

Fred's Little Book

In the obituary for Frederick W. Hutt 1915 - 1999 (*RW 1999 p.740*), I said that he had a great sense of integrity, humour, tradition, occasion and history and ended "I can go on about Fred for ages, .. No doubt we shall." Very recently a little book, "Record of Towers Rung In", came into my hands. Fred looks to have started it around the mid 1970s and had listed all his towers chronologically under each letter of the alphabet with additions during the 1980s. It was clearly written for others to read, because he had included otherwise unnecessary explanations throughout!

It starts with:

Note! Augmentations treated as one tower only i.e Daventry now 10 but rung there when only 8.

Then the foreword:

This little book contains a record of what, to me, at least, is best in Britain. The countryside and its buildings, both large and small where I have been privileged to meet and ring with people, young and old, rich and poor and from all walks of life.

Happy hours spent in church, belfry and 'pub' with the best of company.

The 'method' of ringing is much as the 'method' of life. Hunting, meeting, dodging and passing bells much as we do people. 'This is all'

Fredk. W. Hutt.

Whilst the listings include the dedication, number of bells, tenor weight, note and county, I find his notes most interesting as they reflect his interests. I hope you will enjoy the edited extracts that will follow, in which I have retained Fred's characteristic form of writing the date.

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- 🔔 Allesley: Rev. Winsor came to Byfield from here. Rang on augmentation day with the great Birmingham ringer Albert Walker.
- 🔔 Avon Dassett: Attempted ¼ peal here. Failed. 2nd rope jammed.
- 🔔 Alderminster: Byfield band's first outing by train (LMS) via Stratford-on-Avon in the 40's. Noisy belfry then.
- 🔔 Abbots Ann: Daventry Branch Outing 1960. Here in nave hang virgin crowns. Locally made crowns from which hang white gloves. Carried at funeral of Abbots Ann virgins born and bred, if unchallenged after 3 weeks they remain hanging (named) in church.
- 🔔 Abergavenny: Rang July 16 / 83 on Catherine's tour. Excellent 10.
- 🔔 Alwalton, Northants possibly now in Cambs: Last home of Archdeacon Grimes (All Gas and Gaiters). Home of Francis Arthur Perkins of Perkins Diesel (See tablet in church)
- 🔔 Alvington: Daventry Branch outing. In charge here. Small belfry with 3 doors: 2 into church and 1 to churchyard. Giant tea in church 20p and lots of "take away" F.O.C.
- 🔔 Appleton, Oxon formerly Berks: Rang with Eric [Bates] during "March 4th" dinner on Mar. 1 / 80.
- 🔔 Blakesley: Min. railway from station to hall. Now gone and used in Trentham Gardens, Staffs.

- 🔔 Broseley: Lifeguard from this Shropshire village killed August 1982 by IRA bomb as troop passed on way to Whitehall, London, interred here.
- 🔔 Barby: Rang during Peterborough Guild Autumn Festival Sept. 2 / 78. Eric Thornton and I attended here and Braunston by moped.
- 🔔 Barton Seagrave: Large belfry. Anti-Clock. Rang here Feb. 28 / 81 at Peterborough Guild maintenance course. Peter Fleckney of Peterborough Guild, instructor and David Potter, Ringing Master at York Minster (A.S.C.Y.) lectured.
- 🔔 Broadwas: Daventry Branch Outing May 2 / 81. This church has oak ringing gallery and wooden spire. Heard cuckoo here for 1st time in 1981 - cold late spring.
- 🔔 Brixworth: Noteworthy church i.e. 300 AD. Has very wide stone spiral staircase. Can be used two abreast. Rang during Peterborough Guild A.G.M.
- 🔔 Bitteswell: A very good six. Stained glass chancel south window here of John Hugh Cooper M.A. Olympic athlete who died in the Paris air disaster of 1974.
- 🔔 Bridlington: Good 8. Rang Sunday am Mar. 15 / 86 on the Hardings' weekend at "Balmoral", Marshall Road. Rang again Mar. 28 / 87.

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- 🔔 Chacombe: Bagley foundry here in the 1700's. Henry Bagley interred Chacombe, killed in disaster of explosion of molten metal. (2, 3, 4 and 5 at Byfield are Bagley bells)
- 🔔 Cropredy: (E.F.) 1st ring here Aug. Monday (2nd) 1948. A Byfield outing. 15 ringers, 13 regular Byfield ringers. Last tower of the day - a terrific thunderstorm. We sought refuge in "Brasenose" Landlady was ne [*née?*] Bond of Burford - bellhangers. She helped make wheels. Billy Butlin forced down (plane) and took refuge in "Brasenose". He was returning from West Indies after setting up his first overseas Butlin camp.
- 🔔 Cockington: This is a "show" village with well known forge. Jan and I walked here when on holiday at Exmouth. Rang with locals and stood inside for 120 Grandsire Doubles - rung Devon style in whole pulls and "cartwheeled". About 10 mins.
- 🔔 Colwall: This tower has a war time ringing device i.e. 8 small bells fitted to tower bell gear. These small bells are in the belfry and can be heard when bell mouths are locked, thus aiding practices or general ringing.
- 🔔 Clipston: Peterborough Guild A.G.M. Had midday break here with Catherine, Eric Thornton, Malcolm Chown. We all played skittles in "Red Lion".
- 🔔 Cold Ashby: Rang during Peterborough Guild maintenance course Oct. 31 / 81. 2nd bell dated 1317 the oldest bell in Peterborough Diocese. This is a riveted steel frame by J Taylor 1916. (Pytchley Hounds passed by.)
- 🔔 Cogenhoe: Spring Festival March 31 / 84. "Royal Oak" good for hot or cold bar snacks. Good collection of horse brasses here.
- 🔔 Cosgrove: PDG Sept. 8 / 84. Mid-day snack at "Barley Mow" (recommended). This week-end marked the restoration of Blisworth Canal Tunnel (Grand Union). Village festivities (Morris men etc.) also working narrow boat (fly boat) brought full load of beer from Northampton Brewery to "Barley Mow" entirely as was the way in canal days. All authentic in method and dress.
- 🔔 Cottesmore: Rang Sept. 14 / 85. Peterborough Guild Summer Festival. This church used by World War 2 RAF, USA and Empire forces. Many standards in RAF chapel which has RAF etc. stained glass commemorative emblems and model plane.

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- 🔔 Daventry: Previously a a/clock 8. Pat Chapman responsible for the augmentation. I rang on this 10 as one of the band ringing for the dedication.
- 🔔 Dodford: Daventry Branch teas at village thatched pub (now closed). Lead thieves took part of roof during service.
- 🔔 Dorchester (Abbey): Rang here in Summer on two occasions and each time a horse in nearby field enjoyed ice-cream. Many ringers bought ices for the horse.
- 🔔 Didbrook: Anticlock. Ropes 1, 2, 3, and 4 in straight line. No. 5 opposite.
- 🔔 Dymock: Visited nearby pub "Beauchamp Arms". Collection of cowhorns, corn dollies, whips, ships lamps, silver bugle etc.
- 🔔 Denford: Poor toned. Miss Lee came from here - taught at Byfield school in my time.
- 🔔 Draughton: Graham's tour Dec. 15 / 84. Fire conscious church has extinguisher, fire notice, fire bucket, sand, etc.
- 🔔 Darlington (St Cuthberts): Rang Sept. 21 / 85 prior to attending Durham and Newcastle Guild annual dinner at St Mary's College, Durham University. Bishop Jenkins main speaker. (Free Polo mints in this tower)
- 🔔 Darlington (St John the Evangelist): Rang Sun, Sept. 22 / 85 after D and N dinner (Bob and Maureen's tower)
- 🔔 Eydon: Augmented from five by J. Taylor and dedicated by Bishop Feaver of Peterborough Dec 5 / 81. Rang here for bellhangers test Aug. 25 / 81 including Cambridge.
- 🔔 Edensor: Chatsworth House church. Duchess of Devonshire buried here (nee Kennedy) sister to President Kennedy.
- 🔔 Everdon: Hard and heavy going. Presented the Byfield skittles league trophies here in village hall 1980 to winners Everdon. (See Eric's film of Everdon skittles team)
- 🔔 Evesham: Detached tower. Culworth Branch outing May 6 / 82. Cromwell's shot damage on tower. Simon de Montfort buried by tower - Earl of Leicester - Battle of Evesham 1265 where he "fell".
- 🔔 East Drayton: A custom of paint records of weddings here (in past) on belfry walls for which the ringers received £1 from the couple. Example: W.J.H. 1790.
- 🔔 Ecton: Nearby "Three Horseshoes" good.
- 🔔 Evenley: Rang at dedication service Sunday Oct. 19 / 86 11 am. Rehung and restored by Peter Fleckney.
- 🔔 Foxton: Rang here in Jubilee Week June 9 / 77 at choir outing evensong. Well known flight of canal locks here.

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- 🔔 Finedon: PDG Summer Festival 1982. Rang good touch of P B Major here. Excellently kept and equipped belfry here. Chest, mirror, cupboards, model working bell, fan heaters or coolers, fire extinguishers, first aid, leather trimmed ringing boxes (Leather country here).
- 🔔 Finmere: Graham's tour Sept. 7 / 85. G.F. three in a row (Ground floor clock mechanism)
- 🔔 Grafton Underwood: Home of the Grafton Hounds. Rang here in the 1940's. Percy Amos and Cyril Nichols had confrontation in churchyard. Many thatched houses in village. Rang again Sept. 10 / 83. Still mainly thatched cottages.
- 🔔 Grantham: Tower 34' square. Steeple 282'-10". 700 years old and then tallest in the country. Salisbury now tallest. (Salisbury 404'). GPO ringer Dennis Frith rings here. Eric knows him.

- 🔔 Guilsborough: During 39-45 war, HQ of A armoured cavalry division, part of which stationed at Byfield and Woodford [Halse]. Intended Third Reich Midlands HQ by Nazis if Hitler succeeded in invasion.
- 🔔 Great Linford: This church extensively re-ordered. Excellent stopping place on canal for all amenities i.e. food, park etc.
- 🔔 Grafton Regis: PDG Sept. 8 / 84. Here King Edward IV met Elizabeth Woodville (daughter of Sir Rd. Woodville) in 1464 (during War of Roses) married her either in the church or in the home of the Woodvilles. She sought to marry off all her relatives to high society and even married her own son of 6 years to the heiress of the Duke of Norfolk when she was two. Elizabeth was also the mother of the two princes murdered in the Tower of London. See later in this record of Stony Stratford where one prince was held in a 'pub' for a time on the way to the tower.
- 🔔 Gloucester St Nicholas: Heavy going rough six to be rehung. Rang on Glos open day Aug. Mon. 28 / 89. Had not been rung for 50 years.
- 🔔 Great Witcombe: Rang on Glos Day (Open) Aug. Mon. 28 / 89. Sir Christopher Lawson lives here. He instigated Mrs Thatcher's entry into Parliament.
- 🔔 Hawkhurst: Known as 'Garden of Kent'. Rang here for victory of El Alamein when stationed at nearby Four Throws and Tongwood (in 2 / 5th Sherwood Foresters). This church later bombed (flying bomb) by Nazis but bells and tower OK. Sometimes sang in choir at evensong during war.

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- 🔔 Hanslope: Thatch removing rakes in tower in case of village thatch fire 1940's. Still there in 1983.
- 🔔 Helmdon: Attempted peal here in 40's but "fired up".
- 🔔 Hanbury: These bells often used in "The Archers" radio programme.
- 🔔 Hook Norton: Very fine 8. Home of "Hookey" ale (home brew).
- 🔔 Hinton on the Green: Rang here during Culworth Branch outing May 16/81. Good 8 but dicey belfry floor. Numbers in belfry limited to ringers plus 4 others. Pipe pedal organ here which Eric played in his youth. Same organ but now electrically blown. (pedals still intact).
- 🔔 Hythe: Rang here (Evensong) with Eric when on holiday with June, Jan and Eric at Folkestone Sunday Aug. 21 / 83. High altar, excellent choir (often tour) Large collection of skulls which we did not see.
- 🔔 Irthlingborough: Birthplace of the great ringer Wm. Chattell who learned to ring at Leicester and trade as baker. Walked tired and dusty into Birmingham from Leicester. Worked and lodged with a baker and became a famous ringer at St Phillips Cathedral (also a composer of 8 bell peals)
- 🔔 Kettering: Pat Chapman's home. One time PDG Ringing Master - he learned to ring here. Is an A.S.C.Y. member. Rang on the 12, June 12/ 93 during a Guild AGM day.
- 🔔 Kings Sutton: Tower shake - more than average.
- 🔔 Kelmarsh: Residence of the Lancaster family in 1982 last of the line i.e. Cecily Valencia Lancaster was in residence. I believe I rang here in 1982 possibly 1981 (may one day return and look at the stone). Family tomb is on left of path from road to church (white marble). Her name is engraved on this stone with date of birth March 26 / 1898 plus the word 'Died'. Date of death. of course. to be added when that time comes (What planning!!).

🔔 Visited Kelmarsh again Dec. 15 / 84 on Graham's tour but not met and no key. Checked gravestone of Cecily V. Lancaster and inscription still to be completed. Learned the lady still very much alive.

🔔 Kinton: 3 Guilds Byfield tour Dec. 27 / 81. Rung from small gallery. 2, 3 and 4 lighter than treble. Dr Andrew R Entwistle, tower captain, owns 56 Malmark handbells.

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🔔 Loughborough (Foundry Campanile): Rang here and saw 'Great George' of Liverpool in foundry yard just after casting.

🔔 Ludgershall: John Wycliffe, rector here 1368 - 1374. Resigned to live at Lutterworth where he carried out the translation of the Bible. E. window at Ludgershall denotes Wycliffe and Caxton.

🔔 Launton: Home and tower of Fred Sharpe, noted authority and author (on bells) formed countrywide handbell team. Tiny bells and belfry. Access only by steel ladder outside and through the belfry window. Reason: Rector at the time of Waterloo victory took exception to the ringers, the worse for drink, entering the church in merry making state to ring for victory (as was done throughout the British Isles). Had tower sealed with access only from outside ladder as today). This rector known from that day as "Waterloo Joe".

🔔 Llantilio Crossenny: Catherine's tour July 16 / 83. Good last ring of day and refreshed at free house "The Hostry" Inn (Yes - spelled right), very old - 1459.

🔔 Linslade: Chris's tour. Near site of 'Great Train Robbery'

🔔 Liverpool: Liverpool University Society of Change Ringers annual dinner. Saturday Feb. 27 / 82 at St George's Hotel (stayed here overnight)

🔔 Liverpool (Tue Brook): Rang Sunday am Feb. 28 / 82 and stood in to a good touch of Plain Bob Major during (not before) morning service. This church is very near Notty [!/] Ash.

🔔 Liverpool Cathedral: Rang afternoon of Feb. 28 / 82. Heaviest ringing peal in world. Rung from complete raised circle known as the 'Circus Ring'. The tenor here is 'strapped'. 2 lifts taking 6 people ground to belfry and belfry to bells. Huge belfry in which more than one double decker buses could drive around outside the 'ring'. Rang 7th to call changes here. Must be seen and heard to be believed.

🔔 London St Vedast: The actors church. Poet Laureate Sir John Betjeman church warden. Daventry Branch visited Kensington Science Museum and saw demonstration on the Carter Ringing Machine. Also toured Mears and Stainbank Whitechapel bell foundry.

🔔 London Cripplegate: A.S.C.Y. Dinner Nov. 3 / 79. Thomas Moore, Oliver Cromwell and John Milton worshipped here. This church escaped fire of London but was first church destroyed in 'blitz' of World War 2.

🔔 London St. Lawrence Jewry: A.S.C.Y. Dinner Day Nov. 3 / 81. Rang 3rd to Plain Bob Major with Eric on treble and Aidan on tenor. Here on A.S.C.Y. dinner day Nov. 8 / 80 Pat Cannon called for Double Norwich Court Bob Major when 4th ringer proved to be a total stranger standing in, in all innocence. Miraculously he rang the few rounds prior to method before detection.

🔔 London St. Martin in the Fields: A.S.C.Y. Dinner Day. Helped ring down here. Peculiar whine from bells plus a threshing sound at each block of 10. Both belfry windows have tiered seats. (Believe June was christened here). Restoration of this ring in hand. Rang again Sat Nov. 4 / 89 Dinner Day on the new 12. Looked in crypt.

- 🔔 London Imperial College, Queen Anne's Tower: A.S.C.Y. Dinner Day Nov. 1983. Tower only (detached from College). All bells donated by an Australian lady. Very marked tower sway. Belfry access via 239 steps i.e. 60 stone, then 53 cast iron spiral and further 126 stone.
- 🔔 London St Paul's Cathedral: Rang Nov.. 4 / 89 on A.S.C.Y. Dinner Day. 117 steps to belfry.

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- 🔔 Malvern Link: Has set of ropes by Peter Minchin with sallies in international colour scheme i.e. 1 Brown, 2 Red, 3 Orange, 4 Yellow, 5 Green, 6 Blue, 7 Violet, 8 Grey. Should ring become a 10 then 9 White and 10 Black. Rang for 3rd time Monday Aug.. 15 / 87 on Rev. Hewitt's visit with our young ringers. On that day rang with the Italian ringers (ANBIMA) on tour of Great Britain and all given a ANBIMA medallion.
- 🔔 Martley: 2 Jacobean houseling benches in chancel. Oldest complete six. To be rehung in new frame 1983. Daventry Branch outing May 2 / 81.
- 🔔 Norton: Locked in belfry here by children. Lesson: never leave keys in doors outside. Small headstone in churchyard near south porch engraved simply "Whacker of the Road".
- 🔔 Northampton, St Giles: Dr Brown interred here. Monument near church - south - rector of Thorpe Achurch and founder of Independent Chapel (now United Reformed Church) - as at Byfield.
- 🔔 Northampton, Holy Sepulchre: Long draught. This the Northants Regiment garrison church known locally as St Sep's. One of only four world famous churches in the British Isles built around 1100 AD by Simon de Senlis, first Earl of Northampton as a thank offering for his return from the crusades. One crusade started from Northampton. A copy of the church of Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem.
- 🔔 Newbold-on-Avon: Rang with Eric during canal holiday. Now an 8 from 1978 and hung by GEC apprentices (formerly BTH Co.). Rang on the 8 on 3 Guild tour Dec. 29 / 87.
- 🔔 North Hinksey: Good light ring. Interred here Rev. C. Ellitt-Wigg 1908-1976. Met him at an Oxford Guild AGM, one of the Oxford Guild officers and second-to-none ringer. His gravestone is inscribed: Charles Elliott Wigg 1908 - 1976 Bellringer and Naturalist. He prayeth well who loveth well both bird and beast. His wife's ashes were interred May 26 / 1984.
- 🔔 Nunburnholme: First class ring. Rang Mar. 19/88 on Bridlington tour. An ancient stone obelisk 5 ft tall approx. stands in the centre of rope circle, partially impairs rope sight at handstroke. Very ancient stone obviously brought inside for preservation. Rang again Mar. 17 / 90 Bridlington tour.

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- 🔔 Oxford Cathedral: Known as "the meatsafe" re structural aspect on entering belfry which has no windows or ventilation.
- 🔔 Oaks in Charnwood: Daventry Branch outing May 14 / 88. This church dedicated June 18 / 1815 the day of Waterloo victory. On North wall are six lances actually used in the battle and preserved to this day.
- 🔔 Priors Marston: Anti-clock. In first band to ring for dedication of re-hanging. Rang my first peal here.
- 🔔 Preston Capes: Long draught, no rope guides. Rang here in first ever peal on the bells.
- 🔔 Portishead: Took rosemary cutting from huge bush on tomb here. Still in my garden.

- 🔔 Peterborough Cathedral: Dedicated Nov. 29 / 86 in presence of HH Princess Alice of Gloucester. Rang 9th to rounds on dedication day. Attended all services and luncheon on that day. Also rang for evensong (Branch visit) Jan 25/87 including up and down (the octave). I rang tenor down.
- 🔔 Radway: On Edgehill site. Rang here for wedding and treated as guests with all food, champagne etc.
- 🔔 Rousham: In Rousham Park, home of the Cottrill Dormers (formerly Newbottle) breeders here of old English long-horned cattle.
- 🔔 Ringstead: Dove says E but local ringers say E flat. To me a sad sounding 5, but good John Smith ale at "New Inn".
- 🔔 Roade: Central tower. Rung from chancel and between choir stalls. Descendants of the Byfield Fairbrothers live here (Byfield church benefactors). Rang again May 28 / 89.
- 🔔 Staverton: Rev E S Powell, Rector, had this excellent six rehung by Taylors, also wrote "Ringers Handbook".
- 🔔 Stoney Stratford: One of the two princes held in a Stoney Stratford inn before the Tower murder. (Does this connect with Grafton Regis?).
- 🔔 Stoke sub Hamdon: Rev E S and Mrs Powell retired here from Staverton.
- 🔔 Suckley: Daventry Branch outing May 2 / 81. Ringers trophy challenge jug here held by Suckley in the annual three towers contest.
- 🔔 South Kilworth: Rang 1983. Has S W corner tower similar to a second porch. Have relatives still here and cousin,, Will Hutt many years a churchwarden.
- 🔔 Southgate: Waterfall Rd. N12. Towcester visit to Ringing World 75th anniversary London day. Service at Southwark Cathedral. Tea at Glaziers Hall. Good "Market Trader" beer at night. Brewed and consumed at "The Market Trader" Inn near Southwark Cathedral.

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- 🔔 Thrupton: Daventry Branch outing June 25 / 60. Motor cycle grand prix on here. Our ringing commentated on by BBC commentator broadcasting races. (Church went to track)
- 🔔 Trevethin: Rang 1983 on Catherine's Wales tour. Back 6 - no ropes on 1 and 2. This church with only two other buildings (i.e. pub and betting shop) overlooking village.
- 🔔 Thorpe Mandeville: A good going minor 3. In tower is a 1939 / 45 device for picking up and disposing of incendiary bombs.
- 🔔 Tingewick: Very low sallies. Graham's tour Sept. 7 / 85. Heavy thatch drags in church. Home of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Roger Keyes and his son Capt. Geoffrey Keyes V.C. posthumously - long range desert group leader successfully attacked Romel's North African HQ.
- 🔔 Usk: Rang on Catherine's Wales tour 1983. "Nags Head" good for meals. Enjoyed a celebrated Usk sausage here.
- 🔔 Wardington (Oxon): Hard going. Rang here on my first outing - a Byfield outing around 1947. Saw a Wardington ringer with dentures of one strip only. June lived here from a young schoolgirl until married.
- 🔔 Wellesbourne Hastings: Complete Henry Bagley six - 1681 and no recasting. The tenor is decorated with contemporary coinage. Rang here on Byfield 3 Guilds tour Dec. 27 / 81. This ring since 1981 has become an 8. Not yet rung on by me. Rang on the 8 Dec. 27 / 84 during Three Guilds tour.
- 🔔 Wappenham: An anti-clock minor 5. Known locally as "Wappenham buckets".

🔔 Wicken: Rang here in the 1940s at PDG AGM. Rector of Wicken at that time owned a race-horse. Arrived slightly late to conduct the AGM service apologising as he stayed to watch his horse run.

🔔 Willoughby (Warwicks): Rang peal Plain Bob minor to mark birth of Prince Charles. To do this on a Saturday when working at Brackley (still wartime passenger train cuts) had to cycle, so cycled to Brackley to work, back to Willoughby, rang and returned home all by cycle i.e. total of 53 miles.

🔔 Warwick St Mary: Rang on 8 with Eric for an evensong. Stayed to enjoy the choir (just about to go on tour in the USA). Rang later with Geoff, Carole and Chris on the 10 and later in the excellent nearby pub “The Zetland Arms”.

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🔔 Woodford Halse: Previously a non ringable 5 until re-hung by Taylors in new steel frame and treble added March 1977. (4 bells are alphabet bells) Taught a complete band in readiness and rang in first band with the bellhangers to test them out on March 10 / 77. No. 4 bell became cracked in 1984 and is being welded.

🔔 Wilbarston: Rang here June 9 / 79 with Eric on PDG day and both had good Marstons at nearby “Fox Inn” and one game of skittles.

🔔 Wolverhampton St Peter: Gillett and Johnston ring. Rang May 5 / 84 with Eric on occasion of handbell rally in Civic Hall.

🔔 York, St Martin le Grand: Short pull. Excellent belfry. This ring used by Minster ringers for practice. Bombed in World War 2, church partially restored. New organ donated by a German. Rang Mar. 14 / 86 on the Hardings’ tour of York and Bridlington.

🔔 Yelvertoft: New treble. Eayre and Smith (Dutch bell).

I am sure you will have picked up more than an inkling of Fred’s interests and love of detail over the weeks. If you didn’t know Frederick W. Hutt, you will probably know a bit more about him and appreciate the paragraph headings from his obituary (*RW 1999 p740*):

🔔 You don’t want to keep hearing about the war

🔔 Hello Fred, what are you doing here?

🔔 I don’t want to bore you

🔔 To cut a very long story short.

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