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Young engineers at work

Caterham in Surrey is quite unique in the fact that both St John and now St Mary contain a ring of eight bells and both of these churches have obtained their bells from another church. In the case of St Johns from St Mary Lambeth and recently, St Mary from All Saints Hamer, Greater Manchester.

From discussions with Alan Berry, Taylors had been in discussions with St Mary on a number of occasions in the past about the possibility of installing a peal of bells however no further progress had been made.

During the early part of 1992 Keith Gatman undertook a preliminary inspection of the tower and the existing tubular bells and suggested investigating the possibility of installing a light ring of eight with a tenor of about 8 cwt. Considerable interest was expressed from both the Southern District of the Surrey Association and the Surrey Bell Repair Fund Committee. During June it became evident that the Rescue Fund for Redundant Bells were in discussions with Taylors about the proposals by the parish of All Saints Hamer to sell their bells to raise money for repairs to the church.

All Saints Hamer had been subject to an arson attack at the base of the tower some two years earlier and the ringing room and ropes had been badly damaged. The fire had not however reached the bell chamber.

During late July a group of ringers from the Caterham/Godstone area went to stay with Keith Gatman in Wakefield for a ringing tour. On the Sunday evening after ringing for evensong at Wakefield Cathedral we arranged to go over to



In the school workshop - Keith Gatman, supervisor

All Saints Hamer to have a look at the bells and investigate further the suitability for transfer to Caterham. We took a set of ropes with us and after a brief inspection gained approval to ring the bells and record this on video. This was the first time for two years that the bells had been rung and was the last ring on the bells before the bells were taken out and taken to Taylors at Loughborough.

During August Keith returned to Hamer to take detailed measurements of the bells and frame. As the bells were considerably heavier than the earlier proposals for St Mary's tower advice was sought from Adrian Dempster of

The Central Council's Towers and Belfries committee. He undertook a survey during August and declared the tower suitable for this ring of bells.

After a highly successful previous project some thirteen years earlier at St Mary Ilford whereby the restoration of bells tower and clock were undertaken as a school community project, the possibility was investigated as to whether the Caterham project could also be tackled as a school project.

The Rescue Fund agreed to purchase the bells while agreement was reached with the PCC at Caterham after which Taylors were instructed to take the bells out of All Saints Hamer and store them at Loughborough until full details had been agreed.

The Surrey Association decided to use the Oatway legacy, now £8600 with interest, for the Caterham Scheme. This had originally been offered to St Margaret Chipstead but that scheme was unlikely to go ahead for the time being. The legacy was used to purchase the bells from the rescue fund and donate them to St



Completion of the louvre project

Mary's.

A scheme to undertake the building of the frame and the installation as well as the restoration of the existing eight 'Hartington' tubular bells was to be undertaken at Warlingham School as part of the Young Engineers Scheme.

Quotations were obtained from Taylors and Whitechapel and the one chosen was that from Whitechapel. As the bells and frame sides were taken from Hamer to Loughborough we had to arrange transportation for the bells and headstocks to Whitechapel and the rest of the

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In the tower with Alan Hughes

YOUNG ENGINEERS - *continued*

fittings and frame sides to Warlingham School. This happened on the last day of term before Christmas 92 when a former pupil Keith Matthews set off very early in the morning. Sheila Cheesman had arranged for the hire of the lorry and also managed to find a driver for the day.

Between January and Easter many weekends were spent at school cleaning up all the frame sides. Whitechapel also provided drawings for the new frame. It was always the intention to make provision for eight bells and arrangements were made to hold a sponsored swim at school with the intention that the money raised would go towards the provision of the new second bell. Shortly afterwards a donor came forward for the new treble. During this time Sid Roshier a retired engineer and a member of the congregation became actively involved with the project and was very successful in persuading others to donate other items.

Lee Everett was to undertake part of the frame as his GCSE project and did much of the work measuring the frame sides in school. He then went to Whitechapel to work with Alan Anderson on the production of the new frame design. Through our involvement with Young Engineers we had links with Mr Peter Campbell, a local retired structural engineer, who throughout this period offered advice. On his suggestion we modified the frame to improve the rigidity of the top part. This worked extremely well and as St Mary's is a brick tower we are pleased with the results.



All Saints, Hamer

Lee carefully worked out the section and sizes of steel required and estimates were then received. Daniel Rule was also busy during this period constructing a trolley for moving the bells, frame sides and steel girders and again this formed his major project for GCSE course work. The steel arrived one very wet lunch time without any prior warning and this certainly helped to attract a number of other pupils to work on the project.

The bells had been at Whitechapel during this time for tuning, new bearings and re-facing the clappers. When all was ready for collection a number of pupils went in the school mini-bus and using the school's engine hoist we managed to load the bells two at a time in the back of the bus. During this time a number of pupils enjoyed a tour of the foundry.

During the Easter holidays work started constructing the new frame in one of the school workshops, all the plates had to be cut drilled, many parts welded and then bolted together. A good number of ringers from local churches, together with pupils, helped at this stage and much progress was made whilst the workshop was not being used for classes.

Pupils were also involved in the construction of the new wheels for the two trebles and much work was also required to repair the existing six wheels. The pulley blocks, stays and sliders were also constructed in the school workshops. During this time we had many visitors to observe the work going on. One of these included Rev Tony Clayton who was very interested in purchasing the ex Hamer Hasting Stay Mechanism and a surplus low frame side casting. We had rejected the idea of using the Hastings stay for the more conventional stay and slider mechanism. Shortly afterwards an order was placed for the two trebles and again a party of pupils went from school to see the new bells being cast.

Work also started at this stage to remove the existing tubular bells (the largest weighs approx two hundredweight) and prepare the holes for the end of the main girders. Many of the ringers in the area will well remember the Saturday when we poured the many hundreds of buckets of concrete to form the bearing pads. The work went on until the early hours of Sunday morning. Whilst this was being undertaken a bat decided to visit the ringing room.



St Mary's, Caterham

By Mid June we were ready to assemble the frame and test the bells in it. As the frame was in two tiers it had not been possible to assemble it in the workshop, so everything had to be moved



The restored tubular bells

and assembled just outside the main hall. We used this opportunity to hold a special school assembly to mark the completion of the work in school and we invited the Bishop of Croydon to come and bless the frame and new bells.

The following weekend the frame was dismantled and transported to St Mary's using a former pupil's lorry which incorporated a hiab. This then was followed by a school activity week and ten pupils aged 13 to 14 had signed up to install the frame. Work then progressed up to the end of the term.

Work also started in June training the new band and sessions were held at Merstham and St John's Caterham which a considerable number of local ringers helped with.

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Bellfounders' Gift Page



Some things do not seem to change

(An extract from the *Bell News and Ringers' Record* of 17 August 1901)

I am requested to touch upon another matter for the benefit of all concerned. This is, first the almost perpetual carelessness and inexcusable slovenliness with which many correspondents send their reports to this paper for insertion.

Week after week we read of a correction here and a correction there; of a defective report, such as a peal (or a quarter peal, etc., Ed.) without a date, or method, or number of changes, or the name of conductor. If it were possible to set forth the rank errors either of stupidity or carelessness made by some, readers would really wonder however this paper appeared at all.

I am speaking the honest truth when I say the time and labour spent in rectifying errors, and putting to rights correspondents' mistakes, is almost unequalled in journalistic history, so far as I know it.

Again some of the calligraphy - I think that means penmanship - is almost heartbreaking.

This week on my entrance into the office, I was shown two quarto pieces of copy purporting to be a report of a bicycle tour to some place or other, with a request that I would try to make it out. It was too much for me to decipher. I couldn't do it. So the w.p.b. was its destination, and that in quick sticks.

Now I would respectfully, nay humbly, put it to correspondents - devil-may-care correspondents I mean - how can they really expect any one on the "B.N." ("R.W.", Ed) staff to re-write their articles, letters, touches, and so forth for them. Do have a little consideration, please, for others.

If your education has been so sadly neglected that you are obliged to use the leg of a chair, instead of a pen, why, let some one else write to the paper who can write. I am trying to persuade the Editor to insert no more defective reports, or black-lead written post cards, or anything else not up to the proper and reasonably-required standard. Don't be angry, any of you who find "the cap tits" after reading this paragraph. Careless writers cause great trials of patience and temper. I assure you, and such ought to be plainly told of their failings.

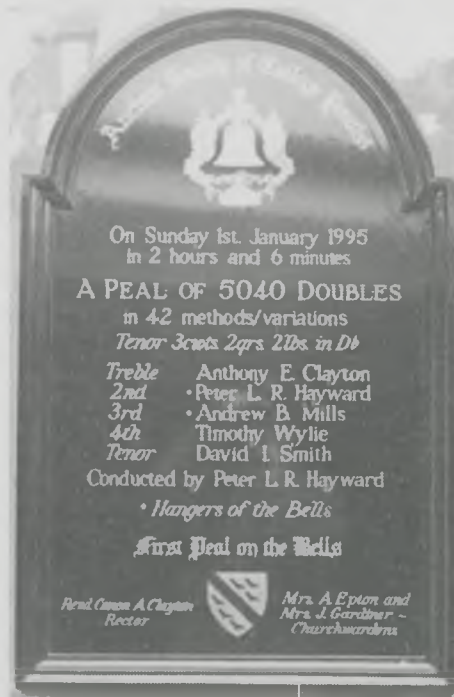
Again, some of you, I hear, require to read the instruction upon the leader page once more.

PLAIN SPEAKER

(A plea from the heart by the Editor, J Erskine Clarke, M.A., of *Church Bells* Saturday, November 22, 1873)

Notice to Correspondents - Many of our kind friends seem to be quite ignorant of the mode of working a weekly periodical - they seem to think that their contributions can be immediately attended to and inserted with telegraphic dispatch. We request them to be more patient; reports are inserted as soon as possible, but we reserve to ourselves the liberty of curtailings, weeding, and clipping, according to the best of our judgement, and timing as suits us, or rejecting altogether. - Ed.

The above was sent to us by Frank Price - some things still haven't changed much - RW Ed 1995.



The peal board made by Linda Moores to mark the first peal on the bells at Harston, Leics.

Having just read item in this week's *Ringing World* concerning the bagpipes, I was reminded of an occasion last year at Long Ashton whilst we were ringing for a wedding. A wedding guest appeared through the belfry door asking us to stop "because we can't hear the bagpipes". Apparently a Piper was playing to accompany the click of the camera shutters during the taking of the photographs!

On another occasion we were asked to stop for the rather confusing reason "because we can't get the horses down the lane". The horsey bride had decided that she wanted her photograph taken on her horse (resplendent in white dress - the bride not the horse!) but the horse refused absolutely to come anywhere near the church whilst the bells were being rung.

DAVID YEO.

Bristol.

First peal congratulations

J. J. "Bill" Wiles, Eileen A. Wiles, Imogen M. Painter, Vivienne I. Leatherland.

Gratefully acknowledged

Anonymous £5; M. J. Matthews £4; Oxford Diocesan Guild £120.

50 years membership

In about 670 AD Saint Sexburga, widow of Ercombert, a Saxon King of Kent, founded a nunnery on the Isle of Sheppey at the place known since then as Minster. Today, the Abbey church, rebuilt in 1130, stands on a hill above the village centre. The West tower is oddly truncated, topped by a timber belfry; it was left unfinished at the Dissolution.

None of this affects the enthusiasm of the ringers of Minster who have kept the 10 cwt peal of six bells regularly ringing over the years.

On June 17, with a wet westerly wind blowing across the marshes and taking with it any hope of summer, some members of Rochester District of the Kent County Association visited Minster for one of their regular monthly meetings, particularly to congratulate Miss Joan Exeter on achieving 50 years' membership of the Association. County Chairman Tom Barlow was on hand to present her with a Certificate acknowledging this anniversary and he spoke of her continuing dedication to village life and to ringing and thanked her for her work.

Miss Samantha Everest, one of the youngest ringers, presented flowers to Joan on behalf of Rochester District and then Joan cut a celebratory cake, decorated with six bells, which she kindly shared with everyone.

There must be hundreds of ringers like Joan Exeter throughout the country who give their time and experience week in and week out unstintingly; it is good to have the opportunity to say a public "thank you" to them.

J.W.

G & B Bristol Branch

Persistent drizzle failed to dampen the spirits of the ringers of the G & B Bristol Branch when they gathered for their annual striking competition and barbecue on Saturday June 10th. Seven teams took part in the competition which was held at St. Ambrose, Whitehall, and all were complimented by the Branch Ringing Master, Steve Bateman, for the high standard of ringing throughout the evening.

After the ballot to determine the order of ringing the competition commenced, those not ringing either huddled round the barbecue for warmth or sought shelter in the Church Hall! After the ringing everyone adjourned to the Hall to await the verdict of the judge, R. William Willans from Bath. The results were as follows: 1-Cathedral (12.5 faults); 2-Ss Philip & Jacob (16.5); 3-St. James (19); 4-Henbury (20); 5-St. Ambrose (28.25); 6-Southville (37.25); 7-Bristol University (37.75).

The Cathedral won the "Doomie Trophy" and will represent Bristol in the Association "Croome Trophy" later in the year, and St. James won the "Bristol Cup" for the best "doubles" performance. At the end of the evening Steve Bateman thanked William Willans for judging the competition and everyone who helped make the event a success.

M.J.U.

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Letters

Bastow Little Court

Wilf. Moreton is correct in saying that this was rung for the wedding of a couple in Kent in 1934. The details appeared on page 645 of *The Ringing World* of that year.

As he says the idea was used by the Rev. E. Bankes James for a variation of Kent Treble Bob. The Granta Variation was Bastow and was used when the back bells would have gone into Slow i.e. 8th, 10th, 12th, 11th, 9th and 7th. The Cam Variation was what we now know as Kent Little Court i.e. Kent places instead of the dodge in 3-4. Some few years ago it was pointed out by Frank Blagrove that the Cam Variation was in reality spliced Kent Treble Bob and Kent Little Court.

To return to the first use of Bastow in a peal of Minor: the problem was that the Alliance Method was second's place at the lead head and Bastow was sixth's and no-one had solved the problem of composition until A. G. Driver produced the extents rung in the peal referred to. Since then we have learned how to splice this type of method extensively but the credit of being the first to do so must go to A. G. Driver.

Just after the peal was rung there were two bands in Lincolnshire who became very proficient in Spliced Minor ringing one in South Lincolnshire under the leadership of Vernon Taylor and one in North Lincolnshire under George E. Feirn. About this time there developed a very friendly rivalry between a Chester Guild band and these two bands, particularly the North Lincolnshire band who eventually went on to ring peals in over one hundred methods. In Cheshire we confend ourselves to Treble Bob methods but in 1938 just to show we could do it we rang a peal in 84 methods which included Bastow and 14 Alliance methods. During this time we were in touch with them through A. G. Driver and new discoveries were passed on. In August 1939 Jack Millhouse came over and rang a peal of Cambridge Major with us and thus began the friendly association with North Lincolnshire and Chester.

The value of Bastow is recognised as a useful stepping stone and has at least fifty years experience behind it and I would commend it to those responsible for teaching.

I endorse Wilf's remarks in his two final paragraphs particularly the recommendation to use fourth's place bobs.

Finally, may I refer to the publication of the second edition of John P. Fidler's 'Method Splicing' seventy years after the first edition? A little book which gave rise to the spread of Spliced Minor Ringing.

KEN LEWIS

Altrincham, Cheshire

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Your subscription expires with this issue. Please renew promptly to help us and save yourself the embarrassment of a pink stripe next week! due for renewal – won't they?

Visitors' Etiquette

Can I, through *The Ringing World*, ask how other towers cope with certain visiting ringers who turn up on practice night every week but do not actually benefit the practice?

Our visitors' capacity for learning new methods is fairly impressive – unfortunately the same cannot be said for their striking and, whilst able to ring the 'standard eight', the ability to ring simple plain methods often eludes them (the problem being that, due to speedy progress, the basics have not been properly grasped).

No-one wishes to dampen their enthusiasm, hence no-one has yet found a way to impress upon them that they should learn to walk before they run. They are averse to advice, and hints and suggestions have fallen on deaf ears.

We are not the only tower locally to suffer from this, nor the only ones to feel this way. Our hearts sink when they appear, but no-one is bold enough to inform them of 'bell-ringing etiquette'. They leap up at almost every opportunity, rarely waiting to be invited to ring, always grabbing the same bell, and are part of the reason some of our own ringers have defected on practice nights.

It should not be necessary to place the bands on practice nights, and we would not want to see this happen, though we have thought about it! It may be too late now to get our own ringers back on practice nights but, if these people do not recognise themselves and heed this plea, can any readers suggest suitable, inoffensive ways of tackling the problem that will keep everyone happy and not create an atmosphere in the ringing room?

CONCERNED TOWER MEMBER.

A slippery tail (tale)

It is a common problem that the tail-end of one's rope tends (or may tend) to slip out of one's hands. If it does, then the rope may be too long at back-stroke, and this may lead to being slow, or even to bumping the stay. It is a good idea not to over-pull when the rope end is slippery.

A time-honoured solution is to put something on one's hands to enable a firm grip. Delicacy prevents me from listing all the options, but the one we have used at Malvern Link for many years has been collophony powder, a resinous powder obtained by distilling pine sap.

It is also the basis of fluxes used in soldering electronic components.

In a recent edition of the *I.E.E. Review* (Vol 41, Number 3, 18 May 1995) published by the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Technical Editor Roger Dettmer points out some of the dangers of this substance.

For the past twenty years, we have been putting this stuff on our hands to prevent the rope-end slipping out of our hands but the trouble is that collophony resin can induce changes in the immune system, and is a respiratory sensitiser which causes runny noses, breathlessness, asthma, and also allergic symptoms such as streaming eyes, rhinitis, and conjunctivitis. It also sensitises one to other allergens.

There is seemingly no safe "threshold" exposure level. It is one of the six 'rogue' substances responsible for 50% of cases of industrial asthma.

We have just chucked out our jar of the stuff and hope not to bump our stays at back-stroke. Please do not allow my flippant style to detract from this warning. Collophony is nasty stuff, and don't put it on your hands, or worse still inhale it!

GEOFF BAGLEY

Malvern

Cecil T. Clarke – an appreciation

The large number of friends and ringers who completely crowded out the church at Chilton Trinity on 30th May gave a good indication of the affection that so many had for Cecil. He was, after all, one of the great characters in Somerset ringing.

I first met him in 1955 when we rang together in a peal of Bob Triples at Weston-super-Mare and from then on I always received a warm greeting from him whenever we met at various ringing functions. Our talks together on these occasions were as often on music as they were on ringing matters for music played an important part in his life, particularly as he got older. Mention was made at the funeral of his love of brass bands but his musical appreciation was much wider than that as evidenced by his regular attendances at the Colston Hall, Bristol for the larger choral and orchestral works and the chamber concerts at St. George, Brandon Hill.

He loyally supported the College Youths and UBSCR dinners over many years and I particularly enjoyed his company on the various ringing outings organised by Brian and Barbara Wyld.

We shall long remember him.

RJB

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Wembdon bells were rung for an hour in memory of Cecil Clarke (he was a member of that tower from 1948 until 1972).

Bristol Rural Trophy once more

This year the G&B's Bristol Rural Branch held their annual striking competition on the 3rd June at Dyrham. For the last twenty years during the Branch's incarnation as 'Northavon Branch', the Bristol Rural Trophy has been referred to as the 'Old Rural Trophy', but with the restoration of our former name, this year it reverted to the name engraved on it. As someone said, if you wait long enough everything comes back again – now where did I put those flared trousers??

Unfortunately only four towers entered bands. The usual scratch band made it five, but even so the ringing was eventful. The fourth at Dyrham has a habit of the rope slipping the wheel, and two bands suffered as a result. Frenchay managed to keep going and finish their test piece, but Westerleigh were less fortunate. The rope slipped wheel and the bell set after only three leads, thus putting a premature end to their chances of representing the Branch in the Croome Trophy later in the year.

We were very grateful to Pat Bird of Bristol who was the judge on this occasion. His helpful comments to each of the bands were much appreciated, and the results were as follows:

First	Frampton Cotterell ringing Stedman (12 faults)
Second	Syston ringing All Saints (15 faults)
Third	A Scratch band ringing Plain Bob Minor (20 faults)
Fourth	Frenchay ringing Call Changes (27 faults)
Unplaced	Westerleigh (failed to finish test piece)

A FREKE

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What's it all about?

"I can't begin to understand the attraction of these quarter-peal days. Explain it to me."

This from the long-suffering and partially ringing-widowed helpmeet who cheerfully acknowledges the purpose of bells to call the faithful and waken the backsliders on Sundays, but across whose face drifts that look of resigned incomprehension when I begin to recount the rocky successes and argumentative failures of a day out with the other seven (fairly) old "rugby selectors" who make up our monthly quarter-peal group.

I find it pretty hard to explain it to myself let alone to a non-ringer. However, there are analogies to be used...

One is the solving of cryptic crossword puzzles which requires considerable mental agility as well as powers of concentration. Everything has to fit together and on completion of all the clues there is a great feeling of satisfaction. If two or three are engaged on the same crossword, opportunities for teamwork arise adding to the sense of achievement when the puzzle is complete.

Quarter peals demand this sort of intellectual teamwork with the added stimulus of trying to ensure that you do not spoil them for the rest of the band.

Another analogy which came to me this week after what was deemed to be an unsuccessful attempt, was that of knitting. After a good beginning (the ribbing of the proposed sweater) things went a bit haywire (several stitches were dropped) but then settled down again (all stitches, hopefully, picked up) only to result in an unconvincing end with the bells not quite coming round despite the desperate efforts of the conductor (we had knitted a sweater with three arms).

Although my fellow-ringers do not wear the proverbial anoraks, I cannot help likening them in some respects to train spotters. Their addiction to statistics (300th in the Method, 271st for the Guild, 220th together etc.) to which I have not yet completely become prey adds to my masochistic enjoyment. I dare not go wrong for fear of upsetting the record books!

And talking of masochism, I must not forget the blisters. I am bound to confess that I tend, perversely, to regard these as honourable battle scars which I parade to the uninitiated as though they were something to be proud of.

The endless variety of church buildings, the charm of their settings and the fascination of their furnishings are an accompanying delight to quarter-peal days. Ringing chambers filled with faded photographs of former ringers, panels advertising long-forgotten parochial charities, massive clocks, proud peal boards, mouldering copies of *Ringing World*, call-change cards, unused flower vases, jugs and pedestals, brooms, buckets and mops, newspaper cuttings about the 1957 re-hanging and secondhand carpets with gaps for non-existent fireplaces.

But above all there is the link with the past. In what other field could one be using an instrument made five hundred years ago and which has been used for its original purpose regularly for all that time? The idea that the sound I am creating is identical to that which could have been heard by a subject of Richard III is awesome.

It's worth belonging to a group of old "rugby selectors" just for that!

W. EASTBROOK

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If I am an "old-stager" (page 631), what does that make Tom Page?

PETER MUNDAY.

YOUNG ENGINEERS - continued

Whilst this was going on all the Technology rooms at Warlingham had to be emptied as they were going to be converted into classrooms. The bells project then had to wait because the huge extra workload in school and the fact that the new Technology building, being built at a cost of nearly one million pounds, was not ready on time. In September we moved into the new workshops and found it was almost impossible to teach in many of the rooms because of a major noise problem though poor design. The floors also had to be reinforced before any of the machine could be used and over the next six months we had to cope with builders rectifying major design faults.

Considerable work had to be undertaken in the tower redecorating the ringing room which was undertaken by St Mary Ringers, treating all the floors for insect infestation installation of a new sound deadening floor a new ceiling in the ringing room and a walkway and viewing platform at the top of the tower.

With all the difficulties at school, progress at St Mary's slowed down and the workshops at school had not been available for much of the following term. By the Christmas holidays the frame was ready for its final coat of paint and we arranged the try out for one evening in February 1994. Alan Hughes from Whitechapel very kindly agreed to come and inspect our work before the try out. Many of those who had been closely involved with the project and the Bell Repair Fund committee was well represented on this occasion. We also welcomed Mr and Mrs D. Thorne.

Alan Hughes made some minor suggestions which we have implemented and explained to the church warden that St Mary's had saved in excess of £50,000 because of all the voluntary work that had been undertaken.

During this time Adam Fuller had been working on the eight tubular bells and this continued for many months they have been housed in a completely new frame above the peal of bells and a new frame constructed in the ringing room to house the existing tension mechanism.

During late June an invitation had been received to attend the celebration at Westminster Abbey to welcome South Africa back into the Commonwealth. Many of the pupils involved in the project were able to attend and at the end of the service we had the great privilege of being

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From *The Wessex Journal* May/June 1995 - Editorial.

"... The Managing Editor has just shot off for bell ringing practice at Powerstock Church along the valley ... A light easterly on a warm evening like this should carry the sound of the Managing Editor's toiling bell back across the cow pastures of Mills Farm to West Milton, a hamlet which used to have two little churches of its own and lost both to Church politics and the weary passage of time.

"... Pete Symonds, Captain of Bells in Powerstock's ancient tower and a noted thatcher in this part of the world, says the Managing Editor has become very good at calling changes. Too right says I..."

The editor is Peter Dunn (01308 485368) who writes for the *Observer*. He was a founder of *The Independent* and also worked on the *Sunday Times*.

The Managing Editor, Elisabeth Dunn has been a columnist for the *Guardian*, and feature writer for the *Sunday Times*, *Telegraph* etc.

M.E.F.



At Whitechapel Foundry

invited up to the ringing room to see the bells being rung. Stan Mason then came the group a guided tour of the bell chamber and of the improvements that have been undertaken recently to improve the sound outside the abbey of the bells.

At the beginning of the school summer holiday Stuart Leaver commenced work on the door frames to go inside the four louvre opening to enable the bells to make much quieter for practice nights. These were completed by the end of the year at a cost of about £500 for the materials.

The total cost of the project has been in excess of £30,000.



In Westminster Abbey ringing chamber

Most of the work was undertaken outside school time mainly over weekends. The project was undoubtedly complex and challenging but thanks to the close cooperation between the school, the local community, members of St. Mary and local bell-ringers it has been a shining example of what can be achieved.

There is an active band at St. Mary and three of the pupils have taken up ringing on a regular basis and one of them Stuart Leaver has recently rung his first quarter peal.

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I came across another of those irregular verbs recently:

I go wrong

She gets cross

He becomes nervous.

A.J.B.

The Beginners Series

First lessons (2)

To ring a bell at "backstroke" you have hold of the "tail end" whilst your tutor takes care of the "sally" or "handstroke". Firstly your tutor will ensure that the rope length is suitable for you and will show you what you are required to do.

Hold the tail end with both hands, right hand over left hand, and let your arms relax fully down; your hands should be where a Scotsman wears his sporran. Your tutor will pull on the sally, which will move down, then move rapidly upwards as the bell swings round, taking your hands up over your head; keep your arms relaxed – your tutor will be guiding your hands. Don't look up to see where the rope has gone – *keep looking straight ahead!* The objective now is to "hold the bell on the balance" until you are ready to set it swinging back the other way.

To control the bell you need to stop it moving when it is just over the balance, when its weight starts to pull slightly on the rope. Two things can make this difficult: tensed arms or a slack rope (or both!).

You are holding the tail-end to control the bell at backstroke; as the sally flies upward start to lift your hands slowly so that the rope "overtakes" them; this will lift your *relaxed* arms. With the rope lifting your arms you can feel what is happening at the other end, but if you lift your hands too quickly and the rope is slack you can't feel anything. If your arms are tensed the rope will just jerk them upwards and, again, you have no control.

Feel how the bell slows as it reaches the top of its swing; stop it when you judge that it is just over the top. If you don't get this right one of two things can happen:

1. The bell will fall back – you've stopped it too soon. Or:
2. You feel a bump as the stay hits the slider – you've left it too late.

(Of course at this stage your tutor will make corrections if you go wrong).

As an alternative to (2), you may not feel a bump, but the bell feels heavy on the rope. This is also a sign that you have let the bell go too far over the balance; the further a bell goes over the heavier it feels. Ideally, when you stop the bell swinging you should feel a slight pull on the rope; the bell is now balanced ready for the return swing.

It helps to get this right if, when the bell is balanced, your arms are at a comfortable full stretch over your head. If you find that you are bumping the stay then take in an inch or two of rope so that your arms are lifted higher; if the bell is falling back despite your reaching up then let out a little rope. Feeling the bell on to the balance is our objective; having your arms at full stretch gives you a reference point. (Ringing with your arms fully stretched also give you better control over the bell, but this is discussed later.)

When you pull on the rope to return the bell to handstroke, pull all the way down and pull straight. Pulling all the way down involves accelerating your hands to keep a slight tension on the rope until your hands are fully down in front of your imaginary sporran. To pull straight think of sliding your hands down a broom handle that is just in front of your body; to do this you need to bring your elbows back slightly as your hands come down. A common mistake is to swing your hands outward as you pull; this makes the rope fly outward and catching the sally becomes difficult.

Life among the bells

By Robert B. Smith

Part 11 – (continued from p.548)

Our Leicester handbell team had, in 1963, rung the longest peal of Surprise on handbells (10440 Cambridge Royal) and the first peal of Spliced Surprise Royal. I endeavoured to travel from Cheshire to Leicester each month but it was a long and tiring drive home in the evening particularly if a peal attempt had been lost. For this reason we reverted to ringing on the first Sunday in each month when there was no ringing at Leicester Cathedral. In the meantime our handbell group in Cheshire continued to expand with John Worth, Ken Lewis and Alan Potts rekindling the interest they had had years before. Peals at this time were still confined to Plain and Treble Bob with the exception of one peal of Yorkshire, the first of Surprise for the Chester Guild, which was rung by Ricky Shallcross, Neil Bennett and myself with Peter Staniforth who was visiting us for the weekend.

During 1963 our bells at Marple had been rehung in a new frame lower in the tower and augmented by Taylors to a ring of eight. They were transformed from a lumpy but excellent sounding six to a first class, easy going eight. We, the ringers, had undertaken to raise the money for the two new trebles. Fund raising involved a wide variety of events, coffee mornings, beetle drives, selling Christmas cards and wrapping paper and ringing Christmas carols round the houses and pubs in the village. At our local pub, aptly named the Ring O' Bells, we were challenged by some of the locals to a tune ringing competition and they took this very seriously. I cannot remember who won but we had great fun and were subsequently given space in one of the rooms to display items about ringing which included copies of *The Ringing World*, College Youths certificates and Guild Reports. Frank Osbaldiston and myself shared the job of ringing master during my college years but it came as a great surprise to both of us to find that the PCC had both of our names cast on the new treble bell and we were not aware of this until the bells arrived from Loughborough. Previously the bells, hung at louvre level, had been loud in the vicinity of the church and peal attempts had been limited. I was about to suggest four or six per year when the vicar

All this can seem difficult until you get the knack of it, but with practice you will be able to balance and swing a bell without having to think about it. Practice is everything.

When you can control your bell at backstroke it is good practice to ring it in rounds with your tutor still controlling the handstroke. This will start to give you a sense of rhythm which is very important in ringing. It is also important to start listening for your own bell. If you are ringing (say) the third, listen to the bells sounding while counting "One, two, THREE, four, five, six – One, two, THREE, etc. This helps you keep your bell in its place with the others.

When you have control of the bell at backstroke it's time to look at the handstroke.

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suggested twelve! We agreed that the first attempt in January 1964 should be a "local" one to include "previous locals" Jack Pryor and Ken Lewis after which we would allow monthly attempts in order of application with "no strings" attached. It has always amazed me that some ringers/teams/bands regularly ring peals on their own bells, visit and ring peals at other towers and then restrict peal ringing at their home tower for visiting teams or wish to be included in attempts. Such towers often become available on the departure or death of the local "ringers in the woodpile". By chance the first peal on the eight bells at Marple was on the day after my 26th birthday so we had a joint party after the peal. Jack and Joyce Pryor were staying the weekend with us so we had a pleasant reunion of Marple ringers. The occasion also brought Alan McFall back into ringing after several years of inaction and he rang in the peal of Cambridge Major as though he had been ringing it every week.

Long peal attempts during 1964 were not as successful as in the previous year. On Easter Monday we attempted to ring a record peal of Cambridge Maximus at Birmingham Cathedral with a team which included the eight who had rung in the Extent of Major. We rang well for 10700 changes when, without any previous hint of a problem, my rope (on the tenor) slipped wheel but came back on at the next backstroke. We were all caught off guard and with four ringers in the team named John there was ample scope for confusion and we had stopped within one lead. We were more successful in August when we rang the record peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Llanfeugan in 11 hours and 6 minutes. This peal of 20160 changes, conducted by Brian Woodruffe, surpassed the previous record of 17104 which had stood since 1904. We should have attempted a long peal on 19th December but for some reason this seems to have been abandoned as the list of ringers in my diary has been crossed out and I have no recollection of what we intended to ring.

Colin Lewis from Glazebury (now of Grahamstown) had been most helpful in making the arrangements for our long peal attempt at Llanfeugan and did in fact join us for a peal of Lincolnshire at Clifford on the day after the long peal when there were plenty of willing volunteers to give up their ropes! He and Fred Dukes were also able to join us when, in September 1964, ten of us flew to Ireland to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. By then Colin was at Trinity College Dublin and living at Bray. I believe it was Colin's first peal on twelve and do know that Fred Dukes was delighted as he became the first Irishman to ring in a peal of Surprise Maximus. During that weekend we also rang a peal at St George's Dublin (from where the ring of bells have recently been moved and the church de-consecrated), Kilkenny and Bray. On the latter bells we rang an excellent peal of Bristol, to which Brian Woodruffe rang the tenor – it doesn't often cross my mind that I may miscall a peal but I do remember that during the last of the three part peal by Stephen Ivin, and nothing but bobs having been said from the start, I did think that if I were to miscall this I would be lynched! Our only failure was at Arklow where we had a late start and ought to have changed the method from London as most of us were tired from the long drive coupled with the peal at Kilkenny – the first trip in this attempt, after two hours, proved to be the last.

(To be continued)

Chingford – its churches and bells

The North London Parish of Chingford on the borders of Epping Forest and the County of Essex is rarely, if ever, mentioned in *The Ringing World*, mainly I suppose because its present two churches, although having nine bells between them, are not familiar to ringers as none of them can now be rung full-circle. Nevertheless the history of the Chingford churches and their bells is an interesting one and worthy to be recorded in this journal.

Chingford's ancient parish sits solidly on its hill, now known as 'Chingford Mount' and has done so since c.1270 when all around were fields and monks from the Abbey at Waltham (Waltham Abbey) came across the Lea Valley to the church dedicated to SS Peter and Paul.

Before detailed reference is made to the bells it may perhaps be helpful if we examine the derivation of Chingford as a place name and explain how Chingford has two churches, one very old and the other comparatively 'new'. The 'Ching' brook meanders its way across the parish, but it is not from this sluggish stream that Chingford is named, but a ford with a shingle bottom whereby the River Lea was crossed in bygone days and the church would have been prominent on its hill as it rose sharply from the river valley.

After the original Norman church, about which little is known, was demolished in c.1270, a church in the new style was erected, and this consisted of chancel, nave and southaisle. The tower was added in 1400. More light was demanded, and as this was the period that saw the great windows built in cathedrals and churches Chingford was not untouched by this. The chancel was rebuilt, the work being helped by a legacy from one Benet Harlewin in 1460 of 3s 3d. The exact words are:

"Lego v'rsus fabricam novi cancelli sivi chori eccl'us p'rochialis de Shingilford IIIs IIIId." – "I bequeath towards the building of the new chancel or choir of the Parish Church of Shingilford (note the spelling) 3s 3d."

Part of the north wall of the nave was rebuilt and two fifteenth-century windows and doorway, which are there to this day, replaced that which had been there before. Again a legacy assisted this work. This time it was the Rector himself, one Laurence Martyn "p'son of the p'ssh Church of Shyngilforde," whose will dated 6th July 1467 bequeathed "for an ile in the said Church of Shyngilforde (note again the spelling) to be repaired and made, XVIIs or a rede oxe." Thereby we have some idea of the value of money in those days as sixteen shillings was about the equivalent of a choice ox of the right colour.

Either the church was badly built or a series of dry summers contracted the clay (a problem even today) and caused settlement, for eighty years later, in 1547 the church was in need of repair. The Rector was William Awford; he had been instituted in 1540 on the presentation of the Patron, Lanc. Awford (sounds suspiciously like a relative!) Either he was no hand at appealing for funds or he had no control over his churchwardens, Richard Munnes and Roger Candy – a great mistake on the part of any Rector! – or the Parish was hard hit by the troubles and exactions at the end of Henry VIII's reign, for the said churchwardens – like others since – were nearly at their wits' end for money – nearly, but not quite. They pawned a chalice and a silver gilt cross. For this illegal action they were 'presented' by their successors, Nicholas Cotton and Thomas



Chingford Old Church. All Saints



Chingford Old Church bells

Thumb for having "layde in gage of the church plate one chalyce and one cross of silver 'p'cell gylte for making a new roof and repaying the same Churche." This 'gage' has never been redeemed, so if this plate is anywhere in private hands it is hoped that it may be restored to the Church to which it belongs.

In the late seventeenth century, about the time of William and Mary, the south wall of the aisle was heightened by about five feet by the addition of some fifty-two tons of brickwork. This necessitated breaking the line of the long sloping roof, and a separate low-pitched roof now covered the loftier aisle, thus forming a valley-gutter with all its inherent problems, and by 1840 the church became so unsafe that it was abandoned and in 1844 a new church was built on Chingford Green a mile to the north.

The original church had acquired three bells between 1626 and 1835 and these were removed in 1844 to the new church on The Green and from crudely cut grooves in the massive belfry-beams it is apparent they were hung for full-circle ringing.

In 1929 it was decided to restore the 'Old' church, which by this time was nothing more than a ruinous shell, and a Miss L. G. Boothby-Heathcote, of Friday Hill, Chingford, daughter of the Rector of 1844 undertook the financial responsibility. The church was duly restored and dedicated to All Saints as the new church had become SS Peter and Paul. The three original bells were returned to the 'old' church, hung 'dead' and are still regularly chimed. To replace them in the 'new' church

the same Miss Boothby-Heathcote generously provided a ring of six bells of the same total weight at a cost of £282 19s 3d. These were cast with prayer at the Whitechapel foundry on 17th October 1929, the Bishop of Barking (Dr. J. T. Inskip) blessing the casting, assisted by the Rector (Rev. Cecil Knight). The bells were dedicated by the same Bishop on 6th February 1930. This pleasant sounding six were, disappointingly for ringers, hung 'dead' although there is an adequate floor which would and could provide a cosy ringing room. These bells are also regularly chimed by means of an Ellacombe apparatus for services and numerous weddings.



Chingford Parish Church – the tenor

An odd unexplained feature of the tenor is that the name: WILLIAM EDWARD BOOTHBY HEATHCOTE in the inscription is engraved into the bell metal and not 'cast-in' as is the rest of the inscription. There is no record as to why this should have been done. The Whitechapel Bellfoundry offer the suggestion that due to inaccurate information being submitted the 'cast-in' line was chiselled back flush with the surface of the bell and the correct wording engraved. In the absence of any other explanation we will accept that this is the most likely reason.

(Continued overleaf)

CHINGFORD - continued

So to the present day. The two churches still dominate either end of the mile-long Ridgeway, that natural high ground with the River Roding valley to the east and the glorious views to the west over two great reservoirs and the River Lea valley. The nine bells continue to sound over North and South Chingford, now a bustling area of the London Borough of Waltham Forest calling the faithful to worship with their present Rector Rev. Nicholas Edwards.

CHARLES NEAL

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THE BELLS

Old Bells - now once more in the tower of All Saints.

	<i>Dia</i>	<i>Weight</i>	<i>Note</i>
Treble	2' 8"	6.0.0.	B
2nd	2' 10"	7.1.3.	A
Tenor	3' 2"	9.0.8.	G

Inscriptions:

Treble: W.C. J.D. Churchwardens. 1657. Anthony Bartlet made mee.

2nd: God Save the King. 1626. (Cast by Robert Oldfield of Hertford (Not inscribed))

Tenor: Thomas Mears of London. Founder 1835.

All three complete with original cannons.

New bells in the tower of SS Peter and Paul.

Treble	1' 9 1/2"	2.2.9.	B flat
2nd	1' 10 1/2"	2.3.9.	A flat
3rd	2' 0"	3.0.2.	G flat
4th	2' 1 1/2"	3.2.27.	F
5th	2' 3 1/4"	4.1.24.	E flat
Tenor	2' 5 1/4"	5.0.13.	D flat

Inscriptions:

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Chingford Parish Church. SS Peter and Paul (the new church)

Bikers in the Belfry

Some little while ago I wrote letters to both *The Ringing World* and *The Bike* magazine asking if there were folk who both rang church bells and rode motorcycles. Well there are! As a result of the letters seventeen bikers came together for the first time on 1st April this year to ring church bells and to ride their motorcycles.

Only one or two of us had ever met before. Although the arrangements had been made some time in advance, the question was still in my mind, would the bikers actually turn up? Well they did! The most central venue, given the geography of the responses to the letters, appeared to be The Cotswolds. However, Adrian Cory from Scarborough may well take issue with this!

I thought it would be wise when booking the towers to alert the captains to the fact that the ringers would be arriving on motorcycles. For some folk, bikers have a particular image but not in these cases. It was a real treat to discover that the Tower Captain, Peter Harris, at our first village, Meysey Hampton, was also a motorcyclist and that he and his wife, would be joining us on our tour.

It became very clear at Meysey Hampton that these bikers were pretty accomplished ringers. Although there were a few of us with more limited capabilities. The *Wilts & Gloucestershire Standard* had been notified of our visit and very kindly turned out to take the accompanying photograph as we gathered outside the church. As you will see a number of the crowd are sporting specially commissioned sweatshirts to mark the occasion. Our thanks must go to Brian France who persuaded the cartoonist Paul Sample to create a design incorporating the famous Orgi character and for getting the shirts printed.

Lunch at The Mason's Arms provided us with an opportunity to start to get to know each other. Graham Wright, Barry Pointer, Linda and Martin Hough and Gerrard Catt had all come from the Hampshire area; Tony Whiteley and Brian France had travelled up from the Somerset/Bristol region; Julia Cater and Frances Dodds were from Warwickshire and



Bikers gathered outside church.

Birmingham whereas Andy Utting and Paula, Martin and Maggie Whiteley, myself and Ian Chappel were from Oxon. Beds and Northants respectively. Adrian had called in at Northants on his way down from N. Yorks and the Harris family were at home! If I had had any anxieties about how this venture was going to work out, I shouldn't have had. The group was a great pleasure to be with.

The mixture of good company and good food made it difficult for us to drag ourselves away to the second tower at Bibury. Because it wasn't clear quite how many bikers/ringers would come and from how far away, the day had been limited to three towers. Our third and final tower was Withington.

Before departing we descended onto the village of Northleach for a cup of tea. After reflecting on the day it was decided to hold another outing again later in the year. If there are any other bell ringing/bikers out there who would like to join us please do get in touch.

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Peal Reports

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CITY OF LONDON
Holy Sepulchre without
Newgate,
Holborn Viaduct, EC1
Sat Apr 29 1995 3h26 (28)
5088 Spliced Maximus
(4m: 1296 each Bristol S,
Superlative S; 1248 each
Avon D, Rigel S: 82
com.atw.)
Comp. R W Pipe
1 M Iain Davey
2 Paul N Mounsey(C)
3 Alan D Flood
4 David J Dearnley
5 Antony R Kench
6 Peter V D Swift
7 David E Rothera
8 Geoffrey C Sparling
9 Colin G Wright
10 P Quentin Armitage
11 Stephen A Coaker
12 Philip Rogers

SHOREDITCH, London E1
S Leonard
Sun Apr 30 1995 3h25 (-)
5009 Stedman Cinques
Comp. P N Mounsey
1 Paul N Mounsey(C)
2 David P Hilling
3 Graham G Firman
4 Andrew N Stubbs
5 David J Dearnley
6 Timothy J Barnes
7 Antony R Kench
8 Michael P Moreton
9 Alan D Flood
10 Michael P A Wilby
11 D Paul Smith
12 A James Phillips

SPITALFIELDS, London E1
Christ Church
Mon May 22 1995 2h58 (17)
5056 Spliced S. Major
(8m: 768 Rutland, 704
London, 640 each Pudsey,
Superlative; 576 each
Bristol, Cambridge,
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire: 119
com.atw.)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Frederick R Scott
2 Paul N Mounsey(C)
3 James W Belshaw
4 Dickon R Love
5 P Quentin Armitage
6 David J Dearnley
7 David J Sheppard
8 Alan D Flood

CITY OF LONDON
S Mary le Bow
Wed May 24 1995 3h25 (41)
5040 Stedman Cinques
(variable cover)
Comp. S Coaker
1 Alan D Flood
2 Mark C Liebenrood
3 Dickon R Love
4 Geoffrey C Sparling
5 Terry J C Streeter
6 Stephen A Waters
7 Stephen Coaker(C)
8 John H Fielden
9 Andrew I Blacklock
10 P Quentin Armitage
11 Andrew W R Wilby
12 Mark Regan

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CHIPPING SODBURY, Avon
S John Baptist
Sat May 20 1995 2h46 (16)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Double
Oxford B, S Clements C B,
Kent T B, Beverley S,
Surfleet S, Cambridge S,
Plain B.)
1 Peter L Bill
2 David R Cox
3 Ian P Hill
4 Michael R Rose
5 Christopher K Cooper(C)
6 Peter J Sawyer
A compliment to William F
Scudamore, to be installed
as Master of Lyegrove
Lodge No.7840, Chipping
Sodbury. £3

A.N.Z.A.B.

SYDNEY, NSW
St Mary's Cathedral
Tue May 2 1995 3h38 (14)
5152 Indian-Pacific S Major
Comp. T W Goodyer
1 James A D Woolford
2 Margaret E Goodyer
3 Robert J Walters
4 Neil G Broderick
5 Caroline J Richards
6 James A Smith
7 Alan H Champion
8 Thomas P A Goodyer (C)
First in method for all
except 6.

SYDNEY, NSW
St Mary's Cathedral
Wed May 10 1995 3h13 (14)
5088 London S Major
Comp. J W Washbrook
1 Peter W McEvoy
2 Margaret E Goodyer
3 Christopher D O'Mahony
4 B Enid L Roberts
5 Caroline J Richards
6 Neil G Broderick
7 John H Fryer (C)
8 Alan H Champion
Rung for the 50th
anniversary of VE Day.

SYDNEY, NSW
St Mary's Cathedral
Sun May 21 1995 3h20 (14)
5040 Lincolnshire S Royal
Comp. F E Darby
1 Robert J Walters
2 Margaret E Goodyer
3 Penelope J V Sharpe
4 B Enid L Roberts
5 H Gordon Connon
6 Caroline J Richards
7 Neil G Broderick
8 Alan H Champion
9 John H Fryer
10 Christopher D O'Mahony (C)
First peal in the method: 3, 5
and 7. 100th peal on the
bells.

BATH & WELLS D.A.

BARROW GURNEY, Avon
SS Mary & Edward
Wed May 24 1995 2h45 (12)
5184 Superlative S. Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Jenny M A Astridge
2 Adrian P Beck
3 Christopher K Cooper
4 John Hill
5 Anthony J Cox(C)
6 Robert E Beck
7 David M W Threlfall
8 Joseph St J Beaumont
In memory of Cecil T Clarke
of Bridgwater.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY

CITY OF LONDON
S Sepulchre, Holborn Viaduct
Sat May 27 1995 3h19 (28)
5042 Cambridge S. Maximus
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Patricia M Newton
2 Anthony C F Perry
3 Elva R Ainsworth
4 Katharine J Firman
5 Julian T Watson
6 C Martin Foster
7 Antony R Kench(C)
8 Anthony J Cox
9 Andrew J Agg
10 David J Marshall
11 Brian J Wylde
12 Christopher M Wulkau
The band includes
members who were
resident in Bristol in each
year from 1952-91, with the
sole exception of 1966.

CARDIFF STUDENTS SOCIETY

COWBRIDGE, S Glam.
Holy Cross
Mon May 29 1995 3h9 (15)
5120 Spliced S. Major
(4m: 1440 Yorkshire, 1280
each Cambridge,
Lincolnshire; 1120 Rutland;
69 com.atw.)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Zoe K Barker
2 Katherine M A Wright
3 Karen M Williams
4 Sarah E Moore
5 Debbie J Barnes
6 Paul R Scofield
7 Jane D Bull
8 Andrew M Bull(C)
First of Surprise; 3. First
spliced Surprise major; 4, 5
and as conductor. Birthday
compliments to the treble,
2nd & 7th ringers, and Simon
Edwards. To celebrate the
end of exams. £1.40

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BRIDEKIRK, Cumbria.
S Bridget
Sat May 6 1995 2h44 (11)
5040 Minor
(6m: 2 extents Plain B, 1
extent each Surfleet S,
Beverley S, Cambridge S,
Suingle Cumbria, Kent T B.)
1 John J Proudfoot
2 Alison J Brittliff
3 Christopher M Baxter
4 Tim Flitcroft
5 Rev Kevin M Price(C)
6 John M Goldthorpe

THURSBY, Cumbria

S Andrew
Sat May 6 1995 2h36 (6)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each London
S, Cambridge S, Plain B, S
Clements C B, Reverse
Canterbury Pleasure,
College Single, Grandsire)
1 Christopher M Baxter
2 Alison J Brittliff
3 John M Goldthorpe
4 Rev Kevin M Price
5 John J Proudfoot
6 Tim Flitcroft(C)
First peal in 7 methods; 5.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

CHOLSEY, Oxon, S Mary
Sun Jun 11 1995 2h47 (10)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. Andrew Johnson
Cond. P A B Saddleton
1 P W Hill (Hughes Hall)
2 A Johnson (Trinity Hall)
3 D R Love (St John's)
4 N C Sturgess (Wolfson)
5 P J Agg (Magdalene)
6 P A B Saddleton (Trinity)
7 R O Hall (Sidney Sussex)
8 J R N Lebon (Selwyn)
This 10-part composition,
containing 438 bobs, is rung
for the first time

COVENTRY D.G.

WARWICK, Warks, S Mary
Mon May 15 1995 3h18 (24)
5021 Grandsire Caters
Comp. E Bennett
1 Ruth M Border
2 David E Leafe
3 Stuart A Aitken
4 Geoffrey W Randall
5 Michael Chester
6 Mark W Sayers
7 Christopher F Mew(C)
8 Peter Border
9 Simon P Rogers
10 James Insley
To mark the 450th
anniversary of the granting
of a Charter to Warwick by
Henry VIII on 15 May 1545.
Rung during the ceremony
of the outgoing Mayor, Bryn
Brewster, and the
installation of the new
Mayor, Christine Hodgetts,
sometime ringer at
Warwick.
400th for the Guild; 9. £3

KERESLEY, W Mids.

S Thomas
Mon May 22 1995 2h9 (4)
5040 Minor
(13m: (1) Norwich S (2)
Cambridge S, Beverley S,
Surfleet S (3) Kent T B,
Oxford T B (4) Grandsire (5)
Double Oxford B, S
Clements C B (6) S Nicholas
College, Hasfield B (7) Plain
B, Single Oxford B.)
1 James Hughes
2 C Phillip Hope
3 Michael Chester
4 Martin J Bright
5 Simon P Rogers(C)
6 Mark W Sayers
Circled the tower; 3. A 70th
birthday compliment to
John Hughes, father of the
treble ringer.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

ALDGATE, London EC
S Botolph
Tue May 16 1995 2h58 (25)
5040 Stedman Triples
Comp. Wyld's original
1 Graham A Duke
2 Simon J Davies
3 E Jane Sibson
4 Colin J E Wyld
5 Alan Regin
6 Derek E Sibson(C)
7 Stanley Jenner
8 Stephanie J Pattenden
This composition,
containing 705 calls, and the
first to be composed with
ordinary bobs only, is now
rung for the first time.

SUNDERLAND, Tyne & Wear
S Andrew, Roker
Sun May 21 1995 3h16 (22)
5040 Spliced S. Royal
(3m: 1680 each Cambridge,
Yorkshire, Lincolnshire)
Comp. M Maughan
1 Julie Bell
2 Alison McCormack
3 Simon J Davies
4 Barbara M Wheeler
5 Conrad D Warford
6 Michael E Gibbin
7 Raymond A Hutchings
8 Rachael H Dyson(C)
9 Alan Regin
10 Ian R Fielding
A birthday compliment to
the 5th ringer.

DERBY D.A.

HASLEMERE, Surrey
S Bartholomew
Sat Apr 22 1995 2h52 (13)
5040 Rutland S. Royal
Comp. C K Lewis
1 Alison R Willgress
2 Elizabeth A Betts
3 Patricia A M Halls
4 Jane E Boden
5 F Keith Williamson
6 Simon M Alford
7 Gordon A Halls
8 Stephen J F Mitchell
9 Paul M Mason
10 David Kingman(C)
First in the method; 2, 5 & 9.
750th peal; 10.

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter
Thu May 11 1995 2h50 (14)
5056 Spliced S.Major
(8m: 768 Rutland, 704
London, 640 each Pudsey,
Superlative; 576 each
Bristol, Cambridge,
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire: 119
com.atw.)
Comp. P G K Davies
1 Rev David H Sansum
2 Neil J Morgan
3 Jane E Boden
4 Ian Duff
5 W Arnold Morley
6 Robert J Marchbank
7 F Gordon Faulks
8 John V Chadwick(C)

BELPER, Derbys, S Peter
Thu May 18 1995 2h53 (14)
5088 Wembley S.Major
Comp. J W Washbrook
1 Neil J Morgan
2 Patricia A M Halls
3 Jane E Boden
4 Ian Duff
5 W Arnold Morley
6 Robert J Marchbank
7 Rev David H Sansum
8 John V Chadwick(C)
Circled the tower to peal; 7.

(Derby District)
DERBY, Derbys, Cathedral
Sat May 20 1995 3h18 (19)
5040 Albanian S.Royal
Comp. M A Coleman
1 Gail L Wade
2 Richard L Taylor
3 Elizabeth A Betts
4 Brian A Tomlinson
5 Timothy Wylie
6 Andrew W Gordon
7 David Kingman
8 Terry M Astill
9 Mark A Boylan(C)
10 Anthony P Cotton
Circled the tower; 10. First
blows in the method; 3 & 10.

STAVELEY, Derbys.
S John Baptist
Wed May 24 1995 2h53 (18)
5024 Kent T.B.Major
Comp. A Knights
1 Patricia A M Halls
2 Paul S Parsons
3 Brian A Tomlinson
4 Jim Heading
5 Rev David H Sansum
6 Gordon A Halls
7 Matthew R Yeomans
8 Nicholas J Parkes(C)
First peal inside and on 8
bells; 2. First peal of Kent T
B; 6, 8 (and inside; 7). 400th
peal together; 1 & 5.

BRAILSFORD, Derbys.
All Saints
Sat May 27 1995 2h42 (10)
5040 Doubles
(3m: 720 Plain B, 1440 S
Simons, 2880 Grandsire)
1 Mary Cox
2 Jackie Burns
3 Andrew Burns
4 Rev David H Sansum
5 K Maurice Starkey(C)
6 Keith Woolley
Most methods to a peal; 2
and 3. £1

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE D.A.

NEWCASTLE, Tyne & Wear,
S John Baptist
Fri May 19 1995 2h38 (11)
5184 Faringdon S.Major
Comp. S Jenner
1 Ian R Fielding
2 Simon J Davies
3 Rachael H Dyson
4 Conrad D Warford
5 Oliver D Cross
6 Alan Regin
7 David Hird(C)
8 Ronald R Warford
First peal in the method for
all the band and for the
Association.

HARTLEPOOL, Cleveland
S Oswald
Sat May 20 1995 2h53 (22)
5040 London S.Royal
Comp. C K Lewis
1 Simon J Davies
2 Becky Cubitt
3 E Alyson Kerr
4 Conrad D Warford
5 Rachael H Dyson
6 Clive R Moon
7 Ian R Fielding(C)
8 Oliver D Cross
9 Ronald R Warford
10 Alan Regin
First of London royal; 2, 3 &
6. A 40th birthday
compliment to the 6th
ringer.

STOCKTON, Cleveland
S Thomas a Becket
Sat May 20 1995 2h9 (21)
5042 Bristol S.Maximus
Comp. P Border
1 Nina E Howard
2 Simon J Davies
3 Alison McCormack
4 Matthew J L Durham
5 Ian R Fielding
6 Conrad D Warford
7 Ronald R Warford
8 G Jessica Davies
9 Oliver D Cross
10 Rachael H Dyson
11 Alan Regin
12 David Hird(C)
First of Bristol maximus; 4,
6, 8, 9 & 10.

SHILDON, Co.Durham
S John
Sat May 27 1995 3h3 (16)
5088 Belfast S.Major
Comp. C Forster
1 Kristopher King
2 Richard A M Turner
3 Kelvin Appleby
4 E Alyson Kerr
5 Matthew J L Durham
6 Rachael H Dyson
7 John R Hind
8 Denis Crowe(C)
First in the method; 3, 4 & 7.
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ELY D.A.

MELDRETH, Cambs.
Holy Trinity
Fri May 5 1995 2h39 (10)
5056 Bridgetown S.Major
Comp. D W Beard
1 Ian W Davies
2 E Jane Sibson
3 John G Gipson
4 Geoffrey Pearson
5 Walter Hunt
6 Derek E Sibson(C)
7 Katherine A Hinchliffe
8 John P Loveless
In memoriam Mary Beard,
wife of Walter and mother
of the composer, who died
on 1/5/95 aged 101. First
peal in the method.
Bridgetown S.Major:
h -5-4-5-56-23-4-5-6-6-7
le.18

MELDRETH, Cambs.
Holy Trinity
Fri May 12 1995 2h44 (10)
**5024 Robinson College
S.Major**
Comp. D W Beard
1 John G Gipson
2 E Jane Sibson
3 Ian K Bushell
4 Geoffrey Pearson
5 Walter Hunt
6 Derek E Sibson(C)
7 Katherine A Hinchliffe
8 Jason R Turnock
First peal in the method.
Robinson College S.Major:
j 34.56.3.6.5-2.36.2-4.3.6-6.7
le.18

MELDRETH, Cambs.
Holy Trinity
Sat May 13 1995 2h40 (10)
**5056 Newnham College
S.Major**
Comp. D W Beard
1 John G Gipson
2 E Jane Sibson
3 Andrew D Sibson
4 Geoffrey Pearson
5 Walter Hunt
6 Derek E Sibson(C)
7 Katherine A Hinchliffe
8 Jason R Turnock
First peal in the method; 7 &
8. A compliment to Nicola R
Sibson who received her
Ph.D. degree later this day.

WISBECH, Cambs.
SS Peter & Paul
Sat May 20 1995 3h20 (21)
5040 Elgood S.Royal
Arr. A J Cox
1 Ian G Campbell
2 E Jane Sibson
3 Ian K Bushell
4 Mary E Hall
5 David C Brown(C)
6 Stephen N Whittleton
7 Simon S Meyer
8 Derek E Sibson
9 Martin J Whiteley
10 John P Loveless
Especially arranged to mark
the bi-centenary of Elgood &
Sons Ltd., Brewers, of
Wisbech. The band was
entertained by the Elgood
family at the North Brink
Brewery after the peal,
which was rung at the end of
a week of the bi-centenary
celebrations. First peal in the
method.
Elgood S.Royal:
-5-6-7-38-2-38-6-7-2-9
le.1907856342

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL D.A.

BRISTOL, Avon
Christ Church
Mon May 8 1995 2h57 (20)
5000 Bristol S.Royal
Comp. A J Cox
1 Jennifer M Taylor
2 Michael J Hobbs
3 Ian P Hill
4 Rebecca J Cox
5 Stephen J Bateman
6 Joseph St J Beaumont
7 Derek J Carr
8 James R Taylor
9 Anthony J Cox(C)
10 Andrew J Mitchell
First of Bristol S.royal; 5. To
mark the 50th anniversary
of the Allied Victory in
Europe.

SWINDON, Wilts, S Mark
Sat May 20 1995 2h51 (11)
5152 Yorkshire S.Major
Comp. R W Pipe
1 Jane Williams
2 Natalie J Williams
3 Eric Sutton
4 Philip J Ockwell
5 Simon M Barnes
6 David V Craggs(C)
7 Richard L Thumwood
8 Mark Edwards
First peal of Surprise; 1 & 2.
First peal of Surprise major;
5. Specially arranged for the
150th anniversary of this
Church. Also as a wedding
compliment to Richard
Gauger & Julie Mortlock,
married this day in
Plymouth.

BARROW GURNEY, Avon
SS Mary & Edward
Wed May 31 1995 2h42 (12)
5056 Spliced S.Major
(6n: 960 Cambridge, 928
Superlative, 832 each
Lincolnshire, Yorkshire; 800
Bristol, 704 Rutland: 89
com.atw.)
Comp. P G K Davies & A J Cox
1 Kathryn L Carter
2 Rebecca J Cox
3 John Hill
4 Peter J Shipton
5 Michael J Hobbs
6 Robert E Beck
7 Anthony J Cox(C)
8 Keith W Scudamore

HERTFORD C.A.

TEWIN, Herts, S Peter
Sun May 7 1995 2h45 (11)
5040 Minor
(2m: 4 extents Cambridge S,
3 extents Plain B.)
1 J J "Bill" Wiles
2 David A Rawlins
3 Eileen A Wiles
4 David S Hall
5 Graham E D Lay(C)
6 Richard W Edgar
First peal; 1 & 3. First inside;
2. By a Sunday Service band
to commemorate the 50th
anniversary of VE-Day. £5

RADLETT, Herts.
Christ Church
Sat May 27 1995 2h17 (3)
5040 Spliced S.Minor
(25m: (1) Carlisle,
Northumberland, Sandiacre
(2) Chester, Munden,
Alnwick, Newcastle,
Sandiacre (3) London,
Wells, Cuneastre (4)
Rossendale, Stamford (5)
York, Durham, Beverley,
Surfleet, Berwick, Hexham
(6) Cambridge, Primrose,
Ipswich, Norfolk, Bourne,
Hull (7) Norwich)
1 Dorothy M Robotham
2 Richard J W Tibbetts
3 John H W Beardwell
4 Brian C Watson
5 Andrew J W Tibbetts
6 John R Mayne(C)
To welcome Revd Martin
Flowerdew as Priest-in-
Charge of St.John's, and
curate of Radlett.

BALDOCK, Herts, S Mary
Sat May 27 1995 3h15 (26)
5024 Rutland S.Major
Comp. J Morgan
1 Jack S Dear
2 Stephen Coaker(C)
3 Maurice A Collings
4 David J Hawkins
5 Peter T K Rumley
6 Alan P Curtis
7 Francis P G Flack
8 Jason R Turnock
For the Baldock Festival.

KENT C.A.

WAREHAM, Dorset
Lady S Mary
Sat Apr 22 1995 3h (15)
5040 King's Norton S.Royal
Comp. (not given)
1 Felicity A Warwick
2 David J Dearnley
3 Vanessa J Martin
4 Claire J Larter
5 Catherine N Merlane
6 Dickon R Love
7 Nigel J Woodruff
8 Philip H Larter
9 Paul N Mounsey(C)
10 Mark P Gilham

HOLBORN VIADUCT,
London E1
S Sepulchre-without-Newgate
Sun May 21 1995 3h22 (28)
5088 Spliced Maximus
(4m: 1296 each Bristol S,
Strathclyde S; 1248 each
Cambridge S, Avon D.: 58
com.atw.)
Comp. S A Coaker
1 Iain M Davey
2 Deborah L Blagden
3 Susan L Apter
4 David J Dearnley
5 Peter V D Swift
6 Stephen A Coaker(C)
7 Richard J W Tibbetts
8 Dickon R Love
9 John N Hughes-D'Aeth
10 Alan D Flood
11 Paul N Mounsey
12 D Paul Smith

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WORSLEY, Lancs, S Mark
Fri May 5 1995 3h (24)
5000 Spliced S.Royal
(5m: 1000 each Bristol,
Cambridge, London No.3,
Superlative No.2, Wootton
Rivers: 109 com.atw.)
Comp. R C Kippin
1 Peter C Randall(C)
2 Gail L Randall
3 John Cornock
4 Michael H Tompsett
5 Geoffrey Fothergill
6 Geoffrey R Gardner
7 Richard S Starkie
8 Peter G Bellamy-Knights
9 Trevor W Marchbank
10 Simon J Poole

MIDDLETON, Lancs.
S Leonard
Fri May 12 1995 2h45 (11)
5152 Diamond S.Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Joseph Thornley
2 John P Partington
3 Gail L Randall
4 Peter C Randall(C)
5 Geoffrey E Waite
6 Geoffrey Fothergill
7 Andrew J Webster
8 Peter G Bellamy-Knights

BURNLEY, Lancs, S Peter
Fri May 19 1995 3h8 (18)
5152 Spliced S.Major
(23m: 224 each Ashtead,
Bristol, Cambridge,
Cassibury, Cornwall, Cray,
Double Dublin, Glasgow,
Ipswich, Jersey,
Lincolnshire, Lindum,
London, Preston, Pudsey,
Rutland, Superlative,
Tavistock, Uxbridge,
Watford, Wembley, Whalley,
Yorkshire: 160 com.atw.)
Comp. N Smith
1 Paul Male
2 Gail L Randall
3 Gordon Rothwell
4 Connie A Rayner
5 Peter C Randall(C)
6 Terry M Astill
7 Andrew D Sibson
8 Richard J Parker

FARNWORTH, Lancs.
S John
Fri May 26 1995 2h36 (12)
5056 Onyx S.Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 Joseph Thornley
2 Philip S Woods
3 Gail L Randall
4 Peter C Randall(C)
5 Walter E Wilkinson
6 Alan McNutt
7 Andrew J Webster
8 Geoffrey Fothergill

LEICESTER D.G.

SOUTH WIGSTON, Leics.
S Thomas
Thu May 25 1995 2h38 (14)
5040 Grandsire Triples
Comp. J J Parker's 12-part
1 Winifred M Warwick
2 Elizabeth A Betts
3 Brian S Chapman
4 Timothy Wylie
5 Burley P Morris
6 Roland W Morant
7 Brian S Chapman(C)
8 Frank E Coales
For Sung Eucharist on
Ascension Day.

NARBOROUGH, Leics.
All Saints
Tue May 23 1995 2h47 (20)
5040 Doubles
(6m: Winchendon Place, S
Simons, S Martins, Reverse
Canterbury, Plain B, Grandsire)
1 Imogen M Painter
2 Gail L Wade
3 Mark J Pendery
4 Garry W Mason
5 Mark A Boylan
6 Vivienne I Leatherland
For the 50th anniversary of
VD-Day. First peal; 1 & 6.
First female to ring this
tenor to a peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.
Bellfoundry
Wed May 24 1995 2h19 (6)
5040 Godmundesleah S.Royal
Comp. G Lindoff
1 Brian G Warwick(C)
2 Elizabeth A Betts
3 Winifred M Warwick
4 Frank E Coales
5 Timothy Wylie
6 Roland W Morant
7 Brian S Chapman
8 Brian E Mozley
9 Philip J H Hudson
10 George Pluckrose
First peal in the method.
Godmundesleah S.Royal:
-3-4-5-6-7-8-6-27.58-5678.9
le.12 1573 FCE(in) cps (out) Bc

MARKET HARBOROUGH,
Leics, S Dionysius
Sat May 27 1995 2h52 (18)
5040 Spliced S.Royal
(3m: 1680 each Cambridge,
Yorkshire, Lincolnshire)
Comp. M Maughan
1 Richard J Scott
2 Gail L Wade
3 Ruth A Stretton
4 Richard Brown
5 Francis W Fisher
6 Rev Reginald J Stretton
7 Mark A Boylan(C)
8 Christopher M Rudge
9 Garry W Mason
10 W John Rielly

THURNBY, Leics, S Luke
Sat May 27 1995 2h50 (12)
5152 Pudsey S.Major
Comp. M Maughan
1 Margaret Edwards
2 Gail L Wade
3 Anthea Edwards
4 J Julian Pawley
5 Maurice F Edwards
6 Christopher M Rudge
7 Mark J Pendery
8 Mark A Boylan(C)

LICHFIELD
ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

CANNOCK, Staffs, S Luke
Thu May 18 1995 2h57 (14)
5088 Lincolnshire S.Major
Comp. W Barton
1 K Laura Jukes
2 John P Williams
3 J Lynne Williams
4 Gail K Baggott
5 Peter J Barker
6 S Geoffrey Pick
7 Andrew C Ogden
8 Andrew W Gordon(C)
First peal on 8; 1. First in the
method; 2. An engagement
compliment to Karen
Weatherer, of the local
band, and Eddie.

BLITHFIELD, Staffs.
S Leonard
Thu May 25 1995 2h48 (8)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each Buxton,
Childwall, S Clement's C B,
Oxford T B, Kent T B,
Cambridge S, Plain B.)
1 Suzanne Alliss
2 Vernon C Wright
3 Lucy Smith
4 Cyril T Collins
5 Stephen R Alliss
6 Clive M Smith(C)

LINCOLN D.G.

SAXILBY, Lincs, S Botolph
Mon May 8 1995 2h56 (12)
5040 Minor
(7m: 1 extent each
Cambridge S, Oxford T B,
Kent T B, Single Oxford,
Double Oxford, S Clement's
C B, Plain B. - each called
differently)
1 Grace A East
2 Colleen L Turner
3 Kevin M Price
4 John F Underwood
5 John B Nicholson
6 Ian Butters(C)
For the 50th anniversary of
Victory in Europe.

HOUGH ON THE HILL,
Lincs, All Saints
Sat May 20 1995 2h39 (14)
5040 Surprise Minor
(7m: 1 extent each London,
Wells, Bourne, Hull,
Norwich, Primrose,
Cambridge)
1 Simon L Ward
2 Tim Flitcroft
3 Rev Kevin M Price(C)
4 Peter J Waterfield
5 Andrew W Gordon
6 John M Goldthorpe

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH
D.A.

ABERAVON, W Glam.
S Mary
Sat May 27 1995 3h8 (16)
5152 Spliced S.Major
(4m: 1280 each London,
Cambridge, Superlative;
1312 Bristol: 111 com.atw.)
Comp. A J Pitman
1 Michael R Thomas
2 Alwyn R Lewis
3 Jonathan W Lewis
4 Andrew C John
5 Julian C Parker
6 David J Llewellyn
7 Peter S Bennett(C)
8 Michael J Stone
With best wishes to Mark
Bennett & Caroline Imm on
their engagement. £2

NORWICH SOCIETY

BENENDEN, Kent
S George
Sun May 28 1995 3h7 (18)
5184 Belvedere S.Major
Comp. R I Allton
1 Gillian H Knox
2 Ian Butters(C)
3 David G Adams
4 Christopher M Gould
5 Christopher N McCarthy
6 Brian G Meads
7 Richard P J Carter
8 J Michael Roberts

MAIDSTONE, Kent
All Saints
Mon May 29 1995 3h11 (32)
5039 Grandsire Caters
Comp. F N Golden
1 Ian Butters(C)
2 Rosalind J Keech
3 Rosemary Pickford
4 David G Adams
5 Thomas H Kingdon
6 Andrew M Keech
7 Christopher N McCarthy
8 Brian G Meads
9 Christopher J Pickford
10 J Michael Roberts
200th tower for a peal; 4.

OXFORD D.G.

MAIDENHEAD, Berks.
All Saints
Mon May 8 1995 2h55 (15)
5056 Mashonaland S.Major
Comp. C Middleton
1 Bernard J Stone
2 Charlotte Everett
3 Nichola J Crichton
4 Peter G C Ellis
5 Bernard F L Groves(C)
6 Stephen A Rossiter
7 Clive Holloway
8 Colin M Turner
For the 50th anniversary of
VE-Day.

HIGHCLERE, Hants.
S Michael & All Angels
Thu May 18 1995 2h43 (11)
5120 Xhora S.Major
Comp. G A C John
1 John Pearce
2 Timothy G Pett
3 Colin M Turner
4 Anthony R Peake
5 Peter Border
6 Geoffrey K Dodd
7 Helen J Piper
8 Bernard F L Groves(C)
Circled the tower; 7. First
peal in the method.
Xhora S.Major:
(b) -3.56.4-56.3-34-5.34.6-7

CHALFONT ST.GILES,
Bucks, S Giles
Sat May 27 1995 2h41 (10)
5024 Double Norwich C.B.Major
Comp. C W Roberts
1 Meryl Kennedy
2 Patricia M Newton
3 Peter F Windley
4 M Ann Bethell
5 Robert H Newton
6 Claire F Edwards
7 John C Davidge
8 J Alan Ainsworth(C)
In Memoriam E George
Swift, who died on 22/5/95
aged 92. Rung fully-muffled
in a method chosen by
George.

HURST, Berks, S Nicholas
Sat Jun 10 1995 3h3 (14)
5088 Ashtead S. Major
Comp. T G Pett
1 Peter Bridle
2 Bobbie May
3 Diana M Bridle
4 Helen J Piper
5 Patricia M Newton
6 Kenneth J Davenport
7 Geoffrey K Dodd
8 Timothy G Pett (C)
First in the method - 2,4
Rung as a compliment to Jo
Loveridge, the vicar's wife,
on being accepted for
training for the priesthood.

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

BURTON LATIMER,
Northants, S Mary Virgin
Tue May 9 1995 2h47 (10)
5152 Opal S.Major
Comp. A J Cox
1 E Jane Sibson
2 Andrew J Parker
3 W Eric Critchley
4 Peter G C Ellis
5 Tony Sansom
6 Derek E Sibson(C)
7 Ian N Willgress
8 Murray A Coleman
First peal in the method by
all the band.

ALDWINCLE, Northants.
Sun May 14 1995 2h46 (12)
5040 Doubles
(1p/7m/6v: 3 extents each S
Nicholas, S Giles,
Winchendon, S Miles,
Reverse Canterbury,
Southrepps, S Simons, S
Alban, S Martins, S Paul,
Kennington, Plain B,
Grandsire, Stedman)
1 Elizabeth A Betts
2 E Ray Berryman
3 Victoria Samson
4 Timothy F W Samson
5 David Kingman(C)
Most m/v/p doubles; 2, 3 & 4.

DAVENTRY, Northants.
Holy Cross
Sat May 20 1995 3h10 (19)
5003 Grandsire Caters
Comp. J J Morris
1 Richard F Waddy
2 James Haseldine
3 Raymond A Vickers
4 Rosemary Hemmings
5 Julie Haseldine
6 Andrew Haseldine(C)
7 Raymond Watkin
8 Brian J Foley
9 John F Thorne
10 Stanley M Ruddlesden
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SPROXTON, Leics.
S Bartholomew
Sun May 21 1995 2h36 (8)
5088 Bristol S.Major
Comp. J W Parker
1 E Raymond Berryman
2 Elizabeth A Betts
3 Timothy Wylie
4 David J T Wilson
5 Peter S Lacy
6 David G Adams
7 Andrew W Gordon
8 David Kingman(C)
First in the method; 2.

ST JAMES GUILD

CHEWTON MENDIP, Som,
S Mary Magdalene.
Sat Jun 10 1995 3h21 (24)
5088 London S Major
Comp. S Ivin
1 David E House
2 Caroline C House
3 Mark Regan (C)
4 Alan Regan
5 David J Dearnley
6 Paul N Mounsey
7 Michael E C Mears
8 Alison K Regan

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TAUNTON, Som.

S Mary Magdalene

Sun May 28 1995 3h15 (30)

5042 Tantun S. Maximus

Comp. J A Ainsworth

1 Maurice F Edwards

2 Richard J W Tibbetts

3 Patricia M Newton

4 Andrew N Stubbs

5 Anthony M Daw

6 J Alan Ainsworth(C)

7 Richard C Stevens

8 Claire F Edwards

9 Jonathan P Healy

10 Robert H Newton

11 Paul E Bibilo

12 Paul Needham

First peal in the method.

Tantun S. Maximus:

b -3-4-5-6-7-8-9-50-6-3-4-E

Tantun is an ancient spelling

of Taunton.

**ST.MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS
BAND OF BELLRINGERS**

WESTMINSTER, London WC

S Martin-in-the-Fields

Mon May 22 1995 3h14 (29)

5090 Bristol S. Maximus

Comp. J Clatworthy

1 Heather B Horn

2 Susan L Apter

3 Graham A Duke

4 Catherine N Merlane

5 Andrew Giles

6 Andrew Blacklock

7 Stephen A Coaker

8 Alison K Regan

9 Ian R Fielding

10 Derek E Sibson(C)

11 Ian G Campbell

12 Alan Regin

A farewell to Canon

Geoffrey & Mrs Brown,

retiring from St.Martin-in-

the-Fields.

SOUTHWELL D.G.

OXTON, Notts.

SS Peter & Paul

Sat May 20 1995 2h30 (7)

5040 Minor

(7m: 1 extent each Oxton D,

London B, Oxford T B, S

Clements C B, Allendale S,

Double Court, Bourne S -

each called differently)

1 Sharon L Mills

2 Ruth Richardson

3 Andrew B Mills

4 Richard I Allton

5 Paul F Curtis

6 Ian Butters(C)

350th peal together; 3 & 6.

LEICESTER, Leics.

S Mary-de-Castro

Mon May 22 1995 2h45 (16)

5024 Glasgow S. Major

Comp. M A Coleman

1 Sally A Mason

2 Ruth Richardson

3 Peter S Lacy

4 David J T Wilson

5 Maurice F Edwards

6 Paul F Curtis

7 Michael Maughan(C)

8 R Kingsley Mason

A compliment to David

Wilson for his birthday, and

to Paul Curtis on becoming

a grandad. 100th peal

together; 4 & 6.

NOTTINGHAM, Notts.

S Mary Virgin

Mon May 8 1995 3h34 (35)

5042 Lincolnshire**S. Maximus**

Comp. S Jenner

1 Janet I Rogers

2 Ruth Richardson

3 Graham M Bradshaw

4 Adrian P Sweeting

5 David G Adams

6 Christopher N

McCarthy(C)

7 Peter J England

8 Clive W Longden

9 Maurice F Edwards

10 Paul F Curtis

11 S Clarke Walters

12 Ian Butters

For the 50th anniversary of

Victory in Europe.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.

Bellfoundry

Thu May 18 1995 2h16 (6)

5056 Six Mile Bottom**S. Major**

Comp. A M Barber

1 George A Dawson

2 Martin F Mitchell

3 R Brian Mills

4 Sally A Mason

5 Maurice F Edwards

6 Richard C L Brown

7 Andrew D Higson

8 R Kingsley Mason(C)

A thanksgiving for the life of

Neville Welton, uncle to the

treble ringer. R.I.P.

SUFFOLK GUILD

OFFORD, Suffolk

The Assumption

Sun May 21 1995 2h47 (13)

5088 Braunstone S. Major

Comp. M A Coleman

1 Katharine J Salter

2 David G Salter(C)

3 Mary Allum

4 Jonathan R Slack

5 Michelle W Chapman

6 Mary E Mitchell

7 Robin D Allum

8 Clive J Dunbavin

200th peal; 6. Completes the

circle; 2. A birthday

compliment to Daisy M

Andrews.

ASHBOCKING, Suffolk

All Saints

Fri May 26 1995 2h36 (10)

5040 Minor

(10m: (1) Single Oxford B,

Single Burton Pedwardine B

(2) Oxford T B (3) Double

Oxford B, Edge Hill B (4)

Kent T B (5) S Clements C B,

Buxton B (6) Cambridge S

(7) Plain B.)

1 Michelle W Chapman

2 Mary Allum

3 J Martin Thorley

4 Katharine J Salter

5 Robin D Allum

6 David G Salter(C)

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SUSSEX C.A.

BALCOMBE, W Sussex

S Mary Virgin

Thu May 11 1995 2h43 (9)

5088 Oxney S. Major

Comp. N J Pitstow

1 Louise G Pink

2 John E Hawes(C)

3 Jacqueline M Hunter

4 Ann Smith

5 Betty Green

6 Linda J Etherington

7 David Kirkcaldy

8 Ian V J Smith

TRURO D.G.

TRURO, Cornwall

Cathedral of the BVM

Sat May 27 1995 3h22 (33)

5040 Cambridge S. Royal

Comp. P Border

1 Anthony J Davidson

2 Jane M Hitchens

3 T Neil Hitchens

4 Claire J Sweetman

5 Alastair J Hopkins

6 Alan Sharples

7 Colin J B Taylor

8 Christopher Ricketts

9 Christopher J Venn

10 Robert J Perry(C)

First peal of Surprise royal; 2.

First peal on ten bells; 4. £2

**WINCHESTER &
PORTSMOUTH D.G.**

CURDRIDGE, Hants, S Peter

Sat May 6 1995 3h28 (25)

5120 Bristol S. Major

Comp. A J Cox

1 Caroline C House

2 Heather A Kippin

3 Jennifer M Taylor

4 Barbara A Foster

5 James R Taylor

6 David J Baverstock

7 Anthony J Cox(C)

8 Robert C Kippin

To mark the 50th

anniversary of the Allied

Victory in Europe.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD,

Hants, S Peter

Mon May 29 1995 2h38 (7)

5056 Plain Bob Major

Comp. J E Burton

1 Helen J Piper

2 Angela M Athawes

3 Chirley A Hedges

4 Barbara A Foster

5 Keith J Walpole

6 Raymond A Walsh

7 Benjamin D Constant(C)

8 Graham P Hedges

First peal on 8 as conductor.

**WORCESTERSHIRE &
DISTRICTS ASSN.**

CROWLE, Worcs.

S John Baptist

Sun May 21 1995 2h47 (10)

5056 Cambridge S. Major

Comp. Johnson's varn.of

Middleton's

1 Kevin Jones

2 Catherine R Taylor

3 H T Keith Haslam

4 Christopher Lees

5 Jill M Hansford

6 John H Smart

7 Gerald C Hemming(C)

8 Nicholas J Green

In conclusion of the village's

commemoration events for

the 50th anniversary of

V-E Day.

GREAT HAMPTON,

Evesham, Worcs.

S Andrew

Sat May 20 1995 2h44 (12)

5088 Yorkshire S. Major

Comp. A Craven

1 Beryl Hartley

2 Martin G Powell

3 H T Keith Haslam

4 Neil J Garner

5 Alan E Hartley

6 John H Smart

7 Andrew J Hartley

8 Gerald C Hemming(C)

To mark the 900th

anniversary of the year of

St.Wulfstan, the last Saxon

Bishop of Worcester, with

his death in 1095 AD.

EVESHAM, Worcs.

The Bell Tower

Tue May 23 1995 3h2 (15)

5088 Jersey S. Major

Comp. R F B Speed

1 Martin G Powell

2 Andrew J Middlicott

3 Peter J F Quinn

4 Christopher M Povey

5 John H Smart

6 H T Keith Haslam

7 John W Nicholls

8 Gerald C Hemming(C)

500th peal for the Assn; 6.

First peal of Jersey for all

except the conductor. To

commemorate the 50th

anniversary of the

Liberation of the Channel

Isles, with the "signature to

surrender" on May 9, 1945.

HANDBELL PEALS**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
GUILD**

CAMBRIDGE, Cambs.

1st Court, St John's College

Sat Jun 10 1995 2h24 (15)

5040 Plain Bob Major

Comp. M C W Sherwood

Cond. A W Kilgour

1-2 H M Woor (St John's)

3-4 A E Holroyd (Queens')

5-6 A W Kilgour (St John's)

7-8 N C Childs (St John's)

1st handbell peal 1-2 & 7-8.

1st in hand as cond 5-6.

By Graduands.

CHESTER D.G.

WILMSLOW, Cheshire

9 Hawthorn Lane

Tue May 2 1995 2h38 (15)

5040 Spiced S. Royal

(4m: 1280 each Cambridge,

Lincolnshire, Yorkshire;

1200 Rutland: 31 com.atw.)

Comp. P C Randall

1-2 Neil D Lomas

3-4 Peter C Randall(C)

5-6 J David Atkinson

7-8 David W Friend

9-10 John Cornock

WILMSLOW, Cheshire

9 Hawthorn Lane

Tue May 9 1995 2h40 (15)

5040 Yorkshire S. Royal

Comp. P C Randall

1-2 Neil D Lomas

3-4 Simon J Poole

5-6 Peter C Randall(C)

7-8 David W Friend

9-10 John Cornock

WILMSLOW, Cheshire

9 Hawthorn Lane

Tue May 16 1995 2h40 (15)

5040 Spiced S. Royal

(4m: 1320 Rutland, 1240

each Cambridge,

Lincolnshire, Yorkshire: 62

com.atw.)

Comp. P C Randall

1-2 Neil D Lomas

3-4 Peter C Randall(C)

5-6 J David Atkinson

7-8 David W Friend

9-10 John Cornock

WILMSLOW, Cheshire

HOLMER GREEN, Bucks.
3 Corners Way
Wed May 17 1995 2h55 (15)
5040 Kent T.B. Maximus
Comp. J Clatworthy
1-2 Jean A Darmon
3-4 Robert H Newton
5-6 Philip A B Saddleton
7-8 Bernard F L Groves(C)
9-10 Angela M Darvill
11-12 Kenneth J Darvill

ASTON ROWANT, Oxon
The White House
Wed May 24 1995 2h37 (14)
5040 Cambridge S. Royal
Comp. P Border
1-2 Patricia M Newton
3-4 John R Martin
5-6 Graham A C John
7-8 David F Moore
9-10 Robert H Newton(C)
In memory of "Young"
George Swift.

SUSSEX C.A.

HORSHAM, W Sussex
48 Swindon Road
Wed May 17 1995 2h24 (8)
5088 Kent T.B. Major
Comp. A T Winter
1-2 Margaret L Sherwood
3-4 Edgar R Rapley
5-6 Simon M Alford(C)
7-8 Stephen R T Pocock

YORKSHIRE ASSN.

KIPPAX, W Yorks.
194 Leeds Road
Fri May 12 1995 2h23 (13)
5040 Plain Bob Minor
1-2 Philip R Brook(C)
3-4 Alan Shephard
5-6 Susan M Webb
First peal in-hand; 1-2 & 5-6.

LATE PEALS

(The Friends of Margaret Macey)
GREAT ILFORD, Essex
S Mary Virgin
Sun Jan 22 1995 2h37 (7)
5050 Spliced S. Major
(2m: 5024 Yorkshire, 26 Kent
County Association of Change
Ringers Alliance: 1 com.)
Comp. A J Cox (mostly)
1 Nicholas W Jones
2 Rupert J Cheeseman
3 Garry S Barr
4 Margaret E Macey
5 Richard A Pearce(C)
6 James R S Sawle
7 Mark C Bennett
8 David P Macey
For the birthday of the 4th
ringer (the previous day).
KCACR All.: b-3-45-6-2-3-4-7

PETERBOROUGH D.G.

ORLINGBURY, Northants.
S Mary
Sun Jan 29 1995 2h44 (11)
5040 Minor
(2m: 2 extents Cambridge S,
5 extents Plain B.)
1 William A Hulme
2 Victoria Samson
3 Elizabeth A Betts
4 Timothy F W Samson
5 Paul M Mason
6 David Kingman(C)
With thanks to AWG for fixing
the date. First peal including
Surprise inside; 2, 4 & 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics.
Bellfoundry
Sat Mar 11 1995 2h10 (2)
5040 Cambridge S. Minor
(3 x 1440, 1 x 720)
1 Paul M Mason
2 Elizabeth A Betts
3 Matthew J Pearson
4 David Kingman(C)
5 Andrew R Wignell
6 E Raymond Berryman

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(i.e. church dedication, composition, unusually spelt names),
please indicate this on your report.

Quarter Peals

First Quarter Congratulations

*The following quarter-peals have been specially
sorted for early publication as they contain
details of those ringers who have rung or
conducted their first quarter peal.
Our congratulations to them.*

Barnwood, Glos. 11 Jun, 1260 P B Triples:
Simon R Poole (1st Q. aged 11 years) 1, Frances
Mulvey 2, Anne Poole 3, Michael Mulvey 4,
Duncan McBurnie 5, Thomas Hinton 6, Keith
Poole(C) 7, Caroline Ellis 8. For the dedication of
Christchurch, Abbeydale, and for the engage-
ment of Rachel Harrison to John Elley. £2

Bilton, Warks. 18 May, 1260 Doubles (2m):
Dave Sammon 1, Margaret Fiander 2, Rachel
Spice 3, Mike Bennett 4, Phil Spice(C) 5, Sadie
Bennett (1st Q.) 6. In thanksgiving for the life of
Peter Lawrence Westerman. £1

Broughton, Lancs. 30 May, 1260 P B Doubles:
Mrs A Cutler (1st Q.) 1, B Hill 2, Susan Rhodes 3,
R Jolley(C) 4, M Robinson (1st Q.) 5. By the
Sunday Service band as an 85th birthday
compliment to Jack Beaumont, a ringer at this
church. £2.50

Claybrooke, Leics. 8 May, 1264 P B Major: D
Tilley (1st Q.) 1, Val Deacon 2, Betty Lapworth 3,
Claire Rowan 4, K Hudson 5, Chris McPhee 6, F
Lapworth 7, A J Rowan(C) 8. For the 50th
anniversary of VE-Day. £1

Compton Martin, Som. 4 Jun, 1260 Doubles
(2m): S Craig (1st att.) 1, E Salmon 2, Shirley
Sinden 3, R Curry 4, M Sinden(C) 5, S Warman 6.
For Holy Communion on the 40th anniversary of
the ordination of Revd A Marks. £1

Cottesmore, Rutland. 8 May, 1260 P B Doubles:
R Toy 1, K Nimmons 2, Liz Skipper (1st Q.) 3, K
Nimmons 4, D Lees 5, J Skipper 6. To com-
memorate the 50th anniversary of VE-Day. £2

Enderby, Leics. 27 May, 1260 Doubles (3m): H T
Holden (1st Q.) 1, P J Holden (1st in 3 m.) 2, I
Mellor 3, Heather Mann 4, A R Mann(C) 5,
Imogen Painter 6. The band congratulate the
treble ringer who started ringing late in life and
has overcome a serious illness. £1.50

Glastonbury, Som. (S Benedict). 7 May, 1260
Doubles (2m): D C Stich (1st att.) 1, C I Moon 2,
Jennie E Llewellyn 3, L E Perry 4, Beverley
Perry(C) 5, J R Brunson 6. 25th Q in '95; 4. For
the Service to commemorate VE-Day. £1

Guildford, Surrey. (S Nicolas). 11 Jun, 1260
Doubles (2m): Jonathan Deane 1, Lorna Bootland
(most m.) 2, Ann Pierce 3, Richard Marsh 4,
Roger Bull(C) 5, Richard Waters (1st Q.) 6. For
Evensong. £1.20

Hackney, London E8. 10 Jun, 1260 P B Triples:
Martin Pottle 1, Stephen Jakeman 2, Ruth
Jakeman 3, Tracey Coley 4, Debbie Malin 5, David

Bailey 6, Timothy Mills (1st as C.) 7, Stephen
Coley 8. To celebrate the wedding of Phil Cowley
to Catherine Moloney. £3

Henbury, Bristol. 24 May, 1260 Doubles (2m):
David Baker (1st Q.) 1, Mary Friskney(C) 2, Tina
Reed 3, Howard Goss 4, Mark Edwards 5, Bob
Crane 6. For the Westbury & Severnside Mother's
Union Deanery Festival. £1.20

Hoghton, Lancs. 14 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples:
Donna Jones 1, John Sharples 2, Cyril Cross-
thwaite 3, Raymond Clayton 4, Stephen Jackson 5,
Jean Barnes(C) 6, Graham Turner 7, John Reid (1st
Q.) 8. For the Flower Festival at Hoghton tower,
and the open weekend at this church. £4

Islip, Oxon. 30 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles:
Ken Martin (1st att.) 1, Anthony Cole 2, Teresa
Carter 3, Louise Brown 4, Simon Cole(C) 5,
William Haynes 6. On practice night. £1

Oakham, Rutland. 8 May, 1274 P B Triples:
D McKee (1st Q.) 1, Jane McKee 2, Pat Munro 3,
Marilyn Tomalin 4, J Tomalin 5, I McKelvey 6, R G
Beadman(C) 7, M Pooley 8. To commemorate the
50th anniversary of VE-Day. £1.50

Ockley, Surrey. 4 Jun, 1260 P B Minor: Jenny
Clark 1, Helen Vere Hodge 2, Karen Monk 3, Basil
Pink 4, Anthony Vere Hodge 5, Neil Carter(C) 6.
For Neil Carter's retirement as tower captain after
30 years. 80p

Oulton, Suffolk. 19 Apr, 1260 P B Doubles: Patrick
Brinded 1, Andrew Dennison 2, Michael Dann(C) 3,
Dorothy Knight 4, Martin Dennison 5, Anthony
Knight 6. 1st att. & on his 14th birthday; 1. £2

Pulford, Cheshire. 6 May, 1320 P P Doubles:
David Stockton (C) 1, Graham Carter 2, David
Russell 3, Jenny Cole (1st inside in m.) 4, Derek
Venables 5, Bernard Gillam (1st Q.) 6. For the 50th
anniversary of VE-Day, and for the Children's
Society 'Peace a Peal'. £1

Quedgeley, Glos. 4 Jun, 1260 P B Doubles: Ruth
Stickland(C) 1, I Taylor 2, Jacqui Bayes 3, Joyce
Taylor 4, Rev G Stickland 5, Alexandra Jones (1st
Q.) 6. For Pentecost. £1.20

Roker, Tyne & Wear. 25 May, 1260 P B Minor:
Gillian King 1, Rachael Dyson 2, Christine
Richardson 3, Tracey King 4, Martin Nichols (1st
Q.) 5, Kris King(C) 6. For Ascension Day, and to
celebrate the birth of Silas Nichols b.16/3/95. £1

Sharnbrook, Beds. 12 Mar, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles: C Steiner (1st Q.) 1, T W Anderson 2,
Judy M Anderson 3, Linda J Liggett 4, P J S Albon
5, N C Ashfield-Bowers(C) 6. For Evensong. £2.50

Southwold, Suffolk. 3 Jun, 1260 P B Triples:
Shirley Cordeaux (1st att.) 1, Helen Price 2, M J
Carter 3, Elizabeth A Sutherland 4, G A
Sutherland 5, R T H Rapior 6, R H French(C) 7, R
M Brooker 8. For the Festival of Faith. £2

Swanage, Dorset. 4 Jun, 1260 Grandsire
Doubles (768 covering): Julian Newman (1st Q.) 1,
David Gadd 2, Eddie Dicken 3, Hadden Arrowsmith
4, David Haysom(C) 5, Gordon Tomes 6, David
Arrowsmith 7, Robert Davis 8. For the christening
of Sarah Jodie Ovens, grand-daughter of Revd
Dudley Ratcliffe, rector of Swanage. £2

Wallasey, Wirral. (S Hilary). 8 May, 1260 P B
Doubles: S L Galloway (1st Q.) 1, V T O Boase 2,

Elizabeth Orton 3, J McCulloch 4, T R Humphreys
(C) 5, Pauline Galloway (1st Q.) 6. For the 50th
anniversary of VE-Day. £1

Warnham, Sussex. 28 May, 1260 Doubles (2m):
Catherine Oram (1st Q.) 1, George Francis 2,
Margaret Oram 3, Carole Sweatman 4, Ian
Oram(C) 5, Basil Pink 6. For Evensong. 80p

Weaverham, Cheshire. 8 May, 1260 P B
Doubles: Michelle Mannion (1st Q.) 1, Pauline
Taylor 2, S J C Vincent 3, T J Vincent 4, P
Wilkinson(C) 5, Pam Thomson 6. For the 50th
anniversary of VE-Day, sponsored for the
Children's Society 'Peace a Peal'. 60p

Weaverham, Cheshire. 3 Jun, 1260 P B
Doubles: Michelle Mannion 1, Joanne Parker 2,
Pauline Taylor 3, Simon Vincent (1st as C.) 4, Ian
Simpson 5, Pam Thomson 6. 60p

Winston, Hants. 21 May, 1260 Doubles (2m):
Colin Hares 1, Ken Waller 2, Paul Myers 3,
Graham Hedges 4, Catherine Gardner (1st as C.)
5, David Reynolds 6. In celebration of the 5th
ringer passing her driving test. £1.20

Wotton Underwood, Bucks. 22 Apr, 1260
Grandsire Doubles: Jill Ward 1, Phyllis East 2,
Rosemary Henson 3, Kenneth Ockwell 4, Clifford
East(C) 5, David Thornton(C) 6. £1.50

Wraybury, Bucks. 21 May, 1320 P B Doubles: Ben
Harris 1, Hilary Meacock 2, Derek Beasley 3, Alan
Shannon 4, Mark Instone (C) 5, Ian Harris (1st Q.) 6.
A thanksgiving for the life of John Britten. £1

In Norfolk

Bunwell. 6 May, 1260 P.B. Minor: Julie Baldwin
(1st away from "home") 1, JackDear 2, C Valerie
Mills 3, George Reading 4, Steven Chandler 5,
Stephen Crawley (C) 6.

Hethersett. 6 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples:
George Reading 1, Diana Reading 2, C Valerie
Mills 3, George Austin 4, Steven Chandler 5,
Stephen Crawley 6, Jack Dear (C) 7, John Moore
(1st on 8) 8. By Great Gaddesden ringers on their
annual weekend. £3

Half Peal

FENSTANTON, HUNTS (SS Peter & Paul).

2520 Plain Bob Minor

Saturday 13 May 1995 1hr 30 (11)

- 1 Susan Marsden
- 2 Marion Robinson
- 3 Norman Norris
- 4 Cathy Moulton
- 5 James Skillings
- 6 Colin Jonson (C)

To celebrate the first anniversary of the birth of
Bethan Marsden
(Peal attempt called round) £3

**Quarter peal forms are available
(free) from the RW Office, Guildford.
Send a stamped/addressed (9"x4")
envelope now.**

Yorkshire Association Central Branch Quarter Peals

This year's Yorkshire Association Central Branch Quarter Peal fortnight was held during the weeks commencing 16th and 23rd April 1995.

The total number of successful quarters rung was lower than last year, possibly reflecting the fact that there were fewer suitable candidates for ringing their first quarter peal. Nevertheless it was encouraging to see a number of members achieving 'firsts' of other kinds, demonstrating that steady progress is continuing to be made within the Branch. This policy is one which we shall seek to encourage in the future.

Details of 15 quarters are given below. In addition a quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung at Wakefield Cathedral (submitted separately). Sadly, another attempted quarter was lost at Campsall, and an attempt at Wragby suffered the same fate, in spite of the band ringing almost sufficient changes to constitute half a peal!

Finally, thanks are extended to all who rang, especially to friends from neighbouring Branches, without whose help and support a number of these quarters would not have been possible; and also to anyone who helped with the organisation at each tower.

TREVOR LEDGER (Ringing Master)

Bawtry, S Yorks. 19 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Eddie Lodge (1st Minor) 1, Linda Banks 2, Jennifer Armeson 3, Roderick Ismay 4, Matthew Monaghan 5, Trevor Ledger (C) 6.

Campsall, S Yorks. 26 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: Ernest Padgett 1, Matthew Stimpson 2, Rosemarie Sharp 3, Jonathan McCulloch 4, Russell Stephenson 5, Fred Jackson (C) 6.

Conisbrough, S Yorks. 30 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles (7,6,8 cover): Jeanette Honour 1, Julia Wood 2, Katie Wheeler (C) 3, John Laughton 4, Cyril Toyne 5, Stuart Gelder 6, Steve Taylor 7, Michael Honnor 8. 1st Q: 1,6,8.

Darfield, S Yorks. 27 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Kay Valentine 1, Julie Hayes 2, Matthew Monaghan (C) 3, Christopher Walton 4, David Darlington 5, Simon Walton 6.

Doncaster, S Yorks. 26 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: Julie Heslop 1, Trevor Ledger 2, Katie Wheeler (C) 3, Cyril Toyne 4, David Banks 5, Andrew Kett 6, Neil Donovan 7, David Darlington 8.

Felkirk, West Yorks. 28 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Jean Hirst 1, Julie Hayes 2, John Holloway 3, Matthew Monaghan (C) 4, David Darlington 5, John Courtney 6.

Hoylandswaine, S Yorks. 21 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Rose Wilson 1, David Micklethwaite 2, John Nutbrown (1st Q) 3, Geoff Graham 4, Roderick Ismay (C) 5, Ian Hudson 6.

Kirkburton, W Yorks. 17 Apr, 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: Linda Banks 1, Mary Dixon 2, John Barden 3, Susan Webb (150th Q) 4, Trevor Ledger 5, Philip Brook 6, Richard Senior 7, Trevor Tarbatt (C) 8.

Kirkthorpe, W Yorks. 20 Apr, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Ruth Wynn (1st Q) 1, Linda Banks (C) 2, Julie Heslop 3, Matthew Monaghan 4, Trevor Tarbatt 5, Malcolm Cook 6.

Penistone, S Yorks. 28 Apr, 1260 P.B. Minor: John Barden 1, Trevor Ledger 2, John Nutbrown (1st of Minor) 3, Alan Shelbourn 4, Geoff Graham 5, David Micklethwaite (C) 6.

Royston, S Yorks. 20 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Julie Hayes (1st on 8) 1, Julie Heslop 2, Matthew Monaghan 3, Roderick Ismay 4, Linda Banks 5, Trevor Tarbatt 6, Trevor Ledger (1st on 8 as C) 7, David Darlington 8. 1st Triples in m: 3,4.

Silkstone, S Yorks. 22 Apr, 1320 Woodbine D. Minor: Carolyn Charlesworth 1, Rosemary Yeomans (1st in m) 2, Naomi Marples 3, John Bashforth 4, John Marples 5, Philip Charlesworth (C) 6. Rung cartwheel.

Sprotbrough, S Yorks. 25 Apr, 1250 Cambridge S. Major: Cyril Toyne (1st S. Major) 1, Laura Heath 2, Pam Allison 3, Jane Laughton 4, Katie Wheeler 5, David Nichols (C) 6, John Laughton 7, Trevor Ledger 8. 1st in m: 3,4,7.

Tickhill, S Yorks. 27 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Peter Abell 1, Laura Heath 2, Katie Wheeler 3, Ralph Watkinson (1st in m) 4, Roger Smith 5, David Nichols 6, Andrew Hall (C) 7, Trevor Ledger 8. In memory of Ian Couperthwaite of Tickhill.

Woolley, W Yorks. 23 Apr, 1272 P.B. Minimus: Edith Howley (1st Q) 1, Bernard Way, 2, Glen Scrivener 3, Geoffrey Fuller (C) 4, John Cutt 5. In memory of Henry Selby, Churchwarden at Woolley for 30 years. Donation: £10

Quarter Peal Weekend in Cornwall

Launceston (St Thomas). 12 May, 1272 Ipswich S. Minor: M J Wigney 1, S J Nash 2, Janet M Coles 3, Jill M Hupman 4, D B Carter 5, D J Buckley (C) 6.

Lezant. 12 May, 1272 London S. Minor: I C Church 1, Jennifer M Bunyan 2, Maryanne Roach 3, M J Wigney 4, S J Nash 5, D B Carter (C) 6.

Stoke Climsland. 12 May, 1250 Superlative S. Major: Beverley Perry 1, Maryanne Roach 2, I C Church 3, Janet M Coles 4, D B Carter 5, L E Perry 6, S J Nash 7, D J Buckley (C) 8.

Callington. 12 May, 1280 Spl. S. Major (8m): Maryanne Roach 1, Jill M Hupman 2, Jennifer M Bunyan 3, S J Nash 4, M J Wigney 5, Beverley Perry 6, L E Perry (1st 8-Spl inside) 7, D B Carter (C) 8.

North Tamerton. 13 May, 1260 Doubles (3m/1p): M J A Orman 1, Janet M Coles 2, R W Brown 3, R C Shere 4, D B Carter (C) 5, W R Hill 6.

Stratton. 13 May, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: Jennifer M Bunyan 1, Jill M Hupman 2, I C Church 3, Janet V Thompson (1st S at 1st att) 4, Maryanne Roach 5, M J A Orman 6, M J Wigney 7, D J Buckley (C) 8.

Bridgerule, Devon. 13 May, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: R W Brown 1, Beverley Perry 2, G E J A Doughty (200th Q) 3, R C Shere 4, L E Perry (750th Q) 5, Janet M Coles (1st as C) 6, S J Nash 7, D B Carter (100th in Devon) 8. 75th tog & 25th tog this year: 6,8.

Launcells. 13 May, 1272 Durham S. Minor: I C Church 1, M J Wigney 2, Rebecca J Thompson 3, Janet V Thompson (1st in m) 4, Jill M Hupman 5, D J Buckley (1st in m as C) 6.

Lanteglos by Camelford. 13 May, 1272 Wells S. Minor: Maryanne Roach 1, Rebecca J Thompson 2, Jennifer M Bunyan 3, Janet V Thompson 4, M J Wigney 5, D J Buckley (425th as C) 6. 1st in m: 2,4.

St Kew. 13 May, 1272 York S. Minor: Jill M Hupman 1, Maryanne Roach 2, Rebecca J Thompson 3, M J Wigney 4, I C Church 5, D J Buckley (1st in m as C) 6. 1st in m: 3,5. Completes Std 7 S. Minor: 3.

St Tudy. 13 May, 1272 Cambridge S. Minor: Beverley Perry 1, M J A Orman 2, G E J A Doughty 3, L E Perry 4, G R Wilton 5, S J Nash (C) 6.

Egloshayle. 13 May, 1250 Lincolnshire S. Major: Maryanne Roach 1, M J Wigney 2, Jill M Hupman 3, Janet V Thompson (1st N at 1st att) 4, S J Nash (500th Q) 7, D J Buckley (C) 8. £16.40

Fidler Goes East

Our trip this year was to Norfolk, Cambridge and Lincoln areas from April 23rd to 28th 1995.

On Sunday morning April 23rd, thirteen passengers and our new driver Jeff, departed from Bow en-route for Kings Lynn and the Stuart House Hotel, our H.Q. for the week. This year we only had nine ringers in all, as unfortunately one of our party went to hospital for a check up on the Friday and was kept in despite all his protests that he was ringing Friday night, had a competition on Saturday and was off on a ringing holiday on Sunday. We all wish you well Ralph.

Monday

This was the day to cover Cambridge and Norfolk, our first tower being the recently rehung 10 at Wisbech, but we did not do justice to these fine bells, perhaps as it was our first 'peal' we needed time to 'climatise'.

The next two towers, Walsoken and Emneth proved to be much better and we had quite good 'peals'. Our next port of call was The Crown at Downham Market where we had a sumptuous spread, and this was the case all week. Due to us running a bit behind schedule we were late at Downham Market, but we soon had this delightful eight into changes. Mr Wright however was MOST insistent that we were to go the church hall after ringing as they had tea and cakes laid on, and this after a large lunch, but as

he would not take NO for an answer we all went to the hall.

This Monday also happened to be my coming of age: 65. During my talk with Mr Wright regarding ringing at Downham I must have mentioned that it was my 65th birthday and this afternoon tea turned out to be a "Birthday Party" with a smashing Birthday cake in the centre. This took us all by surprise, especially me, and I must say a 'BIG' thank you to Eric and his lady helpers for providing that surprise.

Stow Bardolph was our next tower and we were by then well behind schedule. Nevertheless we enjoyed just the one peal on these nice bells.

Our next tower was Magdalen where I rehung the bells in 1953 and was pleased to meet Peter Gagen who helped me rehanging the bells then, with the result being that he took up ringing himself. It was nice to know that the bells still sound as nice and 'go' just as well as they did when they were first rehung. We certainly did these fine bells justice.

Watlington was the final tower of the day where two good peals were rung.

After having our evening meal, Monday still had another surprise as unknown to me my wife had arranged with the hotel to make a birthday cake in the shape of a bell, which was thorough enjoyed by all the party with their coffee. My thanks to her and the lady who made the cake. So my 65th birthday will be remembered for a long time to come. My thanks to all for making it an unforgettable day.

Tuesday

This was our Norfolk day with only five towers fixed, the first being the nice eight at North Elmham which were soon rung up 'Devon Style' and into changes. Our next tower was the 'heavy'!!! eight at Beetley. Somehow we could not master the eight but managed better on the back six. Lunch was taken at The Swan Gressenhall, and then on to the eight at Gressenhall where we enjoyed a good ring on these old eight. It would be nice to ring them again after they have been overhauled. East Dereham was I suppose the highlight of the day despite two false starts due to ropes being a bit short for these "Devon Chappies".

I was looking forward very much to our last ring of the day, Castle Acre, as I had some dealings with these bells in 1952 although I did not hang them. These are without a doubt a magnificent six and we enjoyed them to the full, each peal being done the 'Devon' way – raise, peal and lower. The church itself is a massive building and well looked after.

Wednesday

This was more or less a rest day – only three towers arranged, Grimston and Gaywood in the morning and Lynn in the evening. Due to slight 'key' problems we were late starting at Grimston but soon had these pleasant six up and ringing. At Gaywood, where I rehung the bells in the 50's, we also had some very good striking. During the afternoon the party enjoyed a visit to Sandringham House, being quite a change from visiting theme parks etc as we have done over the last few years. The house and grounds were quite beautiful.

In the evening we rang at Kings Lynn on the 10 at St Margaret's, one or two of our ringers were not too keen at standing on boxes but once we had mastered them we had quite a decent ring. It was also nice to see Norman Harding again.

Thursday

This was our trip into Lincolnshire, the first tower being the leaning tower at Pinchbeck which had quite a long walk up to the ringing room. Spalding was our next tower and we enjoyed some good ringing on these delightful eight. Lunch was then taken at The Swan at Moulton and onto the heavy six, again a long climb to the ringing room, which were soon up and ringing. Mr Charleton who met us said that he didn't allow his ringers to ring 'call changes' but I think he was pleasantly surprised, not having ever met 'Devon Ringers' before. The next tower was Long Sutton where the annual Flower Festival was taking place – the decorations in the church were glorious with the theme of

'Showtime', various London shows being depicted. Some of the best eight bell ringing was here on this lovely eight and despite having many spectators we managed to keep our concentration. The last six of the day was at Gedney, a nice melodious six and a good hour was spent here.

Friday

Departure day with only two towers - St Neots and Eaton Socon. At St Neot's we managed to ring the ten with the help of Mr Bonham and we didn't do too badly considering that most of our party are six bell ringers. Again at Eaton Socon we had some good ringing on this nice eight rounding off a very pleasant week. All the hotels we had meals in were exceptional and our thanks must go to Stuart and Irene at our hotel and to all the ringers who met us, the incumbents who allowed us to use their bells, Jeff our new driver (our old driver Les having had a triple by-pass operation and no longer driving coaches) and to the ringers and wives who came on the trip as without them the trip would not have got off the ground and been the success it was. Next year we will be coming up to the Holbeach area of Lincolnshire. Thanks again.

Donation: £10

ARTHUR FIDLER

ODG Handbell Day

At 10 am on 15th April 1995 the first of 32 keen handbell ringers began to arrive at 94 Eastern Avenue, Reading, venue of this year's ODG handbell day. The first of the scheduled quarter peal attempts were shortly embarked upon, scoring two in the first hour. The second hour saw the success of another two quarters which was followed by a well deserved lunch for which our greatest thanks go to Helen McGregor, Jenny Carter, Anne Carpenter and Monica Trow. The afternoon ringing got the day's total to fifteen quarter peals. The methods quartered during the day showed a wide range of ability - not to mention determination! These were: Plain Bob Minor, Plain Bob Major (6), Little Bob Major, Kent T.B. Major (2), Yorkshire Surprise Major (3), Spliced Surprise Major (8m) and Cambridge Surprise Royal. Many thanks to John Martin for arranging the ringing and of course a massive thank you to Helen McGregor and Peter Bevis for the use of their house and for organising such a great day for all involved. £17

Reading, Berks (94 Eastern Avenue). 15 Apr, 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: P Butler 1-2, H McGregor 3-4, P Newton 5-6, J Martin (C) 7-8. Also 1280 P.B. Major: P Bevis 1-2, K Firman 3-4, R Newton 5-6, G Winter (C) 7-8. Also 1250 Yorkshire S. Major: P Newton 1-2, P Saddleton 3-4, B Groves (C) 5-6, A Wood 7-8. Also 1280 P.B. Major: P Warren 1-2, G Firman 3-4, R Bailey (C) 5-6, I Blagrove 7-8. Also 1280 Yorkshire S. Major: I Blagrove 1-2, J Winter 3-4, P Saddleton 5-6, R Bailey (C) 7-8. Also 1282 Cambridge S. Royal: P Butler 1-2, J Martin 3-4, B Groves (C) 5-6, G Firman 7-8, R Newton 9-10. Also P.B. Minor: J Norton 1-2, H McGregor 3-4, S Feather (C) 5-6. Also 1312 Kent T.B. Major: R Elmes 1-2, J Carter 3-4, A Darvil 5-6, J Martin (C) 7-8. Also Kent T.B. Major: A Carpenter 1-2, P Newton 3-4, F Price 5-6, P Saddleton (C) 7-8. Also 1280 P.B. Major: G Culley 1-2, R Bailey (C) 3-4, K Firman 5-6, P Butler 7-8. Also 1264 P.B. Major: K Bentley 1-2, J Harrison 3-4, H McGregor 5-6, J Martin (C) 7-8. Also 1280 P.B. Major: P Warren 1-2, J Winter 3-4, P Saddleton 5-6, K Darvil (C) 7-8. Also 1280 Spliced S. Major (8m): P Newton 1-2, G Firman 3-4, R Bailey (C) 5-6, R Newton 7-8. Also 1280 L.B. Major: K Bentley 1-2, J Winter 3-4, R Bailey (C) 5-6, J Carter 7-8. Also 1264 P.B. Major: J Martin (C) 1-2, M Trow 3-4, A Bentley 5-6, J Norton 7-8.

Wirral Ringers Car Outing

At 9.30 a.m. on a cold, wet Easter Monday a band of undeterred ringers crowded into the little ringing chamber of the church of St Chad, Norton-in-Hales and proceeded to treat the helpless inhabitants to a demonstration of sparkling ringing. There were methods for all, from rounds and call-changes to Cambridge Major. The involuntary togetherness soon induced a comfortable warmth in the chamber

and the wind struck chill as the company emerged to proceed by car to Cheswardine, 7 miles distant. The church of St Swithin, set high up at the top of the steep high street in this pleasant village, has a ground floor ring of 8, with a long draught, a little disconcerting for those in the party who were still learning. However a good selection of methods was rung and enjoyed by all.

The next stop, five miles away was in the town of Market Drayton, another pleasant Shropshire town. The church of St Mary, again set on a green eminence, has a fine ring of 8 bells and everyone was able to try their hand at methods to suit their ability.

Rain was still falling as the party sped the six miles to "The Bear" at Hodnet for a hearty lunch, taken in the upper banqueting hall of this old half-timbered inn. There was plenty of time to relax and talk, before dodging the raindrops across the road to the church of St Luke with its curious hexagonal tower and ring of eight bells. It was a pity that the weather prevented full enjoyment of the pretty churchyard with its lovely cherry trees.

The church of All Saints at Clive was the next stop. Surrounded by daffodils in bloom, it looked beautiful and the heavy bells sounded as lovely, ringing out over the little wooded hills.

The final stop was at the huge Wren-like church of St Chad in Shrewsbury, with a ring of twelve. Three strong young fellows raised the 39 cwt tenor, and the band, some of whom had not rung more than eight, started tentatively with some rounds and call changes, progressing to other methods later.

Everyone had a good grab, and by 6 o'clock were satisfied with a good day's ringing. All agreed that it had been an excellent and enjoyable day, in spite of the weather. Everything had run like clockwork, not a hitch, hesitation or hullabaloo, and all thanks to Peter Hughes who arranged it all. We are very grateful to him for a splendid day out. C.E.

Abbotts Bromley, Staffs. 24 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: W E Evans 1, R H Daw 2, D H James 3, Helen A Mitchell (1st in m) 4, S R Allis 5, W J Hall 6, S C W Hutchieson (C) 7, M Webster 8. 80p

Alverstone, Hants. 14 May, 1250 Cambridge S Minor: Rachel Getty (1st T B) 1, Heather Getty 2, Moira S Hough 3, T A Getty (100th on the bells) 4, D J Atkins (C) 5, G E Brown 6. £1

Anstey, Leics. 10 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Marion Pegge 1, Ann Brown 2, F Fisher 3, K Hudson 4, G B Brown (C) 5, C Robbins 6, M Pendery 7, J W Thornton 8. £1

Ashchurch, Glos. 16 Apr, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: John Garle 1, Margaret Wise (1st in m inside) 2, Frances Garle 3, Sarah Garle 4, Colin Bramwich 5, Michael Garle (C) 6. For Easter Sunday Morning. £1

Ashford, Kent. 5 May, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: Karen A Mash 1, Kay Chittenden (1st S Royal) 2, Karen Lebon 3, Pam Manger 4, Louise Pink 5, T Munt 6, M Godfrey 7, D C Manger 8, M Marshall (1st S Royal) 9, R H Edwards (C) 10. £1

Ashwick, Somerset. 28 Apr, 1260 Doubles (2m): M R Sperring 1, Anthea Eames (1st more than P B Doubles) 2, A H Ball (C) 3, Teresa Humphrey 4, H M Ball 5, D Baird 6. 60p

Astbury, Ches. 27 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jenny Unsworth 1, Cynthia Worrall 2, Patricia Gregson 3, Mhari Lawson 4, Roy Worrall (C) 5, Richard Cartledge 6. For a service of thanksgiving and rededication to mark the centenary of the East Cheshire Branch of the NSPCC. £2

Auckland, NZ. 14 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: John Dunn 1, David Caldwell 2, Sally Green 3, Dennis Green 4, Peter Adams 5, Robert Bennett (C) 6. To celebrate New Zealand's victory in the America's Cup. Annual

Bakewell, Derbys. 7 May, 1260 P B Major: J Whittaker (1st in m) 1, R Wright (1st in m) 2, G Pearson 3, V Suttie 4, I Duff 5, J A E Franklin 6, C Longden 7, F Pearson (C) 8. £2

Barnes, London. 6 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Adrian Udall 1, Edmund Hartley 2, Mike Wigney 3, Brian Price 4, Nicholas Ley 5, Jill Hupman (C - 700th Q) 6. On A.G.M. day. £1.20

Barrow, Suffolk. 13 May, 1290 Grandsire Doubles: Sally Crouch 1, Martyn Crouch 2, Brian Wells 3, Christopher Nunn 4, Paul Stannard (C) 5. 90th birthday compliment to Mrs Dorothy Snell. £1.50

Barthomley, Ches. 1 May, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: H Dowler 1, K Brown 2, Helen A Mitchell 3, D Powell 4, C W Machin 5, W E Evans 6, R H Daw (C) 7, H Malkin 8. 1st in m: 2,3,4,5,6. 80p

Barton St David, Somerset. 12 May, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Mervyn Buckley (C) 1, Lesley Knipe 2, Jenny Alderson 3, Jeffrey Knipe 4, Terrence Rendell 5, Robert Davis 6. £1.50

Beaconsfield, Bucks. 15 May, 1280 Rutland S Major: R D P Gillard 1, Patricia A Moore (1st in m) 2, Marcia L Dieppe 3, Alison A Turner 4, L S Cartwright 5, H Neill 6, A J Ellis 7, C Buswell (C) 8. £1.50

Bedford, Beds. (St Paul). 10 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Kath Stenton 1, Vicky Hughes 2, Lorraine Andrews 3, Sheila Melville 4, Jacqui Blunden (1st C inside) 5, Rosemary Pickford (C) 6. £2

Beetley, Norfolk. 15 May, 1260 P B Major: P H Bell 1, A Duffield 2, Jenny Bell 3, Claire Tallent 4, J White 5, C Caryer (C) 6. In Gratitude for the life of Olive Tallent who died on 3rd May, aged 91 years. Life-long friend of Beetley Village and worshipper at this Church. Grandmother of Claire (4). £1.20

Benhilton, Surrey. 30 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: Janet R Thomas 1, Karen M Linklater 2, Sheila M Cheeseman 3, T A Thomas 4, Gwen A Kenny (1st in m) 5, P W S Richardson 6, J D Cheeseman (C) 7, L Murrells 8. For evensong and a 40th wedding anniversary compliment to Doreen & Paddy Webber. Annual

Bilton, Warks. 30 Apr, 1320 April Day Doubles: Rachel Spice 1, Marion Borman 2, Margaret Fiander 3, Laurence Gray 4, Christopher Idle (C) 5, David Sammon 6. For Patronal Festival. £1.20

Binegar, Somerset. 24 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: A H Ball (1900th Q) 1, E J Chivers 2, Beverley Perry 3, L E Perry 4, Kate C Walker (1st Minor as C) 5, M R T Higby 6. 1st Ringing on the new ropes. 60p

Blagdon, Somerset. 31 May, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Jackie R Bowditch 1, E J Chivers 2, Beverley Perry (1025th Q) 3, Rosemary Ball 4, L E Perry 5, M R T Higby 6, A H Ball (C) 7, R F Bowditch 8. 80p

Bristol. (St James Priory). 16 May, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Mick Priestley 1, Adam Jenkins 2, Sara Cakeley 3, Adam Beaumont 4, David Spencer 5, Catherine Watson 6, Julian Watson 7, Simon Tomlinson (C) 8. Goodbye to David Cawley. 80p

Broadway, Worcs. 6 Jun, 1320 Charlwood D Minor: Roy Williams 1, Ruth Halling 2, Claire Redstone 3, Paul Evans 4, A J Barnfield 5, David Bagley (C) 6. A birthday compliment to 6 and also a get well compliment to Phil Hopgood. 60p

Burnham, Bucks. 8 May, 1280 Spl S Major (BCLS): Christine Corfield 1, Richard Hunt 2, Ian Blake 3, Mark Kingsley 4, Guy Morton 5, Lloyd Cartwright 6, Stuart Talbot 7, John Peverett (C) 8. £1

Carbrooke, Norfolk. 27 Apr, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: N M Haggitt 1, Rachel L Eagle 2, K Tinsley 3, C S Carver 4, D F Riley (C) 5, S A Rudd 6. To welcome Rev Richard Bowett as our new Vicar for Watton, Carbrooke and Ovington (at his induction). £1.20

Chalfont St Giles, Bucks. 1 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Joyce I Cornwall 1, J C Davidge 2, M Ann Bethell 3, Alison A Turner 4, Meryl Kennedy 5, I J Rees-Heaver 6, C Buswell (C) 7, D A Cornwall 8. For May Day Festival. £1.50

Chatteris, Cambs. 5 May, 1320 Surfleet S Minor: Cathy Moulton 1, Marion Robinson 2, Jim Skillings 3, Norman Norris 4, Susan Marsden (C) 5, Colin Johnson 6. To celebrate the restoration of the church clock after many months of inactivity. 60p

Chelmsford, Essex. 14 May, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Helen Thompson 1, Helena Shaw 2, Anne Edwards 3, Susan Rothera 4, Vicki Patmore (1st on 10) 5, Paul Thrussell 6, Colin Chapman (C) 7, Peter Eves 8, David Rothera 9, Peter Hinton 10. For Chelmsford Cathedral Festival Evensong and a birthday compliment to Hazel Steed. £1

Caddington, Beds. 11 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Robert Jones 1, Tony Cobb 2, Peter Cant 3, Robert Tregillus 4, Michael Barker 5, Alan Shepherd (C) 6. £1

Chelsea, London. 30 Apr, 1282 Cambridge S Royal: A Taylor 1, J Belshaw 2, Ruth Simon 3, Adrienne Pyne 4, Lucinda Reeve 5, N Simon 6, M Brady 7, S Gay (C) 8, Stephanie Pattenden 9, D Woodward 10. For evensong. £3.70

Chester, Ches. (Cathedral). 14 May, 1282 Spl S Royal (YCNr): Sally Wright 1, William Court 2, Jennifer Christian 3, Helen Mitchell 4, Simon Christian 5, John Maddams (1st 4 Spl Royal) 6, George Morrell 7, Donald Marshall 8, Pete Barker 9, Andy Jobson (C) 10. For evensong. £3.30

Chilham, Kent. 27 Apr, 1280 Gold S Major: Nicky Jakeman 1, Phil Young 2, Jonathan Young 3, Cathy Dixon 4, Ian Young 5, Simon Dixon 6, Nigel Wilkinson 7, Michael Coleman (C) 8. Golden wedding compliments to Bill & Myrtle Paton of Shottenden, Kent and to Bill and Freda Ivings of Deddington, Oxon. £1.50

Clanfield, Oxon. 20 May, 1280 P B Major: Sally A Austin 1, Judy F Venn 2, Sylvia M Harrison 3, M J Austin 4, M J Harrison 5, T New 6, A C Cole 7, E R Venn (C) 8. A birthday compliment to Sylvia Harrison. £1

Clifton upon Dunsmore, Warks. 2 Apr, 1260 P B Doubles: Cath Hammond 1, Robin Guy (C) 2, Graham Forester 3, Peter Miles 4, Roy Everard 5, Jim Payne 6. For the Golden Wedding of Vin & Edna Pendlebury. £1.50

Coseley, W Mids. 17 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Norma Barnett 1, Andrea Holloway 2, E E Speake (C) 3, T Holden 4, K Head 5, R Wright 6. A welcome to Rev Matthew Baynes and his family, as he commences his Ministry at Christ Church, Coseley. £1.20

Cossington, Somerset. 14 May, 1320 Fortune & Rev St Bartholomew Doubles: B Weare 1, B Baker 2, C Bird 3, B Parker 4, R Tiley (C) 5, A Ball 6. By Somerset Cuckoos. £1

Crayford, Kent. (65 Heathview Ave). 24 Apr, 1260 P B Minor: Rupert Cheeseman 1-2, Nick Jones 3-4, Richard Pearce (C) 5-6. In thanksgiving for the life of Bill Bond, a ringer at Crayford for over 65 years. £1

Denton, Lincs. 19 Apr, 1260 P B Doubles: P W McCoy 1, S 'T' Caddy (1st Doubles as C) 2, D Braunton 3, B Kipling 4, J Greenhough 5. 1st on the back 5 since the rehanging of the bells. £1

Derby, Derbys. (122 Drewry Lane). 13 Mar, 1280 P B Major: John Heaton 1-2, Paul Jopp (C) 3-4, Ruth Allen 5-6, Jane Boden 7-8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenors. £1

Dunham Massey, Ches. 15 May, 1280 P B Major: J J Blowers 1, Cynthia Warrilow 2, Elspeth J Stein 3, C K Lewis (C) 4, R J Warrilow 5, P J Crossthaite 6, A J Freeman 7, K G Lee 8. As a compliment to the Guild of Medical Ringers on the 40th anniversary of its foundation. £2

Dunstable, Beds. 13 May, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: David Adams 1, Lucy Shepherd 2, Richard Horne 3, Robert Tregillus 4, Rosemary Scott 5, Richard Smith 6, Roger King 7, Alan Shepherd (C) 8. £1.50

Ealing, Middx. (Christ the Saviour). 10 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Richard Jones 1, Jan McHugh 2, Jo Langford 3, Richard Thompson 4, Michael Sprackling (C) 5, Russel Maiden 6. £1.20

East Grinstead, Sussex. 13 May, 1320 Grandsire Cinques: Catherine A Gardner (1st on 12) 1, Ann Smith 2, Margaret A Large 3, Betty Green 4, R J Everest 5, Vanessa V Mitchell 6, E E Woodward 7, I V J Smith (C) 8, S M Alford 9, M P Howard 10, S R T Pocock 11, P V W Feast 12. Following the wedding of Michael Huggett & Jennifer Airtan. £1

Edinburgh, E Lothian. (St Mary's Cathedral). 23 Apr, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Rachel M Davies 1, Clare Brotherton 2, D S McAdam 3, M Gillie 4, A R Kelso 5, J R Hargreaves (C) 6. On the back 6 (41cwt) in 54 mins. £1.20

Exhall, Warks. (84 Coventry Rd). 8 May, 1296 P & LB Royal: G Pluckrose 1-2, D J Allen 3-4, G Pratt (C) 5-6, M Chester (800th Q) 7-8, J W Hughes 9-10. £1. Also, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: G Pluckrose 1-2, D J Allan 3-4, G Pratt (C) 5-6, M Chester 7-8. £1. Also, 1259 Grandsire Caters: G Pluckrose 1-2, D J Allan 3-4, G Pratt 5-6, M Chester (C) 7-8, J W Hughes (1st Caters in hand) 9-10. £1. Also on 15

May, 1287 Stedman Caters: Ian Thomson 1-2, David Allen 3-4, Geoff Pratt (C) 5-6, Chris Foxall 7-8, George Pluckrose 9-10. £1. Also, 1259 Grandsire Caters: George Pluckrose 1-2, David Allen 3-4, Geoff Pratt (C) 5-6, Ian Thomson 7-8, Jason Hughes 9-10. £1

Eynsford, Kent. 11 May, 1280 Spl S Major (BCLS): D P Hilling (C) 1, Deborah L Blagden 2, Ann M Saunders 3, D P Macey 4, A M J Young 5, F W Lewis 6, D P Smith 7, M J Hilling 8. An 18th birthday compliment to Matthew Hilling. £1.60

Faringdon, Oxon. 20 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia M Harrison 1, Sally A Austin 2, M J Austin 3, Judy F Venn 4, T new 5, M J Harrison 6, E R Venn (C) 7, A C Cole 8. £1

Feckenham, Worcs. 23 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Bob Ruffle 1, Angela Fletcher 2, Eric Styler 3, Alan Jones 4, Alma Grazebrook 5, Sheila Lawes (1st in m) 6, Tim Haslam (C) 7, Ann Hurman 8. For evensong. 80p

Feering, Essex. 6 May, 1250 Bristol S Major: Lynda P Lambert 1, D Bassford 2, M Semken 3, Bridget Smith (1st in m) 4, S C Theobald 5, J R Pawley 6, D Pygott 7, A P Sweeting 8. £1

Filey, N Yorks. 15 May, 1260 P B Minor: W A Dent 1, M Blurton 2, Angela Witty 3, J Siddle 4, D Mundy 5, E P King (C) 6. £1

Frittenden, Kent. 16 Apr, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: Alan Bourne 1, Linda Borton 2, Oliver Gausden 3, Peter Sims 4, Simon Sims 5, Pamela Manger 6, David Manger (C) 7, Arthur Bourne 8. For Easter Sunday evensong. 80p

Frome, Somerset. 3 Jun, 1272 London S Minor (+ Cover): Geoff Carter 1, Kate Walker (1st London) 2, Jacqueline Warnecke 3, Matthew Higby 4, George Massey 5, David Massey (C) 6, John Ball (Circ twr) 7. On the back 7 after meeting short for London S Major. For evensong. 70p

Glossop, Derbys. (St James Gt). 25 Apr, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: R Corbishley (C) 1, N Sherratt 2, Rosemary Maddocks 3, R Bugler 4, R S Starkie 5, R H Daw 6, I R Nichols 7, N D Lomas 8. 80p

Gloucester, Glos. (St Mary de Crypt). 12 May, 1320 Kent T B Minor: Hillarie Morrell (1st TB) 1, Betty Cole 2, Frances Mulvey 3, D McBurnie (1st Kent) 4, M J Mulvey (C) 5, T Hinton (1st Kent) 6. £1.20

Goodnestone, Kent. 4 May, 1296 Sturry T P & Beverley S Minor: Phil Young 1, Jonathan Young 2, Nicky Jakeman 3, Ian Young 4, Nigel Wilkinson 5, Michael Coleman (C) 6. Birthday compliments to Nicky Jakeman & Mrs Phyllis Chidwick. The extent of Sturry T P was rung for the 1st time; (CCMM No 476) -36-16-16-3456-36-34 1h 42635. £1.50

Great Amwell, Herts. 12 May, 1272 Barnaby D Minor: J F Goodwin 1, Heather Lloyd 2, S A Saunders 3, J M Kemp 4, R Hornby 5, J J Ford (C) 6. £1

Great Baddow, Essex. 5 May, 1264 P B Major: Laura Hoad 1, L Sarah Green 2, Anne Edwards 3, J Reed 4, S A Walters 5, T Holder 6, P D Hinton (C) 7, D E Rothera 8. £1.20

Great Marlow, Essex. 14 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Cooke 1, Josey McCloy 2, Don Young 3, Richard Dean 4, Doreen Young 5, Tim Gatland 6, Eric Silvey (C) 7, Ian MacKenzie 8. Welcome to Richard Dean and Ian MacKenzie visiting from Australia. £2

Guildford, Surrey. (St Nicolas). 14 May, 1272 Cambridge S Minor: Sally Schupke 1, Judith Rae 2, Julian Morgan (C) 3, Richard Marsh 4, Roger Bull 5, Jonathan Deane 6. £1.20

Hanbury, Staffs. 6 Apr, 1280 Dunbar Bob Major: W E Evans 1, Christina Pearson 2, J G Pearson 3, Helen A Mitchell 4, Jennifer M Beech 5, A P Walters 6, P V Mellor 7, R H Daw (C) 8. 1st in m by all. 80p

Hanbury, Worcs. 11 May, 1280 Cambridge S Major: Victoria Walton (1st S.M.) 1, Julie Hooper 2, Catherine R Taylor 3, Jennifer L Walton 4, J B Webb 5, H T K Haslam 6, G C Hemming 7, M G Powell (C) 8. By special request of the Rector & Churchwardens as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr H B Webley of this parish. £1.50

Handbridge, Ches. 5 Apr, 1280 Spl S Major (CYNspr): Graham Carter 1, Irene James 2, Helen Mitchell 3, George Morrall 4, Brian Boyd 5, Andy Borrill 6, John Oultram (C) 7, John Maddams 8. 1st 6 spl; 2,5,6. £1

Harlaxton, Lincs. 19 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: T Relf 1, S 'T' Caddy 2, B Kipling (C) 3, J Greenhough 4, D Braunton 5, P W McCoy 6. 50p

Hayes, Kent. 14 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Iris Parker 1, Megan Fox 2, Sue Fisher (C) 3, Kate Parker 4, Emma Harrison (1st in m) 5, Tony Parker 6. Baptism compliment to Thomas Harmes, 1st grandchild of 1 and 6, Nephew and godson of 4. £1

Heathfield, Sussex. (Reynards). 14 May, 1264 P B Major: Louise G Pink 1-2, P M J Bradford 3-4, A D Pink (C) 5-6, D C Manger (1st on 8 in hand) 7-8. 60p

Hemyock, Devon. 28 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Tim Goodeman (1st away from cover) 1, David Bromwich 2, Lin Holway 3, Dean Bowden 4, Ron Trickey 5, Brian Samuels (C - 400th Q) 6. Birthday Greeting to Polly Eden. £1

Hereford, Herefs. (St Nicholas). 7 May, 1260 P B Minor: D R Carter (C) 1, Brenda Tingley (1st Minor) 2, Barbara Fox 3, Sylvia Green 4, Roger Tingley 5, Henry J Webb 6. For evensong. £1.20

Heswall, Mers. 7 May, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Jeanette Miller 1, E W Runciman 2, Margaret K S Allin 3, B J McCahey 4, P D Hughes (400th Q as C) 5. 1st Stedman Doubles: 3,4. £1

High Wycombe, Bucks. 18 May, 1289 Stedman Caters: George Whiteside 1, Rebecca S Bruce 2, Sheila Bruce 3, Meryl Kennedy 4, John Simmons 5, Andrew Morley (1st in m) 6, Charles Botting (C) 7, Peter Bruce 8, Robert Newton 9, John Hearn 10. Rung for the annual "weighing in" of the Mayor. £1

Hoar Cross, Staffs. 12 May, 1320 Cambridge S Minor: Richard Hamby 1, Hannah Wool 2, Cheryl Dodge 3, Alistair Smith 4, Philip Hudson (C) 5, John Heaton 6. £1.20

Honiton, Devon. (St Paul). 29 Apr, 1260 P B Doubles (468 cover): Pam Bailey 1, Sylvia Furzey (400th Q) 2, Jim Crabb 3, Paddy Priscott 4, Edward Summers 5, Ann Moss 6, Don Salter (C) 7, David Coles 8. A wedding compliment to Janice Miller & Stephen Quinn. also a birthday compliment to: 2. £1

Horsham, W Sussex. (48 Swindon Rd). 10 May, 1320 Kent T B Royal: Karen Monk 1-2, Edgar Rapley 3-4, David Finch 5-6, Simon Alford (C) 7-8, Stephen Pocock 9-10. £1

Horton, N Staffs. 1 May, 1440 Norwich & C S Minor: R S Starkie 1, Rosemary A Maddocks 2, R Bugler 3, B Corbishley 4, I R Nichols 5, R H Daw (C) 6. 60p

Huish Episcopi, Somerset. 12 Apr, 1260 P B Minor: Margaret Harper 1, Lesley Knipe 2, John Cornelius 3, Peter Leigh 4, Jeffrey Knipe 5, Robert Dean (C) 6, Bernard Brown (Cover) 7. £1

Hutton, Essex. 16 May, 1260 Doubles (4m): R M Page-Jones 1, J M V Dickenson 2, Renee Page-Jones (150th Q) 3, R G Butt 4, R G Jones (C) 5. For the Mothers Union Deanery Festival Service at which Patricia Harries of Hutton was commissioned as Deanery President. £1

Ilminster, Somerset. 22 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Triples: S Holtham 1, Mandy Spearing 2, Lesley Knipe 3, Juliet Stoy 4, T Spearing 5, M C Harris 6, J Knipe (C) 7, B Brown 8. For the wedding of Jane Louise Barratt (niece of the treble ringer) to Glen Hardy. £1

Kelston, Somerset. 11 May, 1272 Munden S Minor: Linda Drew 1, William Willans (1st in m) 2, Sheila Matthews 3, Gerald Skelly 4, Andrew Ward 5, David Floyd (C) 6. 30p

Kemsing, Kent. 30 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Eaton 1, Jenny Williamson 2, Peter Carvill (1st Eaton) 3, Fraser Clift 4, Michael Williamson (C) 5, Michael Cursons 6. For Choral Evensong and a 55th birthday compliment for Jenny Williamson. £1

Kensington, London. 14 May, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Rachel Billinge 1, Ruth Simon 2, B D Price 3, J Belshaw 4, N Simon 5, S Gay (C) 6, Lucinda Reeve 7, Stephanie Pattenden 8. For evensong. £2.40

Kimbolton, Herefs. 15 Apr, 1260 Doubles (10m/v): Rhianon Jones 1, Robert Homer 2, Mark Pugh 3, Richard Bracher 4, David Thompson (C) 5, Martin Rees 6. Before the Service of Confirmation by the Bishop of Ludlow, and a thanksgiving for the life of Gladys Lonsdale, grandmother of 5, who passed away in her 90th year (9/3/95). 60p

Kimpton, Herts. 14 May, 1408 Spl S Major (Std 8): R I Kendrick 1, R A Brown 2, Susan Newman 3, Jennifer V Johnson 4, R D R Brown 5, A G G Smith 6, K Newman 7, R J Crocker (C) 8. £1

Knutsford, Ches. 6 May, 1380 Grandsire Doubles: G R Birks 1, Alison J Hammond 2, J Birks 3, Anne-Marie Hopkins 4, A J Hopkins (C) 5, Jean Barnes 6. Prior to the Knutsford Royal May Day Procession. £1.50

Leigh on Sea, Essex. 14 May, 1260 P B Doubles: John Folley 1, Frances Major 2, Richard Major (C) 3, Mo Venus 4, Robert Ferro 5, Mary Folley 6. For morning service and as a 90th birthday compliment to Winnie Cotgrove, mother of 2&6, Grandmother of 1 and Mother-in-Law of the conductor. £2

Little Houghton, Nthants. 26 Apr, 1260 P B Doubles: Mira E Parsons 1, Marcia Morgan 2, Anne Newman 3, C E Stanton 4, N J Parsons (C) 5. Half muffled in memoriam Martin Merritt. £1

Littledean, Glos. 5 Apr, 1260 P B Doubles: Nathan Giles 1, Liz Craig 2, Vincent Duffin 3, Debbie Lane (C) 4, Roger Kerslake 5, Sue Coleman 6. To celebrate the opening of Littledean School. £1.20

Liverpool, Mers. (Cathedral). 30 Apr, 1256 Spl P & LB Maximus: Susan D Sparling 1, Jennifer R Sparling 2, R A S Mould 3, A P Sparling 4, G E Price 5, R T J Tinkler (1st on 12) 6, E R Jones 7, R R Moore 8, P D Hughes (C) 9, A P Foster 10, J S T Willasey 11, G C Sparling & S W Hughes (1st ins on 12) 12. 1st in the tower on all 12 bells by the Wirral Branch. A wedding compliment to Ruth Harrison and David Holdridge, married at St Mary Abbots, Kensington on 22/4/95. Also a 41st birthday compliment to Nick Willasey. £2.60

Llandaff, S Glam. 14 May, 1287 Stedman Caters: J A Vesey (C) 1, M R Thomas 2, Abigail White 3, R S Harpole 4, Sarah Moore (1st Stedman) 5, D G Davidson (1st on 10) 6, P R Scofield (1st Stedman Caters) 7, M S Turner 8, R E Hardy 9, B D Morgan 10. A birthday compliment to Jim Goodfellow. A Llandaff Branch Master's Q. £1

Luppitt, Devon. 3 May, 1260 Middlesex Triples: Brian Samuels 1, Anne Stenning 2, Wilf Dunn 3, Dean Bowden 4, Brian Horrell 5, Ron Trickey 6, John Levin (C) 7, Fred Gardner 8. In Celebration of Peace. £1.31

Lyde, Herefs. 18 Apr, 1260 P B Doubles: R C Dickinson (1st away from cover) 1, M E Harrison 2, Brenda Tingley 3, R Tingley 4, D R Carter (C) 5, P C Dickinson 6. To mark the decision to restore Herefordshire's status as a county. Lyde Church is close to the reputed centre of Herefordshire. £1.20

Marston, Oxon. 14 May, 1320 P B Doubles: Alex Holmes 1, H Deam 2, Sally Harrison (1st inside) 3, R Day 4, R Jones (C) 5, A Hughes 6. For service and in memoriam Bernard G Oliver former Churchwarden and Treasurer, and Mrs Doris Jennings, widow of Mr L C Jennings ("Pop") the last "Village Schoolmaster" and wartime teacher at the Church School. £1.20

Matching, Essex. 11 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Jeni Dodds 1, David Barlow 2, Jo Percy 3, Gerald Pearson 4, Angus Dodds (C) 5, Clive Selby 6. Prior to the service of Admission of Churchwarden and Archdeacons Charge for the Harlow & Ongar Deaneries, by ringers of the Harlow & Ongar Deaneries. £1.20

Manuden, Essex. 23 Apr, 1296 Minor (Cam S & PB): L Whitby 1, Jenni Dodds 2, C B Moore 3, A Dodds 4, F E Warboys 5, R E L Burbury (C) 6. A birthday compliment and best wishes for a speedy return to ringing to David Collins, Ringing Master of Manuden. £1.20

Norton Canes, Staffs. 1 Jan, 1260 P B Doubles: Zoe Eden (1st Q) 1, S G Pink (C) 2, E Ann Eden 3, K Laura Jukes 4, J Lynne Williams 5, Sarah Crisp 6. (No Date Given). 50p

Old Glossop, Derbys. (All Saints). 25 Apr, 1264 Hereward Bob Major: Rosemary Maddocks 1, R Bugler 2, I R Nichols 3, N Sherratt 4, B Corbishley 5, N D Lomas 6, R S Starkie 7, R H Daw (Comp & C) 8. 80p

Orwell, Cambs. 14 May, 1260 St Clements C B Minor: Alan Petri 1, Pauline Broad (1st in m) 2, Paul Haskell 3, Marion Perryman 4, Richard Fletcher 5, Geoffrey Perryman 6. For Christian Aid Sunday Service at the Methodist Church, Orwell. £1.20

Oxford, Oxon. (St Mary Magdelane). 9 May, 1280 Spl S Major (Std 8): A J Graham (C) 1, Sonia C Tucker 2, Dorothy G Barton 3, Rachel Saunders 4, A D Law 5, M H Ainsworth 6, M A Shepherd 7, R O Hall 8. 1st 8 Spl 4&6. £1

Perth, W Australia. 14 May, 1260 P B Doubles: June Burton 1, Laura Ivey 2, Mary Lewin 3, Devana Haggis 4, Mary Townsend 5, Tony Murray-Feist 6. On mother's day as an 80th birthday compliment to Eunice Carter, mother of 1. Annual

Peterborough, Cambs. (Cathedral). 7 May, 1440 Oxford T B Maximus: Brian Harris (C) 1, Freda Willgress 2, Shirley Harris 3, Andrew Warboys 4, Ernest Orland 5, Robin Rogers 6, John Roffe 7, Philip Green 8, Alison Willgress 9, Peter Warboys 10, Ian Willgress 11, Paul Carless 12. 1st in m: 2,3,4,5,7,8,9,11. For evensong. £2.50

Pimlico, London. 7 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: N W H Simon 1, C M H Brady 2, B Price 3, Juliet Lawrence 4, Rachel Billinge 5, Stephanie Pattenden (C) 6. For evensong. £1.80

Portsmouth, Hants. (Cathedral). 13 May, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Pauline Hayter 1, Brenda Etherington (1st inside) 2, Linda Etherington 3, Graham Heath 4, Michael Etherington 5, Adrian West 6, Jonathan Griggs (C) 7, Simon King 8, Andrew Brown 9, Marcus Etherington (1st on 10) 10. For evensong. £2

Potterton, Grampian. (Butterywells Farm). 16 May, 1320 Surprise Minor (Bev & Cam): Clare Brotherton 1, Mary Roast 2, Peter Shipton 3, Robert Oakeshott 4, William Gill 5, Joe Roast (C) 6. 1st together since National Service for 38 years: 3,6. £1.50

Presteigne, Powys. 12 May, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Valerie Foster 1, Margaret Anderson 2, Susan Threlfall 3, Alan Foster 4, Brian Trelfall (C) 5, Harold Fitter 6, John Turney 7, Henry Lewis 8. For the 430th anniversary of the founding of John Beddoes School. £1.75

Quedgeley, Glos. 9 May, 1250 Ashted S Major: James Babbage 1, Colin Bramwich 2, Catherine Leach 3, Isabel Hitchings 4, Helen Normington 5, Mark Davies 6, James Normington 7, Terry Jones (C) 8. To welcome Alice Hyde (7lb 5oz), born on Sunday 7th May 1995. £2

Rainham, Kent. 15 May, 1280 DNCBM: Kenneth Clark 1, Diana Wraight 2, Douglas Davis 3, Janet Yeo 4, Frank Matthews 5, Timothy Wraight 6, Mike Birkbeck 7, Neil Jones (C) 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor. £1.60

Ranmoor, S Yorks. 7 May, 1260 P B Minor: Alf Greenwood 1, Jarvis Close 2, Pauline Heath 3, Janet Greenwood 4, Robin Story 5, David Williams (C) 6. For evensong. £2.50

Ranmore, Surrey. 2 Apr, 1260 P B Triples: Simon Plackett 1, David Cameron 2, Bill Hibbert 3, Katherine Proctor 4, Paul Beeken 5, Nigel Proctor 6, Kate Cameron (C) 7, George Swallow 8. For matins and to celebrate the 25th wedding anniversary of Sue & Chris Pratt (our Churchwarden and Organist respectively) who were married at this Church on 4th April 1970. £2

Ratby, Leics. 9 Apr, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: M J Pendery 1, Laura Murch (1st in m) 2, Lucy E Clarke (1st in m) 3, F W Fisher 4, I Mellor 5, Emma Southerington 6, Pamela J Fisher 7, A J Haywood (C) 8. For evensong on Palm Sunday. £1.60

Ratby, Leics. 23 Apr, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: M J Pendery 1, Laura F Murch 2, Lucy E Clarke 3, F W Fisher 4, I Mellor 5, Pamela J Fisher 6, S Stanford 7, A J Haywood (C) 8. For evensong on St Georges Day. £1.60

Redditch, Worcs. (St Stephen). 14 May, 1260 Doubles (5m): Anthony Freeman 1, £ Jennifer Freeman 2, Sara Freeman 3, Ian Clarke 4, A J Barnfield (C) 5, Roger Clarke 6. Most m: 2,3,4. For Sunday Service. £1

Rickmansworth, Herts. 26 Apr, 1280 P B Major: Joan M Fox 1, Hugh Thomas 2, Mary Kinsley 3, Mike Franklin 4, Michael Kingsley 5, Geoffrey Hall 6, Giles Thomas 7, Alan Hall (C) 8. As a compliment to Michael Baker on becoming a Lay Reader and also an 18th birthday compliment to Sarah Eastman. £2

Rochester, Kent. (Cathedral). 23 Apr, 1287 Grandsire Triples: Richard Singfield 1, Barry Roberts 2, Jennifer Pocock 3, Anthea Perryman 4,

John Aronson 5, Roger Pocock 6, Neil Jones (C) 7, David Moore 8. On Quasimodo Sunday for St Georges Day.

Romsey, Hants. 14 May, 1280 Bristol S Major: Heather Truman 1, Ivor Trueman 2, Brian Woodruffe 3, Trish Taeuber 4, Barry Pointer 5, Martin Daniels 6, Chris Woodruffe 7, Andrew Palk (C) 8. For evensong. £2

Rotherfield, Sussex. 3 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Tino Fradd 1, Jacqueline Hunter 2, Nicky Dawkins 3, Pip Sadler 4, Roy Tappenden 5, Linda Moores (C) 6, Mike Fradd 7, Tony Lovell 8. For Confirmation Service where Kenneth Fradd, son of 1&7 was a candidate. £1.60

Sandridge, Herts. 11 May, 1440 Norwich S Minor: Judith E Scott 1, A T Hawkins 2, A W Jeffs 3, K Newman 4, M Foster 5, R J Crocker (C) 6. For Confirmation Service. £1.80

Seaford, E Sussex. 29 Mar, 1260 P B Minor: Linda Perkins 1, Frances Bradford 2, Sharon Stocker (1st in m) 3, S Lucas 4, P Nancarron 5, P Bradford (C) 6. For the 40th wedding anniversary of Audrey & Dennis Moore (Parents of 3). £1.20

Sedburgh, Cumbria. 26 Feb, 1320 Grandsire Doubles: Sue Sharrocks (1st Q) 1, Diana J Handley 2, S T Metcalfe (C) 3, K Mayfield 4, B Inglesfield 5, T F Metcalf 6.

Selling, Kent. 7 May, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Eileen Palin 1, Kate Bispham 2, Philip Larter 3, Clare Larter (C) 4, Tim Haynes 5, Stuart Palin 6. In thanksgiving for the life of Stanley Harding. £1.50

Shenfield, Essex. 14 May, 1260 Swydd Ffynnon B Minor: D M Reed 1, D G Mayell (C) 2, Rowena L Marshall 3, R G Butt 4, V J C Dale 5, H G Goddard 6. 1st in m by all. For evensong. 60p

Sherston, Wilts. 14 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Eunice D Overend 1, Mary-Jane A Strong (1st inside) 2, C Bush (C) 3, D A Strong 4, M J Pike 5, J M Howarth 6. A birthday compliment to Robert Strong. Before Evening Service. 60p

Shrewsbury, Salop. (St Chad). 23 Apr, 1341 Grandsire Cinques: Neil Bennett (C) 1, Richard Offen 2, Judith Speake 3, Pamela Rabbetts (1st on 12) 4, Dawn Offen 5, John Neal 6, James Ward (1st on 12) 7, John Speake 8, Colin Walker 9, Frederick Mitchell 10, Ernest Willcox 11, John Crum 12. Before a service of thanksgiving for the life of John Crump. £1.20

Sidcup, Kent. 30 Apr, 1260 P B Doubles: Rebecca Wright 1, Tony Lewis 2, Roger Long 3, Margaret Macey 4, Patrick Braund (C) 5, Steve Gill 6. With the best wishes of the ringers for a long and happy retirement to Revd. Canon Stanley & Bernice Allen prior to their last service at St John's having served the parish from 1970 to 1995.

Steep, Hants. 7 May, 1260 P B Minor: Alison Winscom (1st minor) 1, Hugh Routh 2, Andrew Routh 3, Catherine Wood 4, Simon Wood (C) 5, Simon Longlands 6. For evensong. £1

Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk. 12 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Briam Morrissey 1, Margaret Roberts 2, Helen Mitchell 3, Ann Jessop 4, Barry Gibbons 5, Elizabeth Humphrey 6, Brian Lord (C) 7, George Gardiner 8. £1.60

Stone, Kent. 19 Mar, 1320 Winchendon Place Doubles: Jenny L Mash 1, Karen A Mash 2, R H Edwards (C) 3, F R Wenham 4, P Winter 5, D B F Wenham 6. 1st in the m for all. £1

Stow Bardolph, Norfolk. 5 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: David Howlett 1, Andrew Warboys 2, Ian Ansell 3, Matthew Walker 4, Peter Warboys 5, Peter Waterfield (C) 6, Neville Greenacre 7, Wayne Ansell 8. £1

Stratfield Mortimer, Berks. 5 Dec, 1260 P B Minor: Lorna Jones 1, David Saint 2, Ian Taylor 3, Rev J A Ellis 4, J E Barsley 5, K C Gillings (C) 6. For the 75th anniversary of the Berkshire Women's Institute. £1

Stretton, Ches. 15 May, 1260 P B Minor: B Neale 1, Jen Darling 2, C Booth 3, J Birks 4, P Wilkinson 5, G Birks (1st as C) 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr Stanley J Neale, father of treble. £1

Swavesey, Cambs. 12 May, 1260 Doubles (9m/v): Jim Skillings 1, Norman Norris (Most m/v) 2, Marion Robinson 3, Colin Johnson 4, Andrew Stevens (C) 5. 60p

Tenterden, Kent. 12 Mar, 1260 P B Doubles: D B F Wenham (1st on treble) 1, Helen L Mash 2, Karen A Mash 3, R H Edwards (C) 4, B Winter 5, B Taylor 6. £1

Tunstall, Kent. 1 Jan, 1272 Kent T B Minor: Justin Hudson (1st TB) 1, Terry Barton 2, Roger Pocock 3, Fred Scoones (1st in m) 4, Emma Cundiff 5, Dickon Love (1st in m as C) 6. (No date given) For evensong. £1.20

Walsgrave on Sowe, West Mids. 29 Apr, 1260 St Simons Doubles: Janice E Sheasby 1, Helen L Hancox 2, Liz J White 3, R A Sheasby (C) 4, P Abbott 5, P Craig 6. 1st in m: 2,3,5. To celebrate the 15th birthday of 3. £1

Walton on the Hill, Mers. 13 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Pam Johnson 1, I T Roche 2, D M Fairhurst 3, Helen V Floyd 4, Louise S Price (1st GT) 5, D F Wicks 6, K G Lee (C) 7, R S Ireland 8. To mark the centenary of the Liverpool University School of Architecture. £1.60

Watford, Herts. 1 May, 1289 Stedman Caters: Stuart Talbott 1, Janet Macey 2, Charlotte Gamble 3, Ray Smith 4, David Wicks 5, Dennis Laud 6, John Peverett (C) 7, David Redfearn 8, Richard Hunt 9, Guy Morton 10. £2

Weekley, Nthants. 13 Apr, 1260 Doubles (9m/v): Clare Leaton 1, Patricia Shiels (Most m/v) 2, Timothy Samson 3, Victoria Samson 4, Rev Richard Dorrington (C) 5, Bryony Dorrington 6. £1.50

Weldon, Nthants. 18 May, 1250 Cambridge S Major: Judith Corby 1, Robin Rogers (C) 2, Leonard Hallifax 3, Susan Jones 4, John Roffe 5, Paul Mason 6, Stephen Harrell (1st S Maj) 7, Paul Carless 8. £1.50

Welford on Avon, Warks. 17 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ewart Harper (1st away from cover) 1, Chris Carpenter (1st in m inside) 2, Charles Wilson (C) 3, Freda Cleaver 4, John Maddams 5, Keith Maddams 6. £1

West Clandon, Surrey. 7 May, 1260 P B Doubles: Jenny Lewin 1, Paul Craven 2, Christine Reese 3, Ian MacKenzie (C) 4, David Taylor 5, John Stone 6. For V E Day. £1

West Huntspill, Somerset. 22 Apr, 1260 P B Doubles: A E T Jones 1, Christine Tiley 2, Sheila Baker 3, C Bird 4, R M Tiley (C) 5, B Baker 6. After the wedding of Jane Lambert & Dave Fisher. £1

Westerleigh, Avon. 4 May, 1296 Hull S Minor: Linda Drew 1, Sheila Matthews (1st in m) 2, David Floyd 3, Andrew Ward 4, Henry Taysom (1st in m) 5, Michael Powell (C) 6. £1

Westminster, London. (St Clement Danes). 14 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Richard Thompson 1, Robert Winstanley 2, Peter Tribble 3, William Stungo 4, Raymond Eddy 5, Michael Spracling (C) 6, Dennis Hewitt 7, Brian Baldwin 8. For Morning Service. £2

Wethersfield, Essex. 7 May, 1277 Glasgow S Major: A P Sweeting (C) 1, Lynda P Lambert (1st in m) 2, Bridget J Smith (1st in m) 3, A Dickinson 4, S C Theobald 5, M Semken 6, B Meads 7, D Pygott (1st in m) 8. £1

Whitby, W Yorks. 14 Jun, 1260 Doubles (4m): L Franks 1, F Sotheran 2, R M Franks 3, M Blurton 4, D Elwick (C) 5. For matins. £1

Willesden, Middx. 13 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Pratt 1, Fiona Clode 2, Martin Clode 3, David Rixon 4, Bill Thow 5, Brian Price 6, Ruth Foreman (C) 7, Cliff Wadsworth 8. To celebrate the marriage later this day, at St Mary-le-Bow, of Alison Surry and Mark Regan. £2.50

Winford, Somerset. 14 Apr, 1260 Doubles (10m): D Floyd 1, Beverley Perry 2, L E Perry 3, Rosemary Ball 4, A H Ball (C) 5, Marilyn Floyd 6. Half muffled for Good Friday. £1

Wokingham, Berks. 14 May, 1260 P B Minor: Fiona Harrison 1, Julie Good Child 2, Edward Demster 3, Michael Dane 4, Ian Tutchter 5, John Harrison (C - 400th Q) 6. For United Service. £1.20

Worcester, Worcs. (Cathedral). 14 May, 1297 Stedman Caters: Jacqueline L Walsh (1st Stedman Caters) 1, A F Byrne (C) 2, J A G Clements 3, Barbara E Piper 4, D Hyde 5, D G Franklin 6, D Beacham 7, C D Phillips 8, S D Piper 9, P P Barker-Brown 10. For evensong. £2

Worcester, Worcs. (All Saints). 10 May, 1346 Cambridge S Maximus: John Clements 1, Claire Redstone 2, Nina Byrne 3, Chris Phillips (C) 4, Charles Hayward 5, Graham Slade 6, Simon Wilmshurst 7, James Hustler 8, David Franklin 9, Roy Williams 10, Michael Clements 11, Alex Byrne 12. £3

Wrexham, Clwyd. 20 Apr, 1299 Stedman Caters: Peter Barker 1, Helen Mitchell 2, Kenneth Price 3, Donald Marshall 4, Robert Peers 5, Simon

Griffiths (1st Stedman Caters) 6, John Williams 7, Geoffrey Parting 8, Richard Taylor (C) 9, Andrew Jobson 10.

York, N Yorks. (Minster). 14 May, 1346 Yorkshire S Maximus: Patricia Newton 1, David Moore 2, Colin Turner 3, Timothy Pett 4, Terry Streeter 5, Bernard Groves 6, John Martin (C) 7, Ian Fielding 8, Alan Ainsworth 9, Robert Newton 10, Frank Rivett 11, Marc Hart 12. For evensong and also a compliment to Frank Rivett on the occasion of his 50th birthday. £1.20

Aberdeen, Grampian. 7 May, 1280 PB Major: Dawn Williams 1, Mike Capocci 2, Clare Brotherton 3, Mary York 4, John Plater 5, Justin Thomas 6, Robert Oakeshott (C) 7, William Gill 8. A welcome to Andrew James Capocci, (born 21.3.95) and Thomas Richard Frazer (born 21.4.95). £1.50

Abingdon, Oxon (St Helen). 26 Apr, 1264 Spliced PB & LB Major: Jonathan Chamberlain (C) 1, Deborah Thomas 2, Jeanette France (1st spliced) 3, Susan Read 4, Andrew Utting 5, Nicolas Clarke 6, Michael Cannon 7, Michael Elson 8. For Mothering Sunday. Also engagement compliment to Jeanette France and Stephen Thomas. Also 21 May, 1296 Grandsire Caters: Jeanette France 1, Timothy Pett 2, Jonathan Chamberlain 3, Eluned Hallas 4, Christopher King 5, Michael Cannon (C, 750th Q) 6, Clive Sparling 7, Norman Bailey 8, Andrew Utting 9, Hugh Bishop 10. 18th birthday compliment to Marina Golding (21 May). Silver Wedding compliment to Donald & Peta Joyce (nee Cannon) of New Zealand (16 May). £1.75

Aldbury, Herts. 7 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Jenny Lewis 1, Caroline Craufurd 2, Sonja Morris 3, S Wooler 4, M Ridgway (C) 5, D Moore 6. For the last service at Aldbury of Geoffrey Warren. £1.20

Aldeburgh, Suffolk. 21 May, 1312 PB Major: Gill Waterson 1, Kate Eagle (1st in m) 2, Paula Armstrong 3, Tony Sutherland 4, Richard Rapier 5, Don Price 6, Stephen Bedford 7, Rod French (C) 8. Birthday compliment to Hilary Hughes. £1

Alrewas, Staffs. 14 Apr, 1260 PB Triples: Sue Durrant 1, Rev S J Morris 2, Jenny Jenkins (1st inside) 3, Jill Butcher 4, A E Else 5, J A Cater 6, M Maughan (C) 7, J U Daubner 8. Half-muffled prior to Good Friday devotional service. £1.50

Arundel, W Sussex. 18 Apr, 1280 Yorkshire S Major: Pat Wake 1, Brenda Cox 2, G H Lee 3, Mary Garnons-Williams 4, M J Wake 5, C A J Chappell 6, Rev P R Blackman 7, R M Cox (C) 8. Also 16 May, 1280 Superlative S Major: Margaret Sherwood 1, Diane Wills 2, Joan Peel 3, C A J Chappell 4, C R Spencer 5, A N West (1st in m) 6, R M Cox (C) 7. £2

Banwell, Som. 21 May, 1259 Grandsire Caters: Angela Bromwich 1, R Stubbs 2, Liz Ham 3, M T Hobden 4, W S Rice 5, G Hebden (C) 6, J Boorman 7, G Carter 8, R W Rice 9, M W Baker 10. 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Richard & Sheila Lane, parents of 3. £1

Basford, Notts. 21 May, 1260 PB Minor: Sue Pemberton 1, Anna Webb (C) 2, Jennifer Clarke 3, Janet Webb 4, Helen Newell 5, Elizabeth Beardsley 6. For Rogation Sunday. £1.20

Basingstoke, Hants (St Michael). 21 May, 1288 Grandsire Triples: David Saveill 1, Esme Weaver 2, Lynne Jordan 3, Raymond Walsh 4, Jon Soar 5, Keith Walpole 6, Ben Constant (C) 7, Philip Turrell 8. To welcome home the parish walk for Christian Aid on Rogation Sunday. £1.60

Bath, Avon (Abbey). 7 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Liz Lane 1, Kate Walker 2, Eric Naylor 3, Robin Stubbs 4, Mike Stubbs (C) 5, Matthew Higby 6. On the back six for Evensong.

Bath, Avon (SS Michael & Paul). 25 May, 1312 PB Major: Richard Doubleday (1st minor) 1, Jane Didcot (1st in m) 2, Jenny Burton (1st in m) 3, Carol Hardwick 4, Jody Hillier 5, Peter Hiles 6, Colin Haines 7, Robert Perry (C) 8. By members of the Bath Branch representing 6 different towers. Also 14 May, 1264 PB Major: Lizzie Slade (1st on 8) 1, Linda Drew 2, George Hawkins 3, Jody Hillier 4, Rob Bell 5, Geoff Carter 6, Mike Stubbs 7, Dave Kelly (C) 8. For Evensong. Also 16 May, 1250 Rutland S Major: Jody Hillier 1, James Hillier (1st in m) 2, Giles Wood 3, Carol Hardwick 4, Rob Bell 5, John Ball 6, Peter Hardwick 7, Dave Kelly (C) 8. £3

Berkeley, Glos. 30 Apr, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Ian Unsworth 1, Rev Patrick Wooster 2, Timothy Soanes (C) 3, Steven Chandler 4, Andrew Binstead 5, Jane Bull 6, John Taylor 7, Andrew Bull 8. In thanksgiving for the life of Douglas Stump of Berkeley and Thomas Marson of Exhall (uncle of treble ringer). £1

Bilston, W Mids. 14 May, 1280 Kent TB Major: Jill Holden 1, M T L Jarvis 2, Rebecca Hodister 3, Wendy Broadley 4, Corinne Brant 5, Rachel Everett 6, Helen Jarvis (C) 7, D C Everett 8. Also 21 May, 1260 PB Minor: Elisabeth Pitt 1, M Holden 2, D C Everett 3, Corinne Brant 4, Jill Holden (C) 5, Michaela Richards 6. £1.50

Birmingham, W Mids (Edgbaston). 19 May, 1320 Spliced Doubles & Minor (4m): Kelly Smith 1, Michael Brown 2, Leslie Cox 3, Frank Sluter 4, Jayne Foley 5, Stephen Brown (C) 6. Compliment to the grandmother of 2 on her 90th birthday. 1st spliced doubles and minor for all. £1

Birstall, Leics (30 Wanlip Avenue). 21 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: Kathryn Mobbs 1-2, Julian Morley 3-4, Clive Mobbs (C) 5-6. £1

Bishopstoke, Hants. 21 May, 1277 Grandsire Caters: Peter Blythe 1, Kay LeMarchal 2, Sandra Moore 3, Julie Hodkin 4, Graham Wright 5, Andrew Pickett 6, Roy LeMarchal (C) 7, James Hodkin 8, John Hallett 9, Allen Guille 10. For Evensong. 2nd Q on the bells, 1st by the local band.

Blagdon, Avon. 19 May, 1250 Wembley S Major: M Baker 1, Andrea Freeman 2, Susan Field 3, Margaret Reed 4, P Balmer 5, C Nicholls 6, J Beaumont 7, R Newman (C) 8. £1.50

Bodicote, Oxon. 20 May, 1260 PB Triples: Meg Rodrick 1, M Saunders 2, I Rodrick 3, I Roche 4, C Holmes 5, A Thorne 6, I Smith (C) 7, D Rodrick 8. Wedding compliment to D Rodrick and Jane Thymes. £1.50

Boston, Lincs. 14 May, 1260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: T J Freeston 1, Judith Williamson 2, Valerie Wild 3, Kathryn Smith 4, G Pepper 5, M J Smith (C) 6. To celebrate the 450th anniversary of the granting of a charter to the town of Boston.

Brandeston, Suffolk. 20 Apr, 1296 Cambridge S Minor: Lucy Johnson 1, Graham Johnson 2, Patricia Nix 3, Brian Hinchcliffe 4, Alison Nix 5, Mark Roberts (C) 6. £1

Bristol, Avon (St Mary Redcliffe). 20 May, 1346 Cambridge S Maximus: Susan Legge 1, Vanessa Thompson (1st Max) 2, Clare Pipe-Wolferstan 3, Mary Friskney 4, Wendy Campbell 5, Graham Colborne (1000th Q & 500th Q), Jim Cook 7, Alan Friskney 8, Robert Wood 9, Ian Campbell 10, Andrew Thompson 11, Charles Pipe-Wolferstan 12. Birthday compliment to 12. £1.60

Bristol, Avon (St Werburgh). 15 May, 1260 Doubles (4 m/v): M Hirst 1, D C Haslum 2, C H Pipe-Wolferstan (C, 1600th Q) 3, R J Bowden 4, P J Harris 5, W G Harris 6. With good wishes to Fr David Cawley, Vicar of Eastville, Bristol, on his move to St Mary de Castro, Leicester, as Vicar. 50p

Brompton Regis, Som. 16 May, 1260 St Martin's Doubles: A E Wilson 1, Sue Green 2, Anne Stenning 3, J A Green 4, J M Levin (C) 5, F C Gardner 6. 1st in m for all. £1

Caddington, Beds. 18 May, 1440 Spliced S Minor (3m): Lucy Shepherd 1, Peter Cant 2, Robert Tregillus 3, Michael Barker 4, Richard Horne 5, Alan Shepherd (C) 6. Also 20 May, 1260 PB Minor: David Adams 1, Sarah Ward 2, Robert Jones 3, Peter Cant 4, Alan Shepherd 5, Michael Barker (C) 6. For the village information day. £2

Calverleigh, Devon. 17 May, 1260 Southrepps Minor: A V Edwards 1, Anne Stenning 2, D Bowden 3, J M Levin 4, W R Trickey 5, W E Dunn (C) 6. By the Wednesday Group. 150th together 1 & 4. £1

Castle Acre, Norfolk. 2 May, 1260 Plain Minor (6m): J Munday 1, Mick Cole 2, Angela Clifton 3, G Burton 4, A Clifton 5, S High (C) 6. Also 16 May, 1260 Plain Minor (6m): Mick Cole 1, P Waterfield 2, Angela Clifton 3, G Burton 4, A Clifton 5, S High (C) 6. £2.40

Charminster, Dorset. 16 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: Yvonne Hall 1, Beryl Paton 2, Jane Lane 3, Alan Frost 4, Susan Smith 5, Andrew Smith (C) 6. For Easter. Also 30 Apr, 1260 PB Triples: Beryl Paton 1, Yvonne Hall 2, Paula Biss (1st inside on 8) 3, Susan Smith 4, Alan Frost 5, Mark Ball 6, Andrew Smith (C) 7, Howard Bowering 8. For Evening Service. £2.40

Chipstable, Som. 14 May, 1260 Clifford's Pleasure Doubles: F G Gardner 1, S J Smith 2, Audrey Westall 3, E Mould 4, J M Levin (C) 5, Anne Stenning 6. For Sunday Evensong. £1

Clevedon, Avon (St John). 15 May, 1260 PB Minor: Helen Scammell 1, Margaret James 2, Susan Riley 3, L M Callow 4, N H Dixon 5, D W James (C) 6. To celebrate the lives of Joan Billett, formerly Sacristan of Clevedon St John, and Dorothy Withers. £1

Coventry, Warks (Allesley). 2 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: N Howes 1, M Chester (C) 2, Beverley Winter 3, Laura Greenland 4, P Stone 5, R Winter 6. For Holy Communion and to celebrate the birth of Charlotte Howes, granddaughter of 1. Also 7 May, 1280 Lincolnshire S Major: P Stone 1, M Chester 2, Amanda Slater 3, Lesley Grove 4, Beverley Winter 5, J W Hughes 6, C Foxall 7, R Winter (C) 8. For Holy Communion. £2.40

Cradley, W Mids. 12 May, 1260 PB Triples: Stephen Brown (C) 1, Stuart Bridges (1st in m) 2, Michael Gordon 3, Rosemary Thorns 4, Michael Brown 5, Leslie Cox 6, Jayne Foley 7, Harold White 8. In memory of Frederick White, long-time ringer of St John's, Halesowen. £1

Croftthorne, Warks. 26 Apr, 1320 Braintree D Minor: A J Barnfield 1, Ruth Halling 2, David Bagley 3, Claire Redstone 4, Paul Evans (C) 5, Roy Williams 6. 30th wedding anniversary compliment to Geoff & Lynda Bagley. £1

Croydon, Surrey (St John). 14 May, 1320 Spliced S Minor (3m): Lee McCormack 1, Keith Matthews 2, Eric Godfrey 3, Stephen Theobald 4, Mark Gill 5, Martin Foster (C) 6. For Evensong. £1.20

Davenham, Ches. 11 May, 1320 Doubles (11m): Andrew Rowe 1, Janet Rees 2, Helen Knight 3, Christopher Rees 4, Stephen Knight (C) 5, Norman Houghton 6. To mark the retirement of Mrs Edna Boardman, vergier at this church for 25 years. £1.20

Desborough, Nthants. 21 May, 1272 Spliced S Minor (5m): J R Hewitt 1, Helen Coleman 2, A R Wignell 3, B Adcock 4, M A Coleman (C) 5, N A Churchman 6. For Evening Service. 60p

Didsbury, Gtr Man. 21 May, 1260 PB Minor: David King-Hele 1, Henry Ashworth 2, Helen Lacy 3, John Lacy 4, Jane Landles 5, Duncan Vyse (C) 6. To celebrate the birth of David Peter Lacy, born 25.12.94 and to mark the occasion of May Lacy's 60th birthday. £1

Dorchester, Dorset. 21 May, 1263 Stedman Triples: Felicity Morgan 1, Graham Colborne (C) 2, Alex Lyons (1st in m) 3, Judith Robertson 4, Susan Legge 5, Edmund Shuttleworth 6, Tony Buttle 7, Ross Robertson (1500th Q) 8. For Evensong. 90p

Dublin, Dub (St Patrick's Cathedral). 10 Jan, 1260 PB Doubles: Margaret Holmes 1, D W Galbraith 2, Jean Thompson 3, C J Reede 4, F A McCullough 5, R de Courcy 6. No C given. Also 17 Jan, 1260 PB Doubles: Martha Waller 1, Jean Thompson 2, D W Galbraith 3, Margaret Homes 4, J N M Clarke (C) 5, D Waller 6. Also 9 Apr, 1260 PB Minor: Margaret Holmes 1, Jean Thompson 2, W Clarke 3, C J Reede 4, F A McCullough 5, P M Talbot (C) 6. £3

East Ilsley, Berks. 22 Apr, 1260 Stedman Triples: Nicola Hibbert (1st in m) 1, Jane Hibbert 2, Jonathon Smith 3, Lucy Weaver 4, John Napper 5, Harry Wells 6, John Hibbert (C) 7, Frederick Simmons 8.

Easthampstead, Berks. 2 May, 1260 PB Minor: Zoe Lunnon 1, Joanne Lunnon 2, D A Edward 3, R Harris 4, S G Scott 5, S C Wells 6. For the Visitation of the Archdeacon.

Edinburgh, Lothian (Cathedral). 14 May, 1282 Yorkshire S Royal: Heather Faull 1, Clare Caley 2, Clare Rogers 3, Craig Taylor 4, Andrew Kelso 5, Martin Gillie 6, Susan Bryce 7, Oliver Coldrick 8, Paul Harden 9, Michael Barker (1st Royal as C) 10. £1

Edinburgh, Lothian (St Cuthbert). 14 May, 1280 Rutland S Major: Michael Barker 1, Clare Rogers 2, Heather Faull 3, Andrew Kelso 4, Martin Gillie 5, Craig Taylor 6, Oliver Coldrick 7, Paul Harden (C) 8. Also 16 May, 1288 Grandsire Triples: Clare Caley 1, Katherine Turner (1st Triples) 2, Rachel Davies 3, Craig Taylor 4, Susan Bryce 5, Jane Weller 6, Michael Barker (C) 7, Martin Gillie 8. £2

Eversholt, Beds. 21 May, 1260 Doubles (2m): Elizabeth Churchill 1, Bernadette Laidlaw 2, Peter Boon 3, Robert Churchill 4, Roger King 5, James Saunders 6. £2

Exeter, Devon (Cathedral). 30 Apr, 1346 Yorkshire S Maximus: Alison Surry 1, Howard Egglestone 2, James Grant 3, Susan Sawyer 4, Wendy Campbell 5, Andrew Brown (1st S Max) 6, Alan Sinden (1st S Max as C) 7, Colin Barr (1st Yorkshire Max) 8, Ian Campbell 9, Peter Sawyer 10, Michael Mears 11, Mark Regan 12. For Evensong. Also 14 May, 1280 Bristol S Major: Andrew Nicholson 1, James Kirkcaldy 2, Janet Rothera 3, Wendy Campbell 4, Ian Campbell 5, Howard Egglestone 6, Alan Sinden (C) 7, Donald Carter 8. On the middle eight for Evensong. £2.09

Exhall, Warks (84 Coventry Road). 22 May, 1342 Grandsire Cinques: George Pluckrose 1-2, David Allen 3-4, Geoff Pratt (C) 5-6, Ian Thompson 7-8, Chris Foxall (1st G Cinques) 9-10, Jason Hughes (1st G Cinques) 11-12. £1

Flamstead, Herts. 5 May, 1440 Spliced S Minor (4m): Sarah Ward 1, John Ewer 2, Brian Watson 3, Keith Farnham 4, David Adams 5, Alan Shepherd (C) 6. Also 12 May, 1440 Spliced S Minor (8m): Liz Middleton 1, David Redfearn 2, Peter Cant 3, John Ewer 4, David Adams 5, Alan Shepherd (C) 6. Also 19 May, 1272 Spliced S Minor (5m): Roger King 1, Liz Middleton 2, Christopher Tough 3, Keith Farnham 4, John Ewer 5, Alan Shepherd (C) 6. £3

Fordingbridge, Hants. 1 Jan, 1296 Minimus: Caroline Phillips 1, Mary Melbourne 2, Chris Read 3, Brian Jordan 4, Ron Jackson 5, Rebecca Brand 6. For Evensong on New Year's Day. Also 15 Jan, 1260 PB Doubles (768 cover): Caroline Phillips 1, Mary Melbourne (C) 2, Graham Solley (C) 3, Chris Read (C) 4, Brian Jordan 5, Neil Daykin 6, Ron Jackson 7, Jack Dodds 8. For Evensong. Also 19 Mar, 1260 PB Doubles (768 cover): Caroline Phillips 1, Graham Solley 2, Mary Melbourne 3, Chris Read 4, Brian Jordan 5, Claire Ritchie 6, Ron Jackson 7, Jack Dodds 8. For Evensong. Also 26 Mar, 1260 PB Doubles: Claire Ritchie 1, Mary Melbourne 2, Graham Solley 3, Chris Read 4, Jack Dodds 5, Rebecca Brand 6. No C given. For Mothering Sunday. £4

Glasgow, Strath. 14 May, 1260 PB Royal: Rose Hancock 1, Heather Preece (1st on 10) 2, Rachel Webb 3, Kate Weston (1st on 10) 4, Margaret Williams 5, Joan Kemp (1st on 10) 6, Bev Quzman 7, Jennifer Tomkinson 8, Marcus Wheel (C) 9, Robert Hancock 10. For Evensong by the Sunday Service band. £1

Guernsey, CI (Forest). 29 Apr, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Joanna Knight 1, Hazel Bailey 2, Judy Collins 3, F J Bailey 4, C Totty (C) 5, P D Jinks (1st Q away from home) 6. For the spring inter-island practice meeting. 50p

Guildford, Surrey (Cathedral). 30 Apr, 1294 Lincolnshire S Maximus: Richard Burton (C) 1, Jenny Bew (1st in m) 2, Jane Beadman 3, Susan Agg 4, Lynne Crighton 5, William Barter 6, Maggie Joyce 7, Mike Bew 8, Graham Naylor 9, Mark Jacot 10, Peter Joyce 11, David Tubbs 12. Also 12 May, 1296 Spliced Maximus (7m): Jane Beadman 1, Vanessa Taylor (most spliced) 2, Christopher Ridley (most spliced) 3, Alison Godfrey 4, Maggie Joyce 5, Neil Buswell 6, Quentin Armitage 7, Mark Taylor (most spliced) 8, Peter Joyce 9, Graham Naylor 10, David Beadman 11, Richard Burton (C) 12. £4.80

Hardwicke, Glos. 21 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Ruth Stickland 1, I Taylor (C) 2, D Grieves 3, Joyce Taylor 4, T Stickland 5, T Cotterell 6. Arranged & rung in memory of baby Rebekah Maria Ashton, who died on her first birthday (20.5.95). £1.20

Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset. 16 May, 1320 Kent TB Minor: Nigel Richards 1, Jane Treseder (1st in m) 2, Judith Robertson 3, Hugh Walmesley White 4, Robert Weller 5, Ross Robertson (C) 6. Compliment to Hereford Course Instructor Ian Holland who recently taught the method to Jane. £1.50

Heathfield, Som. 29 Apr, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): L T Richards 1, W E Dunn 2, Jane Beveridge (725th Q) 3, J M Levin 4, A F Lee (C) 5. 600th together 1 & 5. £1

Henfield, W Sussex. 20 May, 1280 Dale S Major: Joan Peel 1, Sandra Alford 2, Ruth Reeves 3, Jennifer Smith 4, Hamish McNaughton 5,

Geoff Rix 6, David Smith 7, Colin Spencer (C) 8. 1st Q in m. 50th birthday compliment to 7. £1

Henley on Thames, Oxon. 19 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Yates 1, Joan Bennett 2, Elsie Smith 3, Norman Topsam 4, William Mills 5, John Rance 6, Harold Smith (C) 7, Michael Morley 8. For the marriage of Claire Seward & Edward King. £2

Heswall, Mers. 16 May, 1260 St Clements CB Minor: P M S Newton 1, Janet Roxburgh (1st in m) 2, C B Pemberton 3, J S T Willasey 4, E T Carvell 5, S W Hughes 6. £1.20

Hilton, Dorset. 13 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Beryl Shuttleworth 1, Susan Legge 2, Helen Wells (1st inside) 3, Tony Buttle (C) 4, Graham Colborne 5, Robert Newton 6. £1.20

Hinckley, Leics. 15 Apr, 1250 Yorkshire S Major: Valerie Goode 1, Gail Wade 2, B P Morris 3, A J Rowan 4, N W Harvey 5, M Angrave (C) 6, M J Pendery 7, M A Boylan 8. Congratulations to Emily Wykes & John Scattergood, married this day at St Mary's parish church, Hinckley. 60p

Hinton on the Green, Worcs. 16 May, 1282 Jersey S Major: Tim Munslow 1, Sarah Morgan 2, Claire Redstone 3, Ross Bradley 4, Phil Morgan 5, Roy Williams 6, A J Barnfield 7, James Hustler (C) 8. With best wishes to Joe Newman for a speedy recovery. £2

Hook Norton, Oxon. 20 May, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M Saunders 1, Anne Thorne 2, S Austin 3, R Thorne 4, I Rodrick 5, M Austin 6, I Smith (C) 7, P Brown 8. After the wedding of David Rodrick and Jane Rhymes. £1.50

Hucknall Torkard, Notts. 20 May, 1260 Doubles (11 m/v): Helen Whiting 1, Alison Nix 2, Patricia Nix 3, Brian Hinchcliffe 4, Mark Roberts (C) 5, John Johnson 6. To mark the reopening of the Godber Memorial Hall. £1

Hughenden, Bucks. 5 Mar, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Philip Birtles (1st on 8) 1, Liz Mundy 2, Ruth Hamilton 3, Rachel Holmes (C) 4, Arthur Newton 5, Joyce Cornwall 6, David Cornwall 7, William Hamilton 8. Also 22 Apr, 1280 DNCBM: Louise James 1, Valerie Willard 2, Andrew Holmes 3, Rachel Holmes 4, Gillian Hazell 5, Peter Bruce 6, Woodruff 7, David Cornwall (C) 8. Also 30 Apr, 1260 PB Triples: Joyce Cornwall 1, Liz Mundy 2, Kaye Platt (1st in m) 3, Elaine Baker 4, Arthur Newton 5, Chris Mundy 6, Roger Hazell (C) 7, Philip Birtles 8. Both the above rung for Rachel Holmes & Eliot Johnson, married at Hughenden on 29 April 1995. £3

Huish Champflower, Som. 7 May, 1260 Southrepps Doubles: Audrey Westall 1, S J Smith 2, Anne Stenning 3, J M Levin 4, A F Lee (C) 5, F G Gardner 6. For Family Service. 1st in v by all except 3 & 5. Also 21 May, 1260 Rev Canterbury Doubles: F C Gardner 1, S J Smith 2, Audrey Westall 3, Anne Stenning (C) 4, A F Lee 5, J M Levin 6. For Matins and as a thanksgiving for the life of R J (Bob) Somerville. £2.10

Kensington, London SW (Imperial College). 23 Mar, 1264 PB Major: Michael Townsend 1-2, Stuart Cox 3-4, Roger Bailey (C) 5-6, James White (1st on inside pair) 7-8. Also 29 Mar, 1264 PB Major: James White 1-2, Simon Gay 3-4, Prudence Fay (1st on full working) 5-6, Roger Bailey (C) 7-8. Also 3 May, 1280 Spliced S Major (4m): Prudence Fay (most spliced) 1-2, Roger Bailey (C) 3-4, Simon Gay 5-6, Stuart Cox 7-8.

Kewstoke, Avon. 2 Apr, 1260 Doubles (5m): Kit Lee 1, Richard Warren 2, Mark Endacott 3, John Cook 4, Clifford Nicholls 5, John Widgery 6. Also 7 May, 1260 Doubles (11m): J G Cook 1, Jennifer Spence (most m inside) 2, Joanne Spence 3, P J Spence 4, J S Boorman (C) 5, J H Widgery 6. £2.20

Kingsclere, Hants. 17 May, 1260 Stedman Doubles: Helen Piper (1st in m as C) 1, Catherine Gardner 2, Angela Athawes 3, Raymond Walsh 4, Graham Hedges 5, Keith Reynolds 6. In celebration of Richard's safe return from the "Wild West". Sponsored in aid of Kingsclere Bell Restoration & Maintenance Fund. Also 19 May, 1260 PB Doubles: Helen Piper 1, Catherine Gardner 2, Susan Reynolds 3, Graham Hedges 4, David Reynolds (C) 5, Keith Reynolds 6. In memory of Francis Rosier. Sponsored in aid of Kingsclere Bell Restoration & Maintenance Fund. Also congratulations to ringer of 2 on passing her driving test this day. £2.40

Obituary

Cecil Thomas Clarke (Uncle)

1922-1995

Cecil was the youngest of six, and the only son. He was born in Bridgwater and lived there all his life except for war service in the Royal Engineers.

He learnt to ring at Chilton Trinity after badgering the captain of ringers for some considerable time. As we all know back in 1934 young boys were meant to be seen and not heard so it took some persistence to be accepted. He soon progressed beyond call changes and moved to ring in Bridgwater then later to Wemdon and more latterly Durleigh. He was not a prolific peal ringer although his total was some 274, being more interested in quarters and ringing in 938, many being firsts for young ringers and firsts for the Bridgwater branch of the Bath and Wells. In the early days he loved to visit and ring in different towers ringing in 1916 towers in his 60 years as a ringer. His first love was six-bell ringing although in his mid years was happy to ring on the higher numbers and joined several peal tours. Although being deaf – and sometimes infuriatingly so – he loved good striking and rhythm.

Cecil loved a pint and on many occasions a harebrained scheme to ring somewhere different, or a peal, or quarter suggested by him would come to fruition. His sense of humour was ever present often laughing at the most ridiculous things and even himself.

He had a strong faith and would not have rung for pleasure if he did not at least ring once on a Sunday. He was keen to help others and would go out of his way to welcome visitors making them feel at home. In fact if he could not do you a good turn he would certainly not do you a bad one.

He loved music and was a keen supporter of the Brass Band movement and very seldom missed the National Contest. He travelled many miles to hear good music and kept all the programmes of every contest and show that he ever went to.

He was always a bit of a worrier and over recent times had lost all confidence in himself so much so that although he could recite the standard eight and many minor methods he would invariably ring the treble or tenor behind.

Sadly it would appear that everything became too much for him and he took his life sometime on the 13th May 1995. The following is a

Chewton Mendip, Soms. 18 May, 1280 Bristol Surprise Major: Vivienne M Rigby 1, Robert Perry 2, Ted Chivers 3, Adrian Beck 4, Robert Beck 5, Reginald McKenzie (C) 6, Michael Stone 7, Julian Stone 8. Arranged originally as a farewell to Julian who is emigrating to New Zealand but he especially expressed the wish that it should be dedicated to the memory of his Great Uncle Cecil.

Chilton Trinity, Soms. 30 May, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Julian Stone 1, Gerald Brown 2, Peter Leigh 3, Valerie Stone 4, Michael Stone (C) 5. Rung open in affectionate memory of Cecil Clarke – cremated today.

Bridgwater, Soms. 30 May, 1280 Grandsire Triples: D K Lane 1, Valerie Stone 2, W G Luxon 3, G G Davis 4, F W Sweet 5, B J Wylde (C) 6, G Brown 7, W H Wilkinson 8. In memory of Cecil Clarke – cremated today.

Durleigh, Soms. 4 June, 1260 Doubles (4m): Audrey Short 1, Sally Wheeler 2, Mark Holder 3, Gerry Brown (C) 4, Alan Lee 5, Valerie Stone 6.

quotation from the Rev Ken Wright at the funeral service: "Cecil had a strong faith and, in my own mind, the manner of his death was the result of a sudden mental breakdown. From what I have heard it was not premeditated and so I would ask you to leave any sense of guilt, anger, if only's, or any unfinished business here at this service, and take away with you the memories of Cecil that you value."

Cecil had many friends and this was evident by the fact that Chilton Trinity Church was full to overflowing at the service.

I know that Cecil did not want any fuss or mourning and had often told me of the hymns and the psalm he wanted which were Psalm 150 and Strong Son of God, Immortal Love and Thy Kingdom Come O God. I'm sorry Cecil but we could not let you go without saying goodbye in the only way we knew how.

He introduced me to ringing in 1949 and was a hard task master – often I had a red weal on my cheek where he had emphasised which bell I should be ringing over, and many times I came near to giving it up. Thankfully I did not and have to thank him for all his encouragement and guidance in giving me a calling that brings so much joy and satisfaction.

MICHAEL STONE.

Cecil T. Clarke

A Personal Reflection

In the evening of the very first day I lived in Bridgwater, back in 1962, I went to a ringing practice at Wemdon. There I met Cecil, who immediately befriended me, and took me back across the fields to his "local", the Crowpill Inn.

So began a friendship which soon developed into a family one when he introduced me to Min and Jock Stone (Mike's parents) with whom he lived at the time. Barbara then came on the scene, and Cecil came to our wedding in 1963 – well the last five minutes of it anyway because his carload of guests got delayed at the Aust ferry!

He introduced me to local ringing, to his skittles team, of which I am now sadly the longest serving member, and to some memorable family card games which have all been notable features of life ever since.

I, in turn involved him in the "Camp-ingologists" peal tours of those days, and thereby to the activities of both the University of Bristol Society and the College Youths. Cecil was proud to tell people that he has attended every UBSCR dinner since 1963 – one more than me as I missed one for babysitting duties. He loved to socialise, and to reminisce – with lots of stories to tell.

One favourite of his was the occasion in his youth when he went to bed after a heavy drinking session, and banged his head on the bedspring when he woke up in the morning!

He was full of ideas for how things should be done, in ringing, political and family circles, but lacked the confidence to take a leading role – probably the result of having several older sisters who all loved to spoil him.

Cecil was never a prolific peal ringer, and always insisted that he was a six-bell man, although he did aspire even to twelve bells on occasions. He was always keen on good striking, and liked either to ring the treble or "beat the drum" whenever he could. One remarkable performance was to ring Stogursey (24cwt.) tenor to a peal of minor on a single rope end.

He has always been "Uncle Cec" to all our children, and was godfather to our son John. Over the past 16 years when he has been in his one-person flat, he has regularly joined our family for parties, particularly at Christmas.

His sad and sudden death came as a great shock, and will leave a gap in our lives. Fortunately we have many memories of happy times with him – perhaps the most memorable being his fund of clichés and mannerisms when playing cards:

If holding a good hand he would make trumpeting noises and say "Come on – they should be out by now!"

When overtrumping "Ha Moriarty you sent a boy out to do a man's job".

When being beaten, or having his Ace trumped "You silly twisted grasshopper!"

May he now rest in the peace he deserves.

B. J. WYLDE.

Westonzoyland, Soms. 10 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: B J Wylde 1, Margaret Trimm 2, P J Leigh (C) 3, Freda Prime 4, Carol Bond 5, F A K Prime 6. In memory of Cecil T Clarke. Freda was one of the very few ringers who were taught by Cecil.

Cecil T. Clarke

It was a great shock to hear of the sudden death of Cecil Clarke of Bridgwater. I have known and rung regularly with Cecil since 1953 and it was mainly through him that we young blades in the Chew Branch formed a lasting link with like-minded tower grabbers and quarter peal ringers down Bridgwater way.

I have many memories of Cecil, but an early one was after a meeting at Bridgwater when he introduced me to a particularly potent brand of scrumpy at "The Mansion House", one of many occasions over the years when we were "called to the bar" as he described it.

Although he had no transport of his own (except his trusty bicycle and a life-long love of walking), Cecil was always pleased to come on any ringing expedition and in his earlier days would arrange them as well. I recall a weekend trip to the Isle of Wight which meant a 3am start, and a week tour in Berkshire when there was one car and four bikes. Although officially one of the car travellers, Cecil soon volunteered to cycle, in those days complete with pipe. You could be fairly certain that, apart from the occasional conflicting loyalty of a brass band concert, Cecil would be the first to agree to come on any ringing tour and I think the greatest compliment he ever paid me was after being invited to join some particularly hare-brained scheme he said "If you were to invite me on a ringing trip to the North Pole, I would say yes".

Cecil was a loyal member of the Bath and Wells Association and seldom missed an annual meeting or Bridgwater Branch event. Learning to ring at Chilton Trinity in 1934, he joined the Association in 1939 and was a Branch instructor for several years. Originally a member under Bridgwater tower, he later joined Wemdon and then Durleigh, always maintaining an interest in the old five at Chilton Trinity where the Church was full to overflowing for his Funeral Service on 30th May.

Peals and Quarter Peals were always enjoyed by Cecil and since 1986 he had been a member of the "Old Codgers" retired ringers group, often battling with the railway timetable when events were in the north of the county. When we were travelling south, Cecil's culinary skills were often evident with some of his home-made cake to accompany the all important pre-quarter coffee.

We were pleased that the Old Codgers were able to honour his memory with a Quarter Peal in his favourite method, Grandsire Doubles at Durleigh shortly after the Service, the ringers being Ted Chivers 1, John Brain 2, Michael Horseman (C) 3, Eric Lee 4, David Yeo 5, Tony Cox 6.

Thank you Cecil for all your company and friendship over many years.

MICHAEL HORSEMAN.

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Tower Announcements

CROYDON ST JOHN. The 12 Bell Practice for July is not the usual first Tuesday but is on July 11th. Our new Vicar is being inducted on 4th so the practice is cancelled that week. Special method continues to be Bristol Maximus. 4124

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK. From Friday 14th July until Friday 8th September inclusive, practices at St Edmund's will be from 7.15-8.15pm to accommodate the Summer Theatre. Normal times 7.30-9pm all welcome. Penultimus is popular. 4146

Association Announcement

Y.A.C.R. WESTERN BRANCH. The new Secretary is Cate Lonsdale, 12 Orchard Road, Kirkheaton, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire HD5 0EQ. Tel 01484 518050 Ad No 0962

Midweek Meetings and Practices

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. Notice of Practices (6.30pm): July 4 St Mary-le-Bow, July 11 Cripplegate, July 18 St Sepulchre, July 25 St Paul's Cathedral. Notice of Business Meeting: July 11, The Old Dr Butler's Head, Masons Avenue, London EC2 at 8.30pm. - A.R.K. 0938

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. North Oxfordshire Practice: Banbury (10) Fri 30 June (7pm). Midlands Area Practice: St Martin's Birmingham (16), Wed 5 July (8pm). - A.R.K. 0939

G & B D.A. BRISTOL. Branch Practice at St Stephen's, July 10 at 7.30pm. For SM refer SJB or DJC. 0877

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. Guildford District. Friday July 7, Surprise Practice at Rudgwick, 8-9.15pm. 0938

LONDON C.A. July 7 Spitalfields; July 21 St Clement Danes. Both at 6.30pm. All welcome. 0909

NORTHANTS MIDWEEK GROUP. Next meeting, Spraton (note change of venue), Wed July 5, 2-4pm. Special method Annable's London. All welcome. P.D.W. 0959

PETERBOROUGH D.G. Northampton Branch Practice at Boughton on Thursdays July 6, 13, 20 and 27, 8-9pm. 0942

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. Practice, Beeston, Friday July 7, 7.30-9.00. All welcome. D Stainsby. Tel 0115 9233506. Ad No 0930

SUFFOLK GUILD. NE District. 10 bell practice, Wed July 5, 7.30pm at Beccles, SM Yorkshire Royal and Stedman Caters. 8 bell practice, Tues July 11, 7.30pm at Leiston, SM Penultimus Major and 4-spliced LBSC Surprise Major. 0918

SURREY ASSOCIATION. Southern District. Friday July 7, Charlwood (6) at 7.30pm. Regular District Practice. All welcome. 0890

Saturday Meetings and Practices

ELY D.A. Ely District. Monthly Meeting, Sat July 1st at Chatteris. Ringing 3pm, service 4.30pm, followed by tea, business meeting and evening ringing. 0912

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. Bridgnorth District. Quarterly Meeting on Saturday July 1st at Chelmarsh, 6.30-8.30pm. 0897

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Bishop's Stortford District. 8/10 bell practice, Saturday July 1st, 7.45-9.00, Bishop's Stortford (10,17cwt). Everyone welcome. 0972

K.C.A.C.R. Tonbridge District. Quarterly Meeting, Sat July 1st, Kilndown. Ringing from 3pm. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at Goudhurst followed by ringing until 9pm. Names for tea to Keith Wakefield (01892 823039) by Thursday June 29. 0937

SALISBURY D.G.R. Devizes Branch. Sat July 1st, Quarterly Meeting at St Mary of the Assumption Church, Market Lavington. Ringing 3-4.30pm. Service and Tea for those requesting teas. Names to T E J Gye, Tel 01380 818736. Evening ringing to follow. 0617

SUFFOLK GUILD. SE District. Sat July 1st. District Practice at Marlesford, 7-9pm. All welcome. 0923

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Biggleswade District. Ringing and meeting, Sat July 8th, Arlesey, 3pm. Tea 5pm. Henlow from 6.30pm. 0969

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT. Monthly Meeting, Sat July 8. Ringing at Beverley St Mary 2.15-3.45, Service, Tea and Meeting Hutton 4.30 followed by evening ringing Hutton 7.00-8.30. Names for tea to Mr Gerald Ford, Tel: 01377 270985 by Wed July 5. 0928

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. East Cheshire Branch. Summer Festival and 6 bell Striking Contest, Sat July 8. Ringing at Chelford, 3-4pm. Striking Contest at Nether Alderley. Draw 4.30pm. Picnic tea at Alderley (please bring your own!). Evening ringing at Prestbury from 7-9pm. 0915

ELY D.A. Cambridge District. Saturday July 8, 3-4.15pm Whittlesford; 4.30-5.30pm Ickleton. Barbecue and Meeting, Great Chesterford. Names for barbecue to Katherine Hinchliffe (01223 832296). Ad No 0957

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. Southern District Inter-tower Quiz on Saturday July 8 at Thorpe Bay Yacht Club, Eastern Esplanade at 7.15 for 7.30pm. Teams of 4-6. Other districts cordially invited, you won't beat us but you are most welcome to join us! Tickets £2 each from Mrs Penny Sloman (01702 545568). Ad No 0881

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL D.A. Bristol Rural Branch. Saturday July 8, 6 bell Practice at Westerleigh, 7.30-9pm. Also Saturday 22nd, 8 bell Practice at Almondsbury, 7.30-9pm. All welcome. 0970

HERTFORD C.A. Western District. Saturday July 8, Striking Competition at Aldbury (6). Draw 1.50, Competition 2pm, Service 4.30 followed by tea, meeting and evening ringing. Names for tea to: Mrs E Wells (01442 851332). Special methods: Double Bob, Beverley SM and Chester SM. 0924

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. Lewisham District. Quarterly Meeting, July 8, Bromley Common. Service 4.30 followed by business meeting, tea and evening ringing. Names for tea by previous Wednesday to Mr Scott, 0181-460 6230. Ad No 0954

K.C.A.C.R. Maidstone District. Quarterly Meeting, July 8, Harrietsham. Ringing 3pm. Service 4.30pm followed by tea and business meeting. Evening ringing. NAMES for tea to: Mrs P Hounsom - 01622 859200 - by evening Thursday July 6, please. 0906

LADIES GUILD. Southern District Outing, Saturday July 8. First tower Droxford 10.00-10.45, other towers: Soberton, Hambledon, Privett, Petersfield, Buriton. Lunch at Red Lion, West Meon 12.45. Further details from Wendy Ling 01962 853611. Ad No 0943

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Liverpool Branch. Monthly meeting to be held on Sat July 8 at St Nicholas, Halewood. General ringing 3.45-4.30pm followed by service. Tea 5pm followed by business meeting. Evening ringing 7-8.30pm. Names for tea by Wed July 5 to Mr N P A Goulding, 224 Birchfield Road, Widnes WA8 9EH tel 0151-495 3894. Ad No 0820

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. Preston/Lancaster Branch. Joint Meeting on Saturday July 8 at Scorton 3.30-5pm and Morecambe 6.30-7.30pm. Own arrangements for tea. 0950

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. Saturday July 8. Evening meeting at Netherseal. Ringing starts at 7pm 0928

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. EBSB. Please note that the Surprise Practice at Dorney on July 8 has been CANCELLED. 0922

PETERBOROUGH D.G. Daventry Branch Meeting, Sat July 8. Ringing Bugbrooke 3pm. Service 4.30pm followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing Gayton 6.30pm. Names for tea to Nancy Rogers 01604 832415 by Thurs prior. 0919

SALISBURY D.G.R. Dorchester Branch. Quarterly Meeting, Sat July 8 at Hilton. Ringing 3pm, service 4pm, followed by tea, meeting and further ringing. Names for tea to Mr R Newton (Tel: 01258 880192) by previous Wednesday please. All welcome. 4154

SALISBURY D.G.R. East Dorset Branch. Quarterly Meeting, Sat July 8 at Winterborne Zelston. Ringing 3.00, Service 4.30, then tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Spetisbury. Evening Special Method, Single Oxford, but all levels of ability welcome. 0948

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. Quarterly Meeting, Saturday July 8. Ringing at Moreton Corbet from 6-8pm with quarterly business meeting from 6.45-7.15pm. Fundraising Grand Ceilidh at Shawbury Village Hall from 8-11.45pm - tickets at £4.50 each from Edric Broom (01952 825851). All welcome. 0968

SOUTHWELL D.G. Bingham District. Sat July 8, Gonalston 3.00-3.30; Lowdham 3.30-4.30; Gedling 4.30-7.30 tea and ringing (N.B. Concert in church 7.30). Names for tea J Rigby (0115 987 0521 0940

SOUTHWELL D.G. Newark District. Sat July 8. North Collingham (3-4pm). Meeting Winthorpe Church Hall 4.30 followed by tea. Evensong 6pm. Evening ringing 6.30-8pm. Names for tea (by Wed July 5) to Mike Bache (01636 74741). Ad No 0947

SUFFOLK GUILD. NW District. Sat July 8. Quarterly Meeting at Barrow 6pm followed by ringing and barbecue £6.00 a head. Names for barbecue must be received by Weds July 5 to Janet Stannard 01284 810866. Tickets available in advance. Bring own drinks. 0736

SUSSEX C.A. W Div. Sat July 8. Kirdford repeat Kirdford (6). Method Striking Competition. Details Sally Forth. Draw 4.30. Evening Stoolball Match, Kirdford N Div v. W Div. All welcome. 0966

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G. Alton & Petersfield District. Quarterly Meeting at West Meon, Sat July 8. Ringing 2.30-4.15 followed by service. Tea and Meeting in Village Hall. Names for tea to Mr R Stone, Tel 01730 829046 by Wed July 5. District Striking Competition to follow meeting at Warnford approx 6.15pm. 0874

LADIES GUILD. Eastern District Outing to Cambridgeshire, July 15. Chatteris 5-6pm, Ely 6.30-7.15pm, Littleport 7.45-8.30pm. All welcome. 0958

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COUNTRY MEETING
SATURDAY 8th JULY 1995
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Standish	8	11.00-12.00
Bamber Bridge	8	1.30-2.30
Whittle le Woods	8	2.00-3.00
Leyland	10	3.00-4.00

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If I may, I would like to use your columns to express my gratitude for the hospitality shown by the Dublin ringers to my friends and me during a recent visit to Ireland. Having arrived in Dublin just a little too late for St. Patrick's practice night, Charlie Reede (sensing our disappointment) kindly arranged for us to ring for half an hour the following evening. In addition to this he organised enough of his own ringers to enable us to ring the back eight. Being a keyholder for St. Audoen's he also took us across the road for a grab there.

Such enthusiasm and kindness in making such arrangements made our visit to Dublin all the more special.

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Teresa Morris and Ian Bushell

We first encountered Ian at Trumpington about two and a half years ago. In those days he occasionally supported the Wednesday practice at Gt St Andrew; this occasion was a lock out and he joined our ringing on his way home. Although it sounds unlikely (in those days our practice was run by Ivan Ludbrook at his fiercest), he must have liked what he found, because he started to attend regularly. Gt St Andrew's loss was our gain; not only did the practice benefit, our free time dwindled as a result of his invitations to ring peals and join tower grabs. More recently his efficiency as tower secretary has taken the breath away.

It was rumoured that for five years or so Ian found steady companionship with a member of the opposite sex; most of us discounted this possibility - his devotion to ringing couldn't possibly leave sufficient time for that sort of thing. We were, however, utterly mistaken; Teresa turned up to meet Ian after a peal at Trumpington, whiling away the last few courses in Tracey de Bruyne's house next door to the church.

When asked what Teresa did when he was ringing, Ian's usual reply was that she went 'clubbing'. The obvious question to ask on meeting Teresa was how, after knowing Ian for so long, she had not learnt to ring; as far as I can remember she had no convincing answer. There was a rumour, I believe spread by Ian and which she now vigorously denies, that (with perhaps one exception) she believed all bellringers to be boring old men, and didn't want to get mixed up with anything like that. Whatever the reason, the charm of the Trumpington band was such that she did not hold out for much longer; she became the last ringer to be taught to handle by Ivan Ludbrook, subsequently made excellent progress, and is now a proficient Surprise Major ringer.

About a year later, after three years in Steeple Bumpstead, Ian and Teresa moved to Great Chesterford; shortly afterwards they announced their engagement. The wedding was held at St Mary's, Caterham on Saturday March 18th, and afterwards at Coudson Manor Hotel. In the preceding days the event was celebrated appropriately - a beer and curry stag night and (at least) three peals. The first peal, Bristol Surprise Maximus, was rung by the Cumberlands at Shoreditch on March 15th. The second was Spliced Surprise Major at Meldreth on the evening of Friday 17th. The methods were Sanderstead and Caterham, the family homes of Teresa and Ian, respectively. The final peal, Bristol Surprise Major, was rung on the morning of the wedding at St John's, Caterham Valley.

The wedding itself was an occasion not to be forgotten. After a surfeit of food and liquid refreshment, there was a disco for those young enough to understand the term, and unlimited further refreshment for the others. At times, remarked Derek Sibson, the proceedings bore a distant resemblance to a Trumpington outing; luckily the bride, looking devastating throughout, and groom were not heard to complain. As one of the photographs shows, Derek's deportment was, as would be expected, impeccable.

Ian and Teresa concluded their celebrations with a honeymoon in Antigua, their departure being delayed until the Tuesday after the wedding being in order to accommodate another peal. Ian is obviously keeping to the manner to which he has become accustomed. Our best wishes to Ian and Teresa and our thanks for a truly memorable 18th March.

Not just for Education Officers

I would like to ensure that everyone understands that the Education Officers Conference on 23rd September is open to anyone interested in ringing related education matters, and not only to those who are currently Education Officers. I have received a few enquiries from ringers who thought that they might be excluded because they are not Education Officers. The conference is being held at St. Margaret's, Leicester and will cover a number of issues, including the developing role of Education Officers, the concept of National Training Standards, and very importantly an opportunity to exchange current good practices. So whatever your interest in educational matters might be we would be pleased to hear your views at the conference. The booking fee, which includes lunch and refreshments, is £10 (cheques payable to CCCBR Ringing Courses) should be sent to Michael J. deC. Henshaw, 12 Aston Road, Willerby, Hull HU10 6SD, from whom further information is available.

MICHAEL J. deC. HENSHAW,
Chairman of C.C. Education Committee.

A quarter peal at Winterslow was rung as a wedding compliment to Jenny Keeling and Paul Gain, also Jenny Geard and Jason Charlton. It was also rung in celebration of the birth of Naomi Victoria Mary King.

The two Jennys were married on the same day, and are also the daughters of two tower captains. Mrs. Gain is the daughter of Mrs V. Keeling, tower captain of Winterslow, and Mrs. Charlton is the daughter of Mr. R. Geard, tower captain of Shrewton.

Naomi Victoria Mary King is the daughter of Sue (a Winterslow ringer) and Richard King.

At the end of the quarter Bill said "It's 50 years since my first quarter, rung for VE Day". Bill has rung and conducted many quarters in between.

Winterslow, Wilts. 4 June, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Val Keeling 1, Bill Darlington 2, Malcolm Penney (C) 3, Brian Jordan 4, David Todd 5, Bert Keeling 6. £3

A few corrections appear to be necessary - for the errors which are my fault I apologise.

In order to set the record straight - and to allay any fears that unauthorised ringing has taken place! - the quarter of Grandsire Doubles shown as having been rung at Tredington, Glos, on page 673 of the RW for June 23, in fact was rung at CHERINGTON - possibly the best five-bell quarter I have rung, on a really delightful little ring.

Of the quarters "In West Somerset" on page 674, the first, at Kingston St. Mary, was 1260 changes, not 1280. However, I confirm that the spelling of the treble's inscription at Kingston is as submitted!

Finally - Bathwick tower master Robin Stubbs may have his problems, but erosion is not one of them, and he is not yet reduced to a mere Stubb (page 674).

R.W.W.

In the obituary of Robert S. Anderson on page 652 we apologise for an error in the penultimate paragraph. The last phrase should have read "without turning a hair and with only a sidelong glance at the congregation".

Around and about

Coventry - not quite as predicted

It is becoming increasingly difficult to predict the outcome of the National Twelve Bell Contest. The programme for last Saturday's Final at Coventry Cathedral included a "form guide" which indicated that Birmingham were favourites to win for the tenth time. Of course Saturday was also the day on which most rugby followers reckoned the All Blacks would be too strong for South Africa and the weather experts predicted a warm sunny day for Coventry - two other forecasts which turned out to be rather less than accurate.

Grey overcast skies and a chilling breeze did not however spoil an excellent day at Coventry and the local organisers are to be congratulated on the first class arrangements which ensured a highly enjoyable day for contestants and spectators. The setting is of course well nigh perfect for such a competition with the Gillett and Johnston twelve sounding out across the shell of the old cathedral and the ringers in full view through the glass panels of the ringing chamber. Many also took the opportunity to wander around the adjoining new cathedral and a good number accepted the invitation to attend Evensong at which ringers were welcomed and ringing included in special prayers.

Eight bands rang the test piece of 288 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, judged by George Campling, Simon Linford and Alan Regin. Leighton Buzzard who drew the short straw and opened proceedings were reasonably satisfied with their performance. Birmingham followed and general opinion outside was that their ringing was "all right" but perhaps not quite their usual sparkling performance. Guildford next reckoned they rang to their full potential and Coventry, in spite of a method mistake, were pleased to get to the end of the test piece without further mishap. After lunch High Wycombe produced a good piece of ringing and they were followed by Bristol who confessed to a lack of preparation but had clearly come to enjoy themselves. The last two bands, Cambridge and St. Paul's Cathedral had been given these positions in the draw because their bands had been incomplete at the morning draw (some muttering at this decision - perhaps bands arriving late should suffer a penalty mark?). However both bands produced some very pleasing ringing and the sun made a brief appearance as St. Paul's Cathedral rang - was this an omen?

The verdicts of the three wise men were announced soon after the prescribed time for results. All other opinion was superfluous. They had listened carefully to all the ringing and their judgement was:

1st	Cambridge	111 faults
2nd	St Paul's Cathedral	129 faults
3rd	Bristol	206 faults
4th	High Wycombe	218 faults
5th	Birmingham	239 faults
6th	Guildford	297 faults
7th	Coventry	389 faults
8th	Leighton Buzzard	425 faults

So Cambridge recorded their fourth win in the competition and John Loveless accepted the Taylor Trophy from Rev. Canon Gillian Sander-son. The Cambridge band therefore automatically qualify for next year's final which is to be held at Sheffield Cathedral on June 29th 1996.

(More detail, team lists and comment later)

BELL CLUB AWARDS

We congratulate the following ringers who have earned badges in the Sherbourne Teaching Aids "Bell Club" as follows:

Blue

Christopher Henham (Wanborough, Wilts) and Melissa Jelfs (Deerhurst, Glos).

Green

Naomi Greening (Tewkesbury Abbey).

Gold

Peter McCoy (Wollaton, Notts).

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We very much regret to report that John ("Jack") Euston MBE died on Wednesday 21st June. The funeral will be held at 11.30am, Friday 30th June at Streatham Crematorium. Further details of the arrangements are available from Dowcett & Jenkins, 2 Streatham Vale, London SW16 5TE, donations to Cancer Research.

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Guild and Association Secretaries please note: At the time of going to press no replies have been received from the following Societies regarding their entries for the 1996 Diary. Early advice would be appreciated. Please see the Subscription rate box on p.682 for telephone and fax numbers and email address.

Camping, Caravanning & Hostelling Society, British Carillon Society, Chester D.G., East Grinstead & District Guild, Green Dragon Society, Guild of Dordrecht Ringers, Midland Counties Guild, Norwich D.A., National Police Guild, S. Derby & N. Leicester Assn., Swansea & Brecon D.G., Zimbabwe Guild.

Universities and Colleges: We have received replies only from: Derbyshire College Youths, Kingstonian Ringing Society, Leeds University, London University, Reading University and Dist Handbell Society, Sheffield University, Southampton University and Sussex University.

Would other Universities and Colleges wanting an entry in the 1996 Diary please contact us.

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One point which the otherwise very comprehensive article (RW June 16) on the National Trust Centenary peal omitted to mention was that the NT first took advice from their campanological expert in the Shrewsbury area to check that the Birmingham ringers were competent to attempt such a venture. Honour was satisfied when the two parties met at Market Drayton for the first peal in the method on eight bells. After some initial hostilities, a good peal was scored.

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Overheard recently at Great Ness (home of the R.C.O. finishing school for *Stedman Cinques*): "It's all very well for Rod Pipe to feel upset, but I've got at least 20 outstanding compositions awaiting publication!"

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Dear Sir - I, too, have some questions for Mr. Bagley:

- (1) Will there be lots of quarter peals?
- (2) Will transport be provided from the Eastern Branch area?
- (3) Will there be free cakes and ale?

A.J.B.

Towards the Millennium

It is still possible to reserve places on the important Central Council Seminar at Lancaster on 8th July and Taunton on 15th July 1995. Please ring John Anderson **NOW** on 01564 770119 for details.

Frank Spiers MBE

Warwickshire ringers generally have expressed their delight in the award of the MBE to Frank Spiers of Bidford-on-Avon. The award was for his services to the village - well-deserved too - for he has been a parish councillor for 25 years, its chairman for three periods of office, Churchwarden, Carnival organiser, fund-raiser for numerous charities and an active leader in all aspects of village life. More importantly (?) for 57 of his 70 years, he has been a ringer at St. Lawrence's, Bidford: Tower captain and ringing master for the last 20 years.

After the learners' practice on June 20th, local ringers rang a quarter peal to celebrate Frank's new honour before crossing the road to the Bulls Head - the hostelry at the centre of the village where, symbolically, Frank first saw the light of day - to celebrate it further. J.S.

Bidford-on-Avon, Warwicks. 20 June, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Pam Craney 1, Mike Selby 2, Sandra Parker 3, Fred Munday 4, Len Mills 5, John Smart (C) 6, Frank Spiers 7, Fred Spiers 8. To celebrate the award of the MBE to Frank Spiers in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to Bidford-on-Avon. £5

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We regret to report the death of Mr. H. W. Barrett of Loddon on Saturday 24th June at the age of 89.

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Prince Philip, although unaware, was paid a Special Honour on Saturday June 10th when Winchester Cathedral bells rang at 7 a.m. The ringers turned out as usual on the second Saturday in June only to realise that it was not the Queen's Official Birthday until the third Saturday. The *RW Diary* told us it was however Prince Philip's birthday so their efforts were not in vain.

MORE NOTICES

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY. A meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday July 8 at Shelley, 3-5pm, followed by tea and meeting. Evening ringing at Kirkburton, 6-8.30pm. Names for tea to Naomi Marples (01226 767180) by Wed July 5. Ad No 0979

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. Northern District. Our next practice will be at Wethersfield on Saturday July 8 from 7.30-9pm. All welcome, especially those who are learning Plain Bob Triples or Double Norwich C.B. Major. 0976

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH D.G. Portsmouth District. Summer Meeting and Striking Competition, Catherington (6), Sat July 8. Ringing 3pm, Service 4.30pm, Tea 5pm, Competition 6pm, Meeting and Results 7pm approx. Further ringing until 8.30pm. Names for tea to John Nundy (01705 599621) by Wed July 5. 0975

LEICESTER D.G. Hinckley District. Meeting at Hinckley, Saturday July 8. Please provide own sandwiches and drinks can be purchased. Ringing from 3pm. 0980

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