wearing Davy Crockett hats: Bill Butler, Terry Streeter, Bernard Stone.

Into the cars once more, and a two-hour drive brought us to Front Royal in Virginia. En route Andy received a verbal warning for speeding, and also joined the "driving on the wrong side of the road" club, of which Peter was a founder member. Meanwhile Terry, whose main job was to keep Bernard awake at the wheel, fell asleep, and Bernard was very close to following suit. A 1.25 a.m. arrival at the hotel broke our previous record for late check-ins, set in Chicago last year.

Tuesday started at a slightly more civilised hour, with a drive through the Shenandoah National Park in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Superb scenery, breathtaking views, frozen waterfalls and snow eminently suitable for snowballs. Consequently an ambush was laid for the second car, and when they unwittingly parked to take photos, battle commenced! Such frivolity over, we rejoined the Interstate, where both cars were pulled off the highway for speeding.



At the Old Post Office, Washington. (L. to r.) Rebecca Joyce, Colin Turner, Michele Ellender, Bill Butler, Miss Wills, Sir John Graham, Sir David Wills, Terry Streeter, Clive Holloway, John King, Peter Ellis, Bernard Stone, Charlotte Everett, Andy

Peter was stopped in Tennessee and received a ticket and an invitation to attend court on 15th May. Terry was stopped by the State Troopers in North Carolina and taken to see a magistrate at the local police station and fined on the spot. Colin's car passed this sorry scene, just as Terry was being escorted from the Interstate behind a police car. Looking somewhat shaken, visualising the collapse of his planned peal at Hendersonville after driving 460 miles that day, Colin was heard to mutter the immortal words "Perhaps this is all a bit silly". Quote of the tour perhaps? Nevertheless, against the odds, both cars reached Hendersonville only  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours late, and with permission a swift peal of Yorkshire Major was finished just before 11 p.m., with the tower suitably shuttered.

Wednesday, and another early start for Colin's car, in order to ring a peal of mixed Doubles just after noon in Raleigh, nearly 300 miles away. The others had time for breakfast before following on for a second peal of Doubles, including Richard Parsons in the band. Both groups had lunch in "The Mecca", an authentic old-fashioned diner, unaltered since 1930. Peter's speeding fine was then paid by buying a money order at the Post Office and dispatching it to the court with the relevant paper-work. An enjoyable evening was spent with Richard in the 42nd Street Oyster Bar, remembered from our last visit.

The show was on the road again by 8 a.m. on Thursday morning, for the drive back to Baltimore. No snow this time, but driving rain and poor visibility. Frequnt accidents occurred on the slippery roads, but both cars made it safely to the airport in plenty of time for check-in. By 6 p.m. we were airborne for Amsterdam, where we arrived at 7.30 a.m. after our first breakfast. Our second was eaten on the subsequent flight to London. We cleared Customs and Immigration by 9 a.m. and then went our separate ways. Together we had driven 1,500 miles and rung four peals, all in five days. Another successful trip. The bleary-eyed ringers climbed back on the Oxford coach.

5056 Rushton Surprise Major

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First rung at Rothwell, Northants, 25/5/90.

general purpose composition ubiquitous class of b lead-head, BDK falseness methods. Some musical courses with the tenors parted provide relief from the more usual fare for this class of method.

#### **OXFORD SOCIETY**

WASHINGTON, D.C., **Old Post Office** Mon Mar 23 1992 3h25 (271/2)

5040 Cambridge S. Royal Comp. W Pye 1 Rebecca A Joyce

- William Butler (C)
- Michele Ellender
- **Charlotte Everett**
- John Wells King
- Terry J C Streeter
- Clive Holloway Bernard J Stone
- Peter G C Ellis
- 10 Colin M Turner First S. Royal: 5.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. Carolina, S James Tues Mar 24 1992 2h45 (101/4)

#### 5088 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. N J Pitstow

- Bernard J Stone
- Charlotte Everett
- Andy L Utting William Butler (C)
- Terry J C Streeter
- Clive Holloway Peter G C Ellis
- 8 Colin M Turner

RALEIGH, N. Carolina,

Wed Mar 25 1992 2h17 (3) 5040 Doubles (7m: 720 each

Rev. Canterbury, St Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Plain Bob, St Simon's, St Martin's, Grandsire)

- Richard Parsons
- Bernard J Stone
- Michele Ellender
- 4 Terry J C Streeter 5 William Butler (C)

RALEIGH, N. Carolina, Christ Church Wed Mar 25 1992 2h11 (3)

5040 Doubles (11m; 4 extents each Huntley, St Remigius, Winchendon, St Nicholas, Eynesbury, St Osmund, St Martin, St Simon's, Plain Bob, Grandsire; 2 Rev. Canterbury)

- 1 Charlotte Everett 2 Andrew L Utting 3 Colin M Turner
- Clive Holloway
- Peter G C Ellis (C) First Doubles: 2.

#### **POST EASTER PEAL WEEK 1992**

The last post Easter peal week was held two years ago and was the least successful one of the series. A number of the participants were in America last year, and so it is pleasing to report that after a year's break, this year we were 100% successful. Some put this down to your scribe only ringing in half the attempts, but I would ascribe it to having had a year off

Once again we went to Suffolk, although one day was spent in Essex trying to mop up a couple of the towers which eluded us last time. Suffolk is a county blessed with many fine churches and a growing number of easy-to-ring bells. We were fortunate in being able to visit some more of these towers, all of which we found pleasant to ring. There seemed to be a consensus that Henley were the nicest ring of the week, but only by a narrow margin. Henley was also the place where a nameless member of the group commented "There's a picture of Howard Egglestone - I'd recognise those ears anywhere'

Our accommodation was very comfortable, being based in the villages of Tostock and Beyton (other arrangers please note!), where the village pub also serves excellent reasonablypriced meals and a good pint of Abbot Ale.

I'm still not sure how Stephen managed to grab the treble rope in both the peals he rang, and also what devious method was used to persuade Marc and Katrina to go 3-bell grabbing instead of driving back to Swindon. Other than these little mysteries of life, all other things seem clear to me.

As organiser I would like to thank all the towers for giving us permission to ring on their bells, and also to Winston Girling for giving up his afternoon to help us out in one of the peals. J.R.M.

#### OXFORD D.G.

KERSEY, Suffolk, S Mary Tues April 21 1992 2h49 (15)

#### 5152 Spitfire Delight Minor

- Comp. R Baldwin 1 Peter Bridle
- Katrina A Lenton Diana M Bridle

- 4 Colin M Turner 5 Terry J C Streeter 6 Peter G C Ellis
- John R Martin (C)
- 8 Marc Hart

First peal in the method for the Guild.

IPSWICH, Suffolk, S Margaret of Scotland Tues April 21 1992 2h54 (15)

### 5056 Yorkshire S. Major Comp. I R Fielding, arr. P G C Ellis

- Terry J C Streeter
- Diana M Bridle
- 3 Katrina A Lenton
- 4 Peter Bridle 5 Colin M Turner
- 6 MarcHart
- Donald B Carter
- 8 Peter G C Ellis (C) 500th together: 4, 5.

HADLEIGH, Suffolk, Blessed Virgin Mary Wed April 22 1992 3h17 (22)

#### 5088 London S. Major

- Comp. S J Ivin
- **Donald B Carter**
- Katrina A Lenton Colin M Turner
- Peter G C Ellis Terry J C Streeter
- Marc Hart John R Martrin (C)
- 8 Peter Bridle

OFFTON, Suffolk, S Mary Wed April 22 1992 2h34 (9)

#### 5152 Wappingthorn S. Major Comp. A J Cox

- Marc Hart
- 2 Colin M Turner 3 Katrina A Lenton 4 Terry J C Streeter
- Diana M Bridle
- Peter G C Ellis Winston S Girling
- 8 Donald B Carter (C)

HENLEY, Suffolk, S Peter Thur April 23 1992 2h41 (8)

#### 5056 Bristol S. Major

- Comp. A J Cox
- 1 Peter G C Ellis 2 Colin M Turner 3 John R Martin
- Patricia M Newton
- **Donald B Carter**
- Terry J C Streeter
- Peter Bridle 8 Robert H Newton (C)

25th Bristol S. Major: 5. 100th together: 3, 5.

#### UFFORD, Suffolk, Assumption of the B.V.M.

#### Thur April 23 1992 2h54 (13) 5056 Queenziburn S. Major

#### Comp. A J Pitman

- 1 Robert H Newton
- Peter Bridle
- Patricia M Newton Diana M Bridle
- Terry J C Streeter
- Colin M Turner
- Peter G C Ellis
- 8 Donald B Carter (C)
- 75th together: 5, 8.

#### GREAT HOLLAND, Essex, All Saints Fri April 24 1992 2h58 (15)

#### 5056 Spliced S. Major (8m: 224 London; 448 each Pudsey, Superlative; 672 each Cambridge, Lincolnshire; 576 Bristol; 896

Yorkshire; 1120 Rutland; 108 changes of method, all the work)

#### Comp. R J Parker

- Stephen A Wheeler
- Peter Bridle
- Patricia M Newton Terry J C Streeter
- Colin M Turner
- Peter G C Ellis
- John R Martin
- 8 Donald B Carter (C)

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#### NON-ASSOCIATION

BEDFORD, S Paul Mon April 20 1992 3h24 (29)

- 5162 Palgrave A. Maximus
- Linda M Garton Simon J Davies
- Brian Bladon
- Howard W Egglestone Rebecca M Cox
- George H Campling
- Martin J Whiteley Peter J Sanderson
- Anthony J Cox (C)
- 10 D John Hunt
- 11 James L Towler 12 John P Loveless

TOWCESTER, Northants, **SLaurence** 

#### Mon April 20 1992 3h24 (23) 5186 Bristol S. Maximus

- Comp. PJ Sanderson Cyril A Wratten
- John P Loveless (C)
- Brian Bladon
- Peter J Sanderson
- Martin J Whiteley
- Margaret Whiteley
- Rebecca M Cox
- Anthony J Cox D John Hunt
- 10 James L Towler
- Howard W Egglestone 12 George H Campling

BANBURY, Oxon, S Mary Tues April 21 1992 3h14 (17)

### 5040 London S. Royal

- (No. 3) Comp. GAA Taylor
- D John Hunt
- Linda M Garton
- 3 Ian P Hill
- Howard W Egglestone
- Peter J Sanderson
- Cyril A Wratten
- Michael Chester
- Brian Bladon
- James L Towler 10 Martin J Whiteley (C)

#### MONKS KIRBY, Warks, S Edith

#### Thur April 23 1992 3h31 (25) 5024 Spliced S. Major (6m: 928 Watford; 896 London; 832 Pudsey, Superlative; 800 Cambridge; 736 Bristol; 120 changes of

- method, all the work) Comp. A J Pitman
- Brian Bladon
- Margaret Whiteley
- D John Hunt
- Peter J Sanderson Linda M Garton
- Howard W Egglestone John P Loveless (C)

### ARDLEIGH, Essex, Fri April 24 1992 2h56 (13)

- 5056 Lincolnshire S. Major Comp. J N Longridge
  1 Stephen A Wheeler
  2 Colin M Turner
- Terry J C Streeter
- Diana M Bridle
- Peter G C Ellis Patricia M Newton (C) Robert H Newton 6
- Peter Bridle 600th peal for the Guild: 6.

5024 Bristol S. Major Comp. S Jenner
1 Margaret Whiteley
2 Brian Bladon

All Saints Wed April 22 1992 2h56 (12)

HARBURY, Warks,

- Cyril A Wratten 4 D John Hunt
- 5 lan P Hill
- 6 Peter J Sanderson 7 James L Towler
- 8 Howard W Egglestone (C)
- ADDERBURY, Oxon, S Mary V

#### Tues April 21 1992 3h10 (24) 5152 Oxfordshire S. Major

- Comp. A J Cox
- **Brian Bladon** Martin J Whiteley
- 3 Ian P Hill
- D John Hunt
- 5 Cyril A Wratten 6 Peter J Sanderson
- Howard W Egglestone (C) 8 James L Towler
- SOUTHAM, Warks,

### S James Wed April 22 1992 3h2 (15)

- 5152 Warwickshire S. Major Comp. A J Cox 1 Linda M Garton
- James L Towler
- Brian Bladon
- 4 Peter J Sanderson (C) 5 Cyril A Wratten
- 6 Margaret Whiteley lan P Hill 8 D John Hunt

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

details.

### CLAYBROOKE, Leics,

S Peter Thur April 23 1992 3h 10 (14)

## 5184 Leicestershire S. Major Comp. R W Pipe 1 Linda M Garton

- Howard W Egglestone
- John P Loveless
- 4 Margaret Whiteley 5 Cyril A Wratten
- 6 lan P Hill Brian Bladon
- 8 Peter J Sanderson (C)

#### CHILVERS COTON, Warks, All Saints Sat April 25 1992 2h51 (13)

- 5040 Bristol S. Royal
- Arr. A J Cox
  1 Cyril A Wratten
- Joanna M Ainsworth Howard W Egglestone
- Anthony J Cox George Pluckrose
- 6 D John Hunt
- Rebecca M Cox (C) George H Campling
- Simon L Linford 10 Ian G Campbell

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#### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(St. Paul's Cathedral Guild)

CITY OF LONDON, S Lawrence Jewry, EC Sat April 25 1992 2h57 (24%)

5040 Stedman Triples (W A Cave's six single variation)

1 Paul N Mounsey (C) (1981/2)

2 Antony R Kench (1969/70 and 1986/7) 3 Michael P Moreton (1960/1)

Andrew N Stubbs (1968/9) (1953/4)

John E Chilcott Alan R Patterson (1971/2)Philip Rogers A James Phillips (1984/5)

(1990/1) With the congratulations and good wishes of the band to Rev. Brooke K Lunn (1973/4), fellow Past Master of the Society and member of the Guild, on his recent 60th birthday anniversary.

#### A.N.Z.A.B.

GEELONG, Victoria, S Paul

Sun April 19 1992 3h2 (13) 5056 Cambridge S. Major

(Middleton's)

David W Heyes

Helen J Pettet Fiona F Prince

Robin G Turner Nick R Heyes

**Brian G Pettet** 

James D Heyes (C) 8 Ian D Harris

First inside: 5. First in method: 6. For Easter and the birthday of David Heyes.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, S Paul's Cathedral Sat April 25 1992 3h10 (291/4)

5088 Rutland S. Major

Comp. J W Washbrook
1 Alison M Laing
2 Fiona F Prince

Helen J Pettet

**Brian G Pettet** 

Robin G Turner (C)

James D Heyes Ronald E J Shepherd

Ian D Harris

First peal: 1. First in method: 4. For ANZAC Day.

#### CHESTER D.G.

STOCKPORT, Cheshire, S George Sat April 25 1992 3h21 (293/4)

5057 Stedman Caters Comp. J McDonald

Steven P Kelly

Carol A Marchbank Peter C Randall (C)

David S James

Ivor R Nichols Robin Shipp

**Brian Harris** 

David W Friend

Trevor W Marchbank

Neil D Lomas

For St. George's Day (23

April).

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TUSHINGHAM, Cheshire,

Sat April 25 1992 2h34 (111/4)

5040 Minor (1) St Clements. Childwall, Buxton; (2) Single Oxford, Nicholaston; (4) Rev. Canterbury; (3, 5, 6, 7) Plain Bob

Philip N Baker

Christine Johnson

Christopher D Hughes

Frank R Morton (C) 5 Geoffrey A Edwards

6 John R Scott

First Minor: 1. Most Minor methods to a peal: 2, 3. 650th peal: 6.

#### COVENTRY D.G.

**DUNCHURCH**, Warks, S Peter Sat April 25 1992 3h6 (17)

5040 Surprise Minor (7m: London, Westminster, Norwich, York, Ipswich,

Bourne, Cambridge) Christopher W Foxall

Michael Chester

R Andrew Sutherland C Phillip Hope

Simon P Rogers (C) Geoffrey W Randall 200th together: 5, 6.

Compliment to Percy Barnwell, recently retired as tower captain, having been a ringer for 71 years at this church.

#### SOCIETY OF ROYAL

**CUMBERLAND YOUTHS** 

SPITALFIELDS, London E, **Christ Church** Tues April 28 1992 2h56 (171/4)

5088 Bristol S. Major

Comp. S Ivin

Jill S Leggitt Patricia Medley Paul I Butler

Jill M Hupman

lan W Blake

Alan Regin 6

7 Marcus A Wheel 8 Ian R Fielding (C)

150th peal together: 1, 6. Getwell compliment to Simon

#### DERBY D.A.

DARLEY DALE, Derbys, S Helen Sat Mar 14 1992 2h58 (151/2)

5056 Plain Bob Major Comp. J R Pritchard

C Frederick C Pearson

Gillian G Pearson

E Alyson Kerr Elizabeth M Nowill

Andrew D Stoker

Clive W Longden

Michael H Tompsett (C)

8 Richard L Taylor

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, Staffs, S Mary Sat April 11 1992 2h57 (111/2)

5088 Yorkshire S. Major Comp. PJ Flavel

Andrew Goodwin Elizabeth P Heaton Margaret Romano

Maurice Starkie

Rev. David H Sansum Patricia A M Halls

7 Gordon A Halls 8 John E Heaton (C) First in the method: 4 HEANOR, Derbys, Fri April 10 1992 3h (151/2)

5024 Spliced S. Major (4m: 1344 Glasgow; 1248 London; 1216 Belfast, Bristol; 113 changes of method, all the work)

Comp. Roderick R Horton
1 David J T Wilson

Joanne E Marshall

Mark R G Smith Simon C Melen

5 David J Marshall

Tim J Peverett Robert B Smith

8 Richard Allton (C) First in these four methods by

AYLSHAM, Norfolk, S Michael Sun April 19 1992 2h55 (17)

5040 Yorkshire S. Royal

Comp. W Eric Critchley
1 Jane E Orchard E Alyson Kerr

Margaret A Romano

4 John R Thorpe 5 Patricia A M Halls 6 Mark R G Smith

Gordon A Halls (C)

Timothy Wylie

For Easter Sunday

Tony Laughton 10 David Kingman
First blows in the method: 6.

ASHBOURNE, Derbys, S Oswald Thur April 23 1992 3h5 (14)

5088 Rutland S. Major Comp. Thomas Hooley
1 Richard M Barnett

Maurice Starkie Burley P Morris

Philip Hudson

Rev. David H Sansum

6 Gordon A Halls 7 Patricia A M Halls

8 John E Heaton (C) First Rutland: 2. First on an

"outside" bell: 1. First Rutland on the bells

BARLBOROUGH, Derbys, SJames Sat April 25 1992 2h52 (111/2)

5040 Minor (15m, 7 extents: (1) Plain Bob, Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St Clements College Bob; (2) Oxford T.B., London Scholar's Pleasure T.B.; (3) Norwich Surprise; (4) Kent T.B.; (5) Edinburgh Delight, Oswald Delight, Kentish Delight; (6) Barham Delight; (7) Cambridge Surprise Beverley Surprise, Surfleet

Surprise)

Gordon A Halls Patricia A M Halls John E Heaton

David J T Wilson

the 3rd ringer.

Steven Peers Philip J H Hudson (C) A 60th birthday compliment to Mrs Rita Heaton, mother of

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#### **DURHAM & NEWCASTLE**

#### D.A

**NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,** Tyne & Wear, S John Bapt Fri May 1 1992 2h46 (111/2)

#### 5088 Rutland S. Major

Comp. THooley

George S Deas

John E Anderson Andrew M Needham Herbert A Bradbury

Stephen B Bell

6 Rachael H Dyson Christopher M Richardson

8 David Hird (C)

#### GLOS. & BRISTOL D.A.

BRISTOL, Avon, S Ambrose Sat April 4 1992 2h51 (111/2)

#### 5040 Yorkshire S. Royal Comp. A J Cox

Frank D Mack

Katrina A Lenton

Marc Hart William E Thomsett

Joseph St. J Beaumont Robert Perry 6

Paul K Williamson

John A Foster

Reginald T McKenzie

10 Anthony J Cox (C)

#### ELY D.A.

**RAMPTON, Cambs, All Saints** Sun April 12 1992 2h29 (5)

5040 Minor (7 extents in 196 Spliced methods: (1) Double Oxford, Baltasound, Super Court, Double Burton Pedwardine, Webbs Wonder, Spring Branch, Winchester College, Crew Diesel, Mannamead, Pen y Ghent, Andover, Coton Hill, Hall Road, Neville Green, Quernmore, Hawthornthwaite Fell Stewarts Lane, Cockshute, Yealand Redmayne, Newby Bridge, Hindley, Coppull, Ysbyty-Ystwyth, Abergynolwyn, Tythe Barn Hillock, Throckenholt, Devils Bridge, Blaenau Ffestiniog; (2) Thelwall, Culduthel, Armitage, Beaconside, Abbeystead Yealand Conyers, Mallowdale Fell, Staveley-in-Cartmel, Christchurch, Price, Eccleston Park, Rosegrave, Basingstoke, Blackrod, Grassington, Double Boothby Graffoe, Coed-Craigyrogof, Aberffrwd, Dolgoch, Tanygrisiau, Newton-le-Willows, Chadwick Green, Lowton, Tuckers Grave, Birkenhead, Mollington Street, Finsbury Park, Slade Green, Bescot; (3) Pinehurst, Whitchurch, Huna, Tillington, Speke, Portsmouth, Double Boothby Pagnell, Crewe Electric, Alton, Bollington, Hampstead, Ingleborough, Swydd-Ffynnon, Brynglas, Simms Lane End, Bridgeyate, Capel Bangor, Tan-y-bwlch, Derby Etches Park, Corkerhill, Dolphinholme, Clougha Pike, Cricklewood, Haymarket, Priest Hutton, Finsthwaite, Ashtonin-Makerfield, Culcheth; (4) Edge Hill, Crown Court, Hammerton Street, Hull Botanic Gardens, Hayling Island, Halewood, Double Brookhouse, Whins Brow, Orkney, Xebec, Watford Junction, Hither Green, Warrington Arpley, Crewe Works, Over Kellett, Double Field Broughton, Brimton Common, Appletreewick, Golborne, Pilkington, Ty'n-Y-graig, Talyllyn, Limbrick, Tryfan, Ravenhead, Sankey Valley, Vale-of-Rheidol, Festiniog; (5) Allerton, Paisley, Old Oak Common, Ripple Lane, Wimborne Minster, Tarbock Green, Marshaw, Wolfhole Crag, Lerwick, Vaynol Hall, Willesden, Stratford, Newton Heath, Waterly Bottom, Nether Kellet, Grizedale, Sutton Scotney, Kettle Hulme, Bryn, Billinge Beacon, Double Fairlie, Pendre, Grimeford Village, Great Gable, Haydock, Codrington, Llanbadarn Fawr, Double Penrhyn; (6) Course Shetland, Evison, Junction, Upper Brow Top, Farleton, Caton Moor, Ayside, Spithead, Upton Cheyney, Garston, Hookagate, East Worldham, Haigh, Tytherington, Snowdon, Cors-Goch Glan Telfi, Afton Rheidal, Afton Fathew, Porthmadog Habour, Double Platt Bridge, Windle Hall, Rockware, Double Zig-Zag, Shields Road, Exeter St. Davids, Carlisle Kingmoor, Eastleigh; (7) Kemerton, Crook, Double Ashford Chart Leacon, Orpington, Lee-on-the-Solent, Tarnbrook, Haylot Fell, Scapa Flow, Number of the Beast, Craigentinny, Double Toton, Guide Bridge, Croess Newydd, Capernwray, Backbarrow, Sherfield-on-Loddon, Pott Shrigley, Abram, Carr Mill Dam, Pontrhydygroes, Tywyn, Rivington, Cross Fell, Bold Heath, Daisy Howe, Aberystwyth, Minffordd, Hunts Cross)

Donald F Murfet

Colin A Johnson 3 Susan E Marsden Most Minor for the Association.

#### CAMBRIDGE, S Mary Gt Mon April 20 1992 3h6 (27)

5019 Stedman Cinques Comp. Christopher H Rogers

Simon S Meyer (C) Kathryn L Carter

John J Ford Michael HD O'Callaghan

Roger J Palmer

Steven D Chandler

7 Ivan J Ludbrook 8 Russel A Brown

9 George E Bonham 10 Ian M Holland 11 David C Brown

Easter.

12 Phillip M Orme First on 12 as conductor. For **PEAL COMPOSITIONS** 

4 Christian M Peckham

5 Jeremy W Spiller (C) 6 Rupert M Burgess

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#### GUILDFORD D.G.

SEALE, Surrey, SLaurence Sat April 25 1992 2h35 (8)

5040 Minor (7m: London S., Beverley S., Surfleet S., Cambridge S., Kent T.B. Oxford T.B., Plain Bob)

- Matthew Edwards Martin J Turner
- Brenda A Mayle
- A David Leach
- **Toby Arkless**

6 John A Mayle (C) First on 6: 1. 100th peal for the Guild: 3. Wedding compliment to David Pearson and Kathy Thomas, married this day at Yorktown, Surrey

#### HERTFORD C.A.

SAFFRON WALDEN. Essex, S Mary V Sat April 25 1992 3h35 (22½)

5042 Bristol S. Maximus Comp. Peter Border

- Dorothea M Robotham
- B Gilliam Fielden
- Heather A Kippin 4 Eleanor J Kippin
- 5 Kenneth J Hesketh
- John R Peverett
- Graham A Duke
- John H Fielden
- 9 Stanley Jenner 10 Derek E Sibson
- Robert C Kippin
- 12 John R Mayne (C)

#### KENT C.A.

MAIDSTONE, Kent, All Saints Tues April 21 1992 3h10 (32)

5040 London S. Royal (No. 3)

Comp. J A Ainsworth (No. 5887)

- J Alan Ainsworth
- Dickon R Love Vanessa J Martin
- 4 J Roderick N Lebon 5 Richard H Edwards
- Catherine N Merlane
- Thomas Cullingworth
- Mark P Gilham
- 9 John B Keeler (C) 10 Thomas M Barlow

An engagement compliment to Sally Sayers and Michael

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs, SS Mary & Michael Thur April 23 1992 2h48 (10)

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

- Mark P Gilham
- Vanessa J Martin
- Adam P Shepherd
- Richard H Edwards
- 5 Dickon R Love
- 6 Thomas Cullingworth
- John B Keeler (C)
- J Alan Ainsworth

CAMBRIDGE, S. Andrew Gt Thur April 23 1992 3h3 (10)

5152 Spliced S. Major

(11m: 896 Bristol; 672 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Rutland; 448 Pudsey, Superlative, Yorkshire; 224 Ashtead, Lindum, London, Uxbridge; 133 changes of method, all the work) Arr. WTPerrins

- Thomas Cullingworth
- Adam P Shepherd
- Malcolm S Edwards
- 4 Dickon R Love
- John B Keeler (C) Richard H Edwards
- J Alan Ainsworth
- 8 Mark P Gilham

EAST FARLEIGH, Kent. The Parish Church Tues April 28 1992 2h43 (7)

5085 Glasgow S. Major

- Comp. NJ Diserens
- 1 Dickon R Love Valerie S Keeler
- Thomas Cullingworth
- Vanessa J Martin
- Richard H Edwards
- Neil W Jones
- John B Keeler (C)
- 8 Thomas M Barlow First Glasgow: 6.

#### LEICESTER D.G.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, Leics, S James Gtr Sat April 25 1992 2h35 (101/4)

5088 Spliced S. Major (8m: 768 London; 640 each Cambridge, Pudsey Superlative; 608 each Bristol, Rutland; 576 each Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 132 changes of method, all the

Comp. NR Aspland
1 Robert C Graves

- Roland Beniston
- Winifred M Warwick
- Brian S Chapman
- Brian G Warwick
- 6 Frank Chambers
- 7 Tony Laughton 8 R Philip Graves (C)

LEICESTER, Cathedral Mon April 27 1992 3h24 (251/4)

5088 Double Coslany C.B. Maximus

Comp. F Blagrove
1 Anthony J Fisher
2 John M Jelley (C)

- E Alan Jacques
- Garry W Mason David G Carling
- 6 Mark Pendery
- Alan Cattell

- 8 Rupert A Clarke
  9 Simon C Melen
  10 Murray A Coleman
  11 Roland H Cook

Andrew B Mills First Maximus: 6. Wedding compliment to Nicola Mason (daughter of 4) and Andrew i

Ace, married at Leicester Cathedral on Saturday, 25th April, 1992; also to mark the

retirement of the Provost, the Very Rev. A. Warren.

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5040 Minor (7m: St Clements, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Plain Bob)

- Winifred M Warwick
- Robert C Graves
- Philip J H Hudson
- Brian S Chapman Mark J Pendery
- 6 Brian G Warwick (C)

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry Campanile Wed April 29 1992 2h13 (6½)

#### 5152 Omrelap Delight Major **Traditional**

- Brian G Warwick (C)
- Winifred M Warwick
- Timothy Wylie Burley P Morris Brian S Chapman
- **Brian E Mozley**
- George Pluckrose

Andrew D Higson Last peal as a septuagenarian: 4 First peal in the method.

Omrelap D. Major: -38-14-58-16.34-34.18.56.12.56.78 LE 18 1352

#### LICHFIELD ARCHDEACONRY SOC.

GRACE DIEU, Leics, Manor House School Sun April 12 1992 2h3 (11/2)

#### 5040 Cambridge S. Minor (Seven extents)

- Jonathan Spencer
- Fr. John C Greatbatch
- Simon L Ward
- Miles Fidlin
- Samantha Jeff Andrew W Gordon (C)

100th for Lichfield Archdeaconry Society: 6. Birthday compliment to 3, 6. By the Codsall Peal Band.

#### **LLANDAFF &** MONMOUTH D.A.

PENTRE, Mid-Glam,

SPeter Sat April 4 1992 3h38 (263/4)

5056 Havant S. Major Comp. C Middleton

- Yvonne R John
- Sara C Phelps Robin R Churchill (C)
- Peter E R Brennan
- Andrew C John
- Julian C Parker
- David J Llewellyn Antony S Baker

#### LONDON C.A.

WESTMINSTER, London, S Clement Danes Mon May 4 1992 3h10 (211/2)

5040 Yorkshire S. Royal Comp. J Clatworthy

- Lucy Smith Clive M Smith
- Christopher F Mew David G Thorne
- Emma St. John-Smith
- Alan E Bagworth
- Nigel Thomson Christopher H Rogers (C)
- Stephen RT Pocock Alan J Frost

#### NON-ASSOCIATION

READING, Berks, S Laurence Sun April 26 1992 3h18 (231/4)

5094 Spliced Maximus (9m: 674 Orion S.; 672 Fenchurch S.; 576 each Lincolnshire S., Strathclyde S.; 572 Cantuar A.; 528 each Bristol S., Northfield S., Pudsey S.; 440 Palgrave A.; 8 changes of method, all the

Comp. Roderick W Pipe

- 1 Jane E Cubley 2 Alan D Flood
- David J Dearnley Phillip R J Barnes
- Paul N Mounsey 6 Ian Roulstone (C)
- 7 Douglas J Beaumont Julia R Cater 8
- 9 John N Hughes-D'Aeth
- Simon J L Linford
- 12 Stephen A Coaker

#### NORWICH D.A.

WATLINGTON, Norfolk, SS Peter & Paul Fri April 17 1992 2h29 (81/2)

5040 Minor (7m, 7 extents: Norwich S., Beverley S., Double Oxford, Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Surfleet S., Oxford T.B.)

- Jeremy W Spiller (C) Roger E Peckham
- Christian M Peckham
- Jeremy W Warren Katharine J Whittell 6 David G Salter

CASTLE ACRE, Norfolk,

Sat April 11 1992 2h38 (11) 5040 Minor (6m, 7 extents: (1) Cambridge S.; (2) Norwich S.; (3) Plain Bob; (4,7) St Clements; (5) Kent T.B.; (6)

- Double Oxford)
- Jeremy W Spiller (C)
  Christian M Peckham
- Mick Cole 4

WROXHAM, Norfolk,

S Mary V

Frank C J Arnold Jeremy W Warren

6 Barbara L Caffyn Circled the tower: 1, 2. For Dr. and Mrs. Bernarr Rainbow

Mon April 20 1992 2h39 (91/2) **5040 Minor** (24m, 7 extents: (1) Norwich S.; (2) Cambridge S.; (3) St Clements, St Nicholas, Childwall, Armitage-is-the-name Ribchester, Buxton, Gower; (4) Oxford T.B.; (5) Double Oxford, Baltasound, Supercourt, Thelwall, Edge Hill, Orkney, Pinehurst, Huna, Quernmore, Hawthornthwaite Fell, Andover, Mannamead; (6) Kent T.B.; (7) Plain Bob)

€1

- Elizabeth High
- Mick Cole
- Paul D Clewitt
- Christian M Peckham Jeremy W Warren 6 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
- For Easter

#### CASTLE ACRE, Norfolk, **S** James

Sat April 25 1992 2h50 (11) 5040 Minor (4m, 7 extents: (1)

Cambridge S.; (2, 5) Kent T.B.; (3, 6, 7) Plain Bob; (4) Oxford T.B.)

- Mick Cole
- Frank CJ Arnold
- Walter J Houghton Jeremy W Spiller (C) Jeremy W Warren Sarah L Seaman

#### OXFORD D.G.

BEVERLEY, N. Humbs, Minster Church

Sat April 4 1992 3h28 (41) 5040 East Riding S. Royal Comp. J Alan Ainsworth

- (No. 5.88.7)
- John E Anderson Diana J Handley
- Susan L Patterson
- Claire F Edwards
- Peter F Windley Christopher Parkinson 6
- **Hugh Neill**
- Simon J Linford John H Fielden

J Alan Ainsworth (C) BUCKFASTLEIGH. Devon, Holy Trinity

Sat April 4 1992 2h46 (15¾)

- 5088 Radon Surprise Major Comp. Anthony J Cox
- lan Roulstone (C)
- Colin M Turner 3 Mary C Symes 4 Frank W Rivett
- 5 Donald B Carter

Bernard FL Groves Brian Bladon 8 Peter G C Ellis

250th together: 2, 5. COURTEENHALL, Northants,

SS Peter & Paul Thur April 9 1992 2h48 (121/4) 5040 Doubles (49m: 7 spliced extents, comprising methods 32 and 28, 39 and 37, 29 and 33, 104 and 107, 70 and 74, 135 and 138, 7 and 4; 1 extent each 59, 56, 65, 63, 60, 57, 66, 18, 16, 180, 178, 100, 131, 1, 40, 106, 103, 112, 110, 113, 73,

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- Mary C Symes Colin M Turner
- Andrew M Farmer
- Robert J Crocker Peter G C Ellis (C)

CONGRESBURY, Avon,

- Sat April 11 1992 3h 19 (34) 5024 Bristol S. Major Comp. Stephen J Ivin
- Hugh Neill (C) Lloyd S Cartwright John C Davidge
- Maurice F Edwards Peter F Windley Claire F Edwards Lawrence J Haines

J Alan Ainsworth First in method: 3.

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BRYANSTON, Dorset, S Martin Fri April 17 1992 3h (19)

5040 Surprise Minor

(14m: (1) Bamborough, Bacup; (2) London, Wells; (3) Chester, Munden; (4) Westminster, Allendale; (5) Beverley, Surfleet; (6) York, Durham; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)

1 Mary C Symes

2 Jenny M A Astridge

3 William Butler

- Donald B Carter
- Peter G C Ellis (C)

6 Colin M Turner The ringers of 3 and 6 have now rung a peal on all the dates of the year. (This is the 4th consecutive year in which peals have been attempted on 17th April – all previous attempts were unsuccessful.) 25th Dorset bell to a peal: guess who!

AMERSHAM, Bucks, **S Mary** 

Sun April 19 1992 2h56 (19)

5088 Superlative S. Major Comp. Alan M Barber

- J Alan Ainsworth (C)
- Jenny Instone
- Ronald K Russ Terry J C Streeter Lawrence J Haines
- Peter F Windley
- Claire F Edwards
- 8 Hugh Neill

First peal in method: 2. For Easter Evensong.

SHERBORNE, Dorset, **Abbey Church** Sat April 25 1992 3h52 (46)

5024 Fulmer S. Major Comp. Richard J W Tibbetts

- John C Davidge
- Claire F Edwards
- Clive Buswell Richard C Stevens
- Peter F Windley
- Hugh Neill
- Michael Maughan
- 8 J Alan Ainsworth (C)

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Suffolk, Cathedral, The Norman Towe Sat April 25 1992 3h27 (28)

5040 London S. Royal

- Comp. C K Lewis

  1 Bernard F L Groves

  2 Colin M Turner

  3 Patricia M Newton
- Diana M Bridle
- Timothy G Pett Terry J C Streeter
- John R Martin (C)
- Frank W Rivett
- Robert H Newton
- 10 Peter Bridle

#### **PEAL COMPOSITIONS**

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#### PETERBOROUGH D.G.

ROTHWELL, Northants, Holy Trinity Thur April 23 1992 3h4 (21)

5088 Quinquagenarian S. Major

- Comp. J Warboys
- Susan J Riley Michael J Hawkins
- Brenda M Dixon
- Alan J Marks
- W John Riley 6
- David Kingman Roger W Smith
- Murray A Coleman (C) For St. George's Day; also to mark the conductor's half-

century.
First peal in the method. Quinquagenarian S. Major: F-38-14.58-12.36-14-

#### (Kettering Branch)

1258-14-78

HASELBECH, Northants, S Michael & All Angels Fri April 24 1992 2h50 (15)

### 5024 Glasgow S. Major Arr. M A Coleman

- E Jane Sibson
- Helen R Coleman
- Michael J Hawkins Nicholas A Churchman
- David Kingman
- Susan J Riley
- Murray A Coleman (C)

8 W John Riley First in method: 2, 4. Birthday compliment to Anthony Kingman.

#### ST. JAMES' GUILD

BUSHEY, Herts, S James Ap Sat April 11 1992 2h37 (12)

### 5024 Bushey Delight Major Comp. lan R Fielding

- Jill S Leggitt George H Campling Paul N Mounsey (C)
- David J Dearnley
- Alan Regin Peter C Randall 6
- Ian G Campbell
- 8 Roger Baldwin

WATFORD, Herts, S Mary Sat April 11 1992 3h5 (241/4)

#### 5040 Bristol S. Royal

Comp. Peter C Randall

- David J Dearnley Peter C Randall (C)
- Alan D Flood
- Paul N Mounsey
- **Andrew Giles**
- Douglas J Beaumont Stephen A Coaker
- Alan Regin
- lan G Campbell
- 10 George H Campling

LEIGHTON BUZZARD. Beds, All Saints Sun April 12 1992 3h33 (351/2)

### 5040 Rigel S. Maximus Comp. Paul N Mounsey

- Rosalind J Regan
- Alan D Flood
- Paul N Mounsey Ian Roulstone
- Peter C Randall
- Simon J L Linford (C)
- David J Dearnley
- Peter J Townsend George H Campling John P Loveless 8
- 10
- Mark Regan Alan Regin

#### ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Record-keepers please note a peal at Birmingham was published on p. 476.

#### SOUTHWELL D.G.

CRESWELL, Derbys, S Mary Magd. Wed April 8 1992 2h40 (121/2)

#### 5152 Pudsey S. Major

- Comp. M A Coleman
  1 John P Ottaway
  2 Christopher B Richards
  3 Mandy K Freeman
  4 Dennis A Smedley
- J Stuart Brown Brynley A Richards Nicholas J Parkes 6
- 8 R Philip Graves (C) First in method: 3. 150th peal: 4.50th together: 2,7.

GREASLEY, Notts, S Mary Tues April 28 1992 2h41 (131/4)

#### 5056 Belfast S. Major

- Comp. J S Warboys
  1 Dennis A Smedley
- John P Ottaway J Stuart Brown
- Robert C Graves Donald J Beach
- Brynley A Richards 6

Christopher B Richards 8 R Philip Graves (C) First Belfast: 5. This is the conductor's 1,100th peal and 500th as conductor, on the 20th anniversary of his first

#### **SURREY ASSOCIATION**

DORKING, Surrey, S Martin Sat April 25 1992 3h13 (25)

#### 5120 Cambridge S. Major

- Comp. NJ Diserens
- Keith J Matthews
- George E Boosey
- Carole Avis Kate A Cameron
- Robin A Grant Paul H Beeken Ron F Diserens
- Noel Gibbin (C) First Cambridge: 3, 4, 6. For Easter; also birthday compliment to Paul Beeken.

#### SUSSEX C.A.

ROTHERFIELD, Sussex.

### Sat May 2 1992 3h16 (23) 5088 Yorkshire S. Major Comp. A Craven 1 Robert N Harris

- Linda A Moores Nicola J Dawkins Jacqueline M Hunter
- Ernest J Ladd
- Pip A Sadler 6
- Mark A Dawkins 8 Keith R Wakefield (C) First Surprise: 2. To mark the launch of the Rotherfield 1200 celebrations; also in thanksgiving for the life and work of Bill Rogers, one-time

tower captain at Rotherfield and Honorary Life Member of the Sussex County Association.

#### SUFFOLK GUILD

BURGH, Suffolk, S Botolph Sat April 25 1992 2h28 (8)

**5040 Doubles** (42 extents in 11 methods and 1 principle: (1, 2) Stedman; (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 23, 24, 33, 34, 38, 39) Grandsire. 1840 by G Lindoff, Elliots, Prices, Morris's and Pitman's 240s and 1 extent. (13, 25, 35) Huntley Place Bob; (14, 26) St. Remigius Bob; (15, 27, 36) Winchendon Place Bob, 160 St. Nicholas Bob; (17, 28, 37) Rev. Canterbury Pleasure Bob; (22, 32, 42) Plain Bob; (21) St Simon's Bob; (20, 31, 41) St Martin's Bob; (19, 30) St Osmund Bob; (18, 29, 40) Eynesbury Bob)

- Mary Allum
- 4 David G Salter (C)
- Michelle D Chapman 5 Robin D Allum

3 Katharine J Whittell HEVENINGHAM, Suffolk, S Margaret Sun April 26 1992 2h30 (10)

5040 Doubles (42 extents in 80 m/v, being 11 methods and 69 variations: (1) Plain Bob; (2) Obediah, Laverstoke, Dummer; (3) Palmer, Huntley Place; (4) Scorpio; (5) Horsley, St Cecilia, Sarratt; (5) St Richard, St Remigius; (7) St Chrysostom; (8) St John, St Crispin, Chiltern; (9) Wadham, Winchendon Place; (10) St Luke; (11) Lapley, St Mary, Heyford; (12) Nuffield, St Nicholas; (13) St Thomas; (14) Clifford's Pleasure, St David, Royston; (15) Campion, Rev. Canterbury; (16) St Columb; (17) Longparish; (18) Pinks; (19) St Helens; (20) Newborough; (21) St John Baptist, St Stephen, St John Divine; (22) St Deborah, Eynesbury; (23) Septuagesima, Ember, Quinquagesima; (24) St Wenceslas; (25) St Ninian, Amersham, St Austell; (26) Sussex, Hampshire, Vectis; (27) St Osmund Bob, St Werburgh; (28) St Felix; (29) St Leonard, Churchill, Austrey; (30) Magdalen, St Martin's Bob; (31) St Oswald, Romsey, Wykeham; (32) St Laurence; (33) Eynsham, St Jude, St Ignatius; (34) Somerville, St Simon's; (35) St Wilfred, Southampton, Winchester; (36) Elford; (37) April Day, May Day, Litchurch; (38) Hudibras, Plain Bob; (39) Windrush, Kingswood, St Saviour; (40) Seighford; (41, 42) Grandsire, Price's 240)

- 1 Katharine J Whittell 2 Joanne L Mills
- 4 Robin D Allum 5 David G Salter (C)

Mary Allum 300th for the Guild: 3. 25th peal on the bells. An 18th birthday compliment to Mrs Bryenton of Heveningham.

BADINGHAM, Suffolk, S John Bapt Fri April 24 1992 2h26 (8)

5040 Grandsire Doubles

- Comp. G Lindoff
- (Six different 840s) 1 Jain W Mitchell
- Katharine J Whittell
- Mary Allum David G Salter (C)

Robin D Allum In memory of A Harry Archer.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, E. Sussex, Holy Trinity
Sat April 25 1992 2h55 (11½)

5088 Cambridge S. Major

- Comp. Christopher Forster
  1 Gillian R Parsons Ann Smith
- Jacqueline M Hunter Margaret E Oram Mark A Dawkins John R Palmer
- John A Howard 8 Ian VJ Smith (C) First Cambridge Major: 6.

#### 100th together: 2, 8. YORKSHIRE ASSN.

THRYBERGH, S. Yorks, SLeonard Sat April 18 1992 2h37 (8)

- 5040 Wearmouth S. Minor Comp. R Bailey
- Kerry Simpson Paul Male
- Michael J de C Henshaw Neil Donovan Angela Beardow
- 6 Malcolm S Turner (C)

ROTHERHAM, S. Yorks, All Saints Mon April 20 1992 3h37 (343/4)

- 5085 Sheffield S. Major Comp. N Diserens
- Elizabeth S Riley Angela Beardow
- Michael J de C Henshaw Paul Male
- Ronald J Johnston **RAdrian Davies**
- lan G Campbell 8 Malcolm S Turner (C)

HELMSLEY, N. Yorks, **All Saints** 

- Sat April 25 1992 3h (14)
- 5024 Rutland S. Major Arr. from P G K Davies Martin R Hall Jennifer A Town
- David A Town Peter F Town John W Sinfield
- Douglas Elwick David R Mitchell 8 Murray A Coleman (C)

Wedding day compliment to Angela Watson, Scarborough District Secretary, and Stephen Witty. Also with best wishes to Mary and Chris Bulleid on their move to the

Diocese of Peterborough.

EXETER, Devon, Cathedral Sat April 25 1992 4h25 (721/2)

#### 5009 Stedman Cinques Comp. RW Pipe

- Christine B Potter Roderick W Pipe (C)
- 3 Linda M Garton
- 4 Martin J Whiteley
- 5 David E Potter
- 6 Peter J Sanderson
- Raymond East
- 8 Richard H Burton
- 9 Jeffrey Brannan
- 10 David J Pipe
- 11 John P Loveless
- 12 Timothy P Bradley

#### (York Minster Society)

YORK, S Martin-le-Grand Wed April 29 1992 2h57 (101/2)

#### 5040 Grandsire Triples

Comp. J J Parker (12-part, 7 obs.)

- 1 Rachel Storr
- Alison L Edmonds 3 Raymond East
- 4 Christopher Rudge
- 5 Graham Blackburn
- 6 Christine B Potter
- Peter J Sanderson
- 8 David E Potter

Half-muffled immediately prior to Requiem Mass on the 50th anniversary of the Baedeker air raid on York This church and its bells were largely destroyed during the

#### HANDBELL PEALS

#### CHESTER D.G.

WISTASTON, Cheshire, S Mary's Belfry Tues April 28 1992 2h80 (15)

#### 5056 Plain Bob Major Comp. C K Lewis

- 1-2 Geoffrey A Edwards
- 3-4 John R Scott
- 5-6 Michael C E Hodge

both on April 28th.

7-8 Frank R Morton (C) Birthday compliments to John Scott and David Young,

#### DERBY D.A.

SAWLEY, Derbys, 48 Fairfield Crescent Wed April 15 1992 2h25 (15)

#### 5024 Bristol S. Maior Comp. S J Ivin

- 1-2 Sarah AHE Daniels
- 3-4 Simon C Melen
- 5-6 John M Jelley
- 7-8 R Philip Graves (C) First Bristol: 1-2. First Bristol on handbells and first as conductor on handbells: 7-8.

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

#### COVENTRY D.G.

**EXHALL**. Warks. 84 Coventry Road Fri April 17 1992 2h33 (13)

#### 5088 Oxford T.B. Major

- Comp. J Nicholls
- Joanne L White
- 3-4 David J Allen
- 5-6 Geoffrey Pratt (C) 7-8 Ian D Thompson First T.B. in hand: 1-2.

#### HERTFORD C.A

WATFORD, Herts. 15 Harford Drive Wed April 29 1992 2h40 (£41/2)

### 5040 Yorkshire S. Royal

- Comp. Frank E Darby
  1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
- 3-4 John R Mayne (C)
- 5-6 Roger Baldwin John R Southey
- 9-10 Dorothea M Robotham First peal of Yorkshire S Royal on handbells: 9-10.

#### OXFORD D.G.

SANDHURST, Berks, 2 Hone Hill Sun April 26 1992 2h53 (11)

5040 Minor (6m: 1 extent each Cambridge S., Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., St Clements Rev. Canterbury; 2 Plain Bob)

Michael J Pickup 3-4 Kevin J Lovell

5-6 Janet E Menhinick (C) Most methods in hand for all.

#### WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

WHITCHURCH, Hants, 1 Oakland Road Mon Mar 16 1992 2h25 (14) 5056 Lincolnshire S. Major

Arr. P Niblett 1-2 Andrew G Craddock

- 3-4 John E Spice
- 5-6 Sean D Smith 7-8 Peter D Niblett (C)
- First Lincolnshire in hand: 5-

WHITCHURCH, Hants, 1 Oakland Road Wed April 15 1992 2h49 (17)

5040 Cambridge S. Royal Arr. PD Niblett

- 1-2 Andrew G Craddock
- 3-4 Julia R Cater
- 5-6 David J Pipe 7-8 John P Colliss
- 9-10 Peter D Niblett (C) First S. Royal in hand: 1-2, 9-

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#### LATE PEALS

#### KENT C.A.

WAREHORNE, Kent, S Matthew Sat Jan 11 1992 2h50 (9)

5040 Minor (1 extent Norwich; 2 each Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge)

- Timothy S Wraight
- Christopher R Saunders
- 3 Margaret H Ross
- 4 Michael A Birkbeck
- 5 Moira J Murphy (C)
- 6 Richard H Edwards 100th peal and first as Surprise conductor

#### YORKSHIRE ASSN.

THORNHILL, W. Yorks. S Michael & All Angels Sat Jan 25 1992 2h43 (91/2)

5056 Yorkshire S. Major Comp. S Jenner

- John J L Gilbert
- Catherine M Ladd
- David J Spaul
- 4 Ronald Johnston 5 Adrian M Moreton
- Ronald J Johnston
- Neil Donovan (C)
- 8 Malcolm S Turner
- By past and present officers of the Association. In memory of Rev. Nicholas

## Quarter Peals

#### **Preston Branch** Centenary celebrated

The Preston Branch of the Lancashire Association was formed on 27 February 1892 at a meeting held in the ringing room of Preston Parish Church. To celebrate the event quarter peals were attempted, as near to the anniversary as possible, at as many of the Towers currently in the Branch as possible. The quarter peal "fortnight" was a great success, 23 quarters in 20 towers were successfully rung. It did not prove possible to make an attempt at St. Lawrence Chorley, although one is planned shortly. Sadly both attempts at Higher Walton ended in failure, the second due to the incompetence of the conductor! For those interested in the statistics Brindle led with 3 quarters, followed by Bilsborrow with 2. The leading conductors were Cyril Crossthwaite (5), and Alastair Hopkins (4). There were 22 "firsts"; 12 people scored their first quarter, 2 rang their first inside, 3 rang their first in the method and 2 conducted their first quarter. At Chipping and Samlesbury the first quarters since the bells were re-hung were scored and the present band at Whittle rang their first local band quarter. The band at Penwortham deserve special mention, every member scoring a first (the branch ringing master had been heard to mention how well the Penwortham band could ring plain bob, for once he was proved right!) After a silence of at least 6 years the bells at Brownedge (Bamber Bridge) rang out again, and there are now 10 locals learning to ring. Many thanks to all who took part for making it such a successful event.

Tower Grabbers please note: The Bells at Brownedge are being rung only for Services and Weddings. Because of the rather extreme reaction of local residents no practice night is being held, and all requests for visiting bands to use the bells will be ignored by the clergy until the locals get more used to the bells being rung. In addition the poor condition of the fittings means that there are likely to be periods when the bells cannot be rung whilst repairs are carried out. Unlike certain recent correspondents however, it is not wished to exclude people from trying this fine Taylor 8, anyone wishing to ring at Brownedge should contact me at the address below and I will do my best to accommodate them on those occasions when ringing is permitted. JR 2/4/92

John Regin 31 Bentley Park Road

Longton Lancs PR4 5ZT

Bilsborrow, Lancs. 16 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: Margaret Crossthwaite 1, Geoffrey Rothery 2, Cyril

Crossthwaite (C) 3, Charles Clegg 4, Peter Crook 5, Joe Shaw 6, John Blackley (cover) 7. £1.50

Bamber Bridge, Lancs. 23 Feb, 1280 P B Major: John Regin 1, Alison Cole 2, Donna Jones 3, Alastair Hopkins 4, Ian Cole 5, Raymond Clayton 6, Alan Gardner 7, Colin Woods (C) 8. £1.60

Brindle, Lancs. 23 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jan Walsh 1, Ann-Marie Hopkins 2, Alastair Hopkins (C) 3, Tony Clisham 4, Stuart Crosby 5, Jonathan Marsh 6.

Eccleston, Lancs. 23 Feb, 1260 P B Doubles: Cristie McCormick 1, Julie Harrison 2, Gillian Bolton 3, David Tester 4, Colin Tester (C) 5, Frank Brindle 6

Chipping, Lancs. 24 Feb, 1272 Kent T B Minor: Margaret Crossthwaite 1, Janet Parker 2, Donna Jones 3, Cyril Crossthwaite (C) 4, Dennis Parker (1st in m) 5, Raymond Clayton 6. 1st Q since the bells were re-hung.

Croston, Lancs. 24 Feb, 1280 P B Major: Graham Rogers 1, Mike Smethurst 2, Chris Ashton 3, Tom Ridgeman 4, Robert Hough 5, Alan Dyson 6, Brian Ellis 7, Jeff Simcox (C) 8.

Chorley St Mary, Lancs. 28 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: Michael Leah 1, Elisa Birchall 2, Frank Brindle 3, David Cremin 4, Colin Tester (C) 5, Jim Dawber 6.

Scorton, Lancs. 29 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Robert Pettifor 1, Janet Parker 2, Norman Chaddock 3, Dennis Parker 4, Alison Brittliff 5, Philip Newsham 6. John Parsons (C) 7. John Regin 8.

Leyland St James, Lancs. 1 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: Elaine Smith 1, Margaret Mee 2, Graham Mee 3, Chris Ashton 4, Robert Hough 5, David Marsden (C)

Preston, Lancs. 1 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples Keith Taylor 1, John Regin 2, Cyril Crossthwaite (C) 3, Margaret Crossthwaite 4, Richard Palmer 5, Victor Criddle 6, Alan Gardner 7, Mark Palmer

Samlesbury, Lancs. 1 Mar, 1280 P B Major: Cyril Crossthwaite 1, Donna Jones 2, Margaret Crossthwaite 3, Richard Palmer 4, Mark Palmer 5, Alan Gardner 6, Raymond Clayton 7, John Regin (C) 8.

1st Q since the bells were re-hung.

Broughton, Lancs. 3 Mar, 1320 P B Minor:
Elizabeth Palmer 1, Roy Jolley 2, Susan Rhodes (1st inside) 3, Richard Palmer 4, Mark Palmer 5, Brian Hill (C) 6

Hoghton, Lancs. 4 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Patricia Asquith 1, Cyril Crossthwaite 2, Margaret Crossthwaite (C) 3, Donna Jones 4, Raymond Clayton 5, John Asquith 6, Alan Gardner 7, Fred Ormerod 8. 678 cover. 1st Q: 1,6,8. £1.60

Leyland St Andrew, Lancs. 5 Mar, 1280 P B Major: Alan Dyson 1, Keith Taylor 2, Margaret Crossthwaite 3, Cyril Crossthwaite (C) 4, Richard Palmer 5, Geoff Simcox 6, Alan Gardner 7, John

Adlington, Lancs. 8 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gail Idle 1, Audrey McNutt 2, Norman Tompkins 3, Joseph Thornley 4, Ian McNutt 5, Geoffrey Fothergill 6, Peter Randall (C) 7, Alan McNutt 8.

Bilsborrow, Lancs. 8 Mar, 1280 P B Major: Cyril Crossthwaite (C) 1, Charles Clegg 2, Margaret Crossthwaite 3, Geoffrey Rothery 4, Joe Shaw 5,

Peter Crook 6, John Blackley 7, Alan Gardner 8. £1

Brindle, Lancs. 8 Mar, 1320 London S Minor:
Tony Clisham 1, Margaret Crosby 2, Ann-Marie Hopkins 3, Roger Barnes 4, Stuart Crosby 5, Alastair Hopkins (C) 6.

Penwortham, Lancs. 8 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Miss L Boocock 1, Lesley Bird 2, Adele Bird 3, David Bird (C) 4, Eric Jackson 5, Helen Jackson 6, 1st Q: 1,2,3,5,6 & as C.

Tarleton, Lancs. 8 Mar, 1272 Double Oxford Minor: Robert Hough 1, Alan Dyson 2, Chris Ashton 3, Tom Ridgeman 4, Jeff Simcox (C) 5, Brian Ellis

Walton-le-Dale, Lancs. 8 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Len Park 1, Janet Parker 2, Alastair Hopkins 3, Ann-Marie Hopkins 4, Dennis Parker (1st Q as C) 5, Roger Forrest (1st Q) 6.

Whittle-le-Woods, Lancs. 8 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: John Watson 1, Barbara Sharp 2, Sharon Williams 3, Martin Williams 4, John Parsons (C) 5, Colin Graves 6. 1st inside: 1. 1st PB Doubles: 4. 1st local-band Q by present band.

Goosnargh, Lancs. 12 Mar, 1320 London S Minor: Ann-Marie Hopkins 1, Anita Regin 2, Margaret Crosby 3, Keith Taylor 4, Stuart Crosby 5, Alastair Hopkins (C) 6.

Brindle, Lancs. 22 Mar, 1272 Kent T B Minor: Margaret Crossthwaite 1, Cyril Crossthwaite 2, Sharon Williams (1st TB) 3, Ann-Marie Hopkins 4, Alastair Hopkins (C) 5, John Regin 6. £1.20

#### A New Year's Eve Outing

Golant, Cornwall. 31 Dec, 1269 Doubles (Stedman & Grandsire): Evelyn Cummins 1, W C Boucher 2, R W Brown 3, P A Cummins 4, A H G Parry (C) 5.

Luxulyan, Cornwall. 31 Dec, 1260 Doubles (3m inc Stedman): A Sharples 1, Barbara Sharples 2, Eve Benney 3, Ann-Marie Hopkins 4, A J Hopkins (CI 5.

Tywardreath, Cornwall. 31 Dec, 1260 April Day Doubles: R W Brown 1, Evelyn Cummins 2, W C Boucher 3, P A Cumins (300th Q) 4, A H G Parry (C) 5, G C Hill 6.

#### AJS Tours — Exeter Excess 21st March 1992

Simple really.... organise a quarter peal day for friends "up country" on the seven available towers in Exeter. Arrange the mother in law to babysit so that me and "her indoors" can ring our first quarter peals together for over six months. Should be a good day.

Shame really.....sickness bug laid myself and the mother in law out so badly that we were unable to partake. So on Friday evening we were an organiser, a ringer and a babysitter short! However, after many phone calls all was sorted out.

All the quarters were scored although it was a shame that neither Julie nor I could ring in any of the quarters.

As usual my thanks to all the tower captains for allowing us to ring on their bells and special thanks to the various late replacements for stepping into the breach.

Topsham. 1296 Morpeth S Minor: Anthony Pullan 1, Nicola Crichton 2, Linda Drew 3, Graham Colborne 4, Susan Legge 5, Michael Powell (C) 6.

St Thomas. 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Robert Franklin 1, William Willans 2, Clare Pipe-Wolferstan 3, Ian Campbell 4, Linda Woodford 5, Geoffrey Emerson 6, Graham Sparey 7, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 8.

St Davids. 1288 Grandsire Triples: Nicola Crichton 1, Ian Campbell 2, Linda Drew 3, Anthony Pullan 4, Graham Sparey 5, Michael Powell 6, William Willans (C) 7, Geoffrey Emerson 8.

St Petrock. 1272 Primrose S Minor: Robert Franklin 1, Susan Legge 2, Clare Pipe-Wolferstan 3, Linda Woodford 4, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan 5, Graham Colborne (C) 6. Believed to be 1st in m for most of the band.

Heavitree. 1260 Stedman Triples: Linda Drew 1, Michael Powell 2, Susan Legge 3, Clare Pipe-Wolferstan 4, Graham Sparey 5, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 6, Graham Colborne 7, Linda Woodford 8.

St Mark. 1260 Single Oxford Bob Triples: Susan Legge 1, Geoffrey Emerson 2, Michael Powell 3, Ian Campbell 4, Graham Colborne (C) 5, William Willans 6, Graham Sparey 7, Linda Drew 8. Pinhoe. 1320 London S Minor: Robert Franklin 1,

Pinhoe. 1320 London S Minor: Robert Franklin 1, Wendy Campbell 2, Clare Pipe-Wolferstan 3, Linda Woodford 4, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan 5, Anthony Pullan (C) 6. 1st in m as C after many attempts...most of them on previous AJS Tours.

Ashover, Derbys. 15 Dec, 1260 St Clements College Bob Minor: Wendie Heading 1, Jeffrey Singleton (1st in m) 2, Walter Davis 3, John Thorpe 4, Clive Longden 5, Jim Heading (1st in m as C) 6. For Family Service. Also 8 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Wendie Heading 1, Tim Burton 2, Jim Heading (C) 3, Walter Davis 4, John Thorpe 5. For Family Service. Also 29 Mar, 1272 Kent T B Minor: Jim Heading 1, Jeffrey Singleton 2, Wendie Heading 3, John Thorpe 4, Walter Davis (C) 5, Clive Longden 6. For Family Service on Mothering Sunday. Also 5 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Wendie Heading 1, Angela Brookes 2, Jim Heading 3, Ian Duff 4, Philip Mehew 5, David Buckley 6, Peter Taylor (C) 7, Jason Atkin 8. For Evensong.

Atkin 8. For Evensong. £2.50

Bathwick, Avon. 4 Mar, 1277 Grandsire Caters:
Ines Laidler 1, E Naylor 2, B Grinter 3, D Harper 4, R M Stubbs 5, R W Willans (C) 6, Maggie Willans 7, M Powell 8, Linda Drew 9, D Floyd 10. For Sung Eucharist on Ash Wednesday, Also 8 Mar, 1263 Stedman Caters: R M Stubbs 1, B Grinter 2, Sheila Matthews 3, M Powell 4, Maggie Willans 5, D Harper 6, D Floyd (C) 7, M J Stubbs 8, Linda Drew 9, E Naylor 10. For Solemn Mass. 600th Q in tower 100th together: 2 & 3. Also 22 Mar, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Linda Drew 1, Sheila Matthews 2, Kate Rouse 3, D Harper 4, Catherine Farndon (1st on 10) 5, R M Stubbs 6, D Floyd 7, E Naylor 8, M J Stubbs (C) 9, Maggie Willans 10. For Mass. Also 25 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Catherine Farndon Tina Stoeklin 2, Kate Rouse 3, J Wrigley 4, R W Willans (C) 5, E Davis 6. For Solemn Mass on the Feast of the Annunciation. Also 26 Mar, 1260 P B Royal: R M Stubbs 1, Linda Drew (C) 2, M H Sinden Carol Bedding 4, A A Ward 5, Kate Tennant 6, R W Willans 7, H Taylor 8, T Munslow 9, M Powell 10. For the 51st wedding anniversary of Mr & Mrs J W Drew. Also 29 Mar, 1265 Stedman Caters: R M Stubbs 1, Linda Drew 2, Kate Rouse 3, D Harper 4, Sheila Matthews 5, Maggie Willans 6, M J Stubbs M Powell (1200th Q) 8, R W Willans (C) 9, E Navlor 10. For Solemn Mass. £6.50

Beaconsfield, Bucks. 15 Mar, 1264 P B Major: C Buswell (C) 1, Eileen Reeves (1st in m) 2, Joyce Cornwall 3, D G Rowlands 4, Stephanie May 5, D J Baker 6, G Hopkinson 7, D A Cornwall 8. For Evensong. Also 16 Mar, 1280 S Major (8-spl): Marion Ainsworth 1, L S Cartwright 2, Joyce Cornwall 3, Valerie Simmonds 4, J A Ainsworth 5, G Hopkinson 6, C Buswell 7, Claire Edwards (C) 8. 1st8-spl; 2,3,4,6.

Bisley, Glos. 8 Mar, 1260 P B Triples: R W Smith 1, Gill Hopwood 2, A P Hendy 3, Kay Exell 4, Wendy Schofield 5, I D Bucknell 6, R E Bucknell (C) 7, Sarah Dickenson 8. For Evensong and get well & best wishes to Frank Byrne from all the Bisley ringers 1st triples away from cover: 1. Also 15 Mar, 1280 DNCBM: Wendy Schofield 1, Lisa Trinder 2, Kay Exell 3, A P Hendy 4, S J Bucknell 5, I D Bucknell 6, P A Barton 7, R E Bucknell (C) 8. For Evensong & engagement compliment to Alan Exell & Helen Woolston. 1st in m: 1,2,4,5,7. Also 22 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: A P Hendy 1, Sarah Dickenson (1st minor inside) 2, Lucy Burrows 3, Lisa Trinder 4, I D Bucknell 5, R E Bucknell (C) 6. For Evensong. Also 29 Mar, 1264 P B Major: Lisa Trinder Hopwood (1st major inside) 2, Kay Exell 3, Wendy Schofield 4, R E Bucknell 5, M R Kingston 6, S J Bucknell 7, Rachel Saunders (C) 8. For Evensong on Mothering Sunday. Also 5 Apr, 1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: Lucy Burrows 1, Rachel Saunders 2, A P Hendy 3, I D Bucknell 4, P A Barton 5, S J Bucknell (C) 6. For Evensong and to welcome back home Gary Exell and Alison Webber from their trip round the world. 1st in m: 1,2,3,4,6.

Braintree, Essex. 8 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples:
Laura Childs 1, D Childs (C) 2, Linda Andrews (1st in m inside) 3, Queenie Brown 4, J Connell 5, A Syder 6, J Harpole 7, G Ranby 8. On the occasion of Rev Bernard Davis becoming Cannon. Also 22 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Linda Andrews 1, G Dodsworth 2, G Ranby (1st in m inside) 3, Laura Childs 4, Queenie Brown 5, A Syder 6, D Childs (C) 7, M Bishop 8. For Evensong in Mission Week. Also 29 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: D A Childs 1, Kate Preced (1st in m inside) 2, Queenie Brown 3, Laura Childs 4, A R Syder 5, J G Harpole (C) 6. For 'Somebody Loves You' Service.

Brockworth, Glos. 1 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: T T Wood 1, H Hawkins 2, Pat Wood 3, Lizbeth Harbottle 4, John Elley 5, D J Harbottle (C) 6. For Evensong on 850th Anniversary of the consecration of St George Brockworth. Also 26 Mar, 1320 Doubles (3m): T T Wood 1, H Hawkins 2, Rachel Sproston 3, Pat Wood 4, P Gould (C) 5, J Elley 6 To celebrate 27th wedding anniversary of 1 & £2.40

Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex. 30 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: Nancy Crisp 1, Jean Yardley 2, Paul Everett 3, Raymond Jones 4, Don Robinson 5, Harry Stebbings (C) 6. To the memory of Howard Impy one time ringer at Bernham who died in Australia. Also 4 Apr 1260 Doubles (2m): Paul Oliver 1, Jean Yardley 2, Don Robinson 3, Paul Everett 4, Raymond Jones (C) 5, Harry Stebbings 6. For the golden wedding anniversary of Mr & Mrs Stan Bigmore. Stan has been a ringer at St Mary's for 68 years.

Caxton, Cambs. 29 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: M L Carter 1, Rhonda Oldfield 2, N Norris 3, J W Skillings 4, C A Johnson 5, Susan Marsden (C) 6. Before Morning Service on Mothering Sunday. 50p

Christohurch, N.Z. (Cathedral) 6 Oct, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: M Clayton 1, P Perry 2, C Oldham 3, Jane Chandler 4, N Reeve 5, C Ward 6, R Bennett 7, R Stevens (C) 8. For the marriage of Christopher Jarman and Patricia Edgar at Wellington on 5th September. Also 20 Oct, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Reeve 1, Megan Clayton (1st triples inside) 2, M Clayton 3, N Reeve 4, Jane Chandler 5, R Bennett 6, C Oldham (C) 7, Jane Bayley 8. For Evensong. Also 24 Mar, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Christopher Oldham 1, Michael Clayton 2, Northleigh Reeve 3, Jane Chandler 4, Fiona Prince 5, Robert Bennett 6, Colin Ward 7, Peter Whitehead (C) 8

Coventry, W Mids. (Cathedral) 29 Mar, 1280 P & LB Maximus: M Chester (C) 1, Christine Jackson 2, G Pluckrose 3, Beverley Winter 4, I D Thompson 5, C Lindsay 6, R A Swallow 7, J Slack 8, R A Sheasby 9, R Winter 10, G Pratt 11, A J Illingworth 12. 1st on 12: 2,9. 1st spl max: 1,4,5,6,7,8,10. On Mothering Sunday.

Coventry, W Mids. (84 Coventry Rd, Exhall) 24
Feb, 1440 Kent & Oxford TB Minor: I D Thompson
1-2, D J Allen 3-4, G Pratt (C) 5-6. And 1320
Cambridge S Minor: I D Thompson 1-2, D J Allen
3-4, G Pratt (C) 5-6. Also 16 Mar, 1275 Stedman
Caters: Joanne White 1-2, D J Allen 3-4, G Pratt (C)
5-6, I D Thompson 7-8, M Chester 9-10. And 1264 P
B Major: D J Allen 1-2, G Pratt 3-4, M Chester (C)
5-6, C H Robbins (1st in hand) 7-8. Also 23 Mar,
1280 Spl S Major (CYNSR): I D Thompson 1-2, D J
Allen 3-4, G Pratt 5-6, M Chester (C) 7-8. Most spl
in hand for all. And 1280 Quedgeley S Major: I D
Thompson 1-2, D J Allen 3-4, G Pratt 5-6, M Chester
(C) 7-8. 1st in m for all. Also 30 Mar, 1264 P B Major:
D J Allen 1-2, G Pratt (C) 3-4, M Chester 5-6, C H
Robbins 7-8. And 1287 Stedman Caters: I D Thompson 1-2, D J Allen 3-4, G Pratt (C) 5-6, Joanne White
7-8, M Chester 9-10.

Great Missenden, Bucks. 19 Mar, 1318 Yorkshire S Major: Valerie J Simmonds 1, L S Cartwright 2, B M Buswell 3, C Buswell 4, P F Windley 5, Claire F Edwards 6, N Buswell 7, J A Ainsworth (C) 8. 1st S Major on the bells.

Greetham, Lincs. 30 Mar, 1344 Cambridge S Minor (Variable Hunt): R A Pearce 1, J M Goldthorpe 2, A P Warboys 3, C E J Kilgour 4, A M Farmer 5, S A Wheeler (C) 6. After a peal attempt aborted (6 mins) due to broken rope.

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Hamilton, N.Z. 27 Oct, 1260 P B Minor: Pam McAdam 1, D S McAdam 2, R Laing 3, J E Neale 4, A D McAdam 5, P Butler (C) 6. Birthday compliment to ringers of 2 & 6; wedding compliment to Val & Mike Stone. Also 3 Nov, 1260 P B Minor: D Allen (1st Q) 1, Pam McAdam 2, J E Neale 3, A D McAdam 4, I F Harrison 5, D G Kennett (C) 6. Farewell to Yvonne Smolenski, Diocesan Manager. Also 8 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: Pam McAdam 1, D R McAdam 2, D S McAdam 3, C J McAdam 4, A D McAdam 5, D G Kennett (C) 6. 30th wedding anniversary of 1 & 5.

Histon, Cambs. 20 Mar, 1260 Doubles (5m inc Stedman): Chris Clare 1, Rachel Upchurch 2, M B Davies 3, D A Upchurch 4, R F Walker (C) 5, T J English 6. For Evensong. Also 29 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: H J F Muncey 1, Mavis Driver 2, Rachel Upchurch 3, M B Davies 4, D A Upchurch (C) 5, T J English 6. For Evensong and Mothering Sunday. £2

Aldgate, London. 4 Apr., 1264 P B Major: J P Adams 1, Louise Buck 2, Eileen Stevenson 3, A E Roberts 4, R A Pearce 5, T J E Woodward 6, D R Love 7, S A Wheeler (C) 8.

Isle of Dogs, London. 4 Apr, 1280 Cambridge S Major: T J E Woodward 1, Louise Buck 2, Eileen Stevenson 3, J P Adams 4, S A Wheeler (C) 5, A E Roberts 6, D R Love 7, R A Pearce 8.

St Olaves, Hart Street, London. 4 Apr. 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Eileen Stevenson 1, J P Adams 2, Louise Buck (1st Y) 3, T J E Woodward 4, A E Roberts 5, R A Pearce 6, S A Wheeler (C) 7, D R Love

Stepney, London. (St George in the East) 4 Apr., 1344 Rutland S Major: D R Love 1, Louise Buck (1st R) 2, T J E Woodward 3, A E Roberts 4, R A Pearce 5, J P Adams 6, S A Wheeler (C) 7, P I Butler 8.

Lowick, Northants. 1 Apr, 1440 Spl Minor (17m): S A Wheeler 1, C E J Kilgour 2, J M Goldthorpe 3 R A Pearce 4, A M Farmer 5, A P Warboys (C) 6.

Morton, Lincs. 31 Mar, 1392 Spl S Minor (12m): C E J Kilgour 1, A M Farmer 2, J M Goldthorpe 3, A P Warboys 4, R A Pearce 5, S A Wheeler (C) 6.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne & Wear. (St John the Baptist) 26 Mar, 1280 Cambridge S Major: A Ross 1, Joanna Kirk 2, Susan Ewen 3, Sarah Boon 4, A M Needham 5, D Hird 6, S J Breuer (C) 7, S K Haworth 8. Also 2 Apr, 1344 P B Major: D F Dunbar (1st major) 1, A M Needham 2, Susan Ewen 3, Joanna Kirk (1st major as C) 4, Rebecca Whiteman 5, A Ross 6, S J Breuer 7, S K Haworth 8.

North Ockendon, Essex. 1 Mar, 1320 St Leonards Doubles: Mandy Botting 1, Andrew Beech 2, Alison Nash 3, Brian Beech 4, Stephen Nash (1st in m as C) 5, Ann Botting 6. 1st blows in m by all. For Quinquagesima Sunday Evensong. Also 8 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Matthew Scott 1, Michael Warren 2, Andrew Beech (jt C) 3, Brian Beech (jt C) 4, John Marshall 5, Ann Botting 6. 31st wedding anniversary (4.3.92) to Ann and Brian Beech, and to welcome John Marshall back to full time ringing. Also 22 Mar, 1320 Eynsham Doubles: Matthew Scott 1, Rowena Marshall 2, Alison Nash 3, Brian Beech 4, Stephen Nash (1st in m as C) 5, John Marshall 6. 1st blows in m by all. Dedicated to St Joseph and for Evensong.

Norwich, Norfolk. (All Saints) 21 Feb, 1260 Doubles (11m): Liz Padley 1, Racheal Eagle 2, Caroline Davies 3, Babs Caffyn 4. Stephen Day (C) 5. Most m: 2,3. Also 15 Mar, 1260 Doubles (19m): Lesley Taylor 1, Racheal Eagle 2, Caroline Davies 3, Stephen Day (C) 4, Niel Jones 5. 1st spl and most m: 2,3.

Norwich, Norfolk. (St. George Colegate) 22 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Stephen J Day 1, Paula Blatchford 2, Caroline Davies 3, Racheal Eagle 4, Adrian Buswell 5, Lesley Taylor 6. 1st inside 2. Joint Cs: 1,3,4,5.

Perth, W Australia. 22 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: John Townsend 1, Laura Ivey 2, Mary Townsend 3, Jim Carter 4, David Knewstub 5, Tony Murrayfeist (C). For Evensong and for Jim's visit. Also 29 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: June Burton 1, Laura Ivey 2, Mary Lewin 3, H E Piccup 4, R Chapman 5, A M Reynolds 6, E S White (C) 7, J Townsend 8. For the Ordination of Richard Pengelly. Also 7 Apr, 1260 P B Triples: Wendy Lander 1, Mary Townsend 2, Suzanne Birdles 3, Laura Ivey 4, David Knewstub 5, Eric White 6, Andrew Reynolds (1st T as C) 7, John Townsend 8. 1st inside on 7; 3. 22nd Wedding anniversary compliment to Laura & Ted Ivey. Farewell to John & Mary Townsend.

Philadelphia, USA. (St Martin's) 2 Feb, 1320
Doubles (3m): Eileen Butler 1, Helen Owen 2, David
Mills 3, Elisabeth Trumpler 4, Bruce Butler (C) 5,
Robert Coughlin 6. On the 103rd Anniversary of the
1st service at St Martin-in-the-Field. Also 17 Feb,
1260 Minor (3m): Eileen Butler 1, Helen Owen 2,
David Mills 3, Bruce Butler 4, Donald Trumpler (C)
5, Elisabeth Trumpler 6. For Presidents Day. 1st St.
Clements: 3,4. Ist Single Oxford: 2,3,4. Also 23 Feb,
1296 Cambridge S Minor: Eileen Butler 1, Helen
Owen 2, Elisabeth Trumpler 3, David Mills 4, Bruce
Butler 5, Donald Trumpler (C) 6. For Sunday
service. Also 4 Mar, 1272 Minor (Kent TB &
Cambridge S): Eileen Butler 1, Helen Owen 2, Bruce
Butler 3, David Mills 4, Elisabeth Trumpler 5,
Donald Trumpler (C) 6. Half muffled for Ash
Wednesday. 100th Q on the bells. Also 29 Mar,
1260 P B Doubles: Dinesh Dhody (1st on treble) 1,
Helen Owen 2, Eileen Butler 3, David Mills (1st as
C) 4, Bruce Butler 5. For Sunday service.

Slough, Berks. 29 Mar, 1280 Kent TB Major: T J E Woodward 1, Louise Buck 2, P P McDermott 3, N L Brown 4, L S Cartwright (1st in m) 5, J C Birt 6, Eileen Stevenson 7, S A Wheeler (C) 8. Also 5 Apr, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Louise Buck 1, Mary Symes 2, L S Cartwright 3, D R Love 4, A E Roberts 5, Eileen Stevenson 6, R A Pearce 7, J C Birt 8, S A Wheeler (C) 9, C M Turner 10. 1st TB on 10: 1. 1st S Royal: 3. For Passion Sunday.

Stamford, Lincs. (St Martin) 17 Mar, 1320 Kelso

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Waltham Abbey, Essex. 29 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: Stuart Ricketts 1, Jenny Hammond 2, June Whitcher 3, Katherine Cobb 4, D E Cobb (C) 5, P R C Laws 6, N Unwin (Tenor cover) 7. For Mothering

Washington, DC, USA. (Cathedral) 14 Sept, 1260 Doubles (4m inc Stedman): F N Withington (C) 1 Ann Martin 2, Mary Clark 3, Meredith Morris 4, Quilla Roth 5, A Netchvolodoff 6. For the 20th Anniversary of Ann and Eddie Martin. Most m and 1st stedman doubles 1. Also 15 Sept, 1260 P B Minor: Meredith Morris 1, Nancy Porter 2, Katie Emmons 3, Cecily Rock 4, Quilla Roth 5, Theresa Rice 6. (No C given). Also 24 Sept, 1296 Stedman Triples: B Ballard 1, Meredith Morris 2, Theresa Rice 3, Clare Pipe-Wolferstan 4, Mary Clark 5, J W King 6, R S Dirksen 7, C H P Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 8. Also 20 Oct, 1280 P B Major: P Fickus III (1st major) 1, F N Withington 2, Carolyn Ormes 3, Meredith Morris 4, Theresa Rice 5, P Merrill 6, J W King 7, Quilla Roth (C) 8. For Sunday service. Birthday compliment to Arthur King. Also 2 Nov, 1320 Doubles (3m): Quilla Roth (C) 1, Heather Young 2, Carolyn Ormes 3, Theresa Rice 4, Meredith Morris Judy Gardner (1st Q) 6. For a Wedding. 1st St Simons and St Martins and most m: 3. Also 2 Nov, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Quilla Roth (C) 1, Mary Clark 2, Carolyn Ormes 3, Meredith Morris 4, Theresa Rice 5, Judy Gardner 6. For a wedding. 1st Stedman Doubles: 4. Also 10 Nov, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Carolyn Ormes 1, Heather Young (1st Y) 2, Meredith Morris 3, Becky Joyce 4, Mary Clark 5, Theresa Rice 6, Quilla Roth 7, R J Finbow (C) 8, 90th birthday compliment to John Vest. Also 17 Nov, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J P Fickus III 1, Heather Young 2, Carolyn Ormes 3, Meredith Morris 4, Becky Joyce 5, Quilla Roth (C) 6, Theresa Rice 7, P Merrill 8. For Sunday Service. Also 1 Dec, 1260 Stedman Triples: Meg Athey 1, Carolyn Ormes 2, B Ballard 3, Quilla Roth 4, Theresa Rice 5, J W King 6, R S Dirksen (C) 7, Meredith Morris 8. In honor of Barbara Dewey, coordinator of Cathedral Volunteers 12/85 to 8/91. Also 15 Dec, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Heather Young 1, Carolyn Ormes 2, Becky Joyce 3, Cecily Rock 4, Meredith Morris 5, Theresa Rice 6, B Ballard 7, Quilla Roth (C) 8, W J Kollar 9 P Merrill 10. For Sunday Service. 1st Grandsire Caters: 2. Also 31 Dec, 1272 St Clements College Bob Minor: Joseph Fickus III 1, Meg Athey 2, Nancy Korendyke 3, Gregory Watson (1st in m) 4, Theresa Rice 5, John King (C) 6. Half-muffled on New Years Eve. 1st in m inside: 3. Also 5 Jan, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Meg Athey 1, Neville Withington 2, Ann Martin 3, Becky Joyce 4, Quilla Roth 5, Theresa Rice 6, Ben Ballard 7, John King 8, Bill Kollar 9, R S Dirksen (C) 10. Birthday compliments to Wm R King, brother of 8, and Eleanor M Rice, grandmother of 6. Also 19 Jan, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Katharine Emmons 1, Meg Athey 2, Mary Clark 3, Quilla Roth 4, Meredith Morris 5, Theresa Rice 6, John King 7, Bill Kollar 8, R S Dirksen (C) 9, Phil Merrill 10. For the birthday of Dr Martin Luthur King Jr. Also 13 Feb, 1260 Stedman Triples: Meg Athey 1, Katharine Emmons 2, Meredith Morris 3, Becky Joyce 4, Mary Clark 5, Quilla Roth 6, R S Dirksen 7, John King 8. For the installation of the Rev Dr Nathan Dwight Baxter as 7th Dean of Washing ton Cathedral. Also 16 Feb, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Meredith Morris 1, Meg Athey 2, Ann Martin 3, Becky Joyce 4, Mary Clark 5, Ben Ballard 6, John King 7, Quilla Roth 8, Eddie Martin 9, R S Dirksen (C) 10. Birthday compliment to Mrs S W Athey, mother of ringer of 2. Also 17 Feb, 1280 Superlative S Major: Heather Young 1, Meg Athey 2, Mary Clark 3, Meredith Morris 4, Becky Joyce 5, Quilla Roth 6, John King 7, R S Dirksen 8. For Presidents Day. Also 23 Feb, 1360 Kent T B Royal: Heather Young 1, Ann Martin 2, Carolyn Ormes 3, Meredith Morris 4, Katharine Emmons 5, Cecily Rock 6, Becky Joyce 7, Bill Kollar 8, Phil Merrill 9, R S Dirksen (C) 10. 1st Kent Royal: 3,4.

Washington, DC, USA. (Old Post Office) 25 Sep, 1272 London S Minor: C H P Pipe-Wolferstan (C) 1, Clare Pipe-Wolferstan 2, Meredith Morris 3, B Ballard 4, J W King 5, Theresa Rice 6. 1st in m: 3,5,6. Also 14 Oct, 1260 P B Triples: Carolyn Ormes 1, P Timmel 2, Mary Clark 3, Meredith Morris 4, Theresa Rice 5, W J Kollar 6, J W King (C) 7, J P Fickus III 8. For Columbus Day and the Bicentennial of the District of Columbia. 1st triples as C. Also 24 Dec, 1320 Primrose S Minor: J P Fickus III (1st TB), G J Watson 2, Carolyn Ormes 3, Theresa Rice 4, W J Kollar 5, J W King (C) 6. For Christmas. 1st in m: 2,3,4,5,6. Also 26 Dec, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: J P Fickus III 1, G J Watson 2, Theresa Rice 3, Quilla Roth 4, J Fanfani (1st in m) 5, J W King (C) 6. Also 17 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: Alex Storrs 1, Nancy Korendyke 2, Carolyn Ormes 3, Mary Clark 4, Paul Timmel 5, Bill Kollar (C) 6. For Presidents Day. £3.20

Wilburton, Cambs. 8 Mar, 1260 Minor (2m): D F Murfet 1, Gill Bland 2, Marion Robinson 3, I Bland 4, Susan Williams (C) 5, A Yarrow 6. Before Morning Service. Also 29 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: D F Murfet (C) 1, Gillian Bland 2, Marion Robinson 3, I Bland 4, A J Causer 5, A Yarrow 6. Before morning service on Mothering Sunday.

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Worle, Avon. 22 Mar, 1280 L B Minor: J F S
Lambard 1, Yvonne Criddle 2, J G Cook 3, B
Williams 4, J S Walton (C) 5, C A Swatton 6. For
Morning Service. Also 1 Apr, 1260 April Day
Doubles: Rebecca Boorman (25th Q) 1, C Nicholls
(C) 2, J F S Lambard 3, J S Boorman 4, C A Swatton
5, R Buckland (1st Q) 6. 1st in v for all. On April
day.

£2.40

#### 3 In A Day In Kent

Karen wanted some "firsts" so organised a Quarter Peal Day in mid-Kent at the end of March. We were unlucky with Stedman at Aylesford (but that's Stedman for youl) but the other three all came round successfully. Thank you Karen for making all the tower arrangements.

Wrotham. 28 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Wendy King 1, Janice Leeke (C) 2, Jane Wallace 3, Karen Hudston (1st G. Triples) 4, Brian Lawrence 5, Mike Godfrey 6, Arthur King 7, John Criddle 8.

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Maidstone, (St Michael). 1280 P.B. Major: Wendy
King 1, Mike Godfrey 2, Janice Leeke 3, Jane
Wallace 4, John Criddle 5, Karen Hudston (1st
Major) 6, Brian Lawrence 7, Arthur King (C) 8.

Great Chart. 1250 St Clement's College Bob Major: Jane Wallace 1, Janice Leeke 2, Wendy King 3, Karen Hudston 4, John Criddle 5, Brian Lawrence 6, Mike Godfrey 7, Arthur King (C) 8. 1st St Clement's Major: 2,4,5,6,7 and as C. £4.50

#### 5 In A Day In Norfolk

Saham Toney. 4 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m); Cathryn A Walker 1, M A Walker 2, Angela M Smalley 3, Valerie S Wild 4, A D Walker (C) 5, R J Harrop 6.

Watton. 1272 Kent T.B. Minor: M A Walker 1, Angela M Smalley 2, Valerie S Wild 3, Rosalind A Knight 4, A D Walker 5, R J Harrop (C) 6.

Rockland All Saints. 1260 Doubles (3m): Valerie S Wild 1, A G Clifton 2, M A Walker (60th Q in 1992) 3, Rosalind A Knight 4, A D Walker (C) 5.

Kenninghall. 1280 P.B. Major: A G Clifton 1, M A Walker (1st P.B. Major inside) 2, Valerie S Wild 3, Angela M Smalley 4, Rosalind A Knight 5, J W Warren 6, A D Walker 7, R J Harrop (C) 8.

Banham. 1260 Single Oxford & P.B. Minor: R J

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Bishops Lydeard, Som. 29 Mar. 1260 Doubles (3m): M C Hansford 1, D Twitchen 2, Vanessa Martin 3, G Morley 4, Abbie Back (1st as C) 5, E Gill 6. For Mothering Sunday. Also 5 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): D Twitchen 1, Vanessa Martin 2, M C Hansford (C) 3, Abbie Back 4, Jill Hansford 5, E Gill

6. For Evensong. £2

Bray, Berks. 29 Mar, 1280 L.B. Major: Robert Rance 1, Sylvia Harrington 2, Marcia Dieppe 3, Wenda Fowles 4, Michael Best 5, Colin Fowles 6, Graham Firman (C) 7, Derek Fowles 8. For Even-song on Mothering Sunday. Also 5 Apr, 1280 Doubles (3m): Mary Seymour 1, Wenda Fowles 2, John Dieppe 3, Derek Fowles 4, Colin Fowles (C) 5. For Evensong.

Butcombe, Avon. 30 Mar, 1272 Ipswich S. Minor: D Gay 1, Jean Gay 2, A Marchant 3, R Baker 4, C Nicholls 5, R Baker (C) 6. 60p

Butleigh, Som. 23 Feb, 1272 Ipswich S. Minor: J Nicholls (1st T.B.) 1, Marilyn A Backhurst 2, Penelope I Hooper 3, A K Woolley 4, P J Payne 5, R C Backhurst (1st as C) 6. 1st in m: 2,5. Half-muffled in memory of Mr. H.B. Leech. For Evensong. Also 21 Mar, 1320 Annabels London S. Minor: A K Woolley 1, A H Ball 2, Helen Hunt 3, Rosemary Ball 4, Penelope I Hooper 5, A Hunt (C) 6. Also 22 Mar, 1320 Doubles (2m): D L Woolley 1, W Ander-son 2, P J Payne (1st as C) 3, Marilyn A Backhurst 4, R C Backhurst 5, C Allanson-Bailey 6. For Evensong. Also 29 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): Marilyn A Backhurst 1, C Allanson-Bailey 2, P A Watch 3, Penelope I Hooper 4, A K Woolley (C) 5.

On the back five after meeting one short for minor. For Mothering Sunday Evensong. £4

Buxhall, Suffolk. 4 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S.

Minor: B E Whiting 1, Louise Steward 2, S Edson 3, D R Barnard 4, Amanda M Whiting (C) 5, S A Rudd 6.

Chewton Mendip, Som. 18 Mar, 1250 Rutland S. Major: Beverley Perry 1, Rosemary C Ball 2, A K Woolley 3, L E Perry 4, Penelope I Hooper 5, R F Bowditch 6, P J Payne (1st S. Major & 1st blows in m) 7. A H Ball (C) 8. €1.60

Chiddingly, Sussex. 5 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m): Sue Andrews 1, S Bailey 2, J Brooks 3, H A R Posnett 4, T D Waterman (C) 5, H Bailey 6. For the Golden Wedding of Jim and Gladys Brooks and for Morning Service. Also 6 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): Sue Andrews 1, M S Cotgrove 2, Mary Rice 3, H A R Posnett 4, T D Waterman (C) 5, H Bailey 6. In thanksgiving for the life of Susanna Penrose 1949-

Chipping Campden, Glos. 30 Mar, 1260 Single Oxford Triples: Jill Roberts 1, Jennifer M Winslow 2, J W Nicholls 3, J H Smart 4, G D Payne 5, P J F Quinn 6, C F Mew (C) 7, Pamela Copson 8. In thanksgiving for the life of James Payne whose funeral took place this day.

Church Gresley, Derbys. 5 Apr, 1320 Daffodil Doubles: S Hale 1, Mandy Lander 2, Moira Cowlishaw 3, D P Jones (C) 4, D Spencer 5, W Clarke 6. 1st in v: 2,3,6. For Evensong. Also 7 Apr, 1260 Double Court Minor: W Clarke 1, Jane Hall 2, W J Hall 3, D Spencer 4, D P Jones (C) 5, S Hale 6. 1st in m by all except C and on bells. A compliment to Stuart Hale on his birthday.

Clapton in Gordano, Avon. 19 Mar, 1296 Hull S. Minor: M Baker 1, Jean Gay 2, D Gay 3, R Newman (C) 4, C Nicholls 5, R Baker 6

Clifton upon Dunsmore, Warwicks. 12 Jan, 1260 P.B. Doubles: J Payne 1, Heather Miles 2, P Miles 3, Elizabeth Guy 4, R Guy 5, R Everard 6. Birthday compliment to treble ringer. Also 22 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: P Miles 1, Elizabeth Guy 2, G Forester 3, Catherine Jamieson 4, R Guy (C) 5, R Everard 6. Half-muffled in memory of Rosemary

Codsall, Staffs. 8 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: Samantha Jeff 1, J Spencer 2, L Southall 3, O Haynes 4, Ginette Pardoe 5, M Fidlin (C) 6. For Evenson-g. Also 16 Feb, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: Ginette g. Also 16 Feb, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: Gillette Pardoe 1, Samantha Jeff 2, Nina Snow 3, J Spencer 4, Fr J C Greatbatch 5, M Fidlin 6, S L Ward 7, A W Gordon (C) 8. For Morning Service. 1st Yorkshire by the local band. 1st Yorkshire: 2,4,6,7. Also 16 Feb, 1260 Doubles (5 m/v): Samantha Jeff 1, J Spencer 2, M Fidlin (C) 3, Ginette Pardoe 4, A W Gordon 5, R Tonkin (1st Q) 6. For Evensong. 23 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor: R Tonkin (1st plain hunt) 1, L Southall 2, Ginette Pardoe 3, J Spencer 4, M Fidlin (C) 5, A W Gordon 6. In memory of Stan Brindley, a well-known local parish solicitor. Also 1250 Spl. S. Major (CYN): Ginette Pardoe 1, Samantha Jeff 2, J Spencer 3, M Fidlin 4, L Southall 5, Fr J C Greatbatch 6, D Woodward 7, A W Gordon (C) 8. 1st S.S. Major: 2,3,4,5,7 and as C. 1st by the Codsall band. For Evensong. Also 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: R Tonkin 1, L Southall 2, Ginette Pardoe 3, M Fidlin 4, A W Gordon 5, J Spencer (C) 6. 1st P.B. Minor as C. Also 15 Mar, 1260 P.B. Triples: Ginette Pardoe 1, N Gooderham 2, Samantha Jeff 3, A Tordoff 4, S L Ward 5, O Haynes 6, M Fidlin (C) 7, R Tonkin 8. For Evensong. 1st Triples inside: Also 22 Mar, 1260 Minor (2m): Samantha Jeff 1, J Spencer 2, Ginette Pardoe (1st Oxford T.B.) 3, O Haynes 4, A W Gordon 5, M Fidlin (C) 6. Also 1440 Norwich S. Minor: Samantha Jeff 1, Ginette Pardoe (1st in m) 2, M Fidlin 3, L Southall 4, J Spencer 5, A W Gordon (C) 6. For Evensong. Also 5 Apr, 1260 Doubles (20 m/v): A W Gordon (C) 1, Ginette Pardoe 2, Samantha Jeff 3, J Spencer 4, S L Ward 5, R Tonkin 6. Most m: 2,3. For Morning Service. Also 1272 S. Minor (2m): Samantha Jeff 1, Fr J C Greatbatch 2, Ginette Pardoe (1st in 2 S. Minor) 3, J Spencer 4, A W Gordon 5, M Fidlin (C) 6. For Evensong.

Dundry, Avon. 15 Mar, 1320 Canterbury S. Minor: M Baker 1, C Nicholls 2, Marion Newman 3, Rose Ball 4, A Ball 5, R Newman (C) 6. 60p

Glastonbury, Som (St John). 7 Mar, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: Patricia Tucker (1st T.B.) 1, Rosemary C Ball 2, Marilyn A Backhurst 3, A K Woolley 4, P C Tucker 5, R C Backhurst 6, B V Mountjoy 7 H Ball (C) 8 £1.60

Grappenhall, Ches. 29 Mar, 1264 P.B. Major: Claire L Thomson 1, B J Ongley 2, Linda M Thomson 3, Liz McIntyre 4, J F Oultram 5, A J Jobson 6, M Thomson 7, N Thomson (C) 8. To celebrate the visit of the Right Revd Ronald Brown, Bishop of Birkenhead. Also 5 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Linda M Thomson 1, Claire L Thomson (1st inside) 2, Mike Thomson (C) 3, Heather Powell 4, Nick Thomson 5, Paul Thomson (1st att) 6. A Ruby Wedding compliment to Gordon and Audrey

Great Massingham, Norfolk. 7 Apr., 1296 Minimus (3m): M A Walker 1, A G Clifton (1st Minimus) 2, PN Green 3, AD Walker (C) 4.

Grundisburgh, Suffolk. 29 Mar, 1252 Spl. S. Major (CNY): R H French 1, Gillian P Waterson 2, S D Pettman (C) 3, Marie Eaton (1st 3 Spl) 4, Ann-Malena Lea 5, B J Waterson (1st Spl inside) 6, Molly S Waterson 7, Joan Garrett 8. Birthday compliment to Sylvia R.E. Pipe. Also 6 Apr, 1348 Lincolnshire S. Maximus: Molly S Waterson (1st on 12) 1, Gillian P Waterson 2, S D Pettman (C) 3, Joan Garrett 4, I W Mitchell 5, Katharine J Whittell 6, A H Warren 7, R N Earey 8, P V Stannard 9, P M Ogden 10, J J E Williamson 11, D G Salter 12. 1st Lincs. Max 2,5,6,7,8,11. 1st blows Lincs. Max: 4,9,10.

Hillsborough, Co Down. 8 Mar, 1320 P.B. Doubles: Peter Jameson 1, Alistair Jameson (1st inside) 2, Simon Walker 3, Brian Lockett 4, Don McLean (C) 5, Daryl Jameson (1st Q) 6. A tribute to Les Jones, M.B.É., Great Britain and Northern Ireland Athletics Manager. Died in Genoa 2nd March 1992. Also 22 Mar, 1320 P.B. Doubles: Jonathan Hanna (1st away from tenor) 1, Alistair Jameson 2, Carole Shaw 3, Simon Walker 4, Colin Holliday (C) 5, Robert Spaughton (1st Q) 6. Best wishes to Jonathan Hanna on his 21st birthday — 24 March 1992. Also 8 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Alistair Jameson (1st Triples away from tenor) 1, Colin Holliday 2, Janet Pritchard 3, Simon Walker (50th Q) 4, Philip Kimber 5, Brian Lockett 6, Don McLean (C) 7, Robert Spaughton (1st on 8)

Leckhampton, Glos. 5 Jan, 1296 Cambridge S. Also 12 Jan, 1264 P.B. Major. Also Jan, 1280 D.N.C.B. Major. Also 26 Jan, 1280 P.B. Major. Also 9 Feb, 1280 Rutland S. Major. Also 16 Feb, 1260 P.B. Minor. Also 1 Mar, 1260 P.B. Also 8 Mar, 1280 Lincolnshire S. Ma-Minor. Also 15 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples. Also 29 Mar, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major.

Mugginton, Derbys. 3 Apr, 1272 Neasden D. Minor: C D Gregory 1, D P Jones 2, J A Cater 3, P H P Harris 4, S Peers 5, A Rowe (C) 6. 1st blows in

Nempnett Thrubwell, Avon. 27 Mar, 1296 S. Minor (3m): M Baker 1, A Marchant 2, C Nicholls 3, R Caton 4, R Newman (C) 5, B North 6.

North Stoneham, Hants, 18 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: C Peckham 1, S Wood (1st as C) 2, A Bennett 3, N Johnson 4, A T Buswell 5, N Kimber 6.

Oakley, Beds. 7 Apr., 1260 P.B. Minor: Marion Ridgway 1, Simon Trott 2, Roger Framp 3, Colin Payne 4, Graham Ridgway 5, Roy Spencer (C) 6. Half-muffled in memory of Henry (Sid) Wilson a former ringer at this tower.

Offton, Suffolk. 10 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joanna Steward 1, Amanda M Whiting 2, Janet Hohl 3, Mary Garner 4, Louise Steward 5, S Edson 6, B E Whiting (C) 7, K S Hohl 8. 1st Grandsire Triples: 4,6. Also 17 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Elaine Martin 1, Louise Steward 2, S Edson 3, A Knights R N Earey 5, B E Whiting (C) 6. Also 24 Mar, 1272 Oxford T.B. Minor: K P Girling (1st T.B.) 1, Louise Steward 2, S Edson (1st in m) 3, Amanda M Whiting 4, K S Hohl 5, B E Whiting (C) 6. Also 31 Mar, 1272 Norwich S. Minor: S Edson 1, Louise Steward (1st in m) 2, Janet Hohl 3, B E Whiting 4, K S Hohl 5, Amanda M Whiting (C) 6. Also 5 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Elaine Martin 1, Louise Steward 2, S Edson 3, B E Whiting 4, Amanda M Whiting (C) 5, S A Rudd 6. For Evensong. Also 7 Apr, 1320 Norwich S. Minor: Louise Steward 1, S Edson 2, Janet Hohl 3, K S Hohl 4, B E Whiting 5, J J E Williamson (C) 6. 1st in m: 2,6.

Purton, Wilts. 22 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: A R Woodward (C) 1, W Thomas 2, F Strange 3, M Gale (1st inside) 4, M D Barnes 5, A Hillier 6. For Evensong. Also 29 Mar, 1264 P.B. Major: W Thomas 1, Lily Strange 2, Gill Woodward 3, A Hillier 4, D A Parks 5, A G Pullan 6, A R Woodward (C) 7, M D Barnes 8. 1st Major: 1,2,4. For Mothers'

Rayleigh, Essex. 4 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Angela Belcham 1, Kathy Neville 2, Rita Michell (200th Q) 3, D E Belcham 4, G Lucas (C) 5, Diana Belcham 6. For Ash Wednesday. Also 8 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor (tenor cover): Kathy Neville 1, A Savage 2, Rita Michell 3, Angela Belcham 4, C Garraway 5, G Lucas (C) 6, D Jolly 7. For Evensong. Also 15 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Rita Michell 1, Sheena Booth 2, Diana Belcham 3, P Mitchell (1st Minor inside) 4, G Lucas 5, D E Belcham (C) 6. For Morning and Parade Service. Also 15 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: Louise Mitchell (1st Minor) 1, D E Belcham 2, Sheena Booth 3, Diana Belcham 4, Angela Belcham 5, G Lucas (C) 6. For Evensong. Also 24 Mar, 1260 P.B. Doubles (6,8 cover): Louise Mitchell 1, Rita Michell 3, Lydia Roberts 4, M Hallett 5, Diana Belcham 6, D E Belcham (C) 7, P Mitchell 8. For Confirmation Service. Also 29 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: Diana Belcham 1, Rita Michell 2, Angela Belcham 3, Janet Hallett 4, D E Belcham 5, G Lucas 6, M Hallett (C) 7, P Mitchell 8. For Evensong.

Ryton, Shrops. 21 Feb, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Andrew Pooler (1st Q) 1, Nash Gooderham 2, Oliver Haynes 3, Andrew Gordon 4, Simon Ward (C) 5. Southampton, Hants (St Mary). 11 Mar, 1260

Doubles (2m): S Wood 1, A Bennett 2, C Peckham (C) 3, A T Buswell 4, N I Kimber 5. Southampton, Hants (St Michael). 15 Mar, 1260 P.B. Minor: S Wood (25th for Guild) 1, Ali Mount-ford 2, A Scott 3, N Johnson 4, A T Buswell 5, C

Peckham (C) 6. For Evensong. Street, Som. 19 Feb, 1250 Pudsey S. Major: P J Payne 1, A K Woolley 2, Rosemary C Ball 3, Penelope I Hooper 4, L E Perry 5, R F Bowditch 6, Beverley Perry 7, A H Ball (C) 8. 1st blows in m & completes Std 8: 4,6.

Upper Arley, Worcs. 29 Mar, 1260 St Martin's Doubles: Paul Marshall 1, Margaret Whatmore 2, Sue Frodsham 3, James Cutts (C) 4, Tom Whatmore 5, Jean Marshall 6. For Mothering Sun-Also 31 Mar, 1260 All Saints Doubles: Clare Frodsham 1, Margaret Whatmore 2, Sue Frodsham 3, John Frodsham (C) 4, Tom Whatmore 5, Neville King 6. For the sheer love of ringing! Also 5 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): Neville King 1, John Frodsham (C) 2, Clare Frodsham 3, Margaret Whatmore 4, Sue Frodsham 5, Tom Whatmore 6. For Morning Ser-

Warwick, (St Mary). 29 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A Leafe 1, Doris M Randall 2, R Randall 3, Sealey 4, D E Leafe 5, M W Sayers 6, E C Lupton 7, C F Mew (C) 8. Also 5 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: Sue Sutherland 1, S Aitken 2, R A Sutherland 3, D E Leafe 4, M W Sayers 5, C F Mew (C) 6. 70th birthday compliment to Doris Westbury on Severn, Glos. 10 Mar, 1260 Doubles (22 m/v): Liz Craig (most m/v) 1, M Jane Lewis 2, J A Long 3, V C Gibson 4, E J Gibson (C) 5, B C Lewis 6. Also 15 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B C Lewis 1, Louise K Hawker 2, A J Vivian 3, V C Gibson 4, E J Gibson (C) 5, S C Lewis 6. Birthday compliment to E W Gleed, for many years a loyal ringer at this tower, now living in Lincoln. £2 Weston in Gordano, Avon. 2 Apr, 1272 Lightfoot

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Weston-super-Mare, Avon. 4 Apr, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: D Manners 1, Marion Newman 2, Susan Field 3, M Baker 4, C Nicholls 5, J Boorman 6, R Newman (C) 7, F Meredith 8. Also 5 Apr, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: M Baker 1, Susan Field 2, Jean Gay 3, B Williams 4, Marion Newman 5, A Marchant 6, D Gay 7, R Newman (C) 8. For Evensong. Retirement compliment to Bryan Williams.

Whaplode, Lincs (St Mary). 5 Apr, 1272 Kent T.B. & P.B. Minor: Beverley A Barber 1, M A Walker (1st blows Kent) 2, Valerie S Wild 3, P N Green 4, O T Northwood 5, A D Walker (C) 6. Sponsored quarter in aid of St Mary's Bishopstoke, Hampshire Bell Restoration Fund by an Elloe Deaneries Branch band.



The Standard-eight band

#### Quarter Peal Day In Kent

The Standard Eight and Eight-Spliced Surprise
Major
Saturday 4th April 1992

With Quarter Peal fever currently rampant in various areas of Kent, the time seemed appropriate to organise the ringing of the Standard Eight Surprise Major methods and Eight-Spliced, a total of nine Quarter Peals in a day, and feel confident of success.

The organiser was readily able to find other ringers who shared this aspiration, so from the outset there was a will to succeed in the band. Three of the participants ring at Rainham; and a total of five ringers were from the Rochester District with others from Ashford, Lewisham and Maidstone Districts of the County.

All the towers were arranged in the Rochester District where the organiser is known, the bells are known and travelling time could be accurately gauged. Two quarter peals were rung at three of the six towers. Each member of the band conducted one quarter peal; and each member of the band rang the treble once. Another Rainham ringer trebled for the first quarter peal of the day because Fr. David Gibbons had to conduct a morning service at his church before joining the band. As he would only be ringing in eight of the quarter peals, David agreed to conduct the eight-spliced quarter peal as well as a quarter peal in a single method. However, it was afterwards felt to be apity that the band did not attempt to ring the five-part composition of eight-spliced silent and non-conducted.

During the course of the nine successful quarter peals, various ringing milestones were reached. One ringer conducted his first Surprise quarter peal; one ringer conducted Bristol for the first time; one ringer rang his 200th quarter peal on tower bells; two ringers rang their 300th and 400th quarter peals.

The ringing was of a very respectable quality

throughout the day, and the good striking was commented on and appreciated at each tower, except one, where the only false start of the day meant that we over-rang our welcome.

Apart from experiencing a few aches and pains in hands, wrists, elbows and legs by the end of the day every one of the band would say that they enjoyed the day. The ringing finished exactly on the appointed hour of 8 p.m. at Meopham — with still time to ring one more quarter peal within normally accepted ringing hours. Tired, thirsty and hungry, and with the sweet sound of success ringing in our ears, the day was rounded off with a Chinese meal at the local hostelry.

Many thanks to everyone who met us promptly at towers, and who rang bells up for us. Very many thanks to the incumbents for the use of their bells.

The main, lasting impression of the day from the viewpoint of this organiser was the tremendous team spirit within the band. Everyone displayed determination, superb concentration, co-operation, consideration and good humour — all the very best of attributes one ever hopes will come from a team striving for a common, challenging goal.

Donation: £14.40 Diana R. Wraight Gillingham, Kent. 4 Apr, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Douglas Davis 1, Diana Wraight (C) 2, Moira Murphy 3, Alexander Britton (200th on tower bells) 4, Rhian Bagshaw 5, Richard Edwards 6, Timothy Wraight 7, Neil Jones 8. Also 1280 London S. Major: Diana Wraight 1, Moira Murphy 2, Alexander Britton 3, Rhian Bagshaw 4, Richard Edwards 5, Timothy Wraight 6, Neil Jones 7, Fr David Gibbons (C) 8.

Chatham, (Medway Heritage Centre). 1280 Lincolnshire S. Major: Moira Murphy 1, Timothy Wraight 2, Diana Wraight 3, Richard Edwards 4, Rhian Bagshaw 5, Alexander Britton 6, Fr David Gibbons 7, Neil Jones (C) 8.

Frindsbury. 1280 Bristol S. Major: Rhian Bagshaw 1, Diana Wraight 2, Moira Murphy 3, Fr David Gibbons 4, Richard Edwards 5, Timothy Wraight 6, Neil Jones 7, Alexander Britton (1st B. as C) 8. To welcome the Rev. John Durant, the new Vicar of Frindsbury with Upnor.

Cliffe. 1280 Superlative S. Major: Timothy Wraight 1, Fr David Gibbons 2, Diana Wraight (300th Q) 3, Rhian Bagshaw 4, Alexander Britton 5, Moira Murphy (C) 6, Neil Jones 7, Richard Edwards 8.

Murphy (C) 6, Neil Jones 7, Richard Edwards 8.

Milton-next-Gravesend. 1280 Spl. S. Major (Std 8): Fr David Gibbons (C) 1, Rhian Bagshaw 2, Diana Wraight 3, Moira Murphy 4, Alexander Britton 5, Richard Edwards 6, Timothy Wraight 7, Neil Jones 8. Also 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Richard Edwards 1, Alexander Britton 2, Diana Wraight 3, Moira Murphy 4, Rhian Bagshaw 5, Fr David Gibbons 6, Neil Jones 7, Timothy Wraight (1st S. Q as C) 8.

Neil Jones 7, Timothy Wraight (1st S. Q as C) 8.

Meopham. 1280 Pudsey S. Major: Neil Jones 1,
Diana Wraight 2, Moira Murphy (400th Q) 3,
Timothy Wraight 4, Richard Edwards 5, Fr David
Gibbons 6, Alexander Britton 7, Rhian Bagshaw (C)
8. Also 1280 Rutland S. Major: Alexander Britton
1, Diana Wraight 2, Timothy Wraight 3, Fr David
Gibbons 4, Rhian Bagshaw 5, Moira Murphy 6, Neil
Jones 7, Richard Edwards (C) 8.

Almondebury, Avon. 5 Apr, 1260 P B Minor: Sarah Strong 1. Arthur Herbert 2, Donald Haskins 3, Kate Tennant 4, Gerald Skelly 5, Timothy Payne(C) 6. For Evensong on Passion Sunday.

Ash, Som. 7 Apr. 1296 Grandsire Minor: Jan Sapiezynski 1, Matthew Hillyard 2, Patricia Tucker 3, Frederick Sandy 4, Terence Thomas 5, Patrick Tucker (C) 6. 1st minor in m.; 2, 3 & 5. A golden wedding compliment to Ron & Rene Gale of Portishead.

Bodiam, Sussex. 8 Apr, 1296 Grandsire Minor: P J Penney 1, Catherine S Nevin 2, Jenny Parker 3, B Tunnicliffe 4, A D Pink(C) 5, Louise G Pink (circ.twr.) 6. 1st minor in m; 2, 3 & 4. By the Guild of St Agatha for the birthdays of treble, 4th, 5th & tenor ringers. 60p

Bournemouth, Dorset. (St Peter). 5 Apr., 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Colin Cherrett 1, Joan Pike 2, Ron Pike 3, Dorothy Cherrett (1st in m.) 4, Simon Smith 5, Giles Wood(C) 6. On the Feast of St Vincent Ferrer. £1.20

Bramshott, Hants. 10 Apr. 1260 P B Minor: D G Lodge 1, A W Banks (1st in m.) 2, Mollie Lodge 3, Christine M Tendall 4, J H B Deane 5, R A Barber(C) 6.

Brighton, E Sussex. (St Nicholas). 27 Mar, 1250 Superlative S Major: S F Green 1, M Haigh 2, I Hodge 3, D Kirkaldy 4, N Cullen 5, S Everest 6, R B Green 7, J E Hawes (C) 8. 1st in m.; 2 & 6.

Bromborough, Merseyside. 6 Apr., 1250 Cambridge S Major: Fiona J Pemberton 1, Margaret A Left 2, Jane Harries 3, O J Left (1st S major as C.) 4, R Peers 5, S W Hughes 6, C J Hughes (1st T B) 7, E R Jones 8.

Butterwick, Lincs. 10 Apr, 1260 (Method not given):
Peter Hodgson-Kerry (1st Q. - aged 10) 1, Kathy Smith
2, Rhoda Reynolds 3, Philip Reynolds 4, Michael
Smith(C) 5, Roy Stephenson 6. (No. of changes assumed - not given).

Byfield, Northants. 3 Apr, 1280 P B Major: Jean M Pryke 1, Doris M Randall 2, P A G Pryke 3, Gail L Idle 4, R H Randall 5, P J F Quinn 6, M J O Gray 7, P C Randall(C) 8. A birthday compliment to Doris Randall and Peter Pryke.

Caterham, Surrey. 18 Mar, 1280 P B Major: Nikki Lucas (1st on 8) 1, Alison McCormick 2, Katherine Chivers 3, Diana Reynolds 4, Susan Gibbin 5, George Boosey 6, Richard Wallis 7, Noel Gibbin (C) 8. £1.60

Caxton, Cambs. 28 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Alison M E Finn 1, J A Haas(C) 2, D N J Larke 3, J Skillings 4, C J Higgins 5, D Horsford 6. Delayed commemoration of the major servicing of the bells by the Huntingdonshire Bell Restoration Group.

Claverdon, Warks. 31 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: R Boswell 1, Janet Craddock 2, Rita Lewis 3, M J O Gray 4, C Loman (C) 5, T Wines 6. Half-muffled in memory of W Hartwell, aged 88, a ringer at this Church for over 60 years.

Coventry (Allesley), W Mids. 5 Apr. 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: I F Garvie 1, Pamela Melhuish 2, Fiona H Chester 3, Amanda B H Slater 4, Beverley A Winter 5, M Chester 6, P Stone 7, R Winter(C) 8. For Family Parade on Passion Sunday. A birthday compliment to Lisa A Garvie (18) & to treble ringer. To celebrate 40 years of ringing at Allesley by the C.

Cranleigh, Surrey. 12 Apr. 1260 P B Triples: Pamela Holton 1, Hannah Judson (1st triples inside) 2, C Robinson 3, T Kellett 4, B Pink 5, G Battersby 6, D Thorne(C) 7, R Judson 8. For Morning Service. An 18th birthday compliment to Rupert Judson. £1.60

Gosfield, Essex, 29 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: Kathryn A Bishop 1, Hilda G Snowden 2, Jane C Bishop 3, D O Jarvis 4, P Clarry 5, M A Bishop (1st minor as C.) 6. For Mothering Sunday; also a birthday compliment to Hilda Snowden and Sylvia Pipe.

Snowden and Sylvia Pipe. £1

Great Amwell, Herts. 3 Apr, 1296 Crowland D Minor:
S A Saunders 1, Heather A Lloyd 2, Anne Saunders 3,
R Hornby 4, J M Kemp 5, J J Ford(C) 6. £1

Great Brington, Northants. 1 Apr. 1260 P B Doubles: Moira Parsons 1, Susan Townley 2, H Haynes 3, Janet Bowers 4, E Garrett(C) 5, J Townley jnr 6. For the Funeral Service of Edward John, 8th Earl Spencer of Althorp, who died 29/3/92.

J Harrop 1, M A Walker 2, Angela M Smalley 3, A G Clifton 4, C J Warboys 5, A D Walker (C) 6. 1st in m.; 2, 3 & 4.

Guildford, Surrey. (St Nicolas). 5 Apr, 1272 Norwich S Minor: J Morgan(C) 1, Jennifer Hepburn (1st in m.) 2, R L Marsh 3, M C Bryant 4, Sally Schupke 5, R G Bull 6. £1.20

Haddenham, Cambs. 2 Apr. 1320 Cambridge S Minor: M A Walker 1, Rosalind A Knight 2, A D Walker 3, P C Warboys 4, P N Green 5, A P Warboys (C) 6. 50p Haddon, Hunts. 8 Apr. 1296 Stedman Singles: R M Burgess (C) 1, Rhonda Oldfield 2, N S Blyton 3. 30p

Burgess (C) 1, Rhonda Oldfield 2, N S Blyton 3. 30p Hamerton, Hunts. 5 Apr, 1320 S Minor (2m): B C Bunting 1, C A Johnson 2, Marion Robinson 3, Susan E Marsden 4, N S Blyton 5, R M Burgess (C) 6. 60p

Marsden 4, N S Blyton 5, R M Burgess (C) 6. 60p Hannington, Wilts. 8 Apr., 1320 Kent T B Minor: J Anderson 1, Julie Miles 2, Gill Izzard 3, Ann Speller 4, P Tombs 5, A J Crabtree (C) 6. 1st in m.; 2 & 4. 60p

Harborne, Birmingham, W Mids. 6 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Nicola J Tilley (1st on 6 & of T B) 1, Frances Dodds(C) 2, R C Harris 3, Eileen V Sweet 4, Clare McCardle 5, A M Daw 6.

Higher Walton, Lancs. 5 Apr. 1260 Grandsire Triples: Cyril Crossthwaite 1, Margaret Crossthwaite 2, Ann-Marie Hopkins 3, Andrew MacLeod 4, Keith Taylor 5, John Regin 6, Alastair Hopkins (C) 7, Harry Calderbank 8. For Preston Branch Centenary. £1.60 Holbeach, Lincs. 29 Mar, 1280 Cambridge S Major:

Holbeach, Lincs. 29 Mar, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Susan P Meyer 1, Rhoda Reynolds 2, S C Townsend 3, Rosalind A Knight 4, P H Reynolds 5, O T Northwood 6, A D Walker 7, S S Meyer (C) 8.

A D Walker 7, S S Meyer (C) 8. 50p Horley, Surrey. 5 Apr. 1260 Doubles (2m): C Wimbury 1, P Macey 2, R Grieve 3, R A Grant 4, C Cooksey(C) 5, D Voice 6. Sponsored in aid of The Childrens' Society "April Fun" Week. \$1.50

Hornchurch, Essex. 5 Apr. 1260 Grandsire Triples: M O'Connor (1st Q.) 1, Hilary M Attack 2, Penelope J Staddon 3, A C Attack 4, C E Wright 5, C C M Pain 6, C J Stephenson (C) 7, J W Stephenson 8. For Morning Service; also to celebrate the birth of Alice Clare Stephenson, niece of the C.

Kirkbymoorside, N Yorks. 5 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): William Watts 1, June Sinfield 2, Kirsty Watts 3, John Sinfield (C) 4, Harold Jubb 5, Adam Shaw (1st att.) 6. For Evensong.

Lacock, Wilta. 9 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: P Thorn 1, J Ferrar 2, Sara Howard (1st S.) 3, Jenny Hancock 4, J Le Bihan 5, R Purnell (C) 6. Wishing a long and happy retirement to Dick Lovelock.

Lichfield, Staffs. (The Cathedral). 8 Apr. 1259
Grandsire Caters: D J Allen (1st on 10) 1, Penelope
Allen 2, Clare L S Townsend 3, J B Townsend 4, E J
Dolman 5, D P Jones(C) 6, R J Hosking 7, Lucy Smith
8, D M Webb 9, M Maughan 10. A wedding compliment
to John Arnfield & Wendy Davis, married on 10/4/92 at
St Chad's, Lichfield.

Lyminge, Kent. 29 Mar, 1260 Doubles (2m): John Patrick 1, Karen Hudston 2, Ro Edmond 3, Wendy King 4, John Criddle(C) 5, Alex Heath (1st as sole cover) 6.

For Mothering Sunday.

Lympne, Kent. 5 Apr., 1296 Cambridge S Minor:
Carole Moody 1, Gillian Saunders 2, Janice Leeke 3,
Maureen Popple 4, Margaret Ross(C) 5, Moira Murphy
6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Steve &
Maureen Popple.

Mavesyn Ridware, Staffs. 5 Apr. 1260 P B Doubles: John Daubner (1st Q.) 1, Clive Smith 2, Cyril Collins 3, Lucy Smith(C) 4, David Webb 5, Norman Arnfield 6. Prior to Evensong.

Melksham, Wilts. 28 Mar, 1260 Stedman Triples: Christine Purnell 1, Jenny Hancock 2, Sara Howard (1st on 8 & in p.) 3, Christine Harvey 4, J Ferrar 5, J Le Bihan 6, R Purnell (C) 7, P Thorn 8. A 72nd birthday compliment to Jack Harvey.

Mitcheldean, Glos. 7 Apr., 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: J Long 1, Louise Hawker 2, Anne Bick (100th Q.) 3, R Kerslake 4, I Grant 5, C Sheppard 6, Sue Coleman 7, S Coleman(C) 8. 1st in m.; 2, 3 & 4 and by a resident Forest Branch band.

Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear. (St John the Baptist). 9 Apr., 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Julia Williamson 1, Barbara Wheeler 2, Susan Ewen (1st minor in m.) 3, Andrew Needham 4, Stephen Breuer (C) 5, Simon Haworth 6.

Newton Valence, Hants. 7 Apr., 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J M B Deane (1st in m. as C. & 100th Q.) 1, Christine Tendall 2, JE Cripps 3, R A Barber 4, R G Bull 5

North Wingfield, Derbys. 31 Mar, 1272 Kent T B Minor: A Turner 1, P Webber 2, Margaret Romano 3, T Jeffrey 4, W Davis(C) 5, N Ball 6. £1.20

Northallerton, N Yorks. 4 Apr, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Christine Mills 1, Jennifer Town 2, D Elwick 3, Dot Salmon 4, C Dodds 5, A Mills 6, P Mills 7, D Town 8, P Town(C) 9, D Woodward 10.

Painswick, Glos. 4 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Deborah Foreman 1, Patsy Sykes-Wright 2, Jacqui Pillinger 3, Q Mathias 4, Heather Bousfield 5, C Daws(C) 6, A Hodges 7, J Todd 8. To mark the enthronement of the new Bishop of Gloucester that day.

Pangbourne, Berks. 15 Apr., 1260 P B Minor: Stephanie A May (1st minor on treble) 1, M J Palfrey 2, J A Harland 3, Susan Norbury 4, L F Palfrey 5, KG Baker (1st minor as C.) 6.

Peasenhall, Suffolk. 1260 P B Minor: Ruth Bedford 1, Alan Rogers 2, Michael Baldry 3, Stephen Bedford 4, Sarah Plummer 5, Stephen Young(C) 6. (No date given).

Pettistree, Suffolk. 5 Apr., 1260 Doubles (4m); Shirley Girt 1, Mary Garner 2, J Jennings 3, J Girt 4, M Whitby(C) 5, C Garner 6. Mary is another year older!

Pontypridd, MId Glam. 10 Apr., 1280 Cambridge S Major: Catherine M Haynes 1, J C Parker 2, Susannah J Clements 3, R S Harpole (1st S major) 4, A J Oldershaw 5, A S Baker 6, R E Hardy (C) 7, J A Vesey 8, £1.50

Romansleigh, Devon. 9 Apr., 1260 Rev Canterbury Minor: B Samuels 1, W E Dunn 2, Anne Stenning 3, B Horrell 4, J Levin(C) 5, R Perry 6. A 70th birthday compliment to John Levin.

Rothbury, Northumberland. 29 Feb. 1260 P B Doubles: Anne Davies 1, Tamsyn Ketteringham (1st

inside) 2, Ros Markham 3, John Markham 4, Clive Moon(C) 5, Anne Hunter 6. For Leap Year. £1

Saltburn, Cleveland. 4 Apr. 1280 Yorkshire S Major: J Halliwell 1, P Town 2, I Gardiner 3, C Dodds 4, H Smith 5, D Elwick 6, D Woodward 7, D Town(C) 8.

Sawston, Cambs. 5 Apr. 1260 P B Triples: Marilyn Thompson 1, Cathy Lee 2, Andrew Dalgleish (1st on 8 inside) 3, Mike Ovenden 4, Stuart Abercrombie 5, Sarah Beard 6, Peter Hinton (C) 7, Stephen Brown 8.

Shardlow, Derbys. 7 Apr. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Steven Sharp 1, Lynn M Walters 2, Teresa Sharp (1st in m.) 3, Clive Beadle 4, Mark Smith(C) 5, Brian Waters 6.

Sprotborough, S Yorks. 1 Apr, 1260 P B Minor: W Burton (1st Q.) 1, Pam Allison 2, Jane Laughton 3, C W Toyne 4, Katie Wheeler (C) 5, J Laughton 6.

St Albans, Herts. (The Cathedral). 28 Mar, 1260 Erin Triples: Brenda Redfearn 1, Christine Smith 2, I Galpin 3, C Hassell 4, Janet Penney 5, D Hodgskin 6, G Penney (C) 7, H Knight 8. 1st in m.; 2 & 4. As a compliment to Linda & Frank Lane on completing 25 years at St Albans Cathedral.

Sulgrave, Northants. 7 Apr, 1260 P B Doubles: R Higgs (1st Q.) 1, Sara Chapple 2, Katherine Israel (1st inside) 3, I Chapple 4, Laura MacMahon(C) 5, D Trower 6. This Q. was delayed for a month due to the treble ringer breaking his wrist.

Teynham, Kent. 6 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m/2v(: Brian Coombs (41 on 29/3/92) 1, Ian Hazel (21 on 29/3/92) 2, Dickon Love (C.- 22 on 7/4/92) 3, Dennis Owen (61 on 4/3/92) 4, Neil Jones (250th C.) 5, Geoffrey Hazel (48 on 2/3/92) 6. Birthday celebrations for all except 5th ringer.

Thurnby, Leics. 22 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J Clarke 1, R Clarke 2, Kay Horne 3, Beverley Maine 4, D Carling 5, P F Pawley 6, J J Pawley (C) 7, C Linch 8, A golden wedding compliment to Lionel & Joan Palmer, married at South Croxton on 21/3/42.

Walsoken, Norfolk. 24 Mar, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: T R Bush 1, S S Meyer(C) 2, S P Meyer 3, L R Harvey 4, N F Greenacre 5, A D Walker 6. Anniversary compliments to Mr & Mrs A D Walker. 50p

Waltham Abbey, Essex. 5 Apr. 1260 Stedman Triples: June Whitcher 1, Caroline Andrews 2, Jenny Hammond 3, Katherine Cobb 4, P R C Laws 5, D E Cobb(C) 6, B Fisher 7, Stuart Ricketts 8. 1st in p.; 3 & 7.

Wellington, Som. 5 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Robert Reed (1st Q.) 1, Allan Cooke 2, David Grabham (1st inside) 3, Frank Morris 4, David Pike(C) 5, Paul Hayman (1st Q. - aged 14) 6. £1.20

West Worlington, Devon. 9 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): B Horrell 1, R Perry 2, W E Dunn 3, J Levin 4, Anne Stenning 5, B Samuels(C) 6. For the engagement of Glenis Moore & Brian Samuels.

Westbury, Wilts. 3 Apr. 1280 Bristol S Major: John Pearce 1, Wendy Bishop 2, Clare Higby 3, John Ball 4, David Bishop 5, Peter Hardwick 6, David Ball (C) 7, Tony Fortin 8. A farewell tribute to Dick Collins, tower captain at Corsley, leaving the District for Nairn. Our loss - Scotland's gain!.

Whitfield, Northants. 4 Apr. 1380 P B Doubles: Kate Adams 1, Sara Chapple 2, J Adams 3, I Chapple 4, Laura MacMahon(C) 5. To celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Alf & Kit Lewis.

Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalen, Norfolk. 24 Jan. 1260 P B Minor: Cathryn A Walker 1, Valerie S Wild 2, M A Walker 3, C J Warboys 4, P Gagen 5, A D Walker(C) 6. (Resubmitted - error on p.337).

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Wookey, Som. 25 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Betty Hillier (1st Q.) 1, Roger Gay(C) 2, Brian Livings (1st in m.) 3, Brian Weare 4, Philip Watch 5, Judy Gay 6. Birthday compliments to: Gordon Gay(father of 2nd), Brian Weare, Victoria Livings(daughter of 3rd), Fredreen Jarvis(mother of 6th), Colin Watch(brother of 5th), Bryan Hillier(husband of treble ringer), Ronald Knott(father of treble ringer).

Wragby, W Yorks. 4 Apr., 1260 P B Doubles: Linda J Banks 1, Karen Bailes (1st inside) 2, Julie Banks 3, Anne Marie Monaghan 4, T C Ledger (C) 5, D Darlington 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Anne Marie Monaghan. £1.20. Also: on 7 Apr., 1260 P B Minor: D Darlington 1, J Holloway 2, M Monaghan 3, A Marie Monaghan 4, G Monaghan (1st inside) 5, R G Corby (C) 6. An 18th birthday compliment to Marie Monaghan. £1

Abbots Bromley, Staffs. 29 Mar, 1280 P B Major: Margaret Buxton 1, J Hamby (1st on 8 inside) 2, J B Townsend 3, Clare L S Townsend 4, M Jackson 5, S C W Hutchieson 6, Karen Atkin (1st as C) 7,

Elizabeth Hutchieson 8. For our Mothers on Mothering Sunday. £1.60

Addington, Surrey. 12 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Alison Godfrey (C) 1, Catherine Butler (1st Cambridge) 2, Claire Whitehead 3, Judith Godfrey 4, Ian Wiltshire 5, Eric Godfrey 6. For Palm Sunday. 50p

Ashbourne, Derbys. 12 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m inc Stedman): Kath Brown 1, A Goodwin 2, M Richardson 3, Rev D H Sansum 4, M Starkey (C) 5, G Barnett 6. For Palm Sunday.

Baldock, Herts. 5 Apr, 1260 P B Triples: Jo Schurch (1st Q) 1, B Smith 2, L Hughes 3, R Langley 4, M Collings 5, P Flack 6, P Davies (C) 7, A Watts 8. To celebrate B Smith passing his driving test.

Barking, Essex. (St Margaret). 5 Apr. 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Justin Baker (Godfather) 1, Cynthia Warrilow (Grandmother) 2, Bob Warrilow (Grandfather) 3, Paul Cubitt (Godfather) 4, Barry D Mack (Father) 5, Tim Jones 6, Dennis Ellisdon (C and 700th Q) 7, Ian Paul Blows 8. Prior to the christening of Thomas Benjamin Mack.

Bedford, Beds. (St Paul). 5 Apr, 1346 Cambridge S Maximus: Rosemary Pickford 1, Stephanie Warboys 2, Lorraine Andrews (1st on 12) 3, Shelagh Melville 4, Philippa Whittington 5, N H Brett 6, Rev M C C Melville 7, M J Marriott 8, R L Piron 9, C J Pickford (C) 10, F W Rivett 11, I D Harris 12. For Evensong.

Belfast, N Ireland. (StMark). 14 Mar, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Gillian Spaughton (1st Caters) 1, Christopher Lindsay 2, Jean Thompson 3, Philip Talbot 4, Maud Lindsay 5, Mike Pomeroy 6, John Lindsay (C) 7, Don McLean 8, Roger Lindsay 9, Heather Faull 10. Silver Wedding Compliment to John and Maud Lindsay. £1

Beoley, Worcs. 12 Apr., 1260 P B Minor: K Hawkesford 1, A E Hartley (C) 2, F Sreeves 3, D G Sreeves 4, N Sreeves 5, A J Barnfield 6. For Evensong.

Beverley, EYorks. (St Mary). 5 Apr, 1296 P.B. Caters: Kerry Simpson 1, Ailsa Robinson 2, Emma Ashford 3, Terri Morton 4, Derek Watson 5, Richard Gibson (C) 6, Simon Mearns 7, Roddy Horton 8, Paul Andrews 9, Nicholas Soanes 10. 1st on 10:2,3. For Evensong. £1

Biggleswade, Beds. 4 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R S Banks 1, Beryl B Worsley 2, H Anne Parsons 3, J Parsons 4, D G Carr 5, C G Smith 6, A S Smith (C) 7, G Wonnacott 8. For the 50th birthday of Wendy Ward, purchased at the 'Auction of Promises' in aid of the Chapter House Appeal.

Brasted, Kent. 11 Apr, 1260 Doubles (5m inc Stedman): Betty Green 1, Nicky Dawkins 2, Linda Moores 3, M Dawkins 4, P Sadler (C) 5, Jackie Hunter 6. £1.20

Bristol, Avon. (SS Philip & Jacob). 8 Apr. 1260 Grandsire Triples: B S Evans (1st on 8) 1, Susan C Tomlinson 2, Sara F Oakeley (1st in m) 3, IP Hill 4, G L Sparey 5, Eleanor Kippin 6, S J Tomlinson (C) 7, J T Watson 8.

Broughton, Hants. 28 Mar, 1260 Anniversary Doubles: F C Mouland 1, K G Waller (C) 2, J R Waller 3, Joanne R Waller 4, Carol S Waller 5, N Allingham 6. Wedding anniversary compliment to Ken and Carol Waller.

Buckland, Glos. 12 Apr, 1260 Doubles (3m/v):
Phyllis Brazier 1, M C Newbury (C) 2, J J Maund 3, R W
Kyte 4, C E Evans 5, A M Lambley 6. For Palm Sunday
Evensong.

Burton in Kendal, Cumbria. 12 Apr, 1260 P B Minor. Lesley Foster 1, Lucie Mitchell 2, Julie Mayfield 3, Elizabeth Woof 4, Eileen Jackson 5, Vanessa Baker (C) 6. A thanksgiving for the life of Mr R Wilson who died on 4.4.1992, the father of the ringer of the 3rd. Also rung for Palm Sunday.

Caldicot, Gwent. 8 Apr. 1344 Belfast S Major: P F Warren (C) 1, J W Lewis 2, Jane Harries 3, P S Bennett 4, A J Oldershaw 5, M C Bennett (1st in m) 6, M S Davies 7. A M Bull 8

Carrickfergus, Antrim. 14 Mar, 1280 Spl S Major (CNSYR): Jean Thompson 1, Maud lindsay 2, John Lindsay 3, Mike Pomeroy 4, Don McLean 5, Philip Talbot 6, Christopher Lindsay 7, Roger Lindsay (C) 8. 1st 5 spl:5,6. Silver Wedding compliment to John and Maud Lindsay.

Catfield, Norfolk. 26 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: George Hawkes 1, Joan M Larter 2, John Webb 3, J Gardiner 4, G E Larter (C) 5, D Platford 6. To celebrate the life of Billy Blaxell, ringer and chorister, and worker for

Chipping Campden, Glos. 12 Apr, 1260 P B Major: Jill Roberts 1, William Hall 2, R C Hall 3, D G Hammond 4, G D Payne 5, J H Smart 6, Jackie Hands 7, J W Nicholls (C) 8. For Evensong. Congratulations to William Hall, age 10. His first quarter inside and his first of Major.

Christchurch, Dorset. (Priory). 12 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jenny Orchard 1, Barbara Jones 2, Diana Mayes 3, Rosemary Rogers (C) 4, Paul Tomes 5, David Lay 6, Giles Wood 7, John Statham 8. For Palm Sunday

Clapham Common, SW4. (Holy Trinity). 5 Apr, 1260 P B Doubles: David Rogers 1, Robert Cooles 2, Alan Rogers 3, Lawrence Davies (C) 4, Sylvia Davies 5, Peter Jefferson-Smith (1st Q) 6. For the memorial service for Norah Archer. 1st Q on these bells.

Cliffe, Kent. 12 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: D R Moore (C) 1, Margaret E Pettett 2, A Driver 3, B RTrill 4, DW Moore (1st in m) 5, A D Vidgeon 6, DW Jack 7, 8 M Boughton (1st Triples) 8. For the retirement of Rev D Silcock, Rector and Rural Dean.

Croydon, Surrey. (St John). 5 Apr, 1280 Spl S Major (8m): Dianne Foster 1, Georgina Barratt (1st 8 Spl) 2, Margaret Gamble 3, Shirley McGill 4, G R Harden 5, R J Lawson 6, S C Theobald (C) 7, C M Foster 8. An 85th

birthday compliment to Mr Roy Davies. £1

Dartford, Kent. 4 Feb. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jacqueline H Mack 1, C F Jeal 2, Mary R Andrews 3, K

Medhurst 4, A J Britton (C) 5, P F W Rose 6. Halfmuffled, on the front six, in thanksgiving for the life of Henry Fenton, churchwarden emeritus and one time ringer at this church, immediately after his funeral

Deptford, SE13. 12 Apr, 1250 Cambridge S Major: D J Gilliland 1, Sonia A Irwin 2, Jacki H Mack (1st in m) 3, P M Irwin 4, Helen K Normington 5, N R Parsons (C) 6 J R D Normington 7. 30th birthday compliment to P M Irwin. For Evensong, Palm Sunday.

Derby, Derbys. (Cathedral). 12 Apr., 1280 Superiative S Major: Cheryl Dodge 1, Pat Halls (C) 2, Elizabeth Heaton 3, Brian Tomlinson 4, Martin Gillie (1st in m) 5, John Heaton 6, Tim Peverett 7, Steven Peers 8. For

Dorchester, Dorset. 12 Apr., 1260 Grandsire Triples RM Nicholson 1, E Shuttleworth 2, A J Lyons 3, Felicity J Morgan 4, N D A Culliford 5, Beryl M Shuttleworth (C) 6, A P Buttle 7, N M Simpson 8. A compliment to R H Duke, verger here for 25 years.

Drayton, Somerset. 11 Apr., 1260 Doubles (3m 768 cover): R Pauli 1, J Tucker 2, Susan Crothall 3, J Burt 4, E Hancock (C) 5, Tricia Robinson 6, F Hollard 7, M Robinson 8. To celebrate the wedding of Stephen and Elizabeth Black.

Drumbo, Down. 14 Mar, 1342 Yorkshire S major: Maud Linsay 1, Gillian Spaughton (1st Y) 2, Jean Thompson 3, Heather Faull 4, John Lindsay 5, Mike Pomeroy 6, Roger Lindsay 7, Christopher Lindsay (C) 8. Silver Wedding compliment to John and Maud Lind-

Dyrham, Avon. 4 Apr. 1320 Beverley S Minor: Susanna Powell 1, Vanessa Thompson 2, Herbert Ferris 3, David Ware 4, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan 5, Andrew Thompson (C) 6. For a wedding, at which Bishop Colin Docker officiated.

East Sutton, Kent. 1 Apr, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): Rosamunde Bell 1, Frances Caley (most as C) 2, Michael Birkbeck (most m) 3, Richard Young 4, Glynne Knight

Entropeck (most m) 3, Increated Todalig 4, e., Micra Murphy 6.

Eaton Socon, Cambs. 12 Apr, 1264 P B Major:
Martin Whittaker 1, Penny Durrant 2, Susan Spencer 3,
Tracey Matthews 4, Mary Hall 5, Thomas Griffiths 6,
Michael Matthews 7, George Bonham (C) 8. For Palm

Sunday Evensong.
£2
Farnborough, Hants. 12 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples:
M J Turner 1, Gwyneth M Stallard 2, N G Curnow 3, A
D Leach 4, Lynne P Hughes 5, H P Reed 6, W J Couperthwaite (C) 7, J R Perrett 8. A farewell compliment to Rev Evelyn Hughes from this parish.

Frenchay, Bristol. 7 Mar, 1260 Doubles (3m inc Stedman): Anita Stanley 1, Michael Stanley 2, Nicola Page 3, Vanessa Thompson 4, Graham Sparey (C) 5,

Glastonbury, Somerset. (St Benedict). 9 Apr, 1260 P B Minor: M R Cave 1, Jenny Llewellyn 2, Penelope I Hooper 3, E Dyer 4, P Walch 5, Susan E Crothall

Gosfield, Essex. 5 Apr. 1272 Oxford T B Minor: Laura E Childs 1, Jane C Bishop (1stin m)2, T D Watson 3, M A Bishop 4, D O Jarvis 5, A P Mayle (C) 6. For Passion Sunday service of Holy Communion.

Great Gidding, Hunts. 12 Apr, 1260 Carters' Pr Doubles: B C Bunting 1, Elizabeth A Bunting 2, A T Beckwith 3, R M Burgess 4, N S Blyton (C) 5. 1st in m by all the band. For Palm Sunday



#### A secret sealed envelope

Gillian Murrells and Adam Carlill were married at All Saints, Benhilton on 25th April.

The service was a delightful, happy ceremony planned by the Bride and Groom. Adam's father conducted the marriage ceremony and the Vicar of Benhilton ceremony continued by celebrating Mass. Those of us familiar with services at Benhilton were a little puzzled why Adam's father did not cense the bible before reading the Gospel. We later learned that he had trouble finding a suitable tutor in the art of thurible swinging - or as Adam later put it "this throws a new light on the meaning of potty training!"

Gillian had made both her own and the bridesmaid's dress. Both were beautiful.

Many ringers from the Oxford University Society, where Gillian and Adam had met, and from Benhilton, where Gillian learnt to ring joined in open ringing before and after the ceremony. As always at ringers' weddings it is difficult to get a complete band ready just as the bride and groom leave the church. The tower captain was seen quietly, but very extracting ringers from congregation and racing up the 56 steps to the ringing room.

At the wedding breakfast the Bride's father, Les, resplendent in morning suit, gave the couple advice and good wishes and admitted that he had forgotten both his speech and his spectacles. He had obviously remembered the speech but he had had trouble signing the register at church!

The honeymoon was a secret until a sealed envelope was opened after the couple had left. Not only did it contain a note of the

Hammerwood, Sussex. 12 Apr, 1250 Cambridge S Minor: Rosemary Russell 1, Linda Moores 2, Jackie Hunter 3, B Reeves (1st S as C) 4, P Sadler 5, J Palmer 6. For Palm Sunday. £1.60 Hanmer, Clwyd. 10 Apr, 1260 P B Minor: Jack

Johnson 1, Edward Webster 2, Peter Becket 3, Keith Griffiths 4, Hilton Roberts 5, Richard Taylor (C) 6. To welcome Helen Griffiths, daughter of the ringer of the 4th, born 15th March 1992. £1.50

Harlaxton, Lincs. 14 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: M Townsend 1, A Clayton 2, A Willetts 3, T Relf 4, T Wylie (C) 5, J Greenhough 6.

Mundy 4, JLane 5, DWallis 6, PFWarren (C) 7, R Grieve 8. 1st 8 Spl:2,4.

Horringer, Suffolk. 13 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: Martyn Crouch 1, Kay Nunn 2, Christopher Nunn 3, Raymond Fordham 4, Cathy Colman 5, Paul Stannard (C) 6. For the birth of Joanne Ellen Crouch.

Gillian and Adam with the many ringers who attended.

honeymoon destination (Los Angeles) but four tickets for "Cats" for the parents of the Bride and Groom.

We wish Gillian and Adam well in their new life together in Romford. S.M.C.

Benhilton, Surrey. 26 April, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Murrells 1, Rosemary Cryle 2, Elizabeth A LeBihan 3, Sheila M Cheesman 4, L Murrells 5, J D Cheesman 6, T A Thomas (C) 7, S M Stranks 8. To celebrate the Wedding of Adam Carlill to Gillian, daughter of the ringers of 1 and 5, married in this church the day before.

#### **Branch Secretary marries**

On Saturday, 25th April, Miss Angela Watson, Secretary of the Scarborough and District Branch (YACR) married Stephen Witty RN at St. Mary's Parish Church, Scarborough, N. Yorks. The service was conducted by the Rev. Michael Burley (Curate) and all the congregation took Holy Communion with the Bride and Groom.

During the signing of the registers St. Mary's Handbell Ringers rang "The Bell Ringers Hymn", "O Praise Ye the Lord" and "For the Beauty of the Earth".

Prior to the service, the local band rang in the Bride and immediately after the service an invited band from the Branch rang a well struck quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal.

The reception was held at the Esplanade Hotel which possesses superb views across the bay towards the Castle, Harbour and St. Marv's.

During the afternoon a full peal of Rutland Surprise Major was rung at Helmsley as a wedding compliment to the happy couple and on the previous Tuesday evening the local band at St. Mary's with two regular friends rang a quarter of Plain Bob Triples in which Angela and Stephen participated.

As Angela is also Secretary of St. Mary's Ringers, will all correspondents please note her address will still be the same as printed in the YACR Report.

Scarborough, N. Yorks. 21 April, 1260 P.B. Triples: Pauline Elliott 1, Yvonne E King 2, Rachel Robins 3, W Walton 4, Angela E Watson 5, D Mundy 6, E P King (C) 7, S Witty 8. By local band and friends. Also 25 April, 1260 P.B. Royal: M Blurton 1, June Sinfield 2, E P King 3, E J Arthur 4, P Wishart 5, D Mundy 6, A Corey 7, D Elwick (C) 8, R M Franks 9, M King 10. Wedding compliment to Angela E Watson Stephen Witty, married this day at St Mary's Parish Church. By members and friends of the Scarborough and District Branch of the YACR of whom Angela is Secretary.

### **Notices**

#### **RATES (1992)** (All rates include VAT)

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#### Personal

OWING TO ANTAGONISM and hostility from unnamed individuals at Guild level, and to a lesser degree at Branch and tower level, I have carefully considered all things and come to the decision that for a while I shall cease ringing altogether. On a permanent basis I intend to have nothing further to do with activities of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers and to this end have terminated my membership of the aforementioned Guild. Melvyn J

#### Change of Address

GROOME – Christopher and Ruth will be living at 5
New Hunting Court, Thorpe Road, Peterborough
PE3 6EW, until the middle of August (phone 0733
343537). Orders for Snowdon Books should still go to 22 Duke Street, Burton Latimer. 3111

LEWIS – Paul J (Secretary, Shropshire Assn) has moved to 5 Avenue Road South, Newport, Shropshire TF10 7DY. Tel: Newport (0952) 80135. Ad. No. 0782

#### **Publications**

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. Copies of "A Devon Bellringers Handbook" and the Annual Report of the Guild are now available. The handbook is a directory of all towers in Devon and costs £3.50 inc. p & p; the Guild Report gives details of change-ringing in Devon and costs £2 inc. p & p. Buy both for only £51 From Fr. Lester Yeo, 1 Home Park, Stoke, Plymouth PL2 1BQ. Ad. No. 0756

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

#### Impington Bells Appeal

THE HISTON BELLRINGERS, for many reasons, most of which are not entirely selfish, have started the above fund to help to renovate and increase to six the present ring of three bells at Impington St Andrew's. The intention is to make them ringable and more interesting. The fund was started just before Easter and the next event is: Impington Bells Appeal – Garage and Bric-à-brac Sale, 23/5/92, 10 am, 89 Narrow Lane, Histon, Cambridge.

#### Dedication

BATH & WELLS D.A. - The dedication of the bells of St Nicholas and St Mary, Stowey, Avon, will take place on Sat, June 13, by Bishop Mervyn place on Sat, June 13, by blancy. Stockwood. Evening ringing at 6 pm. All welcome. 4135

#### **Tower Announcements**

CHICHESTER, W. SUSSEX – New correspondent, Mr. K C Knight, 26 Turnbull Road, Chichester, W. Sussex PO19 4LY. Tel: 0243 783879. Ad. No. 4129 LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK - From July 1992, Tower Correspondent will be Mary Allum, 28 Mill Road, Laxfield, Woodbridge IP13 8EA. Tel: 0986 798 790. Ad. No. 4136 LIVERPOOL, Our Lady and St Nicholas – Please note that there will be NO PRACTICE ON FRIDAY, MAY 29, due to the holding of the Mersey River Festival Service at this, the "Sailors' Church", at 7.30 that 4132

ST. MARY'S, TAUNTON. There will be NO 12-bell practice on May 23rd. 4133

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK. Practice night now changed to Friday, 1900. Visitors always welcome.

#### **Association Announcements**

BRITISH CARILLON SOCIETY. Hon. Secretary: Michael Boyd, 126 Chesterfield Road, Sandfields, Lichfield (0543 263361). Subscriptions £5/year to Hon. Treasurer, John R Knox, 122 Helmsley Road, Sandyford, Newcastle-upon-Tyne E2 1RE. 4130

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A. 1992 Dinner now on Sat, Sept 26, and not September 19 as shown in the

#### **University Announcements**

C.U.G.C.R. The following officers were elected at the A.G.M. held on Sat, May 9, 1992: President, Christopher M P Johnson (St. John's); Snr. Treasurer, Clare Y Barlow (Newnham); Auditor, Frank H King (Churchill); Master, Richard J Hamby (Downing); Assistant Master, Adama P Shepherd (Queens'); Secretary and Jnr. Treasurer, Katy A Whitaker, Christ's College, Cambridge CB2 3BU; Librarian, Rachel M A Weedon (Pembroke); Steeple-keeper, Philip A Abbey (Corpus Christi). With many thanks to the retiring officers.

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#### Mid-week Meetings

A.S.C.Y. Forthcoming practices: May 19, Cripplegate; May 26, Cornhill; June 2, St Paul's Cathedral; June 9, St Mary-le-Bow. Next business meeting, Tues, June 9, 1992, at The Rising Sun, Carter Lane EC4, at 8.30 pm. Country meeting, Sat, June 13, Birmingham. AWR Wilby, Hon. Secretary.

DORSET C.A. Wed practices, 7.30 pm: June 3, Wyke Regis; June 17, Marnhull; July 1, Puddletown; July 15, Oakdale, Poole. Sat practice, 7 pm: June 20, Dorchester. Sat, July 18, 7 pm: meeting, Charmister. Open Day, Sat, July 25th.

HEREFORD D.G., Bridgnorth District. Coalbrookdale 10-bell practice for May 29 is cancelled. Next 10-bell practice at Coalbrookdale, July 31, 7.30 pm. All

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. (Mid-week practice) Evening ringing on Fri, May 29, at Kingsbury, from 8

SUFFOLK GUILD, North East District. Practice at Rumburgh, Mon, June 8, 7.30–9 pm. All welcome. 0784

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Leeds and District Branch. Practice on Thur, May 21, at Leeds Parish Church (12), 7.30–9 pm. All welcome. 0770

#### Saturday Meetings and Practices

ELY D.A., Wisbech District. Joint meeting with Ely District, May 23, at Stow Bardolph. Usual format. Special method: Rutland S. Major. Other visitors welcome. 0424

LADIES' GUILD, Kent Branch. Morning meeting, Sat, May 30. S.A.E. for details to Miss I M Pearce, 58 Hitchen Hatch Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3AU.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD, Daventry Branch. Practice, Sat, May 23, St Peter's, Northampton, 7.30–9 pm. 0771

SUFFOLK GUILD, South West District. Practice at Hartest (7–9 pm), Sat, May 23. All welcome. 0750

BATH & WELLS D.A., Dunster Branch. Sat, May 30, Cutcombe (6) 7-9 pm. Grandsire and St Simon's

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY. Meeting at Thruburgh on Sat May 30, from 7 to 9 pm. 0763 Thryburgh on Sat, May 30, from 7 to 9 pm.

KCACR, Tonbridge District. Please note the Surprise practice at Chiddingstone will now be held on Sat, May 30, at 7.30 pm, and not on May 23 as previously advertised.

LADIES' GUILD, Central District. Ringing Day, Sat, May 30: Hillmorton 10 am, Dunchurch 11 am, Rytonon-Dunsmore 12.15 pm, Brinklow 14.30, Church Lawford 15.30, Newbold-on-Avon 16.30, Rugby 17.45, Bilton 19.15.

LADIES' GUILD, Northampton and District. Meeting, Sat, May 30: Swalcliffe 2.30–3.15, Bodicote 3.30–4.30 pm, followed by service, tea and meeting. Banbury 7–8 pm. Please bring own food; cups of tea available.

LINCOLN D.G., Southern Branch. Strikii Competition, Sat, May 30, at Harlaxton. 6 pm start. Striking 0762

O.D.G., North Bucks Branch. Quarterly meeting, Sat, June 6th. Ringing at All Saints', Emberton (6, 9-0-18 in G), 4.30. Service at Emberton 5.30. Tea and short business meeting at Emberton Institute (adjacent to the clock tower) 6.00. Ringing at SS. Peter and Paul, Olney (8, 24-3-14 in D), 7.15. Names for tea to Sheila Watts (0234) 711113 by Thurs, June 4, please. 0751

W & P GUILD, Christchurch and Southampton W & P Golley, Christenurer and Socialington. District. Quarterly meeting, Sat, June 6, at Hordle. Afternoon ringing 3 pm. Service 4.30 pm. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Faith Webster (0425611947). Evening ringing at Hinton Admiral.

ELY D.A., Wisbech District. Outing, June 13, Bedford area. First tower, Cardington (8) 9.30 am. Own travel arrangements. Cost £1 (to cover donations). Further details, tower list or lift required, contact Simon Meyer (0945) 61816. Ad. No. 0758

#### **WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

Notice of Meetings and Practices

#### **Northern Branch**

5th June, 7.30 p.m. Kingswinford (Surprise Practice)

20th June, **Branch Meeting**, Kidderminster. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting, with ringing at Kidderminster (12).

#### Western Branch

20th June, Branch Meeting, Astley (6). Ringing 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing to be announced at a later date.

#### Southern Branch

13th June, Branch Meeting, Bishampton. Business meeting at 3 p.m., followed by service and tea with Branch Striking Competition to follow.

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Notice is hereby given of two changes in the Rules of Membership as set out in the 1990 Annual Report.

Page 3, Rule B3, Ringing Member:
Delete the word "efficiently".
Page 3, Government D8:
Insert after Report Editor "Public Relations Officer".
James Hedgcock, Guild Secretary

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#### Rows, changes and truth

I expect that by the time this little item appears in print the RW office will have received a number of communications by fax, phone, post and knock on the door about the collection of touches on page 468. I expect that most of these communicators will have missed the point and so I had better explain.

In ringing we are interested in ringing true touches, i.e. touches that do not repeat changes. Now it is important to understand that changes occur between rows and they are not the rows themselves.

I will quote two examples to explain what I

The change that takes place between the rows:

> 13254768 12345678

is different from the change that takes place between the rows:

21436587 12345678

So although these two short blocks contain a

21354768 12345678

following two pairs of rows:

While the two blocks contain the same rows the change between them is different.

repeated row they do not contain a repeated

12345678

21354768

By way of a second example consider the

change.

In conclusion, then, as it is changes in which we are interested a touch is not false unless a change is repeated and this will only occur BETWEEN THE SAME TWO ROWS IN THE SAME DIRECTION. To put it another way a repeated row does not mean that a touch is false unless at some point the given row is preceded by the same row on two or more

It follows that the ringing of a mirror image lead with the same rows in reverse order will not produce the same changes.

I appreciate that this will mean reproducing false course head tables and some withdrawn peals may need to be reconsidered but it does mean that some of the touches on page 468 may be more acceptable than appears at first sight. On the other hand "twice before with singles" may be with us for a while yet.

While I still have your attention can I point out the possible problem with the use of mnemonics (p.447). The human mind can often make serious errors of association. While the desired formula may well be DAD + ZOO + ASDA = success, you could end up with FATHER + CIRCUS + TESCOS = FIRE UP

A.J.B.

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and now we go over to the Crucible for live coverage of the International Snooker Audience Participation Championships. . .

#### A planted row

Those joining me to make a whole row of ringers' tee-shirts (p. 448) at the 1993 snooker finals will need accurate striking at the Crucible's booking system, and just a hint of good luck to score another 147

PETER J. SCOTT

Sheffield

#### Doubles variations named

Quarter peals of the following Doubles variations were rung on the dates shown at St. Michael's, Lichfield, and the bands concerned wish them to be named as

(i) 26 Apr 92, St. Julian Bob with a Wallflower Single (CC 117f) to be called Ariconium Doubles.

(ii) 26 Apr 92, St. Faith Place with a Grandsire Single (CC 148c) to be called Bravonium Doubles

D. E. POMEROY **Tower Secretary** 

#### "Spot on"

The Crewkerne branch of the Bath & Wells Association held its Striking Competition at Hinton St. George on 25 April. On a bright evening six teams assembled and with judge Mike Best, now sadly unable to ring for reasons of health, suitably ensconced nearby, rang their test pieces on these far from easy bells. Mike, who was assisted by Eddie Hancock, made some useful comments regarding the pace that these bells should be rung at and noted that erratic leading had been a common fault

For the second year Shepton Beauchamp were clear winners, their speed of ringing was judged "spot on" and together with Ashill, again runners-up, will represent the Branch in the Association Finals, this year to be held in the Crewkerne Branch. Can we look forward to a "home win"?

#### Six, ten and a five

Not one, not two, but three - yes, three towers were on the itinerary for the Hertford C.A. Western District's meeting in April. Why so many? (And, if it comes to that, why were two outside the District?). The first, Langleybury, is only a matter of minutes over the boundary, and it had been specially chosen for a six-bell learners' practice in the hope of enticing a few of the learners on to greater numbers at the second tower, which was to be Rickmansworth. We do not have a ten in our District, so we were hoping for large numbers of ringers eager to try their hand at counting beyond eight. These, alas, did not materialise, but there were plenty of rounds for the learners who had been persuaded to make the journey (and who found they really could hold up at backstroke if they tried!), and we also managed Grandsire Caters and Stedman and Grandsire Triples. (These were the special to accommodate the varying numbers). Late afternoon saw us heading back along the lanes to our own district and the five bells of Sarratt - what variety, a six, a ten and a five! There was time for a service touch before the Rev. David Dredge arrived to welcome us and lead the singing.

No-one knows quite what the weather will be like in the middle of April, but on this occasion it had decided to be summer and we were able to enjoy a most delicious tea in the garden of the Cock, just over the road from the church. In fact it was rather difficult to persuade people back inside for the business meeting as they seemed to prefer the sunshine, but the rebellion was at length quelled and the pews once more filled. Items on the agenda included County AGM details, arrangements for the return rounders match against the St. Albans District, the blessing of the soundproofing, etc., at Great Gaddesden, and the introduction of polo shirts complete with District logo (to go with the T-shirts and sweatshirts - what next, jogging bottoms?).

Evening ringing stretched the capacity of our brains somewhat, with touches of variable-hunt Bob Doubles and courses of Orpheus - next month's London should be peanuts in comparison! Socialising continued in the Cock, where both bars and the Trivia machine were eagerly occupied.

Now that method extension is once again on the agenda, I would like to offer some technical comments which may lead readers to a better understanding of the fundamental

The underlying paradox in all attempts to formulate an integrated deterministic extrapolation for the invariant subparameters of a method, is that on the one hand the synthesis of unique isomorphic subsections of a method is inevitably inhibited by the inherent multiplicity of possible structural variations, whereas on the other hand, the derivations of canonical extensions starting from the minimum irreducible grid pattern leads to the opposite conclusion that homomorphic sub-groups of prime order are

PENNY WATSON.

## A paradox

#### in the Milton Keynes area Monday, May 25th (provisional plan)

**OPEN DAY** 

9.00 9.10 9.20 9.30 9.40	Twyford (6) Tingewick (5) Shalstone (5) Stowe (6) Lillingstone Lovell (5)		1.40 2.00 2.10 2.20 2.30	Tyringham (5) Sherington (5) Astwood (3) Chicheley (6) North Crawley (6)	Chiming only
10.00	Maids Moreton (6)		2.40	Newport Pagnell (8)	
10.10	Buckingham (8)		2.50	Great Linford (6)	Newly rehung
10.20	Thornborough (5)	Steel bells	3.00	Downs Barn (0)	Refreshments
10.40	Leckhampstead (5)		3.10	Willen (3)	Chiming only
10.50 11.00	Wicken (8) Beachampton (5)		3.20	Moulsoe (4)	Chiming only
11.10	Passenham (5)		3.30	Milton Keynes (6) Wavendon (6)	
11.20	Calverton (6)		4.00	Woughton on the Green	(6)
11.30	Stony Stratford (8)		4.10	Simpson (6)	(0)
11.40	Old Wolverton (6)		4.20	Fenny Stratford (6)	
11.50	Haversham (3)		4.30	Little Brickhill (3)	
12.00	Hanslope (8)		4.40	Great Brickhill (6)	Soon to be rehung
12.10	Stoke Goldington (6)		4.50	Stoke Hammond (3)	
12.20	Ravenstone (3)	Chiming only	5.00	Drayton Parslow (6)	
12.30	Weston Underwood (6)		5.10	Newton Longville (8)	
12.40	Olney (8)		5.20	Bletchley (8)	
12.50	Lavendon (6) Newton Blossomville (3)		5.30 5.40	Whaddon (6)	
1.10	Clifton Reynes (6)		5.50	Shenley (6) Loughton (6)	
1.30	Emberton (6)		6.00	Old Bradwell (6)	
1.30				' I . OF OO	

50p per tower, day tickets £5.00 Proceeds will go to the Downs Barn Bell Fund all structurally identical to the polymorphic inverse transposition group which is, by definition, unique

I conclude, therefore, that a heuristic approach using ergodic multivariate macroanalysis will be much more likely to lead to a universally acceptable methodology, than the current reliance on chaos theory.

G. B. L. de GOOK

#### Natural rules

I've been called a few things in my time, but "a classic example of a perosn (sic) dedicated to the bureaucracy of the Central Council" is certainly an original one. It may come as a surprise to Chris Stanley (page 448), but some ringers are not only interested in methods and their extensions, but also in good striking, recruitment and training, and even get around to ringing their own bells and those of otherwise silent towers on Sundays. If he has any doubt about this, he's very welcome to come to Willesden any Sunday or practice night, and I'll be only too pleased to help him with his striking. I might even have enough energy left over to try and do something about his grammar, but I'm afraid I can't promise to do anything about his intellectual powers.

On the available evidence, Chris Stanley is a classic example of a ranting loony living in a fantasy world. Surely he doesn't expect to convince anyone with a piece of history that he's just *invented*? His theory has all the familiar cliches: the Wise Creator who named real methods like Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent; the Selfish Peal Ringers who named new methods after their towers and cats instead of their grandfathers as God intended; the Faceless Bureaucrat who strangled ringing with his red tape; even the Holy Fool who will sweep it away again with his Brilliantly Simple

Idea.

This kind of drivel contributes nothing to a sensible debate on method extension. Methods are related to each other, whether Geoff Harris and Chris Stanley like it or not. The unknown ringers who invented Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent recognised these natural rules a century before there was a Central Council, and two centuries before any rules were written down. It was blindingly obvious to the practical (peal) ringers of the 18th and 19th centuries that Kent Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus were the same method, so they named them accordingly. Once the idea was established that methods came in families, it was guite natural to expect every method to belong to such a family.

Today we ring many more and complex methods, and such family resemblances as do exist are usually more subtle than those of the Kents. Where a convincing resemblance can be demonstrated, most ringers want to follow long-established tradition and use the family name for all the members. The Central Council (like the United Nations) works by consensus, and it has no powers to enforce its resolutions. Nobody can stop you ringing the first peal of Grandsire Sextuples and calling it Kent Treble Bob, but the ringers of two centuries ago would have thought you a fool,

and so will most ringers today.

ROGER BAILEY

P.S. – Heading the abolitionists' letters "Complete Rethink" seems rather flattering. I would suggest that "Complete Unthink" describes their tone and content more accurately.

#### Name agreed

I refer to a peal rung at Elstow, Beds, on 15th June 1991 (R.W. 4187, 26/7/91) and the subsequent correspondence from Mr. Wratten (R.W. 4139, p. 759, 9/8/91).

With the kind agreement of the band who first rang method 1889 (CCC), the name will remain Tolworth, as published in the peal report. Perhaps the Records Committee would care to update all of their data-bases.

S. H. STANFORD

### Around and about

We hear that Donald Clift is due to enter the University of Wales Hospital in Cardiff for major heart surgery. He expects to be admitted to Ward B1 on May 21st.

Congratulations to Christopher Groome (President of the Central Council) and Ruth Newby who were married at Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday, 16th May.

Congratulations to Peter G. C. Ellis who rang his 1,000th peal on May 4th. His peals have been rung in 833 towers, taking a mere nine years and 243 days.

Golfers have been known to do it in trees now it seems that ringers have followed suit. Gerald Hemming, Paul Jopp and Michael Clements rang a peal of P.B. Minor up in an apple tree on 6 May. Nailed planks provided the seats, the tree swayed in the wind and two ponies became interested in coats and a handbell case left at the foot of the tree. Notwithstanding these little inconveniences, the peal was successfully completed in 1 hour 54 minutes. That same day Gerald Hemming and Paul Jopp also rang a peal of P.B. Major in the much more conventional setting of a barn loft. For this they were joined by Bob and Ruth Smith.

Help came from all directions for the May Festival at Southwold. At present there is only one bell at Reydon (circa 1420), so of course there's no ringing band and Southwold are giving every support to Reydon Bell Fund. It's rumoured they plan to "retire" to this tower when the 50 steps make their own inaccessible.

The May Bank Holiday Festival was their biggest publicity and money-raising event to date. The sun shone, the maypole dancers didn't get tangled and their jingling bells were joined by bells in the marching band, harmonious handbells in concert (tune and change-ringing), including Ralph Earey's demonstration bell and St. Edmund's own eight bells. Apart from the welcome visitors who came to ring, members of Worlingham, Beccles, Wenhaston and St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, bands had somehow become involved in running the event.

A total of £300 was taken, bringing Reydon Bell Fund near the £5,000-mark. Many thanks

to all who helped.

There are always appeals. Fortunately there are always people ready to give. Reydon will be a new ring. I am supporting the project by way of thanks for a lifetime of ringing. For anyone who may feel the same, further details may be obtained from or donations sent to Mr. Frank Clarke, 18 Barnaby Green, Southwold, Suffolk.

H.P.

Seven teams entered the Kent C.A. Rochester District's striking competition on April 25 at Upchurch. The competition was followed by a service, taken by the Rev. John Lefroy, and tea, at which the judges, David and Matthew Hilling, gave the results. The winners were Tunstall, followed by Meopham and Rainham. A barn dance was held in the village hall in the evening, attended by 155 ringers, their families and friends – £300 was raised for the B.R.F. SVEN WRAIGHT

#### Corrections and amendments

- p. 352 Peal at Crewkerne. Ringer of 5: Raymond Haines.
- p. 380 Peal at Maidstone (14 March) was a first peal for Shona Colebrook.
  p. 454 Peal at Midsomer Norton. Ringer of 5:
- p. 454 Peal at Midsomer Norton. Ringer of 5
  Raymond Haines.
- p. 481 Peal at Leeds Cathedral delete all detail. Handbell peal at Watford. Footnote should read: 500th handbell peal together as a trio.

The composition of Spliced Surprise Major (8 methods) by P. G. K. Davies, printed on page 42 of "Composition 500", is false: rows 870 and 1252 are both 35142678. This is not my discovery; I am merely confirming a rumour which I heard some months ago, but which to the best of my knowledge has not appeared in the R.W.

JULIAN MORGAN

We hear that Charlton Mackrell bells (St. Mary the Virgin), Somerset, will be non-ringable until they are rehung. A fund is set up under the name "St. Mary Bell Restoration Fund". Donations to Miss S. E. Crothall, 2 Barham Court, Ricthie Road, Houndstone, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 8SH.

We very much regret to report the death, at the age of 83, of Alfred Ballard of Hinckley, Leics.

Northampton County music inspector Malcolm Tyler (of recent Ringers' Songs of Praise fame) retires this summer. "Mr. Music goes out on high note" was the headline of an article and picture in the Kettering Evening Telegraph as Malcolm prepared to conduct his final Kettering Music Festival.

We hear that the "Oranges and Lemons walk" last Saturday was thoroughly enjoyed by 60 or so ringers and a total of £3,300 was raised towards the Shoreditch Appeal.

May I be allowed to compliment Geoffrey Coffin and his contributors on the excellent article about the Isle of Purbeck in *The Ringing World* for May 8th. The geography and history of the area and its bells which the article contained was most interesting and fascinating to read and most comprehensive.

NORMAN CHADDOCK

Alan Buswell points out that Scunthorpe (p. 492) has had five quarter peals published this year. In 1986 the church was declared redundant and was vandalised.

#### Late Notices

HEREFORD D.G. Flower Festival at Richards Castle, Sat, May 23. Chance to ring the heaviest ringable bell in the Guild (41 cwt), 10.30–12.30. All welcome. Enquiries to Dave Thompson (0568 616075).

Ad. No. 0798

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS, Mid-Devon Branch. Quarterly meeting, Sat, June 6. Ringing at Dittisham 3–4.30 pm. Service by Rev. J Scott 4.30–5 pm. Meeting 5–7 pm. Ringing at Townstall 7.15–8.30 pm. Numbers for teas to Edward Kain on 080421 452 by May 24, please.

SUPERB HANDBELL CONCERT. American University Team, May 26th, 7 pm St George's Centre, Hamilton Avenue, Tolworth. Tel: 081–399 8868 for details.

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