

5136 White Nile T.B. Maximus  
A.P. Smith

	M	W	H
23456			2
34256			2
45236		2	
54632	2		2
35642		1	
26543	1		1
43265	2	1	
35264	1		2
63254		1	
23456	1		

First rung at Reading 7.4.85.

#### COMPOSER'S NOTE

The method has in-course falseness group D which presents no problems with 10ths place bobs. However, since the method has lead head 142638507T9E (Group M), the band wished to use 4ths place bobs to retain the extending lead feature of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

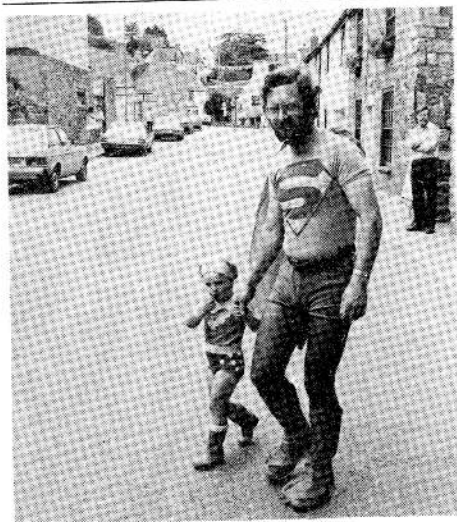
Now the incidence of falseness is

32546 HvH, WvW  
64253 HvH, MvM

which considerably limits the possibilities for composition since every bob increases the number of potentially false leads. I believe this composition to be the shortest possible, and the only one of this length, bar rotations and reversals, with 4ths place bobs and tenors together.

#### Ancient foundry remains

Excavations behind the old Co-op in St. George's Street, Canterbury have revealed traces of an old foundry which may have been used to cast the bells of St. George's Church. A report in *The Kentish Gazette (Canterbury)* states that the excavation work is being carried out prior to the building of a new C & A store and that the fashion chain is giving £10,000 towards the cost of the dig. So far, part of the furnace used for bronze smelting has been discovered and the foundry is thought to date from about 1275.



[Photo courtesy *The Weston Mercury*]

Everyone knows that a tower captain must possess certain qualities. Banwell ringers are lucky to have "Superman" in charge of their tower. Geoff Hebden pictured with daughter Lorna at the recent Banwell Carnival.



FREE

#### CALLING ALL GUILD/ASSOCIATION P.R.O.s OR GENERAL SECRETARIES

The Public Relations Committee of the Central Council have produced for free distribution another Information Card. The card is intended for distribution to all churches with bells which have no team of ringers or a very weak team. It is most probable that it would be best given to the Vicars of such churches, but it might be better to hand it to the churchwarden or other interested person in churches where there is no resident vicar. This decision is best left with ringers in the area who know the particular situation well.

The card itself is 11½ inches by 8½ inches and is printed on an attractive red background. Guilds/Associations will have to decide on the information it is to contain. It might be that they decide to appoint one person to act as a "clearing house" for the services offered. Alternatively they might decide that it would be best to use the nearest competent team of ringers to each particular "silent" tower as a contact. There will be other variations possible, but it is important that a collective decision is made before the cards are sent out in each area. The line printed at the top of the card is for the insertion of the name of the Guild/Association.

Two-thousand of these cards have been printed and the Central Council is paying the bill. We ask Guilds/Associations to cover the cost of the postage on the following scale:

No. of Cards	Postage
10	22p
20	34p
30	46p
40	59p
50	98p

Please send an A4 (9 inches by 12½ inches) envelope with the correct postage attached to me at the address below. If more than 50 cards are required, please send more than one envelope.

David E. Potter,  
55 St. Andrewgate, York YO1 2BR 1714

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#### Weight a minute

There is the story of visitors who, on holiday one year discovered a wooden bell tower and inquired on which occasions the bell was rung.

"The bell is rung whenever a child is born," they were told. "At first it was five minutes for a boy and two minutes for a girl, but the local women demanded equal time, so we found a compromise - one minute per pound."

#### Corrections and Amendments

*Ringing World* 1985

- p.285 Peal at Hinton-on-the-Green ringer of six - John E. Harrold.  
p.329 Peal at Leominster - ringer of seven - John Harrold.  
p.543 Peal at Worcester - London C.A. (not London D.G.)  
p.565 Peal at Coleshill - date should read - man April 8, 1985.  
p.587 Handbell Peal London S.W. ringers of 13-14 should read Linda M. Cox.  
p.627 Peal at Isleworth - ringer of two - Harold W. Rogers.  
p.628 Peal at Shrewsbury - ringer of seven John Harrold.  
Handbell Peal at London S.W. \*rd Method should read 1,440 Yorkshire.  
Handbell Peal at Lonodon S.W. should read London SW.  
Handbell Peal at Hampole was rung for Yorkshire Association.  
p.686 Peal at Bridgewater - Composition should read - Bruerton's variation of Carters 12 part.  
p.707 Peal at Isleworth - London C.A. (not London D.G.)  
p.727 Peal at Oxford was rung for Ninth anniversary of the founding of the St. Thomas Society.  
\*\*p.667 Peal at St. Eval - dedication of church is more usually St. Uvelus.

#### Work already started

On p. 805 this week there is an extract from *The Church Times* reporting on a memorial fund to restore the bells at St. Mary's, Weston-on-Trent. We understand that the Derby D.A. has already started work on the existing three bells, and there is the possibility of a fourth being added.

#### "Say it with bells"

In an effort to raise money for their church extension, the ringers at Tunstall in Kent recently advertised their services in the parish magazine. "Let the bells ring out for your anniversary, her birthday or baby's christening . . ." read the advert, with charges of £20 for a quarter peal and by quotation for a peal. They have already rung for one christening and one birthday.

#### Break for repairs

Take your cue and raise nearly £100. Under the heading "Potting balls to mend the bells", *The Retford Times* described the efforts of two teenagers who completed a 24-hour sponsored snooker marathon to raise money for work needed on West Retford Church bells.

#### Late Notices

**YORK COLLEGES GUILD.** First outing of the year, to Ripon area, on Oct 26. Past members especially welcome. Contact Martin Whitaker via Society Pigeonholes at the University, or ring York 59861, ext 5520. 1713

**CARDIFF STUDENTS BELLRINGING SOCIETY.** All freshers are invited to contact Richard Burton, Overdale Croft, The Bailey, Skipton (Tel: 0756/4326), or come to Fresher's Fayre. Practice Thursday, St. John's, Cardiff. 1715

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION,** Chippenham Branch. Meeting, Colerne (8), Tues, Sept 24, 7.15 till 9 pm. 1717

**DERBY DA.** October general meeting, Oct 5: Kegworth, 2.30-3.30 pm; Castle Donington, 3-4 pm; Sawley, 3.45-4.30 pm. Service, tea and meeting at Sawley. Evening ringing at Sawley and \*Long Eaton (\*to be confirmed). Everyone welcome. P.A.M.H. 1716

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