

Puzzle Corner No. 113

Quarter Peal Week

by Angela Newing

Les, Mike, Noel, Oliver and Paul rang a quarter peal of Doubles together (without a cover bell on a ring of five) every weeknight, Monday to Friday, during the local Association's quarter peal week.

On Monday they stood in the circle in alphabetical order as shown in the diagram. On each of the other four nights every one of them stood between a different pair of ringers. That meant that, although Les might have stood next to either Paul or Mike later in the week, he would not have had both of them as neighbours in the same quarter peal.

Les always rang the treble and Mike always rang a lighter bell than Noel. Please arrange the bands.

Solutions should be sent to Angela Newing, The Rectory, Brimpsfield, Gloucester, GL4 8LD to arrive by 30 November 1990. The sender of the first correct solution drawn on that day will receive a small prize.

Should you be at a loss for a Christmas present for a ringing friend, Angela still has copies of her three books of puzzles for bellringers available. Price £1.35 each including p & p, or £3.50 for all three titles ordered together.

Solution to Puzzle Corner No. 112

Tower Grabbers.

There was a big entry for this nice easy little puzzle. The only numbers between 400 and 500 which divide by 29 to leave a remainder of 13 are 419, 448 and 477. The only one of these which leaves remainder 7 when divided by nine is 448.

First drawn for the prize was the entry from Alan Blair from Jülich, West Germany.

Wrongly attributed

A quarter peal rung at Axminster, Devon, on Wednesday, September 5th, 1990, was published in *The Ringing World* on October 26th, 1990, page 1036.

I carefully wrote the footnote for this quarter in full and it read as follows: To welcome Catherine Ann Nicholson, daughter of Linda and Andrew, and granddaughter of Jim Tucker (tenor ringer).

Your transcriber in trying to save FOUR words made a farce of the whole thing by attributing the granddaughter to 6 (which was myself). This was greeted with amusement in the area and no doubt caused embarrassment to Jim Tucker.

Would you please be kind enough to publish a correction to this quarter and also apologies for any embarrassment caused.

MELVYN J. HILLER

Correction noted and our apologies for any embarrassment caused. - Ed.

Granada T.V., Thursday, 8th November, 1990. Programme: What's New, 10.40 p.m.

The bells of Oxton St. Saviour (Birkenhead) will be heard on this programme.

"Going up"

Work has already started at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Wingham, Kent, to raise the ringing chamber above the present one which is on the ground floor.

This, all part of the re-ordering work which is taking place at St. Mary's, will mean that the ropes will be about 8ft shorter than at present, and hopefully will make the bells easier to handle. However the main reason for this change is to make use of the ground floor as a combined meeting room and kitchen, etc., to make the church more useful for present-day needs. This work is scheduled to take about eight weeks, and it means that all ringing is suspended for the time being.

If anyone, especially those of you who have rung at St. Mary's previously, would like to give a donation towards this work, cheques should be made payable to "The Spire and Tower Fund" and sent to the treasurer, Mr. David Elgar, 41 High Street, Wingham, Canterbury, Kent CT3 1AB, mentioning *The Ringing World*.

Upstairs at Roxton

Visitors to the church at Roxton, Bedfordshire, will find that ringing now takes place from "upstairs", the former ground-floor ringing chamber having been converted to a kitchen and toilet complex.

Mr. Dove has been duly advised.

OWEN DAVIS, Secretary,
Biggleswade District

Exeter saga

I see from the R.W. of October 19th that Exeter are shortly to expect delivery of a new tenor headstock and other refurbished headstocks fitted for roller bearings. Had it been from any lesser place than Exeter I would have felt this was a slip of the pen and that ball-bearings were being specified as is usually the case.

Am I missing out on some new technology that is now allowing roller bearings to be fitted to heavy bells? How is the inherent difficulty of accurately aligning roller bearings being overcome? Perhaps the relevant bellfounder can let us into the secrets.

Derby

G. A. HALLS

Open house?

I read with interest the front page article about the peal of Major at York Minster, and I would like to congratulate Chris Kippin on a most remarkable achievement. Now that the Minster bells are obviously available to anyone wanting an ego trip, I would like to ask Mr. Potter through these columns if it would be possible to bring our double-handed Maximus band for a peal. I have spoken to Andrew Mills and he is looking forward to ringing 11, 12.

Sandiacre, Nottingham

PAUL JOPP

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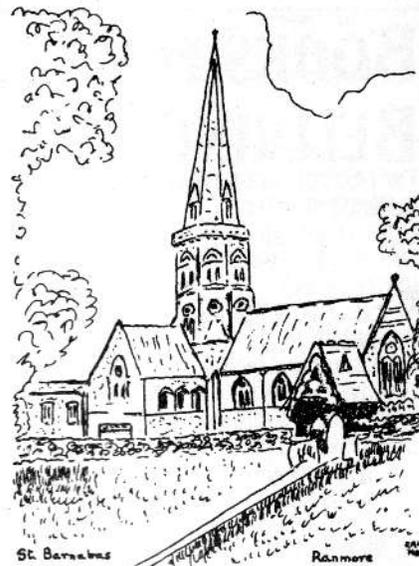
Saturday, December 1st 1990

6.30 p.m. for 7.00 p.m.

Tickets: £15 inclusive of all drinks, from Bryan Gross, 1 Smithland Court, Greens Norton, Northants NN12 8DA.

C.W.O. and SAE please

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Ranmore bells ring out again

After 25 years of silence the bells of St. Barnabas' Church, Ranmore, Surrey, are ringing out once more over the North Downs. The culmination of this major restoration, masterminded by Tim Wellen and financed largely by the Guildford D.G., was marked with a magnificent Re-dedication Service on Sunday, 4th November. Those of us who had not had the privilege of hearing this Mears (1859) ring had always been told that they sounded really grand - on Sunday we at last heard them, and yes they really are magnificent.

More details of this project will appear in a later issue.

St. Mary's, Monewden

The final event in the refurbishment of the bells took place on 26th October, when the ringing gallery was dedicated and the bells re-dedicated by the Bishop of Bury St. Edmunds and Ipswich, who himself took part in the first few rounds on the bells.

Refreshments were provided after the service in the Village Hall.

J. NEEDHAM

Lady 1,000-pealers

We hear that six ladies, all of whom have rung 1,000 peals, met at St. Stephen's, St Albans, last Saturday and rang a peal of Cambridge.

Late Notices

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION, Scarborough District Branch. AGM on Sat, Nov 17. Ringing at Filey 2 pm. Flanborough 3.30, followed by service, tea and meeting. Evening ringing 7.30 at Bridlington. Names for tea to Mrs Margaret Vickers (0262 678764). Ad. No. 4290

MIDDLESEX ASSN, N & E District. Practice meeting, Sat, Nov 17. Ringing at St Anne's, Stamford Hill, 3.30-4.30 pm; All Saints', Edmonton, 5-6 pm; and Christ Church, Southgate (10), 6.30-8 pm. All very welcome. 1582

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD. Ringing and 8-bell Striking Competition, Sat, Nov 10. 3.30-4.45 Kingsbury. 5 pm tea and 6 pm Striking Competition at Sutton Coldfield. Open ringing after competition. 1590

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