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The Quarter Bells of Lincoln Cathedral

by John Ketteringham

In 1880 the Dean and Chapter decided to replace the clock installed in 1775. At the same time, apparently as the result of pressure from the cathedral organist, Mr. John Young, it was agreed to augment the two quarter bells. These had been cast by Thomas Mears of Whitechapel, London, in 1834 at the same time as he had recast the hour bell known as "Great Tom". The intention was that each quarter hour the fashionable "Cambridge Quarters" should be heard sounding from the central tower of the Cathedral. These chimes were first installed at St. Mary's church, Cambridge, in 1793 and the bells sound as follows:

First Quarter: 1 2 3 4
 Second Quarter: 3 1 2 4 ; 3 2 1 3
 Third Quarter: 1 3 2 4 ; 4 2 1 3 ; 1 2 3 4
 Fourth Quarter: 3 1 2 4 ; 3 2 1 3 ; 1 3 2 4 ; 4 2 1 3.

It was not until the chimes were installed in 1860 in order to sound the quarters in St. Stephen's Tower in the Houses of Parliament that it became fashionable to copy them in other places.

Kilifi, six months on

Yes, the Kilifi Band which undertook an intensive bellringing course last September is going strong. While visiting a friend in Kilifi recently I had the pleasure of attending the band's weekly practice-night, and was welcomed by David Shaha (Tower Captain/Ringing Master/Steeple Keeper) and his cheerful band. We rang rounds, call-changes, and a plain hunt on five; David said that this could have been a hunt on six, if all his band had been present that evening. I was specially glad to see that the band is recruiting and training new ringers, and that the elements of rope-handling are being well taught. When an over-enthusiastic learner displaced a slider by pulling too hard, David rang down the bell in 2 or 3 pulls, nipped up two ladders, restored the slider and was down again in the ringing gallery within a couple of minutes. The band is fortunate in having a supportive vicar, who was present during the practice I attended. Afterwards I was taken up to look at the bells, hung on ball bearings on their sturdy wooden frame regularly inspected and treated for insect damage.

Practice night is Wednesday, 5 p.m. There is service ringing on Sunday mornings, and sometimes an additional, practice (but not for the beginners) on Sunday evenings. Kilifi is not at the back of beyond only about an hour by taxi from Mombasa airport; and judging by its Visitors' Book, Kilifi is already on the tower-grabbers' list. World-travelling bellringers, put Kilifi in your itinerary: you are sure of a great welcome.

PEGGY STANIER

Details of the two existing Quarter Bells were as follows:

	Diameter		Weight		
	ft	ins	cwts	qrs	lbs
1.	3	4	12	0	20
2.	4	3	23	3	14

Each bell was inscribed: THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FOUNDER 1835. Unfortunately no record appears to exist of their notes.

The Revd. Canon Hutton of Vicars Court, Lincoln, appears to have contacted, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, J. J. Raven the author of *Bells in England* and W. Potts & Sons, clockmakers of Leeds.² The former on 15th March sent details of the "Cambridge Quarters" and their history and on 22nd March 1880 Potts wrote as follows:

... on a peal of Eight the Quarters are struck on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th bells ... when there are only two quarter Bells as at your Cathedral the notes of the existing Bells have to be amended (we have ordered the Bell Founders to take particulars of these) where the two new bells are made to suit.³

The Chapter Acts for 3rd April 1880 record that:

Nathaniel Clayton and Mrs Seely, the wife of the M.P. for Lincoln, [had] each offered the gift of a bell for the improvement of the chiming of the quarters.⁴

On 18th August the Bellfounders (John W. Taylor & Co. of Loughborough) sent details of the two new bells adding, 'We are very pleased to hear the bells are safely in the tower.' However, Mr. Young was not happy with the "splice" and on 20th October 1880 Potts wrote:

We are sorry the opening of the clock will be delayed in consequence of the bells not being correct but the large qr bell has been found to be imperfect the decision you have arrived at to have it recast and made [correct] will be the most satisfactory to you. It would have been better if Taylor had drawn your attention to the Bell being wrong at the first when he came to examine them.

Taylor had written on 18th October 1880 acknowledging an order to recast the largest of the existing quarter bells but after further deliberation the Dean and Chapter decided to have both existing bells recast, the Dean commenting on 20th October 1880: '... do you not think that the new team will imperiously demand a new Tom and the new Tom a new bell tower?' In a letter dated 21st October 1880 Taylors sent an estimate for recasting the two old bells but pointed out that they had tuned the two new bells to the existing "A" bell. The bells were duly cast but in a letter dated 9th December 1880 Taylors regretted 'the mistake in the word ORATE the E can easily be cut off and TE engraved'. This refers to the inscription on the largest bell!

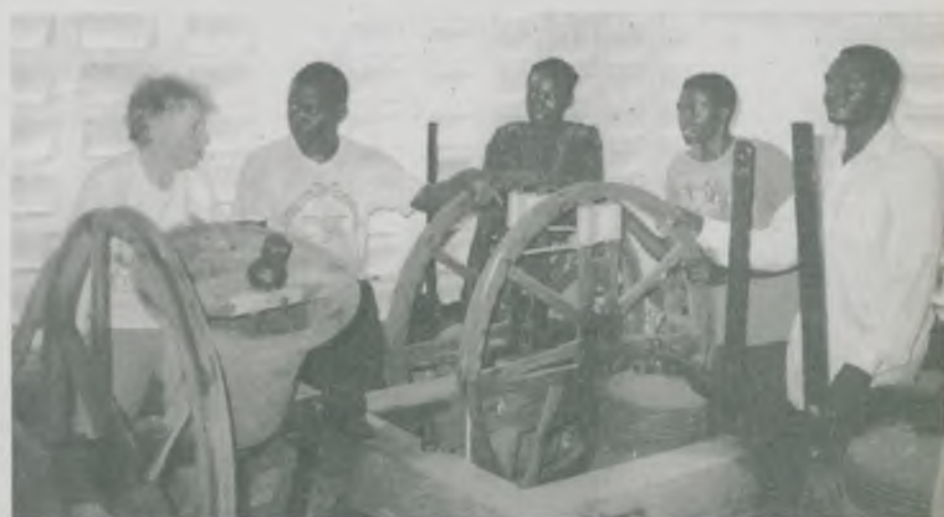
On 2nd November 1880 Sir Edmund Beckett commented that Taylor knew of the flatness of the bells and that 'it was unnecessarily stupid of him to leave it so and, of course, he is liable for the expense caused thereby'. In a letter dated 16th November 1880 Potts commented that Sir Edmund considered the Lincoln clock would surpass Westminster and Worcester but Mr. Young was not at all happy with the new bells, and on 18th December to Canon Hutton:

In answer to your questions about the Chimes I am sorry to say that the Bells are not in tune with one another neither are they in tune with "Great Tom" nor is the tone at all satisfactory to my ear, the dominant note of each Bell not being powerful enough while the harmonics are too much so. This to a cultured ear is very disagreeable indeed sometimes I have great difficulty in hearing the real note.

Young went on to say that he did not agree with Sir Edmund regarding the qualities of "Big Ben" and considered that the 'Chimes at Westminster Palace are not in tune ...

Next there followed an interesting letter from the Dean dated 19th December 1880 and addressed to Canon Hutton:

(Continued overleaf)



Kilifi - a look at the bells

LINCOLN BELLS - continued

I have had too much experience of the critic not to take his criticisms with several grains of salt; and I greatly applaud your cross-examination. But last night I had unavoidable experience myself of the varied tones, having not got to sleep till near 4 am, and I am inclined to think that both the set & the velocity of the wind has some effect in altering the pitch of the notes (ie subjectively to the hearer). You will I daresay, often have remarked when an engine passes you whistling, that the note sharpens as it approaches you & flattens as it retreats from you. As the vibrations of the air must be affected unsympathetically by wind when the space within which much of the vibration takes place is broken by masses of stone, I am inclined to suspect that to the ear in any given place slight different sounds are given from what would be given if the atmosphere were perfectly still & the space unbroken: so that sometimes a bell may sound a little too sharp & sometimes a little too flat. At times since the chimes began, I have fancied both of these errors; and although my hearing is of course hard, I do not think it is indiscriminating of harmony.

On 20th December 1880 Taylors wrote:

Mr Young is expecting something that bells do not produce ... When they were struck off everything appeared to give the greatest satisfaction We cannot in the least understand Mr Young's reference to the bells ... What Mr Young required we cannot possibly divine.

The following extracts from Potts' letter, which is also dated 20th December 1880, appear to result from a comment by Canon Hutton on the distance at which Great Tom and the Quarter bells could be heard:

... ding dongers are always heard a greater distance than any others ding dong will catch the ear more distinct than musical qrs with 5 hammers but you can have the hammers made heavier, any weight you dare risk the bells but, of course, we must not be answerable for any cracked or broken bells ...

On 21st December 1880 Potts reported that heavier hammers were to be fitted.

Taylors wrote again on 23rd December 1880:

... the Cathedral bells [are] causing us intense anxiety and disappointment ... Never have we sent out bells more satisfactory to our selves ... And even now they have stated nothing definitely, all that we can gather is that the whole lot is out of tune and of bad tone.

In a letter dated 1st January 1881 Potts commented that he had:

had trouble several times ... with him [Taylor], in fact, they was so bad at first our men said they would not do ... he excels in dunning a character ... and then sporting red coats in hunting 3 or 4 days weekly.

On 3rd January 1881 Taylors commented:

As regards the bells not being heard so far off that is a matter which will right itself. It is a well-known fact that the sound of bells carries further after use for a few months. We cannot say why but such is the case.

On 4th January 1881 Canon Hutton wrote to Taylors in quite strong terms to the effect that the bells were not satisfactory because they 'were not in tune with themselves or Great Tom'. He insisted on Taylors 'sending a representative to hear for himself'. On 5th January 1881 Taylors sent a rather apologetic letter undertaking to go to Lincoln to hear the bells and on 11th January 1881 the Dean wrote 'I cannot at all understand the problem of the quarter bells but feel pretty satisfied the truth lies somewhat in between the theories of Mr Young and Mr Taylor.'

After a gap of nearly two months, on 7th March 1881 the Dean was once again to write to Canon Hutton:

... I suppose Young triumphs at the conclusion arrived at with regard to the chime bells. I do not gather from your note that anything has been done to improve them except hitting them somewhat harder (as the Govt. are doing with Ireland) & I shall be glad if the measure is successful enough to produce acquiescence on the part of our minutely diminutive against. The slight flatness of Tom may symbolize the

platitudinous distraction of old age in comparison with the sharpness of youth which is natural perhaps to bells as boys. I confess I do not feel courageous enough to attempt to reform Tom, which I suppose Taylor would suggest ...

The Dean was, no doubt, referring to the decision of the Chapter to have the notes of the quarter bells flattened. The Chapter agreed that Canon Hutton's opinion of the bells alone was acceptable and that a second opinion was not needed. As a result, on the same day, Hutton wrote to the bellfounders instructing them to have the bells 'flattened to the pitch of Tom's note'. Not surprisingly Taylors reacted on 12th March 1881 by saying that they were most reluctant to do this and would only do the work if the Dean and Chapter 'take upon themselves the responsibility of spoiling the bells by flattening them ...'

No agreement seemed possible and on 18th March 1881 the Dean and Chapter suggested that Dr. Stainer, organist of St. Paul's Cathedral, be asked to pass judgment. Although Taylors agreed to this, they still considered that the matter could be settled locally.

In a letter dated 2nd April 1881 Potts reported he:

... had a letter from Sir E. Beckett yesterday and was not aware but you had given him an invitation for the Easter holidays ... he cannot be idle, that is out of the question work he will have and money he has almost to any amount but more than he can ever spend, he is 65 now ... he has got a pretty good stiff job to restore & complete St Albans Cathedral ...

Apparently Sir Edmund was pleased with the clock and according to Potts considered that 'the quarters sounded very nice and the hours perfect'. However, even after such an eminent favourable opinion, Mr. Young was still not satisfied and on 30th May 1883 he once again wrote to the long-suffering Canon Hutton:

... Messrs. Taylors came over on Saturday as arranged and I went with them into the cathedral bell Chamber and tested the Chimes. The result was they agreed with me that the A bell is too sharp it being out of tune with the other three bells and also with 'Tom'.

Mr. Young wrote again on 5th June 1881: 'Mr. Taylor Senr. came over on Tuesday and tuned the A bell and on the Wednesday I tested it with an A Fork and find it is in tune with it.' At long last the correspondence ceases; the new quarters were to everyone's satisfaction!

Details of the new bells are as follows:

1. NOX NOCTI INDICAT SCIETIAM MARY SEELY ME FECIT.
FIERI ANNO DOMINI MDCCCLXXX
Diam. 35 1/4 in; weight 11 cwt 0 qrs 10 lbs; note C sharp
2. DIES DIEI ERUCTAT VERBUM NATHANIE CLAYTON ME.
FACIT FIERI ANNO DOMINI MDCCCLXXX
Diam. 37 1/4 in; weight 12 cwt 3 qrs 14 lbs; note B
3. ME PROPRIO SUMTU DENUO CONFLARI FECIT NATHANIEL CLAYTON A S MDCCCLXXX
VENIT HORA ET NUNC EST QUANDO MORTUI AUDIENT VOCUM FILII DEI
Diam. 39 1/4 in; weight 13 cwt 0 qrs 14 lbs; note A
4. ME VOCE FRACTRA MALE CONCINENTEM PROPRIO SUMTU.
LIQUEFIERI ET DENUO CONNNNFLARI VOLUIT AELFREDUS SHUTTLEWORTH A S MDCCCLXXX
VIGILATE ET ORATE NESCIITIS ENUM QUANDO TEMPUT SIT
Diam. 51 1/4 in; weight 27 cwt 2 qrs 7 lbs; note E

These bells can still be heard sounding, during daylight hours, the passage of time as they have now done for the last century or so.

NOTES:

1. P. Price, *Bells and Man* (Oxford University Press, 1983), p. 180.
2. J. J. Raven, *The Bells of England* (London 1906).
3. L.A.O. D&C CC/2/5/8. The letters are contained in a folder and are not numbered individually.
4. L.A.O. D&C A/3/21, p. 73.

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We were on holiday in Devon, and I had spent a very pleasant practice night at Ottery St. Mary. At the end of the practice, I was pressed to join them for a wedding that Saturday: they were one ringer short. Of course, the Saturday was one of the best days of the holiday, and it was a very understanding family that let me drag them off the beach and into the church. But it was worth it.

In case, you have not been there, the bells at Ottery are rung from the ground floor of the south transept, in full sight of the congregation. So, as we sat waiting to ring at the end of the service, we had a grandstand view of the bride and groom. The story was a romantic one: a Swiss family had spent many holidays in the area; the son had fallen in love with a local girl and this was the wedding. Nearly half of the congregation were Swiss friends and relations. I have never seen a bride so happy. She smiled and laughed throughout the service and, at an appropriate moment, a shaft of sunlight came through a high window and lit her as if by a spotlight.

The end of the service came; the organ played; we started to ring. Some of the Swiss guests looked at us puzzled, uncertain as to what we were doing. But then they went outside, heard the bells and ran back in to look again.

I have rung for many weddings. Most of the time I ignore the service and just look forward to the money. But I have never forgotten this one.

R.S.



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Bellfounders' Gift Page



Good progress at Blacklands

In September 1992 a Bells Appeal was launched to raise funds for the re-hanging of the bells at Christ Church, Blacklands near Hastings with new frictional parts. The launch week included a dramatic abseil down the church tower, a door to door collection and fun activities. Over the next two years a tireless committee organised many fund raising events and the bell ringers held a sponsored walk ringing at towers on the way and tower open days. There was great rejoicing in September 1994 when it was realised that with generous grants from the Sussex Bell Restoration fund and the local Isobel Blackman Charity the work could go ahead as scheduled on Monday 17th October 1994. The cost of the work by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry was reduced by £5,854 as ringers from the Sussex County Association assisted the bell hanger with the dismantling and re-hanging of the bells.

Our own team of ringers had grown since the launch of the Bells Appeal with a group of enthusiastic learners. We worked hard together to clean out the tower, decorate the ringing chamber and clean down and paint the bell frame - three coats with a top coat of bright red! On practice nights we gathered together and learned handbell ringing to play tunes at the Rededication service and at Christmas.

On December 11th 1994 Festival Evensong was held on the occasion of the re-dedication of the Bells and Bell Tower. The Vicar, the Rev P. J. Le Sueur conducted and preached at the service during which he thanked all who had been involved in the project over the last four and a half years. Ringers from near and far came to try out the newly hung bells and all enjoyed the ease of ringing.

On Saturday 25th March 1995 a peal of Oxford Bob Triples spliced with Grandsire Triples was successfully rung in 3 hours to celebrate the re-hanging of the bells and the 90th Birthday of Mr J A Downing, Captain Emeritus. This was arranged by those who had helped with the re-hanging and our own tower was represented by Mrs J Le Sueur, the Vicar's wife who rang her first Peal on the Treble.

The other ringers were: 2nd Mrs L Pink, 3rd Ms V Howard, 4th Mr C Slade, 5th Mr M Dawkins, 6th Mr A Pink, 7th Mr A Baldock (Conductor), 8th Mr R Cox.

Our present Bell Tower Captain, Mrs E Chapman and ringers welcome visitors to practice nights on Friday, 7.30-9 p.m. and Sunday ringing 9.45 a.m., 1st and 3rd, 5.45 p.m. 2nd and 4th.

JILL LE SUEUR

Christ Church, Blacklands was featured on the front page of our issue of June 12th 1981. At that time 16 peals had been rung on the bells. Since then another peal of Grandsire Triples has been rung (1990) and the latest peal of Grandsire/Oxford Bob Triples (1995). - Ed.

What does Mr. Hughes (of Whitechapel) have in common with Anneka Rice and H.R.H. Princess Margaret? (See back page).

National Lottery funding for bell restoration schemes

As a result of a recent meeting between Central Council officials and English Heritage, a full report of which appears elsewhere, the following advice is offered to anyone who might be considering applying for National Lottery money for bell restoration schemes through the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

1. Applications will be considered for bell schemes which aim to "maintain historical integrity in a heritage setting". This means that the bells, bell frame or tower should be of national or local importance from a historical point of view.

2. The tower itself should be in a good state of repair, and there should be no greater priorities for repair in the church or other building containing the bells.

3. The total cost of the scheme should be at least £10,000, a proportion of which must be found from other sources. The percentage is not yet decided, but the partnership concept is considered to be important. The money will have to be spent within a specified period of time (yet to be determined).

4. Funding is unlikely to be available for new bells or a new bell frame alone, and will not be available for maintenance work.

5. Enquiries about funding should be addressed to the National Heritage Memorial Fund at 10 St James's Street, London SW1A 1EF (telephone 0171 649 1345). Potential applicants will be sent the *Guidelines and Application Pack*. Applications will have to include an evaluation of the history of the bells and frame and an assessment of the cost and feasibility of repairs to the existing features, and an assessment of the repair needs of the whole church.

Details of applications made for Lottery funding are of course confidential between the applicant, the National Heritage Memorial Fund and English Heritage. Nevertheless, it would assist the Council in seeking to advise those who might be considering applying for Lottery money if some information were available on the applications for schemes involving bells which have already been made. It would therefore be much appreciated if those who have applied and those who now do so would kindly let me have brief details of the applications.

C. H. ROGERS

Hon. Secretary, the Central Council of church Bell Ringers.

The peal at Kingsbury, Warwickshire in *The Ringing World* of 24 March was the 250th in the tower, not on the bells. Gordon Lane tells us the 250th on the bells will soon arrive.

Unsure? - Then ASK!

I read with interest Tom Morgan's letter (p.320) about the need for adequate supervision when work is to be undertaken in the belfry. I agree entirely that there should be some form of supervision if the work is to be done by 'amateurs', but in this day it is getting surprisingly difficult to find someone who has served an apprenticeship, let alone in mechanical engineering. But why mechanical engineering. This is a very vague description as the machinists at my work are, theoretically, mechanical engineers, and they served an apprenticeship at some very reputable establishments, but have no experience of the skills required when working on bell installations. The most dangerous part of any major work has got to be when the bells and fittings are being lifted and moved around the belfry using winches etc. It is during these operations that disaster could strike and this is surely where technical knowledge would be very beneficial. Having said this, most major works are overseen by a bell hanger who will supervise, even if he doesn't do the work himself.

In Kent, there is a bell restoration sub-committee of the KCACR which undertakes to remove bells and occasionally hang them to save on bell hangers fees. Having worked with them a few times many years ago, I know that they are very good, work with a high degree of professionalism and a strong regard to safety, but as far as I am aware (apologies to those concerned if I am wrong on this point) they haven't been trained mechanically. Their professions include dentistry, electrical engineering, and horticulture... Instead they have been taught by listening to and watching their predecessors and have become experts in this field, much more use than an apprenticeship in mechanical. As far as I know, most associations have a group like this that undertake this type of work and assist steeple keepers in their jobs. Certainly round my area, people are unwilling to do anything major without first seeking the advice of someone with considerable knowledge.

I wonder if something 'nasty' has happened to cause Mr Morgan to write, but I would recommend him talking to his association's restoration committee or working party if he is unsure of any major work that has been done. As for the M.O.T., that's the biggest load of rubbish in the motoring world, but that's another story. Certainly the moral of the story is, if you are unsure, ASK!

Canterbury, Kent

A. L. ANDREWS

First peal congratulations

Charles H. Isitt, Jonathan White, Robert L. Burchett, Gillian A. LeSuer, Douglas H. C. Taylor, David G. Mould, Matthew L. Stimpson, James E. Hirst, Jonathan W. McCulloch and to David Gill, D. Graham Hall and Andrew J. Tibbets who completed their "first as conductor" peals

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Letters

What Price Progress?

The introduction of computer simulated ringing and the recent BBC television news reports of Minehead tower's silenced practice nights need to be treated with extreme care by the exercise. While not wishing to discourage those who find the use of computer simulated ringing beneficial I foresee great interest by members of the public and local councils who do not have ringing interests at heart. If it could be argued that beneficial ringing practices could take place without disturbing members of the public who do not wish to hear church bells then any local council could impose an order which forces a tower to hold such silenced practices.

I know that I was first drawn to the exercise by hearing only five bells at a local practice in a six bell tower, and I believe that the sound of the bells is a valuable recruitment aid for towers. I hope that the silence of towers which use computer simulated ringing does not eventually lead to the permanent silencing of all church bell ringing.

Gillingham, Dorset

R. HEDGES.

Unfair to quarters

This is the time of year for thoughts of grabbing. To aid the plans and the dreaming, this is also the time of year for obtaining annual reports. Having obtained reports it is the time of year to read them.

Something struck me whilst I was reading a selection of this year's batch. Reports contain all the sorts of things that any annual report would contain. Things like accounts and a little billet-doux from the patron and items from the boss and the secretary etc. are common place. The bulk of reports are then taken up with tower details and lists of members. Given that local bands, practices and service ringing are the rib cage of the exercise this is all very reasonable.

Peal ringing also takes up a significant part of most reports with details of peals rung during the year and some statistical analysis of leading peal ringers and conductors taking up a page or two. Again, I consider this to be wholly reasonable.

What does strike me as strange is that often there is little by way of information relating to quarter peals. Given that quarters are usually rung at about three times the rate as peals and involve large numbers of ringers of all abilities and given their developmental role I would expect information relating to quarters to form a significant part of a report even if the space so consumed was less than the space taken up by peals.

Not only do quarters often not figure to any great extent in reports but in some reports there is no mention of quarters at all! There is no hint or passing reference. It is almost as though someone has gone through the document with a censor's pen and removed all offending material. Is this balanced? Should quarter peal ringers be ashamed?

Perhaps Associations and quarter peal ringing are nothing to do with each other?

A.J.B.

Industrial espionage – or plagiarism

I read Bill Perrins' letter (RW 24 Feb 95) with interest, being one of the "parties in Sydney" looking at peal construction after some details about Colin Wyld's peal appeared on Internet, and I would like to correct some misunderstandings in the ensuing correspondence.

Philip Saddleton (RW 3 March 95) makes no secret of his access to the information on Internet, from which he knew that Colin had composed a Single-free peal of Stedman Triples with an amazingly large number of Bobs. Once the existence of such a peal is known the problem of composition becomes significantly easier, indeed Philip himself comments that Colin's achievement was the "bit of inspiration that provided the missing piece of the jigsaw". How, then, can Robin Hall (RW 10 March 95) possibly believe that the solution of Andrew Johnson and Philip was "independent"?

On Internet there have also been various snippets about other composers who found similar structures soon after the "leak", before full details were available, with comments of surprise that it should happen almost at the same time, indeed "simultaneous combustion" is mentioned: what rubbish! Colin did it, and enough about his work was known to make attainable to others what they had been unable to do before. Brian Price, who also composed such a peal at this time, describes it as "industrial espionage", at this university it would be plagiarism, that is "the use of another person's work without giving proper credit" (Australian Catholic University, NSW, 1995 Handbook). Are there not comparable regulations about compositions of change ringing?

I agree with Robin Hall that Philip Agg's achievement in remembering and calling the peal is noteworthy in its own right, but this surely evades the main issue. Had he conducted any other equally complicated peal, would anyone have been interested?

Using information now widely published, Roger Eyland and Humphrey Gastineau-Hills (my co-workers) trained our computer to compose Single-less peals of Stedman Triples: it came up with more than a hundred in two minutes. You see, it's easy when you know how.

BERNICE SHARP

Sydney, Australia

P.S. Hearty congratulations to Colin Wyld who beat us to it!

Car is necessary

I take issue with Alan Blair's comments on cars.

(a) I have never, yet paid more than £6,000 for a car (including car tax and VAT).

(b) I ring at Shedfield, some six miles from the edge of Southampton where I live. This includes three round trips each week.

(c) I help at practices at two other towers five and eight miles respectively E.N.E. of here.

It might be possible to make these five trips each week by public transport but it's nearly ½ mile from my house to a bus stop, and I defy anyone to prescribe an itinerary which would result in my presence at these destinations at the appropriate times, without inordinate time wasting in the process.

So a car seem to be the solution. But why should I be taxed over and above the Road Fund Licence and VAT on fuel which I already pay?

OUTRAM HAYTHORNE

"Knaveries" of the 50s

Anyone who can remember the striking contests of the Barnsley and District Society and the Halifax and District Association in the '40s and '50s (and there are not many left now who can) will recall only too well the keenness of competition. Perhaps in reflection of this keenness the rules governing the contest were also keen. Those ancients who initially drew up the rules had a firm belief that bells sounded "better" on the evening rather than afternoon air but whether or not there is any scientific evidence to support this theory, I'll leave it. Their belief, nonetheless, was unshakeable and it was always felt that bands ringing after tea were at a distinct advantage. To prevent any band purposely availing itself of this advantage by not being ready to ring "as drawn" and therefore ringing last, it was ordained that any band not ready to ring in its place should, if there was no lawful excuse, be ordered to ring last and incur a handicap of 30 penalty faults.

At a contest for the Halifax Association Cup held at Elland on 1st April 1905, such a fate befell the Shelley "A" team. But Oh Dear, naughty Shelley! In an attempt to avoid the 30 penalty handicap, unknown to anyone they changed places with their "B" team, allowing their "lesser mortals" to be sacrificed by ringing last and attracting the penalty faults. It did them no good, however, for when their "knaveries" were discovered they were immediately disqualified!

It would appear that this was not the only incident to have occurred that day. Perhaps because of a late start and with eight bands competing, it was decided that the usual test piece of 600 changes be reduced to 504, but both the Meltham and Friezland bands overlooked this minor (excuse the pun) amendment and disqualified themselves by ringing a 600 each. It is, nevertheless, interesting to note the prowess of the Friezland band at that time. Despite ringing four leads more than anyone else (Meltham excepted of course) they still amassed the least amount of faults but due to disqualification could not claim the cup, which in the event went to Cawthorne.

DENNIS GREENWOOD

Meltham, Huddersfield

Wonderful spirit – after 50 years

I recently returned from a wonderful month's holiday in New Zealand, visiting daughter Vivien, her husband Ken, and our new grandson. In catching up with the Ringing World, it gave me particular pleasure to read the letter from David Pickering (p. 267).

Now, Vivien and Ken have the good fortune to live in Papanui, so naturally on my first Sunday there I joined the ringers, and was made to feel at home. After the service I spoke to the Vicar and was amazed to learn that he came originally from St Helens, 'next-door' to my own home-town of Prescott. It was only at the following Wednesday practice that I realised David was also a ringer.

The next Sunday I introduced Vivien to him, and she raised the question of a christening date for baby Adam. David was most kind and helpful, and "wouldn't it be lovely if your mother could be there". Thereafter events moved swiftly, with a busy 'phone line; Quantas airline could offer one seat on a later flight, Adam's Uncle Robert in Germany and friends from New Zealand and England accepted the responsibility of becoming god-parents, and husband Ewart was not too dismayed at having a few extra days alone at home.

For me, there was the bonus of now having sufficient time to visit a friend in Wellington - we had not met for 40 years! - and to ring at the Cathedral there, though not at Old St Paul's (a sad story at present). Then it was back to Christchurch and Papanui, and preparations for the big day - a valuable extra hour that Sunday, too, as the clocks were put back.

It was a glorious sunny day (as usual!) and the old wooden church at Papanui gleamed white against a blue sky. We rang for service, finishing with a good course of Grandsire Triples, and I joined family and friends near the font. Under David Pickering the family service at St. Paul's combines warmth and friendship with inspiration and true faith, and it was a privilege to have a personal share in it.

So Adam James was baptised, and he behaved impeccably, not least when fellow singer Barbara Mathew carried him round, with his parents, to meet the congregation and be welcomed.

The day was the climax of great experiences for the month spent in New Zealand was one of undiluted happiness. I was able to enjoy the beautiful flora and fauna, the shores and hills around Christchurch and the Canterbury plains; the old part of Lyttelton, and French settlement of Akoroa; Hanmer hot springs; crossing the 'Alps' to the West Coast, its glaciers, lakes, snow-capped mountains and rain-forest; the sights of Wellington in its beautiful bay, the ferry across Cook Strait and gentle train-ride through wine country and down the Pacific coast; and always superb weather, spaciousness and clean air, relaxed atmosphere and warm friendship.

David Pickering wrote of the attractions of ringing and the wonderful spirit he has found among ringers in his first year with them. I can certainly bear this out, after fifty years! New Zealand was a very special example for me of the joys we find in our fellowship, and I should like to send thanks and greetings to those whom I met. To Pat and Jim, to Ray, George, Colin, Barbara, and the other Papanui and Christchurch ringers, to Chris Oldham who wrote with information, to Mike Clayton who acted as chauffeur, and to Pleasance and the Wellington band. And most of all to David for all his kindness as priest, ringer and friend - and may that first touch of Bob Minor 'inside' lead to many more joyful steps along the blue line.

JULIA M EDGE

Scholar Green, Stoke-on-Trent

Remarkable young record

Following the death of Walter P. Whitehead on 11th December 1994 and the tributes you kindly printed in the R.W. from Peter Nix and myself, it has been my privilege to go through, with Mrs Whitehead, the immense amount of correspondence, photos, post cards, reports and peal compositions he accumulated since the end of the last war. Most of the names are familiar to me from all parts of the country, although some I have never met (and most have passed on to higher life). But there are two Freds, - Grocott and Wilshaw, from the Stoke-on-Trent area with whom Walter rang many peals, and I wonder whether they are still with us. I would love to hear from them if they are.

What must have been a very treasured possession is a small "autograph" book in which Walter recorded, as a boy of 14 to 16 years old, his first 50 peals from the records of the R.W. including 1 Double Norwich, 6 Superlative, 6 Cambridge: 2 London Surprise, rung in 18 different towers with 18 different ringers. He

English Heritage

The report of the first meeting between the Officers of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers and representatives of English Heritage was reported in *The Ringing World* of 13 January 1995. A second meeting with English Heritage took place on Thursday 2 March 1995. The following attended: Messrs Richard Halsey and Graham Pledger and Mrs Sally Embree of EH; Dr Thomas Cocke of the Council for the Care of Churches (CCC); and the President and Secretary of the Central Council and the Chairmen of the Bell Restoration Funds and Towers and Belfries Committees (Messrs John Barnes and Alan Frost). The following is a report of that meeting, written by the Secretary and Agreed with EH.

1. **National Lottery** - The National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) had recently issued Lottery Update No 4, which contained the following paragraph: The Heritage Lottery Fund is able to consider applications for restoring and conserving church bells and organs to maintain historical integrity in a heritage setting.

conducted 12 of these peals including 3 of Superlative, and 6 of Grandsire Triples. In hand he rang 2, including one conducted.

Perhaps his most cherished achievement during these young years was the claim to be the youngest ringer to conduct Holt's Original one-part Grandsire Triples at Thurstaston two days before his 16th birthday with his two brothers Edward and Leonard. Two weeks later he repeated this feat at Quorn and on Christmas Eve at his home, rang and conducted his first peal of Doubles in hand with Edward and Leonard, whose first peal in hand it also was. We know that he completed 100 peals before he was 18, but sadly no accurate records are kept of the suggested total of about 1500 before his illness caused his retirement.

Has the exercise produced a similar remarkable record of a teenager?

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Hindrance to Progress

I have retained a copy of a *Ringing World* dated 20th February 1953. It contains an article entitled "A note upon some aspects of Stedman Triples", which ends with the unambiguous and authoritative statement "Hence it is impossible to obtain a peal of Stedman Triples with common bobs only".

About a year ago I showed this to Simon Melen, who quickly reached the conclusion that the proof was not valid; subsequent events have proved him right.

One might wonder why the validity of the proof was not challenged at the time of publication - there was no shortage of mathematician bellringers at the time. Perhaps the reason was that we all "knew" that a bobs-only composition was impossible and when one sees evidence which confirms what one believes to be true, one tends not to examine it too critically. There must be a moral here, or at least a caution about the nature of mathematical proof.

It took a new generation of clever young men, unencumbered by the knowledge that it was impossible, to solve the problem.

One last thought - the author of the 1953 proof called himself "Q.E.D." I wonder, is he still with us and if so would he like to identify himself? - just for interest of course, not to receive recriminations for holding up progress for 42 years.

DAVID J. MARSHALL

Long Eaton, Derbyshire



An awe-struck Timothy Frost watches the Council's Secretary in action at Charminster.

However, the Fund is not able to assist with maintenance and replacement of parts merely for the purpose of modernising the bells or organs to make them easier to play.

2. At the meeting Mrs Embree explained that EH was acting as expert adviser to the NHMF and that they were being consulted on applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund relating to ancient monuments, sites of archaeological importance, historic buildings and their contents, designed landscapes and industrial archaeology in England. The NHMF would hold back any applications which did not comply with the relevant criteria, but most, including those for bell schemes, would be referred to EH. To meet the heritage criterion the bells, frame or tower needed to be of national or local importance. In addition, the NHMF would wish to be assured that there were no greater priorities for repair in the church or other building containing the bells, that the tower itself was in a good state of repair and that any funding would be in addition to, rather than in place of, any Government grant. The general requirement for public access was likely to be met if the church or other building was open to the public.

3. While EH would advise on the merits of applications, NHMF would also apply other criteria, such as the need to provide a good geographical spread of funding. NHMF would expect to determine applications within five months of receipt. If funds in any year were exhausted, NHMF might advise applicants to re-apply for the following year. They would not normally expect to consider projects with a total cost of less than £10,000 and the Heritage Lottery Fund would not provide 100% of the total costs of any project, as the partnership concept was important. No formula for percentage grants had yet emerged: it would be for the NHMF Trustees to decide the proportion in the light of each application. It would be necessary to ensure that the money would be spent within a specified period.

4. Mr Halsey said that EH would have to commission individuals to provide them with independent expert advice, for which payment would be made. EH would liaise with the CCC to create a nationwide list of bell experts and to devise an appropriate brief. Advice on lottery funding would have to be given alongside the normal activities of EH and the CCC, and it was important to ensure that consistent advice was given. It was recognised that the number of experts available to give advice on grants for bell schemes would be limited.

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ENGLISH HERITAGE – continued

5. EH wished to ensure that potential applicants received the best possible advice. A leaflet would be produced by NHMF giving guidelines for applications by churches and it should be possible to include guidance on applications for bell schemes. It was agreed that the Central Council could assist by offering guidance through *The Ringing World*. This should be based on the paragraph from Lottery Update quoted above and should make it clear that funding was unlikely to be available for new bells or new bellframes alone. The Millennium Fund may well be interested in helping to create new rings of bells, but the Central Council should investigate that with them. EH would be able to guide the Central Council better on Lottery Fund applications after a number had been considered by the NHMF Trustees.

6. **Bells and bell frames** – It had been agreed at the first meeting that it might be useful to discuss the principles arising from particular cases of difficulty where EH were involved. Two such cases were discussed in some detail. In the first case one possibility was to rehang the five bells in the existing frame. Another was to install a new frame for six bells lower in the tower, leaving the old bell frame in its existing position with the minimum of repair. There were, however, difficulties with both proposals and it was agreed that a site meeting attended by all the interested parties would be beneficial. The second case concerned a larger ring in an old frame. Major restoration work has been carried out in 1991, but there was still substantial frame movement, making the bells difficult to ring. It was accepted that with this type of frame a with degree of maintenance would always be required.

7. **The Essex bell frame survey** – EH reported that the field work had been completed, but some historical record searches were still to be done. The work would continue a little way into the next financial year. Mr Barnes mentioned the survey of 3 and 4-bell towers being carried out by the CC Bell Restoration Funds Committee, and Dr Cocke asked that the results should be fed through to the CCC.

8. **Code of Practice on the Conservation and Repair of Bells and Bellframes** – Some concerns were expressed regarding the application of the principles of the Code in assessing bells which were not listed and on the tuning of bells. Dr Cocke said that he was arranging a meeting of interested parties to discuss the application of the Code for November 1995 and he would ensure that these issues were raised at that meeting.

9. **Leaflet on EH's role in work on historic churches** – The leaflet on the system of control over work on historic churches, which had been mentioned at the first meeting, had been produced and copies were distributed.

10. **Conclusion** – In thanking the EH representatives for the meeting, Mr Rogers offered the assistance of the Central Council in advising on applications for lottery funding for bell schemes.

Liverpool University Annual Dinner

The 34th Annual Dinner of the Liverpool University Society of Change ringers was held on Saturday February 25th in the well-tryed and tested surroundings of St George's Hotel. Eighty-one members and guests gathered for a highly enjoyable evening, the culmination of a very active weekend for the Society.

Proceedings customarily began on Friday evening with ringing at the University tower, St Francis Xavier and at St Nicholas, Pier Head. The gathering of faces old and new at many haunts in the city continued well into the early hours.

Next morning dawned too early for some: blue lines drawn on beer mats or pork pie crusts were revised in time for the traditional dinner day peal at Pier Head, 5042 Belvoir Surprise Maximus, another first for the Society. In the meantime a busy tour to Prescot, Rainhill, St Helens, Upholland and Rainford proved very successful.

After everyone's appetite had been whetted by the day's ringing, enthusiasm was high for the evening's dinner. Following a hearty meal, and a dose of 'expert' handbell ringing, the Loyal Toast was proposed by retiring Master of the Society, Mr Andrew Warboys.

The toast to the Church was then proposed by Miss Jenny Annison, treasurer of the Society, and in reply Reverend Dr David Taylor gave a very entertaining speech. He commented how in his

invitation to the dinner he had been told it would not matter how long he spoke for as most people would be on their third bottle of wine by then.

The toast to the Visitors then came from Miss Louise Price, of LUSCR. It was especially nice to see such a large contingent of visitors from London this year, together with a notorious Bradford-Durham chemist to well the takings of many Merseyside pubs.

In reply, Mr Robin Rogers, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, soon had his audience in fits of laughter with a wealth of stories, founded off with the presentation of two personal mementoes to the Master.

It then only remained for Andrew Warboys to give his traditional speech, highlighting all the significant events during the course of the year.

Celebration continued until the very late hours, dancing to the Acme Ceilidh band, and with various impromptu handbell performances.

At the AGM next morning, everyone was terribly shocked to hear that Andrew Warboys had been rushed to hospital in the early hours, and was currently undergoing emergency surgery. Somewhat subdued, the new committee for 1995-96 was elected as follows:- Master: Helen Floyd, Deputy Master: Louise Price, Secretary: Nicola Cook, Treasurer: Jenny Annison, O.C.M: Katherine Israel, Social Sec: Jolene Horlock, General Secretary: Ernie Runciman.

The weekend was then rounded off with a lunchtime pint or two, and ringing at Liverpool Cathedral.

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The East Lindsey District of Lincolnshire has many towers with rings of bells. Some of the churches are redundant and the bells have either been removed or stand idle and forlorn on the tower floor; others have bells which cannot be rung because the tower is unsafe or the fittings need replacing. Worse still there are a majority of towers which have ringable bells, but no-one to ring them. Many have just a few ringers who cannot progress beyond rounds and call changes because there is no-one to teach them.

With these ringers in mind, Tony Barker, tower captain of St. Peter & St Paul, Ingoldmells and St Nicholas, Addlethorpe, arranged a one day ringing course recently. The tutors were Clive and Lucy Smith of Lichfield Cathedral, well-known to students on the Hereford and Grantley Hall Ringing Courses.

Fifteen ringers attended who were assisted by fifteen experienced ringers from as far afield as Gainsborough, Lincoln and Wragby. They ranged in age from 12 to 60. The youngsters were all boys who were very keen indeed.

Plain Hunt was concentrated on at one tower with Plain Bob at the other. By the end of the day everyone had made some improvement in technique and ringing skills and were more than ready for further practice in their own towers. The day was a great success and follow-up session is planned. Next year it is hoped to run a full weekend course.

We are grateful to Clive and Lucy and the helpers for giving so generously of their time. Without the experienced helpers it would have been impossible to run the course and the students would not have made the progress they did. The tuition and guidance has given us a great boost and we returned to our towers more confident and proficient.

Although it was a very cold day the bells of Addlethorpe (Harrison 6 of 1770) and Ingoldmells (Taylor 8 of 1969) rang out warmly and sweetly all day.

M.J.T.

We met at Penshurst for our Tonbridge District KCACR quarterly meeting on 1st April which was warm and sunny. This ground floor eight are difficult to handle and almost silent to the ringers. During the first touch of Grandsire the 7th's rope broke at the top, causing Secretary Keith Wakefield to punch himself in the eye was yards of rope cascaded on his head. Fortunately he soon recovered but it took a long time to fix while Frank Lewis's rope splicing skills came into their own. Penshurst is popular with tourists and the natural break caused several of them to enter the church which requests that we ring again.

Penshurst has an enthusiastic but struggling band and Mike Collins is to be congratulated in his efforts to keep the bells ringing. There is no current incumbent and the service of sung Evening Prayer was taken for us by the Revd. Bob Jones who spoke of Jeremiah's lamentation that Jerusalem had become a shanty town from its former glory. The Church Warden was kind enough to make a speech thanking us for coming, then we hastily consumed the tea Pat Collins and Hilary had provided for us.

The meeting, chaired by Peter Dickinson, drew attention to the 6-bell striking competition in June and the Barn Dance in July and we elected four new members into the KCACR. Evening ringing was of a very high standard when listening tourists were treated to spliced methods conducted by Stan Jenner.

"The 'Bitsa' Blue Line"

by F. E. Warboys

"So, what's all this then?" "Lord Home's matchsticks?" "Chinese hieroglyphs?" "An inky spider gone mad?" Such is the jocular 'ridicule' in which bellringing friends often indulge when they see my version of a blue line - especially after the second pint!

I know the old adage says "Never explain; your friends don't need it and others won't believe you anyway", nevertheless, having endured much good natured banter over the years without riposte, perhaps I ought to explain. I call the images by which I ring methods 'ideograms' (written signs which directly represent whole concepts). Sceptical friends have laughingly called them "the 'Bitsa' blue line." Readers of *The Ringing World* might like to see what they're like.

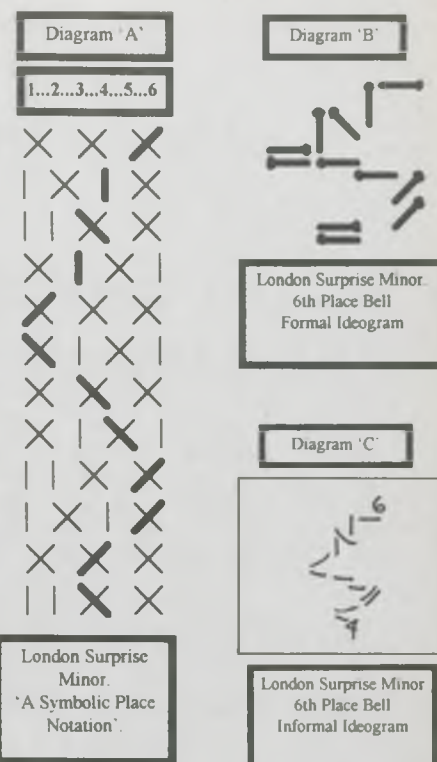
Blue line apostasy started when I progressed from Plain Bob to other Methods. Whilst, like everyone else, I wanted a visual image in my mind of what I had to ring, unlike other folk, the traditional continuous blue line did not seem to meet my need. I found that the very continuity of the traditional blue line did not make for ease of learning. In those days, subtle differences between one line and another were difficult to see and difficult to keep in mind whilst ringing. Additionally, the traditional line did not tell me, at a glance, where wrong places came in the sequence. I therefore looked for some way of breaking the 'solid' blue line into 'bits' so that the elements of the sequence became - for me - more individually recognisable. I looked for a way to make any line digestible, easy to recall and to translate coherently into ringing action.

The first answer was to use a form of symbolic place notation (Diag. 'A') which showed the movement of bells in handstroke/backstroke pairs. It showed wrong and right places and it was easy to indicate the treble-passing positions within it. Learning methods by such diagrams served me well for some time. Eventually I looked for a way of reducing their elongation so that information could be assimilated without too much eye movement. I wanted the work of each place-bell to be recognisable as a compact entity.

My initial attempt at condensing the Diag. 'A' structure resulted in patterns like the example shown in Diag. 'B'. Handstroke/backstroke pairs were indicated by a short line with a dot at the handstroke end. Horizontal lines indicated hunting. Right places were indicated by lines drawn vertically. Dodges were indicated by lines drawn at 45°; the position of the handstroke dot showed the direction of the dodge. Wrong places were immediately obvious. The whole was condensed into a group of lines within a reasonable compass, which was recognisable as an entity. The structure was like a group of letters forming a familiar word.

As time passed, the ideograms became less formal. A tweak here and there made some easier to memorise. They all took on a 'personality' of their own. (Diag. 'C'). Handwritten, they looked a bit like Chinese characters and could be written with similar flexibility without impairing the essential information which they carried. Experience showed that it was not necessary to show handstrokes with a dot; a line's contest in the ideogram was sufficient to indicate direction of flow. It is these informal ideograms which make traditional blue-line ringers chuckle.

Structuring ideograms probably seems



unnecessarily complicated to those who find traditional blue lines or numerically expressed place notation, easy to memorise and ring. They might rightly ask "What does the effort of creating ideograms buy you?"

I accept without demur that the advantages which I see are not valid for everyone, but ideograms buy me the following...

- They reduce the blue line for a given place-bell into a small easily recognised and easily memorised compass.
- They divide the seemingly meandering solid blue line into discrete (but still sequential) steps.
- These steps show ring and wrong places and the treble-passing places are easily indicated.
- The ideogram represents a place-bell lead as a whole which can easily be seen as an entity in the mind's eye whilst ringing.

Clearly there are also disadvantages.

1. Before one learns a new method, one has to create one's own set of ideograms. However, this process itself helps in the analysis and memorising of the method.
2. It is unfamiliar to other ringers; I have not yet met another who uses it. One cannot, therefore, use one's own terms when talking to other ringers about methods. One has to translate one's thoughts into traditional nomenclature.

Learning methods by means of ideograms has served me well over the years but I know they won't suit everybody's thinking or visualising processes. For traditionalists, the whole idea probably gives rise to wry and amused smiles. But, maybe out there somewhere is a struggling tyro who is looking, as I was years ago, for a different angle to get him or her over the hump which divides basic from more advanced ringing. To them I say "try ideograms". The idea is flexible; your ideograms don't have to be just like mine. If the process of creating them does nothing else, it will set you analysing the method you want to learn. But, look out for the scepticism of your friends!



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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

SHOREDITCH, LONDON
S Leonard
Sat Apr 1 1995 3h21 (25)
5016 Spliced S., D. and Alliance Maximus
(10m: 528 Avon D., Cambridge S., Fenchurch S., Newgate S., Orion S., Rigel S., Strathclyde S., Superlative S.; 440 Maypole A.; 352 Giltspur Little S.: 109 com. atw.)
Comp. S A Coaker
1 Timothy E H Waller
2 David J Dearnley
3 Alan D Flood
4 Simon J L Linford
5 Anthony R Kench
6 David E House
7 Paul N Mounsey
8 Andrew I Blacklock
9 Stephen A Coaker (C)
10 D Paul Smith
11 Philip Rogers
12 John N Hughes-D'Aeth
First by the Society on the new bells.

A.N.Z.A.B.

ADELAIDE, S Australia
S Peter's Cathedral
Sat Mar 25 1995 3h55 (41)
5088 London S. Major
Comp. S J Ivin
1 James A Smith
2 Amanda J Harris
3 David J Bleby
4 Caroline J Richards
5 Matthew A Ball
6 Philip R Goodyer
7 Ian D Harris
8 Alan H Champion (C)

PROSPECT, S Australia
S Cuthbert
Sun Mar 26 1995 2h49 (11)
5088 Prospect S. Major
Comp. S J Ivin
1 Anne R Haskard
2 Amanda J Harris
3 Alan H Champion
4 Ian D Harris
5 Matthew A Ball
6 Caroline J Richards
7 Philip R Goodyer
8 James A Smith (C)
First peal in the method.

BATH & WELLS D.A.

MELLS, Som.
S Andrew
Sat Mar 18 1995 3h26 (27)
5152 Ytterbium S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Jody A Hillier
2 L Miranda Buck
3 Michael J Stubbs
4 Amanda M Richmond
5 Nigel J Newton
6 David G Massey
7 Mark C Liebenrood (C)
8 Simon A Rudd

CLEVEDON, Avon
S Andrew
Sat Mar 25 1995 3h5 (14)
5152 Spliced S. Major
(12m: 224 Cambridge; 448 London, Bristol, Superlative, Pudsey, Rutland, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Ashted, Uxbridge, Jersey, Wembley: 160 com. atw.)
Comp. T G Pett
1 Joseph St J Beaumont (C)
2 Barrie Hendry
3 Susan M Field
4 Paul Williamson
5 Robert E Beck
6 Richard A M Newman
7 Jenny M A Astridge
8 Bernard G North
50th anniversary of 1st peal;
4. Most methods spliced; 3. Birthday compliment to ringers of 1 & 7.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSN.

ROCHESTER, Kent
Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat Apr 1 1995 3h19 (30)
5000 London S. Royal
Comp. B W Carstairs
1 J Michael Roberts
2 Gillian H Knox
3 Charlotte M Smith
4 Rosalind J Keech
5 Rosemary Pickford
6 Anthony H Smith
7 Brian G Meads
8 Andrew M Keech
9 Frank W Rivett
10 Christopher J Pickford (C)

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

MARKET WIGHTON, E Yorks, All Saints
Sun Mar 26 1995 2h43 (10)
5000 Spliced Plain Major
(2m: 2768 Plain Bob; 2232 Little Bob: 84 com. atw.)
Comp. Peter V D Swift
Cond. Michael J de C Henshaw
1 Jenny Hastings
2 Gemma L Hastings
3 Dinah M Rhymer
4 Simon P Hartley
5 Paul Hodgson
6 Mark J Lane
7 Neil Donovan
8 Michael J de C Henshaw
First on 8; 2. On Mothering Sunday. £2.10

HEDON, N Humbs.
S Augustine
Sat Apr 1 1995 3h10 (17)
5152 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. Anthony J Cox
1 Ronald Ducker
2 Gwynneth C Moffatt
3 Dinah M Rhymer
4 Paul S Andrews
5 John M Brook
6 David S Johnson
7 F Neville Pailing
8 Neil Donovan (C)
Rung on the occasion of Freda & Ron Ducker's Ruby Wedding Anniversary. £2.40

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

SHOREDITCH, LONDON E1
S Leonard
Wed Mar 1 1995 2h40 (9)
5056 Thebe S. Major
Arr. S Jenner
1 Simon J Davies
2 Shirley E McGill
3 Alan Regin
4 Graham A Duke
5 Richard M Hobbs
6 Paul A Cammiade
7 Stephen A Wheeler (C)
8 Ian R Fielding
First peal in the method.
Thebe S. Major
38-58.14.56-56.38-14-58.14-36.18 le 12 'b'

BIRCHINGTON, Kent
All Saints
Sun Mar 20 1995 2h22 (9)
5040 Steadman Triples
Comp. F H Dexter
1 Ian R Fielding
2 Josephine D Horton
3 Vanessa J Martin
4 Simon J Davies
5 Alan L Andrews
6 Alan Regin
7 Stephen A Wheeler (C)
8 Thomas M Barlow
Birthday compliment to Alan Andrews.

DERBY D.A.

MELBOURNE, Derbys.
SS Michael & Mary
Sun Mar 26 1995 2h50 (15)
5024 Overseale S. Major
Comp. J R Mayne
1 Anthony P Cotton
2 Rosemary R A Ross
3 Ian N Robinson
4 Robert C Graves
5 Philip J H Hudson
6 Eric O Davies
7 Canon Frederick Ross
8 Robert B Smith (C)
In memoriam Ethel Bailey, mother of Rosemary Ross.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSN.

GRANTHAM, Lincs.
S Wulfram
Sat Mar 25 1995 3h38 (32)
5040 Yew Tree S. Royal
Comp. T F Collins
1 Andrew M Needham
2 Barbara Davies
3 Conrad Warford
4 Timothy Wylie
5 Rachael H Dyson
6 G Jessica Davies
7 David Hird (C)
8 Anthony P Cotton
9 Oliver D Cross
10 Ronald R Warford
First in method for all except 4 and for the Association.

SALTBY, Leics.
S Peter
Sun Mar 26 1995 2h47 (12)
5040 Saltby S. Royal
Comp. C K Lewis
1 Barbara Davies
2 Winifred M Warwick
3 Ronald R Warford
4 Timothy Wylie
5 G Jessica Davies
6 Oliver D Cross
7 Roland W Morant
8 Conrad D Warford
9 Rachael H Dyson
10 David Hird (C)
First in method by all except 2 & 4 and for the Association.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, Tyne & Wear
S John the Baptist
Fri Mar 31 1995 2h47 (11)
5184 Ashbourne D. Major
Comp. M A Coleman
1 George S Deas
2 John E Anderson
3 Barbara M Wheeler
4 Barbara Davies
5 G Jessica Davies
6 Conrad D Warford
7 Oliver D Cross
8 David Hird (C)
First in method for all and the Association.

DARLINGTON, Co Durham
S John
Sat Apr 1 1995 2h45 (18)
5280 Glasgow S. Major
Comp. N J Pitstow
1 Andrew D Twineham
2 Clare Y Caley
3 W John Grainger
4 Paul N Harden
5 Peter J Williamson
6 Conrad D Warford
7 Ronald R Warford
8 David Hird (C)
First Glasgow; 2,4,6.

ELY D.A.

PAMPISFORD, Cambs.
S John the Baptist
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h40 (7)
(30m: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle, Sandiacre; (2) Chester, Munden, Alnwick, Newcastle, Sandiacre; (3) London, Wells, Cuneastre; (4) Westminster, Allendale; (5) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford, Netherseale, Annable's London; (6) York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham; (7) Cambridge, Primrose, Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne, Hull)
1 Tracey A de Bruyne
2 Dorothea M Robotham
3 John J Ford
4 Richard J Tibbetts
5 Ian W Davies
6 John R Mayne (C)

ST NEOTS, Cambs.
S Mary the Virgin
Sat Mar 25 1995 3h20 (30)
5040 Cambridge S. Royal
Comp. W Pye
1 Thomas W Griffiths
2 Timothy W Griffiths
3 Elizabeth M Griffiths
4 Catherina E Griffiths
5 Mary E Hall
6 D Graham Hall
7 George E Bonham
8 Wendy Piercy
9 David Gill (C)
10 Phillip S George
First peal of Royal; 3. First peal as conductor. To welcome Hannah Elizabeth Gill born 13 February 1995.

MELDRETH, Cambs.
Holy Trinity
Tue Mar 28 1995 2h43 (10)
5088 Lincolnshire S. Major
Comp. W Barton
1 Donald Murfet
2 John G Gipson
3 Catherina E Griffiths
4 Phillip Wilding
5 Mary E Mitchell
6 Thomas W Griffiths
7 Christopher E J Kilgour
8 Clive J Dunbavin (C)
25th peal and first of Lincolnshire; 4.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.
SS Mary & Michael
Tue Mar 28 1995 2h53 (11)
5184 Ealing S. Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Dorothea M Robotham
2 Joan Hooton
3 Tracey A de Bruyne
4 Geoffrey Pearson
5 Howard J Wastling
6 Ian W Davies
7 Richard J Tibbetts
8 John R Mayne (C)
First peal in the method; 2,3,6.

EATON SOCON, Cambs.
S Mary
Sat Apr 1 1995 2h53 (13)
5088 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. N J Pitstow
1 Phillip S George
2 Catherina E Griffiths
3 Timothy W Griffiths
4 Mary E Hall
5 Wendy Piercy
6 Thomas W Griffiths
7 George E Bonham
8 D Graham Hall (C)
First peal as conductor. Circled the tower to peals; 3,8.

ESSEX ASSN.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, Essex
S Peter
Sat Mar 18 1995 2h59 (18)
5008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major
Comp. A M Barber
1 Colin A Holman
2 Jack S Dear
3 Frank E Warboys
4 Maurice A Collings
5 Alan M Barber (C)
6 Francis P G Flack
7 John A Hall
8 George E Thoday

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GREAT TOTHAM, Essex
S Peter
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h41 (7)
5040 Spiced T.D. Minor
(145m: (1) Averham S.,
Babworth S., Barton-in-
Fabis S., Bunny S.,
Clayworth S., Flawborough
S., Armstrong S., Redding
S., Aldrin S., Tranquillity S.,
Collins S., Apollo S., Shilton
S., Whichford S., Harbury
S., Arley S., Claverdon S.,
Bilton S., Marham S.,
Hanley S., Lopham S., Luton
S., Rhyl S., Ripley S., Thorne
S., Broomfield S., Fyfield S.,
Westminster S., Allendale
S., Fryerning S.;
(2) Kenwood S.,
Bloomsbury S., Archway S.,
Euston S., St Pancras S.,
Highbury S., Bakewell S.,
Minehead S., Retford S.,
Spalding S., Purleigh S.,
Quendon S., Scarrington S.,
Aslockton S., Stoke
Bardolph S., Woodborough
S., Syerston S., Cotham S.,
Lincoln S., Coldstream S.,
Redbourn S., Peveril D.,
Leasowe D., Melandra D.,
Beeston D., Tollesbury D.,
Middlesex D., Besthorpe D.,
Hawksworth D., Shelton D.;
(3) Selston S., Shireoaks S.,
Stapleford S., Sturton-le-
Steeple S., Kilvington S.,
North Wheatley S., College
Bob III S., Studley S., Eagle
S., Stoneleigh-in-Arden S.,
Columbia S., Snitterfield S.,
Keyworth S., Plumtree S.,
Normanton-on-the-Wolds
S., Owtorpe S., Stanton-
on-the-Wolds S., Bevercotes
S., Mansfield Woodhouse
S., Misson S., Ravenshead
S., Heydon S., Honingham
S., Holkham S., Carburton
S., West Markham S., West
Drayton S., Litcham S.,
Ketteringham S., Milton S.;
(4) Wilmslow D., Bogedone
D., Rostherne D., Knutsford
D., Stisted D., Pebmarsh D.,
Balmoral D., Fotheringay D.,
Chepstow D., Skipton D.,
Danbury D., Hatherop D.,
Whetton-in-the-Vale D.,
Strines D., Orston D.,
Gladstone T.B., Hemsworth
T.B., Campanulla T.B.,
Darton New Pleasure T.B.,
Penistone T.B., York Minster
T.B., London Scholars'
Pleasure T.B., Kingston T.B.,
Sandal T.B., College
Exercise T.B., Norbury T.B.,
Duke of Norfolk T.B.;
(5) Willoughby-on-the-
Wolds S., Gedling S.,
Granby S., Boston D., March
D., Selby D., Staveley D.,
East Bridgford D., North
Muskham D., Wath D.,
Carisbrooke D., Hitcham D.,
Edinburgh D., Kentish D.;
(6) Bangor S., Grantham S.,
Sleaford S., Chester-le-
Street S., Orsett S., Upshire
S., Chester S., Munden S.,
Netherwood S., Pontefract
D., Donottar D., Alderborne
D.;
(7) Ipswich S., Cambridge
S.)

1 Mary Roast
2 Edwin Parsons
3 Tony Spurgeon
4 T George Hull
5 Joe E G Roast (C)
6 Patrick W Saltmarsh
200th peal; 2. On the 29th
anniversary of the record
145 methods peal at Rayne
in which the ringers of 5 and
6 took part. Remembering
the lives of Claire Hudson
and Dennis Symonds who
rang in that peal. Also for
the birth of a son, Thomas
Richard, to David and Laura
Childs.

THORLEY, Herts.
S James the Great
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h38 (8)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 720 each London,
Wells, York, Durham,
Cambridge, Ipswich,
Norwich)
1 Colin A Holman
2 David J Hawkins
3 Frank E Warboys
4 Richard F Prime
5 Maurice A Collings
6 Alan M Barber (C)
First 7 Surprise; 2,5.

HARWICH, Essex
S Nicholas
Sun Mar 26 1995 2h46 (13)
5088 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. S Humphrey
1 D Annabel Preston
2 Yvonne A Towler
3 David L Sparling
4 Neil V Avis
5 Michael J Semken
6 Paul A J Bray
7 Adrian G Semken
8 James L Towler (C)
Rung for Mothering
Sunday.

MORETON, Essex
S Mary the Virgin
Tue Mar 28 1995 2h46 (10)
5040 Surprise Minor
(12m: (1) London, Wells; (2)
Durham, York; (3) Beverley,
Surfleet; (4) Bourne,
Caithness; (5) Ipswich; (6)
Cambridge, King Edward;
(7) Norwich)
1 Michael J Edwards
2 Rowena L Marshall
3 Andrew J Dickinson
4 Clive B Moore
5 Alan M Barber (C)
6 Colin F Chapman
300th peal; 2.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL D.A.

NORTH NIBLEY, Glos.
S Martin
Sat Mar 18 1995 2h38 (12)
5040 Minor
(6m: 2 extents Cambridge
S.; 1 extent each Kent T.B.,
Oxford T.B., Double Oxford
Bob, St Clements College
Bob, Plain Bob)
1 Philip F Pope
2 Andrew J Binstead
3 Revd Patrick C F Wooster
4 Jane D Bull
5 Andrew M Bull
6 John E Hawes (C)

BRISTOL, Avon
S Ambrose
Sat Mar 18 1995 2h44 (11)
5024 Spiced S. Major
(8m: 672 Cambridge; 640
Bristol, Superlative, Pudsey,
Rutland; 608 Yorkshire,
London; 576 Lincolnshire;
117 com. atw.)
Comp. N J Diserens
1 Louisa A Holt
2 Clare O'Callaghan
3 Kathryn L Carter
4 Jeffrey R Tozer
5 Michael H D O'Callaghan
6 Andrew J Rodliffe
7 David C Brown (C)
8 David I Bassford
First peal of Spiced; 2,4,6.
Rung as a 21st birthday
compliment to Clare
O'Callaghan.

CALDICOT, Gwent
S Mary the Virgin
Sat Mar 18 1995 3h3 (13)
5088 Cornwall S. Major
Comp. R E J Dennis
1 Ian P Unsworth
2 Janet L Fox
3 Ruth E Stickland
4 James E Daniels
5 Mark B Davies
6 Jane D Bull
7 Julian C Parker
8 Andrew M Bull (C)
250th peal; 8. First in the
method for all except 8. 40th
birthday compliment to
Sarah Owen, sister of the
conductor. £4

STRATTON ST MARGARET,
Wilts.
S Margaret of Antioch
Sat Mar 18 1995 2h54 (8)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Paul A Day
2 Mark Edwards
3 Reg J Day
4 Gill Day
5 Trevor D New
6 Christopher J McKenzie
7 Peter G Holden (C)
8 David V Graggs
First Surprise inside; 5. First
in the method; 4. First
Cambridge Major; 3. First of
Major; 1.

HERTFORD C.A.

TRUMPINGTON, Cambs.
SS Mary & Michael
Fri Mar 17 1995 2h45 (10)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Tracey A de Bruyne
2 Dorothea M Robotham
3 Andrew J W Tibbetts (C)
4 Geoffrey Pearson
5 Ian W Davies
6 Frank C Price
7 Richard J W Tibbetts
8 John R Mayne
First as conductor. First in
the method on 8; 3. 1000th
peal on a second; 2. 25th as
a quartet; 2,3,7,8.

HARPENDEN, Herts.
S Nicholas
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h49 (15)
5152 Jockey End S. Major
Comp. R J Tibbetts
1 Richard J Tibbetts (C)
2 Sheila Edmondson
3 Eric Edmondson
4 Andrew J W Tibbetts
5 Christine C Darby
6 Alison K Surry
7 Maurice F Edwards
8 J Alan Ainsworth
50th peal on the bells. First
peal in the method. Jockey
End is a hamlet in
Hertfordshire.
Jockey End S. Major
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HITCHIN, Herts.
S Mary
Sat Mar 25 1995 3h15 (29)
5000 Stedman Caters
Comp. William T Perrins
1 Gerald Penney (C)
2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3 Jason R Turnock
4 John J Ford
5 Shane A Saunders
6 Alan R Patterson
7 Jack S Dear
8 Russell A Brown
9 Roger Baldwin
10 Charles F Pocock

KENT C.A.

RAINHAM, Kent
S Margaret
Sat Jan 21 1995 2h57 (18)
5024 Rutland S. Major
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Kenneth W Clark
2 Diana R Wraight
3 Timothy S Wraight
4 Douglas G Davis
5 Michael A Birkbeck
6 Rhian N Bagshaw
7 Thomas M Barlow
8 Neil W Jones (C)
100th peal for the
Association; 2. £2

MAIDSTONE, Kent
S Michael & All Angels
Tue Mar 28 1995 2h38 (6)
5152 Spiced S. Major
(17m: 448 Yorkshire,
Lincolnshire, Ashtead,
Ipswich, Rutland,
Cambridge; 224 Uxbridge,
Cornwall, Double Dublin,
Bristol, Whalley, London,
Cassibury, Lindum,
Superlative, Cray, Pudsey;
154 com. atw.)
Comp. N Smith
1 Michael A Birkbeck
2 Vanessa J Martin
3 John B Keeler (C)
4 Dickon R Love
5 Thomas Cullingworth
6 Thomas M Barlow
7 Philip H Larter
8 Mark P Gilham
Rung as a 21st birthday
compliment to Kathryn L
Babbage.

LITTLE CHART, Kent
S Mary of the Holy Rood
Sun Mar 19 1995 2h16 (6)
5040 Beverley S. Minor
7 different extents
1 Eileen Stevenson
2 Amanda J Horton
3 Josephine D Horton
4 Trevor J E Woodward
5 Stephen A Wheeler (C)
6 Andrew M Farmer
For the christening of Ben
James Jackson which took
place this day at St
Clements, Sandwich.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.

WOODCHURCH,
Merseyside
Holy Cross
Mon Mar 20 1995 2h37 (4)
5024 Spiced S. Major
(11m: 768 Bristol; 672
Cambridge, Lincolnshire,
Rutland; 448 Pudsey,
Superlative, Yorkshire; 224
Ashtead, Lindum, London,
Uxbridge; 130 com. atw.)
Comp. R J Parker
Arr. W T Perrins
1 Richard R Moore
2 Christina D Hassard-Jones
3 Celia F Hughes D'Aeth
4 Stephen N Whittleton
5 Peter D Hughes (C)
6 Bryan J McCahey
7 Simon S Meyer
8 Peter M Fleckney
Most methods; 7. Most
Surprise and most Major; 2.
Most Surprise; 3. Most
Major as conductor.

AUGHTON, Lancs.
S Michael
Wed Mar 22 1995 2h38 (5)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: (1) Carlisle; (2)
Beverley; (3) London; (4)
Primrose; (5) Surfleet; (6)
Norwich; (7) Cambridge)
1 Jeanette Miller
2 Stephen N Whittleton
3 Ernest W Runciman
4 Bryan J McCahey
5 Lenard J Mitchell
6 Peter M Fleckney (C)

BRINDLE, Lancs.
S James
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h42 (12)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
7 different extents
1 Margaret A Crosby
2 Roger Barnes
3 Ann-Marie Hopkins
4 Stuart A Crosby
5 Alastair J Hopkins (C)
6 John Sharples
A farewell compliment to
3,5, and Michael Hopkins,
moving to Wolverhampton.

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ECCLESTONE, Lancs.
S Mary the Virgin
Sat Apr 1 1995 2h46 (12)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
7 different extents
1 Cyril Crossthwaite (C)
2 Margaret Crossthwaite
3 Jane M Williams
4 Stephen Jackson
5 Frank Brindle
6 Colin A Tester
First inside; 4. To celebrate the marriage of Cristie McCormick and David Tester at this church on Mar 25. £3.60

LEICESTER D.G.

LEICESTER, Leics.
S Martin's Cathedral
Sat Mar 18 1995 3h25 (25)
5002 Bristol S. Royal
Comp. C J Wulkau
1 E Alan Jacques
2 Gail L Wade
3 Rupert A Clarke
4 Revd David H Sansum
5 Christopher M Rudge
6 Maurice F Edwards
7 Mark J Pendery
8 Terry M Astill
9 Roland H Cook (C)
10 Mark A Boylan

CHILVERS COTON, Warks.
All Saints
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h52 (13)
5040 Yorkshire S. Royal
Comp. J Fielden
1 Gail L Wade
2 Judith M Corby
3 Ruth A Stretton
4 Francis W Fisher
5 Richard J Scott
6 Robert C Graves
7 Mark A Boylan (C)
8 Terry M Astill
9 Robin H Rogers
10 Murray A Coleman
750th peal; 9. 1st of Yorkshire Royal; 5.

LEICESTER, Leics.
S Martin's Cathedral
Mon Mar 27 1995 3h25 (25)
5042 Zemindar S. Maximus
Comp. R Dennis
1 Anthony J Haywood
2 Gail L Wade
3 John M Jelley
4 Simon C Melen
5 Stephen H Stanford
6 Christopher M Rudge
7 Alan Cattell
8 Rupert A Clarke
9 Mark J Pendery
10 Andrew D Higson
11 Murray A Coleman (C)
12 Garry W Mason
Completes S. Major, Royal and Maximus alphabets; 3. First peal in the method. Zemindar S. Maximus B-3-4-25-36-470-38-49-30-6-7-50-E

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COUNTTESTHORPE, Leics.
S Andrew
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h32 (10)
5184 Spliced S. Major
(4m: 1344 Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 1152 Rutland: 145 com.)
Comp. Marcus C W Sherwood
1 Brian G Warwick (C)
2 Pamela M Bailey
3 Winifred M Warwick
4 Burley P Morris
5 Brian S Chapman
6 Ian N Robinson
7 Philip J H Hudson
8 G Barry Brown
200th peal for the Guild; 6. This is the 1000th peal of Surprise which the conductor has called. On the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CHILVERS COTON, Warks.
All Saints
Mon Mar 27 1995 2h44 (13)
5040 Muselai S. Royal
Comp. Gabriel Lindoff
1 Brian G Warwick (C)
2 Winifred M Warwick
3 Elizabeth A Betts
4 Brian S Chapman
5 Michael E Brown
6 Burley P Morris
7 Frank E Coales
8 Roland W Morant
9 Philip J H Hudson
10 David Kingman
The first peal in the method. Muselai S. Royal -30-14-50-16-70-18-16.34. 1270.58.34.5678.90 le 12 1573 F.C.E.s c.p.s. (In) Bc (Out)

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.
Bell Foundry Campanile
Tue Mar 28 1995 2h31 (6)
5088 Belfast S. Major
Comp. S D Chandler
1 Robert C Graves
2 Ruth A Stretton
3 Colin Lord
4 Mark J Pendery
5 Frank Chambers
6 Richard C L Brown
7 Roland Beniston
8 Andrew D Higson (C)

SALTBY, Leics.
S Peter
Wed Mar 29 1995 2h45 (12)
5040 Spliced S. Royal
(5m: 1200 Rutland; 960 Cambridge, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Superlative: 43 com. atw.)
Comp. Michael Maughan
1 Brian G Warwick (C)
2 Elizabeth A Betts
3 Winifred M Warwick
4 Ian N Robinson
5 Timothy Wylie
6 Gail L Wade
7 Roland W Morant
8 Brian E Mozley
9 Philip J H Hudson
10 David Kingman

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CANNOCK, Staffs.
S Luke
Thu Mar 23 1995 2h51 (14)
5040 Plain Bob Major
Comp. Anon
1 S Geoffrey Pick (C)
2 Peter J Barker
3 Diana R Hallchurch-Green
4 Charles H Isitt
5 Lucy Smith
6 J Lynne Williams
7 Philip J Day
8 John F Mulvey
First peal; 4.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH D.A.

ST MELLONS, S Glam.
S Mellons
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h24 (11)
5040 Doubles
(3m: 10 extents each Plain Bob; Reverse Canterbury; 22 extents Grandsire)
1 Hilary A Brown
2 Revd Jennifer V Mole
3 Perry R Turner
4 Simon C Farrar
5 Matthew S Turner (C)
6 M Jack Pryor
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Reginald H Addis, lay reader of this parish and tower captain for 70 years.

LONDON C.A.

EALING, LONDON W5
Christ the Saviour
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h51 (13)
5184 Quedgeley S. Major
Comp. H Poyner
1 James W Belshaw
2 Ann George
3 Giles R Blundell
4 Edward H Goater
5 Michael J Palmer
6 Dennis A Hewitt
7 Edward G Mould (C)
8 Michael T Sprackling
First in method for all except 1 & 6. Circled the tower; 8. Rung for the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Also as a pre-Christening day compliment to Adrienne Claire Day, first grandchild of conductor. £2

NON-ASSOCIATION

HIGHAM, Suffolk
S Mary
Sat Apr 1 1995 2h34 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 720 each Whitley, Sandiacre, Hexham, Annable's London, Lincoln, Lightfoot, Beverley)
1 Michael J Whitby
2 Ian Roulstone
3 Alison K Surry
4 Mark Regan (C)
5 Alan Regin
6 David C Brown

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk
All Saints
Sat Apr 1 1995 2h37 (10)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 720 each Morpeth, Carlisle, Surfleet, Annable's London, London, Norwich, Cambridge)
1 Claire F Edwards
2 Mark Regan (C)
3 Ian Roulstone
4 David C Brown
5 Alan Regin
6 Alison K Surry

NORFOLK D.A.

REDGRAVE, Suffolk
S Mary
Sat Mar 4 1995 2h26 (10)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: (1) Cunecastre; (2) Queen Mary; (3) King Edward; (4) Netherseale; (5) Rossendale; (6) Annable's London; (7) Stamford)
1 Mary Parker
2 Andrew J Stevens
3 Marion A Robinson
4 Colin A Johnson
5 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
6 Jeremy W Warren

SOUTH LOPHAM, Norfolk
S Andrew
Sat Mar 4 1995 2h55 (21)
5040 Surprise Minor
(30m: (1) Lightfoot, Stamford, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Annable's London, Netherseale; (2) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning, Norwich, King Edward, Queen 1), Rossendale, Stamford; (3) Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, Bourne, Hull; (4) Beverley, Surfleet, Hexham, Berwick, Durham, York; (5) Carlisle, Chester, Munden; (6) London, Wells; (7) Bourne, Caithness)
1 Roy E Wiles
2 Colin A Johnson
3 Marion A Robinson
4 Andrew J Stevens
5 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
6 Jeremy W Warren

CASTLE ACRE, Norfolk
S James
Sun Mar 5 1995 2h32 (10)
5040 Spliced S. Minor
(16m: (1) Westminster, Allendale, Fryerning; (2) Carlisle, Chester, Munden; (3) Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (4) Beverley, Surfleet; (5) York, Durham; (6) London, Wells; (7) Cambridge, Ipswich)
1 E Sybil M McLean
2 Marion A Robinson
3 Jeremy W Warren
4 S Caroline M Spiller
5 David R McLean
6 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
400th peal; 6. 50th together; 5 & 6. Birthday compliment to Colin Johnson.

CASTLE ACRE, Norfolk
S James
Sat Mar 11 1995 2h29 (11)
5040 Minor
(11m: (1) Plain Bob; (2) St Clements; (3) Kent; (4) Double Oxford, Pinehurst, Thelwall; (5) Oxford; (6) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet; (7) Norwich)
1 E Sybil M McLean
2 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
3 Marion A Robinson
4 Colin A Johnson
5 Jeremy W Warren
6 David R McLean

WINFARTHING, Norfolk
S Mary
Sat Mar 18 1995 2h30 (9)
5040 Surprise Minor
(13m: (1) York, Durham; (2) Hull, Cranford; (3) Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet; (4) Cambridge, Ipswich; (5) Norwich; (6) London, Wells; (7) Bourne, Caithness)
1 Stephen Drew
2 Shirley M Drew
3 Paul D T Cattermole
4 Jeremy W Warren
5 David Woor
6 Jeremy W Spiller (C)

BETLEY, Norfolk
S Mary Magdalene
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h40 (4)
5216 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. Harry Poyner
Arr. Jeremy W Spiller
1 Jonathan White
2 Jeremy W Warren
3 Colin A Johnson
4 Marion A Robinson
5 Andrew J Stevens
6 S Caroline M Spiller
7 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
8 David R McLean
First peal; 1. Many thanks to Jenny for letting us ring at short notice, also thanks to Gressenhall for causing the last minute arrangements.

NORWICH D.A.

NORWICH, Norfolk
S Peter Mancroft
Sat Mar 25 1995 3h19 (38)
5007 Stedman Cinques
Comp. D E House
1 David R M Heighton
2 Christopher M Gould
3 David Cubitt
4 Barbara Caffyn
5 Trevor N J Bailey
6 David E House (C)
7 Martin Cubitt
8 J Barry Pickup
9 Neil M Thomas
10 Brian G Meads
11 Richard P J Carter
12 J Michael Roberts
Rung for the baptism of Eleanor Jane Roberts, in this church, on the following day.

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OXFORD D.G.

WILLESDEN, LONDON

S Mary
Thu Mar 9 1995 2h36 (7)
5184 Byron S. Major
Comp. H Poyner
1 David Livingston
2 Jean Kelly
3 S Kathleen M Baldwin
4 William Butler (C)
5 Jeffrey C Birt
6 James P Blond
7 Peter F Windley
8 J Alan Ainsworth

THATCHAM, Berks.

S Mary
Fri Mar 10 1995 2h46 (13)
5000 Wexford S. Royal
1 Michael K Till
2 Charlotte Everett
3 Colin M Turner
4 Andrew J Graham
5 William Butler (C)
6 Richard C Stevens
7 Anthony R Peake
8 Martin J Turner
9 Clive Holloway
10 Peter Bridle
First peal in the method,
previously rung in spliced.

BLOXHAM, Oxon.

Our Lady of Bloxham
Sat Mar 11 1995 3h22 (27)
5088 Pudsey S. Major
Comp. R J Parker
1 Martin J Turner
2 Bobbie May
3 Diana M Bridle
4 Peter Bridle
5 Kenneth R Davenport
6 John S White
7 Richard L Thumwood
8 Timothy G Pett (C)
First in the method; 2.

LAMBETH, LONDON

SS Andrew & Thomas
Sun Mar 12 1995 2h26 (4)
5088 Vermont S. Major
Comp. R Baldwin
1 Peter G C Ellis
2 Timothy G Pett (C)
3 Martin J Turner
4 Brian Bladon
5 Nicola J Crichton
6 Andrew M Farmer
7 Bernard F L Groves
8 Colin M Turner

HIGH WYCOMBE, Bucks.

All Saints
Sat Mar 18 1995 3h26 (30)
5042 Cambridge S. Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Patricia M Newton
2 Claire F Edwards
3 Sheila Bruce
4 Rebecca S Bruce
5 John R Peverett
6 George Whiteside
7 Peter J Bruce
8 David R Cox
9 John R Martin
10 Andrew J Ellis
11 Stephen S Russ
12 Robert H Newton (C)
First on 12 and of
Cambridge; 3.

EAST ILSLEY, Berks.

S Mary
Thu Mar 23 1995 2h48 (9)
5184 Unnilquadium S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Bernard J Stone
2 Brian Bladon
3 Colin M Turner
4 Marc Hart
5 Peter Border
6 Anthony R Peake
7 Timothy G Pett (C)
8 Peter Bridle

PIMLICO, LONDON

S Saviour
Thu Mar 23 1995 2h42 (7)
5024 Johannesburg S. Major
Comp. R F B Speed
1 David Livingston
2 Jean Kelly
3 Jeffery C Birt
4 Revd Barry J Fry
5 William Butler (C)
6 James P Blond
7 Peter F Windley
8 J Alan Ainsworth
2000th tower bell peal; 8.

THATCHAM, Berks.

S Mary
Fri Mar 24 1995 2h50 (13)
5024 Rutland S. Major
Comp. N Smith
1 Timothy G Pett
2 Bobbie May
3 Helen J Piper
4 Diana M Bridle
5 William Butler (C)
6 Geoffrey K Dodd
7 Peter Bridle
8 J Alan Ainsworth
A ruby wedding
compliment to Geoff and
Sylvia Dodd. With thanks to
Charlotte Everett for
standing down when traffic
on the M4 prevented the
tenth man arriving for
Pudsey S. Royal.

SIDBURY, Devon

SS Peter & Giles
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h46 (16)
5152 Devon S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Sally A Mason
2 Nicola J Crichton
3 Marc Hart
4 Donald B Carter
5 Bernard F L Groves
6 Peter G C Ellis
7 Timothy G Pett (C)
8 Colin M Turner
First in method; 4.

DORNEY, Bucks.

S James the Less
Sun Mar 26 1995 2h25 (7)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each
Superlative, Hull, King
Edward, Norwich, Bourne,
Ipswich, Cambridge)
1 Jenny A Dieppe
2 Lloyd S Cartwright
3 Eileen Stevenson
4 Reggie Gillard
5 Geoff Fielding
6 Michael A Birkbeck (C)
First minor; 4. Most
methods as conductor.
Rung for Mothering
Sunday.

OXFORD SOCIETY

CITY OF OXFORD

S Thomas the Martyr
Mon Mar 27 1995 2h48 (11)
5007 Stedman Caters
Comp. A S Hudson
1 Robin O Hall (C)
2 Catherine M A Lane
3 N David Lane
4 Charlotte Everett
5 Sonia C Tucker
6 Peter Border
7 Clive Holloway
8 Andrew J Graham
9 Nigel J Bailey
10 Bernard J Stone
First Stedman Caters as
conductor. First tower-bell
peal since undergoing triple
heart bypass surgery; 3.

ST MARTIN'S GUILD

BIRMINGHAM

Cathedral of S Philip
Thu Mar 30 1995 3h14 (31)
Spirit of Birmingham A. Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Mary T Pipe
2 Roderick W Pipe (C)
3 Stephen B Mills
4 Paul Needham
5 Nigel J Bailey
6 Andrew J Graham
7 Robin O Hall
8 William R Haynes
9 Jonathan P Healy
10 Paul E Bibilo
11 Michael P A Wilby
12 David J Pipe
Rung to mark the
achievement of round-the-
world yachtswoman Lisa
Clayton, now on the
homeward leg in her boat
Spirit of Birmingham. First
peal in the method.
Spirit of Birmingham
-5-4-5-5-36-4-58-7-8-8-9-8-8-9
(hl) 2nds 1352.

SUFFOLK GUILD

SWEFFLING, Suffolk

S Mary the Virgin
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h18 (6)
5040 Minor
(8m: (1) Hereward, Single
Oxford; (2) Beverley; (3)
Cambridge; (4) Oxford T.B.;
(5) St Clements; (6) Kent
T.B.; (7) Plain Bob)
1 David G Salter
2 Frank C J Arnold
3 Katharine J Salter
4 Richard T L Rapior
5 Alan P Mayle
6 J Martin Thorley (C)
Completes the circle; 1,6.
Remembering James
Thorley (1908-73) father of
the conductor who was
wounded 50 years ago
when the British 2nd army
crossed the Rhine. Rung on
the 50th anniversary of the
award of the Distinguished
Conduct Medal to Jack
Gray.

BIRMINGHAM

S Martin
Sat Apr 1995 3h30 (39)
5019 Stedman Cinques
Comp. P J Bird
1 Tudor P Edwards (C)
2 George W Pipe
3 John G Gipson
4 Robert Dennis
5 B Gillian Fielden
6 Kenneth J Hesketh
7 Geoffrey W Randall
8 David J Llewellyn
9 Stephen Ivlin
10 Philip J Rothera
11 John H Fielden
12 Frank D Mack
60th birthday compliment
to George Pipe. With best
wishes for a speedy
recovery to Ralph Edwards
on whose behalf this peal
was arranged originally.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

INVERARAY, Argyll

All Saints
Sat Mar 18 1995 3h1 (13)
5040 Minor
(7m: Single Oxford, Double
Oxford, Oxford T.B., Kent
T.B., Cambridge, St
Clements, Plain Bob)
1 Rose M Hancock
2 Kate Weston
3 Liz York
4 Martin Gillie
5 Robert J Hancock (C)
6 Oliver Coldrick
First 7 methods; 2,3,4. First
blows in four of the
methods; 2. £2

SOUTHWELL D.G.

OVERSEALE, Derbys.

S Matthew
Thu Mar 23 1995 2h26 (10)
5024 Bristol S. Major
Comp. Murray A Coleman
1 Sally A Mason
2 Murray A Coleman
3 R Brian Mills
4 Andrew D Higson
5 Maurice F Edwards
6 Peter G C Ellis
7 Michael Maughan (C)
8 R Kingsley Mason
Rung as a compliment to
Peter Ellis on what was
believed to be the occasion
of his 30th birthday.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

STREATHAM, LONDON,
SW16

S Leonard
Sat Mar 18 1995 2h44 (12)
5184 Superlative S. Major
Comp. C Forster
1 Shirley E McGill
2 Michael J Uphill
3 Alison McCormack
4 Lee M McCormack
5 M Iain Davey
6 Stewart F Kimber
7 C Martin Foster
8 Mark E R Gill (C)
250th peal; 7.
25th birthday compliment
to Ruth C Gill. £2.50

SOUTH CROYDON, Surrey

S Peter
Thu Mar 23 1995 3h22 (30)
5040 Courtleigh S. Royal
Comp. C K Lewis
1 Alison McCormack
2 Michael P Moreton
3 Christopher Ridley
4 David J Dearnley
5 Shirley E McGill
6 Timothy J Billings
7 J Alan Ainsworth (C)
8 Alan J Frost
9 Andrew Blacklock
10 Stephen R T Pocock
Circled tower eight times; 2.
First peal in the method.
Courtleigh S. Royal
a.-367-45-58-367-47-458-36-
67-458-1

SOUTH CROYDON, Surrey

S Peter
Thu Mar 30 1995 3h18 (30)
5000 London S. Royal (no 3)
Comp. R C Kippin
1 Lee M McCormack
2 Michael P Moreton
3 Caroline C House
4 Catherine N Merlane
5 Keith J Matthews
6 Timothy J Billings
7 Shirley E McGill
8 Mark E R Gill
9 David E House (C)
10 Andrew Blacklock
25th peal; 1.

SUSSEX C.A.

RYE, E Sussex

S Mary the Virgin
Sat Mar 11 1995 3h15 (19)
5088 Heythrop S. Major
Comp. J W Washbrook
1 Caroline V Harris
2 Ann Smith
3 Linda J Etherington
4 Janice E Higgins
5 Edward G Mould
6 Ian V J Smith
7 Robert N Harris
8 John E Hawes (C)
First in method for all.

WITHYHAM, W Sussex

S Michael & All Angels
Sun Mar 19 1995 2h59 (15)
5184 Superlative S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Linda J Etherington
2 Jacqueline M Hunter
3 Louise G Pink
4 Ian W Hodge
5 Janice E Higgins
6 Stephen R T Pocock
7 Robin B Green
8 John E Hawes (C)
First Superlative; 4.

COLEMANS HATCH,

E Sussex, Holy Trinity
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h54 (11)
5088 Rutland S. Major
Comp. Norman Smith
1 Ann Smith
2 Betty Green
3 Janice E Higgins
4 John R Palmer
5 Mark A Dawkins
6 Edward G Mould
7 Robert N Harris
8 Ian V J Smith (C)
First of Rutland; 4.

LOWER BEEDING, Sussex
Holy Trinity
Wed Mar 15 1995 2h52 (11)
5040 Plain Bob Triples
Comp. Roger Bailey (No 1)
1 Robert L Burchett
2 Simon M Alford
3 Margaret E Thomas
4 Richard J Tilley
5 Margaret J Tilley
6 David Capewell
7 Stephen R T Pocock (C)
8 Anthony A Jones
First peal; 1. First in method;
3. First on eight; 8. To
welcome the Revd. Terry
Martin as vicar of this
parish.

FAIRWARP, E Sussex
Christ Church
Tue Mar 21 1995 2h55 (15)
5024 Versailles S. Major
Comp. M A Coleman
1 Revd. J David E Smith
2 Ann Smith
3 Betty Green
4 Linda J Etherington
5 Louise G Pink
6 Christopher E Slade
7 Ian V J Smith
8 John E Hawes (C)
Completes the Surprise
Major alphabet; 2. First in
the method for all.

HASTINGS, Sussex
Christ Church
Sat Mar 25 1995 3h (20)
5040 Spiced Triples
(2m: 2520 Oxford Bob,
Grandsire; 84 com.)
Comp. Albert J Pitman
1 Gillian A LeSueur
2 Louise G Pink
3 Valerie J Howard
4 Christopher E Slade
5 Mark A Dawkins
6 Alan D Pink
7 Alan R Baldock (C)
8 Roy M Cox
First peal; 1. First of Spiced
Triples; 3,5. 400th as
conductor. Rung to
celebrate the rehanging of
the bells and the 90th
birthday of John Downing,
tower captain Emeritus.

STEYNING, Sussex
S Andrew
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h52 (12)
**5040 Double Oxford Bob
Triples**
Comp. C C Triples collection
no. 1
1 Revd J David E Smith
2 Alan R Baldock (C)
3 Louise G Pink
4 Christopher E Slade
5 James H Lilley
6 Alan D Pink
7 Roy M Cox
8 Douglas H C Taylor
First peal; 8. 100th peal; 1.
First of Double Oxford by
all; first of Double Oxford
Triples for the Association.
Rung to congratulate
Douglas Taylor on being
given a visiting
professorship at
Loughborough University.

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TURNERS HILL, W Sussex
S Leonard
Tue Mar 28 1995 2h48 (14)
5088 Spiced S. Major
(10m: 672 Superlative; 576
Cambridge, Lincolnshire,
Pudsey, Yorkshire; 480
Rutland, Dunholme,
Cherwell; 384 Bristol; 288
Ditchling; 116 com.)
Comp. P G K Davies
Arr. I V J Smith
1 Linda J Etherington
2 Betty Green
3 Ann Smith
4 Louise G Pink
5 David Kirkcaldy
6 John E Hawes
7 Stephen R T Pocock
8 Ian V J Smith (C)
First of 10-spiced S. Major;
2,4.

SWANSEA & BRECON D.G.

GREAT TEW, Oxon.
S Michael
Sat Mar 25 1995 3h (22)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
Comp. B D Price
1 Paul J R Daybell
2 Anne L Kleiser
3 Philip M Saunders
4 Revd Anthony Ellis
5 Douglas G Davison
6 Nicholas W H Simon (C)
7 Malcolm T Johns
8 Lucinda J C Reeve
In memoriam the Rt. Revd. J
Thomas, late Bishop of
Swansea and Brecon. £1

THE WHITECHAPEL FRIENDLY SOCIETY

THORVERTON, Devon
S Thomas of Canterbury
Mon Mar 27 1995 2h41 (8)
5056 Cambridge S. Major
Johnson's Variation of
Middleton's
1 Brian V Mountjoy
2 Fr Lester J Yeo
3 Phillip Stevens
4 Peter L Bill
5 Simon K Glanfield
6 E William Ford
7 James Grant
8 Peter J Sawyer (C)
First peal on the front eight.
First peal for the Society; 3.
First major for the Society.
41st wedding anniversary
compliment to 6 and his
wife.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G.

BINSTED, Hants.
Holy Cross
Sat Feb 25 1995 2h49 (12)
5040 Grandsire Doubles
1 David G Mould
2 Ann Collins
3 Kathryn L Carter
4 Andrew D Barnsdale
5 David C Brown (C)
6 Clifford J Beadle
First peal; 1. Rung in
affectionate memory of
Hilda Carter and Margaret
Evans, friends and
bellringers of this tower.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSN.

STOURBRIDGE, Worcs.
S Thomas
Thu Mar 23 1995 3h7 (18)
5057 Grandsire Caters
Comp. E C Shepherd (No 1)
1 H T Keith Haslam
2 Catherine R Taylor
3 Marie J Pennington
4 Gail K Baggott
5 Andrew N Stubbs
6 David Jackson
7 Stephen D Brown
8 Martin G Powell
9 Martin D Fellows (C)
10 Alan Roberts
First of Grandsire Caters; 6.
A compliment to Thomas
Hemming of St Michael's on
the occasion of his 89th
birthday.

YORKSHIRE ASSN.

DORE, S Yorks.
Christ Church
Sat Mar 18 1995 2h37 (11)
5024 Bristol S. Major
Comp. Ian North
1 Andrew R Aspland
2 Ian North (C)
3 Alan J Ladd
4 Stephen J A Ollerton
5 R Gordon Corby
6 R Adrian Davies
7 Simon Ogier
8 Robert Haley

CAMPSALL, S Yorks.
S Mary Magdalene
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h45 (11)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
(7 different extents)
1 Matthew L Stimpson
2 James E Hirst
3 Rosemarie L Sharp
4 Jonathan W McCulloch
5 Trevor C Ledger
6 Frederick J Jackson (C)
First attempt (aged 13 years,
2 months); 1. First peal; 2,4.
In memory of Frank Reed of
Barnby Dun, who was
instrumental in teaching the
ringers of 1,2,3,4.

SWILLINGTON, W Yorks.
S Mary
Sat Mar 25 1995 2h37 (12)
5088 Deorham D. Major
Comp. Ian North
1 Andrew R Aspland
2 Pamela A Hudson
3 Judith M Talbot
4 Peter C Kirby
5 Ian North (C)
6 R Adrian Davies
7 Robert Haley
8 Richard E Price
50th peal; 4. 1250th peal
together; 5,8. First peal in
the method.
Deorham D. Major
-38-14-56-1236-14-18-34-
12.38 mx

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HANDBELL PEALS

DERBY D.A.

MELBOURNE, Derbys.
45 Blanch Croft
Thu Mar 25 1995 2h42 (15)
5040 Kirtan S. Royal
Comp. W E Critchley
1-2 Adrian Dempster
3-4 Robert B Smith
5-6 Brian L Burrows (C)
7-8 David J Marshall
9-10 David C Lester
In memoriam Sam.

HERTFORD C.A.

WATFORD, Herts.
15 Harford Drive
Wed Mar 29 1995 2h58 (16)
5007 Stedman Cinques
Comp. J R Mayne
1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3-4 John R Mayne (C)
5-6 Roger Baldwin
7-8 Paul N Mounsey
9-10 David C Brown
11-12 Dorothea M Robotham
The first 2,000 pealers' 12-
bell peal.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH D.A.

TAFFS WELL, Mid Glam.
104 Glan-Y-Ffordd
Mon Mar 27 1995 2h8 (12)
**5056 Kent/Oxford T.B. Major
(Ilkeston Variation)**
1-2 Marcus A G Williams
3-4 Robert E Hardy
5-6 Julian C Parker
7-8 Jenny J Williams
In memory of Tony Baker. £1

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

CITY OF LONDON, E1
Marlyn Lodge, Portsoken St.
Mon Feb 27 1995 (15)
5184 Kent T.B. Major
Comp. Marcus C W
Sherwood
1-2 Clare J Larter
3-4 Michael J Trimm (C)
5-6 Nicholas W Jones
7-8 Philip H Larter

CITY OF LONDON, E1
Marlyn Lodge, Portsoken St.
Wed Mar 15 1995 2h30 (15)
5152 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. Peter J Sanderson
1-2 Mark C Bennett
3-4 Nicholas W Jones
5-6 Michael J Trimm (C)
7-8 James R S Sawle

TEDDINGTON, Middx.
70 Stanley Gardens Road
Mon Mar 13 1995 2h24 (15)
5024 Rutland S. Major
Comp. P G K Davies
Arr. A J Cox
1-2 Philip A B Saddleton
3-4 David C Brown (C)
5-6 Roger Bailey
7-8 Stephen J F Mitchell
First Rutland in hand; 7-8.

MIDDLESEX C.A. AND LONDON D.G.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE, Middx.
Imperial College
(Huxley Building)
Mon Feb 20 1995 2h22 (15)
5088 Oxford T.B. Major
Comp. A J Corrigan (CCC
1981 no 31)
1-2 Ruth Blackwell
3-4 Stuart M Cox
5-6 Roger Bailey (C)
7-8 Peter J Blight
First peal of Treble Bob on
an inside pair; 7-8.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE, Middx.
Imperial College (Huxley
Building)
Wed Feb 22 1995 2h38 (15)
5024 Spiced S. Major
(4m: 1344 Glasgow; 1248
London; 1216 Bristol,
Belfast; 113 com. atw.)
Comp. Roderick R Horton
1-2 Simon J Gay
3-4 David C Brown (C)
5-6 Roger Bailey
7-8 Michael J Trimm

NORWICH D.A.

HINGHAM, Norfolk
Chez Drew
Mon Mar 13 1995 1h46 (12)
5040 Minor
(4m: (1) Oxford T.B.; (2-3)
Kent T.B.; (4-5) St Clements;
(6-7) Plain Bob)
1-2 Shirley M Drew
3-4 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
5-6 Geoffrey R Drew

SWARDESTON, Norfolk
31 Main Road
Thu Mar 16 1995 2h16 (12)
5088 Kent T.B. Major
Comp. W Hudson
1-2 Shirley M Drew
3-4 Jeremy W Warren
5-6 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
7-8 Geoffrey R Drew

HINGHAM, Norfolk
Chez Drew
Mon Mar 20 1995 2h9 (12)
5088 Kent T.B. Major
Comp. J Reeves
1-2 Shirley M Drew
3-4 Jeremy W Warren
5-6 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
7-8 Geoffrey R Drew

HINGHAM, Norfolk
Chez Drew
Mon Mar 27 1995 2h7 (12)
5184 Kent T.B. Major
Comp. M C W Sherwood
1-2 Shirley M Drew
3-4 Jeremy W Warren
5-6 Jeremy W Spiller (C)
7-8 Geoffrey R Drew
In memory of Martin Frank
Drew who passed away
24/3/95, brother to Geoff.

ST OLAVE'S SOCIETY

CITY OF LONDON E1
Marlyn Lodge, Portsoken St.
Mon Mar 27 1995 2h24 (15)
5152 Yorkshire S. Major
Comp. Peter J Sanderson
1-2 Nicholas W Jones
3-4 Richard A Pearce
5-6 Roger Bailey
7-8 Michael J Trimm (C)
First handbell peal of
Surprise; 3-4.

Quarter Peals

Ticknall, Derbys. 5 Mar, 1280 Spl. S Major (CYNR): Margaret Marriot 1, Anita Allsopp 2, Mary Hale 3, Peter Marriot 4, Alan Jacques 5, Mick Allsopp 6, Stuart Hale 7, David Spencer(C) 8. 1st 4 spl; 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 and as C. £2

Tirley, Glos. 6 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Katherine Creese 1, Geraldine Price 2, Brian Pegler 3, Garrod Davies 4, Iris Davis (C) 5, Robert Perry 6. Rung open in thanksgiving for the life of Doris Carter, who died 22/2/95, Great Aunt of Geraldine. £1

Tiverton, Devon. (S Paul). 4 Mar, 1260 Doubles (3m): Michael Roocroft 1, Sheila Scofield 2, Lynnette Gosling 3, Jean Parkinson 4, Leslie Boyce(C) 5, Daniel Curram 6. 18th birthday compliment to ringer of tenor. £1.50

Todenham, Glos. 27 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Andrew Teague 1, Janet Bishop 2, Francis Powell 3, John White 4, George Osborn(C) 5, Robert Stansbury 6. To celebrate the birth of James Peter Stansbury 25/2/95. £2

Tunstall, N Staffs. 6 Feb, 1250 Braunstone S Major: P Atkins 1, H Dowler 2, W E Evans 3, Helen A Mitchell 4, Wendy Daw 5, C W Machin 6, K Brown 7, R H Daw(C) 8. 1st in m; 2, 4, 6, 7. 80p

Uttoxeter, N Staffs. 28 Feb, 1280 DNCBM: J S Fisher 1, N Sherratt 2, R H Daw 3, R Bugler 4, B Corbishley 5, N D Lomas 6, R S Starkie 7, I R Nichols(C) 8. 80p

Warsop, Notts. 1 Mar, 1272 Oxford T B Minor: R Hind 1, J A Underwood 2, Joan Crosby 3, R M Lane 4, W Davis(C) 5, F Flint 6. For Ash Wednesday Service. Also: on 5 Mar, 1296 Stedman Triples: John Underwood 1, Joan Crosby 2, Mandy Freeman (150th Q) 3, Frederick Flint 4, Nicholas Parkes(C) 5, Brynley Richards 6, Christopher Richards 7, Stuart Brown 8. For Evensong. £2.80

Wavendon, Bucks. 20 Feb, 1260 Doubles (2m): Scott Ayers (1st away from cover) 1, Nicola King 2, Bob Churchill 3, Derek Stainsby 4, Douglas Hird(C) 5. £1

Weekley, Northants. 5 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Patricia Shiells 1, Don Shiells 2, Bryony Dorrington 3, Claire Williams 4, Revd. R Dorrington 5, Tony Williams 6. Birthday compliment to 3. 450th Q; 3. 60p

Wellesbourne, Warwicks. 5 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: Michael Ashton 1, Rita Lewis 2, Edward Copson 3, David Morrow 4, Pamela Copson(C) 5, Simon Oram 6. For Evening Prayer. In thanksgiving for the life of Janet Thompson. Also: on 6 Mar, 1280 Superlative S Major: Jennifer M Winslow 1, C F Mew(C) 2, G Sandwell 3, J W Nicholls 4, G D Payne 5, J H Smart 6, D E Leaf 7, M W Sayers 8. With half lead and lead end calls. £3.50

ST JAMES'S GUILD

REDLAND, BRISTOL
53 Zetland Road
Sat Mar 18 1995 2h24 (16)
5056 Plain Bob Major
Comp. David Brown
1-2 Andrew J Mitchell
3-4 R James Cook
5-6 Kathryn L Carter
7-8 David C Brown (C)
First on an inside pair; 5-6.

MUSWELL HILL,
London N10
39a Rosebery Road
Sun Apr 2 1995 2h35 (15)
5040 Cambridge S. Royal
Comp. C K Lewis
1-2 S Kathleen M Baldwin
3-4 Alison K Surry
5-6 Mark Regan
7-8 Roger Baldwin
9-10 David C Brown (C)

Weston Longville, Norfolk. 23 Feb, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Barbara Cattermole 1, Sarah Cattermole (1st S Minor) 2, Alice Cattermole 3, Caroline Spiller 4, Paul Cattermole 5, Jeremy Spiller(C) 6. 60p

Weston on the Green, Oxon. 5 Mar, 1260 Doubles (3m): Alex Holmes (25th Q) 1, R Goodwin 2, R Jones(C) 3, S Davies 4, Jonathan Beale 5. For S David's Day.

Whitchurch, Devon. 24 Feb, 1360 Cambridge S Minor: Peter Cummins 1, Penny Alexander 2, Yvonne Porter 3, Andrew Mudge 4, John Rose 5, George Mudge(C) 6. 60p

Whitfield, Northants. 26 Feb, 1260 Doubles (5m): Mark Pates 1, Ian Chapple 2, Charles Truman(C) 3, Will Adams 4, Richard Higgs 5. £1.50

Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear. 21 Jan, 1536 Spl. S Major (14m): G S Deas 1, D G Walker(C) 2, M Durham 3, Rachel Dyson 4, Alyson Kerr 5, Jessica Davis 6, O D Cross 7, R Warford 8. Most m's; 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. £1

Withycombe Raleigh, Devon. 5 Mar, 1260 Doubles (11m/v): Mary Mack 1, Patrick Foster 2, Frank Mack 3, Brian Horrell 4, John Foster(C) 5, David Mills 6. For Morning Service. £1

Withyham, E Sussex. 8 Mar, 1259 Grandsire Doubles: John Stevenson 1, Caroline Harris 2, Carol Anderson 3, Linda Moores 4, Philip Sadler(C) 5, Keith Player 6. To mark the birthday of John Stevenson. Also: on 5 Mar, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Nicola Dawkins 1, Caroline Harris 2, Gillian Parsons 3, Jacqueline Hunter 4, Mark Dawkins 5, Bryan Reeves 6, David Featherstone 7, Robert Harris(C) 8. £4

Woodeaton, Oxon. 5 Mar, 1260 Doubles (4m/20v): Alex Holmes 1, R Goodwin 2, R Jones(C) 3, S Davies 4, Jonathan Beale 5. For the Festival of St Chad.

Wroughton, Avon. 26 Feb, 1260 Stedman Triples: R J Kingcott 1, C Hobbs 2, Anne Harris 3, Marilyn Floyd 4, J Mills 5, L E Croucher 6, D Floyd(C) 7, P Kinsman 8. 1st in m; 5, 6. For Evensong. £1.60

Yaxham, Norfolk. 1 Mar, 1260 Spl. P Minor (10m 40 c.o.m. atw): Mick Cole 1, Angela Clifton 2, Adrian Clifton 3, Gerald Burton 4, David Riley 5, Stephen High(C) 6. £1

York, Huntington, N Yorks. 14 Jan, 1280 Belfast S Major: Lynda P Lambert 1, David Pygott 2, Bridget J Smith 3, Emma Ashford 4, J R Pawley 5, S C Theobald 6, M Semken 7, A P Sweeting(C) 8. 1st in m; 2, 3, 4, 5, 7. £1

York, S Martin-le-Grand, N Yorks. 15 Jan, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: D Pygott 1, Emma Ashford 2, Bridget J Smith 3, Lynda P Lambert 4, M Semken 5, A P Sweeting 6, S C Theobald 7, J R Pawley(C) 8. £1

Doubles Variations Named

An extent of each of the following variations was rung in quarter peals at St Michael's, Lichfield on 13/20 Nov 94. They are all based on Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob (CC 131) and use either a Grandsire Extreme (e), a Wainfleet Extreme (p) or a Minster Extreme (q)(or both). The Bob used was either a Grandsire Bob (u) or a Pinks Bob (y) and the Singles were Grandsire (c), Wallflower (f), Antelope (g) or Pinks (h) as listed. Some of the variations also included not more than two plain leads (j) of Plain Bob Doubles. The bands concerned wish them to be named as follows:

131u/c/f/e/j	Europium	131u/c/g/e/j	Gadolinium
131u/c/h/e/j	Terbium	131u/f/g/e/j	Dysprosium
131u/f/h/e/j	Holmium	131u/g/h/e/j	Erbium
131u/c/f/g/e/j	Thulium	131u/c/f/h/e/j	Ytterbium
131u/c/g/h/e/j	Lutetium	131u/f/g/h/e/j	Thorium
131u/c/f/g/h/e/j	Protactinium		
131u/c/f/p/j	Uranium	131u/c/g/p/j	Neptunium
131u/c/h/p/j	Plutonium	131u/f/g/p/j	Americium
131u/f/h/p/j	Curium	131u/g/h/p/j	Berkelium
131u/c/f/g/p/j	Californium	131u/c/f/h/p/j	Einsteinium
131u/c/g/h/p/j	Fermium	131u/f/g/h/p/j	Mendelevium
131u/c/f/g/h/p/j	Nobelium		
131u/c/f/a/j	Lawrencium	131u/c/g/a/j	Hecla
131u/c/h/a/j	Maipu	131u/f/g/a/j	Ruapehu
131u/f/h/a/j	Cotopaxi	131u/g/h/a/j	Krakatoa
131u/c/f/g/a/j	Juncal	131u/c/f/h/a/j	Sahama
131u/c/g/h/a/j	Quizapu	131u/f/g/h/a/j	Tolima
131u/c/f/g/h/a/j	Kinabalu		
131y/c/f/p/q	Mons	131y/c/g/p/q	Ypres
131y/c/h/p/q	Arras	131y/f/g/p/q	Verdun
131y/f/h/p/q	Somme	131y/g/h/p/q	Vimy
131y/c/f/g/p/q	Passchendale	131y/c/f/h/p/q	Cambrai
131y/c/g/h/p/q	Gallipoli	131y/f/g/h/p/q	Jutland
131y/c/f/g/h/p/q	Caporetto		

An extent of each of the following variations was rung in quarter peals at St Michael's, Lichfield on 27 Nov/4 Dec 94. They are all based on Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob (CC 131). The calling used for each of the variations was SSEBPEPBESSP.

131u/c/f/p/q/j	Stromboli	131u/c/g/p/q/j	Helviti
131u/c/g/p/q/j	Katmai	131u/f/g/p/q/j	Popocatepetl
131u/f/h/p/q/j	Guallatiri	131u/g/h/p/q/j	Vesuvius
131u/c/f/g/p/q/j	Sheveluch	131u/c/f/h/p/q/j	Fujisan
131u/c/g/h/p/q/j	Merapi	131u/f/g/h/p/q/j	Pinatuba
131u/c/f/g/h/p/q/j	Jurullo		
131w/c/f/d/j	Paricutin	131w/c/g/d/j	Ulaurun
131w/c/h/d/j	Langila	131w/f/g/d/j	Turialba
131w/f/h/d/j	Masaya	131w/g/h/d/j	Momotombo
131w/c/f/g/d/j	Aso	131w/c/f/h/d/j	Unzen
131w/c/g/h/d/j	Kilauea	131w/f/g/h/d/j	Telica
131w/c/f/g/h/d/j	Santiaguito		
131w/c/f/e/j	Kirishima	131w/c/g/e/j	Tomboro
131w/c/h/e/j	Overo	131w/f/g/e/j	Lascar
131w/f/h/e/j	Solfatara	131w/g/h/e/j	Wendehel
131w/c/f/g/e/j	Kliuchevskoi	131w/c/f/h/e/j	Dieng
131w/c/g/h/e/j	Canlaon	131w/f/g/h/e/j	Sangay
131w/c/f/g/h/e/j	Nyamuragira		

An extent of each of the following variations was rung in quarter peals at St Michael's, Lichfield on 1/8 Jan 95. They are all based on Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob (CC 131). The calling used for each of the variations was SSEBPEPBESSP.

131y/c/f/d/j	Monnow	131y/c/g/d/j	Orwell
131y/c/h/d/j	Parret	131y/f/g/d/j	Ribble
131y/f/h/d/j	Roding	131y/g/h/d/j	Rother
131y/c/f/g/d/j	Severn	131y/c/f/h/d/j	Thames
131y/c/g/h/d/j	Wandle	131y/f/g/h/d/j	Weaver
131y/c/f/g/h/d/j	Wensum		
131y/c/f/e/j	Wharfe	131y/c/g/e/j	Witham
131y/c/h/e/j	Chelmer	131y/f/g/e/j	Torridge
131y/f/h/e/j	Waveney	131y/g/h/e/j	Welland
131y/c/f/g/e/j	Isbourne	131y/c/f/h/e/j	Beaulieu
131y/c/g/h/e/j	Wansbeck	131y/f/g/h/e/j	Skiffare
131y/c/f/g/h/e/j	Blackwater		
131y/c/f/p/j	Arto	131y/c/g/p/j	Cerist
131y/c/h/p/j	Crawswell	131y/f/g/p/j	Cwmnantcol
131y/f/h/p/j	Cywarth	131y/g/h/p/j	Dyfi
131y/c/f/g/p/j	Gamlan	131y/c/f/h/p/j	Gau
131y/c/g/h/p/j	Mawddach	131y/f/g/h/p/j	Wnion
131y/c/f/g/h/p/j	Ysgethin		

An extent of each of the following variations was rung in quarter peals at St Michael's, Lichfield on 12/15/22 Jan 95. They are all based on Shipway Place (CC 100) or Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob (CC 131). The calling used for each of the variations was SSEBPEPBESSP.

110u/c/f/p/q	Cwmhesgen	100u/c/g/p/q	Cwm-mynach
100u/c/h/p/q	Celynog	100u/f/g/p/q	Dyffryn
100u/f/h/p/q	Dyfrdwy	100u/g/h/p/q	Dyffryn
100u/c/f/g/p/q	Fechan	100u/c/f/h/p/q	Gain
100u/c/g/h/p/q	Gwrl	100u/f/g/h/p/q	Lliw
100u/c/f/g/h/p/q	Twrch		
100x/c/f/p	Teme	100x/c/g/p	Clun
100x/c/h/p	Onney	100x/f/g/p	Corve
100x/f/h/p	Redlake	100x/g/h/p	Lugg
100x/c/f/g/p	Aran	100x/c/f/h/p	Ithon
100x/c/g/h/p	Edw	100x/f/g/h/p	Wymryn
100x/c/f/g/h/p	Glywedog		
131y/c/f/a/j	Croesor	131y/c/g/a/j	Cwmystadrlllyn
131y/c/h/a/j	Cynfa	131y/f/g/a/j	Gamallt
131y/f/h/a/j	Goedol	131y/g/h/a/j	Hesgin
131y/c/f/g/a/j	Llafar	131y/c/f/h/a/j	Maesgwm
131y/c/g/h/a/j	Prysor	131y/f/g/h/a/j	Serw
131y/c/f/g/h/a/j	Tryweryn		

An extent of each of the following variations was rung in quarter peals at St Michael's, Lichfield on 11/18/24/25/30/31 Dec 94. They are all based on Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob (CC 131). The calling used for each of the variations was SSEBPEPBESSP.

131w/c/f/p/j	Taftan	131w/c/g/p/j	Apisau
131w/c/h/p/j	Chichon	131w/f/g/p/j	Wurlali
131w/f/h/p/j	Arenal	131w/g/h/p/j	Poas
131w/c/f/g/p/j	Manam	131w/c/f/h/p/j	Irazu
131w/c/g/h/p/j	Licancabur	131w/f/g/h/p/j	Sabancaya
131w/c/f/g/h/p/j	Galeras		
131w/c/f/a/j	Averno	131w/c/g/a/j	Aconcagua
131w/c/h/a/j	Hualalai	131w/f/g/a/j	Beerenberg
131w/f/h/a/j	Tongariro	131w/g/h/a/j	Tupungato
131w/c/f/g/a/j	Chimborazo	131w/c/f/h/a/j	Descapazado
131w/c/g/h/a/j	Roncesvalles	131w/f/g/h/a/j	Fujiyama
131w/c/f/g/h/a/j	Lullailaco		
131w/c/f/h/p/q/j	Karsimbi	131w/c/g/p/q/j	Tajumulco
131w/c/h/p/q/j	Cotacachi	131w/f/g/p/q/j	Acatenago
131w/f/h/p/q/j	Mauna Kea	131w/g/h/p/q/j	Mauna Loa
131w/c/f/g/p/q/j	Peteroa	131w/c/f/h/p/q/j	Tinguiririca
131w/c/g/h/p/q/j	Skaptarjokull	131w/f/g/h/p/q/j	Nyiragongo
131w/c/f/g/h/p/q/j	Aaskja		
131x/c/f/d/j	Aln	131x/c/g/d/j	Axe
131x/c/h/d/j	Eke	131x/f/g/d/j	Fal
131x/f/h/d/j	Lea	131x/g/h/d/j	Nen
131x/c/f/g/d/j	Dee	131x/c/f/h/d/j	Sid
131x/c/g/h/d/j	Sow	131x/f/g/h/d/j	Taw
131x/c/f/g/h/d/j	Ure		

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Central Council Committee Reports

Administrative Committee

Since the 1994 Council meeting the Committee has met twice in London, in October and March. The arrangements for the 1995 Council meeting were discussed and agreed, and the following matters were considered:

(1) *Appointment of auditor* - Andrew G. Smith (Dorset C.A.) has been appointed as one of the Council's auditors in place of Michael Church, who was re-appointed to that position last year following the resignation of John Parsons.

(2) *The format and audit of charity accounts* - Regulations are expected to be made shortly relating to the format and audit of the accounts of charities. They are likely to come into force on 1st December 1995 for financial years beginning on or after that date. The committee will be considering the options which this will present for the Council's accounts and will report back to the next Council meeting.

(3) *Financial matters* - It was reported last year that the Committee had decided in principle that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer should be separated. A motion to create an office of Honorary Treasurer appears on the agenda for the Council meeting. The Committee has also decided to introduce a more formal budgeting process. Following consultation with committee chairmen, the Officers will present to the October meeting of the Committee each year a budget for the Council's General Fund for the following year. To enable the Committee to monitor expenditure and income against budget, the Treasurer will report on expenditure and income for the first nine months of the year at the October meeting and for the whole year at the March meeting. It was also agreed that the Accounts as presented to the Council should show the expenditure incurred by each committee. This information is given in the Accounts for 1994.

(4) *Complaints about bells* - The working group set up by the Committee under the chairmanship of John Anderson has been collecting information on a wide variety of complaints about ringing. The group plans to set up a network of advisers and will be providing written guidance for dealing with complaints. members of the working group have also given advice in cases which have occurred, in particular at St Elisabeth's, Reddish, Greater Manchester, as a result of which court action has been postponed while the possibility of installing sound control is investigated.

(5) *English Heritage* - Following an approach by the President, two meetings have been held with English Heritage, both of which have been reported in *The Ringing World*. Concern has been expressed at previous Council meetings and elsewhere about cases of bell restoration schemes where the interests of ringers and those of English Heritage have appeared to have been diametrically opposed. It was therefore considered important that each side should try to understand the other's point of view and should together seek solutions that are acceptable to both. Discussion centred round old bell-frames. The view of English Heritage is that, if a frame is important historically or in relation to the church or bells, it should be retained, preferably in use. If retention in use is impossible, then English Heritage would seek other means of preserving it. At the first meeting general principles were discussed and much useful information was gained as to English Heritage's precise role in these matters. It was then agreed that regular meetings should be held between

the Council, English Heritage and the Council for the Care of Churches, at which particular cases of difficulty and the principles arising from them could be discussed.

(6) *National Lottery and the Millenium Commission* - The Council has a role to play in providing information to potential applicants for National Lottery funding for bell restoration projects. English Heritage is being consulted on all applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund involving historic buildings and their contents, including bell schemes. They were thus able to advise the Council at the second of the meetings referred to above of the criteria against which bell schemes are likely to be judged. This advice and other practical information is to be published in *The Ringing World*.

The Millenium Commission is looking for rather larger projects for Millennium Fund support. The Ringing Centres Committee has agreed to consider the possibility of working up a proposal for the creation of a major ringing centre in London, incorporating a museum and information centre about ringing. Other practical ideas would be welcome.

(7) *Regional seminars* - Four regional seminars, sponsored by *The Ringing World*, are to take place on 20th May at Towcester, 8th July at Lancaster, 15th July at Taunton and 23rd September in London. They are aimed at association officers with the objectives of updating them on current issues, such as health and safety in towers, complaints about bells and ringing centres, and provoking discussion on recruitment, training, maintenance, fund raising and the organisation of ringing. The Committee hope that officers of all affiliated societies will attend.

(8) *Peal records and peal boards* - The Committee have asked the Computer Coordination Committee to consider providing databases for maintaining records of peals rung and for collecting information about peal boards. Action taken on these two items is reported in that Committee's report.

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Peal Compositions Committee

The year has been one of consolidation, with few new initiatives. We continue to prove and review compositions submitted for publication to *The Ringing World*. The number printed has fallen slightly this year, partly due to changes in our procedures, and partly due to the demise of *Which Method*, whose deadlines imposed a useful discipline. Although we remain committed to the publication of all compositions submitted, we urge composers to exercise a greater degree of self-criticism. The ready availability of computer-proving software has greatly increased the number of indifferent peals, especially of spliced, and the composition mountain grows steadily (like Rockall).

The Committee receives a large number of requests each year for specific compositions. In almost all cases these have been met satisfactorily, sometimes by commissioning new work. Particular credit is due to David Beard for his efforts in this area. We have also assisted other members and Committees of Council, checking entries for the next edition of *An Index to Compositions in The Ringing World* for Tony Smith and beginning investigations (with Julian Morgan) into the feasibility of machine-processable composition formats. This follows an initiative by the Computer Coordination Committee and if successful promises to greatly simplify the problem of storing and retrieving compositions in computer databases, and to eliminate typographical errors once and for all. However, we do not underestimate the difficulty of the problem, nor anticipate early results.

One consequence of the much-hyped "Information Superhighway" is that electronic media will become increasingly important for disseminating ringing information, particularly collections requiring frequent update. With this in mind, an experimental World-Wide Web page has been constructed (URL <http://www.doc.ic.ac.uk/~rb/ringing.html>) containing a number of composition and method collections. Comments on this (or any other compositional matter, including submissions for publication) can be sent to the Chairman by electronic mail (rb@doc.ic.ac.uk). Of collections in preparation. *Stedman Triples* has now been convincingly completed by the addition of two bobs-only peals. A draft version of this, and also of *General-Purpose Surprise Major* is available on the World-Wide Web as described above; paper publication should follow Real Soon Now. *Spliced Surprise* has been delayed slightly by Roddy Horton's change of job, but is still expected by the end of the triennium. The new editions of *Compositions in the Popular Major Methods* and of *Ten and Twelve Bell Compositions* are making slow progress, as are the yearly compilations of *The Ringing World* compositions.

With the move to more modern computer equipment, the Committee's old BBC Microcomputer is now surplus to requirements, and currently serves as a large doorstop in the Chairman's office. The entire setup (model B with word processor chip, monochrome monitor, twin double-sided disk drives and daisy-wheel printer) is available to anyone who can make use of it (not necessarily as a doorstop), and no reasonable offer will be refused.

R. BAILEY (Chairman)

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Rescue fund for redundant bells

The Fund received several enquiries as to whether it had rescued any rings of bells that could be hung in the enquirer's church, but supply did not match demand - there were apparently no rings of bells in immediate danger in 1994 that were not safely under the careful watch of a ringing association or bell hanging firm. The Fund Committee has therefore only had the ex Birmingham bells to worry over. Terms were agreed in Autumn 1994 for the St Helen's Bell Fund Charitable Trust to acquire the bells from Whitechapel Bell Foundry on repayment of the Rescue Fund deposit. A payment of £5,500 has been made on account and it may be the case that the whole sum will be repaid during 1995. Alternatively, an instalment programme will be agreed. The purchasing charity intend to hang the bells at Escrick Parish Church near York and the existing ring of eight will be hung elsewhere without the involvement of the Rescue Fund.

Thanks are due as ever to those patient and loyal ringers and associations who have provided loans to enable the bells to be saved from the sledge hammer.

R. J. COOLES
(Hon. Secretary)

Knowing that the forthcoming Holy Week would deprive us of all ringing for seven days, we decided to go all out on the Saturday before. It was Hertford C.A. Western District Meeting day, but in addition the Ringing Master organised an 'upping and downing' practice at Little Gaddesden, a useful church for the purpose, as it is set rather out in the wilds, and no-one, however kind they were feeling, could describe constant raising and lowering by learners as musical. The one fear was that there might not be enough experienced people. However, this was soon dispelled as all kinds of ringers began to turn up at 1.30, and one learner at a time was put through their paces. It was not an easy session, some learners never having rung up or down before, and the ropes being rather long, owing to the continuing spell of dry weather, but by 2.45 we felt that most of them had made some progress, and the other ringers were keen to move on to something that did not involve too much pulling and checking.

They were rather disenchanted, on arriving at Great Gaddesden, to find that the first thing to be done was to ring them up, but at least it was only once! Everyone had clearly done their homework, and the special methods of St Clements, Ipswich and Northumberland were all rung nearly faultlessly several times, interspersed with other plain and surprise methods and courses of plain hunt. One of the best received announcements of the afternoon was the one concerning the new toilet next to the boiler house. This was a very welcome convenience, if a bit noisy!

The service was taken for us by the vicar and his wife, the Revs Neil and Pam Roskrow, who were most apologetic that they could not join us for tea, but duty called in a neighbouring church. They certainly missed some well-filled sandwiches and delicious home-made cakes, not to mention plenty of tea of the liquid variety to quench our thirsts.

At the business meeting which followed, ably chaired by Valerie Mills, Association reports

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS RESCUE FUND FOR REDUNDANT BELLS

Income and Expenditure Account for the year 1994

1993		1994
	Income	
£14.08	Interest	£21.25
	Expenditure	
£587.51	Insurance and storage relating to the bells of St Martin's, Birmingham	£616.88
-	Miscellaneous	£3.70
		<u>£620.58</u>
	Excess of Expenditure over	
<u>(£573.43)</u>	Income	<u>(£599.33)</u>

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 1994

	Assets	
	Deposit with Whitechapel Bell Foundry Ltd re Bells of St Martin's, Birmingham	
£24,800.00		£24,800.00
£5,854.07	Bank Balances	£704.74
£30,654.07		<u>£25,504.74</u>
	Liabilities	
£21,608.76	Interest free loans	£11,558.76
£3,500.00	Central Council General Fund	£3,500.00
	Loan from Trustees of St Helen's	
-	Escrick Bell Fund Charitable Trust	£5,500.00
£146.88	Creditor	£146.88
<u>£25,255.64</u>		<u>£20,705.64</u>
£5,398.43	Net assets	<u>£4,799.10</u>
	Represented by	
£5,971.86	Accumulated Fund 1 January 1994	£5,398.43
<u>(£573.43)</u>	Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>(£599.33)</u>
£5,398.43		<u>£4,799.10</u>

R.J. COOLES
Secretary

M.H.D. O'CALLAGHAN
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE HONORARY AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The above financial statement for the year ended 31 December 1994 has been compiled from the books and records of the Fund and we confirm that they are in accordance therewith.

ERIC GODFREY, ANDREW SMITH Hon. Auditors

April 1995

and AGM details were distributed, along with the long-awaited meeting rotas and cards - this year an attractive shade of gold. There was some discussion about the proposed new rules for the Bell restoration Fund, most people seeming to think that the increase of elected trustees from two to six (one from each District) was a sensible one, and the draw for the Domino card caused some excitement when identical numbers were picked for each side. However, the name against each was not the same. Evening ringing was slightly truncated, owing to a concert being held in the church at 8pm, but, undismayed by the prospect of an extra quarter of an hour's drinking time, the ringers ambled down the church path to the Cock ad Bottle, where any unfinished business was dealt with in a suitable fashion.

PENNY WATSON

Principle named

An extent of the following doubles principle was rung for the first time on Sunday March 19 1995 at St Benet's, Cambridge.

Eurydice Doubles
3.145.5.345.1.345.1.345.1.345.1.345.5
.145.3.145.3.145.3.145.3.145

The principle is based on Stedman Doubles, but with divisions of twelve changes, not six. There are twice as many blows in each place for the back work and twice as much hunting on the front as Stedman. It has the same front work as Undershaft Doubles. It may also be compared to Orepheus Doubles, which has twice as many blows in each place as the front work of Stedman, and correspondingly more dodges behind.

ANDREW JOHNSON

International liaison report for 1994

by Fred E. Dukes

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Recruitment

It is very encouraging to learn that so many young people are learning to ring in Western Australia with the projected new installations of bells in the province, around Perth area. There should be an ample supply of ringers for all prospective and existing towers. Claremont, has special training sessions, in the capable hands of Mary Townsend, for the St Hilda's School, Mosman Park project - their practices are a 'nightmare'! A team of very keen learners is also being trained for the projected ring in Mandurrah Church.

York is not so fortunate and could do with some 'new blood'. Nevertheless, Eleanor Weekes deserves great credit for her perseverance, in that outpost, in keeping the bells ringing. She is supported by visits from Perth area 'experts' on a monthly basis.

Hobart, which was in 'low water' are on the 'up' again, having trained some learners.

In Kenya, as a result of the visit of the Kilifi ringers to the UK, their confidence is such that they are now recruiting and teaching learners.

Honolulu report good progress with their latest recruits. In Zimbabwe, both towers report that there was an influx of learners

Capetown has had a resurgence of ringing at St Mary's, Woodstock. Thanks to the enthusiasm of George Siscum.

Since Grahamstown Cathedral bells were rededicated, Professor Colin Lewis has been kept very busy teaching a number of teenagers. At least eighteen of whom are regular ringers, and some of them have succeeded in ringing in quarter peals. He proposes lecturing to music students early in 1995 at Rhodes University.

Peals and quarter peals

In the following list of leading quarter peal ringers for 1993, the following names appeared who rang more than fifty quarters: Mary Townsend, Eric White, Suzanne Biddles and Laura Ivey from Western Australia; Matthew Sorrell and Theresa Rice from Washington Cathedral. Congratulations to them.

The accompanying table shows the numbers of peals and quarter peals recorded as having been rung in the respective countries during the year. Against each country, the recorded figures have been amended (shown in brackets) to take account of late entries which appeared after the 1993 report was completed. The summation of the 1994 performances include those published in *The Ringing World* up to and including issue No. 4378, *Ringing Towers* to issue No. 29/1 and the *Clapper* to Vol. 22/1.

In all areas there were probably some quarters rung and never recorded, hence emphasising only numbers recorded were taken into the statistics.

Significant differences in figures between 1994 and 1993 show that:

Australia - 26 more peals were rung in 1994, but were down 17 with quarter peals

Canada had 8 more peals

New Zealand - no peals, but were up on quarter peals by 26

South Africa were down on peals by 7

USA had 14 more peals, but dropped by 65 in the quarters range

Zimbabwe - no peals and 4 fewer quarters

Parktown, Johannesburg, South Africa reached the 50th peal mark for their tower, being the first tower in Africa to do so. They also completed the 'Standard 8', with a peal of London Surprise Major.

During the year, St Mary's Basilica, Sydney, passed the 100th peal mark, as well as the 500th quarter peal, which covered a period of 150 years.

A record peal of 17,280 Spliced Surprise major in 7 methods was rung at St Cuthbert's, Prospect SA on 6 June in 9 hours and 25 minutes. The peal was composed by A J Pitman and James Smith and conducted by Bill Perrins. Included was Prospect Surprise Major, which had not previously been rung.

The Versonese Association (ASCSV) is not among the great peal ringing societies, but this year two were scored. Giancarlo Gommasi rang the tenor to a quarter peal of Plain Bob Caters at St Matthias, Malvern Link. The first peal to be rung for ASCSV, Plain Bob Royal, was rung on the same bells - it was also the first peal on the new ten. A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was also rung on the newly augmented light ring at 49 Green Lane, Malvern Wells on 12 October. The first tower bell quarter peal to be rung in Italy was rung by five visitors and one Italian - a handbell quarter peal was rung a few years ago in Gardo.

Bob Verrey of Honolulu rang in his first peal at his home tower to Grandsire Triples. He is the first Hawaiian to score a peal.

Progress in change ringing at St George's Cathedral, Grahamstown, SA shows that since the bells were rehung, five quarter peals have been rung which included six who had learned to ring during the year, as well as some of the established ringers.

A number of methods were rung for the first time in Australia and America. They included - peals:

Groton Caters at Groton School, USA

Charleston Surprise Major at Charleston, USA

Raleigh Delight Major at Raleigh, USA
Melrose Surprise Major at Brewster, USA
Vancouver Surprise Major at Vancouver, BC
Manley Surprise Major at St Philips, Church Hill, NSW

Selby Surprise Royal at St Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, NSW (1st by all of the band)

Bellerophon Surprise Major at St Mary's Basilica, Sydney (1st in method for ANZAB)

Nevertire Surprise Major by St Mary's, Sydney

Prospect Surprise Major (included in record Peal at St Cuthbert's, Prospect, S Australia) and quarter peals

Brimmer Delight Major at Boston USA

St Martin's Triples, Philadelphia. (1st in America and for all the band)

McKillop Delight Major at St Mary's Basilica, Sydney, NSW and followed by a peal in the method at Darling Point, NSW

As well as first in the methods, several peals in different surprise methods mainly of major were rung to peals.

Tours

The 'Hapless' tour of Australian ringers took place in Tasmania, but a smaller number compared with previous tours took part. Consequently, pre-arranged peals had to be abandoned since some of those who were to take part in the attempts were stranded by floods.

A party from St Mary's Basilica, Sydney, with friends went on their outing to Goulburn and Yass, where they rang five quarter peals.

Melbourne and Geelong ringers enjoyed a weekend's outing to Beechworth in November.

Bob and Ruth Smith's touring party went to Australia and the highlight was the visit to Beechworth to help some keen youngsters with bell handling and to join the locals for ringing. The first quarter peal on the bells was successful and included two of the locals.

The Holy Rosary Cathedral, Vancouver ringers, accompanied by Lynn Kodrich, had an enjoyable week in Hawaii assisting the Honolulu St Andrew's ringers to make further progress. In reverse, a 'return' visit was made by Bob and Pam Verrey and family to Vancouver, who were joined by ringers from Victoria. It was

Summary of the total of recorded peals and quarter peals rung in 1994 (as recorded up to 24 March 1995)

Country	PEALS			Leading Tower	QUARTER PEALS			
	Tower Bells	Hand Bells	Total		Tower Bells	Hand Bells	Total	Leading Tower
Australia	(43) 68	(2) 3	(45) 71	St Mary Sydney (20)	(283) 272	(20) 8	(303) 280	Perth (62)
Canada	(2) 10	- -	(2) 10	Victoria (3)	(7) 8	(6) 1	(13) 9	Victoria (4)
Kenya	(1) 1 UK	- -	(1) 1 UK		- -	- -	- -	
New Zealand	(1) -	- -	(1) -		(48) 72	- 2	(48) 74	Auckland (31)
South Africa	(11) 4	- -	(11) 4	Park Town (4)	(9) 12	- -	(9) 12	Grahamstown (5)
USA	(41) 55	(9) 2	(50) 57	Kalamazoo (8T)	(160) 112	(34) 17	(194) 129	Washington Cath (28T) Ithaca (6H)
Zimbabwe	(2) -	(1) -	(3) -	Italy (2T) Singapore (1)	(7) 3	- -	(7) 3	Harare (3)
Others	2 in UK for Verona	1 in Singa- pore	3	Italy (2T) Singapore (1)	- -	3	3	1 each Egypt Italy & Bay of Biscay

an internationally flavoured gathering and included ringers from Australia and the UK.

Bruce and Eileen Butler organised a tour for American ringers to East Anglia in the UK. They rang at 99 towers in 14 days. Unfortunately, tower number 100 was a 'lock out'!

St James's Guild, led by Alan Regin, toured America in January during which they rang thirteen peals. During the peal at Charleston, closed circuit television was used for the benefit of the continuous stream of visitors to the church!

Colin Turner led a party from the UK on a tour of the USA and scored a number of peals.

A Stedman method party in the charge of John Pladdys visited Canada and the USA and rang eleven peals.

Bob Cater brought a party of ringers and friends from the UK to Canada and the USA in July. Later, Jim Hedgecock's party were in America, whilst Paul Harden's party concentrated on Canada.

The annual visit by North American Guild members was made to Quebec for ringing at both the Cathedral and the Bibliotheque.

The Whitechapel Guild of Washington National Cathedral School held their annual outing in April and visited Charleston, Princess Anne and Raleigh. Rick Dirksen gave a talk on ringing at Princess Anne, which was illustrated by the Guild's demonstration of Plain Hunt on eight handbells. They rang for service at St Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Tina Stoecklin was sponsored by her university in the UK to spend six months in Africa to 'soak up aspects of local ringing'. Her two months in Kilifi, Kenya, were well spent, much to the benefit of the St Thomas's Church ringers, who later came to the UK on the visit organised by D Paul Smith and Deborah Blagden, and well supported by many ringing friends. The visitors obtained a lot of experience in ringing at the several towers arranged for them. They in turn entertained the hosts with their marvellous singing. It was a thrilling experience for both visitors and visited. On their return to Kenya, David Shaha wrote to *The Ringing World* to thank the UK ringers for the wonderful reception his ringers were accorded, about the benefits gained in the UK and expressed his hopes for scoring their first peal in 1995. As a result of the experience, more ringers are being recruited to the Kilifi band.

The Zimbabwe Guild has issued a most useful 4-page A5 leaflet for visitors, which provides information about the two rings of bells and ringing at them, places to stay, a brief account of the country and the average monthly temperatures and rainfall throughout the year.

In August, the Young Italians visited South Wales (featured on front page of 4.11.94 RW), as part of the ongoing youth exchanges. From the reports which have come back to us, they had a wonderful time and look forward to the 1995 visit to Italy.

Miscellaneous

Australia: the bush fires came very close to 'ringing' early in the year but, thankfully, a change of wind direction saved a tower and a number of ringers' homes from injury.

David Knewstubb wrote an interesting article in "Ringing Towers" under the title 'Digging up the Past in Perth'. It emphasised the work of Laith Reynolds in having rings installed in Australia and Honolulu and of his ambitions for Singapore.

During her visit to the UK, Mary Townsend rang in a peal especially arranged for her at Loughborough Bell Foundry.

Obituary

Reginald Tipler

A tragic accident at his home two years ago from which he never recovered, brought to an end the life of a very popular man who was widely known for his entertainment skills and his presentation of a unique collection of slides and films to a wide variety of audiences. For 20 years he was a member of the baritone section of the Earl Shilton Male Voice Choir under the writer's conductorship.

His ringing tuition was under the instruction of Dick Belton's "Ringing School" at Barwell in the 1930s and after service in the forces, attached himself to the Stoney Stanton belfry, from which village he married Ellen, and for several years was a member of their band. He rang six peals one of which in 1947 is recorded on one of Harry Webb's lovely peal tablets in slate in Barwell belfry.

His profession was in photography. He died at the age of 82 and his wife predeceased him.

THOMAS C. BELTON.

Brian Blackshaw

It was with shock and great sadness that we learned of the untimely passing of Brian Blackshaw of Cape Town and Durban, South Africa, (formerly of Worsley, Greater Manchester).

Brian came to ringing in middle age, as a result of an appeal in 1987 to the members of St Paul's Church, Durban for bellringers. He soon became totally dedicated to ringing and was a great asset to the Durban Guild. He was a member of the Sunday service band for several years and being a committed Christian, ringing for service was a great joy to him. He also loved to ring for weddings which were a frequent occurrence at St Paul's.

Brian worked for a clothing company and was able to arrange for the making and screen printing of shirts for the Durban Guild. The shirts bore the symbols of St Paul's and St Mary's Churches and contributed enormously to the awareness by the Durban public of the existence and activities of the guild. He also repainted the ringing chamber at St Paul's, and installed new windows containing transfers of medieval figures. The latter gave the appearance of stained glass windows which

Ted Klupp of Maryborough uncovered interesting correspondence about the advice given by St Philip's, Sydney, when consideration was being given to the installation of the bells in his own tower, St Paul's, Maryborough. Copies were exhibited in the International Display at Stafford.

New Zealand

George Armitage is believed to be the oldest ringer in Australasia and rang in a quarter peal to mark his 90th birthday. George learned to ring in the late '60s and is a strong supporter of Papanui and Christ Church.

Julian Stone of Durleigh, Devon, and formerly attached to Auckland, went to New Zealand with Kerry Ellis on holiday and they were married near the summit of One Tree Hill. Two quarter peals were rung in New Zealand and one at Julian's home tower to mark the event.

were frequently admired by visiting ringers. Brian also provided a new carpet for the ringing chamber at St Paul's, and individual mats for both towers.

When the South African Guild was formed in Grahamstown in 1988, Brian became its first Secretary/Treasurer, a post which he held for two years and which he filled capably and conscientiously. The "Belgotex Shield", awarded at the annual SA Guild Striking Competition, was donated by Belgotex Carpets, a Pietermaritzburg company, as a result of Brian's efforts, and will form a lasting memorial to him.

The last few years of Brian's life were marred by his having to seek work further and further away from his home in Durban, culminating in his moving to Cape Town about three years ago. His wife, Angela, sadly became ill over the last two years and passed away at her daughter's home in High Wycombe in January. Brian was able to be with her, but tragically he was already terminally ill and only survived her by two months.

A peal of 4-spliced Surprise maximus was rung at Reading as a tribute to Brian by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the band containing Alan Regin who stayed at Brian's home during his first visit to South Africa in 1989. Quarter peals were rung at Priston, Avon and in Durban.

Brian was a very gentle, unassuming person, who in his short ringing career made a significant contribution to the Exercise in South Africa. May he rest in peace.

JANE AND ERIC WEBSTER

Frank Reed – a tribute

I first met Frank fifty years ago when we were both beginners in South Yorkshire and for a couple of years in the mid-forties we rang together two or three times each week. He rang his first peal at Bentley in 1945 (called by Eric Critchley) and he called my first peal in 1946 and rang the tenor to my first peal of Major the same year – also called by Eric. In those early days Frank was noted for his keenness and enthusiasm and he had lost none of this when our paths crossed again at an R.A.F. Guild meeting at Stowmarket after a gap of thirty five years. However he had gradually transferred his allegiance from peal ringing to the pursuit of new towers and so it was my wife Paddy and my three daughters who rang with him more than myself during recent years.

Frank joined the Royal Air Force as a regular, whereas I waited almost until the men in white caps came for me. Coincidentally we both had our first taste of foreign service here in Suffolk and Frank rang his first peal of Surprise at St. Mary-le-Tower – called by Sylvia Pipe who also called his first of D.N.C.B. Major at Framdsen. He rang in the first peal of Bob Caters for the Suffolk Guild (a great talking point at the time) and would have completed 50 years membership of the Guild next year. He had just come up to the fifty year mark for the Yorkshire Association. I believe our last peal together was one of seven-Minor at his home tower of Barnby Dun which Frank called from the treble – forty four years ago.

My youngest daughter Deborah attended Frank's funeral at Barnby Dun and represented our family. A memorial peal was rung by the Suffolk Guild at Monewden called by the Master.

J. MARTIN THORLEY

131x/c/f/e/j	Way	131x/c/g/e/j	Wye
131x/c/h/e/j	Yeo	131x/f/g/e/j	Adur
131x/f/h/e/j	Aire	131x/g/h/e/j	Arun
131x/c/f/g/e/j	Avon	131x/c/f/h/e/j	Bure
131x/c/g/h/e/j	Cole	131x/f/g/h/e/j	Coin
131x/c/f/g/h/e/j	Dart		
131x/c/f/p/j	Dove	131x/c/g/p/j	Eden
131x/c/h/p/j	Lune	131x/f/g/p/j	Mole
131x/f/h/p/j	Naze	131x/g/h/p/j	Ouse
131x/c/f/g/p/j	Rede	131x/c/f/h/p/j	Tees
131x/c/g/h/p/j	Test	131x/f/g/h/p/j	Tyne
131x/c/f/g/h/p/j	Wear		
131x/c/f/q/j	Yare	131x/c/g/q/j	Nidd
131x/c/h/q/j	Brent	131x/f/g/q/j	Camel
131x/f/h/q/j	Frome	131x/g/h/q/j	Otter
131x/c/f/g/q/j	Sheaf	131x/c/f/h/q/j	Stour
131x/c/g/h/q/j	Swale	131x/f/g/h/q/j	Tamar
131x/c/f/g/h/q/j	Teign		
131x/c/f/p/q/j	Calder	131x/c/g/p/q/j	Coquet
131x/c/h/p/q/j	Crouch	131x/f/g/p/q/j	Hamble
131x/f/h/p/q/j	Humber	131x/g/h/p/q/j	Inwell
131x/c/f/g/p/q/j	Kennet	131x/c/f/h/p/q/j	Loddon
131x/c/g/h/p/q/j	Medina	131x/f/g/h/p/q/j	Medway
131x/c/f/g/h/p/q/j	Mersey		

D. E. POMEROY.

Doubles Variations Named

The following variations have been rung to quarter peals at Church Gresley and named as shown:

6.11.94	Paulet Doubles	178y/bu
19.11.94	Henhurst Doubles	180w/bu
20.11.94	Shobnall Doubles	180y/bu
27.11.94	Lismore Doubles	159hn
13.12.94	Gruinard Doubles	175hn (calling '6')
18.12.94	Yuletide Doubles	184y/zy
24.12.94	Nativity Doubles	184u/zy

The zy call does not appear to have been used previously and we would like to refer to it as a YULETIDE OMIT. It is used in extents of Wollaton Doubles in place of two plain leads sixty changes apart and has the effect of a single by switching the hunt bells (2 & 5 in example), the 'up' - four blows behind - bell (4 in example) being unaffected and used as a guide to placing the omits in the composition BPBOBP x2, and transpositions, i.e.

	34152	
	31452	
	13542	
	15324	
	51324	
	53124	
	(3 is 'half hunt')	
8.1.95	New Year Doubles	184x/zy
15.1.95	Cursley Doubles	184u/bu
22.1.95	Shiant Doubles	169hn
29.1.95	Fladda Doubles	184hn/zy
5.2.95	Albion Doubles	184y/bu

Also at Rangemore, Staffs:

1.2.95	Rangemore Doubles	182u/bu
and at Burton, St Modwen:		
2.2.95	Callingwood Doubles	182w/bu

DEREK P. JONES.

If at first...

Plan A had been to go for quarters at two of Wiltshire's more challenging rings of 8. But one of them proved not to be available, and it was time for plan B - a bid at short notice for another, handier, ring, and the possibility of a more adventurous choice of method.

Once this had been clarified as a request not for a peal - 'no way' - but for a quarter, it transpired that there was a wedding and would we like to ring for it? Cue plan C - in other words. Yet more Grandsire, the conductor taking a characteristically gloomy view of problems (there weren't any) with a gallery ringing chamber and a wedding congregation.

But no-one seemed to mind. Tea 'n' biscuits helped, perhaps. As someone said "If we had gone for a peal we might have rung more of the stuff and lost it. Come home with nothing and missed out on tea!"

R W W

Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts. (Christ Church) 25 Feb, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Ted Goater 1, Robin Stubbs 2, Geoff Carter 3, Paul Clewett 4, Molly Waterson 5, Maggie Willans 6, William Willans (C) 7, Charles Wainwright 8. Wedding ringing duty.

North Bradley, Wilts. 25 Feb, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Charles Wainwright 1, Paul Clewett 2, Geoff Carter 3, Molly Waterson 4, Maggie Willans 5, Ted Goater 6, William Willans (comp & C) 7, Robin Stubbs 8.

Alresford Deanery Outing

On Saturday Feb 25th ringers from New and Old Alresford and Ropley with friends from Winchester, Romsey and Steep set out for Somerset. The day was to turn out to be a glorious sunny day with only a short shower at lunchtime. We arrived at our first tower Wincanton, thirty minutes early. One lady was having withdrawal symptoms for plain chocolate 'hobnobs', so she set off for a shop. Wincanton, 8 bells, tenor 15cwt is a groundfloor ring with yellow and green sallies. As ringing started the 'hobnob' lady got back with her booty. Each tower was run by a different ringer so all standards were catered for. Second tower was Henstridge 6, 20cwt. Practice night at Ropley saw a young lady turning in the tenor to Bob Minor, so I asked her if she would like to do it at Hanstridge. She agreed. We failed to tell her that she had to start pulling up as she got to seconds place. If not, then the bell goes on down to minus 'X' place. I am not too popular with her at the moment. If looks can kill, I'm dead. We have a photo to show what happened. Tower before lunch was Yeovil, 10, 40cwt. Some nice Stedman was rung. Yours truly failed to pull off the tenor in rounds, much to the delight of the aforesaid young lady. Again there is photographic evidence. After lunch we were met by a 92 year old ringer, who at 90 rang a peal, at Hardington Mandeville, 8, 8cwt. These lighter bells were put to good use by the youngsters of the outing. The tower before tea was Stoke-sub-Hamdon, 6, 17cwt. These bells sounded very mellow. Personally I found the church more interesting than the bells. So much to look at. There was a lot of Norman work, with unblocked Norman windows being shown in both north and south walls. A roof of great age. So many different styles. Next stop was on the A303 near Sparkford for tea in a service cafe. This had been arranged sometime before by the organiser. Our arrival did nothing to excite the manager. I hope she did not look at the milk, I'm sure it would have turned sour. After tea we went to Queen Camel, 6, 36cwt. For me, at last! I've wanted to ring here for years. Ringing up was interesting as we had to have two pulling up both five and six. Some found these bells too much and had trouble. The biggest problem was most wanted to go too fast. I enjoyed ringing down the tenor. Last tower was South Cadbury, 6, 14cwt. Again another fine ring of bells. The last touch of the day was Old Alresford Doubles rung by Ropley and Old Alresford ringers. The local landlord had a shock to see nearly forty ringers coming for a drink. He did good trade as the beer was very good. Thanks were given to John and Jackie Davis for organising the outing and many hoped they would do another one to Somerset next year.

Seven in a Day

February 25th

Hardwicke, Bucks. 1296 Surprise Minor (York/Durham): Michael Edwards 1, Jeni Dodds 2, Janet Edwards 3, Roger Butt 4, Adrian Malton (C) 5, Angus Dodds 6.

Whitchurch, Bucks. 1272 Ipswich S Minor: Jeni Dodds 1, Janet Edwards 2, Roger Butt 3, Angus Dodds 4, Michael Edwards 5, Adrian Malton (C) 6.

North Marston, Bucks. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Edwards 1, Jeni Dodds 2, Adrian Malton (C) 3, Roger Butt 4, Angus Dodds 5, Michael Edwards 6.

Mursley, Bucks. 1296 Carlisle S Minor: Michael Edwards 1, Roger Butt 2, Janet Edwards 3, Jeni Dodds 4, Adrian Malton (C) 5, Angus Dodds 6. 1st in m: 3.4.

Swanbourne, Bucks. 1320 Norwich S Minor: Janet Edwards 1, Jeni Dodds 2, Roger Butt 3, Angus Dodds 4, Michael Edwards 5, Adrian Malton (C) 6.

Little Horwood, Bucks. 1260 Doubles (4m): Adrian Malton (C) 1, Jeni Dodds 2, Michael Edwards 3, Roger Butt 4, Angus Dodds 5.

Padbury, Bucks. 1440 Spl S Minor (10m): Michael Edwards 1, Janet Edwards (most m) 2, Jeni Dodds 3, Roger Butt 4, Angus Dodds 5, Adrian Malton (C) 6. £5

Three in Oxfordshire

Witney. 4 Mar, 1280 P B Major: Desmond Mayell 1, Rowena Marshall 2, Jeni Dodds 3, Ashley Chaloner (1st on 8) 4, Roger Butt 5, Adrian Malton (C) 6, Angus Dodds 7, Anthony Cole 8.

Buckland. 1260 Grandsire Triples: Roger Butt 1, Angus Dodds 2, Desmond Mayell 3, Ashley Chaloner (1st in m) 4, Jeni Dodds 5, Anthony Cole 6, Adrian Malton (C) 7, Rowena Marshall 8.

Stanford-in-the-Vale. 1280 Cambridge S Major: Adrian Malton (C) 1, Ashley Chaloner (1st S Major) 2, Jeni Dodds 3, Roger Butt 4, Rowena Marshall 5, Desmond Mayell 6, Anthony Cole 7, Angus Dodds 8. £2.50

Eight in February

Batheaston, Avon. 2 Feb, 1280 Bristol S Major: Linda Drew 1, Michael Stubbs 2, Andrew Ward 3, Sheila Matthews 4, David Floyd 5, Michael Powell 6, Gerald Skelly (1st in m) 7, Robert Perry (C) 8.

North Nibley, Glos. 9 Feb, 1272 Ipswich S Minor: Linda Drew 1, Sheila Matthews 2, Andrew Ward 3, Gerald Skelly 4, Michael Powell 5, David Floyd (C) 6.

Pitney, Som. 12 Feb, 1260 St. Nicholas Doubles: Linda Drew 1, Yvonne Nicholls 2, Sheila Matthews 3, Gerald Skelly 4, Robert Perry (C) 5.

Leigh on Mendip, Som. 23 Feb, 1272 Old Lincoln S Minor: Linda Drew 1, Sheila Matthews 2, Michael Powell 3, David Lloyd 4, Gerald Skelly 5, Robert Perry (C) 6.

Puckington, Som. 25 Feb, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Linda Drew (C) 1, Sheila Matthews 2, Robert Perry 3, Gerald Skelly 4, Terry Spearing 5, Michael Powell 6.

Buckland St Mary, Som. 25 Feb, 1320 London S Minor: Linda Drew 1, Sheila Matthews 2, Terry Spearing 3, Michael Powell 4, Gerald Skelly 5, Robert Perry (C) 6.

Halse, Som. 25 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: Linda Drew 1, Sheila Matthews 2, John Cornelius 3, Michael Powell 4, Robert Perry 5, Gerald Skelly (C) 6.

Sampford Arundel, Som. 25 Feb, 1272 Norwich S Minor: John Cornelius 1, Sheila Matthews 2, Linda Drew 3, Robert Perry 4, Gerald Skelly 5, Michael Powell (C) 6. £2.50

Glasgow in North Lancs

An early start from Scotland and ten Glasgow and two Edinburgh ringers set out for a quarter peal day in Cumbria and North Lancashire. Joining up with our old friend Norman Chaddock a total of seven quarters were rung, with only one failure, some good ringing and a few firsts. A visit to Morecambe to finish an enjoyable day and our thanks to the towers for letting us ring on their bells. £5

Shap, Cumbria. 18 Feb, 1260 P B Minor: Liz York 1, Rose Hancock 2, Kate Guest 3, Sylvia Dick 4, Heather Preece 5, Oliver Coldrick (C) 6. 1st Q outside Scotland: 4.5.

Sedburgh, Cumbria. 1320 Kent T B Minor: Bev Ouzman 1, Helen Brotherton 2, Kate Weston (1st in m) 3, Terry Williams 4, Robert Hancock (C) 5, William Brotherton 6.

Milnthorpe, Cumbria. 1260 Single Oxford Minor: Norman Chaddock 1, Sylvia Dick (1st in m) 2, Rose Hancock 3, Helen Brotherton 4, Terry Williams 5, Robert Hancock (C) 6.

Heversham, Cumbria. 1250 Cambridge S Minor: Kate Weston 1, Heather Preece (1st C) 2, Liz York 3, Bev Ouzman 4, Oliver Coldrick 5, William Brotherton (C) 6.

Burton in Kendal, Cumbria. 1272 Norwich S Minor: Norman Chaddock 1, Bev Ouzman 2, Liz York (1st in m) 3, William Brotherton 4, Helen Brotherton 5, Oliver Coldrick (C) 6.

Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria. 1260 P B Minor: Rose Hancock 1, Sylvia Dick 2, Heather Preece 3, Kate Weston 4, Terry Williams 5, Robert Hancock (C) 6.

Hornby, Lancs. 1344 P B Major: Helen Brotherton 1, Kate Weston 2, Heather Preece 3, Norman Chaddock 4, Kate Guest 5, Terry Williams 6, Andrew White 7, Oliver Coldrick (C) 8.

Bedford District Quarter Peel Day

The annual District quarter peel day was held on Saturday 4th March, a brilliantly sunny but cold day with the previous Thursday's snow still on the ground. In all, twelve quarter peals attempted with nine being brought round successfully. This year there were only five 'first' (compared to last year's 10). There would have been several more but for failed attempts at Bromham (Yorkshire S Major) and Kempston (Plain Bob Royal). In the event, 6 of the Kempston who did not have to leave to ring elsewhere, completed a quarter of Cambridge Minor on the front six. An attempted quarter of Plain Bob Doubles by the local band at Biddenham was also unsuccessful. The day was completed with an hour of general ringing at Biddenham followed by shepherds pie and beer at the Three Tuns. Thanks are again due to District Secretary Edwin Lambert for making many of the arrangements, to the various incumbents for use of the bells and to the forty or so ringers who took part, particularly those from the Peterborough Guild who rang at Harrold.

M.D.B.

Bedford, Beds. (St Peter de Merton) 1260 P B Doubles: Ann Desics 1, Samantha Diemer (1st inside) 2, Andrew Desics 3, David Cowley 4, Robert Desics (C) 5, Richard Entwistle 6.

Carlton, Beds. 1300 Grandsire Doubles: Martin Barratt 1, Lorraine Andrews 2, Mike Neale (1st in m as C) 3, Lin Barratt 4, Owen Davis 5.

Elstow, Beds. 1320 P B Minor: David Cowley 1, Ann Desics 2, Susan Entwistle 3, Andrew Desics 4, Robert Desics 5, Richard Entwistle (C) 6.

Goldington, Beds. 1260 St Clements B Minor: Eric Headleand 1, Ann Fletcher 2, Jennie Thompson 3, Douglas Taylor (1st in m) 4, Andrew Spencer 5, Roy Spencer (C) 6.

Harrold, Beds. 1260 P B Minor: Rod Walker 1, Ian Tear 2, Jenny Thompson 3, Ken Wildman 4, Timothy Samson 5, Paul Mason (C) 6.

Kempston, Beds. 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Martin Barratt 1, Jonathan Pawley 2, Ann Izzard 3, Derek Hammond 4, David Potts 5, Andrew Spencer (C) 6.

Oakley, Beds. 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Desics 1, Susan Entwistle 2, Andrew Desics 3, Robert Desics 4, Richard Entwistle (C) 5, David Cowley 6.

Renhold, Beds. 1260 P B Doubles: Mike Neale 1, Lorraine Andrews 2, David Jones 3, Eric Headleand (1st in m) 4, John Hass (C) 5, Edwin Lambert 6.

Stevington, Beds. 1260 P B Doubles: Rosemary Maclaine (1st without cover) 1, Mike Neale 2, David Jones 3, Richard Hillson 4, Patrick Albon (C) 5. £6

Anstey, Leics. 22 Feb, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Marion Pegge 1, W J Thornton 2, D Akers 3, N Kingdon 4, C Newman 5, G B Brown (C) 6. Also 8 Mar, 1312 P B Major: M Pendery 1, D Akers 2, Marion Pegge 3, K Hudson 4, W J Thornton 5, C Newman 6, F W Fisher 7, G B Brown (C) 8. £2.60

Ashbourne, Derbys. 28 Feb, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Pat Halls 1, Andrew Burns (1st in m) 2, Rev David Sansum 3, Maurice Starkey 4, Brian Tomlinson 5, Gordon Halls 6, John Heaton (C) 7, Peter Taylor 8. On Shrove Tuesday prior to the start of play the game of 'Royal Shrovetide Football'. Also 1 Mar, 1260 P B Triples: Jackie Burns 1, Andrew Burns 2, Alison Ashton 3, Richard Barnett 4, Rev David Sansum 5, Steven Alliss 6, Maurice Starkey (C) 7, Keith Woolley 8. On Ash Wednesday during the game of Royal Shrovetide Football. £3.50

Barton Seagrave, Northants. 20 Feb, 1260 Doubles (11m): Jane Sibson 1, Jean Aldwinckle 2, Michael Downham 3, Richard Hall 4, William Hulme (C) 5. To congratulate Dr Nicola Sibson on gaining her PhD. Also 27 Feb, 1260 Doubles (11m): Jean Aldwinckle 1, Michael Downham 2, Richard Hall 3, Richard Sharman 4, William Hulme (C) 5. To commemorate George Hubert, Priest, Pastor and Poet 1633. £1

Brecon, Brecknock. (St Mary) 5 Feb, 1296 L B Major: Mary Richards 1, Kathleen Johnson 2, Laetitia Jack 3, Anne Kleiser 4, Paul Johnson 5,

Robert Johnson 6, Philip Saunders 7, Malcolm Johns (C) 8. For Evensong on the Feast of St Agatha. Also 12 Feb, 1260 P B Doubles: John Trimm 1, Mary Richards 2, Vivienne Williams 3, Lloyd Evans 4, Malcolm Johns (C) 5, Rev Ben Baker 6. For Evensong. Also 19 Feb, 1316 Grandsire Triples: Mary Richards 1, Kathleen Johnson 2, Anne Kleiser 3, Robert Johnson 4, Philip Saunders 5, Paul Johnson 6, Malcolm Johns (C) 7, Richard Wheeler 8. For Evensong. Also 26 Feb, 1272 Hexham S Minor: Mary Richards 1, Kathleen Johnson 2, Anne Kleiser 3, Robert Johnson (C) 4, Malcolm Johns 5, Paul Johnson 6. 1st in m for all. For Evensong. £2.80

Burton upon Trent, Staffs. (St Modwen) 8 Jan, 1260 Doubles (2m/1p): Noreen Atkinson 1, Suzanne Alliss 2, Jane Hall 3, Stephen Alliss 4, Michael Webster (C) 5. Also 5 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m/1p): Noreen Atkinson 1, Suzanne Alliss 2, Jane Hall 3, Michael Webster 4, Stephen Alliss (C) 5. Also 2 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jackie Burns 1, Noreen Atkinson 2, Maurice Starkey 3, Derek Jones (C) 4, Andrew Burns 5, Stephen Alliss 6, Liam Devine 7, Michael Webster 8. £3.60

Burton upon Trent, Staffs. (St Paul) 2 Jan, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Suzanne Alliss 1, Noreen Atkinson 2, Derek Jones (C) 3, Jane Hall 4, John Cater 5, Tom Ridgman 6, Michael Webster 7, Stephen Alliss 8. Also 25 Jan, 1260 P B Minor: Alison Ashton 1, Noreen Atkinson 2, Richard Barnett 3, Derek Jones (C) 4, Stephen Alliss 5, Michael Webster 6. For the Patronal Festival. £2.80

Cambridge, Cambs. (12 Victoria St) 24 Feb, 1312 Kent T B Major: A P Shepherd 1-2, A E Holroyd 3-4, M C Liebenrood (C) 5-6, C N Sheasby (1st in hand) 7-8. Also 28 Feb, 1360 Kent T B Royal: A P Shepherd 1-2, C Berridge 3-4, M C Liebenrood (C) 5-6, A E Holroyd 7-8, C N Sheasby (1st on 10 in hand) 9-10. £1.80

Clapham, London SW8. (Holy Trinity) 28 Feb, 1272 London S Minor: Rachel Billinge 1, Stella Shell (1st in m) 2, Ruth Simon 3, F Milner 4, J Ingham 5, N Simon (C) 6. Also 5 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Madeleine Johnston 1, N Simon 2, Ruth Simon 3, P Jefferson (1st P B) 4, J Ingham 5, Marian Prideaux 6. £3.60

Church Gresley, Derbys. 11 Feb, 1320 Anderstaff Doubles: K E Ballington 1, D P Jones (C) 2, J A Cater 3, T Ridgman 4, Anne Yates 5, K M Pollock 6. 1st Q in v 184x/bu. For the wedding blessing of Thomas & Sonia Clarke. Also 12 Feb, 1320 Garvellachs Doubles: W G Hair 1, D Spencer 2, S Hale 3, D P Jones (C) 4, K E Ballington 5, A Lager 6. 1st Q in v 173hn. For Evensong. Also 14 Feb, 1272 Merton D Minor: W G Hair 1, C T Collins 2, C Williams 3, R M Barnett 4, D P Jones (C) 5, S Hale 6. 1st Q in m by all except C & on bells. Also 18 Feb, 1272 Spl S Minor (Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet): S P Ferguson 1, D P Jones 2, J A Cater 3, T Ridgman (1st spl S inside) 4, Anne Yates 5, A Rowe (C) 6. Also 19 Feb, 1320 Indigo Doubles: A Eedy 1, W G Hair 2, K E Ballington 3, D P Jones (C) 4, M Webster 5, K M Pollock 6. For Evensong & as a compliment to Angela Lager on her 51st birthday (this v 180y/vm was first rung for her 50th). Also 21 Feb, 1272 College Bob IV D Minor: W G Hair 1, D E Pomeroy 2, D P Jones (C) 3, C T Collins 4, D Spencer 5, K E Ballington 6. 1st Q in m by all except C & on bells. Also 26 Feb, 1320 Sandray Doubles: W G Hair 1, D Spencer 2, D P Jones (C) 3, S Hale 4, M Webster 5, A Lager 6. 1st Q in v 176hn. For Praise Evening. Also 28 Feb, 1272 St Albans D Minor: W G Hair 1, C T Collins 2, D P Jones (C) 3, S Hale 4, D Spencer 5, K E Ballington 6. 1st blows in m by all except C & on bells. £9

East Grinstead, Sussex. 1 Mar, 1272 Cambridge/Kent T B Minor: Catherine Gardner 1, Vanessa Mitchell 2, Ann Smith 3, Betty Green 4, M P Howard 5, I V J Smith (C) 6. For Ash Wednesday service. Also 5 Mar, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Catherine Gardner 1, Margaret Large 2, R J Everest 3, Betty Green 4, Vanessa Mitchell 5, J R Palmer 6, P V W Feast 7, M P Howard (C) 8. £2

Fobbing, Essex. 12 Feb, 1260 Doubles (11m): Peter Craggs 1, David Belcham 2, Clive Garraway 3, Dennis Stott 4, Gordon Lucas (C) 5. Also 1260 Grandsire Triples: G Lucas 1, Joyce Bills 2, Richard Dunhill 3, D Stott 4, C Garraway 5, D Belcham 6, Michael Hallett (C) 7, Jeffery Bills 8. Also 19 Feb, 1272 Single Court Minimus: P Craggs 1, G Lucas (C) 2, C Garraway 3, D Stott 4. Also 26 Feb, 1344 Tarrant T B Minimus: G Lucas (C) 1, D Belcham 2, C Garraway 3, D Stott 4. 1st in m by all. Also 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce Bills 1, G Lucas 2, Jeffery Bills 3, C Garraway (150th Q on the bells) 4, Julie Pye 5, Andrew Martin 6, D Belcham (C) 7, M Hallett 8. £3.50

Great Totham, Essex. 4 Mar, 1440 Treble Dodging Minor (60m): Mary Roast 1, Edwin Parsons 2, Tony Spurgeon 3, George Hull 4, Joe Roast (C) 5, Patrick Saltmarsh 6. 100th together: 2,6. 25th together: 1,2. 50th together: 2,3. Also 5 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Roger Clark 1, Edwin Parsons (C) 2, David Barclay 3, Janet Edwards 4, Michael Edwards 5, Bernard Taplin 6. For Evensong and as thanksgiving for the life of Peter J Came (1934-1995). £2

Hexham, Northumb. 3 Feb, 1260 P B Triples: Jane Kysow 1, Anne Davies 2, David Hewitt 3, David Edwick (1st triples inside) 4, Pat Sewell 5, David Horne 6, Clive Moon (C) 7, David Westgate 8. To celebrate Stan Hewitt's 80th birthday. Also 17 Feb, 1260 P B Doubles: Caroline Westgate (1st on treble) 1, Clive Moon (C) 2, Anne Davies 3, Jane Kysow 4, Bert Bradbury 5, Tom Westgate 6. To celebrate the engagement of Jo Westgate (daughter of 1, sister of 6) to Austin Winstanley. £2

Horsham, Sussex. 29 Jan, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Penny Groome 1, Joanne Bleach 2, Brenda Jones 3, Nicola Weeds 4, Jan Weeds 5, Margaret Thomas 6, C B Woodd 7, Jennifer Smith 8, D D Smith (C) 9, A A Jones 10. Also 19 Feb, 1296 P B Caters: Joan Peel 1, Penny Groome 2, Diane Wills 3, T Madigan (1st on 10) 4, Linda Etherington 5, R M Cox 6, C Chappell 7, M J Wake 8, S R T Pocock 9, P J Rebbeck 10. 1st in m: 2,3. £4

Kimpton, Herts. 26 Feb, 1312 Spl S Major (7m): Judith Titmus 1, Susan Newman 2, R R R Brown 3, Jennifer Johnson 4, A G G Smith 5, K Newman 6, R I Kendrick 7, R J Crocker (C) 8. Also 5 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: Les Weeks (1st away from cover) 1, Sue Hammond 2, Judith Titmus 3, Susan Newman 4, K Newman (C) 5, R E Titmus 6. £2

Llandaff, S Glam. (Cathedral) 12 Feb, 1299 Stedman Caters: Samantha Farrar 1, W J Goodfellow 2, S C Farrar 3, A S Baker 4, Anne Jones 5, R J Hall 6, J C Parker (C) 7, A C John 8, J A Vesey 9, M R Thomas 10. 1st in m: 1,3. For Choral Evensong and to welcome Emma Louise, daughter of Janet & Jon Fox and Lucy Elizabeth, daughter of Julian & Charlotte Atkins. Also 19 Feb, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Samantha Farrar 1, R E Hardy 2, M S Turner 3, R S Harpole 4, S C Farrar 5, Anne Jones 6, R J Hall 7, Jane Bull 8, J A Vesey (C) 9, A M Bull 10. 1st S Royal: 3,4,5,6,7. For Evensong. £2

Limpsfield Chart, Surrey. 23 Feb, 1260 Doubles (3m): Yvonne Hamilton-Smith 1, Margaret Boosey 2, Keith Matthews 3, Douglas Weeks 4, John Hall (C) 5, Lynda Boast (1st as cover) 6. For the service of welcome and licensing of the Reverend Martin Kelly. Also 5 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: John Hall 1, Margaret Boosey 2, Lynda Boast (1st inside) 3, Douglas Weeks 4, Keith Matthews (C) 5, Oliver Denniss 6. For Choral Evensong. £2.40

Newport, Gwent. 5 Feb, 1260 Stedman Triples: P S Bennett 1, B J Hayman 2, Barbara Jones 3, Hilary Brown 4, J W Lewis 5, A J Oldershaw 6, C D V Jones (C) 7, Stephanie Davies 8. For Evensong. Also 12 Feb, 1250 Rutland S Major: Barbara Jones 1, Hilary Brown 2, Rachel Jones 3, B J Hayman 4, P S Bennett (C) 5, J W Lewis 6, C D V Jones 7, A J Oldershaw 8. 1st R S Major: 3. For Evensong. Also 19 Feb, 1344 Spl S Major (CYNRPS): Stephanie Davies 1, Barbara Jones 2, M J Richardson 3, Hilary Brown 4, A Fawcett 5, A J Oldershaw 6, C D V Jones 7, P S Bennett (C) 8. Most S Major to Q: 2,3. For Evensong. Also 26 Feb, 1260 P B Doubles: Yvonne Forsey 1, Stephanie Davies 2, M J Richardson (C) 3, C J Aldridge 4, A J Oldershaw 5, Rev Canon Keith Denison 6. For Evensong. £3

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SMALL. To Rowena and Nicholas, a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, 8lb4oz, on Sunday 16th April; a sister for Katharine and Eleanor. 3095

Death

RICHARDSON. Alex, husband of Gladys and a much loved uncle, died 12th April 1995 at the Cavendish Hospital, Buxton, aged 81. A ringer at Fairfield for over 60 years. 3096

Personal

PETER "SIDNEY" BENNETT. Congratulations on your 1000 peals and with appreciation for all the help and encouragement you have given to others along the way. From the St Woolos Ringers. 3094

Changes of Address

BARNES. Phil, Liz and Ben have come back home at last! We now live at 2 Court Meadow, Old London Road, Wrotham, Sevenoaks, Kent TN15 7DP (01732 885443). You can write this one in INK! 3092
RON JOHNSTON would like all further correspondence sent to him at 123 The Close, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 2EY please. 3093

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Dedication

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. Guildsborough Branch. Dedication of two new bells. Cottesbrooke, Northants. by the Bishop of Brixworth, The Rt Rev Paul Barber MA. Service 11am, Sunday May 7th. Open ringing after service. Visitors welcome. 0666

Association Announcements

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. Bridgnorth District. Please note that the District Secretary is now Mr John Gilbert, The Croft, Eardington, Bridgnorth WV15 5LB. Telephone 01746 761795. Ad No 0647
K.C.A.C.R. Hon Gen Secretary. Following the KCACR AGM on Easter Monday, 17th April 1995, the new Hon Gen Secretary is Timothy (Tim) S. Wraight. Please address all future correspondence to 3 Hudson Close, Rainham, Gillingham, Kent ME8 0DE. Tel: Medway (01634) 233015. Ad No 0660
TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. Robert J. Perry, General Secretary, has moved to 11 Trevaylor Close, Truro, Cornwall TR1 1RP. Telephone (unchanged) (01872) 77117. Ad No 0640

Tower Announcements

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL. No practice Thurs May 11, due to a service taking place that evening. 4101
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL. Due to problems with the bellframe the back four bells are out of action for the foreseeable future. We shall at the present time ring the front six on Sundays at the normal times. For further information please contact the Secretary, Nigel I. Johnson 01543 415210. Ad No 4099

University Announcement

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS. AGM will take place at 4.00pm, Saturday 13th May 1995 at St Olave, Hart Street Church Hall. A Constitutional Amendment has been submitted for the meeting. 0643

Open Day

NORFOLK AND NORWICH. Sat 27th May. Details in RW issue of 12th May or ring Barbara Caffyn 01603 486883. 4097

Midweek Meetings and Practices

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. Notice of Practices (all 6.30pm): May 2 St Paul's Cathedral, May 9 Cornhill, May 16 Shoreditch, May 23 St Sepulchre, May 30 Cripplegate. Notice of Business Meeting: May 9, The Old Dr Butler's Head, Masons Avenue, London EC2 at 8.30pm. A.R.K. 0670
ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. Notice of Midlands Area Practice (7.30-9pm): St Martin's, Birmingham (16), Wed May 3 A.R.K. 0671
GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. Guildford District. May 5, Surprise Practice at St Nicolas, Guildford, 7.30-9pm. 0656
K.C.A.C.R. County Surprise Royal Practice at Maidstone on Wednesday May 10th, 7.30pm. Special method: Clyde. 0669
LONDON C.A. 5th May, Spitalfields; 19th May, St Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Both at 6.30pm. All welcome. 0621
PETERBOROUGH D.G. Northampton Branch. Practice Month at Little Houghton on Fridays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th May, 7.00-8.00pm. 0655
SUFFOLK GUILD. NE District. Beccles, 10 bell practice, Wed May 10, 7.30-9pm. S.M. Yorkshire Royal. Theberton (6 bells), Striking Competition, Sat May 13, 2.30pm. Evening ringing Leiston (8), 7-9pm. S.M. Bristol S. All ringers welcome. 0620

Saturday Meetings and Practices

LEICESTER D.G. Harborough District. 10 bell practice on April 29 now CANCELLED. 0654
SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. Meeting, Sat April 29, Workop Priory, 2.30-3.15; Workop St Anne's, 3.40-4.30; Socton w Osberton, 5-5.45. All welcome. No practice on May 5. D Stainsby 0115 9233506. Ad No 0628
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Selby and District Ringers. Meeting, Saturday April 29. Kippax 3-4.30pm. Sherburn in Elmet 6-7.30pm. Names for tea to Mrs M Bottomley on 01977 683277 by Thursday April 27. 0662

BATH & WELLS D.A. Glaston Branch. Spring Quarterly Meeting and Striking Contest at Baltonsborough (6, 21-0-7) on Sat May 6. Striking competition at 2.30pm. General ringing at 4pm. Service at 4.30pm, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing afterwards until 7.30pm. DJ Buckley (Secretary), Flat 5, Chalice Court, Silver Street, Glastonbury BA6 8DS (Tel: 0458 832906). Ad No 0667
COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. Warwick Archdeaconry Meeting on Saturday May 6 at Kineton. Ringing 3-4.30pm. Service 4.30pm followed by tea. Evening ringing 6.30-7.45pm at Burton Dassett. Names for tea to Jill Price 01926 640598 by Thursday May 4 please. 0619
DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A. Northern District Meeting at Morpeth on Sat May 6. Ringing from 3.00. Meeting 4.30 and Tea 5.00 in the Town Hall. Evening ringing at Cramlington. Names for tea to Colin Wheeler (01670 513424) by the previous Weds. 0646
ELY D.A. Ely District. Evening Meeting, Saturday May 6. Ringing at Lolworth 5.15-5.45pm; Longstanton 6-8pm. 0650
SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS. Annual Meeting, May 6, Sproxtton (8) Ringing 3.30-4.30pm. (Yorkshire, Oxford Bob Triples). Service 4.30pm. Tea 5.00pm followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mrs KM Cooke, phone 01664 464808 by previous Wed please. Ringing in evening. 4021
G. & B. D.A. BRISTOL. Branch Practice at Southville, May 6, 7-8.30pm. Special method: York Surprise Minor. ALL WELCOME! 0635

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. AGM, Sat May 6. Afternoon ringing, Shelley through till 5pm. Bring own tea - hot drinks available. Evening ringing Kirkburton, 7-8.30pm. 4098

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Watford District. Ringing Meeting, Sat May 6, Watford, 6.30-8pm. Special method: London Royal. 0649

K.C.A.C.R. Tonbridge District. Evening Surprise Major Practice at Speldhurst on Saturday May 6 from 7.30-9pm. 0668

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Blackburn Branch. Meeting on May 6 at Oswaldtwistle. Ringing 3.30-5pm and 6.30-8pm. Names for tea to Jeff Roundell on (01254) 236845 by no later than Wednesday May 3. Names will not be accepted after this date. All welcome. 0623

LEICESTER D.G. Leicester District. May 6, Belgrave (8), 6.30-8.30. First 50 minutes Learners Practice. 0644

PETERBOROUGH D.G. Towcester Branch. Saturday May 6. Business Meeting, Ringing and Skittles at Gayton, 7.00pm. 0366

SALISBURY D.G.R. Devizes Branch. May 6, Evening ringing only at All Saints Church, Marden, starting 6.30pm until 8.30pm. 0618

SOUTHWELL D.G. Bingham District. Sat May 6, Kneeton 3.15-3.35; East Bridgford 3.35; Service 4.30. Tea 5.00. Bingham 6.30. Faith tea (J Benson 0115 937 5814) Ads No 0638

SUFFOLK GUILD. SE District. Sat May 6, District Striking Competition at Barking from 2pm (Offton available 2-4pm). Service 4.30 followed by tea and results. Names for tea to Val Mayhew (01449 721552) by Wed 3rd please. 0626

SUSSEX C.A. W. Division. Sat May 6, Wisborough Green (6). Call Change Striking Competition, Draw 4.30pm. Bell maintenance course at Kirdford Church 10am (G C Rix, 01798 342259). Details: Sally Forth. 0651

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. East Devon Branch. Quarterly Meeting at Honiton St Paul on Saturday May 13. Ringing 2.30pm. Service 4.00pm followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Don Salter, 61 Millhead Road, Honiton EX14 8RD (tel 01404 42014) by Wednesday May 10 please. 0652

ELY D.A. Cambridge District. 6 bell Striking Competition, Sat May 13, Harston. Draw 4.30pm. Ringing at Foxton 6-7.30pm. Results, cheese and wine, Trumpington Church Hall, 7.30pm. Ad No 0659

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Furness & South Lakeland Branch. Meeting on Saturday May 13 at Dalton-in-Furness. Ringing from 2.30pm. Names for tea to Mr S Walmsley 01229 889550 by Wed May 10. Ten bell practice on Wed May 17 at Kendal, 7.30-9.00pm. 0653

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G. Winchester District. Quarterly Meeting and Striking Competition, May 13. Striking Competition at Micheldever followed by service at 4.30. 5.00 Tea in Northbrook Hall followed by meeting at 6.00. 7.00 ringing at Wonston. Numbers for tea to Kay LeMarechal 01703 251571. Ad No 0665

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1995

Saturday 6th May - Holme Hale

Programme

For full details see Ringing World for 21 April

Morning Ringing

12.00 noon: Service

1.00pm: Lunch

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10.45-11.30	Fishlake	656132	(6)
11.30-12.15	Barnby Dun	614097	(6)
12.15-13.00	Arksey	579069	(8)
13.45-14.30	Campsall	545141	(8)
14.30-15.15	Wragby	408173	(6)
15.15-16.00	Hemsworth	429133	(8)

Service at South Kirkby 16.30
followed (1700) by tea and meeting
Evening ringing at South Kirkby 453111 (6)
and at Pontefract, S Giles 455219 (10) 19.30-21.00
Names for tea to Glyn Evans (01977 643 411),
or Christine Norton (01977 617 546) by
Wednesday 3rd May please 0539

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 6th MAY 1995

0930-10.30 Tavistock (8); Dean Prior (6)
10.15-11.15 Sydenham Damerel (6); Sth Brent (6)
11.00-12.00 Lamerton (6); Ugborough (8)
11.45-12.45 Peter Tavy (6); Ermington (6)
12.30-13.30 Whitchurch (6); Holbeton (6)
13.15-14.15 Walkhampton (6); Brixton (6)
14.00-15.00 Plymouth Emmanuel (8)
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-8.30		

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS ANNUAL FESTIVAL



SATURDAY 13th MAY 1995 AT MERE

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

Time:	Route 1 (West)	Route 2 (South)	Route 3 (North)
1000-1100	Milborne Port (8:28)		
1030-1130	Henstridge (6:19)	Compton Abbas (5:9)	Mells (8:26)
1100-1200	Horsington (6:12)	Melbury Abbas (5:7)	Nunney (6:12)
1130-1230	Templecombe (6:12)	Shaftesbury S James (6:9)	Marston Bigot (6:8)
1200-1300	Bourton (8:15)	Motcombe (6:8)	Maiden Bradley (6:13)
	11.45-1345 (6:12) Stourton (with simulator demonstration - chance to try it depending on numbers)		
	1300-1430 Mere (8:23)		

Service 2.30pm St Michael's Church, Mere

Tea 4.00pm Duchy Manor School AGM 5.00pm to follow tea

Evening Ringing:

1900-2000	Mere (approximate time - depending on length of meeting)
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1945-2030	Chilmark (6:13) Shaftesbury S Peter (6:12)

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3.00-4.00pm
 Ringing at St Nicholas, Godstone (8)
 3.00-4.20pm
 Ringing at St Mary, Caterham (8)
 4.30pm Service at St Mary, Caterham
 followed by Tea in St Mary's Hall
 6.00pm (approx)
 Annual General Meeting at St Mary's Hall
 7.30-9.00pm
 Ringing at St Mary, Caterham (8)
 7.45-9.00pm
 Ringing at St John, Caterham (8)
 (if numbers require)
 Names for tea to Mrs Frances Clementi,
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 by Wednesday 3 May, please 0605

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10.00-11.30 Minehead (10) T
 11.30-1.00 Wootton Courtenay (6) H
 1.00-2.30 Luccombe (6) T
 2.30-4.00 Selworthy (6) T C
 4.30-5.30 Handbell Ringing
 on N.T. Village Green

T = Toilets H = Hotel Bar Meals C = Cafe
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Ad No 4105

Around and about

Open Days

The letter on page 415 from Derek Jones is misleading concerning insurance cover. Following discussion with the Peterborough Diocesan Guild Secretary a quotation was obtained for Public Liability cover for ALL Guild activities, with an extension to include non-members visiting towers in the Guild area on Open Days: the premium quoted was £350 with a £250 property damage excess.

Many Guilds have such cover for their members whilst ringing anywhere in Great Britain; such policies cover legal liability for accidents but would not respond if the damage was done deliberately.

IAN H. ORAM.

Canon Geoffrey Brown is retiring as Vicar of St. Martin in the Fields at the beginning of June. So many valedictory greetings are already filling his diary that the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths is planning to say its formal farewell to him at its meeting on May 3rd 1995.

In our Easter issue we commented on publicity surrounding the installation of a simulator in the tower at Minehead. An article was published in the *Daily Telegraph* of April 17th in which Alec Freeman (prominently featured fixing a silencer clapper bar) describes the use of a simulator for extended practice and prolonged ringing. Mr. Freeman stressed that the computer simulation is not a noise abatement device, but a way of allowing extra practice and the report is non-sensational and well balanced.

David Beacham would like to thank everyone who supported the Raffle in aid of the Sarah Beacham Memorial Trust. The draw for the 14 prizes took place after the recent Worcestershire and Districts Association AGM. A total of £347 was raised. Income from the trust is used to sponsor students from the Association's Western Branch on ringing courses.

During Holy Week Lis Bowden took a break from peal ringing and went walking in the Lake District. Unfortunately it was a break which she could well have done without - a broken ankle is likely to keep her off the ropes for a few weeks.

MORE NOTICES

BATH & WELLS D.A. Dunster Branch. Sat April 29, 3pm. Quarterly Meeting at Luxborough (5). Methods: April Day 2, PB Doubles. Names for tea to 01984 623641 by April 24. 7.00 for 7.30. Branch Quiz at Valiant Soldier, Roadwater. All welcome: ringers and non-ringers.0674

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. Eastern Branch. Quarterly Meeting, Sat May 6 at Tattershall. 6.00pm start. 0673

NORTHANTS MIDWEEK CUP. Next meeting, Weedon Bec, Wed May 3, 2-4pm. All welcome. P.D.W. 0678

We regret to report the death on Easter Monday of Robert S. (Bob) Anderson. Mr. Anderson was a former Chairman of the Ringing World Committee.

We regret to report that Mrs. Beatrice Venn passed away on Sunday 23rd April. The funeral service will be at St. Mary, Hayes, Middx on Friday 5th May at 11 a.m.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Kilby Holtom of Finedon, Northants on Sunday 16th April. Mr. Holtom was in his 82nd year.

We were sorry to hear of the death on March 24th of a well known and much loved bellhanger from the Loughborough area, Mr. Horace Myatt.

Our congratulations to Peter S. Bennett who, with a peal of Stedman Cinques at Newport on Easter Monday, has joined the ranks of the 1,000 pealers.

While, like Chris Stanley (Easter RW) I am a fan of the 1287 Grandsire Triples composed by D. A. Chapman, I now call the 1273 arranged by Peter Sanderson and published on RW page 1994/820 (12th August). This variation substitutes a real "sizzle factor" opening section, containing Queens and Whittingtons, which makes an already excellent composition even better. If it is possible to cram more music into a quarter peal length I would like to know how.

JULIAN MORGAN.

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CHRISTINE HARBOTT.

p.439 Answer - They are some of the real-life characters who feature along with the well-known fictional ones in *The Book of the Archers* by Patricia Greene, Charles Collingwood and Hedli Niklaus published last year.

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Green

Martin Ayre and Oliver Witty (Workington); Rhian Elias, Laura Davies and Jonathan Davies (Aberdare).

Blue

Andrea Speight (Workington), Ruth Charles, Christopher Webster and Carolyn Webster (all from Wymondham).

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

CRAWFORD CUP FINAL

SATURDAY 6th MAY 1995

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