

**5088 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR**

By R. E. H.

2	4	5	6	7	2345678
2				2	4235867
—	S				2347865
3	S				2345867
2				—	4235678
—	x				42635
2		2			34625
—		—			32465
—				—	2436785
—	S				2435786
—	S				2436857
3				—	2436578
2	x				43526
—	x				54632
—		—	—		23456

6ths place bob and single. 5-6-7-8 course together for 20 courses.

**5130 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

By R. WILLIAM WILLANS

23456789

34259687	"X"
2543	2-3-4S

5342	2-3-4
3245	2-3-4
4523	2-3-4S
2354	2-3-4S

3452	2-3-4
5243	2-3-4S
4325	2-3-4S
2534	2-3-4S

5432	2-3-4
4235	2-3-4
3524	2-3-4S
2453	2-3-4S

4352	2-3-4
3254	2-3-4
5423	2-3-4S
2345	2-3-4S

Repeat twice.

"X" — in first part, 2-4S-7S-10 (for -9687)  
in second, 3S-4S-8S-10 (for -7689)  
in third, 2S-4S-7S-10 (for -6789)

First rung at Portsmouth Cathedral on  
January 9, 1971.

**1280 GRANDSIRE MAJOR**

By M. W. C. LAWSON

12345678

62354	7-2
35264	8-2
43562	7-2
26345	8-2S

Repeat three times.

First rung at Wimborne St. Giles, Dorset,  
on August 14, 1971.

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**25 YEARS AGO**

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After eight years in office as master of the Ancient Society of College Youths Mr. Ernest G. Fenn vacated the chair. His period of office had embraced the whole of the war. Only once in history had ringing in London suffered a setback in any sense comparable to that during Mr. Fenn's mastership—the days of the Great Fire of London.

A peal of Bob Major by four fathers and their four sons was rung by the Worcestershire and Districts Association.

Frederick W. Brinklow's band rang the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major on handbells at Bushey, Herts.

Among the 25 new members to join the Ancient Society of College Youths was Sam Scattergood, a direct descendant of Samuel Scattergood who was master in 1685.

**50 YEARS AGO**

December 2, 1921

A Sunday meeting for Sunday service ringers was an innovation by the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association.

Gilbert H. Harding conducted his first peal of Stedman (Triples) at Twerton-on-Avon and Mr. Arthur Mason rang his 100th peal at St. Dunstan-in-the-East.

Seven spliced 720's (24 methods) were rung at Norbury, Cheshire, it being the greatest number of methods to be rung in seven complete 720's. John P. Fidler rang the second and James Fearnley conducted.

H. B. Woolley of Long Stanton, Cambs, stated that for half-pull change ringing bells should be muffled at handstroke, ensuring the back bells turning up in the right order.

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**DORSET RINGING FESTIVAL**

Eighty-six bellringers from all parts of Dorset took part in the annual ringing festival at Blandford Parish Church on October 23.

In accordance with the bequest of Samuel Francis Pond, a former citizen of Blandford, a striking competition was held during the afternoon consisting of bands from Swanage, Wareham, Preston, Sturminster Marshall and Canford Magna. The S. F. Pond trophy was presented by the Mayor of Blandford (Alderman A. Adams) to the winning band of St. Andrew's, Preston. The next three bands received certificates in the following order: Wareham (Lady St. Mary), Canford Magna and Sturminster Marshall.

The results of the striking competition were announced by Mr. C. H. Kippin, from Hampshire, who adjudicated.

The festival service was conducted by the rector of Blandford (Canon H. G. Goodall) and the preacher was the Rev. O. L. Willmott (Vicar of Lodors). The lesson was read by Dr. C. T. Brown (Wareham) and the Rev. R. N. Longridge also took part. The organist was Mr. R. Burns.

At tea, provided by Blandford Women's Institute, the Mayor, who was accompanied by other aldermen of the borough and the town clerk (Mr. C. K. Lavington) welcomed the ringers. He was glad to see so many young exponents of the art, and he voiced the thanks of the company to Alderman Mrs. Lane and her helpers for providing tea for so large a number.

Ringing was later resumed under the direction of Mr. D. Cull (ringing master).

**CRANBROOK, KENT**

The first quarter since rehangings at Cranbrook was rung on October 24. Anyone who has rung at Cranbrook will recall how badly the bells used to go, and the local band are very pleased with the work that has been done. The "go" is greatly improved, and even to a biased "local" the tone of the bells is noticeably better.

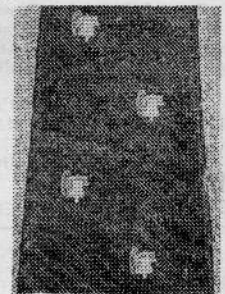
The work by Taylors consisted of re-hanging the bells on new headstocks in the existing 1902 oak frame, which is very sound indeed. The bells have also been retuned, and this seems to have made them clearer in the ringing chamber. The rehangings involved the removal of the canons and this, combined with the retuning, has resulted in a revised tenor weight of 21 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Regular Sunday morning and evening ringing has now been resumed with favourable local comments. Visiting ringers are always welcome, practices being on Tuesdays at 7.30.

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